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LAKE OKAREKA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



The first meeting of the new Lake Okareka Community Assn Committee (LOCA) was held recently. One of the items discussed at that meeting was the importance of keeping our community well informed of what is happening in Lake Okareka, and what LOCA is doing for you. We are always interested in your feedback and thoughts.

If you have been reading the Newsletter over the past few years - even if it is only the Chairman's Report - you will already have a good idea about where LOCA is going and what it is doing. Our newsletter (imaginatively named The Newsletter) and website are our main vehicles for communication.

The Newsletter

LOCA prints 300 copies of The Newsletter in full colour, four times a year. It is distributed to all residents and ratepayers interested in receiving a copy. There are also complimentary copies sent to all advertisers and the staff and management of various organisations that LOCA works with at Rotorua Lakes Council, Bay of Plenty Regional Council and Department of Conservation. The annual cost of the Newsletter is \$4400 including postage. Every Newsletter has a list of the LOCA Committee members' names and their phone numbers. If you have a question about anything in the Newsletter - or any other matter - please feel free to pick up the phone and give any of us a call.

Website

You can also read about what is happening at Lake Okareka by checking out the LOCA website at www.lakeokareka.org. Since 2012 the Lake Okareka Newsletters and Chairman's Report have been archived here. Other groups that operate within the Lake Okareka catchment such as Lake Okareka Pre School and the Lake Okareka Rural Fire Force also have links to the web site. Volunteer groups such as the Rotorua branch of Forest and Bird who manage the animal pest control project in Tikitapu Scenic Reserve to help protect and encourage the native mistletoe, have a part of the website. Landcare Okareka volunteers look after the Lake Okareka walkway and numerous other reserves around the Lake Okareka catchment, and LO also has a page on the website. Other groups such as the Fishing Club and the Tennis Club (with their fantastic new tennis court surfaces and high perimeter fences) also have pages that the clubs themselves look after on the website.

To give you some idea of some of the issues that the LOCA Committee have

dealt with on behalf of the Lake Okareka Community here are some examples from the past which you may already have picked up from The Newsletter or website:

Lake water quality - this is an ongoing issue and has included the installation of the sewage scheme at Lake Okareka. Although there has been no obvious improvement in water quality since then, it is significant that the Trophic Level Index - TLI for Lake Okareka has not deteriorated (reversing a trend that was in place). Other work going on with lake water quality includes requests for further scientific work by the Bay of Plenty Regional Council and University of Waikato, looking at the lake TLI, gorse on land in the Lake Okareka catchment, land use change in the catchment and aquatic weeds in the lake.

Supporting efforts to combat the **incursion of hornwort aquatic weed** into Lake Okareka and dealing with Bay of Plenty Regional Council and LINZ over what they are going to do about that incursion.

Supporting changes made to the management of Lake Okareka water levels and the maintenance upgrade to the outlet pipe and valve by the Bay of Plenty Regional Council which holds the resource consent for the Lake Okareka outlet. Both the outlet pipe and valve were found to have degenerated and required replacement. LOCA also supports a much more proactive management regime by BOPRC staff, to retain water in the lake, especially over the warmer summer months.

Advocacy for a **cell phone tower for communication**; especially important with emergency situations in the Lake Okareka, Lake Tarawera and Tikitapu catchments (likely to happen over next 3 months).

Consultation, planning and fundraising to **complete the walkway around Lake Okareka**, (excluding the settlement area), with the first stage between Boyes Beach and the campground well underway.

Management of the Department of Conservation camp, 226 Millar Road under a management contract with DOC. This was seen as an opportunity to collect funds from outside visitors to put back into conservation activities around Lake Okareka catchment, including the construction of the Lake Okareka walking track to go all the way around Lake Okareka to link up with the existing Lake Okareka walkway.

LOCA supports the volunteers undertaking the **Lake Okareka riparian trapping project** to protect the dab chicks and other wetland birds, by using some of the DOC camp proceeds to purchase DOC 200 and 250 traps and boxes along with some bait for these traps. Read more about this successful project in Mike Vincent's report in The Newsletter.

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Speed of traffic in the Lake Okareka settlement: this concern is being pursued again by the current LOCA Committee. This has been an on going concern for other LOCA Committees and local residents in the past - back to the 1990's and before. Over the past few years the new large 50 kmph signs which also identify Lake Okareka and ask drivers to reduce their speed were installed by RDC, after requests by a previous Committee of LOCA. Rotorua District Council traffic engineers also installed rumble strips at both ends of the settlement, without any prior consultation with the community. Unfortunately the rumble strips proved to be extremely noisy for those who lived near them, and in the end Council were requested to remove the strips.

Management of the overnight parking/camping at Boyes beach - under a contract with Rotorua District Council - this involves a volunteer going each day to collect camping fees and pick up litter on the reserve. Some of the money raised is used to maintain the Transfer Station and Recycling Facility on Tarawera Road (for the benefit of both Lake Okareka and Lake Tarawera communities). Money from Boyes beach camping fees has been used to improve the parking areas at Boyes beach, the Acacia Road boat ramp parking area and the car park at the Lake Okareka Community Hall. LOCA has also joined forces with RLC and recently installed automatic lighting in the toilets at Boyes beach.

The Lake Okareka community is being held up by the authorities such as Rotorua Lakes Council, Bay of Plenty Regional Council and the Department of Conservation, as a leading example of a positive, constructive and engaged community that is going places, and is envied by many. If you are keen and interested to take an active part in Lake Okareka community, please feel free to contact any of the groups mentioned - and there are more of these on the website - www.lakeokareka.org - we are sure you will be made to feel most welcome.

Geoff Palmer Sandra Goodwin Chairperson Secretary

Lake Okareka Community Association, February 2016





DR RON CAUGHEY MEMORIAL YACHT RACE 2016

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Congratulations to all entrants for sailing a great race at this community event - it was the $40^{\rm th}$ consecutive New Year race.

We were fortunate that the storm sweeping the country was tardy in reaching Okareka, enabling the race to take place. It did however create conditions that could only be described as the "calm before the storm"! Winds were light with treacherous pre-storm gusts. Sailors had to be on their toes and several capsizes were noted!

Special congratulations go to the first 3 place getters:

1st Place Simon and Tim Bell sailing a Maricat 14 2nd Place George van Boven, Scottie, & young crew, sailing Bob's trailer sailor 3rd Place Michael Smith with crew Lukas and Jonty sailing a Hobie 16

For Simon and Tim Bell this was their second consecutive year in first place!

Special prize for courage was awarded to Jacob Winstone, (crew of father Tim) who, in a Laser, survived his first capsize.

Special thanks go to Mike Smith and his support team for laying the race course and for retrieving the buoys and more - tasks that Mike has so willingly undertaken over many years.

Thanks also to Denis Goodwin and to others for their essential race support, in providing standby rescue boats!

Appreciation also goes to Areti Metuamate who has been the race time-keeper over at least six years.

Very particular thanks go to Grant and Shona Telfer, the owner/operators of **Telfer Marine Ltd, 236 Te Ngae Road (cnr Hamiora Place) Rotorua Telephone 07-345-9854.** Telfer Marine has supported the race over a number of years by donating the first prize - a top quality life jacket. This long-standing tradition is greatly appreciated.

