

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

7 OCTOBER

## TE KŌWHIRINGA PŌTI 2022 | LOCAL ELECTIONS 2022

### MEET THE CANDIDATES' NIGHT SUCCESS

Thank you to Kawerau and Districts Grey Power for hosting a successful meet the candidates' night and to Kyle Mercer the MC. There was a terrific turnout, with approximately 160 people attending.

The Candidates gave a short overview of themselves, then they each gave their take on questions covering accessibility, three waters reform, value of Council services and the issue of housing.

After the moot questions, the audience had the opportunity to ask questions to each of the candidates. The evening ended with a light supper and refreshments. This was also an opportunity for attendees to have an informal catch-up with the candidates.

Thank you to all those who came to the evening, we hope it was enlightening and gave you an opportunity to find out more about who you wish to represent you on the Kawerau District Council.

*PICTURED: The 12 candidates standing for the Councillor positions.*



**VOTE**

LOCAL ELECTIONS

**PŌTI**

NGA PŌTITANGA Ā-ROHE

## Voting closes at 12 noon Saturday, 8 October.

You can drop your voting papers in to Council from 8am on Saturday.

If you need to enrol or make a special vote please allow time to complete this before 12 noon.

Thanks to everyone who has voted already. If you haven't, please take the opportunity to vote for who will represent you in Council.

## AGE FRIENDLY AND DISABILITY STRATEGY

Thank you to Kawerau and Districts Ageing in Place (KADAP) for running the Seniors Survey. In total there were 310 responses. The feedback received from the survey will help Kadap and Council, and other seniors' focused groups improve their services.

The Council is about to review its Age Friendly and Disability Policy and will be seeking feedback from a number of community groups and organisations. We will also give members of the public an opportunity to have input. Please keep an eye on the website and Facebook pages for more information.

# ALCOHOL CONTROL BYLAW 2022

If you are planning a wedding at the picturesque Stoneham Walk or a function at one of Kawerau's venues, it is important to know that a new Alcohol Control Bylaw 2022 was adopted in September.



The purpose of the bylaw is to control the consumption of alcohol in public places to reduce alcohol related harm. Updating the bylaw makes it easier for the Police to enforce the regulations.

The areas covered by the alcohol-free zone have been clarified and include the central business district, Prideaux Park, Stoneham Walk and the Kawerau Cemetery.

Council venues are also included in the alcohol-free zones, including the District Offices, Town Hall, Concert Chambers, Ron Hardie Rec Centre and the Maurie Kjar Memorial Aquatic Centre.

A major change is that the Maurie Kjar Memorial Aquatic Centre is now part of the bylaw area making it an alcohol-free zone.

The aquatic centre is a popular venue for private hires for children's birthday parties, sports team functions and family gatherings. Council believes excluding the consumption of alcohol at the venue is in line with the best practice health and safety guidelines.

If you are wanting to have alcohol at a Council venue a dispensation or special license must be sought.

**Special Licenses must be applied for 20 working days in advance.**

**Dispensations need to be lodged 14 working days prior in advance.**

**Application forms are available at the Council Offices or online at [kaweraudc.govt.nz](http://kaweraudc.govt.nz)**

The bylaw came into effect on 23 September 2022.

## DIRECTORY OF ORGANISATIONS



Kawerau District Council and Kawerau i-Site are currently reviewing its directory of organisations for the Kawerau district. This is being progressed after feedback from Kadap's (Kawerau and Districts Ageing in Place) survey of seniors completed earlier this year. The directory helps keep people connected with the community, services and organisations available.

### THE DIRECTORY INCLUDES:

- ▶ Community groups
- ▶ Sports groups
- ▶ Health services
- ▶ Support groups
- ▶ Education providers
- ▶ Mayor and Elected Members
- ▶ Council services

This directory will be available online and there will be printed copies available for newcomers to the district and existing residents.

Council is making good progress updating the completed list; however, we may have missed some! If your organisation falls under one of the above categories, feel free to contact Council on 07 306 9009 or [kaweraudc@kaweraudc.govt.nz](mailto:kaweraudc@kaweraudc.govt.nz) with your contact details to include in the directory.

