

# Kawerau District Council newsletter - August 2017



## Local kids get opportunity to meet literary heroes

A group of Kiwi authors visited Kawerau on August 11 as part of the 2017 Storylines National Festival Story Tour.

Kiwi authors Nikki Slade Robinson, David Hill, Dawn McMillan and Gareth Ward shared their work with local kids in various spots around town.

Kawerau was one stop of the annual national tour, which celebrates and promotes writers and illustrators of New Zealand children's literature, and extends Storylines' reach to regional centres.

By bringing New Zealand writers and illustrators into schools, home school groups, early childhood centres, community groups and libraries, Storylines aims to get kids excited about books and increase literacy.

Kawerau Library assistant librarian Jacqueline Godfery says the Storylines event was a huge success, with local children highly enjoying meeting the authors.

"It's fantastic that we could give Kawerau children a chance to meet their literary heroes."

The four authors were in Kawerau from 9am – 12 noon on Friday, August 11.



Top: David Hill, Gareth Ward, Nikki Slade Robinson and Dawn McMillan outside Kawerau Library. Above: Gareth Ward, aka the Great Wardini, demonstrates the magic and hypnotism of books to local students.

# Progress made on plans for more residential development

Plans to revitalise Kawerau through residential development are making progress after councillors agreed earlier this month to exchange the Te Ariki Place Reserve for a plot of council-owned land on Glasgow Street.

The idea of residential development was consulted on as part of the 2017-2018 annual plan process and received widespread community support.

Council will publicly notify its intention via letter.

Anyone wishing to object has until 12 noon on September 12 to do so. Please contact myself or any of the councillors if you want to discuss this initiative.

Earlier this month I spoke at the 2017 DANA New Zealand Forest Wood Products Conference.

This was a good opportunity to showcase Kawerau's forestry origins and the major role it plays in this industry (or something along those lines depending on the focus of your presentation). DANA Ltd has held several conferences in Rotorua on forestry and forest Industry topics.

This year's event covered all sectors of the industry and included a pre-conference field trip.

Congratulations to Tarawera High School on its commendation for project design in Singapore last month.

The school's project design, by architects RTA Stu-



dio, earned a commendation in the new educational facility category of the Learning Environments Australasia Educational Facilities annual awards. The awards showcase engaging and innovative learning spaces and programmes.

There were 72 entries from across Australia, NZ and Singapore, so this is a sterling result for the school.

Kawerau kids got the chance to meet a few Kiwi authors thanks to the 2017 Storylines National Festival Story Tour earlier this month. Eastern Bay author/illustrator Nikki Slade Robinson was among the authors who visited to read to children and help foster their love of books.

Well done to the library staff for securing a spot

## Upcoming meetings

**Regulatory and Services Committee:  
Tuesday, September 12,  
9am**

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**Council: Tuesday,  
September 26, 9am**



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Check out our page for news and event updates.

**[www.facebook.com/  
KawerauDistrictCouncil/](http://www.facebook.com/KawerauDistrictCouncil/)**



## Dog control not just about compliance

Recently our animal control staff impounded a bull terrier weighing just 8.9kg (half of the ideal weight). Her owners asked to have her rehomed.

Animal control officer Lisa Singfield contacted a breed-specific rehoming club and asked if Snow could be put into its welfare programme.

The club agreed and Snow - now named Opal - has a new life. She weighs 13.1kg and, while she still has more weight to put on, she looks amazing.

A professional behaviourist is working with Opal as she knows nothing about basic obedience.

She will be trained, de-sexed and placed into a home with people who will cherish her.



**Top and above: Bull terrier Snow was severely malnourished and underweight when she was impounded.**

**Left: Renamed Opal, the lucky bull terrier has a new life and is happy, healthy and confident.**

## Flood mitigation works undertaken

Following the flooding event in February the council has undertaken several works at the top end of Beattie Rd to protect houses from future events.

The works include constructing a bund behind the houses in Doug Wilson Cres to prevent the surface water from the farm area flowing through the properties.

In Doug Wilson Cres the footpath in an alleyway between two houses has been lowered by 500mm so, in the event of the storm-water pipes in the crescent being overloaded, the water can flow through the lowered alleyway in the reserve rather than through people's properties.

At the intersection of Dippie Pl and Beattie Rd a bund has been built across the entrance to Dippie Pl so the flood waters that flow along Beattie Rd will continue past Dippie Pl. Previously, as Dippie Pl is lower than Beattie Rd, the water flowed into the former and then through a number of sections, inundating houses.

At the Ramsden Pl/Beattie Rd intersection a bund has been built across the entrance to Ramsden Pl to stop flood water running down it.

## Recycling expands

The contractor who receives the council's recycled material has expanded the types of plastics that are being processed, from grades one and two to 1-7. This will enable more material to be diverted from the waste stream into the reuse stream.

So put any additional grade plastics you may have into the recycling bins for pick-up..

## Wireless internet rollout

The Kawerau community is invited to an information evening to find out how to get better internet service. From 6.30pm on Tuesday, August 29 in the Kawerau Concert Chambers.

## Call for knitters

Do you like to knit? An invitation is out to anyone who would like to knit dog coats for the Kawerau Pound to have on hand for use when needed. The wool can be supplied. Phone Lisa on (07) 306 9009 if you can help.

## Joint forum to help grow community's funding opportunities

Sport Bay of Plenty and Kawerau District Council are seeking to increase financial support for community clubs and organisations in the Kawerau area through improved understanding of national funding opportunities.

Sport Bay of Plenty and the local council, alongside New Zealand Community Trust (NZCT), are hosting a funding forum on Wednesday, August 30, with an aim to increase applications for funding from the Kawerau district.