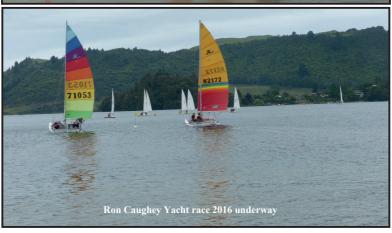
We look forward to seeing everyone next year for the 41st yacht race.

Christine Caughey/Areti Metuamate



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YACHT RACE RESULTS

Place Name		Boat	Start	Finish	Time
1st	Tim and Simon Bell	Maricat 14	2.30	4.02	1.32
2nd	George van Boven & Scottie	Trailer Sailor 1398	2.10	4.07	1.57
3rd	Michael Smith & Lukas Jonty	Hobie 16	2.45	4.10	1.25
4th 5th	Hamish Hooper Ian & Vanessa Bowyer & Family	Laser Farr 75	2.44 2.40	4.13 4.14	1.29 1.34
6th	Harry Lusk	Laser 115949	2.44	4.14	1.30
7th	Playne/Caughley	Hobie 16	2.45	4.17	1.32
8th	Tim & Jacob Winstone	Laser	2.44		
9th	John Battersby	Laser	2.44	4.34	1.49
10th	Dave Safari	Laser	2.44	4.30	1.46
11th	Stephen Harris	Laser	2.44	DNF	

Mark Foy start

Wind conditions: mild with pre-storm erratic gusts

Areti Metuamate Christine Caughey





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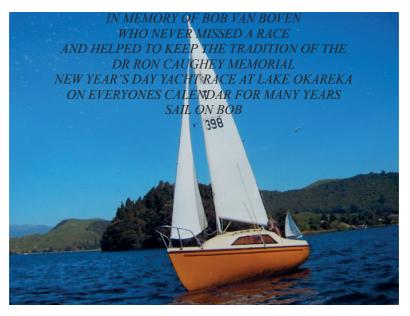
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The 2016 New Years Day yacht race on Lake Okareka was the first without Bob in nearly 40 years. Bob was a main stay of the race. Not only was he a keen competitor in Scimitar, his trusty gold Monarch 17, T 1398, known to so many, but he was a key organizer of the race over many years. Delaying his family holiday, Bob ensured that he was there to prepare for the race each New Year's Day. Bob's humour and enthusiasm was infectious and he and his crew (Scotty and son George) were always a force to be reckoned with.

Bob's enjoyment of life never subsided even as his health challenged him. Bob was a part of the glue, the yarns and the conviviality that binds the Okareka community. This included Bob's significant commitment and contribution to the yacht race. Bob will be greatly missed in this community and his memory will sail on.

Bob's old friend Scimitar, came in second in this year's race. There was a van Boven at the helm – son George, with long time crew member Scotty, ably assisted by two of Bob's grand children, Olivia and Blake.

The van Boven family have made a donation to the yacht race that Bob loved so much. Next year will see the presentation of a Memorial Cup that will keep Bob's spirit ever present at the race. Our sympathy and our thanks to Nita and to Bob's family for their gift. A card from Bob's family reads:





LAKE OKAREKA PRESCHOOL NEWS

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Welcome back everyone.

Welcome to our new families of Jasper Herbert, Paige Harrison and Lily Brears. Congratulations to Mandy, Rob and the Trass family on the safe arrival of William Joe on Tuesday 23rd February.

Thank you to John Bowyer for keeping our plants watered and cared for over the holidays. We also would like to thank Mike Goodwin for spraying the community garden for weeds and for his great effort again this year of being our friendly Santa with Sandra (Mrs Claus). Thank you to Christian and his family for the kind donation of the animal farm, the children are really enjoying exploring the animals and their transport items too. Thank you to the many families who have shared surplus produce from their home gardens.

Learning at Preschool

Chinese New Year - the children have been learning about The Chinese New Year and how this is celebrated. Together they have created their own Chinese Dragon. They also celebrated with food, fresh vegetables home grown at Preschool, tasty stir fried vegetables Chinese style were tasted and enjoyed by the children at the extended session. Some of the children were lucky to see the Chinese celebrations



at the night market. The children have shared their interests which are now on the door for you to view. We ask all parents to offer how we could include something of your family's culture this term.

We are learning about keeping ourselves sun-smart, being careful around driveways and revisiting safe rules while at Preschool. We have reminded the children of 5 rules that everybody needs to know:

- 1 Walking feet
- 2 Gentle hands
- 3 Inside voices
- 4 Listen to the teacher
- 5 Eyes on the teacher (mat times)

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ROTORUA BRANCH OF FOREST & BIRD'S TIKITAPU SCENIC RESERVE PEST CONTROL PROGRAMME



The Pest Control Project for 2015 has been completed successfully with no problems reported. The warning signs have been removed but please remember that the NO DOGS restriction remains. All Scenic Reserves in New Zealand have a NO DOG policy at all times.

The annual meeting between Department of Conservation, Bay of Plenty Regional Council and Forest and Bird has been held recently to review the results from 2015 and to plan the programme for 2016. It is intended to repeat the combination of Pindone pellets and Feratox® capsules in the bait stations and follow up with Feratox® strikers with the aim of reducing the increasing wallaby numbers in the area. Subject to DoC approval of the Work Plan, the working bees will be:

Tikitapu Working Bee Programme 2016

Trimming Lines, checking stations etc.

May - Friday 13th & Sunday 15th June - Sunday 19th & Monday 20th July - Friday 1st & Sunday 3rd

Pre Bait Monitoring

Trakka cards and Wax tags out – Saturday 23rd July Trakka cards in – Sunday 24th July Wax tags in – Saturday 30th July

Bait laying - Pindone and Feratox® capsules

Baits out – Friday 5th & Saturday 6th August Top up – Sunday 21st & Monday 22nd August

<u>Clear stations and put out Feratox® strikers</u> – Sunday 18th & Monday 19th September

Clear Feratox strikers - Sunday 16th & Monday 17th October

Post Bait Monitoring

Trakka cards and Wax tags out – Saturday 22nd October Trakka cards in – Sunday 23rd October Wax tags in – Saturday 29th October

We are delighted to continue receiving reports of increased bird song and activity in the village. The bird count was done in November 2015 and confirms the general increase in numbers. We are very grateful to Jenny Grace and Margaret Dick who organise this and then produce a very professional report.

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Please let me know if you are interested in joining our volunteers. Each year one or two of our regulars have to leave us, as the years creep up on them. Some new people would be very welcome. It is an interesting and satisfying project to be involved in and we have some interesting discussions after working bees while sharing a cuppa and muffins. We also have a roster of people checking and maintaining the Mistletoe and Nature Walks. This involves checking the walks at the beginning of your month on duty and doing any trimming or clearing that is necessary. Any windfalls requiring a chainsaw to clear should be reported to DoC or us. Please let me know if you would like to be included in either of these activities

Frances Blakely jandfblakely@gmail.com



LAKE OKAREKA GARDEN BIRD SURVEY 2015 SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Thanks to the thirteen households that participated in the Okareka Garden Bird Survey in 2015. The survey is based on the National Garden Bird Survey that has been running since 2007. A summary of the first four years data from the national survey can be found at http://newzealandecology.org/nzje/3043.pdf.

