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Front Cover:

Lake Okareka Preschool Xmas Play—see page 16 for further details.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT—DECEMBER 2017



It's feeling like summer and we are starting to see our long-lost lake edges and walking tracks again.

We know Okareka is a place that's very special to those of us who live here. It's also really special to those who visit, and summer is a time when we experience an influx of visitors to our community.

It's a time to reflect on the roles we all have as guardians of this place – alongside our local iwi Tuhourangi and the Te Arawa Lakes Trust (as owners of the lakebed) who have the long connection with Okareka over many centuries – and to acknowledge the phenomenal efforts of so many of our local residents and volunteers.

Always at the risk of leaving some critical people and groups out, have a think about:

- The thriving native bird populations on the lake and in the bush, and the healthy clumps of mistletoe – due to the ongoing work of LandCare Okareka trapping, weeding and planting, and the similar efforts of Forest and Bird and the Rotorua Botanical Society in the Tikitapu Reserve. All these groups are supported by the Bay of Plenty Regional Council and the Department of Conservation who continue to show strong support for community efforts.
- A rural fire service, second to none, who are not only on hand for fire emergencies but also deal with traffic accidents, slips and fallen trees (among other things) – and it's made up of local volunteers from our community.
- A local tennis club providing fantastic opportunities for young and old, with local investment over the last few years resulting in an outstanding playing surface and now a new clubrooms.
- Walking tracks (some a bit worse for wear just at the moment) that provide locals and visitors alike with brilliant outdoor experiences – put in place and maintained on the backs of community volunteers.
- Our community hall, providing a home for our local pre-school, and a venue for local events – and the sometimes unsung efforts that go into its ongoing upkeep and bookings
- Our stunning campgrounds that provide a little slice of paradise to visitors and locals – and provide revenue for our community to keep maintaining and developing our assets – and they're managed by just a few special people.

- We continue to see our local yacht race at New Year on the lake – a highlight for many, and carefully and professionally organised to provide this to our young and old.

From a LOCA perspective, we want to get it right by supporting all these local initiatives where we can and we want to do better in this regard. And as Committee we've been focused on several other key priorities:

- Working hard with Bay of Plenty Regional Council politicians and staff throughout the winter and spring. We've seen a temporary pumping solution put in place but probably as importantly have seen the communication channels opened wide from the Council to the community. There's a way to go before a permanent solution is locked down but we're talking and at the table working together.
- Starting the planning for the inevitable reinstatement and repair work for those areas damaged by high lake levels.
- Providing a submission to the Rotorua Lakes Council on its spatial plan – highlighting the importance of very close engagement with the local community before proposing changes.
- Working in partnership with the Lakes Community Board on a number of initiatives – and again, their work is largely unseen but the work of those elected members Phil Thomas, Jim Stanton, Nick Chater and Fred Stevens for the District's lakes has been tireless.
- Putting on a social event for the community (partly to get people to come to a special general meeting but are now committed to doing more); we've tried hard to engage more through our facebook page, emails and the website; we've supported the Pre-School Xmas party and continue to publish the newsletter.

And there's more!

Once again, I'd like to thank the LOCA members – it's takes time and effort from all involved but it's always done with good humour and a sense of purpose and pride. And the engagement and communication has been relentlessly positive, collaborative and constructive – something our community is increasingly known for.

And as a group we'd like to thank all our other groups and individuals who do so much – and to encourage others to get involved where they can by attending working days, making submissions on issues of interest, voting at the AGM, engaging on facebook etc. It's fun and builds a sense of place and connection.

Happy Xmas.

Henry Weston

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TIKITAPU SCENIC RESERVE PEST CONTROL PROGRAMME



The pest control project for 2017 is now complete. This year the toxins used were Pindone in the bait stations targeting rats, Cyanide in Bio Bags nailed to the trees at 59m intervals along the bait lines.

The results are:

- **Rats**

Prebaiting 46% reduced to 6% post baiting and 8% at follow up after 1 month.

