Thursday 23 April 2020

A letter to the community from Mayor Alex Walker:

Stronger Together

I want to start this letter by saying thank you, to everyone in Central Hawke’s Bay that has contributed to the success of the Alert Level Four lockdown.

No doubt, the last month has been hard in many ways but as a result of the commitment of each and everyone of you, these sacrifices have not been in vain. On Monday, our Prime Minister announced that after robust discussion and analysis, the Government deems it safe for us to move down to Alert Level Three of the four level alert system next week. For many – this news will be very welcome. The idea is that it is a step to get some of our economy back into the swing of things, but it’s not a relaxation of our socialising ways! Staying home, bubbles, hand washing and social distancing are still the catchcry but thankfully many of our normal goods and services will resume – not exactly how we remember it, but resumed nonetheless! Success in Level three is going to take some trust and commitment so that we don’t waste what we’ve already sacrificed.

I wanted to raise just how important it is that we continue to work together as we move through the next few weeks, months and beyond. Never before has ‘Together We Thrive’ been more appropriate and our fantastic people, hardworking businesses, delicious produce and excellent retail, service and hospitality all rely on us working as a team. Now, as we work to protect our people and our economy, I’m asking you to make the most of it! By shopping local and spending local, you’re supporting local Central Hawke’s Bay. This will be important to restart our precious local businesses and get things moving again.

To our business owners, on the other side of struggle and hardship comes real opportunity. I know that for many of you, the restrictions of Level Three will mean that you need to alter your business and service model to adapt. But please, don’t be disheartened by this! If you need support in forecasting, planning and preparing for the next stage, please get in touch with Council Officers so they can point you in the right direction. There are many local and regional business support programmes that may be able to help.

Council will continue to refine budgets and recovery plans – a complex and challenging task as we try to find the right ways to reduce short-term impact but maximise long-term benefit. Your councillors and I will continue to work from home during Level three and our online Zoom meetings will continue so you can join in to hear our discussions, debates and decisions. Today is a Finance and Infrastructure Committee chaired by Councillor Brent Muggeridge. Join us on Facebook from 9am or you can go back and watch it at another time too.

Lastly from me, this Saturday 25 April is ANZAC Day and although we’ll spend it a little differently this year, we will all still acknowledge those who served our country through wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. As some of you know, ANZAC Day is particularly special to me as I offer my own service by playing Last Post and Reveille – often multiple times during the day. I will miss that this year – but perhaps my neighbours will hear it….. I’ll be coming together with others around the country to ‘stand at dawn’ with my family. To find out more, visit www.standatdawn.com. Also keep your eye on my Facebook page where I’ll be showing you what I’m doing this year – but perhaps my neighbours will hear it…..

Together we thrive. E ora ngātahi ana.

Mayor Alex Walker.

Notice of Council Meetings

Notice is given in accordance with Section 46 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, that the following meeting is scheduled:

• Extraordinary Council Meeting Thursday, 30th April 2020 at 2pm.

The meeting will be held via audio-visual link and streamed live to Central Hawke’s Bay District Council’s Facebook page, @CHBDistrictCouncil.

For further information please contact the Governance Support Officer, phone 06 857 8060.

Remember those who sacrificed so much for us.

ANZAC Day, 25 April 2020 #standatdawn.

COVID-19 and CHBDC Rates: Financial Support

We understand that COVID-19 will be causing financial strain for many in our community. The Government has announced a COVID-19 recovery package to support New Zealand business, boost incomes, and support households. For more information about financial support go to workandincome.govt.nz or phone 0800 559 009.

Many of you will have now received your rates invoice in the post. We acknowledge that this is a difficult time to receive a rates notice and want you to know that your rates are critical to the delivery of essential services like roading, stormwater and wastewater systems, drinking water and rubbish collection, and in helping to manage the civil defence emergency response to COVID-19 and the drought. However, if individual ratepayers are experiencing genuine hardship we are committed to working with you to find a solution.

Please contact our Rates team on rates@chbdc.govt.nz or phone 06 857 8060 to discuss putting a payment plan in place, to ensure we can waive any penalties and extend the payment deadline if needed.

Together we thrive! E ora ngātahi ana! For more information visit: www.chbdc.govt.nz
Central Hawke's Bay District Council’s response to COVID-19

23 April 2020

KIA HAUMARU TONU TE NOHO – STAY SAFE CENTRAL HAWKE’S BAY!

