

WHANGAREI HEADS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION – MINUTES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 4th May 2025 – McLeod Bay Hall

Meeting started at 12.05pm

PRESENT: Jan Boyes; Gordon Cronshaw; Logan Carter; Jos Polman; Gerry Marchant; Viv Marchant; Doug Greig; Melissa Arsenault; Sue Crawford; Nigel Crawford; Michelle Devine; Jeff Devine; Richard Parker; Jenny Parker; Jim Moloney; Maggie Moloney; Bernard Hunwick; Julie Tattley; Andrew Wallace; Colin Edwards; Marjorie Edward; Katy Helme; Jeanette King; Diana Pearson; Wayne Morris; Sue Morris; Blair Dempsey; Richard Hawkins; Jenny Hawkins; Stuart Edmunds; Amy MacDonald; Alice Buisson.

APOLOGIES:

Patrick Holmes
Ann & John Green
Clare Henderson & Graeme Cleaver
Robin Loeffering
Tony & Jean Morgan
Alun & Averil Evans
Liane Penny & Wes Fieldhouse
Anne Hazelwood & Gary Goodwin
Richard & Gina Eiger

PREVIOUS AGM MEETING MINUTES: Read and accepted as correct

Approved: Jan/Doug/All

MATTERS ARISING: Hall hire fees stayed the same as previous. Tsunami siren consultation successful with some site positions altered after community consultation.

PRESIDENTS ANNUAL REPORT: Melissa presented her report. See Appendix A.

Report moved: Melissa and accepted: Susan/Gerry/All

TREASURERS ANNUAL REPORT: Julie presented her 2024 summary. See Appendix B.

Report moved: Julie and accepted: Michelle/Gerry/All

ACCOUNTS REVIEWERS: Graham and Joy Marie Richards have done in the past and will be contacted again.

Approved: Jan/Gerry/All

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE:

Doug Greig has resigned from the committee. Melissa thanked Doug for his service and gave a summary of his involvement spanning many years.

President: Melissa Arsenault – No other nominations, congrats to Melissa.

Vice President: Jan Boyes – No other nominations, congrats to Jan.

Treasurer: Julie Tattley - No other nominations, congrats to Julie.

Secretary: Vacant

Committee members Gerry Marchant and Susan Crawford will remain on committee for another term.

Blair Dempsey put himself forward to be on the committee. Melissa moved that this be accepted and put to the floor.

Moved: Melissa Accepted: All

All appointments confirmed.

Approved: Logan/Jos/All

APPOINTMENT OF IRD EXECUTIVE OFFICE HOLDER: Julie Tattley

Approved: Gerry/Doug/All

SETTING OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION FEE: To remain at \$5 single and \$10 family

Approved: Melissa/Michelle/All

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Melissa talked about WDC rates rises and the effect on the community and the need to lobby WDC about the issue. Comments from the floor also made about the inequality of how the rates are assessed. Julie also talked about Councillor Frank Newmans efforts into raising the awareness of waste of money on certain projects

Meeting Closed: 12.45pm

Amy Macdonald, NRC Councillor, then gave a presentation.

Commented on the good turnout for AGM. Amy has been a councillor now for six years.

Gave a summary of NRC ownership model of Northport. It has been a complex ownership model and for the last 18 months has been looking at changing its structure. NRC to buy up NMH shares and de-list it. New ownership will have Ports of Tauranga 50%, NRC 43% and a Crown Entity 7%. NRC will still, however, have 50% control of decisions. There will be no extra cost to ratepayers as will be funded by asset sales and loans. Believe it will be an asset to the community and a positive contribution for NRC. The next layer of detail to come is how all this will proceed.

Been working in environmental areas with volunteer groups such as pest control and weed action etc. and acknowledged that investing funds to enable volunteers to do their jobs is a great investment for the environment. The example set in Whangarei Heads is leading to funding in other areas in the Mid and Far North.

Climate resilience fund. Community groups can put in an application for funding in areas such as Solar/Water/Nature Based/Planning for resilience etc.

There was a brief discussion about the proposed mining of marine sand in Bream Bay. NRC will only be invited to make comments only and has no direct say in the possible application process.

Appendix A:



President's Annual Report (2024)

The Association had a busy and productive year, keeping the local community informed of activities, events, various projects, and key issues. Submissions were made to the Northland Regional Council (NRC) and Whangārei District Council (WDC). We participated in several workshops and meetings and continue to improve and operate the McLeod Bay.