- **Marsupials**

Prebaiting 5% increased to 11% post baiting and 26% at follow up after 1 month.

It is disappointing to get an increase in marsupials after baiting. They appeared to mainly be young possums or wallabies that are presumed to have survived after their mothers died from the cyanide. Then after a month there must have also been some reinvasion into the area.

A total of 29 possums and 4 wallaby plus 1 joey were found by the bait stations. The kill traps in place since last December also removed 48 possums.

As it has been decided not to do a bird count every year, one did not take place this year.

A monthly roster of volunteers ensured the Mistletoe and Nature walks were checked and maintained.



The caution period for the reserve will continue until the signs are taken down, approximately 4 months after the stations were cleared at the beginning of October.

This time is required for the complete decom-

position of the carcasses and degradation of the bait. Until the signs are removed please do not touch any carcasses or bait and remember to keep dogs out of the reserve at all times.

A big thank you to all those who have helped with the Tikitapu Pest Control Project this year. The project depends on your assistance.

New volunteers are always welcome and if anyone is interested in being involved in the pest control programme, or going on the roster to check the Nature and Mistletoe walks please let me know. Some of our older volunteers are finding they are no longer able to continue with this project and we would love to get some younger people on the volunteer list.

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New members are always welcome.

Coaching for children on Friday is in full swing

Session One (up to 7 years) starts at 4:00pm
Session Two (up to 9 years) starts at 4:35pm
Session Three (10 years & over) starts at 5:35pm

\$40 per child for Session one & \$50 per child for Sessions Two & Three
Parents are encouraged to have a hit during these times

Other News

Members are enjoying the new club house that was built by TPB Properties. The facility is available to anyone in the community to hire. Please contact the club as per below for details.

Adult Tennis

A regular group of keen tennis players has started meeting every Thursday at 5:30pm for a hit. Feel free to come along and join in.

Club Contacts

Craig Kilmister [027 455 9301] or Janine Coleman [021 665 464]



Process for Jetty or Foreshore Upgrades



With summer just around the corner, the lakes are starting to get busier. For those with a jetty, boat ramp, boatshed or other lake structure it's a great time to check whether that structure is in good condition.

If you do notice the structure is in need of a tidy up, these maintenance works need to be delayed until after the Dabchick breeding season (1 September – 31 December). Remember any maintenance works must remain within the existing footprint of the structure (including height) and Regional Council must be notified prior to any works being carried out. Email notify@boprc.govt.nz to inform them about this.

If you are looking to carry out works outside of the existing footprint of the structure, then a resource consent would be required prior to any works being carried out. If your structure sits on or in a lake bed owned by the Te Arawa Lakes Trust, then approval from this group is needed prior to any work being done. Consent from Te Arawa Lakes Trust after modifications have taken place will not be approved. Contact details for the Te Arawa Lakes Trust can be found [here](#).

For those with lake structure resource consents who are yet to receive their information pack, we are still working our way through sending these out. Regional Council has acknowledged that some consents will expire before packs are received. Remember if you have any questions about lake structures, the

rules and the consenting process you can go to www.boprc.govt.nz/lakestructure

Maintenance works on boat sheds or lake structures do require building consent where a component has failed to meet the durability of the requirements of the Building Code that are 50 years for structural components and 15 years for the likes of cladding systems. When you are undertaking maintenance works, you need to ensure that building code requirements are met. Building consent is also required where the footprint of any structure is altered.

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Protecting Dabchicks and other birds

The trapping has been difficult over winter and spring but as the lake level drops we will be able to redeploy the traps that had to be closed down due to the high water levels. Our total catches and volunteer hours at the end of November are:

Man hours	1005.40
Rats	1064
Hedge-hogs	176
Ferret	35
Stoat	5
Weasel	4
Feral Cats	6
Mice	113

At the last LOCA committee meeting it was decided to use the Goodnature A24 traps on lake side properties. To this end LOCA committee members will be approaching property owners to discuss putting a trap on their property.