COVID-19 is a continuously evolving situation, requiring our whole community to stay focussed on following the advice from Government Agencies including the Ministry of Health and District Health Board. Next week, we’ll see more change with the announcement that we’re moving to Level Three on Tuesday 28 April. Central Hawke’s Bay District Council’s focus continues to be on supporting response efforts, while putting energy into what’s most important – the security of our services, and the protection of our most vulnerable people.

Thank you for doing your bit in the fight against COVID-19. Let’s keep it up!

Together we thrive. E ora ngātahi ana.

WHAT WE KNOW:

• This week the government announced that on Tuesday 28 April we will be moving to level three of the government’s four level COVID-19 alert system – Restrict. This means people are instructed to stay at home and stay local as much as possible, however some businesses who are able to practice contactless service are able to reopen.

• You can find information for businesses which will be open in Central Hawke’s Bay under Level Three by heading to our website and searching #covid19.

WHAT WE NEED YOU TO KNOW:

• We’re closely following the guidance of the New Zealand Government Ministry of Health, Hawke’s Bay District Health Board and Hawke’s Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group and have built a local plan in support of the national and regional response.

• Please be assured that our business continuity plan is robust, agile, and committed to ensuring your access to essential services.

• We’re taking steps to protect our staff and your services. The government has instructed people to stay at home as much as possible, however some businesses who are able to practice contactless service are able to reopen.

• If you have internet access, the best website relating to COVID-19 is www.covid19.govt.nz to head to for accurate and timely information and search #covid19.

• If you are a business owner and need support in forecasting, planning and preparing for the next stage, the Hawke’s Bay Business Hub have resources to help you. You can visit the website on hbbusinesshub.nz/response/covid19-1.

• Although some of our facilities and services have been suspended, core services like water and kerbside rubbish and recycling collection will continue as normal.

• Council will continue to provide essential services to our community in Level Three and are investigating what changes to facilities and services will look like. You can find details on our website by searching #covid19 and heading to our FAQs.

• Waipukurau kerbside recycling collection will continue as normal on Monday 27 April (ANZAC Day Public Holiday observed).

• Council are working in partnership with Te Taiwhenua o Tamatea.

• If you have internet access, the best website to head to for accurate and timely information relating to COVID-19 is www.covid19.govt.nz.

Council Facilities and Services: Level Four

We’ve closed, restricted or suspended some of our facilities and services as we unite to eliminate COVID-19 in the community. You can still contact our customer experience representatives by phone on 06 857 8060 or email at customerservice@chbdc.govt.nz for 24/7 service.

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For details of changes to our facilities and services at Level Three visit www.chbdc.govt.nz and search #covid19

COMPETITION TIME

Trash to Fashion

Interested in getting creative while reducing your rubbish and recycling?

Let your imagination run wild and get your creative juices flowing with Central Hawke’s Bay District Council’s ‘Trash to Fashion’ Awards!

We’re looking to inspire your household ‘bubble’ to embrace their creativity and create a fashion garment out of everyday recycling and rubbish items.

To find out more and to submit an entry, head to www.chbdc.govt.nz and search #trashtofashion.

Entries close Friday 15th May 2020.
Caring for our people
Central Hawke’s Bay District Council’s welfare response
Throughout the COVID-19 outbreak Central Hawke’s Bay District Council has been working with Hawke’s Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management and local community groups to protect what’s most important – our vulnerable people. Thank you for doing your bit to allow us to focus on this.

Network of Networks Established
It’s essential that every person in our community has access to the information they need, to keep safe in these unprecedented times.
Council continues to collaborate with local community agencies to communicate about local emerging issues and resources available, and to ensure that no one in Central Hawke’s Bay is left behind.
The Network of Networks enhances the existing relationship and networks that are already well established through our Central Hawke’s Bay Community Wellbeing Strategy. It ensures that we are taking care of all sectors in our community including our visitors, older persons, families, children and young people and those experiencing difficulties or distress at the time.

Informative Local Fact Sheets
Central Hawke’s Bay District Council has developed a series of useful fact sheets to provide you with valuable local information and advice on temporary accommodation, food, medicines and who to contact if you need assistance.
Everything you need to know, all in one place, along with contact details and operational hours of local services. You can find these by heading to our website by searching #covid19.

Good Vibe Tribe!
In such a difficult time for many, there are stories of hope and light emerging with many of our own community members selflessly taking action to support others. Here’s just a few examples of all the good that’s going on in Central Hawke’s Bay.

Bucks Green Grocer donating fresh fruit and veges to Age Concern for those older persons living alone and unable to leave their home.