NZCT provides funds for charitable and not-for-profit purposes, and is one of the largest funders of amateur sport in New Zealand.

About 80 per cent of its funding allocation goes towards sports clubs and groups at a grass-roots level, and through this helps create strong, positive communities due to increased sporting opportunities.

The forum will highlight what is required to be a successful applicant and also an overview of the funding criteria. It will be a chance for clubs and organisations to ask questions directly to the NZCT team. Clubs and groups don't need to be sport-oriented to apply and are encouraged to attend to find out if they are eligible.

NZCT northern regional manager David Stones says this is an excellent opportunity for local clubs and organisations to hear first-hand how to apply for funding and who can be eligible, to improve their understanding and hopefully encourage more people to apply for funds.

He advises anyone interested to attend, regardless of whether their club or group has previously received funds.,

The sports funding forum will be held at Firmin Lodge on Waterhouse St, Kawerau, on Wednesday, 30 August at 6pm.

For more information phone Lee Barton at the council on (07) 306 9009.

## Trees for Babies planting day planned

Every new Kawerau baby can now have a tree planted in its honour thanks to the Trees for Babies project.

A planting day will be held in Monika Lanham Reserve on Saturday, August 26, from 10am.

If you've had a baby recently and you'd like to participate, register at council and a native tree will be ordered for you.

Please bring a spade and gumboots.

Every participating baby gets a Trees for Babies certificate.

Phone Bernie on (07) 306 9009 for more information.

ARE YOU  
AGED  
14-24?

WE WANT  
YOU!



\$500\*  
COULD BE  
ALL YOURS

APPLICATIONS FOR  
KAWERAU YOUTH  
VOLUNTEERS ARE NOW OPEN.

THINK YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO MAKE  
A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY?

APPLY NOW

[KAWERAUNZ.COM/YOUTH](http://KAWERAUNZ.COM/YOUTH)

APPLICATIONS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM KAWERAU I-SITE

\* CRITERIA APPLIES



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# Card launch opens up Bay libraries

Bay of Plenty library users can now access the resources of public libraries across the region with the launch of One Library Card this month.

The One Library Card concept means people can use their existing library card to use resources and borrow material from other council libraries in

the Bay of Plenty without joining up again.

The Bay libraries offering One Library Card are Kawerau, Opotiki, Whakatane, Rotorua, Taupo and Western Bay. People will still need to follow the rules of the library they are using and return all borrowed items to the library it came from.

*PechaKucha Night*<sup>™</sup>  
20 X 20  
IMAGES SECONDS



**Kawerau  
District  
Library**  
**7 pm  
Tuesday  
26<sup>th</sup>  
September**

**Save the date and book the baby sitter**

**Tickets on sale September at the Kawerau District Library**

**For details of presentations see [www.pechakucha.org/cities/kawerau](http://www.pechakucha.org/cities/kawerau)**

## Take a look behind closed doors

The council invites local residents to take a peek into its new archives and museum storage building before it is filled with the town's historical treasures.

The building, at 16-18 Jellicoe Court, has housed a number of retailers since its construction in 1957. It started as a clothing and haberdashery shop but has also sold books and toys, paint and wallpaper and second hand furniture, and was a youth centre for a while.

Since the council bought the building in 2012 it has undergone major renovations. It now provides state-of-the-art facilities to store and preserve the district's precious documents and taonga.

There will be two open days during Woodskills Week; residents are invited to tour the new facility and learn about what goes on behind closed doors in the museum. The open days are on Friday, September 29, from 11am - 4pm and Saturday, September 30, from 10am-3pm.

Kawerau Museum is also launching an exhibition of photos by Wendy Brandon (nee Hawgood) called Following the Dream.

Wendy arrived in Kawerau in 1958 with her family and grew up in Massey Street. A foundation pupil at Kawerau College, she has always been a keen photographer.

In 2014 she was accepted into a fine arts degree at the Elam School of Fine Arts at Auckland University.

The exhibition photographs were taken in 2015 as part of her course work and show her connection to the Kawerau community using a psycho-geographic approach.

# **You're Invited**

to see what goes on behind the scenes in the new

## **Kawerau District Council Archives & Museum Storage Building Jellicoe Court**

Public Open Days

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> September  
11am – 4pm

Sat 30<sup>th</sup> September  
10am – 3pm

Featuring  
**Exhibition  
of Photographs**

by

**Wendy Brandon**

(nee Hawgood)

# August/September events

## Kawerau Woodfest and National Woodskills, September 22 - October 1

Kawerau Woodfest showcases the artistic side of working with wood and features as other activities associated with forestry.

The cornerstone of Kawerau Woodfest is the National Woodskills Competition, which has been a crowd-puller for more than 26 years. It is an extraordinary exhibition of wood-turning and wood-crafting from talented artists throughout NZ. There is also the opportunity to buy crafted items.



**A wood work in progress at the 2016 Woodfest and National Woodskills Competition.**

## Kawerau Big 3 Competition, August 25-27

The Big 3 Competition is a land-based fishing and hunting event. There will be a briefing at 6pm this Thursday, August 24 at the Ex-Royal Navalmen's Club.

Important information will be shared and organisers will be giving away one individual and one team entry fee, plus spot prizes. So all participants should make sure they attend.

Entries close at 7.30pm this Thursday, August 24.

The aim of the event is to bring in a stag, boar and snapper, either as a team or as an individual.

This year a special prize will be awarded for the average boar.

Final weigh in is 3pm on Sunday, August 27, at the back of the Ex-Navalmen's Club in Kawerau. The prizegiving will follow immediately after this final weigh-in.

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