Or you can ring Mike Vincent on 027 36 28 376 if you would like to help.`



At the time of writing there are Dabchicks with young in the Steep St area and near the jetty. The photos are of the Dabchick family near Steep St.

Mike Vincent



Lake Okareka Preschool News

The children have been experiencing maintaining the community garden with the carpet we have had donated by the Curran family. This will certainly keep our hard work of weeding down over the coming months. We are close to achieving our Heart Foundation healthy eating Gold award.

We celebrated Davina's ten years teaching at Preschool. We held a special morning tea to celebrate. We now have a teaching team who have been teaching together for ten years.

The children have been baking a Christmas cake with Pam Bowyer, the children enjoyed being involved in contributing to our special celebration cake. We will share the cake with everyone after the Nativity Play on Friday 1st December.



Grandma Pam



Davina cuts her special cake celebrating 10 years teaching at Preschool.

Salvation Army food items collection

Our families donated non-perishable food items for this very special cause. The children then presented these to the representative from the Salvation Army who came in after the Nativity play.

Santa's Visit to Preschool

Santa will visit on Wednesday 6th December and the children will each receive a gift from him and as we celebrate the joy of giving will also have a little something for him and Mrs Claus.

Nativity play – Friday 1st December

This play involved all the children and was a play about the story of Christmas.

The play was followed by a picnic dinner at Preschool. The Salvation Army band came along to sing the Christmas carols. Santa of course made an appearance around 7pm for a lolly scramble to give lollies to the children, much to the children's delight. Thank you to Santa and his support from the Lake Okareka Rural Fire Crew.

For all enquiries please contact
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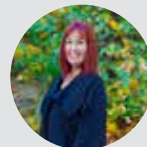
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Rat Bait and Bait Stations - Summer 2017

Thank you to everyone who has been rat baiting over the last few months. There is still rat bait available and it is a very good idea to keep the bait stations stocked up to help protect nesting and fledgling bird life over the next couple of months.

Ditrac rat bait provided by Bay of Plenty Regional Council is, once again available to individual property owners, to support enhancing the biodiversity at Lake Okareka. We are especially interested in getting even more lake side properties involved with rat bait stations. We believe that we are seeing the benefit of both the rat bait programme on private land as well as the trapping programme in the lake side reserve areas. If you are interested to have a bait station on your property, 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. The 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.

Bait stations are available by contacting Mike and Sandra Goodwin 362 8865 or email slgoodwin.nz@gmail.com 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 \$20

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.

How do I get bait now? 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 \$20, please contact Mike & Sandra Goodwin phone 362 8865, 2 Pryce Road or Rod Stace phone 362 8523, 30 Summit Road.

Please phone first to arrange a suitable time to collect bait or a bait station.

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NEW YEAR'S DAY 2018

Anyone with a yacht? Keep the afternoon free.

Starts at BOYES BEACH and sails around Lake Okareka.

Sailing in the race requires the wearing of a life vest. Each sailor will take responsibility for themselves and their boat.

A health and safety briefing will be held at 1.40pm

Race Start
1.50pm P Class on handicap

It's a good idea to get to Boyes Beach by 1.30 pm.

Entries on the day.

ALL WELCOME

Come out for a fun time on the water!! We look forward to seeing you there.



Phone Book Updates!

**Names and phone number(s) for the phone book to Carol on 362 8702
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Landcare Okareka Report—December 2017



In spite of the very wet weather and the high lake and ground water levels over winter and early spring, volunteers from Landcare Okareka have managed to carry out some planting.

One area that was planted and mulched was the new garden area that has been created adjacent to the new walking track going across Boyes beach. The other area that was planted was part of the Millar Road wetland area. Thank you to the LO volunteers who helped with these plantings and mulching.

The Millar Road wetland area is one of the recognised areas of high ecological value which surround Lake Okareka. There are several other sites as well, many of which get care and attention from Landcare Okareka volunteers. The Millar Road wetland area is now on the Bay of Plenty Regional Council list of wetlands which are being monitored on an on-going schedule - soils, water and vegetation.

