

**Plimmerton Residents' Association Inc (PRA)
Minutes of 2023 Annual General Meeting
Monday, 28 August 2023 at Plimmerton Boating Club**

Meeting Chair: David Verrinder

Minute taker: Robin Jones

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

1. Welcome:

The Chair (David Verrinder) opened the meeting at 7.00pm with a welcome to everyone, including Mayor Anita Baker, and our Porirua ward and GWRC councillors.

David outlined the agenda for the evening.

David reminded everyone to sign the attendance record and encouraged all those wishing to pay their \$20 subscription to see the treasurer, Don Gray.

2. Keynote Speakers - Science in the Swamp - Cratos, Friends of Taupō Swamp & Catchment (FOTSC), Plimmerton School

Carolyn Williams introduced the Science in the Swamp project and the key speakers:

Bill McAulay (FOTSC)

Mick Turner (Cratos)

Joanna Verran (Plimmerton School)

Bill outlined the work of FOTSC.

A total of 43,000 plants have been planted by FOTSC, PCC and Conservation Volunteers NZ. Bill acknowledged the excellent support from PCC, and in particular Andrew Jinks from the PCC nursery.

Bill talked about FOTSC's ongoing strategies to reduce invasive weed congestion in Taupō Stream and to mitigate flooding.

He encouraged everyone to get involved: "Let's create a wetlands forest that can be appreciated by our grandchildren's grandchildren."

Mick Turner spoke next and introduced his Plimmerton-based company, Cratos. Cratos has been helping FOTSC by using drones to record changes in the swamp over time from the air. The footage allows pest species like blackberry and silting from flood events to be identified.

He showcased the drone and the capability of its payloads.

Drone Day will kickstart the project and is scheduled for October. Cratos plan to run the drone from Plimmerton School to the Domain and back, while livestreaming footage into the school hall.

Jo Verran, Deputy Principal of Plimmerton School then spoke about the Science in the Swamp project in more detail.

She began by outlining the importance of Kaitiakitanga (looking after “our” place) and how this will be a focus for learning in Term 4. The children will be the ambassadors for the Science in the Swamp project, with various activities available for children at all levels.

The aim of this long-term project is to upskill students on the ecology of the area and how it changes over time. A specialist educator from PCC will come in to help manage field activities and Hongoeka marae will be involved with studies and harakeke weaving. The expected outcomes include photos, online reports, and a shared sense of ownership and responsibility for the Taupō swamp.

Carolyn asked for any questions from the floor.

Mick was asked about the drones he’d brought along and other projects Cratos is working on.

Carolyn then thanked our speakers and presented them with gifts generously provided by local businesses - Urban Bake, Kafe Oranje, Big Salami, Crystal Connection and Your Wellington Florist.

3. Community Policing Update

The Chair introduced Constable Damian Parker (responsible for community policing in Porirua CBD and northern suburbs), Sarah Steed (NZ Police) and Henry Samia from Partners Porirua.

Damian spoke about safety in the community. Car break-ins are a continuing problem and he had some practical advice to deter offenders:

- Utilise steering wheel locks and alarms
- Park in well-lit places
- Manual cars are less attractive than automatics to offenders
- Avoid certain makes and models
- Keep valuables out of sight, leave glove box empty and open

Sarah emphasised the need to report crimes direct to Police, not on social media. Numbers to call are 111 if crime is “happening now”, 105 if after the event.

Henry acknowledged the role former Mayor Jenny Brash had played in setting up Partners Porirua. He then outlined the Drive for Life volunteer mentor programme for young people/rangatahi learning to drive. Damian endorsed the scheme on behalf of police, saying it is a great way for police to have contact with young people outside of enforcement situations. Pamphlets were provided for AGM attendees.

The Chair thanked the speakers and handed over to Allan Dodson.

4. Karehana Park Update

Allan Dodson (Project Manager for PRA) summarised the history of the Karehana Park upgrade and emphasised the key role the late Roger Johnston had played in the project since its inception in 2008. He also acknowledged the great support from PCC, in particular Bill Inge of Village Planning, to upgrade the park facilities.

280 sponsored pavers have been installed since 2010, followed by a petanque court (sponsored by Touhy), a scooter path (funded by Mana Community Grants Foundation) and an accessible drinking fountain (sponsored by three Plimmerton plumbers, Peter Clarence, Leon Smith and Craig Henderson). Other significant support was provided by Trust House Foundation.

Stage 6, which will honour Roger's memory, is now well underway, with a picnic table and seating installed, and an extended paver path to provide access to come. Allan and Sue Ineson are managing the paver sponsorship programme. Completion is planned for later in the year but is dependent on weather and flood mitigation work happening in the same area.

5. Formal Business

The Chair then opened the formal business session and reminded everyone that only financial members of the PRA could vote on formal motions.

David introduced the current executive committee (Dave Anderson, Carolyn Williams, Warrick Procter, Don Gray, Robin Jones, Robynne McIntyre, John Meeuwssen and Jenny Brash (appointed during the year)). He acknowledged the contribution made over many years by retiring committee member Warrick Procter.

