



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

10 June 2025

The meeting opened at 7.05pm.

1. Welcome

The Co-Chair, Jeff Robertson, welcomed those members and guests present, including Deputy Mayor Desley Simpson, the Orakei Local Board (OLB) members, and Hon Brooke van Velden MP. He outlined the agenda for the meeting and pointed out that when it came to voting on resolutions put to the meeting, that only fully-paid up members were allowed to vote.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from: Rod & Margy Smith, Bobbi Deller, Troy Churton, Mike Padfield, David Wong, John Biggs, Anna Brooker, and Diane Robinson

3. Minutes of the 2024 AGM held on 13 June 2024

These Minutes had been circulated to all members. There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

Resolution to accept the Minutes of the 2024 AGM as a true and accurate record of the 2024 AGM:

Moved by Jeff Robertson. Seconded by Craig Fraser. The motion was carried.

4. Chair's Report

The report had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting.

Jeff started by thanking his fellow committee members for their hard work and dedication over the past year. They were:

- Fiona Hyland(Co-Chair)
- Kathy Davies (Secretary)
- Suneil Connor (Treasurer & Membership)
- Craig Fraser

- Wanda Mountfort
- John Biggs
- Ray Parry (retiring)
- Anne Stevenson (retiring)
- Tom Lyons (retiring)
- Mike Padfield (retiring)

He advised that one new nomination had been received for the committee, and called for those present to consider nominating themselves for Committee later in the meeting. He noted that it was important to have a good range of skills and backgrounds on the committee and the need for some new faces given the number of resignations this year.

Jeff reported that the resident's association had continued to work on a wide variety of new projects and ongoing projects. The major projects were:

Tagalad is Open. Jeff mentioned the long battle that was fought by the Orakei Local Board and backed by our Association to get the Tagalad venue back available for community use. He thanked the OLB and all those involved in the efforts. He introduced Sharon Lauder Sweeny of St Heliers Community Center and Pauline Laithwaite of SpacetoCo. A short video promoting the venue was played and then Sharon and Pauline explained how the venue was to be managed, what it could be used for, and the various ways to go about booking the space.

Ongoing Noise and Disruptive Behaviour Selwyn Reserve. While the issue of noisy late night gatherings on the reserve have significantly improved due to various initiatives we now have new issues we are working on with the OLB. Noisy cars and motorbikes which, while brief, can be very loud passing through the area. This is an ongoing challenge as many solutions require legislation changes to allow Council and Law Enforcement agencies to have the right tools to curtail this activity.

Keep our Arterial Roads Moving. Jeff mentioned that the poor design changes made over time on Kepa Rd was an issue close to his heart so he was pleased to finally have the win of getting yellow "no parking" lines painted along one side of Kepa Rd to allow better traffic flow and a slightly improved raised crossing. Building intensification in our areas is causing more on-road parking in our narrow feeder streets. This is an increasing issue that we will push for good solutions for.

At this stage our other Co-Chair Fiona Hyland was introduced by Jeff and Fiona took over presenting the rest of the Chair's Report main projects -

Plan Change 78 – Fiona explained this Plan Change was the result of the previous government mandating Councils of the big cities to allow 3 residences per site to 3 stories as a matter of right. She recalled accompanying Don Stock to present to the Hearings on the MBKRA submission well over a year ago. She raised some of our issues with the intensification planned being - downhill flooding, infrastructure, and clogged roads. She pointed out our objection to the plan to re-categorise the Eastridge local center which would result in allowing 6 story developments down into small feeder streets. With a government change and the promise of a retraction the Hearings on PC78 were stalled. We are awaiting the Council / Government decision on whether the Plan Change can be dropped and what might come to replace it. She noted Desley is to update us in her later presentation on Council views.

Shoreline Adaptation Orakei to Karaka Bay - Fiona explained that this was a very long term plan by Council to tackle climate change and weather events. It was issued as a consultation document and sought to make short, medium and long term plans on which areas the Council planned to focus their efforts to retain coastline and the infrastructure by it.

