

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Kia ora,

We have had another year of uncertainty dealing with the effects of the pandemic. Despite the restrictions we have managed to conduct business for short periods of time. The pandemic has seriously affected the operation of the hall as a venue and meeting point, with numerous cancellations and suspension of services. It is foreseeable that the pandemic will have an effect on the operation of the hall over the coming months/years. The committee will be needing to make difficult decisions on the day to day operations. I request that you support the committee as they work through these issues.

Unfortunately we had a resignation during the year. Peter Griffin was instrumental in assisting the committee with all IT matters.

### **EVENTS**

Community members organised events during the year.

Firstly was the Christmas Market which had great support from the community. Thanks goes to Pien Wise for her tireless effort and organisation.

Secondly was the Vaccination Awareness Day provided an opportunity for the freedom of choice for those of the community and immune compromised people to take up to option and receive a vaccination.

My personal thanks goes to Fleur Grey for stepping up and shaking some beauricratic cages to make this happen.

The committee provided catering services at the Westcoaster Fishing Comp. Unfortunately due to the pandemic uncertainty there was a lack of participants, namely 68 percent of normal numbers. This effectively reduced our fundraising capabilities.

I am indebted to committee member Keith Gayford for his assistance in the organisation of the event.

Thanks also goes to the committee members and volunteers both new and those returning from previous years. We could not carry out this event without them and the time and effort these volunteers put in.

The committee will have some tough decisions to make on the continuation of the service, namely the time expended in the organisation for limited financial return. The perceived fundraising financial returns does not match the so called returns previous committees have indicated.

I am mindful that this event is a great public relations and promotion exercise.

As a breath of fresh air, an adult rated bingo night was held. It was an opportunity to let the hair down and enjoy each other's company .

Much gratitude and thanks goes to Brendan Smith and Jo Schnauer (Ray White Realtors ) for their sponsorship and support.

It was a pleasure to see the overwhelming support from the community.

I'm pleased to advise that the septic tank system installation is completed and operational. We are currently waiting for council to complete the final report and certification of compliance. Thanks again goes to Paul and Ruth Mansell, Water to Waste, Manson contractor, local board past chairperson Greg Presland, Stephen Bell and Sarah Cosio Parks and Recreation for all their assistance and support.

The hall has finally made it into the 21st century with technology. The hall now has Internet service.

This now provides facilities and opportunities for the hall users.

Thanks goes to local board member and committee member Ken Turner for his work and effort in making this happen.

A great deal of gratitude also goes to Ken Turner and his assistant for the time spent in the collation of the Financial Account systems.

A further thanks goes to local Board Chairperson and committee member Saffron Toms for the assistance she has provided to local residents of the last few months with local issues.

The hall could not operate without the tireless work behind the scenes by Esme Scott as Hall Manager. For all the hard work and generosity we are grateful.

The hall is in need of maintenance and repair.

This is sadly something that has been overlooked for the last 5 to 10 years. Due to the uncertainty these days and our financial constraints the committee will need to complete a comprehensive maintenance budget and schedule together with options of financial support. Any future development of the hall that previous committees have investigated will require additional financial support.

I wish to thank the people who have generously put their names forward to be committee members. These people are volunteers on your committee and are working towards the betterment for generations to come.

I wish to thank Mr Terry Osborne for undertaking the duties of returning officer.

I wish to thank you all for the support you have shown this committee.

Take care and stay safe.

Nga mihi nui.

Tony Speechlay  
Chairman