

DRAFT Minutes of the 84th Annual General Meeting of the Piha Ratepayers' and Residents' Association Sunday, 7 January 2024 Barnett Hall, North Piha

Present: Ken Cowan President and 36 members

Waitakere Ranges Local Board - Sandra Coney

Apologies: Greg Presland, , Michelle Clayton, Randall Morton, Hanneke Bouchier.

Guest speaker: Dr. Martin Neale, Technical Lead for Auckland Council Healthy Waters Safe-swim program, spoke on Water Quality in the Piha Lagoon. He noted researching Council files on the issue dating back to 1985, but that recent targeted testing had focused on the three key issues; E.Coli sources, weather influences and tidal flushing. Testing has shown that tidal flushing significantly reduced pollutant levels since the 2018 flood events. Dr. Neale was thanked by Committee Member Graeme Carrie.

MOTION 1

That the apologies be accepted.

CARRIED

Ken Cowan / Bruce Middleton

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MOTION 2

That the draft minutes of the 83nd Annual General Meeting held on 8 January 2023 be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Ken Cowan / Bruce Middleton

President's Report

Ken Cowan presented his 2023 report (attached) and invited questions or comments. A vote of thanks for service and work achieved was proposed by Graeme Webber.

MOTION 3

That the President's report be received.

CARRIED

Ken Cowan / Graeme Webber

Elections of Officers and Committee for the 2023 Year

The President announced that the following nominations had been received by the closing date for nominations:

President	Matt Harley
Vice President	Ron Gorter
Secretary	Ken Cowan
Treasurer	No nominations received

Committee	Paul Bidwell	Geoff Calvert	Graeme Carrie
	Geoff Calvert	Tony Dunn	Nicola Harvey
	Brett Ngawaka	Joel Macready	Dan Real

In accordance with clause 11.2 of the Association's Constitution, the committee may have four officers and up to eight members. No further nominations were received.

MOTION 4

That the election of committee members nominated from the floor, be accepted.

CARRIED

Ken Cowan / Graham Cleghorn

New President matt Harley introduced himself and outlined his goals to the members.

Annual Accounts

Graham Cleghorn spoke to the Financial Report (attached).

Dudley Bell requested that the Committee advertise the availability of PO Boxes.

MOTION 5

That the Annual Accounts to 31 October 2023 be approved.

CARRIED

Graham Cleghorn / Graeme Webber

Annual Subscriptions

The Committee recommended that the Annual Subscription for membership be raise to \$25 per member.

MOTION 6

That the annual subscription for membership for the next financial year remains at \$10.

LOST

Jan O'Connor / Jane Caley

MOTION 7

That the annual subscription for membership for the next financial year be \$25.

CARRIED

Paul Bidwell / Nicola Harvey

Jan O'Connor asked that her vote against the Motion be recorded.

PO Box rental

MOTION 8

That the annual fee for PO Box rental remain at \$100 per annum.

CARRIED

Graham Cleghorn / Paul Bidwell

General business

MOTION 9

That Ken Cowan be accorded Honorary Life membership in recognition of his contribution to the Association.

CARRIED

Hanneke Bouchier / Graeme Carrie

Skatepark: Dave Melican voiced his disappointment that little effort had been made by the R&R to progress the development of a Skatepark. Sandra Coney noted that considerable work had been done with Piha Kids Charitable Trust and Water and Wheels Trust who had proposed that they would provide the necessary funding. The WRLB are in support of a Skatepark but also that Auckland Council would be opposed to a facility in the Domain due to lack of available space and flood risks. The WRLB had trialled a temporary facility at Les Waygood Park that was successful.

MOTION 10

That the R&R pursue support for a Skatepark at Piha in a suitable location.

CARRIED

Graeme Webber / Dave Melican

Constitution: Peter Hosking pointed out that there is legal requirement for all Incorporated Societies to re-apply for registration within 5 years and that the application would require a review of the Association Constitution. Ken Cowan advised that the R&R was aware of the requirement and that the matter was in hands.

Roads & Footpaths: Keith Franich noted that the Piha Road is continuing to deteriorate, storm water control is not being repaired and that footpaths are incomplete or non-existent. Also that the recent slip re[air adjacent to the Piha Road lookout did not include pedestrian facility. His concerns will be addressed by the incoming committee.

