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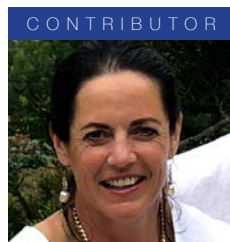
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## Chair's Report March 2021

Six months from the end of our financial year, and an AGM completed on February 3, 2021, it seems now that summer has gone, and the chill of autumn has arrived. What was a new word last year, Covid-19 has certainly become a little more familiar in our world, still no more certainty – but we continue to be lucky enough to live in such a special unique piece of this world, Lake Ōkareka.

We are witnessing a decline in our camp revenue, and for a variety of reasons in both camps – there are certainly not the numbers of campers we have seen in the past. It is not due to price, or the facilities each camp offers, simply a combination of less overseas tourists, less NZers travelling and the options available for NZers to camp in many places in NZ that were not on their radar before. As with most entities in NZ, this reduced revenue will require the committee to review all projects and reconsider its position on future spend over the coming months.

Despite this drop in our income there are still opportunities for us to meet our strategic goals, it may just mean we do not do some, we embark on others, and/or we look for funding grants that will assist us reach the goals we have. In some cases, we imagine joint venture opportunities may just give us the momentum we need to keep working on the areas that are important to us. Remember these are pest and plant free Lake Ōkareka – with the goal of improving water quality.

Our camp collectors maintain a vigilant overview on both sites and keep the facilities up to a high standard for our visitors. We are incredibly grateful that we have willing collectors to carry out this work for us. Our objective of keeping this job within our community is important – so that our community is helping support these collectors to achieve their goals.

A big thanks and farewell to Matt from our committee this year. Matt has been a trooper over the last 5+ years on the committee and has managed our camp collectors extremely well in that time. Our new committee this year includes three new team members, Stu Wallace, Cliff Graham and Amy Williams. Already they have been beavering at their tasks and combined with last year's crew we have a wonderful basket of skills that are especially useful to draw on. We have had one of our meetings at the new Fire Station – what a treat that was. We hope to be able to utilise this again over the coming year. Having the latest technology options is an attraction for us, to enable zoom meetings if some members cannot make it in person.

Tim Bell is heading up our Urban Pest control programme – and would like to have some more volunteers to help with the trapping programme around the community this year. That may be getting your own trap from Tim, or perhaps asking Tim about what might suit your property to help us achieve a pest free village. Simply call Tim to discuss further and if you have some time to help with this programme that would be fabulous.



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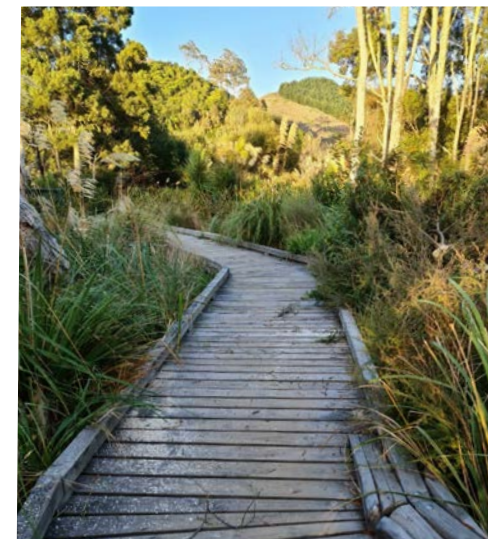


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Peter from our committee continues to work with the Roding team at Rotorua Lakes Council – and you will see some temporary speed signs hopefully in the next week, at the two entry points of the village. This is to remind everyone what their speed is and should be coming into the village. Peter is doing some grand work with Rotorua Lakes Council to continue the discussion regarding speed on our streets. This also includes the speed of some of the large buses that frequent our roads!

Mitch and Dennis have collated a large amount of information for the walkway project (DOC Camp to outlet) and have had a successful discussion with landowners resulting in a license to share a piece of land that would effectively link the walkway to the existing boardwalk track. We await a full costing of the track, and a further update with the community on this project (as agreed).

