

Chairman's Report

2017/18

Increased demand for usage of Kaipaki ensured 530 Kaipaki Rd was again well used.

The usual activities of Capernwray Football under lights twice per week, Hockey (Te A College 2 teams, Tamahere School, Kaipaki School and Tony East's Sunday gathering) and Netball practice (two Ohaupo teams) under lights, exercise classes on Monday, Yoga on a Thursday, Bible study on Friday mornings, Otago University Rowing team had a 9 day stay, four cricket teams and associated practices, cricket prize giving, community functions (perhaps 20 per year), midwinter Christmas function, Christmas at Kaipaki (increasing numbers as community appears to be getting comfortable with this event), community use during the summer most days in the cricket nets and tennis courts, Waikato Rowing Club meetings, Lacrosse practice, sponsor activity, 8 Tea Dances for the over 60's and more.

Perhaps the facility is used at least once per day - perhaps even an average of 1.5 times per day.

The facility has become very popular for meetings and gatherings and have regular annual family functions that all seem to enjoy.

We have wonderful sponsors - Fielddays, Te Awamutu Medical Centre, BT Cranes, NZ Home Loans, Dan Fenwick Builders, JD and RD Wallace, Balance Fertilizer, Pete Cawkwell and more. We also gained an additional 3K from the sale of Ramsay wine that was generously donated by the Ramsay's to help raise funds for Kaipaki. (there is more wine available contact Alison Glover 021 2637979). The Otago University Rowers stay brought in 3K.

The much needed upkeep of the old Hall is well under way and the Hall is looking much better. As previously explained, this process had been delayed hoping the Pavilion would be finished and every facility would be coordinated in appearance.

Other maintenance of the 5 acres goes on with mowing of grass, spraying of the courts, and cricket outfield all part of the process. We have had a number of working bees where enough people attended to get the work done.

The Cricket Pavilion project has continued with excellent progress being made of late with the roof due to go on over the next short while. It will be a wonderful asset to the complex and will make the Kaipaki Centre even more of a unique facility.

Funding is sound with our accounts being healthy but slightly misleading due to 50K from Trillian which they have very kindly allowed us to keep with the intention of spending on the Pavilion by September this year. The rest is made up of sponsorships and other moneys raised.

The scoreboard is virtually complete and looking forward to people managing this on cricket days.

The pitch issues are now less complicated but taking a secondary focus to the Pavilion.

As far as the cricket side of the organisation, two of the three Saturday teams played in finals with the Senior C's winning their competition for the first time. That team has a lot of good players who appear to thoroughly enjoy each others company. David Fox, Hannah

Foster and Mustafa do a very good job with the other two teams of mainly young people who again appear to enjoy playing. The Kindred team had approximately 7 games last year and will build as a focus in years to come. Kent has initiated a National Kindred competition with 12 teams in a southern, central and northern conference format with the first competition happening in 2018/19.

2017/18 has been another fantastic year and one can only see this continuing over the next few years.

We should constantly remind ourselves of what we actually have got Kaipaki and that is a most unique organisation/facility - no fees, sponsors who can use the facility when they want, good community use free of charge, community programs that are well supported and growing, modern facilities being developed, healthy bank account and a good and stable board who have all served their time at Kaipaki and have contributed to the process.

We look forward to the completion of the Cricket Pavilion and other enjoyable year.

Signed

John Parker

Chairman.