

**Minutes of Members Annual General Meeting held on Monday 22 October 2018 at 10:30 a.m.
Rakino Island Community Hall**

Present

Committee members: Steve McCrone (SMcC) Chair; Rob Everall (RE) Secretary; Stephen Thomas (ST) Treasurer; Rod Inglis (RI); Barry Bridgwater; Adrian Townsend

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

Agenda items were taken slightly out of sequence to allow for scheduling of key presentations; this report reflects the overall flow of discussions as closely as possible to the planned running order for ease.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from: Jude Maclachlan; Antanas Procuta; Trevor Sawyer; Maureen Cornwallis. Committee members confirmed by SMcC.

2. Minutes of General Meeting held on 18 April 2018 and matters arising.

Motion: SMcC asked for a proposer that the Minutes record of the last General Meeting of 18-Apr-018 be accepted as a true and fair record of proceedings.

Moved/ Seconded	Outcome	Action	Carried forward/ resolved
Bev Postmaa / Sue Plummer	Motion passed unanimously by Members	Minutes to be adopted and published to RRA website	Resolved

3. Annual Report From Chair – year ended 30-June-2018

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.

4. Financial Report – year ended 30-Jun-2018

The financial statements had been circulated ahead of the meeting.

ST confirmed that Xero had been adopted for cash accounting and reporting, and that bank accounts had been consolidated at the ASB. It was anticipated that a term deposit would be taken up to improve interest earnings on member funds.

ST also confirmed the Trust Account, which exists entirely separately and is under the control of island-based Trustees, headed by John Vague, with funds available to support Rakino community projects at the discretion of the Trustees.

Motion to have financial statements adopted.

Moved/ Seconded	Outcome	Action	Carried forward/ resolved
SMcC / Dylan Hinchey	Motion passed unanimously	Financial Statements for yr. ended 30/6/18 adopted and to be posted with the Registrar for Incorporated Societies	Resolved

5. Other Reports:

Environment:

John Mackenzie (Environmental Officer) presented his report.

He confirmed ongoing weeding activities in conjunction with contractors who were focusing on the threat of Woolly Nightshade and Moth Plant as well as Rhamnus.

Birds recognised as endangered species had been sighted on the island, including Brown Teal.

Surveillance for any incursion of rats and mice was being stepped up with the introduction of new monitoring tunnels which would help to target locations requiring traps, and overall awareness throughout the community was to be encouraged.

Fire:

Bev Postmaa presented the Fire Report, which is appended in the .zip file link in this document.

She reiterated that it had been a safe year with permitted fires, and that from December a total fire ban comes into force, including wood burning BBQs.

Islanders were reminded that the Fire Lord equipment is there to be used (and better for it, as well) but if used, units should be replenished with fuel and fresh water before being returned.

Hank & Bev confirmed their willingness to continue as the community Fire Officers, but asked for a volunteer to help to co-ordinate firefighting training for the community, in conjunction with Dale Tawa of the Rural Fire Brigade. Dylan Hinchey kindly offered to assist.

Following a question from Kevin Hester about notification of permitted fires, it was confirmed that the permit holder was responsible to notify the community of the planned fire, with most people using the 'Friends of Rakino' Face Book page to good effect.

6. Election of new Committee members:

The following existing Committee members (2017-8) seek to retire and do not offer themselves for re-election:

- Jude Maclachlan (Vice Chair)

Michael van Druten confirmed his intention not to stand for election to the Committee.

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 Committee for 2018-9 is:

- Steve McCrone (Chair and Immediate Past Chair by default)
- **VACANT** (Vice Chair)
- Stephen Thomas (Treasurer)
- Rob Everall (Secretary)
- Adrian Townsend (Social)
- Barry Bridgewater
- Rod Inglis

No nominations have been received for any positions, including the vacant position of **Vice Chair**; nominations are invited, to be resolved in due course by the Committee within its normal monthly meetings.

John Mackenzie and Hank Postmaa were both reconfirmed as ongoing officers for Environment and Fire respectively.

The Committee members in place were unopposed by the members in attendance.

(Continued from Item 5 above in the amended running order)

Community Hall

The long-outstanding land title issue has now been resolved, and Auckland Council had commissioned Tonkin & Taylor to carry out a desk top coastal hazard assessment for the Community Hall, and to determine feasibility options for remedial action, together with cost estimates.

T&T recommended initial engagement and consultation with the community to collaborate on agreeing a preferred option, and so a draft copy of their report was made available to Chris Clews to facilitate this community dialogue, in search of consensus for a way forward.

Chris created and delivered a detailed presentation with high quality photo and graphical images from the report regarding the situation with the Community Hall and the six options proposed.