Rotary are doing amazing work with local supermarkets to deliver groceries to our vulnerable people.

The Food Basket continues to operate during the Lockdown to ensure that excess food gets distributed throughout the community. A smaller team of volunteers have been working from their base at the CHB community rooms every day since the lockdown.

The Central Hawke’s Bay COVID-19 Support Facebook page has been a great resource in linking up members of the community looking to help others. This page was established to help people find and offer support to those directly affected by COVID-19, in Central Hawke’s Bay and now has over 1000 members. Search for the group on Facebook to join!

Together we thrive!

Do you, or someone you know, need help?
Follow these four simple steps to getting the assistance you need.

A trusted buddy to deliver medicine and groceries.
Do you have a family member, friend or neighbour you can trust?

An online or phone service to order groceries or medicines
Do you have online or phone access and a credit or debit card, to be able to place an order with Unichem, New World, Countdown, Bucks or Waipawa Butchery?

A trusted network, community organisation or group
Are you a part of a trusted network, Community Organisation or Group such as Age Concern, a Marae or Te Taiwhenua o Tamatea, WINZ, Red Cross, Youth Group or other similar support mechanisms?

A call to 0800 HBAYCD (0800 422 923)
Someone will be on the end of the phone to provide local connections to the services you need.
Farming through the Central Hawke's Bay District Council Drought 2020

Where to go for help and information for farmers, growers, workers and families.

The 2020 drought has hit our region hard and we are preparing for the dry spell to continue throughout Autumn.

Central Hawke’s Bay District Council is working closely with Hawke’s Bay Regional Council, Central Government Agencies and Emergency Management Agencies proactively to respond to the consequence of ongoing dry weather. We know that many of our local farmers and growers are struggling and ask you to look out for each other in what is a very tough time.

If you are struggling to deal with water restrictions, lack of stock water, lack of stock feed or other associated pressures from the dry please reach out to your neighbours, a friend, a farm professional such as your vet or call the Rural Support Trust.

The Ministry of Primary Industries co-ordinates government recovery assistance measures for farming families. There is help available, to find out contact the Rural Support Trust on 0800 RURAL HELP or visit the Central Hawke’s Bay District Council website and search #drought to be directed to the right place.

For information on how to farm through Drought, please visit www.hbrc.govt.nz and search ‘Drought Crisis Hub’. This website has a wealth of regularly updated information to help get you through these tough times.

Rural Support Trust
Your local Rural Support Trust is a great place to start for free and confidential support and advice. This nationwide network is run by local people to help farming families and rural communities.

They work with government, industry and support agencies, helping with information and recovery measures.

The Rural Support Trust can help put you in touch with services, including planning and management advice and mentoring, health information, Work and Income, or financial support.

They also have facilitators trained in helping people in stressful situations like a drought.

The Rural Support Trust is providing free Drought Recovery and Farming Focus Webinars to help farmers through the Drought – visit www.rural-support.org.nz for more information.

Do you rely on tank water?
Now is a great time to check and ensure you have enough in the tank to meet your needs. If your tank levels are low make sure you have enough in the tank to meet your needs. Now is a great time to check and ensure you have enough in the tank to meet your needs.

To talk to free independent councillors call or text 1737.

Feed line, dry stock sector – Beef & Lamb: 0800 234 352
Feed line, dairy sector – DairyNZ 0800 3 324 7969
Feed line, AgFirst 0508 AGFIRST (0508 243 477)

For more detailed information on what financial assistance you may be eligible for during the Drought please visit www.mpi.govt.nz or call the Rural Support Trust.

TukiTuki Catchment Plan Change 6 Update

The 31st May 2020 deadline for consents still stands.

The Hawke’s Bay Regional Council encourages farmers to send in any completed applications for consent by mail or email. If you do not have an application prepared already, you can submit a ‘pre-application’.

For more details, or general help and advice about what to do in the current drought, please head to www.hbrc.govt.nz and search ‘Farmers Hub’.

COVID-19: Primary Industries

The primary industries have been included on the list of essential services in the COVID-19 response. You must register as an essential service in order to continue operating during the lockdown period.

For more information and to register as a safe practice online, head to www.MPI.govt.nz and search COVID-19.

Feed Assistance

Feed availability is currently a key concern for many farmers. Drought is having a significant impact on the amount of feed being grown across the country. Covid-19 and related measures are also having an impact.

MPI and partner agencies DairyNZ, Beef + Lamb NZ, AgFirst and Federated Farmers are providing remote feed planning support to farmers.