

**Plimmerton Residents' Association Inc (PRA)
Minutes of 2021 Annual General Meeting
Monday, 16 August 2021 at Plimmerton Boating Club**

Meeting Chair: Roger Watkin

Minute taker: Robin Jones

Attendance: The attendance list is included at the end of these minutes.

1. Welcome:

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.00pm with a welcome to everyone, including Mayor Anita Baker, Northern Ward councillors Euon Murrell, Josh Trlin, Nathan Waddle and Ross Leggett, and GWRC councillor Jenny Brash.

Roger noted that it was good to be able to meet in person after the cancellation of last year's AGM due to Covid 19 restrictions.

He encouraged all those wishing to pay their \$20 subscription to see the treasurer Don Gray.

2. Presentation by Friends of Taupō Swamp and Catchment (FOTSC) (Judy McKoy and Bill MacAulay)

Judy and Bill co-presented their informative and entertaining talk, which was accompanied by a slide show and drone footage.

The focus was on the success of FOTSC's first three years and its plans for the future, as well as an overview of the range and national significance of the Taupō swamp and wider catchment.

Key points:

- Taupō swamp is a key native ecosystem (KNE) with land owned by QEII National Trust, PCC and some private land-owners, with a much wider catchment area (reaching up to Pukerua Bay) feeding into it
- The swamp acts as a natural filter to reduce soil and nutrients going into the stream and into the sea.
- Invasive weeds such as blackberry and acacia have been removed with the help of GWRC and PCC.
- Over 9,000 stems planted since the outset in 2019. Plants are surviving the recurrent flood events well.
- Te Rito Gardens in Porirua are FOTSC's main suppliers, and are currently growing trees to order for planting next year.

- Over 1,000 volunteer hours spent onsite in the past 12 months alone, with an ongoing special relationship with Conservation Volunteers Porirua/ NZ, plus a range of other voluntary groups and community volunteers.
- FOTSC also working closely with Rotary Club of Plimmerton and PCC on the Forest of Peace & Remembrance at Plimmerton Domain
- The generosity of all supporters was noted, including many private donors and organisations such as GWRC, PCC, Nikau Foundation, NZ Motor Caravan Association, NZ Composting and Tatana Contracting.
- Plimmerton Community Menzshed assist FOTSC with tool maintenance.
- FOTSC are now halfway through their five year plan. The objective is to increase the biodiversity (trees, birds, insects, fish) and protect and improve the water quality.
- The current focus is on the boundary area around the industrial area. FOTSC are grateful to Plimmerton industrial estate businesses for their support.
- Ongoing pest control is imperative to remove rats & stoats in particular. Feral cats continue to be a problem, and are handled humanely by a Cat Protection group. FOTSC works closely with Pest Free groups on this. Traplines surrounding the whole of Plimmerton incorporate 62 large DOC traps. Intensive localised trapping exists within the wetlands and the industrial estate in Ulric Street.

For more information visit <https://www.tauposwamp.org/>

In closing, Bill asked if there were any questions from the floor and encouraged residents to consider volunteering with FOTSC.

The presentation was well received by the audience and acknowledged with a spontaneous round of applause.

Carolyn Williams thanked Judy and Bill and presented them with a gift.

3. Formal Business

3.1 Apologies received:

Barbara Edmondson (MP for Mana)	
Garry Conway	Rod & Anne Corbett
Joan Reader	Robyn Procter
Allan Dodson	Peter Williams
Russell Jones	

3.2 Minute record of electronic votes from 2020 PRA AGM (cancelled due to Covid 19 restrictions) and matters arising

Roger noted we were not able to hold an AGM last year due to Covid 19 restrictions so the formal business was conducted through an electronic vote of financial members. The relevant documents had been posted on the website and the decision and actions taken formally notified to Companies Office

Roger asked if there were any further comments or matters arising. There were none.

Motion: “That the minute documenting the actions taken and motions passed following the cancellation of the 2020 AGM of Plimmerton Residents’ Association due to Covid 19 restrictions be accepted as a true and proper record.”

Moved: Robin Jones

Seconded: Isabella Cawthorn

Motion carried.

3.3 Chair Report (Roger Watkin)

Roger summarised his chair’s report, noting that it had been posted on the community website.

2020 and 2021 have been busy years for PRA with:

- The challenges of the Covid 19 lockdown and the November flood. Roger noted the excellent work by Carolyn Williams and the communications team to keep everyone updated throughout.
- The ongoing success of the Plimmerton Community Menzshed, now financially self-supporting.
- Major projects - KiwiRail third platform and big decisions to come after Transmission Gully opens.
- Ongoing liaison with PCC through Village Planning, and formal submissions on District Plan, Long Term Plan, Plimmerton Farm and Dog policy
- Work with PCC to add a seating area at the Dog Park featuring heritage Winstone bricks and heritage trail plaques.
- Ongoing work with PCC and residents on flood protection and mitigation measures, good progress being made.
- Communication - regular newsletters, Facebook, website updates, flier & poster campaigns and information sessions to keep residents informed.

