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# COMMUNITY UPDATE

17 February 2021



## from the Mayor

On behalf of our Councillors, I wish all residents and ratepayers a safe and happy 2021.

Please remain vigilant. We are in COVID-19 Alert Level 2 at least until midnight on Wednesday 17 February.

Council will continue to provide essential services and will keep updating information on the Council website and Facebook page.

Please check the [covid19.govt.nz](https://www.covid19.govt.nz) website for official updates and information.

Council has had two official meetings already with the Audit and Risk, and Regulatory and Services committee. All our meetings will be livestreamed on our Council Facebook page as part of our commitment to transparency of the projects, work and issues we deal with.

The operations team has a full programme of work planned for 2021 and we will be outlining the major projects in the coming issues of this newsletter.

Work has been continuing with the replacement of the water riser main

and the first stage of the district's water reticulation replacement programme. The second stage of the River Road culvert project will be underway soon and I would like to thank all residents for their patience with the road closure which is a major inconvenience.

Recent rainfall has given us a small respite from the hot weather, but the danger of fires remains.

Please remain vigilant about mowing long grass, being careful with machinery and taking swift action should you suspect any fires - please call 111 immediately.

Nominations are now open for the annual Community Awards. Please take the time to nominate the people or groups who make our district the special place it is.

If you wish to report any issue with a Council service please phone

07 306 9009 or email [kaweraudc@kaweraudc.govt.nz](mailto:kaweraudc@kaweraudc.govt.nz)

to lodge a request for service which our staff will action.

Malcolm Campbell  
Kawerau District Mayor

## Kawerau District Council Meeting Dates 2021

	Regulatory & Services Committee	Council	Audit & Risk Committee
	Date (Tuesdays 9am)	Date (Tuesdays 9am)	Date (Tuesdays 9am)
February	9	23	2
March	16	30	
April	13	27	6
May	11	25	
June	15	29	1
July	13	27	
August	17	31	3
September	14	28	
October	12	26	5
November	16	30	
December	14	14	



13 February

## Tarawera Ultramarathon

Nearly 2,500 people took part in the Tarawera Ultramarathon on Saturday, February 13. Kawerau hosted the start of the 102km race. Well done to local entrant Josh Te Aomarere who completed the 160km event.

21 February

## BOP Canoe Slalom Championship

Tarawera River

27 - 28 February

## Championship Obedience Trials

Prideaux Park

13 March

## Children's Day

10am to 2pm, Prideaux Park

Free community event hosted by Have a Heart and East Bay Reap.

Free kai, fun games, prizes and entertainment

13 - 14 March

## Circus Aotearoa weekend

Circus Paddock

(further show dates and times on the website).

## Council News

### Porritt Glade Lifestyle Village

Work has begun on the foundations of the second round of building at Porritt Glade Lifestyle Village. For more information about the Council's independent lifestyle village please contact Council on 07 306 9009 or email [kaweraudc@kaweraudc.govt.nz](mailto:kaweraudc@kaweraudc.govt.nz)

### Massey and Short Street Intersection



The stop sign for motorists on Short Street turning in Massey Street remains in place. New road marking on Massey Street indicate the need for caution and new signage will soon be erected.

### Third Rates Instalment

The 2020/21 Rates Instalment three notices have been sent out. If you haven't received your rates notice yet or your contact details have changed, please contact our Customer Services team on 07 306 9009 or call into the office.

Rates are due for payment by 5pm on Friday, 26 February 2021.



### Improved Bus Service coming for Kawerau

An improved bus service is on its way thanks to feedback from residents and ongoing input and support from Grey Power and the Seniors Forum and Council.

Run by the Bay of Plenty Regional Council, the bus service will have four return trips to Edgecumbe and Whakatane and a once daily town loop around Kawerau at midday.

It will run on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday (excluding public holidays).

The new bus service will start mid-year in 2021.

Council will soon sell \$5 Bee Cards for bus users at the Kawerau i-SITE.



## River Road Culvert Replacement Project – Stage Two

Work is set to start on stage two of the River Road Culvert Replacement Project this week.

We appreciate this is an inconvenience for residents not only on River Road, but throughout the district.

However, this is an important project for flood protection of many homes and properties and needs to get done.

Waiotahi Contractors are completing the second stage which is due to be completed in early April.

As you will have seen from the size and number of culverts ready and waiting for installation – this is a big project and entails considerable earthworks.

Pedestrian access for children going to school can be made via the reserve where the KUUFF (Kawerau Urban Food Forest) is situated.

The chlorine-free drinking tap will also be accessible to residents via the lower end of River Road.

Thanks for your support and patience.

In addition to regular updates in the newsletter, we will put regular updates onto our Council website and Facebook page.

For any dust or noise complaints during the project please phone 020 4135 1369 (24 hours).



River Road chlorine-free tap will be accessible from the lower end of River Road



Walkway - Pedestrian access to South School and to town centre



Culvert - This is where new culverts will be placed under River Road to increase the flow rates and lower the risk of flooding to upstream properties.

## School is Back – Please Slow Down



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## Council Vacancies

One of the Solid Waste vacancies has been filled, but a second permanent part-time team member is still needed. The Maurie Kjar Memorial Swimming Pool Complex also has vacancies for pool lifeguards. Please call into Council for an application form and position description or visit the Council website [kaweraudc.govt.nz](http://kaweraudc.govt.nz) or the Council Facebook page.



## Council News

### Sir James Fletcher Kawerau Museum



#### What are your favourite things about Kawerau?

The Sir James Fletcher Kawerau Museum staff are interested to know what your five favourite things are about our district for a new display in the library foyer. You can share your top five things in a list, by photographs, draw a picture or a combination of any of these.

Please send in your thoughts by Saturday, 27 February 2021 or contact [museum@kaweraudc.govt.nz](mailto:museum@kaweraudc.govt.nz)

### Community Award Nominations Open

Nominations are now open for the Kawerau Community Awards that recognise significant contributions by individuals or groups for:

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

Nomination forms are available from the Council office or the website [www.kaweraudc.govt.nz](http://www.kaweraudc.govt.nz) Please return forms to the office or email them to [kaweraudc@kaweraudc.govt.nz](mailto:kaweraudc@kaweraudc.govt.nz)

Nominations close on 22 February 2021



Previous Community Award winner Majean Rogers (centre) with parents Lynair Moeau and Marty Rogers.

### Water Supply

The replacement of the riser main pipe continues with work expected to be completed by March 2021. The reticulation system in the Te Ariki, Bell and surrounding roads are being replaced with work due to be finished by the end of February 2021.

New tobies were installed at 40 residential addresses in Kawerau during December and January. The programme is co-funded by the Department of Internal Affairs Three Waters' grant.

### Grant for pool complex

The Lottery Community Facilities committee approved a grant of \$500,000 for pool complex development. The first stage, redevelopment of the old changing rooms into clubrooms is underway.

## COVID-19

Be vigilant. Wash Hands. Stay home if unwell. Keep track of where you've been by scanning QR codes



### Parks and Reserves Damage

There has been a spate of damage to reserve and park gates and fences at Boyes Park, Waterhouse and Ward Streets. Council staff are appealing to the public to please report any suspicious activity to the Police non urgent reporting line [105.police.govt.nz](http://105.police.govt.nz)

