

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF TE WHARE POUHERE TAONGA O ŌTAKI/ ŌTAKI HERITAGE

Held at Ōtaki Museum Sunday 12 October 2025 at 2 pm

Present: Judith Miller, David Ledson, Sarah Maclean, Len Nicholls, Liz Brown, Chris Greenwood, Hana Wagner-Nicholls, Neale Ames, Inawa Paviour-Smith, Sue Carroll, Trish Grant, Graham Lonsdale, Roderick Kinghorn, Heather Watson, Gail Hall, Mary-Jane Rivers, Patrick McCombs, Adam Lawrence, Cathy Canavan (Volunteer Kāpiti), Jeanette Carpenter, Grant Robertson.

Apologies: Robin Philipp, Councillor Shelly Warwick, Cam Butler, on behalf of the Ōtaki Community Board, Di Buchan on behalf of the Friends of the Rotunda, Henry Brittain on behalf of the Wellington Tramway Museum, Max Lutz on behalf of the Friends of the Otaki River, Helen Naylor, Jenn Corbitt.

Karakia: led by David Ledson

Welcome: David Ledson welcomed those present

Gail Hall moved that the apologies be accepted, seconded Judith Miller, passed unanimously.

Minutes of 2024 Annual General Meeting: Liz Brown moved that the minutes of the annual general meeting held on 6 October 2024 be accepted as a true and correct record, seconded Hana Wagner-Nicholls, passed unanimously.

Annual Report: David presented the annual report for the 2024-5 year (copy attached) and moved that it be accepted. Seconded Len Nicholls, passed unanimously.

Financial Report: Neale Ames presented the financial statements and the reviewer's report for the 2024-5 year and moved that they be accepted, seconded Sue Carroll, passed unanimously. Agreed that a copy of the balance sheet be attached to these minutes.

Noting this was Neale Ames' final AGM as the treasurer, David Ledson thanked him for his 18 years of generous and valued service to the organisation. (Note: To acknowledge his contribution, a donation of \$250 was made to the Ōtaki Surf Club in his name)

Appointment of financial reviewer for 2025-26: Dennis Blank was proposed by Neale Ames, seconded by Graham Lonsdale, and duly declared appointed.

Election of trustees: Len Nicholls and David Ledson submitted resignations in accordance with clause 5.5.2 of the Trust Deed and indicated that they were willing to stand for re-election. The remaining trustees indicated that they were willing to continue to hold office. In addition, nominations had been received for Adam Lawrence and Mary-Jane Rivers.

There being no further nominations, Len Nicholls, David Ledson, Adam Lawrence and Mary-Jane Rivers were declared as elected.

Address by Volunteer Kāpiti: Judith Miller introduced Cathy Canavan who addressed the meeting on behalf of Volunteer Kāpiti and answered questions about the work of that organisation.

Judith proposed a vote of thanks to Cathy and also a vote of thanks to all those who volunteer at the Museum – passed by acclamation.

General Business: Sarah Maclean advised that the 2025 Ōtaki Historical Journal will be launched at the Museum on 16 November 2025 at 2 pm. Len Nicholls announced that the virtual exhibits currently accessible through the console in the museum are now also accessible online. On behalf of the meeting, David Ledson congratulated Len and thanked him for his work.

Closure: There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.15 pm

Closing karakia and blessing of food: led by David Ledson.