Waitakere Ranges Tracks: Lyn Bell noted that the Waitakere Ranges Track plan will be reviewed this year and that Kawerau a Maki are proposing a Waitakere Ranges Plan.

MOTION 11

That the R&R take an active role in researching and following through with submissions on the Waitakere Ranges Track Plan and Te Kawerau a Maki Waitakere Ranges Plan.

CARRIED

Lynn Bell / Glenda Northey

Meeting declared closed at 10:51 pm.

2024 AGM - Presidents Report

Piha Ratepayers & Residents Association Inc.

The Piha R&R was formed in 1938 and so this AGM marks the 84th year of this Association.

Welcome to our representatives from Auckland Council and the Waitakere Ranges Local Board. The Association has a strong and respected relationships with Elected Members and Council officers in general. Maintaining a mutually cooperative associations in those areas is an essential element in achieving benefits for the Piha community.

We also warmly welcome our members and I specially acknowledge the members of the R&R committee past and present. The Piha community benefits greatly from the invaluable pool of knowledge and experience they bring, and the time and effort they expend goes largely unseen and unrecognised. My thanks to them for their support.

Our membership remains strong with over 190 members, but I urge you all to encourage others in the Piha community to support the Association through membership. The more members we have, the greater strength we have to achieve positive outcomes and improvements for the community.

Piha Lagoon pollution is an issue we continue to address as you have heard from our guest speaker. Thanks to the efforts of Committee member Graeme Carrie in working with the Auckland Council Healthy Waters team it is now proven that regular tidal flushing of the lagoon is essential to achieving and maintaining safe swimming conditions. We will continue to work with the Council Healthy Waters Team to obtain approval to move the sand necessary to allow regularly tidal flushing of the lagoon when sand build-up prevents that from occurring naturally.

The Piha Community News was taken over by a Sub-committee led by Sandra Copney, Glenda Northey and Kylie Bailey, as as agreed at last year's AGM. The first edition was very successful but the second a little less. In discussion at our November meeting the committee committed to two further issues, which should give a clear indication of the viability and provide the string financial data for future decisions.

The Piha Post Office has been owned and operated by the R&R, now for more than 30 years. The ownership and management constitute a significant effort by the R&R committee for the benefit of the Piha community. PO Box rentals and stamp sales provide the revenue that allows this facility to operate, and local support is vital for the survival of this important community facility. We thank our Post Mistress Chris Warman for her diligence and friendly service.

Regarding a Skate Park, the R&R committee has reached out to support those interested to offer assistance and support to facilitate the process through the Local Board and Council. Despite the rhetoric on social media and elsewhere, we have received minimal interest or input from the community.

Cyclone Gabrielle this year devastated Piha and all of us were affected, some more severely than others. The community worked together and achieved creditable outcomes. I would like to recognise all the volunteers, but particularly the efforts of Jenene Crossan and her team. She pulled the community together, formed a core team, initiated a meal service, donations of food and essentials, a free supermarket, the list goes on. Monetary donations including Red Cross, Give-a-little and the Charity Auction were all channelled through the Piha R&R Bank Account and distributed to those most in need. Donations in excess of \$145,000 were received and distributed.

Piha Resilience Plan. The R&R committee is fully invested in completing the Piha Resilience Plan, led by Vice President and ex-Fire Chief, Ron Gorter. We have worked with Red Cross Disaster Funds and have received funding of \$68,340 for the purchase of an agreed list of equipment, materials, and containers to be placed in three strategic locations. We have identified two Lead Coordinators to train and work with Ron and we have Identified Cluster Leaders for all of the Clusters except for the top of the hill Piha Road and Te Ahuahu Road areas.

Piha R&R committee. This year marks significant change in the committee. We have welcomed several new members who are bringing new vitality to the Association. Graham Cleghorn, who resigned as Treasurer at the end of the 2020 year, but has continued largely by internet from Taupo, has undertaken the transfer of the R&R accounts to the Xero Accounting platform, but will cease in the role at the end of January. We thank Grahem sincerely for his dedication. We now urgently need to identify a replacement Treasurer. After 12 years as President I am stepping down. Change of leadership is good for any organisation and we are fortunate indeed to have Matt Hartley agree to take over the role of President. I will remain in the role of Secretary and support Matt from that position.

Ken Cowan
President