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Donations are required for the fireworks display to go ahead at the Lake Ōkāreka end of year party on the 6th November. If you are able to contribute please contact the Fire Station.

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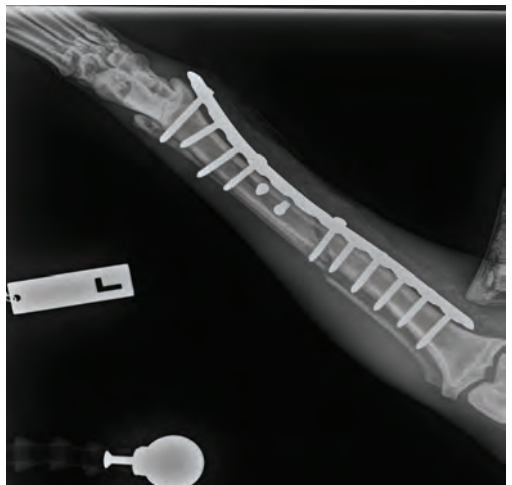
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Chair's Report August 2021

July and August have bought the reminder of winter for sure this week– and nothing says ‘spring’ more than the arrival of triplet lambs in the pouring rain and 2c!! Nature is cruel sometimes. What the rain has done is help fill the lake a little – after a dry summer.

Your LōCA team continue to focus on what it can do to support and improve the community we all live in. Following our strategy, we are working on each aspect with intensity and with some progress.

Water Quality

We continue to monitor and work with agencies to ensure our water quality is improving. Please check this website for up-to-date information - Water quality dashboard link:

<https://www.rotorualakes.co.nz/vdb/document/1797>

The water level data is now on RLC's new environmental portal. This is a link to the level data.

<https://envdata.boprc.govt.nz/Data/DataSet/Chart/Location/FJ330944/DataSet/Lake%20Level/Moturiki/Interval/Custom/2020/07/29/2021/07/29>



Lake Ōkāreka water temp

Our understanding from BOPRC, is the work on the outlet pipe will be completed in October and the lake levels will then be managed and monitored as per their normal ranges. It is hoped that we do get a little more water in the lake, however the new pipe work will help improve the correct flow of water and assist the management of this. We will continue to work towards the new ongoing long-term consent for this now this work has been completed.

The lake spraying continues and has proved to be effective in helping improve the quality of the water. We are extending this to further conversations with BOPRC, to adopt an already approved plan to remove the lake of all non-native weeds and show case Lake Ōkāreka as the lake with the most improved lake quality in NZ. There is much interest in the performance of our lake, so we are developing strong relationships with partners that will assist us achieve this aspiration.

Plant Pests

Climbing Spindleberry – continues to be our number one plant pest this year, unfortunately we missed the opportunity to get drone footage of where it is located here, to help us put together a community plan of eradications. Please see the attached link – if you wish to understand anything further on this annoying vine!! We will keep you updated of the community plan once we have this footage completed. <https://cdn.boprc.govt.nz/media/321642/PP25-Climbing-spindleberry.pdf>

Cherry Trees – clearly these are a pest plant that we need to work on. We have some strong support from a community member who has kindly provided us with some research and background information on this species. We are working through this currently and will provide further information on how we are going to attack this once a plan is agreed.

It is important to remember that although our goal is to return our surroundings to native bush as much as possible, total eradication is not going to happen overnight and will take all of us to be a part of the solution. Some of the cherry species, are admired and adored and this is understandable. What we need to do is help to educate and share our knowledge to help remove as many of these wayward species as possible.



Status as a pest plant in the Bay of Plenty

Climbing spindleberry is a Containment Pest Plant in the Bay of Plenty Regional Pest Management Plan.

Rules require land occupiers to destroy any climbing spindleberry on their properties.

It is an offence under the Biosecurity Act to propagate, sell, distribute, release or spread climbing spindleberry in the Bay of Plenty.

Assistance may be available from Bay of Plenty Regional Council by way of approved programmes.

CAUTION: When using herbicide please **READ THE LABEL** thoroughly to ensure that all instructions and safety requirements are followed.

