

Kaikōura Dark Sky Expo – Programme – Sunday 21st to Sunday 28th May 2023

The Kaikōura Dark Sky “Expo” is to run across a week and is aimed at all sectors of the community – throughout the week

All are invited to the Mayfair Theatre – upstairs exhibition space to gain a greater understanding of the importance of and necessary steps to become an accredited

International Dark Sky Sanctuary.

The overall goal is to introduce the community to the “Kaikoura Dark Sky Sanctuary” concept, its’ impacts, opportunities, and as a platform for questions and answers including the forthcoming Private Plan Change

20th to 28th May 2023 – EXPO content:

- Static Display of A0 Posters covering the below topics:
- Table with Puzzles etc in place for younger visitors:
- Computer Screen running with IDA Dark Sky films and information
- Library Display of Books and information table

POSTER DISPLAY covering the following topics:-

- **Kaikoura Dark Sky Trust** - who we are, what we are hoping to achieve - International Dark Sky “Sanctuary” accreditation
- **IDA and NZ Dark Sky Network**
- **Awe and Wonder** (Kyra Xavier)
- **Health** - Circadian Rythms/Sleep – (Kaikōura Health Care Te Hā o Te Ora)
- **Environment**
- **Tourism Opportunities** - ideas for our Tourism Sector (Destinations Kaikoura - Lisa Bond)
- **Matariki** - (Hapuku School)
- **the Private Plan Change** Kaikoura District Council/Kahu Environment -
- **Responsible Lighting**
 - Light Pollution
 - Best Lighting options
- **Enjoying our night sky** – options and ideas - remember to look up, binoculars, apps.
- **Crime** – dispelling myths about lighting
- **Heritage** of the night sky
- **Climate Change** – Wasted Energy costs money and wastes money

PROGRAMME for the week is as follows:

Mayfair will be open to all the whole week, but the groups hosting are as following:

The Mayfair Theatre will be open each day from 10.30 am until closing time. We will be encouraging as many people as possible to come through to enjoy, learn and understand what we are trying to achieve.

Below is the draft format for the Hosted evening sessions, again open to all.

- **21st** - Sunday – Opening/Brett Cowan – Mayfair Members and Community afternoon
- **22nd** - Monday - education sector invited
- **23rd** - Tuesday - **Business Community** - invited –host all – KDST – KDC etc - ideas
- **24th** - Wednesday - Host - Destination KK - Audience - **Tourism Operators**
- **25th** - Thursday - Host - KK Healthcare- Guest: Dr. Philippa Gander ONZM – blue light circadian rythms and sleep – all Day
- **26th** - Friday
 - Day - KK Museum & Hertiage NZ hosting Youth activities
 - Evening - Community Event – host - Kaikoura Youth Council and Dark Sky Trust
- **27th** - Saturday – Invitation to Op Shop Volunteers?
- **28th** – Sunday – final day

Brian Horsfall will be available with his Telescope for Night time viewing on the “Starlight Balcony” on weekday evenings