

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Lake Kaniere Community Association

Date held:	17 th May 2022, 7.30pm – 8.30pm, via Zoom video conference
Officers in attendance:	Therese Gibbens, Chair Jill Copplestone, Treasurer Trudy Penny, Secretary
Members in attendance:	Margaret Park, Jim Park, Chrissie O'Donnell, David Zarifeh, Drew Howat, Liz Sawkins, Jean Boniface, Colin Boniface, Peter Lines, Allen Hurley; Frank Stewart, Paula McPhail, Alex McPhail, Ian Penny, Mike Rogers, Phil Crow, Helen Bennett, Rachel King, Graeme King, Joyce Ireland, Fraser Ireland, Leonie Craig, Stuart Craig, Liz Holland, Julie Christie, Jackie Gurden, Grant Hinchliff, Lesley Harrison, Ian Anderson, Maxine Burt
Guests in attendance:	Jane Neale, Councillor, Westland District Council Jenny Keogan, Councillor, Westland District Council
Apologies received:	Alison Gray, John Gray, Rose Tyrell, Greg Tyrell, Neil Challenger
Confirmation of minutes last general meeting (18 May 2021):	Moved – Peter Lines Seconded – Therese Gibbens
Update – Possible Waka Ama base	The Chair provided a verbal update on interactions with WDC, DOC, and WestReap (sponsors of the Westland Waka Ama initiative): • A rusty shipping container placed on the Hans Bay water front in February triggered enquiries by members of the Association about who, why, and for how long it would be there, noting the significant negative impact on the amenity values of the area for locals and visitors. • The members discovered it was associated with a Waka Ama base proposed by WestReap and, it was alleged, had been placed there as a negotiation tactic to cause consternation and get WDC to act quickly to find and agree a permanent base next to the lake for two waka and associated equipment and storage facilities (15m x 7m, behind a security fence). • The Chair and other members noted their support in principle for Waka activities on the lake, subject to finding an appropriate location for the base, and ensuring swimmers would not be put at risk of being hit and injured. • A meeting at the lake, between WestReap, WDC, DOC and representatives of the LKC Association, was scheduled in April to explore possible sites for the base, however only LKC and DOC representatives were able to attend. • The shipping container has, in the interim, been shifted along the shore to be adjacent the old changing sheds, where it is less obtrusive. Councillor Jenny Keogan declared an interest in the matter, as an employee of WestReap.

	A variety of views were expressed by members of the Association, with the majority view being that it was up to WDC and/or DOC to resolve with WestReap, rather than for the Association to do so. However, WDC and/or DOC should formally consult with the LKC Association on any proposed options for a waka base arising from their discussions with WestReap. The consensus was that for the time being there is no further action to be taken by the LKC Association.
Update – Stuart St upgrade	Ian Anderson, who'd coordinated engagement between affected Stuart St property owners, the developer, and Westland DC reported that: • The upgrade is nearly complete • The design is substantially better than the original • Particular thanks is owed to Mark O'Donnell and Ross Storer who put in many hours of design effort and engagement with WDC, including several trips across from Canterbury • Further meetings of the Stuart St group are no longer required Several Stuart St property owners expressed their satisfaction with the result (relative to the original design) and thanks to those involved.
Update – Resilience Group	Chrissie O'Donnell, who leads the group working on community resilience (in the face of a natural disaster, such as a major earthquake causing injury and isolation at Lake Kaniere), reported that: • The majority of households in the lake area have provided contact information and lists of resources in their possession that could be mobilised in a community response to a disaster. • The information is held by Liz Sawkins & Drew Howat (Sunny Bight side) and the Malloy/Gibbens/Christie household on the Hans Bay side. • The group will be asking members to review and update their information soon. • Cindy Fleming from WDC delivered a great presentation and information on disaster preparedness / resilience at the LKC event held for locals in January. • The group is investigating sourcing and placing a shipping container of emergency resources in an appropriate location. The group may be able to apply for a special civil defence grant to contribute to the costs. • Radios will be critical to being able to communicate with emergency services if the lake community is isolated due to slips and impassable roads. • A free two day course on Coordinated Incident Management System (CIMS) is coming up in July. Any member interested in being part of the resilience group is welcome to attend. Please contact Chrissie davidandchrissie@xtra.co.nz Councillor Jenny Keogan encouraged the group to apply for civil defence funding support, and reminded everyone of the importance of being prepared for a possible major natural disaster (the south end of the lake is on the alpine fault!)