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**For more information contact a
Bay of Plenty Regional Council
Land Management Officer**

Information from BOPRC



How do I get rid of it?

Spraying: Use for scrambling plants that are not climbing high into other vegetation in late spring and summer.

Spray with triclopyr (e.g. Grazon or Agpro Triclop).

With knapsack or CDAX unit use 60 ml per 10 L of water.

With Handgun use 300 ml per 100 L of water.

Add penetrant (e.g. Organosilicone or Pulse) to the spray mix. Use 10 ml per 10 L spray mix.

Stump treatment: Use during spring and summer for large plants growing high into other vegetation.

Use glyphosate (e.g. Roundup®) at the rate of 1 part glyphosate to 4 parts water (e.g. 1 cup to 4 cups).

Cut the vines, leaving about 200 mm above the ground.

Apply herbicide mix liberally to the cut surface and sides of the stump to ground level using a small trigger sprayer or knapsack.

Or use Vigilant gel. Apply a blob of gel to the freshly cut surface.

Repeat treatments will be necessary for several years.



Land Based Pests:

Rats/Mice – ongoing trapping and recording of this data is the work of Tim Bell and his team. They have recently put out more traps and are working on the saturation of our village with traps to reduce the numbers as much as possible. If you wish to discuss this further or have a trap on your property - talk to Tim as soon as possible!

Lake Pests – no catfish to report so far!! Lake Ōkāreka is being monitored and checked carefully for this pest, including DNA testing regularly. Remember to ensure your visitors that use the lake clean and check their boat before launching into our lake.... And anything you spot, please feed back to us or BOPRC. We are assuming that those of us that live here are naturally doing this.

Cameras:

Our cameras have been installed now for nearly twelve months and as we understand provided useful information for the Police via the RLC monitoring. We have confirmation that the third camera will be installed at the boat ramp soon – and is being supported by BOPRC. Very happy that this will provide further coverage and support for the safety of our community and lake users.

There continues to be a level of ‘unacceptable behaviour’ – particularly down at the DOC camp – the cameras are useful but these undesirables still need to be reported to the Police, even if we feel we don’t have a lot of information. Please call 105 on your phone to get to the right spot and report what you have seen.



Speed in the village:

It is pleasing to see the new signs up – and I hope that you are all abiding by the ‘slow down’ message, I think it works – we would be interested in your feedback if you have any. Peter is continually discussing speed reductions – the best we can do is keep this in the front of the minds of RLC, and provide them with the evidence we need to get this looked at again. We are assured it is on their radar!!

Camps:

Both of our camps are witnessing the reduction of users, and certainly higher expectations from NZ campers. The committee are continuing to work hard to keep both sites clean and tidy, including the removal of the greenery on the driveway down to the DOC camp. We must remember the differences between both camps, and what they provide. We are lucky there are two options for visitors!!

There are challenges with our camps, that we will continue find solutions for – where we can. We URGENTLY need more camp collectors, so please if you have a bit of time and can commit to something that effectively feeds back to support our community we would love to hear from you. PLEASE call me or contact our secretary loca.secretary@gmail.com We are reviewing this role and the cleaning aspect, which may include having to pay a contractor for this role. We will keep you posted on this idea.

Lastly, we need your help:

- 1) Please can you provide any feedback to us on the use of the Boat ramp and any problems that you may have experienced here. If you don't have a copy of the survey please contact Mitch loca.secretary@gmail.com
- 2) Camp Collectors – as above we desperately need to have some more locals to help with this again, please call me or email to loca.secretary@gmail.com
- 3) We are reminding you all that the end of the year is now on the horizon and we need to recruit some willing and new faces to our committee – including the secretary! Please don't be afraid to come forward and join a fun and motivating team, that is working hard to keep this community a safe and is improving the environment for our future generations

Coming up!

- 1) NOV 6 - Community function
- details to be confirmed, any questions please contact Andrew Witters
- 2) AED training days – kindly supported by our local Fire Station team = look out for dates coming soon!



There continues to be many in our community doing wonderful work that enhances our beautiful spot – and we are not always aware of them, so thanks to those that do, without recognition or being highlighted. I would like to acknowledge the development work of Landcare Ōkāreka in the Millar Road wetland - you will have seen some significant clearing and planting in this area – and it is looking fabulous. We are fortunate to have such teams working so hard in our community.

