

COMMUNITY UPDATE

6 JUNE 2023



Above: Mayor Faylene Tunui

Right: All attendees of the Tree Planting Ceremony.

King's Coronation Tree Planting Ceremony

Early last month a Tree Planting Ceremony took place in Kawerau to mark the Coronation of King Charles III

Thank you to Ngāti Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau Kaumātua and Council Cultural Advisor Te Haukakawa Te Rire who officiated at the tree planting ceremony in Kawerau with the support of Reverend Jenny Reynolds, to mark the Coronation of King Charles III, in support of Her Worship the Mayor Faylene Tunui and Deputy Mayor Aaron Rangihika who carried out the tree planting.

Thank you to all who attended the ceremony; our Elected Members; Cr Warwick Godfery and Cr Carolyn Ion, Eastern Bay of Plenty General

Constituency Councillor (and former Kawerau Mayor) Malcolm Campbell, members of the Kawerau rohe | community, Council staff and the Kawerau Youth Council for their support and attendance with the event, that was hosted by Council Chief Executive Russell George.

Following the tree planting and speeches, attendees enjoyed afternoon tea to commemorate the event in the Concert Chambers.

The Totara tree was chosen as it represents strength and mana.

We hope you all had a safe and happy King's Birthday long weekend.

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Discoloured Water Update



Council is aware of the ongoing issues with discoloured water that have escalated in recent months. There has been more service requests lodged and residents have also been advising elected members and staff via other forums.

Council apologises for these ongoing issues and the impacts on whānau. We appreciate that it is frustrating and impacts residents' lives.

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Discoloured Water Update

The District drinking water suffers from sporadic browning due to manganese and iron in the water supply and infrastructure. Manganese and iron becomes black and brown in the presence of chlorine.

In general, the manganese and iron concentrations in our spring water sources are too low to cause any colour. However, the minerals can build up in the water supply infrastructure and cause colour under certain conditions.

Council currently does not know the exact causes and sources of the recent colour in the reticulation and is going through a systematic process to eliminate potential sources. Council staff believe it is likely caused by the low water usage during the past nine months.

What is Council doing?

To find and resolve the issues Council is doing the following actions:

Large scale flushing of the reticulation to reduce 'dead' spots in the reticulation. When water is stagnant in the reticulation during lower use periods, colour release from older pipes builds up and when cause sporadic colour during higher use periods;

- Cleaning of all reticulation and valves on an ongoing basis;
- Replacing the oldest reticulation during the large reticulation replacement program. Council has brought forward key parts of the program in areas that may cause colour such as the Monika Lanham trunk main line. This work has been brought forward from 2025/26 to 2023/24.
- Changing the water sources and testing different treatment processes. Council takes its water from three sources. Umukaraka Spring, Pumphouse Spring and the Tarawera Bores. In the previous three weeks, Council only utilised the Pumphouse Spring to see if the possible cause is Umukaraka Spring or Tarawera Bores. From next week, Council will only use the Tarawera Bores for a period of three weeks, and later only use the Umukaraka Spring (with permission of the landowners).
- Cleaning and inspecting the water reservoirs. Council is cleaning and removing any residue in the reservoirs that may cause colour.
- Evaluating water treatment options and processes. Council is evaluating the use of lime in its process and replacing it with other methods. Council is also rebuilding the main pump station with modern energy efficient pumps and valves.

It is very important that Council staff receive feedback from the community telling us where dirty water is occurring. This will help staff to pinpoint the causes and rectify the problem.

Please contact Council on 07 306 9009 (if it is after hours press option 2).

Hardie Avenue area de-watering project

Council held a second hui with residents of the Hardie Avenue at Kawerau Putauaki School on Monday 22 May.

Ongoing heavy rainfall has been hampering the work to install the passive drain systems which started in late April.

The passive drain systems aim to remove excess ground and surface water that is causing damage to roads, footpaths and berms. The ground water, caused by the extreme rainfall in recent months, has residents extremely concerned for their properties.

