



LAKE KANIERE COMMUNITY ASSN – CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2023

The second year of the new **Lake Kaniere Community Assn.** has seen further progress in several areas.

Some highlights from this past 12 months include:

- Getting the second AED (defib) installed at Sunny Bight (thanks Barney). Manawa Energy are very kindly going to do the maintenance and pad replacement for us on both defibs - we appreciate their generosity as this will save the Assn about \$250 every two years.
- Agreeing with Westreap on a location for Waka Ama - I am sure you will agree the site is perfect.
- Another successful community social event in January – while we didn't have quite the numbers that we had the first time, it was still a really good couple of hours catching up with people. Finding guest speakers at that time of year has proved difficult. The numbers that did come along though indicate holding this event annually is well worth it so we will continue to do so.
- Purchase of the emergency radios.
- Community bike ride early January organised by Greg Orange
- Speeding issues at Hans Bay raised with the Westland District Council – we had a meeting and they put a monitor across the road for a couple of months (Feb/March/April) which has since been removed. From 9th to 23rd February, 27.6% of vehicles were breaking the speed limit. From 23rd Feb to 9 March an average of 22.7% of vehicles were breaking the speed limit. I do not have the final data but have requested it for our meeting. I have fielded a number of complaints about speeding at Hans Bay, including the gravel road along the lake front and on Stuart Street. I have not received complaints about Sunny Bight but if property owners consider there is also an issue there, please do not hesitate to let me know so we can pass it on. I am unsure of the outcome of this speed monitoring and what it means for us at this stage.
- The Facebook page continues to be a great tool for information. While the engagement is not huge on it, as far as comments and posts go, it is still being used successfully to communicate with our Lake Kaniere family. Please feel free to post anything you believe is relevant to our community including gorgeous 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

Again, our most grateful thanks goes to Chrissie O'Donnell for her tireless work trying to get this job completed. Frankly we were gutted to be turned down for the Lotteries funding as we had the support of both Civil Defence and the WDC. This does mean that we have had to "cut our cloth". We applied to a special one off Westland District Council (WDC) fund and were granted \$40k. Unlike normal grants, they do not give you the money and then we provide the receipts – we simply make the purchases through them. They are currently in the process of arranging the purchase of the two containers so at least we can get going on this. They will have solar power, a side door and a window as required for ventilation and access purposes. Plus they need to be transported from Christchurch and have a stable base installed prior to them being placed. This is not a cheap exercise so will likely take the bulk of the \$40k grant. Locations of the containers have also caused a few headaches as they are not allowed to be located on private property. We think we finally have a resolution at both Hans Bay and Sunny Bight. Because of the lack of funding, the next steps will involve you, as members of our community – the first job will be lining the containers and installing shelves. This will most likely come from a community "working bee" type set up so be prepared for some correspondence on that.

Last week I applied to the West Coast Community Trust for the money for the two generators, one for each location. Fingers crossed we are successful in our application. Everything we need after that will be prioritised as we apply for other funding. Your generosity when we asked for donations for the AEDs, and then radios was incredible - \$398 of that donated money is still in our account and tagged for this project.

Other issues:

There were issues raised about the **boat ramp at Hans Bay** – as the incredible summer weather continued into late January, the lake dropped and the boat ramp became unusable for some of the bigger boats. It didn't last long as the rain finally came but it will be an ongoing issue potentially, so we need to address this at some stage. I did talk to Manawa Energy (Trustpower) who with DOC, put the boat ramp in in the first place. They indicated that there would not be any financial support from them to fix it.

The issues around the access to the **boat ramp at Sunny Bight** was also raised with me – I contacted Manawa Energy and they very kindly put in some concrete to stabilise the area.

Lastly, a huge thank you to Ian Anderson and Jill Copplestone, our fantastic Secretary and Treasurer respectively – they do such a great job!

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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