Colin from our committee, is the lead for us on water quality and tirelessly works with BOPRC and Rotorua Lakes Council to keep on top of what is needed to keep our water quality improving. This is not only time consuming but sometimes incredibly frustrating. This week we have been advised the work on the outlet is to begin and will be finished by May. Andy Bruere assures us that the new system and controls they are proposing will give us an upgraded outlet pipe, and better management of the water levels. Be assured the committee will be monitoring this closely and we have asked for progress reports/photos to keep us informed of the progress they make on this project.

Thanks to Gregg Brown for some quick negotiations and connecting of people to assist Landcare Ōkareka achieve one of their objectives – to aerial spray some pest willows on Acacia Road. Lucky for us - Gregg was in touch with a company that was in the area and could undertake this work for us. This all helps us to reach that pest plant objective, removing of areas of known plant pests at any opportunity. Watch our communications on Climbing Spindle berry – identified as a real pest for us, soon we will put out some information on what we will be doing on that in the village.

We have had some not so pleasant events over the last few months, increased graffiti and damage at the DOC camp, vehicle disruption and last Sunday's event at the boat ramp. We have all found this unsettling and unusual – for so long we have not had to deal with so much of this behavior. We hope

that you have all had access and ability to share your views, and that as a combined community we can also become a safer one. We encourage you to call the police or email in what you have witnessed giving as much information as you can – with our cameras in play now, this is the best way to help the Police put together their investigations into this unacceptable behavior in our community. The committee will continue to discuss further options with Rotorua Lakes Council regarding what else we can be doing to deter unacceptable behavior in our community.

It has come to our attention that we have someone shooting at the duck population with a slug gun – several birds have been found injured and others dying a slow agonizing death on the beaches around the lake. Also, a grey teal was found dead and had been shot – these are a fully protected species. Just a reminder – this is cruel, especially being left to die like this, and illegal. Again, if you are witness to this behavior please advise the Police.



Lake Okareka Walkway

The committee believe it is time to update our community information and are looking to put out a little survey to ask all residents a few questions and update their personal information. This is purely to make sure you have access to help, information and updates as you want to receive them. If you have any questions regarding this survey, please contact any of the committee directly to discuss this further. You should expect this to come out in the coming weeks. We are also open to new ideas at any time, so feel free to contact us.

Thanks too for the team that is putting this newsletter together – Michelle has done yet another fabulous job, and keeps the wheels rolling to ensure this gets to you in such style! We are lucky to have such skills in our community.

Autumn is here, take care and do keep in touch,

*Kim Lorigan*

Kim Lorigan - Chair



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## Did you know there are three AED locations within the community?

One at the Community Hall (where the Lake Okareka Pre-school is located), one at 15 Steep Street (Martyn Norrie) and one at 11 Acacia Road, (David and Tracey Rodgers) directly opposite the boat ramp. Thank you to the community for housing these devices,

There is also one in each of the Fire Appliances at the Lake Okareka Fire Station.

You can search nation wide locations on line at [www.aedlocations.co.nz](http://www.aedlocations.co.nz) or download the app on your phone.

FIRST AID GUIDE  
  
 AED: UNTRAINED PERSONNEL

### 1 AED: Automated External Defibrillators

- An Automated External Defibrillator, or an AED, is a device that primarily delivers electrical shocks to a person who has suffered a cardiac arrest.
- An AED analyses if victim's condition requires a shock.
- Cardiac arrest occurs when the heart stops beating, resulting in body not getting blood to function.
- The use of an AED immediately after a cardiac arrest can significantly increase the chances of a victim's survival.

### 2 Who Can Use an AED?

- Anyone. Semi-automatic and automatic AEDs can be used by people without any training because they provide simple, step-by-step prompts.
- An AED will only allow shocks if the victim requires it.
- The steps here are for those with no training in using AED defibrillators.

### 3 How AEDs Work

- An AED's pads are attached to victim's chest. They detect heart rate – and analyse when a shock is required.
- Two kinds of AEDs – semi-automatic and automatic.
- A semi-automatic AED will prompt the user when to deliver a shock, whereas an automatic AED will simply give notice that it is delivering the needed shock.

