

Helping Kaikōura District move forward as a great place to live with a strong, well-connected community, that is ecologically exemplary and economically prosperous

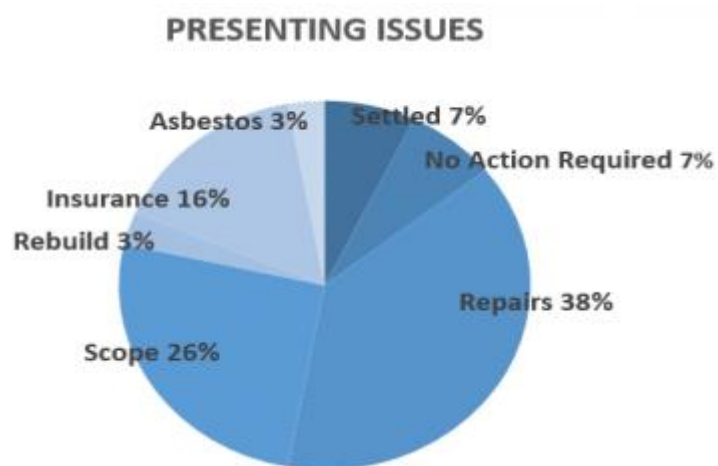


Community Services and Development update

01 May 2019

Check out the latest news from the Community Development and Services Team below - Connecting and supporting our community through youth coordination, event coordination, our Library, community development, Pensioner Housing, Violence Free coordination, Council front desk team and our Emergency Management Officer. . Information is gathered from Council reports that you can find [on Councils website here](#).

Rebuild Navigator



Helping homeowners through the rebuild or repair process.

Our Rebuild Navigator Steve Vaughan, has been out in the community helping residents move through their repair/rebuild.

Steve is currently actively managing 40 cases within his role.

One of the main issues the team is encountering is that the insurance companies have been using the MBIE guide for the standard of repair, which was put in place for the Christchurch earthquake. This standard was only put in place for the Christchurch earthquake and surrounding districts affected, however this does not apply to Kaikōura or our surrounding districts. Therefore, now we are trying to apply a better approach to the repair strategies, and work to be carried out on homes and properties that have suffered damage from the Kaikōura earthquake.

Other areas of focus:

- Helping locals get building or engineer reports
- Helping homeowners get asbestos tests
- Helping homeowners through their insurance claims
- Helping homeowners clarify their scope of works
- Helping homeowners ensure they receive accurate settlements.

If you would like Steve's help while you go through your repair/rebuild, get in touch by calling him on 027 475 5259 or emailing kdc@kaikoura.govt.nz

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Community Grants

Community grants are Government funded grants to support organisations within the local community and neighbourhood, which operate on a not-for-profit and voluntary basis.

A total of \$21,390.50 through four grants was allocated to our community between February and April 2019.

February 2019:

NZ Creative Community Scheme approved two applications, allocating a total of \$3454.00 to our community. The next round closes in June.

April 2019:

Sport NZ Rural Travel approved two applications, allocating a total of \$8143.30 to our community. The next round closes on 06 June 2019.

The George Low Trust approved three applications, allocating a total of \$5175.00 to our community. The next round closes end of March 2020.

Kaikōura Initiatives Fund approved four applications, allocating a total of \$4618.20 to our community. The next round closes in 06 June 2019.

Do you have a project or initiative planned that needs a little financial helping hand? Check out the range of community grants available on [Council's website here](#).

Housing

[Check out information about housing in our district here.](#)

As the provision of temporary accommodation is not a core local government function, a third party is being sought to run the village until April 2020. A third party will mitigate any risk to council while providing a temporary accommodation solution in the short term.

Kaikōura District Council will continue its advocacy and facilitation role around housing needs through the monthly housing forum.

Library

In the last month, the Library had 14 new member sign ups and 28 new library items added to the catalogue.

They have been continuing their great work with the multiple community courses and events they run or host and completed an autumn clean in the kids toys' and new shelving areas!

Check out their [latest events here](#), if you're already a member then check out the [online catalogue here](#), or [sign up online to be a member here!](#)

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Civil Defence

Our Emergency Management Officer, Kd Scattergood is here to help the community and Council prepare to respond in the event of an emergency.

[Check out how you can prepare for an emergency here.](#)

Kd is continuing to carry out education campaigns and train various CD teams to ensure everyone knows their role if an event was to occur.

Violence Free Network

Kaikōura's Violence Free coordinator is working with the community to create a safe and peaceful place to live and work.

The network has identified the following gaps in service provision:

1. Victim Support – currently no victim support in Kaikōura
2. No place for victims to go, and no crisis support at time of incident
3. Youth/young parenting help and resource's
4. ISR model upcoming training in May this year
5. NCTIR – pathways, support for workers and the upcoming new contracts
6. Drinking culture excessive drinking in the pubs that leads to street/domestic violence
7. High domestic violence an average of 2 per week that is reported
8. Sexual Assault
9. Mental Health support and continuity for people
10. School Bullying
11. Crisis response
12. Ongoing funding for role

The coordinator is working on filling these gaps through education, advocacy and most importantly collaboration between organisations in and outside our district.