

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

13th November 2021, 4pm, Zoom webinar (online)

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## 1. Welcome/Apologies

Mike welcomes everyone to the meeting.

Apologies received so far, see attendance record below.

## 2. Approval of minutes from 14th November 2020 AGM meeting Rangitikei Ski Club

Minutes approved as a true and correct record.

***Lesley Mochan moves minutes from 14 Nov 2020 AGM meeting.***

***Shirley Potter seconds.***

## 3. Matters Arising from the 14 November 2020 AGM meeting

No matters arising from the 2020 meeting.

***Karen Arden moves no matters arising from 14 Nov 2020 AGM meeting.***

***Roel Michels seconds.***

## 4. Annual Report

**Highlights from the President, Mike O'Sullivan:**

### **Greening Taupō Results**

- 10 community plantings, attended by 70-200 people at each event.
- Total 21,400 trees planted.
- 8,900 volunteer hours.

### **Kids Greening Taupō**

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- New Kairuruku Reo Māori, Takoha Walker coordinating with Kura Kaupapa.
  - Engaged with every primary school, intermediate school, Kura Kaupapa and high school in the Taupō township.
  - Over 50 students in the Student Leadership programme.
  - Greening Taupō Day was the most successful planting for this year.

### **Predator Free Taupō**

- 10 new community trapping projects.
- Continuous demand from the community to be involved in trapping programs and trap building workshops.
- Engagement with Kids Greening Taupō class visits and expanding collaboration with community groups.
- PFT looking for a chairman.

### **Lake Rotopounamu Forest Restoration**

- 80 stoats, weasels and ferrets, 1,400+ rats captured/killed in 2020.
- Major increase in predators due to delay in 1080 drop.

### **Te Matapuna Wetland Restoration**

- To date, 230 hectares of wetland habitat has been restored.
- Project funding total nearly \$700K.

### **Oruatua Recreation Reserve Restoration**

- 3-4 hectares of land cleared and over 12,000 trees planted.

### **Wai-ō-taka River Restoration**

- To date, 45,000 trees planted over almost 12 hectares of river margin have been replanted. Department of Corrections has assisted with weeding of plantings.

### **Additional notes from the Director, Paul Green:**

- Thanks to our staff who have made our programmes run so well.
- Special thanks to Kiri Te Wano for 10 years of service in her role. Major milestone for a volunteer based society.

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- Overall Covid had minor disruptions to our operations this year, other than Kids Greening Taupō. Biggest impact was our ability to plan ahead and secure dates for member based activities etc.
  - As of February 2022, Kiri Te Wano will take up the position of Director. Paul congratulates Kiri on the appointment. An admin/finance support role is still to be filled to help support Kiri.

***Shirley Potter moves that the Annual General report be accepted.***

***Lesley Mochan seconds.***

## 5. Annual Accounts

### Highlights from the Treasurer Report: Pat Taylor

- Profit and loss report shows a surplus for the year \$53,956 - up \$20K from last year because of unspent grants.
- \$159,285 of grants to be carried forward, these have not yet been spent, but there is a commitment to do so.
- Acknowledgement to our major funders Bay Trust and Len Reynolds Trust.
- These numbers are a reflection of the money numbers only and does not reflect the invaluable contributions of time, energy and enthusiasm from our wonderful volunteers.
- The organisation is in good hands, thank you to Paul and Kiri.
- We do receive considerable donations from the community which suggests they are happy to support the work that we do.

***Pat Taylor moves that the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements be accepted.***

***Karen Williams seconds.***

## 6. Appointment of Honorary Vice President(s)

Karen Williams thanks everyone for their efforts to make the society what it is.

Karen Williams gives a brief history of the Tongariro Natural History Society. Now in a position to add a number of new Honorary Vice President(s) to the society. With

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the passing of Lady Shirley Geering, Edna and Karen Williams are now the sole Hon VPs. The executive agrees with Karen's suggestion to bring in the next generation of White family. Gavin White and Belinda Calloway have accepted to become Hon VPs. The White and Williams families agree with the executive's suggestion to invite representatives from other families associated to become Hon VPs as well.