### 4 When Can an AED Be Used?

- AEDs should be used if victim is not breathing regularly.
- If you are alone, call for help then use the AED.
- If you are with someone else, ask them to call for help, start CPR and then use the AED.
- If the casualty is wet, chest area needs to be dried first.
- AEDs can be used on pregnant women, children over 1-year old, and on people with pacemakers.
- An AED will not deliver a shock if it is not needed.

### 5 Using an AED

- Before you use an AED, make sure that there are no hazards and that you have called for help. Remember that using an AED as early as possible can mean saving a life.
- Switch on the device. Follow the voice prompts.
- Remove the pads from their packaging and attach them on the chest. Follow the attached diagrams for reference.
- The device will give a prompt to remind you that no one should be touching the victim. It will analyse whether a shock is needed for the victim. The device will charge up to deliver a shock if required.
- After the delivered shock, the device will give a prompt that it is safe for you to touch the victim again. Perform CPR. Afterwards, the device will then analyse if further shocks are needed.
- Do not stop until medical help arrives or the victim shows signs of recovery.



### Remember!

- The chances of survival decrease by about **14% for each minute** that passes without defibrillation.
- An AED can be used by an **untrained person**. Each AED is equipped with a step-by-step instructions.

**IMPORTANT:** This is a first aid guide to effectively use an AED defibrillator for untrained personnel. Follow the steps outlined here until professional medical care arrives.  
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# New Years Day Yacht Race 2021

## Dr Ron Caughey Memorial Yacht Race

First organized by Christine and Martin Caughey in 1974 the yacht race was later named after their late father Ron Caughey who had been part of the Ōkāreka community since the 1930's. The local store owners Robin and Alan Gee, named the event and presented a framed aerial photograph of Lake Ōkāreka to record future first place winners.

The first place this year was awarded to Martin Caughey in his trailer sailor, who has taken all of 45 years to earn his name on the trophy, ably assisted by his son, Jeremy. Congratulations to them both for a well sailed race.

Hard on their heels was George van Boven in his late father's trailer sailor that has sailed and won races over many years. Dave Scott crewed as he has many times before.



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Third place was awarded to Frank Vogel in a Paper Tiger. Fourth place was won by Michael Smith in a Hobie 16.

The top place winners were all in the inaugural yacht race and are still competing with their children or grandchildren in this wonderful community event.

Alan McNeil was awarded the Bob van Boven cup for good sportsmanship, presented by Bob's son George.

Big thanks go to the Smith family, to Mike and Sandra Goodwin and others who provided organisation and safety backup for the yacht race.

Please support Telfer Marine Ltd, 236 Te Ngae Road (cnr Hamiora Place) Rotorua, our local marine specialists who have annually donated a life jacket to the first place winner over many years. This is much appreciated.

*Christine Caughey*

Christine Caughey



Christine, presenting brother Martin and Jeremy (right) with their first place prizes. Three generations of family – including Jeremy's daughter Elley, great granddaughter of Ron Caughey.

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## Lake Ōkāreka Volunteer Rural Fire

The December to February months have been a flurry of activity for Lake Ōkāreka Fire Brigade. With the new fire station build completed, we had to complete a rapid changeover of the station equipment and setting up operations in the new building in the week leading up to Christmas.

At the same time, the Lake Ōkāreka Fire Brigade members also participated in a fire deployment to Matakana Island. This deployment took place over six days prior to and just after Christmas, with 11 Lake Ōkāreka and two Tarawera firefighters (seven of whom are under 25) providing the Lake Ōkāreka fire appliance and crews to assist with resources and water supply on the island. This provided great experience, particularly for the younger crew members, in vegetation fires and the co-ordinated management of larger scale incidents. The brigade also attended a two-day fire in the Poike area of Tauranga making the end of the year fairly busy.

The much-awaited Community Open Day for the new station took place on 6 February. There was a great turnout of people of all ages, and not just from the local community, with many participating in the various activities hosted largely by the younger members of the brigade. Thank you for your support!

