DRAFT Minutes of the General Meeting of the Lake Kaniere Community Association

Date held:	26th May 2026, 7.18pm – 7.59pm, via Teams video conference
Officers in attendance:	Therese Gibbens, Chair Jill Copplestone, Treasurer Ian Anderson, Secretary
Members in attendance:	Graeme King, Emma Harding, Allen & Vicki Hurley, Julie Christie, Kevin & Maxine Burt, Liz Holland, Liz Sawkins, Mike & Jane Rodgers, Paul Dunn, Alex & Paula McPhail, Jennie & Trevor Cassie, Frank Stewart, John Dalgarno, Jim Park, Helen Wagstaff, Mike & Julie Coll, Jackie & Peter Gurden, Phyllis & George Cooper, Stuart & Leonie Craig, Malcolm Robbins, Alison & John Gray, Helen Bennett & Phil Crow, Mike & Deanna Davies, Marc Brokenshire, Chris & Lesley Harrison
Guests in attendance:	None
Apologies received:	Sue & Ian Hustwick, Ali & Greg Orange, Jean & Colin Boniface, Marg & Tom Clisby, Rachel King, Paul Hopewell, Steve & Ang Blackwood
Approval of last year's minutes on 14th May 2025:	Confirmed as true and correct: *Moved:* Liz Sawkins *Seconded:* Alex McPhail Show of hands – Majority in favour
Approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting 24th March 2026 to adopt a new constitution:	Confirmed as true and correct: *Moved:* Maxine Burt *Seconded:* Liz Holland Show of hands – Majority in favour
LKCA Constitution (Chair))	The Chair noted that the Association's constitution has been updated to comply with the Incorporated Societies Act 2022, approved and adopted by members at a special meeting held on 24 March 2026, and then approved and registered by the New Zealand Companies Office. Key documents can be viewed on the Lake Kaniere Community website and include: • The New Constitution of the LKCA – *Click here* • Certificate of Incorporation – *Click here* • Minutes of the Special Meeting to adopt the new constitution – *Click here* The Chair expressed special thanks to Alex McPhail and his colleagues who gave their time and expertise to guide us through the re-registration requirements and processes, and who drafted the new constitution.
Community Resilience (Paul Dunn)	Paul Dunn spoke to: • ***The civil defence containers*** at Hans Bay and Stuart St are now equipped with generators, radios for connecting directly with Civil Defence, walkie talkies for local communications, starlink dishes, some long life food, tents, blankets and first aid gear. Our Civil Defence coordinator from WDC has been keeping the starlink equipment updated and the generators tested and serviced. The volunteer trappers are also keeping their gear in the containers. I remain happy to show community

members how to get into the containers and use some of the equipment. Please just give me a call. My contact details are shown below.

- ***Special thanks*** to Warren Smith who's made sure all the radio gear is set-up and working properly, including extending the aerials.
- ***BBQ and information on Incident Control Points (ICP):*** You may well be wondering what an ICP is. So am I. The people from WDC Civil Defence are happy to explain what it is and why it may be important to us at Lake Kaniere. We've proposed to do this at a BBQ at my place (31 Hans Bay Rd, between The Landing and Canoe Cove) at lunchtime, Matariki weekend, Friday 10th July. Please let me know if you'd like to come along. See my contact details below.
- ***Presentation on 'being prepared for the AF8 big one' in Westland:*** Civil Defence is running an information evening at the Arahura Marae, 7pm, 28th May. Please email zoe.double@wcrc.govt.nz if you'd like to attend. We also have the option of running one out here at the lake. Please let me know if that interests you and, if there's sufficient interest, we'll organise it.
- ***Community Response Plan (CRP):*** I'm working with Civil Defence, Ian Anderson, David Richards and others to have a written-down CRP. It will be a document that anyone should be able to quickly scan through if there's a major disaster and know how to use the equipment in the Civil Defence containers, communicate with emergency response authorities, get local help and resources, and coordinate rescues and recovery. When we have a coherent draft we'll share it with you for comment and advice with the goal of making genuinely useful.
- ***Psychological first aid course:*** Again, I'm not entirely sure what this covers, but it is in the context of a major disaster such as an AF8 event and it's being offered through our local Civil Defence service. Please let me know if this may be of interest to you and I'll put you in contact with the people at Civil Defence.
- ***Questions, Feedback, Offers to help*** - please contact me - Paul Dunn, 027 8028181, pwdunnnz@gmail.com

Ensuing conversation covered:

- ***Dehumidifiers:*** Noted appreciation for the donations received and the need to purchase an additional one. Agreed the current discretionary authority for the Chair & Treasurer to spend on unbudgeted items for the civil defence containers be increased to $580:
  - *Moved:* Paul Dunn.
  - *Seconded:* Jill Copplestone.
  - *Show of hands* – Majority in favour.
- ***Long life food:*** Some canned food has been donated to the containers, but members are encouraged to have their own stocks of long life food in their properties to sustain them following an earthquake event that may trigger many weeks of isolation. Some members requested links to online stores selling long life food. Some options include:
  - www.radixnutrition.com
  - https://www.bunkerbox.co.nz/product-category/emergency-food/

	○ https://freezedriedemergencyfood.co.nz/product-category/emergency-food/ ○ https://www.first72.org.nz/product-category/food-water/emergency-food/ • ***Decking and Roofs for the shipping containers:*** The Chair noted there is a tagged donation to contribute towards roofs for the Containers but nothing tagged for decking. Paul stated that decking is the priority. The Chair undertook to speak to the donor about applying the donation to decking. • ***Questions, Feedback, Offers to help*** - please contact me - Paul Dunn, 027 8028181, pwdunnnz@gmail.com
Environment & trapping (Ian Anderson)	Ian spoke on behalf of the organising group (Liz Holland and Neil Challenger), outlining: • In the last year nearly 50 people have participated in trapping activity - clearing traps, setting up monitoring stations, writing funding applications and press releases and more. • There are ~ 130 traps being actively maintained across Kahikatea Walk, Sunny Bight, The Landing, Canoe Cove and Hans Bay, funded by the generosity of LKCA members. • We were successful very recently in gaining additional funding support of $1500 from the Predator Free Backyard Communities Fund for additional single rat traps and monitoring equipment in the Hans Bay Settlement. We also received two Browning DarkOps Trail Cameras from the TD Mankelow Family Fund, administered by the Predator Free NZ Trust. The traps will form the start of a 'virtual' predator trap fence around Hans Bay settlement and the monitoring equipment will be used by our group and schools to help us monitor what predators we have and how to target them. • We've removed 231 bird-eating pests from our environment in 18 months saving around 6,000 birds per annum for the next few years. • A class from Westland High School is now involved in pest monitoring and trapping around the Canoe Cove track. • The 'Ecological Stream' at Kaniere Primary School is involved in pest monitoring at the Kahikatea Walk. • We have eliminated rats from the Hans Bay Islands... for now. Special thanks to Liz Holland who got that going and cleaned them out on top of doing most of the bird counts for the project. • We remain 'exercised' over how to get more coverage and to be able to keep going in the longer term. We're participating in a West Coast regional trapping collective which to date has mostly been information sharing between the many trapping groups, but which is also tentatively exploring group grant applications and collective buying of equipment and bait. In the meantime we're pretty much on our own and rely heavily on the continued support of Lake Kaniere Community members. To that end: ○ Thanks to those who responded to the call in December for contribution to the cost of a few more traps and buying bait for the ones we have. We raised a bit over $3,500 which included the very

	generous $1,000 donation that came through the Stewart family in Sunny Bight. ○ More donations would be gratefully received. We want to give as many stoats and rats their 'last supper at Lake Kaniere' as we can. The bank account details are: ○ Lake Kaniere Community Association ○ Account no. 06-0665-0588689-00 ○ Enter TRAPPING and your name in the reference field. ○ Do it now, before you forget 😊 ○ We have group messaging via WhatsApp for those interested in being involved in the trapping work, either regularly or totally casually. Contact me on 021332387 if you'd like to be included in the group messages.
4WD ruts in the steep bank below DOC camp entrance, Hans Bay (Malcolm Robbins)	Malcolm noted that the ruts are regularly refreshed by 4WD traffic, the ground is not healing, and they are a general eyesore that encourage more of that type of behaviour. He suggested one solution may be to reshape the bank to remove the ruts and the 4WD challenge. Therese undertook to speak with DOC, our local Councillor, and West Roads about this and other options.
Security (General discussion)	As a segue from the topic above, a range of concerns were expressed about: • dangerous and/or damaging behaviours of people in cars in public areas around the lake, and • damage and theft risk to private property. A "deterrent option" of installing a camera at the Landing to capture license plates of vehicles entering and exiting the Lake was discussed. Part of the idea was that its records would be accessible only to the police and, even then, only if there has been a dangerous, damaging, or theft event at the Lake. Differing views in favour and against this option were put forward and discussed. There was no clear conclusion and the discussion was parked.
Meeting closed:	With no other business to be discussed, the Chair closed the meeting at 7.59pm