Eighteen species were observed at Okareka in both 2014 and 2015. These were:

- Bellbird
- Blackbird
- Chaffinch
- Dunnock
- Eastern Rosella
- Fantail
- House Sparrow
- Greenfinch
- Grey Warbler
- Kereru
- Magpie
- Myna
- Red-billed gull
- Silvereye
- Song Thrush
- Starling
- Tui
- Yellowhammer



Goldfinch and black-backed gull were observed only in 2014. Australasian harrier, welcome swallow and Californian quail were observed only in 2015. House sparrow and silvereye had, respectively, the largest and second largest number of birds recorded in any one garden in both years. Blackbird and tui were seen in at least 80% of the gardens surveyed in both years. Kereru were seen in between 60% and 70% of the gardens in both years, with nine birds being seen in one garden in 2015. In contrast, Kereru numbers have been very low in the Forest and Bird 5-minute bird count survey in Tikitapu Scenic Reserve

Other species seen in at least 60% of gardens in both years were bellbird, house sparrow and silvereye. Fantails were seen in 80% of the gardens in 2014, but only in 46% of the gardens in 2015.

Jenny Grace

UPDATE ABOUT GARDEN BIRD OBSERVATIONS AROUND LAKE OKAREKA

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Since the Garden Bird Survey around Lake Okareka properties was carried out by locals back in June 2015, many people have commented about the increasing numbers of California quails observed in the settlement area, over this spring and summer. Some local people attended a Predator Free NZ Workshop that was held in Rotorua towards the end of 2015, where this same observation was reported.

The response from the organisers and some participants was that if you are seeing more California quails in your local area that generally means that you have less predators such as rats and mustelids (stoats, weasels and ferrets).

Quail are ground dwelling birds, so to be successful breeders there needs to be less predators. So these birds are another success story for all of those involved with pest animal control around Lake Okareka.







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Sam (Alan) Denford 31 July 1934~13 February 2016

Sam lived in the cottage on Longfords Farm for 14 years. We celebrated his life with a heartfelt service taken by our lovely Susan Brown who lives at Lake Okareka.

Sam built a beautiful stone hen house here from stones out of the paddocks and little stone walls in the garden to level the lawn and make a shrubbery. He fed the birds each winter, planted 100's of trees on the farm most of which he grew from seed, especially the kowhais, and helped the farm manager Roger Bennet in the yards with his background knowledge of farming and management. He helped plant many original plants on the walkway especially over in the gap when we fenced of the outlet.

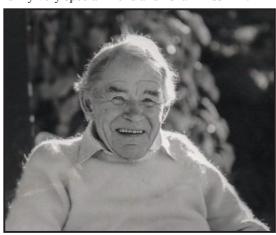
He made many local friends and a glass of red wine on the cottage verandah was the order of the day!, with great tales of his hunting days in the south island and his bird breeding in Tauranga before he came here. Bev Mc Connell of the beautiful AYRLIES garden in Howick Auckland wrote me of how he sold her 7 baby scorps (little black native ducks) for her new wetland in memory of her husband Buck and now there are over 40! What a lovely legacy and how proud he would be.

Sam had 4 children Mike, Steve, Anna Fisher and Aran all of whom live in New Zealand and have been hugely supportive.

George Stucki made a 6 minute video of Sam Denford on the farm which is on Utube under Sam Denford heading.

He was my mate and my very special friend and I shall miss him.

Fenella Playne



Lake Okareka Walking Track Report—March 2016

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The Lake Okareka Community Assn is pleased to announce that Jeff Milham, Operations Manager Tauranga and Rotorua, from the Department of Conservation (DOC) has recently formalised with a letter, the approval for the work on the Lake Okareka walking track. This work was until then being carried out under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Lake Okareka Community Assn and DOC (see elsewhere in The Newsletter).

Volunteer work on the Lake Okareka Walking Track—Stage 1 from Boyes beach to the Dept of Conservation camp has continued over this summer, with almost all of the benching work on the track being now completed. Some culvert pipes have been installed in places along the track. A recent quarterly report (from 1st Dec 2105 through to end February 2016) to DOC shows an approximate total of **320 hours of volunteer work** has gone into the track in those 4 months! This is a massive effort and our thanks go out to everyone who has worked in support of this project.

The contract with the builder **Owen Builders from Ngongotaha** has been completed. The builder will start work very soon on the timber built boardwalks along this section. Please note that while this work is underway **parts of the track will be closed.** The builder and LOCA does not want people walking on uncompleted timber structures. Please take notice of any warning signs, tape and safety fences that are up along the track. They are there for your safety, and we ask that you stay well away from any uncompleted structures.

Volunteer work will continue as there is much more yet to be done. Specialist fabrics will be placed in some sections to help with stopping mud from coming up through the gravel surface. LOCA is also pleased to announce **the support of local timber manufacturer Verda International Ltd**, who are supplying at a very good price, all of the edging timber products—various sizes of planks and timber stakes. The edging timber will hold the gravel in place that will be applied to the surface of the track that is not board walk.

So there is still lots more work to do over the coming weeks and months to get this track completed. When this section of the track is finished it will be suitable for people of all ages to walk or to go visit in wheel chairs, mobility scooters or push chairs—so all kinds of family groups will be able to use this track. If you would like to help with this very worthwhile project, please contact Sandra Goodwin 362 8865 and I will add your name to the email list of volunteers.

Lake Okareka Walking Track - Update from DOC February 2016

The Department of Conservation has formally approved the construction of the Lake Okareka Walking Track. This track will be formed between Boyes Beach and the Acacia Road boardwalk on Rotorua Lakes Council land and the Lake Okareka Scenic Reserve along the eastern, northern and western sides of the lake. Please see the letter from Jeff Milham and the map which follows.

There has been interest around whether the walking track will utilise the Lake Okareka Marginal Strip. This is not part of the current plan but should the community express interest in extending the track to include the Lake Okareka Marginal Strip, then the Department's advice is that a proposal would follow the normal consultation processes. This includes consultation with whanau/iwi/hapu, neighbouring landowners and other affected parties.

The Department is not in a position to extend visitor assets such as tracks and would only do so in partnership with others.

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22nd February 2016

Lake Okareka Community Assn Inc geoff.palmer@xtra.co.nz

Dear Geoff,

Construction of Lake Okareka Walking Track

The Department approves the construction of the Lake Okareka Walking Track within the Lake Okareka Scenic Reserve (as shown in Figure 1) under section 42 (1) of the Reserves Act 1977.

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The approval is granted on the basis that the activity is carried out in accordance with the below;

- The Assessment of Environmental Effects supplied to the Department (dated 2009);
- The Department of Conservation Guiding Principles of Track Construction and the Day Visitor standards;
- Day Visitor Walking Track Standards (Tracks and Outdoor Structures NZ Handbook HB 8630:2004);
- The Fifth Schedule of the Contract 111201 (dated 20 January 2016).

The Lake Okareka Community Association (LOCA) is required to take all practicable steps to ensure the safety of volunteers and employees, and to provide and maintain a safe working environment for volunteers and employees while carrying out the authorised activity. LOCA must operate under their current Health and Safety Manual (dated August 2014).

LOCA must keep current during the duration of the activity the following levels of insurance. Public Liability for an amount no less than \$1,000,000 and Forest and Rural Fires Act extension for an amount no less than \$500,000.

