

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA – 14th May 2025:

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GENERAL MEETING AGENDA – 14th May 2025:

1. Minutes of last meeting – [Click here](#)
2. The constitution of the Lake Kaniere Community Association – see outline below
3. Resilience update and support – see outline below
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6. Voting in Westland local body elections – see outline over page
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Outlines

The constitution of the Lake Kaniere Community Association (Alex McPhail)

Due to a change in legislation the current constitution must be replaced by the end of April 2026. I will be seeking feedback on the [membership definition](#) with a view to promoting a class of associate members whereby an owner's nominated representative has rights to participate in the Association by way of committee involvement. That would enable contribution from those of the younger generation who may be interested in contributing their time, enthusiasm and expertise who don't currently have any standing. To see the current constitution [Click here](#).

Resilience update and support (Paul Dunn)

Our community has already done a great job resourcing two Civil Defence Emergency Containers. Special thanks to all the volunteers who have made this possible. We need to continue maintaining the containers and their contents, so if you have some time to support this work please reach out to me – I am always looking for help to maintain the containers at Hans Bay and Sunny Bight e.g. start up the generators, charge the communication equipment etc. We also need to **rotate fuel** - if you need petrol (95) help us out and use and replace. There is now a punch code lockbox installed for ease of access.

The proposed next phase is to work with the Westland District and Regional Council to build a LKCA Community Emergency response plan. The Emergency response containers are only part of the answer and of little use without a solid plan addressing how people will organise to use the resources, respond to injuries, communicate with the outside world, and so-on. The

planning process will require some face-to-face meetings with members of the Westland CD team. If you have experience or interest in supporting this critical next step - we need you! - it cannot happen without wider community support.

Questions, Feedback, Offers to help - please contact me - Paul Dunn, 027 8028181, pwdunnnnz@gmail.com

Environment and trapping (Ian Anderson)

Many LKCA members are participating in the trapping programme by owning traps and volunteering to take part in trap clearing events. Since starting at Christmas we've removed nearly 50 predator animals which, arguably, would have been responsible for the deaths of well over 1000 birds this year alone. Thanks everyone.

Right now our organising committee (Liz Holland, Neil Challenger and me) are working on a longer term plan to meet our goals of dramatically increasing native bird numbers around the lake. We aim to share it with members for ideas and reactions in the next few months. We won't be asking members for money, but we will be asking for moral support and social licence. I can elaborate on this at the meeting if time allows. In the meantime I recommend the four-part documentary *Fight for the Wild* which we link to from our website here <https://www.lakekaniere.org.nz/Initiatives/Environment/Overview> . It's about a national vision that's making serious inroads to the predator pest problem using smart, big scale, planning, technology and resources. I believe we can link into and support these developments if we really want to as a community.

Other things happening in parallel include info put together by Liz on how to look after our visiting Kea: (<https://www.lakekaniere.org.nz/Initiatives/Environment/Trapping/Protecting-Kea>); we're talking with local schools about them getting involved in a variety of ways; we've applied to West Coast Community Trust to fund smart tech for monitoring birds and target pests; we've got an online Donations system in place and are adding signage around the lake using QR codes to point visitors to our donations page.

Special thanks to our partners and friends at DOC. DOC's job is enormous and their funding isn't enough. If you want to help them get a bigger appropriation respond to this consultation <https://www.doc.govt.nz/plans-for-nature>

Please call me if you want to be involved in this at any level. It's quite fun and satisfying.

Foreshore and rubbish (on behalf of a Lake Kaniere resident)

A resident has asked us to consider the issue of rubbish on the foreshore mostly associated with the BBQs south of the Hans Bay swings. It's noted that residents often pick up and correctly dispose of the occasional bit of rubbish left on the foreshore, but that the BBQs tend to become default rubbish bins for partying groups.

Voting in Westland local body elections

Westland ratepayers whose primary address is outside Westland may vote in the Westland local body elections ONLY if also enrolled in Westland. You have to re-enrol / confirm every election cycle. Those enrolled three years ago should have received a letter to re-confirm enrolment. Anyone not enrolled for the last election can only get on to the roll by applying at www.electionz.com/ratepayers