With the high lake levels much lake side vegetation has been lost, and this will be a focus for Landcare Okareka over the coming year or so.

The rat and other animal pest trapping team are still continuing to trap pests. The team is growing in numbers and has some more younger people involved. We have one volunteer who is doing a great job with targetting possums, as well as looking after a rat line - great work Elli Walter! And a huge thank you to everyone involved with this project.

Thank you to the small team of volunteers who undertook litter pick up both parts of Okareka Loop Road on either side of the settlement. Several bags of litter were collected - great work team! If you notice litter lying about, please feel free to pick it up - rather than walking or driving past!

The lakeside walking tracks have taken a fair amount of damage with high lake levels. Rotorua Lakes Council have some repair works to undertake on the Lake Okareka Walkway, before it can be safely opened. Landcare volunteers have been doing some work on the Taumaihi DOC track at the end of the peninsula.

There is always maintenance work (weed control) to be done on past plantings and we thank the Landcare Okareka volunteers who undertake this work so reliably.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with Landcare Okareka volunteer work over this past year. We are thankful to all of those who assist with this work. Wishing you all a safe and happy festive season. Hope to see many of you in the New Year.

Sandra Goodwin

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The reminder comes after surveys last year showed that boaties on the Lakes are less likely to wear life-jackets. The findings showed that people often underestimated the risk of freshwater; forgetting you are less buoyant, it's often colder and they can be very

isolated.

With three fatalities in the Lakes last season, Bay of Plenty Harbourmaster Peter Buell says there is a false sense of security on the lakes and the fatalities reinforce this.

"When you look at the statistics behind these accidents they show us that most accidents occur suddenly with no warning. This means that there may be no time to grab a lifejacket unless it is close at hand and it is extremely difficult to put on a lifejacket once you are in the water. It's best to wear a lifejacket the entire time you are on the water," says Mr Buell.

With the new Navigation Safety Bylaw now in place the team will also be promoting the main changes. Some of the main changes to effect Lake Ōkātēka residents include:

- People on board vessels 6m or less must wear a properly fitting lifejacket at all times unless the skipper has assessed the risk and advised it is safe to not wear one.
- All Jetski using Bay of Plenty waterways now need to be registered. This can be done online at www.boprc.govt.nz/pwc
- To help with identification, powered vessels over 4m and non-powered vessels over 6m are required to be clearly marked with a name or number.

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The Lake Okareka Volunteer Rural Fire Force

Hi all

Well, the warm weather has finally appeared and, now that we won't be needing our fires for a while, it's timely to have well-used chimneys be swept so they will be ready and safe for next winter.

Also, a reminder that we are now in the Restricted Fire Season and any open fires must be permitted. Please contact Rotorua Lakes Council for this, and check the conditions and any restrictions in force on the day of your permitted burn. Please also remain vigilant for signs of smoke in the bush and surrounding areas.

This last week has seen the Lake Okareka Rural Fire Force involved in a number of community events. The Rotorua Fire and Emergency NZ Open Day at the central station was well supported by the public and the fire truck races for the children were a huge hit. Likewise, the Santa delivery to the Lake Okareka Carol Evening is always a merry occasion. Mudtopia was a muddy affair but the younger members, and a few older ones, rolled their sleeves up, or rather their trousers, and got themselves dirty by mixing the mud and water by foot. This was followed by both the fire appliance and tanker being part of the procession in the Santa Parade in the afternoon.

On a fundraising note, a team from the Fire Force have entered the 2018 Sky Tower Stair Climb. This will be the fifth consecutive year for Lake Okareka Rural Fire. This event raises funds for Leukaemia and Blood Cancer New Zealand to support victims and their families. If you would like to support the Lake Okareka Rural Fire team for next year's Sky Tower Challenge, you can make donations via the following website: <https://firefightersclimb.org.nz/>.

If you have been thinking about joining the Fire Force, 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 Okareka Community Assn - Annual General Meeting (LOCA AGM)

Sunday 11th February 2018 10.00 am

in the Lake Okareka Community Hall

All property owners and people living at Lake Okareka are welcome to attend.