Kind regards

Jeff Milham

Operations Manager, Tauranga and Rotorua 07 3497400 | jmilham@doc.govt.nz

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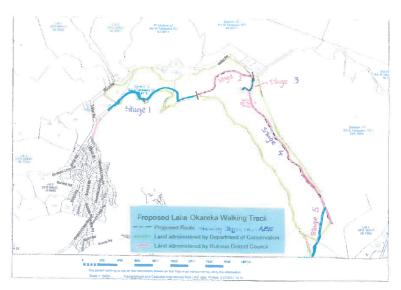


Figure 1 The Lake Okareka Walking Track location

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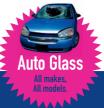
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The Lake Okareka Volunteer Rural Fire Force

Hi all

It's hard to believe summer is almost at an end and autumn is fast approaching. While El Nino wasn't too bad in New Zealand, our neighbours across the Tasman have certainly experienced severe weather conditions with a significant number of fires in Victoria, Perth and Tasmania. This has resulted in nearly all of the senior rural firefighters in our local community being deployed in several waves to Australia since early January, through February and into March.

The first deployment was to the Wye River Fire west of Melbourne in which 116 houses were destroyed. The second and third deployments were to various fires across Tasmania. All three deployments were deemed arduous which requires high fitness and skill levels. The terrain in both Victoria and Tasmania was steep and rugged. In fact, the fire crews in Tasmania had to be flown in and out of certain locations by helicopter.

Being constantly selected to attend these deployments is a real credit to the commitment and experience of our community fire fighters. This certainly gives us huge experience on scales we hope to never experience here, whilst still being able to maintain full crew availability and our 100% response for any local emergency call-outs.

On the local community front, we recently provided fire coverage for the Lakeside Concert in February. The weather was amicable compared to last year and we enjoyed a pleasant evening along with the crowds.

The Lake Okareka Rural Fire Force is currently researching the acquisition of a water tanker to replace our existing tanker which has served us well for approximately eight years. We are also making slow but steady progress on the fire station rebuild and will be shortly applying for more funding towards this.

A couple of our fire fighters are off for a while on their overseas experience and, whilst we have other experienced fire fighters available, we are looking to recruit new members. Full training and personal protective equipment is provided. We do not operate on a roster system but rely on enough personnel within the local community to attend call-outs at any given time so that there is minimal impact on family life. This system has worked well for over 30 years. If you have been thinking about joining, please come down to the fire station at 7.30pm on a Wednesday night when we do training or phone me on 3628874. You can also go to our website: www.okarekaruralfire.com.

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Lake Ōkāreka Pipeline Operations

A summary of how the Lake Ōkāreka Pipeline is being managed by BOPRC.

Transfer of Day to Day Management

Since October 2015 the management of the pipeline has been transferred from Rotorua Lakes Council to the Regional Council. BOPRC's updated guidelines (Jan 2016) for operation of the pipeline include the statement "The operator is allowed to use their judgement to adjust flows as necessary to meet the purpose of the consent".

Consent Conditions

The conditions in Resource Consent #60776 that relate to flood control are:

- Condition 8.1 (Lake level range) and conditions 6.1 and 6.2 (discharge quantity).
- Condition 8.1 states that "The consent holder shall operate the inlet, outlet and pipeline structure to achieve
 the most effective lake level control for Lake Ōkāreka within the target range of 353.5 metres minimum lake
 level (Moturiki datum) and 353.9 metres maximum lake level (Moturiki datum)".
- Condition 6.1 states "The rate of discharge shall not exceed 239 litres per second."
- Condition 6.2 is that "The consent holder shall ensure that a minimum rate of discharge of 100 litres per second is maintained as far as practicable, to contribute to the base flow of the Waitangi Stream".
- Condition 8.1 (lake level) takes priority over condition 6.1 (minimum discharge).

Operation

Operation of the pipeline includes:

- · maintenance (clearing of debris from inlet pipes and inlet screen by a local contractor)
- monitoring the lake level
- season and weather forecasts
- · consulting with Fish and Game
- · adjusting the valve to alter flow (as required).

Interested/affected Parties

An email is sent out notifying interested parties of changes to the flow in the pipeline. Those interested in the operation of the pipeline include:

- Lake Ōkāreka residents
- · Fish and Game NZ
- Properties downstream of the pipeline outlet
- Staff from Rotorua Lakes Council and BOPRC (e.g. Consents)
- Department of Conservation
- Te Arawa Trust.

Note: Fish and Game NZ require flow in the Waitangi Stream from April to the beginning of December as Waitangi Stream is a trout fishery. If the pipeline does require closing prior to December due to low lake levels, Fish and Game NZ would prefer this to be done in graduated steps.

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89 Acacia Rd, Lake Okareka

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LAKE OKAREKA TENNIS CLUB

Autumn coaching for children:

Coaching for children started on 26 February (Friday afternoon) and runs for eight weeks including Easter Weekend. There are still spaces available. The sessions are:

Session 1	4pm to 4.45pm	for players up to 7 years
Session 2	4.45pm to 5.45pm approx	for players up to 9 years
Session 3	Approx 5.45pm to 7.00pm	for 10 years and over

Register your interest by advising the names and ages of children and indicate which session they are likely to attend. The coach (Henry Gers/Lakes Tennis) may move a child into another session depending on ability.

The cost is \$40 per child for session 1. For sessions 2 and 3 the cost is \$50 per child. If numbers need to be limited it will be on a first come first served basis.

Please pay the sub for coaching separately from the sub and put name of child as reference.

Contacts for the Tennis club: John 362 8282; Hongli 362 8106; or johnbattersby@xtra.co.nz



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RAT BAIT AND BAIT STATIONS—AUTUMN 2016

Thank you to everyone who has been rat baiting over the last few months. Thank you also to those property owners who have recently become involved with the Lake Okareka rat baiting programme. If you have checked your rat bait stations recently and cannot see that bait has been eaten it may be because the **rat bait is mouldy**.

The weather we have had recently - warm and damp - will cause the bait to go off quite quickly. Rats are definitely active again following the warmer summer - those doing rat and mustelid trapping in the riparian strip are finding this in the past couple of weeks. The best thing for you to do is to please remove the old rat bait, wrap it in a plastic bag and put into your rubbish sack. Rats can detect mould well before we can see it with the human eye. The bait becomes unpalatable to the rats and we hate to see disapponited rats! So please re-stock your rat bait stations with fresh bait and keep a close eye on what happens to the bait over the next few days and weeks. There is still some rat bait available and it is a very good idea to keep the bait stations stocked up to help protect bird life in the area over the next couple of months.

Landcare Okareka is supplied Ditrac rat bait under a Biodiversity Management Plan with Bay of Plenty Regional Council. The rat bait is available to individual property owners, with their own bait stations, to help support enhancing the biodiversity at Lake Okareka. If you are interested to take part, but maybe feel that you do not come to your property often enough to keep the bait station full, please contact us. We may be able to work out a partnering system with someone who lives here permanently, and is prepared to keep your bait station filled.

Ditrac is a poison, and care must be taken when using it.

How to Use Ditrac Bait:

It is recommended that bait be fed in a type of bait station, fitted with a locating rod, that does not allow the rats to carry baits away to be stored. The baits have holes in them and they thread onto the rod. Rats and mice eat the bait in the bait station. Bait station protects the bait from the weather. It means also that bait cannot be eaten by non-target species such as birds, dogs, cats and children.

