

The Annual and General meetings will be held consecutively from 7.00pm, Tuesday 26th May.

The meetings are online. Join with the Teams link below:

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ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA – 26th May 2026:

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of previous meeting – [Click here](#)
4. Chairperson's Report – [Click here](#)
5. Treasurer's Report – [Click here](#)
6. Election of Officers
 - Chairperson
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
7. Subs for this year

GENERAL MEETING AGENDA – 26th May 2026:

1. Minutes of last meeting – [Click here](#)
2. The constitution of the Lake Kaniere Community Association – (See update below)
3. Resilience activities – (See update over page)
4. Environment and trapping – (See update over page)
5. General Business

Updates

The constitution of the Lake Kaniere Community Association

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](#)

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.

Resilience activities (Paul Dunn)

This note is to update you on equipment and resources currently available to the Lake Kaniere community and on upcoming events:

- **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

Environment and trapping (Ian Anderson)

I'm writing this update on behalf of our voluntary organising group comprising Liz Holland, Neil Challenger and me. We are pleased to report:

- 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.