A meeting is planned for 6:00pm on Tuesday, 6 June at the Concert Chamber to update residents on the progress of the work; further technical solutions and discuss possible working bees where residents can assist.

Thank You for Your Feedback on the Mahere ā tau Proposed Annual Plan 2023-2024



Thank you to everyone who took part in the consultation and engagement process for your submission for the Mahere ā tau | Proposed Annual Plan 2023-2024.

Ten submissions were received by the closing date, 5pm Friday, 26 May 2023.

This annual plan endeavours to balance the needs and wishes of the community, with the aspirations and resourcing of Te Kaunihera o Kawerau.

Council will be in contact with submitters who have indicated they wish to speak to their submission for the Hearing on Wednesday 14 June 2023.

Once the Annual Plan 2023-2024 is adopted, we will be responding to all submitters regarding their submission points.

For any further information please contact the Council Offices on 07 306 9009 or email submissions@kaweraudc.govt.nz

General Bylaw: Control of Stock, Poultry and Bees Review

With the increasing cost of living, people are looking for their own food sources to grow veggies and fruit, and in some cases house poultry for eggs.

When it comes to residents having poultry in our district, a bylaw was put in place several years ago to ensure the health and well-being of people, and the chooks, and to ensure they are not a nuisance for neighbours.

Recently, Council posted a reminder about the bylaw and got an overwhelming response.

Firstly, Council wishes to thank all the residents who have registered that they are keeping poultry on their property.

This General Bylaw was raised at a Council workshop recently after discussion about the annual fee to keep poultry.

Due to the community discussion, Council decided to review the bylaw in the coming financial year starting 1 July 2023.

In the interim, until the review is completed, Council has agreed to waive the \$25 annual fee to keep poultry in the Kawerau District.

Residents impacted by this change will be contacted directly by letter.

Effective immediately, when residents register with Council for the keeping of poultry on their property, there will be an initial \$25 registration fee that includes an inspection of their property, but no annual fee.

We will keep you posted about the upcoming bylaw review so you can have your say.

Stoneham Park Residential Development Update

Forty submissions were received during the submission period for the Stoneham Park Residential Development.

Nine consultation hui | meetings included Council presenting to Iwi Kaumātua and Tangata Whenua, Grey Power, Tarawera High School's year 9 literacy class, neighbours and the Kawerau Pūtauki School community and Board of Trustees and Kowhai Park Body Corporate.

Thank you to the two submitters who spoke to elected members at the rescheduled Council Meeting on 26 April regarding the intention to exchange the reserve status of Roy Stoneham Park to the stock pound.

No further submissions were received as part of the second submission period for the proposed District Plan 4 change. The Hearing for the Plan Change 4 proposals will be held at the Council Chamber from 9.30am on Thursday, 15 June 2023. Five submitters are expected to present their submissions.

All submitters who made a submission on the Plan Change 4, will receive a copy of the Section 42 Report that is presented at the Resource Management Act Hearing, which is chaired by Independent Commissioner Bill Wasley.

Last week, Council resolved to submit the application to the Department of Conservation for the reserve exchange to the Department of Conservation taking into consideration the objections received.

Council will also be responding to submitters for the intention to exchange the reserve status of Stoneham Park and also the ideas for enhancing the stock pound.



Hours Change at the Pools and New Spa Pool Lights

At the Council Workshop on Wednesday 17 May, Council resolved to adjust the winter opening hours at the Maurie Kjar Memorial Aquatic Centre.

The new opening hours began on Saturday 20 May and are now: 9am – 6pm. Pool users must exit the pool by 5.30pm to allow staff to begin their closing procedures.

The reason for the change in opening hours was due to a low number of patrons using the pools after 6pm (the Pools were previously open until 7pm). Moving forward, Council hopes to ensure that the Pools are sufficiently staffed for the new hours.

More recently, the spa pool was closed and drained to repair a damaged pipe that had become a safety hazard. During the pipe repairs, Council staff took the opportunity to replace the spa pool's underwater lights (as the existing lights were no longer effective).

