

**MINUTES OF THE 39th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE EASTERN BAY OF ISLANDS PRESERVATION SOCIETY
HELD AT 5.30 PM ON FRIDAY 4th JANUARY 2013
AT Kokinga Point (23 Kokinga Point Rd).**

PRESENT: 26 family member groups

In Attendance: Kuia Marara Hook and Russell Hook (Te Rawhiti Marae); Ruth Marsh (Living Waters); Sara Brill (Northland Regional Council)

Welcome: Charles Kelly welcomed members, expressed thanks to Philip Yates for enabling the Society to hold its AGM at Kokinga Point this year, and congratulated Philip on the award of the ONZM in the New Year's Honours.

Margaret Horsburgh took the Chair for the meeting.

Apologies: Helen Harte, Anya Hook, Robert Willoughby, Richard Witihera, Colin and Jenifor Maiden, Trevor and Elizabeth Robertson, Graham and Lesley Gibbs, Giles Boundy, Chris and Jo Morton, Joan Steane, Chris and Gaylene Yates, Vic and Barbara Turner.

Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting;

Minutes of last year's minutes had previously been distributed to members. It was agreed that the minutes could be taken as read.

Matters Arising:

Margaret Horsburgh invited members to raise any matters from the minutes. No issues were raised.

Resolved: The minutes of the 38th AGM held on 6th January 2012 be approved.

Margaret Horsburgh/ Ray Meyer

Annual Report:

Activities in which the Society had been active in 2012 had been outlined in the Newsletter circulated before Christmas. Committee members were thanked for their contributions to the Newsletter/Annual Report. Apologies for omitting Lesley Gibbs name from the 2012 Committee membership were noted.

A number of items were highlighted and individual members spoke to these.

'Fish Forever' held a successful 'hui' at the Te Rawhiti marae on Thursday 3 January, as guests of the two hapu, Ngati Kuta and Patukeha. This was attended by several Society members. Bryn Jamieson indicated that the Society would support the proposal for a second marine reserve and the related proposed customary management plan for the marine reserves in the eastern Bay of Islands.

Project Strip continues to function successfully with John Booth's monitoring and oversight. Sources of funding for the Project are not however guaranteed and thanks are given to those who contribute above the basic \$75 donation to the Project.

Fleur Corbett from Project Island Song (the Guardians) had sent a message thanking the Society for the contribution to Project Strip. *'I would like to express the appreciation of the Project Island Song partners for the annual contribution EBOIPS make towards Project Strip, which provides a crucial first line of defence for the mainland buffer, that is key in keeping the islands pest free. We would also like to acknowledge the many years your members have been doing ecological restoration work in the eastern Bay of Islands. It is really exciting to see and hear reports of increasing birdlife and flourishing coastal forest on the mainland peninsula.'*

John Booth spoke about the success of pest control overall with Project Strip and Project Points and more recently, the Neck and Necklace, linking the work of pest control to the ongoing development of the Tangatapu Wetland Project. The Wetland project is progressing largely under 'Living Waters' aegis, noting however that EBOIPS had been successful in a grant from the DoC Bio-condition fund to allow the fencing of the wetland area to proceed.

Membership numbers for the Society continue to be an issue as subscriptions provide the main source of revenue.

Resolved: The Annual Report be received.
Margaret Horsburgh/Charles Kelly

Treasurer's Report:

Resolved: The Financial Statements for the year ended 31 October 2012 be received.
Tony Beckett/Ray Meyer

The accounts for the financial year ended 31 October 2012 were circulated to members present. Tony Beckett presented a verbal Treasurer's report. He noted that the compliance work for the audit of the 2012 accounts being carried out by C R Wylie was still to be completed. The intent was to seek an 'audit review' as a preferred option for the 2013 accounts and onwards. The accounts continue to show a complete segregation of the funds available for Project Strip from those for administration or general purposes.

It was noted that the Society had opened a local Post Office Box in 2012; P O Box 201, Russell. This was more appropriate than an Auckland address, particularly when applying for local grants.

Resolved: The Financial Statements for the year ended 31 October 2012 be adopted.
Tony Beckett/Charles Kelly

Subscriptions:

No change in the subscription/donation was proposed for the 2013 year.

The Executive Committee believed that the subscription for the 2013 year should continue to be set at \$100.00 pa/family; \$25.00 for administrative expenses and the balance of \$75.00 qualifying as a charitable donation.

Resolved: The combined subscription/donation for the 2013 year be a minimum of \$100.00 pa.

Tony Beckett /Sue Whitley

Election of Officers:

Succession planning for the Society's officers and Committees is an ongoing issue and the Executive Committee had sought additional Committee members for 2013 as preparation for some changes in 2014. The possibility of a three year term had been discussed to encourage members to stand for positions. All current Officers and Committee members were however prepared to continue in their roles for the 2013 year.

Chairman

Resolved: Charles Kelly be elected to the position of Chairman for a further year.

Margaret Horsburgh/Ray Meyer

Treasurer

Resolved: Tony Beckett be appointed to the position of Treasurer for the 2013 year.

Margaret Horsburgh/John Booth

Secretary

Charles Kelly took the chair for the appointment of Secretary

Resolved: Margaret Horsburgh be appointed to the position of Secretary for the 2013 year.

Charles Kelly/John Booth

Executive Committee:

The Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary are automatically members of the Executive Committee. Bryn Jamieson and John Booth would continue as members.

General Committee:

Current members of the General Committee were prepared to continue: Malcolm Waller, Philip Yates, Lisa Markwick, Giles Boundy, Lesley Gibbs.

Three further nominations to the General Committee were received; Sandra Scowen, Sarah Yates and Kate McConnell.

Resolved: That Sandra Scowen, Sarah Yates and Kate McConnell be appointed to the General Committee.

Margaret Horsburgh/Freddie Graham

The General Committee would be Sandra Scowen, Sarah Yates and Kate McConnell Lesley Gibbs, Lisa Markwick, Giles Boundy, Malcolm Waller and Phillip Yates.

It is recorded that Richard (Blandy) Witehira had advised that he would again be available as a Liaison committee member to represent the Patukeha hapu and Helen Harte had also agreed to remain as a Liaison committee member to represent the Ngati Kuta hapu.

General Business:

John Booth spoke on behalf of Nicky Wakefield from the 'Mountains to Sea Trust' encouraging members to attend the 'Mountains to Sea Trust' wananga in April 2013.

Kauri die back is becoming a potential problem in Northland and John Booth indicated that pamphlets highlighting the problem would be available for distribution.

The meeting closed at 6.15 pm.

Confirmed: A correct copy of the minutes this day of January 2014

Following the formal part of the meeting Philip Yates welcomed Sara Brill, from the Northland Regional Council, and following an introduction to set the context for why the Society is concerned about pest plants, invited Sara to speak. An informative and well received presentation on the problems with 'weeds' and solutions for dealing with them followed, together with some clarification of the Society's role in weed control..

John Booth proposed that 'weeds' and a weed control group is formed under the Mainland Pest Control group with the Society invited to have membership on this group. Society members would receive further information through regular newsletters.