



### Dark Skies update

Signage: Chris Severne, Opito RA Chair, has successfully applied for a grant (approx \$2000) from Mercury Bay Community Board for signage. Would one really big sign (as on Stewart Island) at the entrance to the sub-peninsula (ie at Kuaotunu village) have more impact than several smaller signs scattered around? Do we already have small-sign pollution? Perhaps a big mural on the side of the cafe?

Video: Luke has spoken to Josh Kennedy; he can produce something that is perfect for social media, including time-lapse photography, comparative photos of dark-skies/non-dark-skies, scenic drone footage, an interview with Alastair, for \$700 + GST. Alternatively he could do a short-and-sharp 60-second piece for \$500.

Pamphlets: Endeavour print can do x300 single-sided A4, for \$169 incl GST, or x300 double-sided for \$270 incl GST. Ideally all three Ratepayers' (KT, Otama, Opito) will share the cost, but if not, is KRRRA willing to shoulder the whole? No decisions regarding pamphlets will be made by the Dark Skies committee without prior consultation with the KRRRA.

Resolution: that the KRRRA funds the printing of pamphlets, and tries to recoup a portion of the cost from Otama and Opito Ratepayers.
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**moved:** Carolyn

**seconded:** Bruce

**passed**

Carrie, Kathy, and Alastair will take this meeting's input to the upcoming Dark Skies committee meeting.

### Newsletter

Kathy would like to send the next newsletter on Saturday 5 September. Ideas for items therein:

- water-quality testing update - **Brent to get an action photo of James Muir.**
- new AED on Noticeboard
- Dune update - on the initial planting working bee, and also a notice to keep an eye on storm damage, to ensure maximum survival of plants. **Carrie to draft.**
- traffic-calming update - indicate that we are hoping to pilot calming measures through the village over the summer, but without specifics. Relay the information that NZTA has highlighted Kuaotunu as a stretch of SH25 that needs focussed review.
  - TCDC have denied our request for temporary rubber speed bumps (they will do a traffic count over the summer; apparently "Kuaotunu has enough traffic-calming measures"). Brent has told them this is unacceptable.
  - Kuaotunu Kindy has been advocating for a pedestrian crossing; we can pool our lobbying power with improved communication with them.
- Ring's Beach kiwi photo
- Dark Skies project is gathering momentum - watch this space!

- Kuaotunu Emergency Response Team - a short piece on how to navigate fluctuating Alert Levels in the future - **Carolyn to write a draft.**
- Food Forest update - lots of new energy there! And a communal to-do list in the shed. **Courtney to draft.**

**Meeting closed:** 6:45

**Next meeting:** Thursday 24 September, 6 pm, Kua Kawhe

ACTION SUMMARY

who	what	done?
Kathy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>invite Courtney &amp; Danny to join dropbox</li> </ul>	
Courtney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>bring any relevant/overlapping kindy issues to KRRR meetings</li> <li>draft food-forest update for NL</li> </ul>	
Brent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>get a photo of James Muir in action</li> </ul>	
Carrie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>draft Dune Care item for NL</li> </ul>	
Carolyn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>draft short piece on KERT-how-to-navigate-levels for NL</li> </ul>	
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Watching brief:

- helicopter landing pad
- Civil Defence Community Defense Response Plan
- Aquaculture development plan
- Council's Long Term Plan capital expenditure