Subject to the COVID Alert Levels, the Lake Ōkāreka Fire Brigade will also be hosting an Open Morning for the Lake Ōkāreka Pre-school on 26 March.

The Lake Ōkāreka Raft Race took place towards the end of February with Lake Ōkāreka Fire providing a sausage sizzle for those who came along. This is a great annual fun event for the younger members and families of the community. Special thanks to Michelle Herrick for organising the afternoon and the donation of race entry fees to the upcoming Sky Tower Challenge.

Speaking of which, the annual Sky Tower Firefighter Stair Climb is scheduled to take place on 22 May this year. The participants in this year's event will once again be fundraising over the coming months for Leukaemia and Blood Cancer New Zealand. Hopefully, the 2021 event will run more smoothly with no COVID-19 disruptions. If you would like to support the Lake Ōkāreka Rural Fire team fundraising effort for this very worthy cause, please go to the <https://firefighterschallenge.org.nz/> website and donate online.

The brigade has scaled back training activities in recent weeks because of the COVID-19 Alert Level 2 situation. However, we look forward to resuming operational activities as we move back into Alert Level 1. The Auckland Level 3 restrictions provide a timely reminder that we still need to be vigilant and to also look out for those members of our community who may be more vulnerable and require help during these times.



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Fire Station open day. Photo Credit: Michelle Herrick

Although we are at the tail end of summer, please continue to be aware of fire restrictions and permit requirements. Check the conditions and any restrictions in force on the day of your burn by visiting the [www.checkitsalright.nz](http://www.checkitsalright.nz) website or calling 0800 658 628.

On that note, with Daylight Savings coming to an end, it is also time to check smoke alarms are in working order and chimneys have been swept prior to the colder months.

Finally, at 10am on 20 March, the official station opening will take place. This will be a formal occasion with FENZ personnel and dignitaries in attendance. The formalities will also include former brigade members from the earlier years of the Lake Ōkāreka Fire volunteers. The community are also invited to come to this opening. I look forward to seeing you there.

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: [www.Ōkārekaruralfire.com](http://www.Ōkārekaruralfire.com).

*Phil Muldoon*

Phil Muldoon -Chief Fire Officer

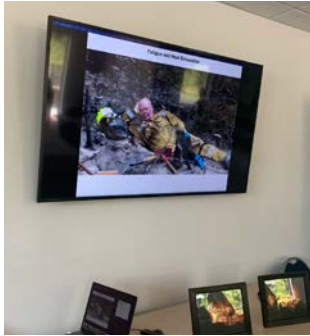


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## Changes at the Boat Ramp!

New rules to stop the spread of aquatic pests across the Bay of Plenty came in to force this summer. Boat ramp users now have to certify that their vessels and trailers are free from freshwater fish and plant pests. The rules which are contained within the Bay of Plenty Regional Pest Management Plan 2020 – 2030 ensure that lake users take an active role in protecting the long term health of the region's lakes and rivers. Self-certification checkpoints have been set up at the most popular boat ramps around the Rotorua Te Arawa lakes, including at Acacia Bay. Each checkpoint has forms that need to be completed and displayed on the dashboard of the vehicle used to launch the vessel. Throughout the summer Biosecurity staff from Te Arawa Lakes Trust have been visiting boat ramps in the area to help lake users understand the new rules and check that they are complying with them.

For further details about the rules and the new Regional Pest Management Plan please visit the Bay of Plenty Regional Council website or contact Lucas MacDonald on 0800 884 880



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As the caution period for any remaining toxin has passed, and the carcasses being monitored have decomposed, the warning signs have been removed. However, please remember the area is a Scenic Reserve and therefore no dogs are allowed. Many thanks to those who helped with this project last year and we hope to see you again later in the year. The success of this project depends on our wonderful volunteers. New volunteers are always welcome and if you are interested in joining us, I would be delighted to hear from you and add you to the email list.



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# *A view from the archives... 1951 to 1954*





Green Lake 1964



Lake Ōkāreka 1954



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## To the Lake Ōkāreka community

I would like to pen an open letter to the Ōkāreka community thanking everyone for your ongoing support of the Lake Ōkāreka Fire Brigade.