Please do provide us with your thoughts at any time, use our facebook page if you can for updates and ensure you update your emails and addresses with our secretary Mitch – at any time.

Hope you enjoyed the Olympics in Tokyo and some sun as it arrives over the coming weeks.

This newsletter reaches you as we are all thrown into the uncertainty of a Covid lockdown. Please remember to stay safe and sensible during this time, a reminder to look after your neighbours, particularly those who might be on their own.

Do contact any of your committee members if there is anything or anyone that needs help particularly over this time.

Kim Lorigan

Kim Lorigan
LOCA Chair



Phil Muldoon
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Lake Ōkāreka Volunteer Rural Fire

The last few months have been less hectic for the Lake Ōkāreka Fire Brigade compared with the start of the year. The official opening event for the new station took place on 20 March with brigade members, FENZ management, Fire and Emergency Board Chair Paul Swain, Rotorua Energy Charitable Trust's Tony Gill, Councillor Dave Donaldson, local iwi and Lake Ōkāreka residents in attendance. Fenella Playne, Peter Harding and Martin Caughey provided a memorable connection to the humble beginnings, history and progress of the Lake Ōkāreka rural fire brigade and past members. Following the presentation of two plaques for the station, the new building was officially opened by the Internal Affairs Minister, the Hon. Jan Tinetti, assisted by Fenella and myself. A special thank you to local kaumātua Wairangi Jones and Pererika Mahika for their support and overseeing the proceedings.

A key focus for the Lake Ōkāreka Volunteer Fire Brigade over the next 12 months is realigning systems, processes, operational requirements, and brigade management functions to the new facility, including the future operational growth, capability development and direction of the brigade.

The new facility has already been well used as a community hub during the first half of 2021 with several meetings and workshops being held by various groups such as Lake Ōkāreka Community Association (LOCA), Landcare



Controlled burn

Ōkāreka, Department of Conservation, and a lakes water quality group. The new facility has also hosted FENZ regional and national leadership meetings and workshops.

Use of the facility is available to the Ōkāreka community, however, it is not available for parties and social functions. Please contact me for any booking enquiries. We are also exploring options for cleaning of the station – any suggestions or recommendations would be welcome.



Controlled burn



Controlled burn

Various brigade members, including newer recruits, have been attending formal training courses over recent months. In addition to this, firefighter crews also attended two live vegetation burns on Mount Ngongotaha. The first burn was lit by hand; the second burn also used a helicopter for aerial ignition of certain areas of vegetation. The controlled burns provide an invaluable practical training experience for firefighters in terms of the planning and preparation for such events, fire behaviour and environmental factors, and fire containment and control. The live burns also provided key learnings on how to use fire as a tool for fire risk reduction.

It is that time of the year when certain members of the brigade get deployment-ready by undertaking annual medical and fitness tests requirements. Overseas deployments continue to be impacted by COVID and quarantine implications. However, national deployments are equally important as we head towards summer and being prepared is of paramount importance.

On another note, the Lake Ōkāreka Fire Brigade has been asked to assist LōCA with the community firework display being planned for 6 November. A date to look forward to.

Finally, with the colder nights and wintry weather, please be aware of the conditions and take when the roads are icy, wet or greasy. Also, make sure to clean your chimneys if they are being used frequently and haven't been swept for a while.

If you have been thinking about joining and would like to see what we are about, please phone me on 362 8874. You can also go to our website: <http://www.Ōkārekaruralfire.co.nz/>

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Lake Events And Closures

Rotorua Lakes Council (RLC) manages all lake reserve booking for events, working closely with the BOP Regional Council (BOPRC) who manage activity on the lakes. For information on what events are coming up in the area, go to <http://www.rotorualakes.co.nz/lake-events-and-closures> or visit <http://www.rotoruanz.com/visit/whats-on>.

