

LAKE KANIERE COMMUNITY ASSN – CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2025

Our organisation is thriving and that is a direct result of the amazing contribution made by so many people – some with volunteer hours, some with financial and material donations, some with support in other ways. It is absolutely fantastic to see the progress made.

I will highlight some of those things below but firstly, I would like to acknowledge the sad loss of our very active volunteer, Drew Howat. The sudden loss of Drew was devastating for his wife and family members who are also active in our community. We continue to see Drew's contribution to Lake Kaniere in many ways and we miss the massive contribution he has made to make our little wee piece of paradise so much better. Our thoughts continue to remain with Liz, Sue and family. RIP Drew.

This year has seen continued progress as we navigate all the issues that arise and that we deal with in order to enhance the area and improve the contribution of the **Lake Kaniere Community Assn.**

Some highlights from this past 12 months include:

- The commencement of the **Predator Control** program – to Ian, Neil, Liz and all the other volunteers who have contributed in any way, thank you so much. This has been a mammoth effort as the education alone on how to set up a Predator Control program is huge. The team had to learn about bird counts, the right traps among other things and this has taken many many hours attending courses, reading what others are doing and generally gaining knowledge to make informed decisions to take this project forward. It has been extensive and we appreciate all those hours these people have spent making sure they got this right. It would have been great to have greater uptake from our members in getting their own properties set up with a trap but it is not too late of course, so please let Ian know if you would like your property to be part of the project.
- Another successful community social event in January – again the numbers were not huge but it was a great afternoon and an opportunity to acknowledge the contribution Chrissie O' Donnell made to the Community Resilience Project and to welcome Paul Dunn to that Co-ordinator role. It was a lovely couple of hours catching up with people.
- Speeding issues at Hans Bay have been reduced significantly with the introduction of two additional speed humps. These are not permanent but have done a great job of slowing down traffic along where people picnic, play etc.
- Our relationship with DOC continues to thrive with open communication and joint initiatives including the redevelopment of the area where the matai stood.
- The Facebook page continues to be a great tool for information and is being used successfully to communicate with our Lake Kaniere family. Please feel free to post anything you believe is relevant to our community including photos! Unfortunately, we still continue to decline people attempting to join the page if they fail to answer the two questions. We have had a few of these so if you have family wishing to join, please let them know about this.

Community Resilience Plan

The containers are in place and are pretty much filled with everything we require at this time. There are some additions we would like to include but sometimes we just have to accept that we can't do everything. I will leave it to the new Co-ordinator, Paul Dunn, to report more on this project.

As always, huge thanks to Ian Anderson and Jill Copplestone, our fantastic Secretary and Treasurer respectively – they are awesome people and we appreciate all the work they do very much.

If you have any issues you wish to raise, please do not hesitate to get in touch at any time.

Regards

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