

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 22 October 2017 at 12:00 p.m.  
Rakino Island Community Hall**

**Present**

**Committee members:** Steve McCrone (SMcC) Chair; Rob Everall (RE) Vice Chair and Acting Secretary; Barry Bridgwater (BB) Treasurer; Adrian Townsend (AT); Stephen Thomas (ST); Sue Plummer (SP)

Members and non-members who signed in are detailed in a summary table at the end.

**1. Apologies**

Gary Maclachlan, Terry & Ling Robinson, Graham Waters, John Denton, Rod Inglis.

**2. Minutes of Previous General Meeting**

The Meeting approved the Minutes of the previous General Meeting of 23-October 2016.

Moved/ Seconded	Outcome	Action	Carried forward/ resolved
Jude Maclachlan / RE	Motion passed unanimously	Minutes accepted unanimously as a true and correct record	Resolved

**3. Annual Report from Chairperson – year ended 30-Jun-2017**

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 Committee and the many people who assisted the Committee during the year, especially with regards to running events and also making a financial contribution.

SMcC introduced John MacKenzie, who is assuming the role of Environmental Officer to replace Mark Lockhart. SMcC also highlighted a number of ongoing concerns; foremost amongst these is the ongoing responsibility of the island community to keep the island safe and not to operate vehicles that are not roadworthy or in a careless manner, and not to leave vehicles parked such that the island's first vista to those arriving is that of a junk yard. He also commented on the service provided by Belaire Ferries and the ongoing dialogue about unaccompanied deliveries.

**4. Financial Report – year ended 30-Jun-2017**

The financial statements had been circulated ahead of the meeting.

Approximately half the annual income was from subscription payments.

The deficit reported for the financial year was \$692.

It was confirmed that the accounts were not audited every year, but a bi-annual check by an independent reviewer would be good practice and cost effective for the Association.

Motion to have financial statements adopted.

Moved/ Seconded	Outcome	Action	Carried forward/ resolved
Josh McCann / AT	Motion passed unanimously	Financial Statements for yr. ended 30/6/17 adopted.	Resolved

## 5. Other Reports:

**Environment – see below in item 7 (General Business)**

### **Fire Marshall's report (Hank Postmaa)**

The Firelord units were reported to be fully operational. The new Fire Officer (Dale Tawa) has confirmed that rural firefighting training is available and can be organised, building on the success of training delivered previously.

People were reminded that the Firelords could be used for other purposes, such as house-washing, but they should be refuelled and the water tanks must be replenished with fresh water upon return.

A reminder was given about the start of the Total Fire Ban from 01-December.

Hank confirmed that he was available to offer consultative advice on new site development or refurbishment specifically with regard to the optimal positioning of tanks (away from homes) and of installation (new or retrofit) of 50mm camlocks to permit the attachment of fire hoses.

A question was raised about where these camlocks could be sourced from, as they can be fitted whilst a tank is full of water.

SMcC thanked both Hank and Bev for their tremendous volunteer contribution throughout the year.

## 6. Election of new Committee members:

The following existing Committee members (2016-7) seek to retire and do not offer themselves for re-election:

- John Denton (Immediate Past Chair and not standing for re-election after three years)
- Sue Plummer (But Sue will continue to support the Community Hall sub-committee)
- Rob Everall (as Vice Chair)
- Barry Bridgewater (as Treasurer)

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.

The following new nominations for the 2016-17 Committee had been confirmed:

- Steve McCrone (Chair and Immediate Past Chair by default, unless opposed)
- Jude Maclachlan (Vice Chair)
- Rob Everall (Secretary)
- Stephen Thomas
- Adrian Townsend
- Barry Bridgewater
- Rod Inglis (not able to attend this meeting but proposed by ST and seconded by RE beforehand)

No specific nominations have been received for the position of Treasurer.

In keeping with the practice last year, it was agreed that the Committee would resolve the remaining appointment at the first Committee meeting following this AGM.

The Committee members proposed were unanimously accepted by the members in attendance.

Retiring Committee Members were thanked by SMcC for their contribution to RRA.

## 7. General Business

**Community Hall:** Chris Clews (Community Hall sub-committee) summarised steps taken to date, including a visit to the island by members of Auckland Council and the Waiheke Local Board. As a result of that meeting and discussion, a Construction Assessment of the building had been carried out, but a Community Use assessment remained outstanding. Any proposed action was entirely contingent upon the budget available.

A number of proposals had been considered, including the reinstatement and extension of the sea wall, moving the Hall back from the water's edge or simply elevating it in situ well above the height of MHWS and storm surges, with appropriate repairs to pilings and floor.

Cost estimates ranged from \$3-500k being required to complete a comprehensive programme (to Building Code) to protect the Community Hall for the foreseeable future.

Complications have arisen through Health & Safety compliance protocols which mean that only approved Council contractors can now be used to maintain the fabric of the building. This means that work can no longer be undertaken by island-based tradespeople, unless they have undertaken and maintain full Council H&S compliance.

Discussions are ongoing and action will continue through the sub-committee, with the proposal to escalate the matter to more senior Councillors.

**Environmental Strategy** – John MacKenzie introduced himself to the members, and introduced Kevin Parker, a conservation scientist, who will be undertaking research for and drafting a Restoration Plan for the Rakino environment under a grant which has been received.