<u>Bait stations</u> are available by contacting Mike and Sandra Goodwin 362 8865 or email <u>sgoodwin@actrix.co.nz</u>. We have a new type of lockable bait station, like a small suitcase. They also have locating pins for the bait. Cost of these is \$25. Please give us a call if you would like to purchase a bait station for your property.

Do you have a bait station already? That's great if you do. When you collect your bait you will need to confirm your name and address and the address of the bait station. We need to update our data base about bait stations and where they are located throughout Okareka – and many thanks to everyone who has done this so far.

<u>How do I get bait now?</u> Bait is available in labelled, zip lock bags, containing 12 rat baits. This is enough bait to fill one bait station 2 times during a month. Bait stations should usually not be filled more than twice during a month, otherwise you are wasting bait and feeding potentially dead rats and mice.

If you require the bait or a lockable bait station for \$25, please contact Mike & Sandra Goodwin phone 362 8865, 2 Pryce Road or Rod Stace phone 362 8523, 30 Summit Road or Mike Vincent 362 8376, 11 Branch Road. Please phone first to arrange a suitable time to collect bait or a bait station.

500TH RAT!!

We have caught our 500th rat, in fact at the time of writing we are up to 501. A big thanks to our trapping team of Dave Scott, Mike Goodwin, Rod Stace, Eli and Christian Walters, Steve and Liz Webb, Steve Harvey and Mike Vincent. As you may remember we have been trapping rats and other predators around the lakeshore margins since September 2013. Our other totals currently are 90 hedgehogs, 24 mustelids (ferrets and stoats) and two feral cats.

The Dabchicks and Scaup who are both endemic birds have been having a late summer flurry of nesting and young. In February we had a pair of Dabchicks build a nest in the tyres at the boat ramp jetty, they laid two legs but unfortunately abandoned the nest. A couple of people have pointed out that no wonder they are a threatened species if they nest in such a busy place.



DOC has asked us to conduct Dabchick counts at Okareka and the Blue Lake again this year. There will be three counts and these will take place from 9^{th} – 17^{th} April. If you would like to assist with counts, trapping or have any suggestions please contact Mike on 3628 376.



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LAKE TARAWERA PLAYCENTRE

Lake Tarawera Playcentre has had a fabulous start to the year! We have gained a few new members so it is great to see such a wonderful resource being shared with more local families, with children now having others their own age to make connections with. May this continue. Our new families are Vana with Holly and So-

phie, Michelle with Nico, and Liz with Brook and Harvey.

The older children have loved some extension art of Autumn Tree straw ink blowing, and creating their own collage picture using a range of materials of their choice. Plans for the rest of the term include face painting, zip lock paint bags: targeting our littlest members who are 1 year old, Easter egg basket making and an egg hunt and also doing some companion planting in our own vegetable garden and the community garden!

A highlight of our sessions is our shared morning teas, where each family usually brings along some fresh fruit or home baking, giving us a chance for some shared reading!

Any enquires please phone Vanessa on 3628705.

Cara, Melanie, Vanessa, Vana, Michelle, Liz and Robyn



<u>Draft Minutes Lake Okareka Community Assn Inc Annual General Meeting held in</u> <u>Lake Okareka Community Hall on Sunday 31st January 2016 from 10 am</u>

LOCA Chairman Geoff Palmer welcomed everyone present. He introduced the following people to the meeting: Rotorua Lakes Council Deputy Mayor Cr. Dave Donaldson, RLC Cr. Rob Kent; Bay of Plenty Regional Council Cr. Neil Oppatt, BOPRC staff members Andy Bruere (Lakes Operations Manager), Marnie Fornusek (Graduate Engineer), Helen Creagh (Rotorua Catchments Manager and Landcare Okareka's liaison person); Rotorua Lakes Community Board members Phill Thomas, Leo Meharry and John Dyer; Tarawera Ratepayers Assn Chairperson Libby Fletcher; Lakes WaterQualitySociety representatives John Green and Don Atkinson

The Chairman called for Apologies. These were recieved from: Rt.Hon Todd McClay M.P., RLC Mayor Steve Chadwick, RLC Cr. Karen Hunt, RLC Cr. Janet Wepa; BOPRC Chairman Doug Leeder, BOPRC Cr Lyall Thurston, BOPRC Cr Arapeta Tahana, Katy Hodgson, Sam Denford, Christine Caughey, Dianne Walford. It was moved that these apologies be accepted: Geoff Palmer/Carol Christian-Price - carried.

Geoff Palmer then invited **Marnie Fornuseck**, Graduate Engineer with Bay of Plenty Regional Council to speak about the **new pipeline** that takes water from Lake Okareka to the Waitangi Stream and into Lake Tarawera and the **operation of the new valve** and the inter relationship with levels of Lake Okareka. The 450 cm diameter concrete pipe which was deteriorating has been replaced with a 600 cm diameter HDPE pipe. Lake levels can be observed on the BOPRC website live lake monitoring. BOPRC have held the consent for the Lake Okareka outlet since 2001. Rotorua Lakes Council did look after the day to day management until October 2015 when this was transferred back to BOPRC staff. The lake level has a target range of 353.5 to 353.9 on the Moturiki Datum measurement. The maximum amount of water that can be discharged is 239 L/second and the minimum is 100 L/Second unless the lake levels are dropping. Marnie is preparing a report for the March Lake Okareka Newsletter.

Mrs Fenella Playne asked about where the pipeline discharges, was it discharged into the spring? Marnie Fornusek responded saying that usually it is discharged below the spring on the Waitangi Stream, but the spring does move its situation. Mike Vincent asked what happens to the datum height, if sea level rises? Marnie Fornusek responded stating that Moturiki is a solid rock benchmark - it would only move if there was an earthquake in its vicinity. Ian Kusabs asked if Te Arawa are being consulted/notified about the valve operation. Marnie Fornusek said she would make sure that they know what is happening. Colin Jackson asked if lake level takes priority over minimum flow and Marnie agreed with that statement. Geoff Palmer asked about the possibility of electronic control of the valve. Andy Bruere said that the whole pipeline and valve were being operated much differently with more notice taken about climate, season, weather, rainfall and lake levels. The lake is more likely now to remain within the limits, so more resources may not be required, no need to automate the controls. Marnie was asked about how many times the tap had been adjusted since she had taken over running the outlet and valve, response 3 - 4 times since October 2015.

Geoff Palmer then introduced Dr David Hamilton from University of Waikato to the meeting.

Dr. Hamilton presented an interim report based on work that University of Waikato were undertaking on Lake Okareka. The report looked at three scenarios 1. Present: post reticulation of sewerage, with zero input from domestic waste water 2. Past: nutrient inputs from wastewater based on McIntosh figures (2012) 3. Land Use Change: post reticulation, plus conversion 120 ha agricultural land and 50 ha of gorse to plantation forestry. Dr Hamilton spoke about the recent aquatic weed control work following the discovery of hornwort at Lake Okareka. This appears to have been reasonably successful (so far), but all Rotorua lakes are at risk from aquatic weed pests. He was concerned about the lower waters of Lake Okareka losing oxygen in summer when the water warms up and this results in Phosphate being released from the sediments, which in turn results in accelerated aquatic weed and algae growth in the lake waters.

