

The Kaipaki Centre

Chairman's Report

Year 2011/2012

The first official year of the new Board of the redeveloped Kaipaki Centre has been completed. The rules of the Kaipaki Settlers Hall Association Inc were updated and a new Board formed during 2011. New Board members elected and a new Chairman.

This management group has 'completed' the redevelopment plus a few extras and is now focused on equipping the facility of the necessities to operate and to manage the operations of 530 Kaipaki Rd.

There are many people to thank relating to the redevelopment – Keith Goodwin, Warwick Hartstone, John Burr, Bill Crome, Maurice Joyce, Ken Reakes, Graham Kennedy and ITM, David Smith, Matt Lawry, Graeme Coxhead, Bruce Thomas, Shane Sutherland and others however a special thanks to Ray Walker who has put in many hours of work as well as resources for which the community should be very grateful.

A special thanks to the WDC and Farrah Templeton who has skilfully managed the payment of the redevelopment invoices saving us in the vicinity of 50K.

Karl Johnson (Seddon Park groundsman) has also been extremely helpful by facilitating the opportunity to move the Seddon Park scoreboard, alerting us to some mowing options and advice on the outfield and potential for grass pitches next to the artificial.

Of course we are eternally grateful to all the businesses who donated time and resources/money to our project, the commercial cost is about 7-800K and we have completed thus far for 318k.

The project is recorded by way of montages on the wall of the pavilion as is the opening of the facility that occurred on Feb 6th 2012.

The finances of the organisation are good with approximately 6K upstanding with grants due in from a number of reliable sources.

We have been very fortunate to get the support of many gaming machine trusts and Trust Waikato each of whom were sent a montage of the project thanking them personally.

A special thanks to Grassroots Trust who thus far have granted the Kaipaki Centre in excess of 50K which of course is fantastic.

The usage of the facility has been as predicted and we have had to decline some potential users and will continue to provide us with challenges to be able to maintain the facility for all the different types of users who are keen to use the facility.

A smokersboard of users are as follows

- Regular community hire for birthdays, funerals, wedding functions. We are not hiring the facility out when community functions might be on as the facility was built for the community
- Athletics for children in summer
- Cricket division is very active and next summer might comprise of two senior teams, one social plus one ladies team. If the proposed calendar is confirmed they could use the Oval on over 40 days all in the weekend plus practices during the week.
- Netball for ladies
- Summer tennis for ladies
- Community tennis evenings
- Men's bible study group
- Free Pilates classes
- Free exercise classes for women
- Kaipaki Community Dances
- Ohaupo Dance group uses the Hall 5 times per year
- Sports holiday programs in the last week of every holidays
- Community talks – Bryan Waddle, John Wright, Dave Currie have spoken to Kaipaki people and more of this will happen.
- Corporate usage for staff and client occasions
- Capernwray students use the facility two nights per week for soccer and other such activities
- Many social nights watching rugby and other sport. The facility will be open every night of the Olympics if people are at a loose end

Other activities that are planned are Street V Street Six a side evening competition where each street in the district get a cricket team of six players and plays other streets. Games take 50 minutes maximum therefore four can be played in one evening. While the cricket is happening there could be a tennis fixture between the same streets and BBQs happening bringing people in streets together and people in the district interacting at the centre.

There will also be cricket games with our corporate supporters, WDC and our project supporters all attempting to thank those who helped and keep them involved at the facility.

The acquiring of the old Seddon Park scoreboard is in keeping with our focus on preserving history and adds another unique aspect to the facility creating much talk and increasing roles in activities for our young people.

Ideas are still flowing and the following are concepts in differing stages of happening

- A brochure has been developed providing the background to the project, history of the facility, proposed usage, cost of the project, purpose and how we are going to fund the project in the future.
- A mower has been purchased from the USA – 15 hours of usage and valued at 40K and we paid 10K through the groundsman at Seddon and Eden Park. Funding has been provided by Grassroots
- If we have a mower we need a shed and Grassroots have granted funds for the shed as well

- The planting of trees has started (thanks to Ray and Margi Walker) and some more will be added
- The old hall roof will need to be sprayed
- Cricket nets finished
- Scoreboard renovated
- Feasibility of a grass pitch considered
- A range of merchandise is being considered at present
- A web site is near completion
- The business directory is also near completion and 1300 will be distributed within the next month
- Youth drop in centre after school is being discussed with Capernwray

The ongoing funding challenges are going well with approaches being made to past cricketers, present cricketer's businesses, old Kaipaki families plus local and Hamilton businesses. As previously mentioned Grassroots Trust have been very supportive of the project for which we are very grateful.

Our target is to raise 40K from these sources and this will pay for the operations of the facility. The strategy for gaining funds is to use the brochure and perhaps a visit to provide background, facility information and a level of comfort that might encourage funders of all types to contribute on an annual basis. Our thanks to Fieldays for contributing 5K to annual operations and the commitment for another two years at least and a commitment to increasing the amount as well.

In summary the redevelopment has gone well, enough people always turned up to help with working bees and people seemed to appear that had the required skills to get things done. The drainage works well and the wonderful grassing summer was most helpful. The facility is being well used by a wide range of groups including Waikato Institute for Leisure and Sports Studies, Sport Waikato who has had one staff meetings there and the SW Board is due to meet there in August and most importantly the local community. The prospects for the funding of operations in the future is going well and there are plenty of ideas for future development

My thanks to Deb Vernon for her work with the financials – all can be done online now, to Elwyn for taking the minutes of the meetings and the rest of the board for the work and support of what happens at Kaipaki. It has been a fantastic year watching the facility being completed, the people using the facility increasing and the goodwill the facility has created.

There is little doubt that contributing to our community is one of life's great opportunities and we are fortunate to have been able to contribute to this project that was started 99 years ago .

Signed _____ dated _____ / _____ /2012

John Parker
Chairman
The Kaipaki Settlers Hall Association Inc