

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 23 October 2016 at 14:00
Rakino Island Community Hall**

Present

Committee members: John Denton (JD) Chair; (RE) Vice Chair; Bert Vercruyssen (BV).
Laura Sunderland (LS) Secretary/Treasurer; Wayne Whitaker (WW).

Plus 20 members and 5 non-members (see summary table at end)

Apologies

Trevor & Rene Sawyer, Mark Lockhart, Graham & Laraine Waters, Peter Watson.

Moved/ Seconded	Outcome	Action	Carried forward/ resolved
Stephen Thomas / Dylan Hinchey	Motion passed	Apologies accepted	Resolved

Introductions

The Chair introduced Committee Members. He thanked them for their voluntary contribution to RRA.

Minutes of Previous General Meeting

The Meeting approved the Minutes of the previous General Meeting at Easter (22/3/16).

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Stephen Thomas / Dylan Hinchey	Motion passed	Minutes accepted as a true and correct record	Resolved

Annual Report from Chairperson

The Chair presented his Report to Members. The Report is part of the pre-circulated Annual Report papers and is appended to the electronic version of these minutes as a .pdf file.

Thanks were given to the many people who assisted the Committee during the year.

Moved that the report be accepted.

Moved/ Seconded	Outcome	Action	Carried forward/ resolved
JD / Stephen Thomas	Motion passed	Annual Report accepted	Resolved

Financial Report:

The financial statements were presented to the Meeting. The surplus reported was \$8.

Kevin Wragge asked exactly how much money there was in the Rakino Trust.

The Chair replied that the Trust's funds are not under the control of RRA and are in the care of the Trustees, so he was unable to respond to the question directly.

The Chair reassured the meeting that the purposes of the Trust aligned with those of RRA.

It was also confirmed that Jude MacLachlan (former RRA Secretary) had been adopted as a new Trustee.

Motion to have financial statements adopted.

Moved/ Seconded	Outcome	Action	Carried forward/ resolved
JD/ Josh McCann	Motion passed	Financial Statements for y/ended 30/6/16 adopted.	Resolved

Other matters:

Fire Marshall's report (Hank Postmaa)

One tanker was removed from the island as it was unable to pass a warrant of fitness test. All Fire Lords were in operating order at the time of the meeting and are regularly checked. When using a Fire Lord, members were requested to refill it with only fresh water and fuel when finished. There was also a reminder to everyone installing new water tanks or doing upgrades to consider having a 50mm camlock fitting put on their tank as this allows easy access to water in an emergency.

Rhamnus control

Expressions were made that Auckland City teams seem to be making little progress with Rhamnus control. Kevin Wragge commented that Association should bear more responsibility in this matter. The Committee agreed to take the matter back to Council and to improve communications and in turn to keep the community better informed of proposed eradication works, such that collaboration with property owners would work better and there could possibly be working bees and community involvement in these activities.

Dylan Hinchey commented that whole island needs a blitz. Lisa Holliday commented that she would like further instruction on the availability and safe use of poisons.

Translocation of species and future island ecological planning

Dylan Hinchey advised of seeking a quotation to secure specialist consultancy to assess the feasibility, habitat and ecology of Rakino for potential translocation of animal species, acknowledging that cats and dogs are an ongoing environmental constraint on suitable animal species which is unlikely to change for as long as most of the island remains under private ownership.

Kevin Wragge reported on a recent application to the EIF Fund for a \$20k grant to develop a Master Plan for the island's ecological future, positioned as a blueprint for land owners to utilise and enable an optimised and consistent approach, especially where large land blocks adjoin.

Martin Plummer questioned whether Kevin had authority to pursue this without the prior consent and mandate of the community.

RE confirmed that Kevin had liaised through him with the Committee over three prior applications for central government funding, which had been declined, and that the latest application had the same endorsement of the RRA, having been previously discussed and agreed that it fell in line with the broad RRA objectives to support and stand behind (but not to own) community initiatives.

JD added that, at this stage, it was only an application for funding which may or may not be successful. Any subsequent plan would necessarily require community consultation in the process of its being formulated and before any part of the plan could proceed.

Library

Bev Postmaa and Sue O'Connor have maintained the Library. Bev confirmed her intention to stand down. Sheryl Donaldson will be taking her place.

Thanks were given to the Library operators and to all who have donated books and apologies to any whose books have been rejected due to there being limited space.

Fruit Trees

Dylan Hinchey stated he would like a horticulturist to survey the island and recommend a planting programme. Kevin Wragge said we have been part of the Waiheke Local Board scheme in the past and he has distributed some fruit trees. Presently there is little shelter on public land for young trees to grow successfully. It was observed that some boundary-line planting might be feasible and thus not encroach on the roading.

The matter remains open for exploration, and it was more generally requested that everyone make better use of the Community Hall Notice Board as well as social networking sites to publicise such ideas and initiatives.