MBKRA submitted as the major issue we saw was the Medium term plan was to “Hold The Line” (retain) parts of Tamaki Drive eg. St Heliers and other small areas, while letting go (or planning for ultimate retreat) from our beach areas in Mission Bay and Kohi. The point we made was that they needed to consider Tamaki Drive, and the arterial route road along it, as one entity and if there was to be any retreat of part then they needed to be planning another arterial route for the thousands of dwellings in our Bays suburbs to travel on. She stressed the importance of doing the right planning in the short term – next 15 years.

Feedback on Council Annual Plan. Fiona discussed the major points that we made in our feedback on Council’s Annual plan. These included –

- Supporting ecology restoration, pest control, the great work of Eastern Songbird and saving Kohi Forest
- Ongoing investing in Tagalad facilities to make them a great community facility and get them back in use
- The need for a clear plan for integrating stormwater / flooding mitigation and coastal protection. We strongly supported proposals to fix sea walls, replenish sand and extend stormwater outflows further out to sea.

Other small projects- Fiona mentioned other smaller issues that the Association addresses on a regular basis with the help of the Orakei Local Board. Projects such as getting a freedom camper who made a home in various areas of our neighbourhood eventually moved along. She thanked Angus McFee for his perseverance with this issue. Also involvement in the dog park rule change consultation to ensure consultation and review was fair, and working with the Mission Bay Business Association to get our 24/7 IED installed in Mission Bay.

Fiona handed back to Jeff to continue the formalities of the evening

There were no matters arising from the report.

[Resolution that the Chairperson’s Report be accepted:](#)

[Moved by Jeff Robertson](#) [Seconded by Wanda Mountfort.](#) [The motion was carried.](#)

5. Financial Report

The financial report had been circulated to all members.

The Treasurer, Suneil Connor, presented the Financial Report and gave an overview of the financial situation:

The financial position remains strong and we continue to hold good fund reserves. We received grant funding from the OLB to fund the majority of our costs for the IED for Mission Bay and some donations from members which covered the remaining installation. We received some interest on term deposits. We ended the 2024 year with accumulated funds of \$22,425 which was a very small increment on the previous year.

Questions were asked and answered on whether we are a registered charity – no we are not, we are a registered society – and whether we pay tax on interest – Suneil mentioned there were some new laws coming in which he is going to review.

There were no other matters arising from the financial report.

[Resolution that the Financial Report be accepted:](#)

[Moved by Jeff Robertson.](#) [Seconded by Craig Fraser.](#) [The motion was carried.](#)

6. Adoption of New Constitution

Jeff explained that due to government legislation all registered societies are required to reregister by 2026 or cease to exist. An updated constitution is required with some set requirements for stricter governance processes. Our new 24 page constitution had been circulated to members along with AGM documents in our recent newsletters so Jeff was sure everyone would have read it. He asked for matters arising.

Don Stock asked what challenges we faced in rewriting the constitution. Kathy Davies responded that the legislation was written more for an organisation that had significant income and assets so much of it did not apply to our Association. The main challenge was around the process required to manage accepting, keeping and resigning of members. To simplify things we chose for these processes only to apply to fully paid up members as the processes would be far too onerous for associate members.

Jeff reminded that only fully paid up members could vote.

Resolution that the New Constitution be accepted:

Moved by Jeff Robertson. Seconded by Thomas Fletcher. The motion was carried.

7. Election of Committee Members

Current committee members standing for re-election:

- Jeff Robertson
- Fiona Hyland
- Kathy Davies
- Suneil Connor
- Craig Fraser
- Wanda Mountfort
- John Biggs

New committee members:

- Rod Smith (welcoming back)
- Antonia Rogers

Resolution that all members nominated be appointed as committee members:

Moved by Jeff Robertson. Seconded by Fiona Hyland. The motion was carried.

The AGM closed at 7.40pm.

Presentations were made by OLB Scott Milne, Deputy Mayor Desley Simpson, and MP Hon Brooke van Velden following the AGM.