Roger called for all to support PRA this coming year with significant developments under way:

- KiwiRail third track and platform
- Impact of Transmission Gully on local roading
- Flood mitigation
- Plimmerton Farms
- Residential zoning changes, housing intensification

Other issues requiring attention:

- Emergency management
- Community Shed relocation
- Village planning review
- COVID response

Roger urged residents to get involved now while they can still have some input into decisions and outlined ways people can help:

- Pay your sub, just \$20 per household
- Stand on the executive committee, lead a project
- Assist in an ex-committee role
- Join the Community MenzShed crew
- Help out as a volunteer

Roger thanked all those who help our community grow and stay safe, and especially all our residents who have paid their subs to support the work of PRA. He singled out a few for special mention:

- Former committee member David Verrinder, many years of service, organising our security cameras, AGMs and Big Spring Clean
- Allan Dodson (PRA gmail), Violet Rowe newsletter/website), Anne Johnson (designer), Mel Troy and Sam Duff (social media) Mary Beckett & Deirdre Dale (heritage research)
- Plimmerton School (use of staffroom), PBC (AGM venue)
- Bill Inge from PCC whom we've worked with for ten years
- And huge thanks to Euon and the team at Tommy's for their stunning support over many years.

3.4 Community Shed Report (Dave Anderson)

Dave outlined PRA's ownership and ongoing support of the Plimmerton Community Menzshed.

The Shed has been doing work for local Pest Free groups, Mana Lions, the Salvation Army and PCC.

The Shed made a surplus of around \$4,000 in the last year.

Dave also emphasised the social benefits of the Shed for its members and the camaraderie they've built up as a group.

The initial lease with PCC for the Domain site expired on 30 June. A lease extension has been granted into next year, however the Shed building must be removed to allow for access to the new rail infrastructure.

Dave outlined three options for the future:

1. Find another site and relocate
2. Merge with Porirua Menzshed
3. Close down

Option 1 is the preferred choice, and Dave is working with PCC on finding another site. This option would require significant external funding and Dave asked anyone who could help to get in touch.

3.5 Flood Response Working Group Update (Dave Anderson)

Dave and Allan Dodson are representing PRA on the Flood Response Working Group being coordinated by PCC. They attend regular meetings with PCC, GWRC and Wellington Water. Good progress is being made on options to alleviate the flood risk with survey work already underway and a public meeting planned for September.

3.6 Performance Report for 2020/21 (Don Gray)

Don Gray noted that the Financial Statement and Performance Report had been on our website for the last couple of weeks and asked for any questions.

He explained that the accounts for PRA and the Community Shed were combined, and noted that the Shed is now operating profitably and the overall financial position is quite satisfactory.

Motion:

“That the Financial Statement and Performance Report for year ended 30 June 2021 be approved.”

Moved: Don Gray

Seconded: Doug Widdowson

Motion carried.

3.7 Election of Executive Committee for 2021/22

Euon Murrell conducted this part of the meeting. Seven nominations had been received for 2021/22.

Dave Anderson, Robin Jones, Don Gray, Roger Watkin, Carolyn Williams (*all nominated by Warrick Procter, seconded Jenny Brash*)

Warrick Procter (*Robin Jones/Jenny Brash*)

Robynne McIntyre (*Carolyn Williams/Robin Jones*)

Euon called for further nominations and received one, that of Doug Widdowson (*nominated Jenny Brash, seconded David Verrinder*).

Motion:

“That the following be appointed to the Executive Committee of the Plimmerton Residents’ Association for the 2021-22 year:

Dave Anderson, Carolyn Williams, Don Gray, Robin Jones, Warrick Procter, Roger Watkin, Robynne McIntyre, Doug Widdowson

Moved: Jenny Brash Seconded: David Verrinder Carried

Isabella Cawthorn raised a question from the floor, asking how people who aren’t on the executive committee can get involved. Roger answered that residents are welcome to attend monthly meetings and help out with projects and liaison with external agencies in an ex-committee capacity. Carolyn added that there would be a planning session soon and the output from that would be available in the newsletter and on the website.

4. Close

Roger thanked everyone for coming and expressed gratitude to Plimmerton Boating Club for the use of their facilities and for the catering.

He invited everyone to stay for supper to mix and mingle with FOTSC speakers, PRA committee and elected representatives.

The AGM closed at 8.05pm and was followed by a tasty supper.

PRA AGM 2021 Attendance Register

Roger Watkin	Warrick Procter	Robin Jones
Bill MacAulay	Hadley Bond	Joshua Trlin (NW Councillor)
Martin Cawthorn	Frances Cawthorn	Judy McKoy
John McKoy	Greg Brown	Andrea Brown
Dave Anderson	Carolyn Williams	Paul Meehan
Brian McKeon	Isabella Cawthorn	Rose Scully
Rebecca Morahan	Colin Bleasdale	Marg Bleasdale
Jenny Falvey	Jenny Brash (GWRC councillor)	Alan Reader
Doug Widdowson	Colleen Ward	David Verrinder
Kevin Clark	Rudi Grace	Kirsten Grace
Noeline Gordon	Mal Suhr	Laurie Smith
Lesley Wilson	Dave Wilson	Phil Rhodes
Anita Baker (Mayor)	Ian Baxter	Peter Cogswell
Tony Shaw (Paremata RA)	Barry McEwen	AM Janssen
Neil McClellan	Maureen Reed	Bill Inge (PCC)
Paul Fitzgerald (Pukerua Bay RA)	Stacey Mills	Susie McVicar
Euon Murrell (NW Councillor)	Nathan Waddle (NW Councillor)	Dan Ross
Ian Barlow (Paremata RA)	Philippa Doig	Mike Doig
Ross Leggett (NW Councillor)	Don Gray	

Minutes prepared by Robin Jones

22 August 2021