Nominations for LOCA Committee

We encourage nominations from the Lake Okareka community for the positions of - Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer or as one of the 10 Committee members.

These nominations are needed 14 days before the AGM – emailed to loca.secretary@gmail.com by **Sunday 28 January 2018**, as required by the LOCA Constitution.

Nominees and their nominator and seconder must be financial members of LOCA, at the date of the AGM.

If you have a matter that you would like discussed at the LOCA AGM, please feel welcome to come along and raise it at the AGM.

Alternatively, if you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact the Chairman Henry Weston 3628 190 or any of the Committee members – names and contact details are inside front cover of “The Newsletter”.

Lake Okareka Community Association Inc. (LOCA) Nomination Form for LOCA Committee 2018

Name of Person Nominated for LOCA Committee

(this person must be a current financial member of LOCA)

Position nominated for: Chairperson/Secretary/Treasurer/Committee member

Contact details :

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Nominated by: _____

(this person must be a current financial member of LOCA)

Seconded by: _____

(this person must be a current financial member of LOCA)

Please email or hand form to the Secretary by the **Sunday 28 January 2018** to LOCA Secretary, 2 Pryce Road, Lake Okareka RD5, Rotorua 3076 or loca.secretary@gmail.com



Lake Okareka Community Association

PROXY FORM

I hereby authorise _____, a financial member of the Lake Okareka Community Association, to serve as my proxy and to vote on my behalf at the Lake Okareka Community Association Annual General Meeting to be held on 11 February 2018.

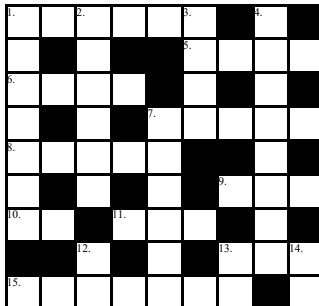
This proxy is valid for:

_____ All matters voted on at the meeting
 _____ Specific issue/matter (please explain)

If you are unable to attend the AGM, please complete this proxy form. You can send it by email to loca.secretary@gmail.com; alternatively, the form can also be handed to a financial member who is attending the AGM and provided to the Secretary before the start of the meeting.

_____ Name of member
 _____ Signature
 _____ Date

Quick Crossword



Across	Down
1. Sufficient (6)	1. Clarify (7)
5. Comply (4)	2. Public Speaker (6)
6. Performance (4)	3. Hello Spain (4)
7. Must be payed (5)	4. Dilapidated (8)
8. Love (5)	7. Restrain (6)
9. Swine (3)	12. Act (2)
10. Negative (2)	13. Included (2)
11. Definite Article (3)	14. Therefore (2)
13. Belongs to (3)	
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Amendments to the Lake Okareka Community Association Constitution as approved at the Special General Meeting held on 14 October 2017

1. Section 12. Annual General Meeting

Remove clause 12.3

[12.3 If pursuant to paragraph 12.2, insufficient nominations are received for the Officers, and for up to 10 members to serve upon the Executive Committee, additional nominations may be received from the floor at the Annual General Meeting.]

Motion to accept the above change

H Weston / M Norrie

Carried with 2 members voting against

Section 14. Procedure at General Meetings

Make additions to clause 14.2

14.2 At any General Meeting each financial member present at such meeting shall be entitled to one (1) vote, with one vote per household subscription allowed.

Motion to accept the above change

H Weston / M Norrie

Carried with 1 member voting against

Additional Clause 14.3

14.3 Where any member entitled to attend and vote at a General Meeting is unable to attend the meeting, that member may appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his or her behalf. The proxy must be in a form prescribed by the Committee, signed and given to the Secretary before the start of the meeting.

Accepted that should only apply to resolutions that have previously been circulated rather than new issues.