Both RLC and BOPRC 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 email the RLC community events team at Community.Events@rotorualc.nz or BOPRC at Jo.Kapua@boprc.govt.nz

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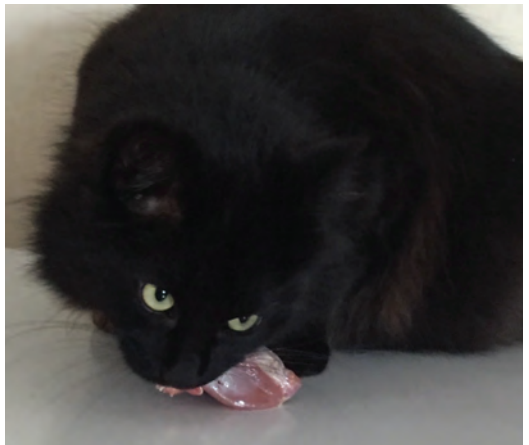
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Tikitapu Pest Control Report

Tikitapu Volunteers have been busy over the past 3 months and have completed getting bait lines trimmed and marked, and the bait stations checked, ready to commence baiting mid-August. Following successful trials conducted by Dave Edwards in Otanewainuku, “running boards” have been positioned at the 50 Sentinel possum traps around the perimeter of the reserve. The kill rate was found to be markedly increased with these boards in place, as the possums liked to sit at the base of the trap and study it, before putting their heads in to access the bait.

Monthly checks have been done on the Nature and Mistletoe tracks and any trimming or clearance of windfalls attended to. The Sentinel traps (possum) and DOC 200 traps (rats) have been checked, cleared, reset and any kills recorded, twice a month.

This year the pesticides to be used are Double Tap, a toxin containing both Diphacinone and Cholecalciferol, targeting both rats and possums. From August 15th 2021 until the end of September 2021, Double Tap bait will be placed in bait stations, which are made of white plastic and attached to the base of the trees. Bait will be topped up as required over the next 3 weeks.

If post baiting monitoring still shows high possum numbers, Feratox® bait bags (encapsulated form of Cyanide), will be put out, targeting possums. These will be placed into Romark bait stations on or just after 17th October 2021.



Possum in Sentinel trap with running board

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Warning signs will be placed immediately around the Reserve prior to the operation starting and removed when the caution period is over which will be February/March 2022.

Bait Laying Programme 2021

Double Tap out Sun 15th & Mon 16th August

Double Tap top up Sunday 29th & Mon 30th August

Clear all stations of any remaining bait Sun 19th & Mon 20th September

*If required Feratox strikers placed on trees (and in Remarks) 17th & 18th October

*If required Clear all stations of any remaining Feratox 31st October & 1st November

*volunteers with CSL required

Please do not touch any carcasses. Poison baits and carcasses of animals killed by poison baits are DEADLY to DOGS. Rat and possum monitoring will be carried out pre and post baiting, and bird monitoring is planned to take place in November. This project is dependent on volunteers and I wish to thank all those who have been involved over the past months. It is always good to have some new people involved in the project and new volunteers are most welcome. Working bees start at 9am and normally finish by 12noon at the latest. There is a “cuppa” and something to eat when you get back to base. I would love to hear from you if you are interested in becoming involved with this project.

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Kia ora koutou

I am leaving my position at the Preschool on Friday, a position I have held for just under seventeen years.

It has been a pleasure to have been a leader for a fabulous Community Preschool here in your community. I have loved teaching the children and managing the Preschool and building relationships with many over these Years. I have worked with many of you in ways to support this lovely community and are always amazed at the support and aroha that is shared within it.

There are so many of you to thank that I will simply say thank you everybody. Take care of yourselves, your whaanau and those around you.

Aroha nui,
Debbie Hayward
Lake Ōkāreka Preschool





Kia ora,

We've been blessed as a Preschool to have such long standing staff and Debbie has played a key role in our ability to achieve this. Debbie's contribution over the last 17 years has been immense.

The number of children's lives she has touched, and her friendships and connection with her fellow teachers, Leslie and Davina, means that replacing Debbie will be no easy task.

We would like to thank Debbie for all that she has done for Preschool over the past 17 years, and we wish her every success for her future career.