He also spoke with concern about climate change and the resulting elevation of lake water temperatures which in the last 2 years have risen by 2° - 3° C and what the implications are for that. Dr. Hamilton also expressed some concerns around Overseer. Once the full report has been completely prepared it will be presented to the Te Arawa Lakes Programme, and then to Lake Okareka community for further comment and action.

Geoff Palmer questioned the need for the weed cordon at the launching ramp on Acacia Road reserve, which some people regard as a visual eyesore. Andy Bruere from Bay of Plenty Regional Council responded saying that the weed cordon acts by being a place to capture weed that is being introduced or removed from the lake. James Blakely, Lake Okareka resident who lives almost opposite to Lake Okareka says he sees the weed cordon from a different point of view. People pay more attention to it or ask why it is there and he doesn't believe that it has devalued properties at all. Don Atkinson from LWQS stated that he believed weed cordons had increasingly important weed control roles to play around the Rotorua lakes. The last 15 years have seen the spread of aquatic weeds in Rotorua lakes increase markedly - he would like to see that turned around.

Minutes of the Previous LOCA AGM held on 10 February 2015 were passed as a true and correct record - moved Carol Christian-Price/Mike Goodwin - carried.

Matters Arising: Nil

Chairman's Report January 2016: Geoff Palmer presented this report.

Main points were:

- upgrade of Lake Okareka outlet by BOPRC
- Lake Okareka Walking Track Stage 1: Boyes beach to DOC camp, continuing, \$85,000 in grants received for timber constructed boardwalk sections
- Management of DOC camp, Millar Road and Boyes beach overnight camp lights have recently been installed in Boyes beach toilets, LOCA paid 50% costs from BB overnight camping takings
- review of public litter bins, recycling education & facilities
- · cell phone coverage coming soon
- security at Lake Okareka
- Lake Okareka water quality Dr. David Hamilton's report
- Recreation & events strategy: pressure on lakes environment over summer; more events being requested around Lake Okareka, Rotorua Wake and Ski Club's proposal for a practice water skiing slalom
 course at Lake Okareka, has divided this community; the proposal to be investigated by BOPRC with
 the Review of Navigation Safety Bylaws for the region
- review of Lakes A Zone planning regulations later in 2016 RLC planners to ask what the communities want, not tell us what we should have
- Thanked all volunteers and residents who make any contribution to Lake Okareka

Geoff Palmer moved the adoption of the Chairman's Report/Fenella Playne, carried.

Comments:

John Green, LWQS commented that Lake Tarawera water quality is at risk, fed by 7 other lakes (Okareka, Okataina, Rotomahana, Rerewhakaaitu, Okaro, Rotokakahi (Green), Tikitapu (Blue)) public policies need to be consistent and extended to cover all lakes to ensure that the water in Lake Tarawera is protected.

Neil Kennedy: rubbish/litter at reserves - locals should be encouraged to take rubbish home - signage. Hard for tourist campers to take rubbish home! LOCA volunteers looking after Boyes beach also carry out litter pick up each day. Boyes beach was very busy over January 2016, especially when events were on at Tikitapu, cars parked along Millar Road, no room in BB car park. Rotorua Lakes Community Board to carry out a further investigation about "Pressure on Lakes".

Paddy Sands owner of Crater Farm: wants LOCA to put up signs to stop public from walking in DOC reserves around Lake Okareka. Some people are trespassing onto his land, as the old track is so overgrown.

Colin Jackson asked about water ski slalom course survey results: LOCA Chairman understands from BO-PRC staff that there has been no official application by Rotorua Wake and Ski Club for a water ski slalom course at Lake Okareka. The survey about this was not conducted by LOCA. LOCA understands that the results that RW&S Club got back, showed the Okareka community very divided over the proposal. The Harbourmaster and his team will manage the process going forward.

Speed of traffic through Okareka settlement: concerns were expressed by several people present, some of these have young families. Understand that some time ago Benn Road residents wanted one end of Benn Road closed, but that did not get supported by a majority. What can be done about speed through Okareka? Plain police traffic car, issue fines. Speed calming devices - strips were tried by RDC, but other residents of Okareka complained about the noise that they made when cars went over them. Lowered speed limit along Acacia Road, has been requested before but unlikely as speeds are related to funding from Transit NZ - 49% funded by Transit. What about speed bumps? It was felt that these would not be as noisy as the strips were. Leave to new LOCA Committee to investigate further. Annette Stock commented that local people need to take responsibility for their children (playing on roadsides) and dogs (not on leads when they should be). It was moved that LOCA request Rotorua Lakes Council investigate all methods to help with safer and slower traffic management within the Lake Okareka settlement area," moved Michael Rayner/Harry van der Merwe - carried.

Libby Fletcher from Tarawera commented that Tarawera Community are asking for large 50 kmph painted in red and white on road - or lower speed limit on Spencer Road. Perhaps the 2 communities can make requests together?

Security of settlement was also discussed, who would monitor security cameras? LOCA Committee to discuss further with local police.

Financial Report - 1st October 2014 to 30 September 2015

This was presented by Treasurer **Bryan Walford.** The accounts report was prepared by Stuart Wallace, Sage Accounting and accounts were audited by Melissa Taylor, Chartered accountant from Tauranga. The LOCA subscription numbers were down on recent years - 85 compared to up to 150 in other years. Donations have been made to the Salvation Army (at Christmas) and to Lake Okareka Pre School Group to help with some improvements and maintenance at the Hall. LOCA is GST registered and is also a registered charity. Funds

from Boyes beach overnight camp is partly tied to maintenance of the Tarawera Road recycling centre. Funding from Boyes beach has gone to support the Pre School group. Recently lighting was improved at the Boyes beach toilets. Funding raised by the DOC camp is tied to environmental projects such as the riparian pest control project - traps in boxes and traps for wild cats and for the Lake Okareka Walking Track project, which will include more planting as well as costs associated with building the track.

John Green suggested that vouchers for DOC camp volunteers which reimburse volunteers for travel and camp maintenance duties be noted as that.

Ray Cook suggested that the incoming LOCA Committee considers and develops a master plan - moved Ray Cook/Krystyna Palmer - carried.

The Financial Report was moved and adopted Marcel van Leeuwen/Carol Christian-Price - carried.

<u>Subscriptions for 2017 Financial Year:</u> It was moved that these remain at \$20 per year, per family/ household - made up of \$5 subscription and \$15 donation- moved Geoff Palmer/Marcel van Leeuwen - carried. <u>Appointment of Accountant and Auditor:</u> Moved that Stuart Wallace, Sage Accounting be appointed as the accountant to assist Bryan Walford to prepare the Annual Accounts, and that Melissa Taylor, Chartered Accountant from Tauranga be appointed the Auditor - Mike Bannister/Mike Goodwin - carried.

Election of LOCA Officers and Committee:

Gill Kenna was nominated by Ray Cook and seconded Neil Oppatt, Harry van der Merwe was nominated by John Battersby, seconded by Geoff Palmer, Cor Papenfus was nominated by Harry vander Merwe, seconded by Fleur Harvey, Gavin Hudson was nominated by Ray Cook, seconded by Roger Lorrigan.