I would also like to highlight some of the challenges of being the volunteer Chief Fire Officer for Ōkāreka including, unfortunately, intimidating behaviour and verbal abuse towards myself and members of the brigade, by a few members of our community.

As you are all aware, Ōkāreka now has a state-of-the-art fire station to replace the old station which has served us over the last 38 years but no longer could accommodate the operational equipment and activities of the Lake Ōkāreka Fire Brigade nor did it meet health, safety and sanitary requirements or current building standards.

The replacement fire station project first started back in 2015. The fire brigade fundraised, with the support of Rotorua Energy Charitable Trust, more than \$300,000 to get the project planning underway and carry out geotech testing. Following the amalgamation of rural and urban fire services and the formation of Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) in 2017, the project was taken on and resourced by FENZ ensuring the health and safety and regulatory requirements for station layouts and building structures were factored into the replacement building location and design.

Local and national FENZ personnel and Lake Ōkāreka Fire volunteers have spent many months, in some cases years, working through the land acquisition and building design, consulting with the local community, going through a rigorous resource consent hearing process overseen by an appointed Commissioner, completing the building contractor tender process and finally working through each stage of the station build.

The Lake Ōkāreka Fire Brigade are extremely humbled to have a building of this level provided by FENZ, in conjunction with the brigade's own significant fundraising contributions, to enable us to ensure a very high standard of community support during times of need, not just for FENZ emergencies but also potentially for civil defence requirements and use by other community groups. This new building will serve the community for many years to come.

I thank the 98% of the community who show continued support, gratitude and recognition to the brigade. Unfortunately, however, there are some individuals in our community who have not been positive or supportive and, over a number of years (up until very recently), have behaved inappropriately towards myself and my brigade members because they find the station siren noise intrusive. Disappointingly, these individuals have chosen to address the issue by accosting and verbally abusing myself and my team members, including our younger ones, while we are responding

to call-outs or engaged in other fire service activities, instead of requesting a private meeting with myself and FENZ personnel to discuss their concerns. On one occasion, a 16-year-old female volunteer, who had just exited the school bus to find the siren was going, was verbally abused by an adult male member of the community who entered the station while she was alone getting ready for the call-out.

The most recent incident occurred during our volunteer firefighters' Christmas barbeque on the 23rd December last year during which I was subjected to prolonged verbal abuse in the middle of Acacia Road over the activation of the fire siren, in the presence of all of the younger members and some senior members of the brigade.

On a far more personal level, I have a bullet hole in my chimney (see picture) and was also shot at while working locally on a client's house last year. Both of these incidents were reported to the police. I am sure the majority of the community would agree that this sort of intimidating behaviour towards myself and my team, all of whom devote considerable personal time and effort to an important civic duty, is completely unacceptable.

The fire station siren activates for a very valid reason and has done so for 38 years. It is of course loud, however, that is the point! It is the only 100% reliable means of alerting us to an emergency. Other alert methods such as pagers and mobile phone applications have been and are in use but are not fail-proof. The siren also alerts others to be aware that members will be responding and that our appliances are going to be on the road at that time, while reassuring those in need of help that we have been called-out.

I have also raised a young family from newborns through to young adults and live just as close, if not closer, to the fire station than those individuals who abuse us for the noise. The only long-lasting impact on my children was that they all became volunteer firefighters and have also contributed their time to the community!



*My chimney shot at.*

I am extremely proud of our rural fire brigade. We have a team of talented and motivated volunteers and, over the years, we have received national recognition for the level of training we undertake. We developed and implemented the Youth in Emergency Services (YES) initiative to expose young people to a number of emergency services as well encourage volunteering and community contribution. This initiative gained government support and funding and was subsequently rolled out across the country and still runs today. The YES Programme also won the Trustpower Regional Supreme Community Award and came runner up in the Trustpower National Community Awards.

