

Kaharoa Community Association (KCA) Newsletter February 2023

What is the Kaharoa Community Association –

We are a group of **9 local volunteers** who wish to provide opportunities for our community to meet together to build a connected neighbourhood. We also keep up with the activities of our District Council by attending the monthly Rural Board Meetings. This gives us the opportunity to report any issues around the district, such as road sight lines, repairs, vegetation control, cooperation with Progress Ngongotaha on village issues etc.

We are always looking for new people to join us with inspiring ideas for events or activities. We have hosted car rallies, orienteering days, “Make n Model” evenings, just need some enthusiasm & goodwill.

We look after the **maintenance and bookings** for the Kaharoa Hall. We have to raise all funds for capital improvements. We work to improve the facilities of the hall to make it more user friendly and comfortable for all. In recent times new flooring has been laid in the supper room, new heaters fitted throughout the hall, new fridges purchased, and baffles fitted to all the walls to improve sound quality. We have dreams of upgrading the toilet blocks in the near future if funds can be found.

We sponsor the **Neighbourhood Support** system in the Kaharoa district. Our sincere thanks go to the wonderful road co-ordinators who play a key role in communication channels and facilitate road groups to meet up socially.

We host an informal **monthly social event** at the hall on the first Friday of the month from 5.30pm. We provide a light supper, tea/coffee & suggest you bring your favourite tippie to enjoy while catching up with friends & neighbours. **Next social is 3rd March 2023** at the Hall

Some years back KCA arranged the purchase of an **AED unit** for the Community which is stored in a lock box in the bus shelter out the front of the school. As a result of a recent issue we have applied for and been granted funds from the Rural Women NZ organisation to purchase a new easier accessible weather proof container & signage which will overcome the need to ring emergency services for a code. We also intend to arrange for additional training in the use of the AED unit for the Community this Autumn so watch for a notice.

There are many benefits to being a **member** of our “Kaharoa Community & hall Society”. One of which is you are able to use the hall & equipment at a discounted rate. Your fee helps us with projects & a large data base of members shows our District Councillors that we care about our community and are prepared to stand up for it.

You can become a member simply by paying the sum of \$10.00 for a family subscription to Westpac Bank 03 1545 0010860 00 listing your family name & ‘KCA sub’ as the code. Contact Chris on 0274545493 or Jo on 0274904105 with questions