Yours sincerely,
Joseph Assen
Lake Ōkāreka Preschool Board Chair

**Good bye to Debbie from
the Lake Ōkāreka Pre-
school. Thank you for 17
years of Memories.**





Debbie, Davina, Leslie
Preschool Teachers
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Lake Ōkareka Preschool News

Thank you to LŌCA

The children are enjoying wearing their new rain proof jackets and trousers for extra fun when playing in the wet weather this winter. The outfits have already proven to be popular for our community walks and we are sure to be seen in bright fluoro green and orange. See following pages for more photos.

Buried Village trip

The children went to the Buried village to explore and learn about the local history in our area. The children enjoyed seeing the whare's, rocks and the historic remains.



Buried Village Trip



Buried Village Trip

Matariki

We celebrated at Preschool to celebrate Matariki and the Māori New year. The children made a lovely vegetable soup with the vegetables they brought in to share. We also had fresh buns shared by another family. The stage became the scene for the nights sky with seven stars of Matariki. The children enjoyed the stories and learnt some new new waiata, with actions too.

Kindness week

We celebrated manakitanga at Preschool by wearing bright colours to Preschool. The children expressed their ideas on what being kind meant to them and expressed these through paintings which became a wall display.



The turnout for Leslie's 20 year anniversary

Leslie's 20th year at Preschool

On the 10th August we celebrated Leslie's 20 years teaching anniversary at Lake Ōkāreka Preschool. We were delighted to celebrate the wonderful teaching and contribution Leslie has made to Preschool over these years. Past and current students with their families turned out to share a lovely afternoon tea to celebrate the occasion.

Enrolments

Please contact Debbie at office@lakeOkarekapreschool.co.nz for all enquires.

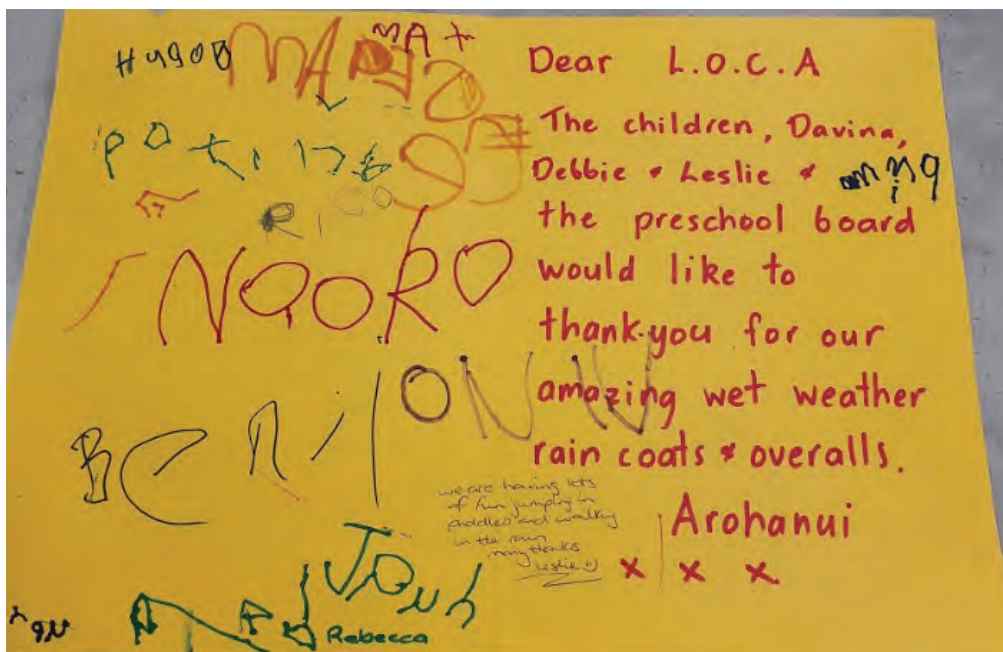
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Teaching team
Debbie Leslie and Davina

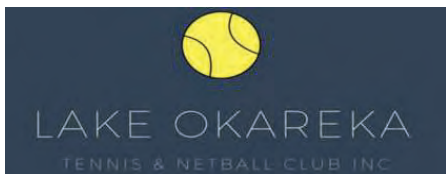






A huge thank you to LōCA for the donation of the amazing wet weather raincoats and overalls for the children. Arohanui





Craig Kilmister

Chairman

Phone 027 455 9301

Lake Ōkareka Tennis + Netball Update

Annual Subscription (\$100) are now due for the year ended 30th September 2022. Thanks to all those members who have already paid. Payment is requested into the Clubs' Westpac a/c 03-1552-0130369-00. Reference "Sub" family name. Please e-mail confirmation of deposit to craigk@bfa.co.nz. This covers the period 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2022. An email reminder will be sent out to all members.

