



**Minutes of the Waiheke Historical Society Incorporated
Annual General Meeting Sunday 4 May 2025**

The meeting commenced at 2.06 pm.

- 1) **Apologies:** Jan Vail, Glen and Grant Adams, Dot Malan, Rosemary Burns, Christine Beardon, Betty Willis

Resolution: *that the apologies as tabled be accepted*

Moved: *Mark James*

Seconded: *Margaret Milligan*

Adopted

- 2) **Members Present:** Mary Batten, Priscilla Tobin, Janet November, Alan Knight, Kate Bryant, Alison Hunt, Mark James, Juliet Hay, Logan Moss, Margaret Milligan, Don Baillie. It was confirmed that there was a quorum of ten financial members. This was checked off against the list circulated at the door.

- 3) **Proxies Received and accepted:** Marine le Minor

- 4) **Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting** had been made available prior to the meeting, and on the television screen today. Logan Moss spoke to last year's meeting and confirmed that the changes to the Constitution had all been approved. The Heritage Garden had been addressed and identification and further planning had been undertaken by volunteers, Dot Malan and Heather Glover.

Logan Moss asked the meeting if there were any other matters from the 2024 AGM minutes that were not covered under General Business today. Nothing more was raised.

Resolution: *that the minutes of the AGM held on 14 April 2024 be accepted as a true and correct record*

Moved: *Margaret Milligan*

Seconded: *Janet November*

Adopted

- 5) **Matters Arising:** Nil

- 6) **President's Report:** Logan Moss spoke to his updated President's report. It had already been circulated, prior to the meeting, but was reviewed briefly on screen.

He stated that the Museum has struggled financially during the last year. The Council have not so far renewed our lease which expired some time ago. Juliet Hay spoke about an article relating to the renewal of Council leases which had appeared in the Gulf News and the likely effect of this on

local cultural organisations. A worrying possibility is that these leases will incur much higher rents. Council owns the land and the Museum owns the buildings. We await a communication but will keep a low profile in the meantime.

Logan Moss spoke of the Maritime Museum funding (sponsored by the Lotteries Commission) which was to assist small museums to digitise their collections. Our Museum was to have been one of six institutions to participate in 2025. Unfortunately, changed priorities resulted in the Commission declining a continuation of the funding and as a consequence we missed out on what could have been an excellent opportunity to raise our Museum's profile.

Logan went on to state that although the Museum had had a good first half year in 2024, since then our number of visitors has declined. This has resulted in a 60% decline in adults and a 50% decline in children attending this year. One suggestion is that the island is pricing out middle-class families. We do have a diverse range of visitors, however.

As ever we are on the lookout for new members and volunteers.

Action – Kate Bryant to ask at U3A and Priscilla Tobin to ask at Rebus as to whether they have any members who might wish to join the Museum as Volunteers and/or members.

Refurbishment of the main building was carried out over the summer when the roof was repaired and mould on the back wall and ceiling was removed. The WW1 exhibition had to be dismantled and there is a suggestion that this be replaced possibly by a wine display or costumes retrieved from the storage boxes. We need to have at least one important Waiheke personality display each year. Suggestions for such exhibitions were asked for and several were offered by members.

Our heritage events have been enjoyed and we need to increase these as they were originally planned to be once a month. Those that have been held have been reasonably successful from a koha point of view.

We are increasing our Oral History footprint. The last time this was done to any extent was during the 80s and 90s. Questions from the floor included how these could be accessed and what were the rules covering access. Logan replied that people need to ask permission in advance if they wish to access and these enquiries need to come from family members or from researchers. We have been working on digitising and making these available on computer and they will be accessible by the end of the year, by appointment. Volunteers will be trained regarding these transcripts.

Resolution: *that the President's Report be approved*

Moved: *Margaret Milligan*

Seconded: *Don Baillie*

Adopted

- 7) **Financial Report:** Mark James, Treasurer, spoke to his financial report, which was distributed at the meeting, as well as being on the television screen.

He stated that this year we had a loss of \$7,880, due to main building repairs, as we had not sought a grant. (This was funded from the Museum's ASB savings.) The visitor numbers are down, but not so much as New Zealand donations, which are dropping, due to the current financial situation. Donations from overseas visitors have not dropped.

He stated that we will be covering the installation of solar panels later in the meeting but that there are increasing expenses for utilities and that we have to pay daily user charges for electricity, even though the Museum is not open every day.

We currently do not pay rent on the Council land we occupy but the Musical Museum who used to pay \$60 per month now pay in excess of \$6000 per year, so the outlook may not be rosy for the Museum either, although the Council own the buildings for the Music Museum. Our lease ran out in 2022 and did not have a right of renewal. In the last six months the Council has approved the Rangihoua Reserve Management Plan that may clear the way for a new lease. The Golf and Pony Clubs are in the same situation. Insurance stays the same.

Resolution: *that Treasurer's Report for the year ended 31 December 2024 be adopted as presented*

Moved: *Margaret Milligan*

Seconded: *Don Baillie*

Adopted

8) Nominations for the committee and election of officers:

The secretary announced that she had received nominations for Logan Moss, Mark James, Alison Hunt, Kate Bryant, Juliet Hay, Margaret Milligan, and Don Baillie.

She then read out the nominations for the office holder positions:

President:	Logan Moss		
	Nominated:	Alison Hunt	Seconded: Mark James
Vice President			
And Treasurer:	Mark James		
	Nominated:	Alison Hunt	Seconded: Logan Moss
Secretary:	Alison Hunt		
	Nominated:	Logan Moss	Seconded: Mark James

The Secretary read out the nominations for the committee positions received prior to the meeting:

Juliet Hay	Kate Bryant
Margaret Milligan	Don Baillie

This being fewer than the number of members allowed by the Constitution, the President asked if there were further nominations for the committee. There being none, the following motion was put:

Resolution: *That the following nominated members be accepted as officers for 2025 – Logan Moss (President), Mark James (Vice President and Treasurer) and Alison Hunt (Secretary) and that the following nominated members be accepted as committee members for 2025 – Margaret Milligan, Don Baillie, Juliet Hay, and Kate Bryant.*

Moved: *Mary Batten*

Seconded: *Janet November*

Adopted

General Business

a) Solar Panels

Mark James explained that the Museum has been paying \$1340 a year for 'daily charge' electricity, even though we are low users and are not open every day. The charges are going up this year. After consideration it was decided we would put panels on the Day Cottage roof and sell back to the grid which will compensate for that daily charge.

Between the projected savings on our electricity bill and the surplus power that we sell back to the grid, we would recoup the cost of installation in about five years. However, the Museum received a quick-response grant from the local board of \$2000, which will shorten the payback time to less than three years. A J Russell will be giving us a discount for installation. This is without the purchase of a battery which is expensive at the moment. There are some studies being done to compare the cost of producing sodium batteries instead of the traditional lithium batteries.

When the panels arrive (which is imminent) we shall make sure we give this event publicity.

Don Baillie thanked Mark James for his efforts on behalf of the Museum.

b) Any other business

Vision driving out of carpark is obscured on the right by the end part of the wooden fence. The bushes and foliage on the left obscure the Museum Parking sign as you drive from the west. Logan will raise with Council staff the issue of the fence and bushes obstructing the view for vehicles exiting the Museum carpark and how this might be mitigated."

Action – Logan Moss to ask Council about trimming the foliage at the RHS far end of the exit

Closing:

Logan Moss declared the meeting closed at 3.05 pm and invited those present to stay for a talk by Alan Knight who gave an entertaining speech about "The History of Beer in New Zealand." The talk was followed by afternoon tea.