As this was a draft report, RRA has respected the confidentiality and spirit in which it was made available to us, and no part of it has been reproduced in these minutes.

A copy is held by Chris, and it is anticipated a final version will be made available by Auckland Council once community feedback has been incorporated (via Chris) and a final version presented by T&T.

Of the six options set out, **Option 1 was recommended to and endorsed** by those present (with no dissent), namely to see the Hall moved back from the water by approximately five metres north from its present position, and elevated upon new pilings by a metre. This will also require new access structures, as well as impacting the location of the current long drop toilets. Approximate construction costs would be \$290k, with an effective design life of 30-50 years.

It is hoped that an RRA team can be involved in the solution, including working parties as deemed appropriate within the overall project, and it was generally agreed that specific interventions requiring the injection of additional discretionary funding (i.e. over and above that agreed by Council) would be considered by RRA as they arose, given its resources, both directly held and potentially available on application through the Trust.

Chris Clews will now continue the dialogue with the Council in the hope of seeing the preferred option approved to proceed.

7. General Business

Rod Inglis – ‘Rakino Island Paradise’ presentation

Rod used PowerPoint slides and printed visuals (which remained in the Community Hall) to set out a long-term vision for how Rakino *might* be the hub for the creation of a marine reserve, working in conjunction with The Noises and other future initiatives within the Hauraki Gulf area.

The objective was to confer with the community to establish the level of local support and to seek feedback and fresh input



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Feedback & Discussion:

- There were a number of points made by a several people, ranging from total opposition to being in favour of the general vision
- There were strong opinions against commercialisation coming to the island that could compromise what made it special in terms of its isolation, or risk changing its essential character
- There is a need for slow and considered deliberation at every step with full and structured community consultation and involvement to maintain an open conversation for the right pathway.

- There was broad agreement that the proposal opened a fresh new perspective and it would not be desirable to simply sit back and do nothing, and that there was an implicit responsibility and duty of care as stewards of the island to those who will follow to enjoy Rakino in the future
- It was desirable to keep on talking and developing the concept with appropriate input and recognition of all concerns; SMcC confirmed the Committee's continued role in helping to facilitate that dialogue and to ensure that every voice would be heard.

Social and Community events

Adrian Townsend summarised the range of events that routinely take place, and would like to see an expansion of these, with the inclusion of regular music acts, such as the Hopetoun Brown concert last year and were very well received.

All such events depend on volunteers to support them, and Adrian confirmed on behalf of the Committee that RRA's role is to facilitate and support these activities, but not to 'own' and run them all as well.

It is hoped that more people who attend and enjoy these events with their families may be encouraged to step up and take a bigger role in organising and running them or they cannot be guaranteed to happen.

Super Gold Card

Mike Orton raised a concern about the non-availability of Super Gold Card fare subsidies for senior citizens on the Belaire Ferries service.

RE confirmed that this matter had previously been investigated with Auckland Transport about two years ago and advice at that time was that it was not feasible due, in part, to ticketing system issues. Chris Clews also advised that ferry service such as Belaire is subsidised by Auckland Transport, whereas other high passenger volume routes (such as Waiheke) are not.

Rakino enjoys strong support from Belaire, with a committed operator, and the matter will be revisited at the next opportunity when RRA meets with Auckland Transport and Belaire in a joint meeting, usually once or twice a year, to assess the current situation.

Westpac Rescue Helicopter

SMcC moved that the customary annual donation of \$500 to the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Trust be made, and this met with unanimous agreement from all present, as it is a critical service to the community.

The meeting closed at approximately 12:40 p.m.

Minutes approved as a true and correct record.

Signed by:

Robert Everall, Secretary

Date

Appended within the electronic copy of these Minutes:

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



2018 AGM Pack.zip

Once approved, Minutes will be posted to the RRA website.

Attendees:

Members present at the meeting and signed in:

Antony Beaumont	Laraine & Graham Waters	Rod & Julie Inglis	Julianne Taylor & Mark McNeil
Cathy & Lyndon Lewis	Pat Withers	Martin & Sue Plummer	Rob Everall
Rhonda Clark	John Mackenzie	Stephen Thomas	Josh McCann
Michael van Druten	Steve McCrone	John & Chris Denton	Mike Faville & Susan Brooker
Hank & Bev Postmaa	Barry Bridgwater	Chris Clews	

Members present but not signed in:

Adrian Townsend	Dylan Hinchey	Kevin Hester	
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Non-Members present at the meeting and signed in:

Elisabeth Easther	Sheryl Donaldson	Doug Armstrong	
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Non-Members present but not signed in:

Colin Maclaren	Mike Orton		
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