The focus of the study will be a strategy for the restoration of native flora and habitat and reintroduction of such native species of fauna as will be sustainable on Rakino, which is already ahead of the game thanks to many years of local replanting efforts by forward-thinking individuals. Rakino is unique in that it is pest-free and supportive of native bird species which are simply not seen on the mainland. However, it does have dogs and cats, which are a limiting factor.

The output of the study will present viable options, not dictate as to what must be done. It will afford the means to protect and maintain what we have, control pests and weeds, further enhance the environment with the 'right' new planting and the introduction of new bird species (e.g, white heads and saddlebacks) equipped to cope with the natural constraints that already exist.

The report and recommendations should be completed by calendar year-end.

**Strategic Plan** – a strategic plan has been mooted for some time, but renewed efforts will be injected to push it forward utilising a sub-committee. Taking up the threads first encompassed in 'The Rakino Way', it will comprise an overall view of how to develop the island as an organic entity, with consideration to the local economy, the environment and the needs of the community. On behalf of the Committee, AT volunteered to head this up.

It was also agreed that 'The Lonely Island Guide to Rakino' should be published to the RRA website.

**Green Waste project** - RE confirmed that the Bokashi Bin project had completed (grant closed) with more than 60 sets of bins deployed, and additional stocks available to purchase at the discounted price (one set of bins per household).

Pat Withers raised concerns about rubbish management practice. Households should keep all inorganic waste on private properties until the Inorganic Collection dates were confirmed, as there is no facility to dump such material in Home Bay. Waste should be sorted properly according to bin contents and all cardboard flattened and separated. More discipline was needed to make the rubbish management process easier, and the bins at collection points had all been refurbished with new signage to make it clearer.

It was confirmed that there will be a beach clean up event early in the new year (date to be confirmed, but 5<sup>th</sup> January proposed). Caroline Beasley will be organising it, followed by a sausage sizzle (sponsored by RRA) to thank all volunteers.

Also further planting dates will be confirmed through John MacKenzie, and volunteers at the Nursery will always be welcomed.

SMcC summarised the planned **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations** to immediately follow the AGM, including a sausage sizzle, bouncy castle, 'bang-the-nail', stocks and lucky dip. A fishing competition was held earlier in the day which was very well supported, with thanks to sponsors who kindly donated prizes and volunteer organisers.

Kevin Hester reported on attending a planning meeting on **Emergency Response** preparations in the event of fire, tsunami, earthquake or storm/cyclone.

Practical measures include a simple 'OK' or 'HELP' sign on properties to focus rescue efforts where most needed, a database of first responders and a phone tree list for firefighters.

Some basic materials have also been procured (after the Plague Skink response) which might help in making damaged properties weatherproof or creating rudimentary shelter.

Kevin kindly confirmed his intention to do further work on pulling together a plan for adoption within the Rakino community.

AT asked for the level of interest in **planting fruit trees along the roadsides**, with the offer to donate young trees for planting, and AT / ST agreed to take this initiative forward and seek other supporters.

The issue of a **pukeko cull** was tabled and it was agreed that the Committee would report back with options (which may include a one day cull, property owners shooting on their own properties or bringing in an external specialist contractor).

Laura Sunderland raised concerns about **the cost of motor vehicle WOF and Registration**, with the threat of cars being pink stickered by Auckland Transport where there was no cost effective solution to getting compliance on the island.

Chris Clews had done extensive research in this area and confirmed to the meeting that the law is clear and unequivocal. One approach could be to adopt the low-cost Rural Registration (for traceability to the vehicle owner) and reduce speed limits lower than the generic 50 kph (i.e. if a vehicle travels at less than 40 kph, then no WOF is required). Parts of Waiheke are already adopting lower speed limits, and Rakino sits in its ward. There are LTSA exemptions under Class A, B and 'Agricultural' vehicles, but Rakino does not sit easily in any one of these classifications due to the multiple ownership and public roading, albeit very limited.

It was agreed that CC would draft a proposal to submit to the community, prior to submission to Auckland Transport to test out the feasibility of making changes to road classification.

# RAKINO

RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

SMcC reiterated that children and pedestrians on Rakino should enjoy priority; Bev Postmaa appealed for plain common sense and a community-minded approach from all road users.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 13:45 with wine available.

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Minutes approved as a true and correct record.

Signed by:



Robert Everall, Secretary

Date 01-April-2018

Appended on the electronic copy of these Minutes:

All pre-meeting documents issued, including the 'RRA Statement of Service Performance' (incorporating the Chair's Annual Report), are appended in this .zip file.



2017 AGM Pack.zip

Members present at the meeting (inserted from signing-in sheet):

Steve McCrone	Rob & Mandy Everall	Kevin Hester	Peter Watson
Rhonda Clark	Michael & Helen van Druuten	Antanas Procuta	Josh McCann
Mark McNeill	Hank & Bev Postmaa	Pat Withers	Jude Maclachlan
Tania Bennett	Adrian Townsend	Chris Clews	Stephen Wong
Sue & Martin Plummer	Susan Brooker & Mike Faville	Hanna Scott	Linley Murray & Kevin Wragge
Sarah Naudé	Stephen Thomas	Barry Bridgwater (not signed in)	Stephen Withers

Non-Members (i.e. no subscription paid in the current year) present at the meeting:

Laura Sunderland	Diana McCann	James Azerrat	Sue West
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