Since 2010, various members of the brigade have participated in 28 national and international fire deployments including the Christchurch Port Hills, Nelson/Tasman, Australia, Canada and United States fires. The most recent deployment was to Matakana Island in the days prior to and just after Christmas. We have also participated in various community events and, particularly, the Sky Tower Stair Climb (for which we have won the Donned Team section for six consecutive years) enabling us to raise funds to support other worthwhile community causes.

At present, the fire brigade has 28 volunteer members, 16 of whom are 16-22 years old, including 5 female members. Aside from providing an emergency service, one of the greatest achievements of the Lake Ōkāreka Fire Brigade has been its ability to engage with our young community and have them participate in volunteering for the local community. It has been hugely satisfying seeing so many young people come and go, gaining confidence and life skills, and even setting some of them on career pathways related to the emergency services. We want our young people to be encouraged to join the brigade, not deterred.

So, in conclusion, we are very grateful to the vast majority of the Ōkāreka community for the constant support and gratitude shown to the brigade over the last 38 years. To those very few who are unsupportive, please think twice before you abuse us. If you cannot accept that a functioning fire station with dedicated volunteers is a valuable asset in our community, sections are going cheap in Bluff!

**Phil Muldoon**

Phil Muldoon  
Chief Fire Officer

## 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](mailto:Community.Events@rotorualc.nz) or BOPRC at [Jo.Kapua@boprc.govt.nz](mailto:Jo.Kapua@boprc.govt.nz)

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## Lake Ōkareka Preschool News

### Happy New year everyone

The children have settled back into their Preschool after the summer holiday break. We have some new families who have joined us, and a couple of children have graduated to Lynmore School.

### Preschool Nativity Play and Community picnic

Thank you to LOCA for their lovely selection of food available to everyone for the community picnic this was enjoyed by us all. We had another great Nativity play and the children had a wonderful experience. Photos of this event on next two pages.



Wood for the carpentry area



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### Lockwood

Thankyou to Lockwood for their recent delivery of wood for our carpentry area. The children took delight in sorting through the different pieces, sorting it into our wood boxes and of course building.

### Rotorua parent centre

Alice from the Rotorua Parent centre came out to answer any queries on Carseats and to advise Preschool on a best model for our needs.

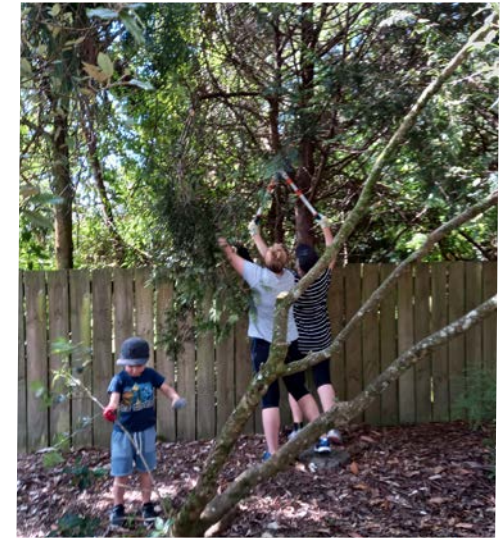
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Working Bee around Preschool



Working Bee around Preschool

### Working Bee

We have had a working bee over the weekend and many parents came along to weed, prune and remove and replace our wooden balance walk. Thank you to everyone for their great efforts.

### Enrollments

If you are interested in your child attending Preschool in the near future please contact Debbie for more information. You can also view our website and facebook page.

### Donate, swap or buy table

We have a table outside of Preschool for parents to swap, donate something to other families or simply a gold coin donation to buy.

### Spring Fair

Preschool had a stall at the Spring Fair and the proceeds of this are going to purchase a set of wet weather gear for the children to explore the outdoors when in all weather.

### Local curriculum

We are developing our knowledge of the area and our local community if anyone has any knowledge of the history of Ōkareka we would love to hear from you. Thank you to Dane Stewart for the historic photos of our area.

*Debbie, Leslie and Davina*

Teaching team

Debbie Leslie and Davina









Dale Williams  
**BOP Regional Council  
Biosecurity Officer**

## What's happening with wallabies?

If you live around the Lakes you will be familiar with dama wallabies as they have been on Mt Tarawera and present in the surrounding area for many years after first being introduced to the region in 1912.