The existing LOCA Committee Officers and members: Geoff Palmer (Chairman), Sandra Goodwin (Secretary), Bryan Walford (Treasurer), Carol Christian-Price, Katy Hodgson, Matt Harvey, Mike Vincent, Debbie Surtees, Marcel van Leeuwen had all offered themselves for re election. They were nominated en bloc by James Blakely/Mike Bannister.

There being no further nominations all of those nominated above were declared to be the incoming LOCA Committee for 2016 - carried.

Lake Okareka Walking Track Report: Brian Law, who acts as the LOCA Project Manager for the Walking Track reported that 95% of the benching of Stage 1, Boyes beach to the DOC camp has now been completed. The project has been supported over the past year by many people from Okareka and Rotorua volunteering to help. We have also had assistance from NZ Air Force personnel and staff from local ANZ Bank Fenton Street branch. Sandra Goodwin has a large volunteer list who are contacted about working bees.

So far four drainage pipes have been laid, signs have been erected on the DOC part of the reserve notifying that no dogs and no bikes have access into the reserve or use of the walking track. The walking track when completed, will be able to be used by people of all abilities including those in push chairs, wheelchairs and mobility scooters as well as able bodied walkers. Volunteers from LOCA have worked closely with both the Te Au Rere Waka Ama Club people, helping to clear an area for waka ama storage. We are also working closely with Te Waiariki Purea Trust who own the paddle shed building to help them obtain better vehicle access to the paddle shed, as well as to build the walking track. We hope to work even closer with Te Waiariki Purea Trust and RLC to enable some secure storage behind the paddle shed for tools & equipment for the on going project. The project is getting closer to the building of the timber boardwalks begining, in the next month or so. Owen

Builders will be carrying out that part of the project. When this work starts the track will be closed at times to through walking. Brian closed by thanking local **Mark McKenna** for all of his support with the track building over the past year.

Lake Okareka Dab Chick Protection Pest Trapping Report: Mike Vincent, one of the volunteers working on the pest trapping in the riparian areas around Lake Okareka presented his report. This project began in September 2013. There are now approximately 75 DOC 300 or DOC 250 traps in boxes in the lake edges which are targetting rats and mustelids. The DOC camp funds have purchased around 60 of these traps and boxes with the remainder coming from DOC. Count is up to 466 rats with around 5 hours per week put in by volunteers checking and re setting the traps. There seems to be more wetland birds nesting and raising chicks, epsecially dab chicks. Counts of dab chicks will be done in autumn.

Landcare Okareka Report: Mike Goodwin, one of the Landcare Okareka volunteers reported on another successful year. Monthly working bees continued to be held with mini working bees when required. Landcare Okareka co-ordinates the free rat bait for the Okareka settlement under the Biodiversity Management Plan which was completed this year with Bay of Plenty Regional Council. This is in support of Rotorua Forest & Bird Animal Pest Control Project in Tikitapu Scenic Reserve. Free wasp control service will continue to be offered to the community. The major project for this year will be planting along the edges of the new walking track and weed control. Landcare Okareka supports the RLC in removing the flaxes growing between the farm fences and the walkway. Mrs Fenella Playne supported the flax removal.

Cr Dave Donaldson acknowledged the issues of congestion around the lakes over summer. He also congratulated the Lake Okareka community on what it is achieving.

Chairman Geoff Palmer declared the LOCA AGM for 2016 closed at 12.20pm and invited people to stay to enjoy a light lunch and to have a chat.

Statement of Profit or Loss

Lake Okareka Community Association Incorporated For the year ended 30 September 2015

,	NOTES 2015	2014
Camp Collection Revenue		
Boyes Beach Income	26,270.21	
DOC Camp Income	72,977.25	62,555.64
Total Camp Collection Revenue	99,247.46	62,555.64
Camp Associated Costs		
Consumables	1,165.55	
Maintenance - Campsite	831.75	
Maintenance - Facilities	6,128.83	30,020.89
Travel reimbursement	1,260.00	
Vouchers	20,800.00	
Walkway project	1,665.61	
Waste Removal	4,200.00	
Total Camp Associated Costs	36,051.74	30,020.89
Net Funds from Camp	63,195.72	32,534.7
Other Revenue		
Advertising Income	1,777.34	2,681.63
Donations Income	2,345.00	2,755.0
Interest Income	2,666.30	1,871.0
Subscriptions Income	682.86	769.9
Sundry Income	47.83	130.4
Total Other Revenue	7,519.33	8,208.0
Net Revenue	70,715.05	40,742.82
Expenses		
Accounting	240.00	
Administration Costs	300.21	
Advertising	383.00	
Bank Fees	25.00	
Carol Service	339.56	390.9
Community Maintenance & Dog Station Cost	519.13	751.4
Donations Given	3,916.47	1,023.9
General Expenses	285.19	351.6
Insurances	600.00	
Meeting Expenses	221.38	207.8
Newsletter Costs	4,160.00	4,142.0
Pest Control	1,186.34	
Phone Book Costs	427.00	
Postage Freight & Courier	630.87	462.0
Printing & Stationery	410.09	491.8
Website Costs		
Total Expenses	241.35 13,885.59	283. 8,104.
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	15,865.39	0,104.

These financial statements have been prepared without conducting an audit or review engagement, and should be read in conjunction with the attached Compilation Report.

Annual Report Lake Okareka Community Association Incorporated



Balance Sheet

Lake Okareka Community Association Incorporated As at 30 September 2015

11	NOTES	30 SEP 2015	30 SEP 201
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and Bank			
Boyes Beach Float		200.00	
Debtors		3,757.99	1,731.00
Interest Receivable		1,248.09	732.45
Kiwibank - Boyes Beach A/c		15,973.56	
Kiwibank - DOC Camp A/c		24,759.03	13,048.71
Kiwibank - Savings A/c		11,397.47	11,053.26
Kiwibank Term Deposit		80,000.00	40,790.11
Westpac Main A/c		4,865.74	4,010.71
Total Cash and Bank		142,201.88	71,366.24
Total Current Assets		142,201.88	71,366.24
Total Assets		142,201.88	71,366.24
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
GST Payable		9,266.77	1,181.49
Total Current Liabilities		9,266.77	1,181.49
Non-Current Liabilities			
Grants Received in advance		5,000.00	
Creditors		2,586.35	1,665.45
Total Non-Current Liabilities		7,586.35	1,665.45
Total Liabilities		16,853.12	2,846.94
Net Assets		125,348.76	68,519.30
Equity			
Retained Earnings		125,348.76	68,519.30
Total Equity		125,348.76	68,519.30

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Statement of Changes in Equity

Lake Okareka Community Association Incorporated For the year ended 30 September 2015

Y 1	2015	2014
Society Funds		
Opening Balance	68,519.30	35,881.11
Increases		
Current year earnings	56,829.46	32,638.19
Total Increases	56,829.46	32,638.19
Total Society Funds	125,348.76	68,519.30

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LAKE OKAREKA FISHING CLUB

Thank you to everyone that has participated in the past summer fishing competitions. Due to falling numbers we have decided that only one fishing competition will be held this year. This will be held in winter—dates to be advised.