Karen Grimwade adds that Evelyn Cooper has also agreed to become a Hon VP. Evelyn's son Patrick has also been offered the role, but has not made a decision yet. Karen G is going to offer the role to Evelyn's daughter Heather when she sees her next.

***Karen Williams moves that Evelyn Cooper, Gavin White and Belinda Calloway become Honorary Vice Presidents.***

***Karen Grimwade seconds.***

## 7. Election of Officers

- Election of President:  
***Shirley Potter nominates Mike O'sullivan to be President.***  
***Patricia Taylor seconds.***
- Election of Treasurer:  
***Mike O'Sullivan nominates Patricia Taylor to be Treasurer.***  
***Shirley Potter moves.***  
***Lucy Roberts seconds.***
- Election of Executive Committee Members:  
***Mike O'Sullivan moves that Allan McKenzie, Brenda Lawson, Jason Cameron, Lucy Roberts, Lesley Mochan, Roel Michels, Karen Grimwade and Shirley Potter reappointed to the executive committee.***  
***Paul Green seconds.***

## 8. General Business

### a. Events update

Jason Cameron gave an update on events. Eventing sector in survival mode due to Covid-19. Optimistic traffic light system will give some relief to events planned for the summer. Registration numbers are significantly down, 40% compared to

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previous years. Some events have been consolidated, the Tussock Traverse event will now be part of the Ring of Fire event. Brands of individual events will still be represented. Introduction of 'receive a medal or plant a tree' saw around 300 participants opt to plant a tree in the National Park. Planting event to go ahead in the Southern Ruapehu region when the time is right.

b. **Update on PT's plans for the next 12 months**

Paul gives an update on PT's involvement back down towards the Tongariro National Park and Southern side of Ruapehu. Three projects of note:

c. **Rongokaupo Wetland Restoration Project:** Karen G gives a brief update on progress and successful funding through Horizons, Judge Bollard and KBIH.

- **Kiwi Forever Programme:** PT is sponsoring the programme and providing admin support through DOC, to go ahead March 2022.

- **Scoping study for environmental education at schools around the Ruapehu district:** Thea gives a brief update on the scoping study, progress going well. Definite appetite and need for more support in this space. Learnings from KGT have a lot to offer. First planning meeting to commence in the coming weeks. Study to be completed by the end of 2021.

d. **Environment Hubs Aotearoa (EHA) Membership**

PT has become the EHA hub for the Central North Island. Becoming a hub gives access to extra funding for overheads, collaboration with other hubs around the country etc.

e. **Bruce Jefferies**

Impressed with PT financials, strong side in investments.

Conservation Standards Workshop happening in Feb, could be of value for strategic planning and offered a space for PT to attend.

Kiri thanks Bruce and looks forward to talking more.

f. **Department of Conservation Update**

Sarah Tunnicliffe thanks the society for her involvement in the past 6 months and is excited to be a part of this group. Acknowledges frustrations with Lake Rotopounamu and announces a pest control (1080 and pigs/deer) meeting is planned for 22 Nov. Sarah requests visuals from the Annual Report as it helps tell the story with pests.

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**g. Karen Williams**

Building on PT's relationship with Ngāti Rongomai at Waiotaka, Karen has been involved with helping them secure \$63,000 funding towards marae restoration and tukutuku panels for inside the whare. Invitation extended for PT to join in sanding, painting, tukutuku panel workshops happening next year. Kiri adds we have recently received some funding from WRC to finish off the last bits of the restoration project.

**No further business, meeting closed at 5:15pm**

### Attendance Register

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
Kiri Te Wano	Brenda Lawson
Paul Green	Helen Boston
Lynn (Paul's wife)	Maureen Chatterton
Mike O'Sullivan	Valerie Laird
Shirley Potter	Margaret Stothart
Karen Arden	Hon Louise Upston
Pat Taylor	Roy & Annette Dench
Lesley Mochan	Edna Williams
Sian Moffit	
Karen Grimwade	
Allan McKenzie	
Suzie Deroles	
Roel Michels	
Dianne Michels	
Karen Williams	
Harry Keys	
Lucy Roberts	

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Alison Foy	
Steve Bell	
Bruce Jefferies	
Rachel Thompson	
Jason Cameron	
Sarah Tunnicliffe	