For some years, the Bay of Plenty and Waikato Regional Councils (with support from the Department of Conservation) have been attempting to prevent wallabies from spreading. The current goal of eradicating populations of wallabies outside of the identified "Containment Area" and then progressively reducing their distribution towards the centre has been significantly boosted by increased funding from Central Government which was announced last year.

### What do we know about wallabies?

Wallabies have a huge appetite for certain native seedlings, ferns, shrubs and grasses. If we don't stop their spread we will lose taonga species, many of which provide vital food for our native birds.

Wallabies also eat pasture grass and pine seedlings, competing with livestock for food and cause financial losses for the forestry and agricultural industries.

Male wallabies can weigh up to 8 kg and most females are less than 5kg. If you see our monitoring cameras when you are out in the bush, please don't interfere with them or take them. Repairing and replacing the cameras is obviously expensive most importantly the data lost when cameras are removed is irreplaceable.



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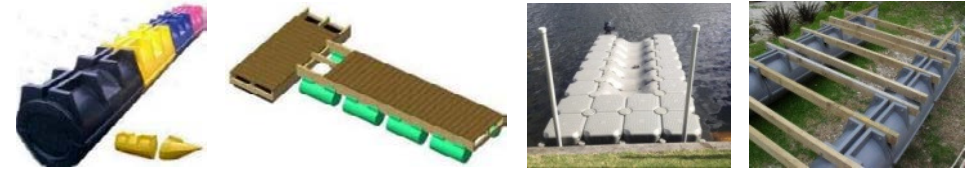
### What can you do to help stop the spread of wallabies?

Please report any wallaby sightings. Keep an eye out for wallabies (dead or alive) or signs of wallaby (their poos are similar to deer poo but their footprints are very distinctive).

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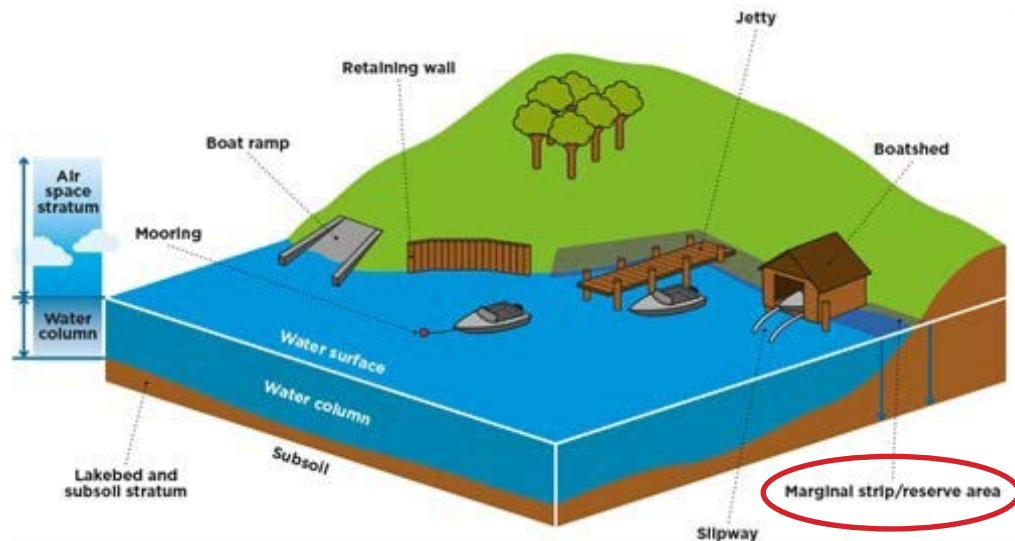
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## Lake Ōkāreka Marginal Strip

In October 2020, the Department of Conservation and the Bay of Plenty Regional Council investigated unauthorised works within the Lake Ōkāreka Marginal Strip. A digger had been driven onto the marginal strip, vegetation had been removed and rocks repositioned on the lakebed adjoining a Lake Ōkāreka property. The adjoining landowner admitted responsibility for the actions of the contractors and was issued with two infringement notices. The landowner has agreed to replant the disturbed area with native vegetation.