For information regarding private hires, please visit our website at www.kaweraudc.govt.nz or contact us via phone: 07 306 9009 or email: kaweraudc@kaweraudc.govt.nz

Top: Spa pool drained for repairs

Bottom: The new and improved lights in action at the spa pool.



Scholastic Duffy Champion Award to Whaea Janice Tekii

The Scholastic Duffy Champion awards celebrate adults who champion reading and/or literacy in a wider school community. It could be a teacher, parent, grandparent or volunteer who receives this award.

Recently, our very own Youth Librarian, Whaea Janice Tekii received the Duffy Champion Award. This award recognises Janice as a 'reading champion' for her local community of Kawerau. Janice can often be found promoting the importance of reading at local schools in Kawerau, as well as hosting several reading programmes for schools at the Kawerau District Library.

The award came as a complete surprise for Janice, but she is proud to be making a difference for local tamariki | children with their reading and literacy skills.



COMING SOON TO KAWERAU!

We will soon be rolling out the free mobile reporting and update service; Antenno.

Antenno is a mobile app that sends you alerts and notifications about what is going on in the district. No need to search for information, Antenno will notify you! Antenno is also a handy tool to report any issues in the district that you would normally phone us about (footpaths, roading, trees etc.). A key feature is that you can take a photo of the issue as well, so we know what and where the issue is.

To get some practice, install Antenno from the App Store or Google Play today.

This is a great way to stay connected to your community and to get the latest Council notices and information from Antenno.

Spraying Notice

Notification for Use of Agrichemicals in Areas under Kawerau District Council Control

The areas include, but are not limited to:

- Parks
- Reserves
- Footpaths
- Alleyways
- Council roading

Kawerau District Council contractors or employees will be applying Agpro Glyphosate 360 non-selective herbicide and/or Weedx, a natural organic non-selective herbicide, for the purpose of weed control using either hand held non-motorised or handheld motorised spray applicators. They will also be applying Vigilant, in the form of gel, for the treatment of freshly cut tree stems. Meturon and Triclopyl 600 will be used for the control of blackberry, gorse and scrub, and Cloralid 300 for control of broadleaf and thistles.

Spraying may take place from 1 June 2023 to 1 December 2023 (weather permitting).

There are no time restrictions for safe re-entry after spraying (in accordance with Notification Rule 10d; BOP Regional Air, Water and Land Plan and NZS8409: 2004 Code of Practice for Management of Agrichemicals).

For more information, please contact Council on 07 306 9009.

Upcoming Events And Meetings

- 7 June** Hearing for the Draft Local Alcohol Policy Review
- 14 June** Regulatory and Services Committee
- 14 June** Hearing for Annual Plan 2023-2024 Submitters
- 15 June** Hearing of Submitters Stoneham Park District Plan Change 4
- 28 June** Council Meeting

Reminder to Casual Traders

The Rangī Delamere Pavillion and netball courts area is unavailable for licenced traders/hawkers to trade in until further notice, due to the construction works taking place to build the new pavillion. Other Council Sites are available to current licenced Traders/Hawkers highlighted on the map below.

Unlicensed Traders/Hawkers must apply for a licence to trade on Council Sites. Application forms are available on our website at www.kaweraudc.govt.nz



Parking Reminder



Council also asks that residents and users of the netball courts area please park at the Council carparks across the road from by New World. Please avoid parking on the grass verges as this is damaging the area. .

We thank you for your patience and understanding whilst one of the district's much-loved facilities is being rebuilt.

For more information, please contact us on 07 306 9009 or enquire by email at kaweraudc@kaweraudc.govt.nz

Newsletter Delivery Crews needed

If your sports club or organisation is keen for some fresh air, exercise and a koha | donation, Council is looking for a delivery crew or crews for our Council Community Update to assist our existing crew. We are keen to hear from you if your club or team wishes to do it as a one-off delivery or on-going. Please contact Council on 07 306 9009 or email kaweraudc@kaweraudc.govt.nz

10 July Kawerau Community Awards presentation (nominations now open)

12 July Regulatory and Services Committee

13 July Matariki Morning Tea for Seniors with the Mayor

14 July Matariki Public holiday