



ANNUAL MEETING 14 MAY 2024 – CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

This has been another busy year for the Association. Once again, I wish to express my most grateful **Thanks** to all those who have done so much work on the different projects we are currently working on.

To Chrissie O'Donnell – I cannot overstate how amazing Chrissie has been throughout this whole **Community Resilience project**. Through all the frustrations, meetings, planning, work on what we need and dealing with the WDC, Chrissie has remained smiling and positive that we will finally get this over the line after nearly two years. And now we are at the finish line – the containers are due to go in, the power is about to go to the sites, and then they just have to be filled. We do have a couple of last minute hiccups which we are dealing with but it is finally happening. I wish to acknowledge all those community members who have stepped up and offered help, both monetarily, products and labour for this project. The attendance at the meeting on Good Friday (and the group of people who have become involved directly as a result of the meeting) really showed how engaged our members are and how many want to help – so thank you for financial donations, offers of labour, and advice. To Lake Kaniere Developments (via Ian Hustwick), thank you for taking some of the financial pressure off us – from the purchase of all the first aid supplies and now covering the cost of getting power to the containers, we are very grateful.

I must acknowledge the group of people who are now leading the **Predator Control program** – Ian Anderson, Drew Howat and Neil Challenger. We look forward to what you have instore for us for this project so we can address the pest control issues as a united group. The behind the scenes work with DOC and other organisations doing similar work to us, is time consuming so thanks so much.

To Jill Copplestone, our fantastic Treasurer who keeps the ball rolling on the financial front, keeps great records and manages the money and subs, thank you.

And to our Secretary, Ian Anderson, who is a great support for me. While I write the emails, it is Ian who does all the background work getting them sent out on our behalf, he manages our incoming emails and does little jobs that crop up . Thank you.

And to you, our members, thanks for being such great people – the engagement is fantastic, the enthusiasm for what we are trying to achieve does not go unnoticed. Here's to a great future for the Lake Kaniere Community Association.

Regards

Therese Gibbens

CHAIRPERSON