Marginal strips have a specific focus on protecting values associated with the adjoining waterbody and ensuring the public of New Zealand are still able to access waterbodies throughout New Zealand. A small number of private structures and activities have been given authorisation and the Department is grateful to these landowners for being proactive. Other items and activities have been removed.

The Department continues to work with landowners to restore the public's freedom of access in areas where private landowners have encroached onto marginal strips. Any enquiries should be forwarded to [rotorua@doc.govt.nz](mailto:rotorua@doc.govt.nz).



## Lakes Specialist – Jenny Donne



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## Lake Ōkareka Tennis + Netball Update

Thanks to all those members who have already paid their \$100 sub.

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](mailto:craigk@bfa.co.nz).

This covers the period 1 October 2020 to 30 September 2021.

### Coaching for children on Friday afternoons

Unfortunately, due to low numbers there is no junior coaching during Term One

### Club Chair

If anyone is interested in taking over the role of Club Chair please let Craig know

### 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.



Photo Credit: Lake Ōkareka Tennis Club

### 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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# PREDATOR FREE ŌKAREKA

## Backyard Trapping Project

Kia ora koutou, welcome to the Ōkareka Backyard Trapping Project. Our goal is to make a big impact on the pests that are hiding in our own backyards and in doing so boost the native flora and fauna that make Lake Ōkareka such a beautiful place to live.

### Update: March 2021

The summer months are starting to fade a little and very soon hungry rats and mice will be sniffing around your house looking for food and shelter!

We have a number of rat tunnels and possum traps to purchase for bargain prices (see below).

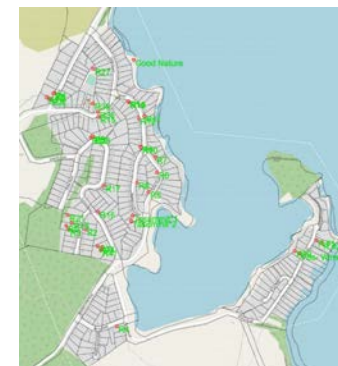
There is also a loan service for our trapinator possum traps. So if you have a noisy night time visitor in your trees give us a call and we can either pass the details on to the police or help you set up a temporary trap.

As always thank you to the many people in the community that are supporting and contributing to this great cause.



There are many ways to get involved and not all of these include trapping;

1. Get a trap by emailing [tsbell.nz@gmail.com](mailto:tsbell.nz@gmail.com) (email any catches you get or upload them directly to [Trap.NZ](https://www.trap.nz/))
2. Already trapping??? Let us know so we can add you to the [Trap.NZ](https://www.trap.nz/) project.
3. Sign up to the 'Okareka Backyard Trapping' Facebook page to share tips and stay connected
4. Volunteer with the project in whatever capacity you can
5. Tell a neighbour, especially if they don't live here all the time (we can check the trap for them)



Subsidised rat and possum traps are available for residents.

**\$8.00 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](mailto:tsbell.nz@gmail.com) or 021 026 36141



## What's the best way or what's the best number to contact Police on?

It is important when members of the community see something, that they obtain as much detail as possible. Including date, time and accurate location. If at all possible and you are able to do so safely, photographs or videos of the offending are invaluable.

But you must remember, your safety is paramount.



### Call 111 if

- There is a fire of any sort
- You need an ambulance because someone is seriously hurt
- Someone is breaking into your house right now
- There is car accident where people might be hurt, or cars are blocking the road
- Someone has been assaulted and the offender is still there
- You are afraid for your safety and or for those around you
- You need an emergency Police response

### When to use 105

We encourage you to make a report online at 105.police.govt.nz, but you can also call us 24/7 on 105. Use 105 to report things like:

- Your car or bike has been stolen
- Someone has vandalised your wall
- You've lost your wallet or phone, or your handbag was stolen at the library
- Someone broke into your car and might have taken something
- You're a retailer and someone has shoplifted or driven off without paying for gas.
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