Coaching for children on Friday afternoons (from 30 October 2021)

Session One (up to 7 years) starts at 4:00pm - TBC

Session Two (up to 9 years) starts at 4:45pm - TBC

Session Three (10 years & over) starts at 5:30pm - TBC

\$40 per child for Session one & \$50 per child for Sessions Two & Three

As the Club subsidises this coaching these sessions are dependent on having a minimum number of participants.

Court Access

A new gate with a keypad is currently being quoted for. All members will be advised of the new code once completed.

Club House

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 tennis players meets every Thursday at 5:30pm for a hit. Feel free to come along and join in.

Craig Kilmister

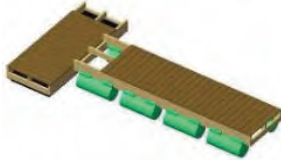
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Donations for fireworks display are required - to be paid to the Fire Station

NATIVE TREE PLANTING!

September 2021

WHEN:

Wed 15 Sep 8:30am - 4:30pm

WHAT:

Planting 600 native plants

WHERE:

Lake Ōkāreka

TASK:

Join DOC rangers to plant native trees

REQUIREMENTS:

Able to carry plants and tools

WEAR:

Comfortable hiking / work boots

PURPOSE:

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No pest fish or Catfish at Lake Ōkāreka... so far!

As part of Bay of Plenty Regional Council's commitment to keeping catfish out of Lake Ōkāreka, 37 water samples were taken around the lake earlier in the year to detect the presence / absence of catfish and other known pest fish using eDNA testing. The level of sampling undertaken is probably the most comprehensive conducted in any lake in New Zealand so to have no catfish detected as present in Lake Ōkareka is a pleasing result. There was no presence of any other pest fish species, however 168 species of plants, fish and animals were picked up as present in the sampling, highlighting just how sensitive the science is behind the testing. A more comprehensive breakdown of the findings is available on request.



Greg Corbett

Greg Corbett,
Biosecurity Manager
www.boprc.govt.nz

A new Aquatic Biosecurity Officer starts at the end of September to replace Lucas McDonald who has moved to a new role in the Department of Conservation. Te Wakaunua Te Kurapa joins from the Bay of Plenty Regional Council Rotorua Consents team.

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Speed Indicator Signs

Speed has always been an issue at Lake Ōkareka. Our roads are narrow, the community is tightly compressed and it's a holiday location. There are one lane bridges, tight, blind corners and school buses regularly around the corners, there has always been additional risk to pedestrians.

Based on these conditions LŌCA have pushing for solutions from local authorities. The installation of two Speed Indicators at both roads into Lake Ōkareka has been the result thus far. Lowering the speed limit is a long, bureaucratic process

So far the response has been positive, if nothing else it's a good reminder to reduce your speed as you enter our village. Keep safe and drive as if your children were around the next corner.

Richard Lang

Richard Lang
LŌCA Committee Member



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Mitch Collins

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News & Updates from LōCA

Kia ora e te whānau,

Hope all is going well on these cold mornings and you are all keeping well. A few things for us to update the community on from the Lake Ōkāreka Community Association

Community Event

Please pen in November 6th for a Lake Ōkāreka community get together. Looking to have something during the afternoon for children followed by nighttime entertainment.

Camp Collectors

We would like to advertise roles for camp collectors at \$23/hr less WHT. This has typically been fulfilled by senior high school students, but we are more than open to employ mature residents to help us in maintaining and building good rapport with guests.