First Aid: Epi-pens

Bev Postmaa responded to a proposal that the RRA First Aid kit should have Epi-pens.

Bev stated that Epi-pens are not recommended for use by St Johns' volunteers and the matter of Epi-pens should remain a personal responsibility.

It was suggested that we have a public First Aid course over Christmas period. With regard to the RRA First Aid cabinet on the wall at back of the Hall, ratepayers were asked to use the kit sitting on top of the cupboard first, then go into cabinet to replenish.

Please always replace whatever you use.

Strobe Lights for Night-time Emergencies

Geoff & Mandy Burne kindly donated a set of Strobe Lights during the year, for emergency use to assist helicopter pilots when landing at night on the island. Kevin Hester generously agreed to provide mounted storage for these strobes at two locations, the Community Hall and the Phone Box.

Helipad

Kevin Wragge suggested that there should be a helipad in a central location.

Bokashi Bin report - RE

44 Bins were now in use across the island and there is limited stock of new bins held on the island available for purchase at \$20 per pair (\$112 mainland retail).

Supplies of Zing composting catalyst are available at \$10/bag. Contact RE for further details.

The 'Green' grant has been extended until the end of Q1 2017 to allow for completion of the original plan and grant-assisted spending, and a survey of the AT land proposed for siting of the 'swap' station will be completed in the first week of November, thus permitting plans to progress.

Broadband

Wi-Fi application lodged in 2015 with the Rural Broadband Initiative, with RRA seeking an upgrade to the station on Motutapu and a repeater on Rakino, upon the advice of Vodafone.

Still awaiting the outcome.

In the meantime, some residents have adopted private solutions, including Wireless Nation and Tangelo.

RE is in dialogue with Wireless Nation to facilitate a survey of signal strength over the island for them to be able to propose a solution which would be available on a user pays basis.

Seats at Sandy Bay

Need replacing. It was agreed that any Council grant options should be investigated in addition to RRA funding.

Westpac Helicopter Donation

The Meeting endorsed the ongoing donation to the Rescue Helicopter of \$500 p.a. from RRA funds. **(Post Meeting Note – the donation was made on 15-Nov-2016).**

A proposal that a donation also be made to Coastguard was discussed but not supported, on the basis that this was not the preferred first responder service and boating was an optional leisure pursuit.

RRA Survey of Ratepayers

The Chair distributed the results from a recent Survey of Ratepayers in which responses from 41 parties were summarised, including nearly 15% from those who were not members of RRA.

The results showed a majority of general satisfaction with RRA's performance and achievements but pointed to several areas of work needed.

Please absorb and make any further comment via email to the Secretary of RRA. The new Committee will take this up as an important input to future strategy development.

Election of new Committee members:

The following existing Committee members (2015-6) seek to retire:

Laura Sunderland
Wayne Whitaker
Bert Vercruyssen

John Denton seeks to retire as Chair but remains on the Committee as Immediate Past Chair for a further year. Rob Everall has agreed to his Nomination to continue as Vice-Chair.

The following new Nominations for the 2016-17 Committee have been received:

Stephen Thomas
Adrian Townsend
Peter Watson
Steve McCrone
Barry Bridgewater
Sue Plummer

The Constitution requires the appointment of the following five Officers of the Association: Chair, Immediate Past Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer; and up to four non-office holding Committee members.

No specific nominations have been received for the positions of Chair, Secretary or Treasurer.

After some discussion, Lisa Holliday proposed and Jude MacLachlan seconded that all those nominated be elected forthwith and the following Resolution was then formulated and passed:

Moved/ Seconded	Outcome	Action	Carried forward/ resolved
Lisa Holliday / Jude MacLachlan	Motion passed	That R Everall and J Denton be appointed Vice-Chair and Immediate Past Chair respectively and S Thomas, A Townsend, P Watson, S McCrone, S Plummer and B Bridgewater be appointed to the Committee on the basis that the remaining Officers required under the Constitution be appointed at the first Committee Meeting by members elected.	Resolved

Retiring Committee Members were thanked.

There being no further business, the meeting closed 15:50 with wine available.

Minutes approved as a true and correct record

Signed by:

Date

Appended on the electronic copy of these Minutes:

RRA Statement of Service Performance, incorporating the Chair's Annual Report



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STATEMENT OF SERV

Members present at meeting (insert from signing in sheet):

John & Chris Denton	Rob & Mandy Everall	Laura Sunderland	Wayne Whitaker & Shelly Burge
Bert Vercruyssen	Josh McCann	John and Caroline Beasley	Hank and Bev Postmaa
Kevin Wragge	Dylan Hinchey	Lisa Holliday	Kevin Hester
Sue & Martin Plummer	Stephen Thomas	Steven McCrone	Barry Bridgwater
Jude MacLachlan	Antanas Procuta	Robin & James Kennedy	

Non-Members present at meeting

Colin Maclaren	Hanna Scott	Valerie Dickens	Maurice Brown
Kahea Corbett			