

Community

Pānui Update

22 MAY 2025

Kawerau Community Awards 2025 Nominations Now Open

In celebration of Matariki and the wonderful work that volunteers and organisations do for the the Kawerau community, Council is hosting their annual Community Awards. The Kawerau Community Awards will be held as part of the Matariki week celebrations on Wednesday 18 June at 1pm in the Concert Chamber.

The Community Awards acknowledge individuals and/or groups who have made an outstanding contribution to the Community of Kawerau for:

- Voluntary work
- Community Impact
- Group Contribution
- Contribution by a young person

If you know of someone from Kawerau who deserves one of these awards, please collect a nomination form from our Council Office's, library, isite or from our website.

- Nomination forms can be returned to the office or emailed to info@kaweraudc.govt.nz Nominations close on Friday 6 June 2024 at 5pm.
- The Awards will be held on Wednesday 18 June at 1pm.
- For more information, please contact Council on 07 306 9009.



*Celebrating the 2024 Community Award winners! (Standing from left) Deputy Mayor Aaron Rangihika, John Capener, councillor Justin Ross, Mayor Faylene Tunui, Kawerau community representative Bill Gibson, Pastor Mark Kingi
(sitting from left) Awardees Matiu Campbell, Noel Rogers, Paul Heke, Sharon Heke, Marion Vermeulen, Crystal Burnett and Sidney Waiari*

Mahere Iwa Tau Long Term Plan 2025 – 2034

Thank you to everyone who took part in the consultation and engagement process for the Mahere Iwa Tau | Long Term plan 2025 – 2034.

We appreciate our community taking the time to attend one of the public meetings, the stakeholder and business sessions, or come along to the drop-in market stall.

14 submissions were received by the closing date of 12 May 2025.

The hearing for people to talk to their submission will be held on Wednesday 28 May.

If you wish to speak in support of your submission or have any questions, please contact Council via phone 07 306 9009, email submissions@kaweraudc.govt.nz or pop in and talk to one of our friendly customer service representatives.

DON'T FORGET
**Rates are
due this
Friday**



PŌTI
2025
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VOTE
2025
LOCAL ELECTIONS

STAND UP FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

STAND FOR KAWERAU DISTRICT COUNCIL

Are you thinking about standing for the 2025 Local Body Elections?

Come along to the Candidate information evening, next week, **Wednesday 28 May from 5:30pm** in the Concert Chamber. This is an opportunity for you to learn more about standing for Council and what it means if you are elected. There will be guest speakers, who will talk about their experiences as an elected member, as well as a presentation from Kawerau District Council's Chief Executive Morgan Godfery and Election Services to help you in the lead up to the election period.

If you think you may be interested, more information is available online on votelocal.co.nz.

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR CANDIDATES ON Friday, 4 July and close on **Friday, 1 August 2025.**

Nau mai – haere mai | All welcome

Timeline for Candidate Information Evening

5:00pm – 5:25pm

Arrival and light refreshments

5:30pm – 6:30pm

Presentation by Election Services

6:30pm – 7:00pm

Informal questions and answers with light refreshments

Rating information database

Pursuant to the Provisions of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, public notice is hereby given that Kawerau District Council's Rating Information Database is available for public inspection.

The purpose of the Rating Information Database is:

- To record all information required for setting and assessing rates.
- To enable a local authority to communicate with ratepayers.
- To enable members of the public to have reasonable access to the information in the database relating to the calculation of liability for rates.

The Rating Information Database is available for inspection at the District Office, Ranfurly Court, Kawerau during the office hours of 8.00am to 5.00pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8.30am to 5.00pm on Wednesdays, or on the Council website

Any ratepayer named in the Rating Information Database can object to the information in it on the following grounds:

- A rating unit listed in the district valuation roll has been omitted from the database.
- Information from the district valuation roll has been omitted or incorrectly entered into the database.
- Information entered into the database (other than information from the district valuation roll) is incorrect.
- A lawful amendment to the district valuation roll has not been entered into the database.

Objections to the Rating Information Database must be lodged with Kawerau District Council.



Important dates and meetings

Friday 23 May, 5pm

Rates are due

Friday 23 May

Submissions close for Local Water Done Well

Saturday 24 May, 9am - 6pm

Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre closed for private hire

Wednesday 28 May, 9am

Ordinary Council Meeting

Wednesday 28 May, 11am

Long Term Plan hearing for submitters to talk to the Mayor and Elected Members

Wednesday 28 May,

5:30pm – 7:00pm

Candidate Information Evening
Concert Chamber

Wednesday 9 June, 1pm

Audit and Risk Committee Meeting

Wednesday 11 June

Regulatory and Services Committee Meeting

Wednesday 18 June, 9am

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Creative Communities Scheme Funding Hui

In April, Council hosted a Creative Communities Scheme Funding Hui in conjunction with Creative New Zealand in Kawerau.

The hui gave groups and individuals from the community the opportunity to talk to the Creative Communities Scheme Committee and Senior Advisors from Creative New Zealand. The aim was for the community to learn more about the funding available via the scheme. It was also an opportunity to ask questions about whether potential projects, events and ideas may fit the funding criteria.

Thank you to the 16 people who attended. The night was a success, with some going on to put in applications for funding which are now being assessed.