Motion to accept the above change

H Weston / G Palmer

Carried with 2 members voting against

Changes to clause 14.3 which becomes 14.4 Voting:

14.4 Voting at all General Meetings shall be by word of mouth, or by show of hands, unless a ballot shall be demanded by a majority of the members present. All votes at such meetings must be cast in person at any General Meeting. Proxy voting complying with clause 14.3 will be permitted. Remove the following *[and no proxy voting shall be permitted.]*

Nominations for committee are to be in 14 days prior to the General Meeting.

Motion to accept the above change

H Weston / D Falconer

Carried



Lake Okareka Community Association

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Date: 1 January 2018

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LAKE EVENTS AND CLOSURES

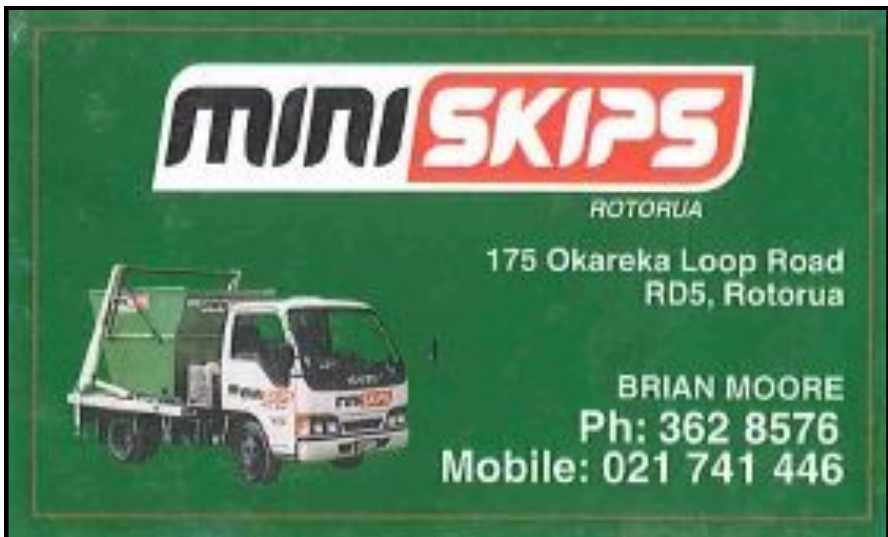
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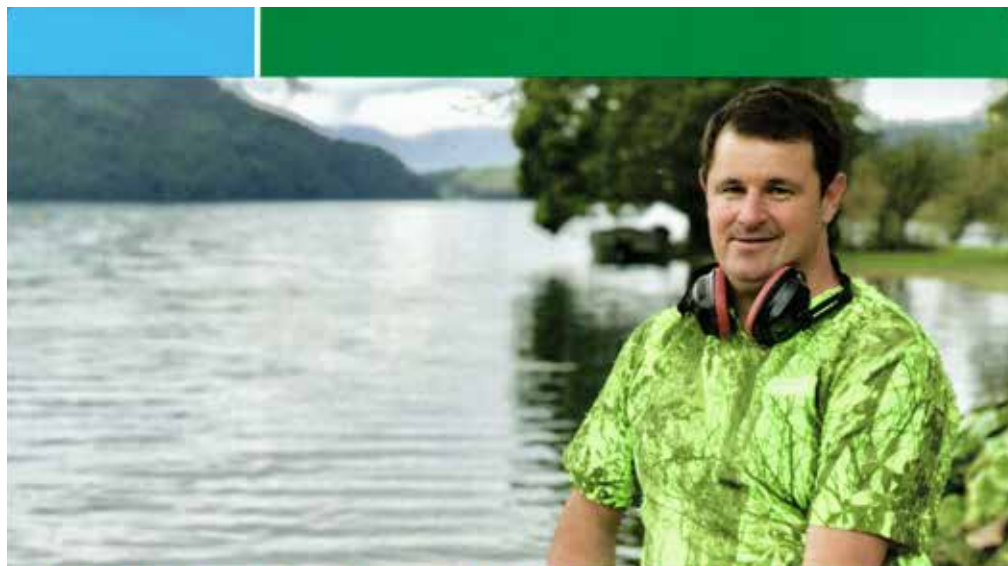
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