Submissions

NRC – Tsunami Installations

WDC – Long Term Plan (2024 – 2034)

WDC - Review Alcohol Control Bylaw

WDC - Dog Management Policy and Bylaw Review

WDC/ NRC - Future Development Strategy (FDS)

Key Outcomes

In response to concerns raised at last year's AGM we contacted NRC about the lack of consultation and location of some of the new tsunami sirens being installed. With support from Councillor Amy MacDonald there was a positive outcome of 3 sirens being relocated.

The Dog Management Policy and Bylaw amendments were enacted in September 2024, with the next review scheduled for five years. It is important to use this time to engage with local residents and organisations to evaluate the need and interest in 'off leash' areas, including fenced zones or a dog park. We will continue to collaborate with WDC to facilitate this.

We will continue to lobby NRC and WDC for improvements in community engagement and consultation to ensure that consultations accurately reflect the community's views. Early consultation is needed before publishing documents such as Annual and Long-Term Plans.

NZRC Marsden Point Liaison Committee Meetings

Jan Boyes continues to represent the Association at these meetings.

McLeod Bay Hall

Is a valuable community asset owned and operated by the WHCA. The hall available for hire for various activities, including line dancing, yoga, pilates, bridge, bowls, and table tennis, social functions, meetings and weddings. Improvements to the hall and grounds are ongoing, with the next major project being the installation of a new roof. Affordable hire rates have been maintained through volunteer support and contributions. Thank you to Jos Polman, Bonnie Schroyen, and Zana Bell for managing hall bookings last year, and to Gerry Marchant and Julie Tatley for their significant ongoing contributions in maintaining and overall management of the Hall.

Whangārei Heads Newsletter

Is an important community resource. Stay updated on local community activities and events through the Notice Board and directory and find businesses offering goods and services in Whangārei Heads. Published bi-monthly in February, April, June, August, October, and December, free copies are delivered to over 850 RD4 residents from Wharf Road Parua Bay to Ocean Beach, with limited copies at G.A.S Parua Bay, Smith and Local, and the Deck Café. Members can also request to receive online copies. Visit our website www.whca.nz for more information.

We extend our appreciation to Northport and all advertisers for their contributions that support the funding of this newsletter. We also acknowledge Logan Carter for his long-term dedication and significant contributions to the overall management and production of the newsletter, as well as the newsletter team members Jan Boyes, and Jenny Butcher for their valuable support and efforts.

Executive Committee

A big thank you to the Executive Committee, Jan Boyes (Vice President), Julie Tatley (Treasurer), Gerry Marchant (Hall Manager), Doug Greig and Susan Crawford (Committee Members) for their valuable contributions this year.

This year we are looking for two new committee members. Tasks and time commitments are flexible, and meetings can be attended online. Interested, please contact me for details.

Sincerely,



Melissa Arseneault
President
Whangārei Heads Citizens Association
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Appendix B:

Financial report to 31 December 2024

I commenced role of treasurer when Logan stood down mid-way through 2024. I want to thank Logan for the excellent hand over and also for the great work he did setting up the accounting on MYOB, previously used spreadsheets.

Soon after I commenced the committee discussed changing the accounting basis from cash to accrual accounting and then agreed to implement that change. In cash accounting transactions are recognised in the profit and loss when they occur, e.g. the annual insurance premium of some \$5,000 paid in December expense falls 100% in December. In accrual accounting the \$5,000 is recognized as \$ 416 a month. This also creates new items in the balance sheet, such as prepaid items or if an expense is due but not paid it creates a liability.

The profit and loss for the year to 31 December 2024 shows a net profit \$1,288.

I did not re-state the result to eliminate transactions to December 2024 which relate to the year prior - December 2023. There were some of these the largest of which was the cost of printing the February/ March and April/May newsletters @ \$3,000 per issue [total \$6,000] when the revenue for newsletters February/March & April/May were invoiced prior to December 2023.

Hall rental income would be impacted similarly by rentals invoiced in the year to December 2023 for hall use from 01 January 2024 onwards.

Looking at the result to December 2024:

	\$
Net profit reported	1,288
Notional adjustment for newsletter printing costs for which revenue reported to December 2023	6,000
Northport donation to newsletter for February/March reported in December 2023	500
Notional adjustment for insurance cost taken into December 2023	-4,500
Adjusted result for the year ended 31 December	3,288

In the current year there was \$ 3,825 advertising revenue & Northport contribution for the February / March issue and printing, distribution & related cost were \$ 3,309. So the newsletter makes a contribution to the association.

We made a concerted effort to place available cash onto deposit so interest income increased to \$1,392 compared to \$ 508 the previous year.

Melissa successfully negotiated to reduce the cost of mowing the lawns around the hall.

At 31 December 2024 there were (2 Life, 61 family, 14 single) paid up members i.e. there are 75 paid up members

Julie Tattley

Treasurer

Whangarei Heads Citizens Association