Roles on LōCA

We have a large amount of mahi ongoing; assisting with pest management, campground management, lobbying Council(s), etc and our normal busy lives. We are keen for more co-opted assistance early and in advance of next year, particularly to cover administrative and secretarial duties. Please let us know if you are interested in attending one of our meetings and finding out what we do here.

New Contacts

If you know someone new to the neighbourhood, or would like to add another resident email to this distribution list, please let me know.

Your local board is

Kim Lorigan (Chair), Mitch Collins (Secretary), Stu Wallace (Treasurer), Richard Lang, Gregg Brown, Dennis Falconer, Peter Muys, Andrew Witters, Tim Bell, Cliff Graham and Colin Jackson.

Mā te Wā,

Mitch Collins

Mitch Collins

Secretary - Lake Ōkāreka Community Association

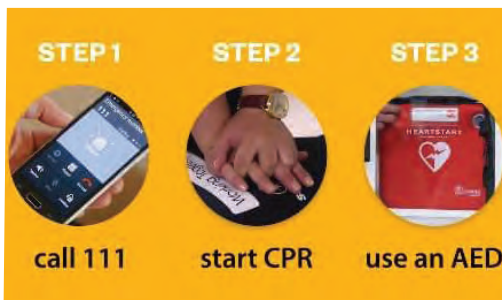


Kierin Oppatt
**Station Training
Coordinator**
Phone 027 777 5130

Community CPR & AED Training

Come to the fire station to practice using an AED and perform CPR on a manikin that provides real-time feedback on compression depth, release and rate with a summary of your overall score and improvement suggestions. Community training sessions at our fire station are on these dates:

Saturday 28th August - 12pm
Tuesday 21st September - 12pm
Saturday 16th October - 12pm (Restart A Heart Day)
Saturday 20th November - 12pm
Saturday 18th December - 12pm



Become familiar with using an AED and perfect your CPR technique to help save a life and ultimately contribute to the goal of increasing survival rates from cardiac arrest in Lake Ōkāreka and New Zealand.

Download GoodSAM Responder App. You will be notified of cardiac arrests in your area so you can get an AED to someone that requires it and potentially save their life.

World Restart a Heart Day takes place every year on 16 October. It is an opportunity to spread awareness about saving lives through CPR and using an AED.

Kierin Oppatt

Kierin Oppatt
Rural Crew Leader
Lake Ōkāreka Rural Fire Force

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Backyard Trapping Project

Update: July 2021 – Pre spring push

The Lake Okareka Backyard Trapping Team have been out on the streets knocking on doors and asking for your help. We are trying to set up a network of rat trapping tunnels that we can check on a regular basis to help us keep a tab on the rat population and gather data for our village. At this stage we are just looking for willing homeowners to allow us to put a trap/tunnel on their front boundary so that it can be easily checked by us without having to go onto private property. The traps are inside a wooden tunnel and are very safe for children and other pets. (see below image)



There is also a loan service for our Trapinator possum traps. So, if you have a noisy night time visitor in your trees give us a call and we can help you set up a temporary trap.



If you are interested in helping with this project, either by assisting going door to door with the team or volunteering to have a trap in your front boundary that is run by us or by purchasing your own trap to run yourself then get in touch via the details below.

Email: Tim - tsbell.nz@gmail.com

Rich - rlang17@outlook.com

Subsidised rat and possum traps are available for residents.

\$10 for a T-Rex easy set rat trap and tunnel. \$15 for Trapinator Possum traps.

For more information contact LOCA committee member Tim Bell on tsbell.nz@gmail.com or 021 026 36141





Tim Bell

LŌCA Historian

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2021 Winter Fishing Competition

The annual Lake Ōkāreka Winter Fishing Competition took place on Saturday the 3rd of July. Despite the frosty conditions there were a number of hardy souls on the water before dawn, groping their way through the thick fog. This continued through to mid morning when it finally lifted to reveal blue skies and sunshine.