He also thanked others who work hard for the PRA outside of the committee, in particular Allan Dodson, Sam Duff, Sue Ineson, Pip Hay, Violet Rowe, Roger Watkin and Anne Johnston, plus Bill Inge of PCC, and our ward and GWRC councillors.

David also thanked Plimmerton Boating Club, Plimmerton School, and Hutt Mana Charitable Trust for their support during the year, and our sponsors Tommy's Mana & Euon Murrell and Stihl Shop Porirua.

5.1 Apologies received and noted:

Barry & Dinah McEwen
Dave & Rosemary Anderson
Gary Roberts
Lynette Shum
Kylie Wihapi (Deputy Mayor)
Warrick Procter
Sandra Werner & David Sperry
Dave & Lesley Wilson
Russell Jones
Colleen Ward
Sue Ineson
Philippa Doig
Nathan Waddle (ward councillor)
Josh Trlin (ward councillor)
Tracy Johnston (ward councillor)

5.2 Minutes of the 2022 PRA AGM and matters arising

The minutes of the 2022 AGM had been posted on the PRA website after the last AGM.

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

Motion: “That the minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting of Plimmerton Residents’ Association be accepted as a true and proper record.”

Moved: Robin Jones

Seconded: Jenny Brash

Carried: Unanimous

5.3 Chair Report (David Verrinder)

David summarised his chair report on PRA activities for the 2022-23 year, noting that the report had been posted on the PRA website.

Key points covered were:

- Street Group coordination and emergency preparedness
- Emergency Management liaison with PCC, WREMO and other agencies
- Science in the Swamp project
- Karehana Park Project
- Big Spring Clean
- KiwiRail PACE liaison and the rail-themed mural with Plimmerton School
- Community Shed now separately incorporated as Plimmerton Community Menzshed Inc (PCMI), funds and asset transfer completed
- Restoration of Xoe Hall’s mural
- Liaison and submissions on future of SH59 with Waka Kotahi
- Submissions to PCC on District Plan Variation1
- Major revision of PRA Constitution to comply with Incorporated Societies Act 2022
- Ongoing communication with community via newsletter, Facebook and email
- Development of external relationships - Plimmerton Boating Club, Stihl Shop, Tommy’s Mana
- PCC liaison regarding village maintenance, graffiti response etc

5.4 Performance Report for 2022/23 (Don Gray - Treasurer)

Don noted that the annual Financial Statement and Performance Report had been on the PRA website for the last couple of weeks. A key point to note was the spin-off of the Community Shed to PCMI, with an associated transfer of funds and assets.

Don then asked for any questions. There were none.

Motion:

“That the Financial Statement and Performance Report for year ended 30 June 2023 be approved.”

Moved: Don Gray

Seconded: Allan Dodson

Carried: Unanimous

5.5 Election of Executive Committee for 2023/24

Allan Dodson conducted this part of the meeting. Nine nominations had been received for 2023/24.

David Verrinder
Dave Anderson
Carolyn Williams
Don Gray
Robin Jones
Jenny Brash
Robynne McIntyre
John Meeuwsen
Roger Watkin
(All nominated by Allan Dodson)

Motion:

“That the following be appointed to the Executive Committee of the Plimmerton Residents’ Association for the 2023-24 year:

David Verrinder, Dave Anderson, Carolyn Williams, Don Gray, Robin Jones, John Meeuwsen, Robynne McIntyre, Jenny Brash, Roger Watkin.”

Moved: Allan Dodson

Seconded: Pip Hay

Carried: Unanimous

6. Close

David asked if there were any questions from the floor.

He then presented a bouquet to Robin Jones and thanked her for her work behind the scenes, especially on submissions to council on the District Plan. He also had a bouquet for Warrick Procter, in recognition of his years of service to PRA.

In closing David thanked everyone for coming and thanked Gayle and the Plimmerton Boating Club for the use of their facilities.

He encouraged residents to get in touch with PRA (plimmertonra@gmail.com) with any questions or input.

The AGM closed at 8.20pm.

PRA AGM 2023 Attendance Register

Jo Verran	Linda Moon	Mike Doig
Roberta McKeon	Brian McKeon	Paul Meehan
Mark Wendleken	Pip Hay	John Meeuwsen
AM Janssen	Ben Gilbert	Cathy McKenzie
Stacey Mills	Mayor Anita Baker & partner	Cr Ross Leggett
Susie McVicar	Heather Beddow	Linda Hall-Thorpe
Moana Parata	Steph Barron	Hadley Bond
Anne Bond	Gayle Carmichael	Bill Inge (PCC)
Henry Samia (Partners Porirua)	Damian Parker (NZ Police)	Sarah Steed (NZ Police)
Brendan Gard'ner	Mary Beckett	Roger Beckett
Lee Patterson	Heidi Hopwood	Alan Paskell
Cathy Paskell	Tim Scott	Nigel Smith
Noeline Gordon	Jenny Brash	Jane Martin
Kevin Gwynn	Robin Jones	Don Gray
Robynne McIntyre	Carolyn Williams	Peter Williams
Allan Dodson	David Verrinder	Mick Turner (Cratos)
Roger Watkin	Sheryl Watkin	Bill McAulay & partner
Jo Thomson		

Minutes prepared by Robin Jones