## CONSERVATION WEEK 2022

E mahi mō te taiao – Take a moment to act for nature. As part of the Department of Conservation's (DOC's) 'Conservation Week' Tūwharetoa Hauora members, Tūwharetoa Hauora students completing work experience, and Council staff teamed up to plant 125 native plants to both beautify and enhance the entrance to the top of Monika Lanham (Opunake) from the Fenton Mill Road carpark. The focus of Conservation Week is how the community can take action for nature, as this not only benefits nature, but personal wellbeing.



*From Left): Tūwharetoa Hauora Student, Zaynah Tuwairua (kneeling), Tūwharetoa Hauora Tutor, Stacey McBeth, Tūwharetoa Tutor, Taihako Takao and Council Parks and Reserves Team Member, Stu Dillon.*

## WELCOME TO THE COUNCIL

### Welcome to our new Accounting Team Leader, Dylan McIntyre.

Originally born in New Plymouth, Dylan has lived in the Eastern Bay for some time and worked for a variety of Council's, industry and corporates. He recently joined the Finance and Corporate Services team at Council. Dylan's role is to support the Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services, provide financial reporting, and leadership to the rates, debtors, creditors and payroll team at Council.

Alongside this new role, Dylan is currently completing a bachelor's degree in accounting through Open Polytechnic. So far Dylan is enjoying being part of an incredible team and focusing on positive outcomes for the Kawerau community.

In his spare time Dylan is a keen fisherman. He will fish from anywhere - whether it's from a boat, kayak or off the rocks. If he is not fishing Dylan also enjoys spending time with his family and friends.

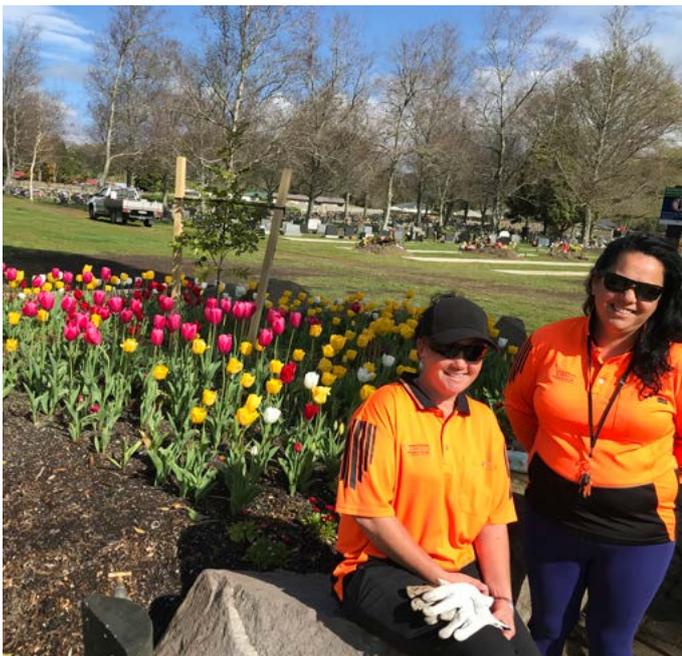
**Welcome on-board Dylan!**



## SPRING TULIP DISPLAYS

### Shout out to the Council Parks and Reserves team for another set of fantastic tulip beds around the district.

The growth of these new tulips is reminiscent of our Matariki community planting day at the Kawerau Cemetery where Tūwharetoa Kaumātua and Council Cultural Advisor Te Haukakawa (Boycie) Te Rire and Mayor Malcolm Campbell planted the first tree. Councillors and members of the public also joined in to plant the tulips and the shrubs, plants and trees. Let's see how much the tree has grown by Matariki next year!



Pictured from left: Council Parks and Reserves team members Chontel Polkinghorne and Sasha Matenga.

## COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

The Community Grant Scheme is a Council fund to enhance the well-being of Kawerau people by supporting groups and/or services that improve the quality of life of local residents. Thirteen organisations applied for funding and the following 12 were successful obtaining a total of \$21,871.50 (excluding GST):

ORGANISATION	AMOUNT RECEIVED EX GST
Parkinson's New Zealand <i>Purpose: Parkinson's Field Support Program</i>	\$1,500
Kawerau Community Menzshed <i>Purpose: Insurance for tools and liability</i>	\$771.50
Eastbay Reap (Kawerau Playgroup) <i>Purpose: To build a new perimeter fence around the playgroup area</i>	\$3,000
Central Kids (Te Akoranga Kindergarten) <i>Purpose: To purchase sensory resources for children</i>	\$3,000
Alzheimer's Society EBOP <i>Purpose: Delivery of dementia services for family/whanau</i>	\$2,000
Kawerau Blue Light Ventures Inc <i>Purpose: To provide activities for our Rangatahi/Tamariki</i>	\$2,000
EBOP Hospice Shop <i>Purpose: Contribution towards annual rent for Hospice shop in Kawerau</i>	\$1,500
KADAP <i>Purpose: Help with costs associated for functions and events for the elderly</i>	\$1,800
K-Town C.A.W <i>Purpose: Dog de-sexing, flea and worm day</i>	\$1,500
Kawerau Golf and Squash Club <i>Purpose: To purchase a TV and upgrade three tee block areas</i>	\$1,300
Victim Support <i>Purpose: Volunteer support worker program</i>	\$1,500
Kawerau Fitness Centre <i>Purpose: New equipment</i>	\$2,000

## LIBRARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

As part of Kawerau District Library's school holiday programme a free trapping workshop will be taking place on Wednesday 12 October from 10am – 12pm. This is a fun opportunity to learn how to create an effective pest trap. Materials and tools provided.



## SHAKEOUT! 2022

There's still time to sign up to ShakeOut!

New Zealand ShakeOut, our national earthquake drill and tsunami hikoi is taking place on Thursday 27 October 2022 at 9.30am.

To sign up please visit [getready.govt.nz/shakeout/signup](https://getready.govt.nz/shakeout/signup)

## RESEALING OF MAURIE KJAR MEMORIAL AQUATIC CENTRE CARPARK

An upgrade of the carpark at the Maurie Kjar Memorial Aquatic Centre was recently approved by Council. This repairs and resealing work was scheduled to start this week on the eastern side of the carpark. Parking will be unavailable on that side as the work is being completed. The works are estimated to take one week to complete, however this timeframe may increase if we get another patch of rough weather.

## CREATIVE NZ COMMUNITIES GRANT

Applications are now open for the Creative NZ Communities grant scheme.

The scheme supports projects with an arts or cultural focus – or events, performances or workshops which encourage participation by locals in local arts, or cultural activities. or example:

- ▶ Performances by kapa haka, choirs, hip-hop groups, theatre groups, musicians or poets
- ▶ Workshops on printmaking, writing or dancing
- ▶ Creation of new whakairo for a local marae
- ▶ Festivals featuring local artists
- ▶ Workshops, rehearsals, performances or exhibitions by groups with experience of disability or mental illness
- ▶ Creation of a community film or a public artwork by/for the community
- ▶ Seminars for local artist development
- ▶ Creative performances, workshops or wananga for young people

And so much more... check the Council website for more information and application forms.

Applications close on October 31.

## CIVIL DEFENCE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DROP-IN SESSION

This Friday, 7 October the community drop-in centre will be running again at the Kawerau i-Site from 11am – 12 noon.

Civil Defence Emergency Management Advisor, Meagan Edhouse will be available to provide helpful tips, information and advice about the hazards that may cause a civil defence emergency in our district. This includes how to prepare yourself and your household for these events.

Meagan can also show you how to set up your phone to receive emergency alerts.

For any queries please contact 07-323-6300

## KAWERAU DISTRICT COUNCIL WINS FAIR GO MOST AFFORDABLE SERVICES

Fair Go has recently completed a 'Council Charges Challenge' that investigated all New Zealand Councils and their fees. Kawerau District Council came out on top with the most affordable service fees for its residents.

Fair Go stated that Kawerau "is the cheapest place to register a dog (\$37 per year), the lowest fixed charge for water (\$82 per year) and also charges the least for a Land Information Memorandum (\$168), the report that helps you check out a property".

You can read the full Fair Go article and see the video at [1news.co.nz](https://1news.co.nz).

(From Left): Fair Go Presenter, Garth Bray, Mayor Elect, Faylene Tunui and Mayor, Malcolm Campbell