There was a good turnout with 62 people registering, a number of which were juniors. On the water there were tales of slim pickings and empty fish bins, however, the total number of fish weighed in was 74 which indicates an above average year. A big thank you to all of those involved, we hope to see you out on the water again next year. 2021 Winners

Biggest Fish Mens - Ray Doyle (1.99 kg)

Biggest Fish Womens - Portia Janes (1.50 kg)

Biggest Fish Jnr - Luca Finlatter (1.41 kg)

Biggest Bag Team - Team Whare (10 fish)

Biggest Bag Family - Herbert Family (9 fish)

Biggest Bag Jnr - Holly Bowyer (4 fish)

Biggest bag Individual - Eben Herbert (6)

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Landcare Ōkāreka Winter-Spring 2021

Landcare Ōkāreka volunteers have continued with various projects and maintenance work around the public conservation land and reserves of Lake Ōkāreka over the past summer, autumn and winter. This has included weed removal (e.g. wilding cherries, climbing spindleberry, pampas, etc), preparation of areas for winter planting, wasp control, animal pest control, lake edge willow seedling removal along lake shore adjacent to the Lake Ōkāreka Walkway, on going long tailed bat monitoring, issuing rat bait to residents with rat bait stations and so on.

Millar Road / Boyes beach wetland:

Throughout the spring, summer and autumn months some Landcare Ōkāreka volunteers have undertaken hours of weed pest removal and site preparation work, getting areas ready for planting this winter in the Millar Road / Boyes beach wetland. You may have noticed some large trees were removed adjacent to Te Waiariki Purea Trust driveway in to the recreation shed at



Landcare Ōkāreka volunteers at work planting part of Boyes beach section of the Millar Road wetland, plants provided by Bay of Plenty Regional Council. 26 June 2021]

Boyes beach. These were professionally removed by "The Specialists" paid for through Landcare Ōkāreka's budget with BOPRC. We have over 3000 native plants coming to put in this winter. Some have come via TipuWai / Scion / Billion Tree project (thank you to Gregg Brown); some from BOPRC, Some from DOC and some grown locally by volunteers and donated to the planting areas.

Animal Pest Trapping:

The team of Landcare Ōkāreka volunteers continued to check and re-bait the traps along the various trapping lines around the lake edge and in the Millar Road wetland. We are deploying Sentinal traps for possums in some parts. As per usual we ask parents and children to take a responsible attitude towards traps if you should notice them. Do not touch or poke anything in to the traps. They are there for a purpose. And a huge thank you to everyone who is helping with this project.

Long Tailed Bat Monitoring:

This project has continued over the past warmer spring, summer and autumn months, with monitors being deployed in a number of suitable locations within the catchment. Some of these have been on private land and we thank those land owners who have been so supportive of this monitoring work. Following many hours of analysis of recordings by local volunteers, reports have been prepared and presented to DOC along with the data for the National Bat Recovery data base. Long tailed bats continue to have a significant presence in places at times, within the Lake Ōkāreka catchment.

Planting Working Bees:

There is one more planting Working Bee left which will be on Saturday 28th August 2021 over in the Millar Road wetland area. If you are keen to help please feel free to come along. You will need suitable closed toe footwear – gumboots could be good as area is getting wetter under foot. Bring your gardening gloves and a spade.

We are pleased to say that we have new volunteers coming along each time there is a working bee. We welcome anyone who would like to come and lend a hand. Lake Ōkāreka and its public conservation environment would look nothing like it does without all of the hard work of the Landcare Ōkāreka volunteers over the years. Thank you to everyone who has helped over the last 12 months or so. Watch out for the Landcare Ōkāreka signboards which announce each working bee. Or contact me if you would like to be added to the email list of volunteers.

Sandra Goodwin

Sandra Goodwin
Landcare Ōkāreka

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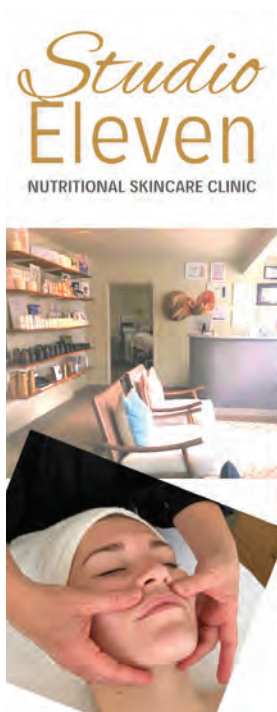
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