Update – Weedbusters and litter collection	Drew Howat, who leads the weed eradication and litter collection activities at the lake and along the Kaniere forest road, reported: • There were 9 separate outings by the group (Drew, Grant, Neil, Clare, John and Alison Gray) this year. • The group focused on Cotoneaster, Gorse, Broom, Rhododendron, Blackberry, Honeysuckle, Japanese Honeysuckle, Ragwort and Hypericum. • Next season the group will add Montbretia thanks to a chemical solution suggested by Neil. • The group targeted the area its members live in: Sunny Bight and The Landing plus the main road into town from The Landing to Hurunui Jack's. • Drew has previously suggested that other residential parts of the Scenic Reserve be split into manageable blocks which could be adopted by interested persons. A map has been produced. To date Liz Holland has volunteered to oversee the Andrew's Drive and Punga Grove area. • The Weedbuster's workshop held during the Community Day on Jan 2 was well received and found to be instructive by a number of attendees. A repeat class could be equally beneficial. • Mike Steenhauer from Tai Poutini Weedbusters brought a group to Hans Bay and Drew was able to suggest some trouble spots. Amongst other places, they attacked the vines smothering the trees on the Hans Bay foreshore. This was done with DoC approval. They were remarkably short of resources so the group donated a small quantity of Tordon and Pulse. Mike advised that his group would make regular returns while they enjoyed the current Tai Poutini funding arrangement. • Weedbusting and trash removal go hand in hand however the group like to conduct dedicated trash runs at appropriate times of the year. Following the Xmas holidays members of the group did a run from The Landing to Hurunui Jacks which netted two full green wheelie bins. These were emptied at no cost via the regular WDC waste removal truck. • Drew thanks all who have made the above possible. The Chair thanked Drew and the rest of the group for their great work throughout the year on behalf of all locals and visitors.
Update – Lake Users Group	Ian Penny, who leads the Lake Users Group, reported: • The group has made contact with officials at Maritime New Zealand to seek review of and improved engagement over the layout of zones in the lake • The current focus of Maritime NZ is on improving lake users' understanding of the current zones and attempting to make them work effectively. The current design is based on their 'standard' approach applied widely across NZ. • Maritime NZ is open to consider a bespoke solution for Lake Kaniere once the current design has been given an opportunity to work.

Update – Internet Services at the lake	Allen Hurley reported on enquiries he'd made of Chorus and various politicians about the prospect of getting fibre internet to Lake Kaniere properties: • The current copper-based internet is unreliable and very low speed • Government politicians have responded that Lake Kaniere is not included in the Ultra Fast Broadband (UFB) roll-out. They suggested we look at wireless or satellite options. • Chorus has quoted \$215k to get fibre to Lake Kaniere streets. Property owners opting for it would have to pay their share of the \$215k, plus whatever it costs to get it from the street into their house, then monthly service charges. Allen felt this was unlikely to be a deal any number of people would want to take up. • Allen arranged for the local national MP, Maureen Pugh and her MP colleague Melissa Lee, responsible for the data and digital portfolio, to visit the lake in early May. Events conspired such that Allen could not attend the meeting and Ian Anderson attended in his stead. Ian Anderson reported on the meeting with Maureen Pugh and Melissa Lee: • The MPs were keen to help Lake residents to find possible solutions, but as opposition MPs weren't in a position to directly commission anything on our behalf. • The new cellular (mobile phone & 4G) service may provide good internet speeds while few users are competing for the available bandwidth, but performance is likely to significantly reduce as more people try to use it for internet surfing. • Maureen had organised for Wifi Connect (who provide wireless rural broadband services in Westland) to attend the meeting. They advised: ○ The fibre cable from Hokitika to The Landing is old technology and already at full capacity. It would not be suitable for bringing UFB to the lake. ○ WiFi Connect could deliver high capacity wireless broadband to many of the houses at the lake. They'd need a convenient location to base a repeater that would receive the main signal from Blue spur, and that could then distribute that out to subscribing houses. Their intent was to contact the developer of the subdivision at the top of Stuart St to gauge possible interest in their service there, and to then get back in touch with our Association with a proposal for members.
Update – Second defibrillator	The Chair provided an update on the defibrillators. The first one is installed on a post at the front of the Harrison house (second on left when entering Hans Bay) and is ready for use. The second defibrillator is ready to install at Sunny Bight as soon as a suitable location is found. At this stage it's most likely to be on the wall of the toilet block. Drew Howat will work with the Chair to confirm the exact location for the installers.



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Acknowledgement of the work performed by the Chair on behalf of members:	Ian Anderson expressed special thanks to the Chair, Therese Gibbens, for her leadership and energy applied to the role over the last year. There was universal support from those attending the meeting for this acknowledgement.
Meeting closed:	The Chair closed the meeting at 8.17pm