The following trophies are up for grabs for the winter competition:

Biggest Bag Individual Heaviest Trout—Adult Male
Biggest Bag Team Heaviest Trout—Female
Biggest Bag Family Heaviest Trout—Junior
Biggest Bag Junior Best Condition Factor

Steve Lyons one of the committee members has moved from Lake Okareka so we are looking for some help to organise the winter competition. If you are interested please contact one of us.

Dean Foster 3628 960 and Jason Douglas 3628 448

EVENT LAKE, RESERVE AND ROAD CLOSURES APRIL 16 TO JUNE 16

Start Date	End Date	Event	Location	Reserve	Road Closure / Usage
03/04/16	08/04/16	National Secondary School Waka Ama Regatta	Blue Lake	Blue Lake Reserve	This event will be using the Rotorua Ski Club. There will be event and traffic turning signs on Tarawera Rd. Blue Lake Reserve is used for parking each day
16/04/16	16/04/16	XTERRA Rotorua Festival	Blue Lake	Blue Lake Reserve	There is a full road closure of Tarawera Rd between each end of Okareka Loop Rd, 6am - 5:30pm. Runners/Walkers on Tarawera Rd, 8am, between Blue Lake and Green/Blue Lake Lookout. This section of road is closed for 5 minutes.
05/06/16	05/06/16	3D Rotorua	Blue Lake	Blue Lake Reserve	Lake is used for Kayak leg of multisport event Reserve is used for set up.

Rotorua District Council manages all reserve booking for events that happen in Rotorua. They also meet regularly with the BOP Regional Council to discuss and coordinate events happening close to and on all of the lakes in the region. Both organisations appreciate the impact events can have on the location they are held, both positive and negative. If you have feedback that you would like to offer or you wish to discuss events happening in your area, please contact the Events Manager on 07 351 8654 or by emailing major.events@rdc.govt.nz



LANDCARE OKAREKA REPORT—MARCH 2016

Welcome to a new year - 2016. Landcare Okareka volunteers undertook a great tidy up Working Bee at Boyes beach reserve on Saturday 27th February 2016. Over the next couple of months we will be doing more of this in various reserve areas around Lake Okareka.

We will be doing this work to try to keep on top of the weeds which have benefitted from the wet and warm summer conditions.



Landcare Okareka Volunteers working at Boyes beach, Millar Road, Lake Okareka on Saturday 27th February 2016. From left to right: Ian Stuart, Elli Walter, Rod Stace, Mike Goodwin, Steffen Lotzmann (sitting), Christine Caughey, Sam Lusk, Brian Law. Photo taken by Sandra Goodwin

Once conditions become right for planting, damp and cool - and the plants from the nurseries are big enough to put in - we will be carrying out more planting in various reserves, as we usually do. One of the areas that we would like to replant this winter are the gardens on either side of the Lake Okareka Community Hall. There will also be plenty of scope for planting along the new walking track from Boyes beach to the DOC camp, once the track is completed.

If you are keen to help with any Landcare Okareka working bees, we would appreciate any time that you have to spare. Working Bees will continue to happen on the 4th Saturday of the month (unless otherwise notified). Watch out for the sign boards to go up - and please feel free to come and help.

Sandra Goodwin, Secretary, Landcare Okareka, Phone 3628 865 or email sgoodwin@actrix.co.nz

2015 LAKE OKAREKA COMMUNITY TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Please make the following changes to the directory:

Add: Rahm, Mathew 91 Acacia Road

Leslie, Jo and Craig 8 Loop Road 021 819 466

Remove: Donald, Norman 42 Loop Road

Oxley, Kate 10 Branch Road Anderson, D.A. 11A Summit Road Douglas, Megan 100 Loop Road

For any corrections, additions or deletions please contact Carol on 3628 702.

LOCA SUBSCRIPTION 2016

* Do you enjoy reading this quarterly newsletter?

- Aren't you please someone represents you to the Council?
- * Do you enjoy the community events?

These are carried out by or with the help of the Lake Okareka Community Association (LOCA) but this work is not possible without your support.

Your chance to have a say and keep informed is here now.

Pop \$20 in an envelope with your name and address, post or deliver it to:

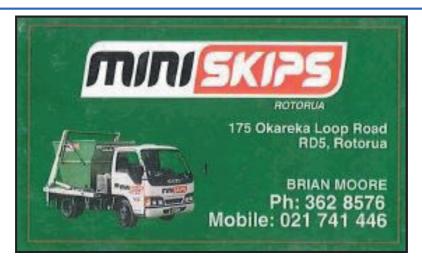
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C/- 23 Millar Road

Lake Okareka

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CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

Lake Okareka Tee-Shirts—we still have a few adult sized tee-shirts available (Small to 3XL). These are on sale at \$15 each. Also available 10 Lake Okareka postcards for \$5. If interested please phone **Carol Christian-Price on 3628 702.**

Flowers By Tess Ph: 021 126 0858 or 07 362 8366—Weddings and Corporate designs - Bereavement and Floral bouquets. For creative ideas to suit your floral needs.

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Marko Services Ph: 027 4925 468 or 07 362 8366—Bob cat digger - Truck Hire - Landscaping - Drilling & Rock Breaker Hire Earth moving - Rubbish Bin hire sizes 3-9 metre.

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Bee Swarms— Please phone me if you see any swarms this spring but only if they have settled. Not much use if I get a call to say "they went thataway". Phone Bryan 3628 224.

Super dry fast start kindling—\$10.00 for 1 box or \$25.00 for 3 boxes. Contact Hunter Potter, Ember Enterprise on 3628 556 or hunterjpotter@gmail.com.

Avon—my name is Caroline Wingate and I am an Avon representative. If you are interested in Avon please contact me on 3628 207, 021 148 9986 or cwingate@slingshot.co.nz.

Babysitter—my name is Lucy Phibbs and I am 14 years old. I am available for babysitting for daytime and evenings. I am enthusiastic and great with kids. **Phone: 3628 897.**

Are Wasp Nests a Problem for You?

If you can locate the nest, we can treat it - at NO cost. This is a community service offered by Landcare Okareka, with chemicals funded from donations received by the group—phone Mike Goodwin 3628 865.

FREE—Marque available for community events. **Phone Cathy Lines**, Licensed Salesperson, Okareka & Tarawera Specialist. First National Real Estate. Mob: 021 033 7707 or after hours on 3628 112.

Sharpen your chainsaw on my electric grinding gadget for free or I will do it for \$5—phone Bryan on 3628 224.

Pet Feeding Services - Pet feeding services over the holiday season and throughout the year, \$7 per visit includes indoor plants watered and mail collected. Limited boarding pens may be available—**phone Carol on 3628 702.**

Heather Horton (Artist) - Watercolours, Oils, Pastels and lead-lighting work can be seen in the studio. Works are for sale, or can be ordered—**phone 3628 165.**

Trees felled for free - Conditions apply—phone Chris 3628 679 or Peter 3628 108

Mobile Library visits every 2nd Monday at the bus stop opposite 19 Loop Road from 3.25pm to 4.10pm.

Trays made of recycled rimu - three sizes: 270x375 \$30, 310x450 \$40, 360x510 \$50 - phone **Bryan on 3628 224**.

BK Transfers and Shuttles—24 hours shuttle service and personalized service to Auckland, Hamilton, Tauranga, Taupo and Rotorua cities/airports. **Phone Graeme 3628 867 or 027 3628 867.**

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