

**Plimmerton Residents' Association Inc (PRA)  
Minutes of 2024 Annual General Meeting  
Monday, 26 August 2024 at Plimmerton Boating Club**

**Meeting Chair:** John Meeuwsen

**Minute taker:** Robin Jones

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

**1. Welcome:**

The Chair (John Meeuwsen) opened the meeting at 7.00pm with a welcome to everyone, including Mayor Anita Baker, Porirua ward councillor Ross Leggett, and representatives from Hongoeka.

He thanked everyone for coming out in such atrocious weather.

John explained he was standing in for elected Chair David Verrinder who was unavailable.

John outlined the agenda for the evening and a few housekeeping matters.

**2. Speaker - Arts on Track Collective - Kate Jacob**

Carolyn Williams introduced Kate Jacob from Arts on Track, a group of professional artists who are now working out of the restored heritage railway station.

Kate profiled each of the resident artists and presented slides to illustrate their work:

Adele Matthews Wilkin  
Suzy Pinquet  
Pilar Villamor  
Kristina Owen-Smith  
Clare Smith  
Kate Jacob  
Vicki Fearon  
Anneke Borren  
Alicja Gear

Kate commented that while the studio has been open only a few months it has already established its own unique identity. Future plans include hosting groups for artist talks and workshops, and participating in the Porirua Arts Trail.

Carolyn thanked Kate and presented her with gifts generously provided by two local businesses - The Big Salami and The Cake Cafe.

**3. PRA - Our Year in Pictures**

PRA Executive Committee Member and Comms Manager Carolyn Williams presented a visual summary of the key projects and activities of the PRA over the last year.

This also summarised the 2023-24 Chair Report, a copy of which is available on the PRA website.

Key projects were:

- Science in the Swamp (with Plimmerton School, FOTSC and Cratos)
- KiwiRail Pace rail upgrade project - communication, mural
- Harakeke Fence on Steyne Avenue (with PCMI MenzShed). Special thanks to generous local sponsors, and the work of Sue Ineson, Allan Dodson and Deirdre Dale, along with designers Anne Johnston and Linda Kerkmeester.
- Village maintenance and liaison with PCC. Carolyn
- Emergency preparation and community safety - street groups, response to Mateparae and Bush reports, a public information event in February, upgraded community radios
- Traffic issues - slow zone, driver behaviour on Beach Rd, Sunset Parade, Moana Rd (residents' petition), SH59/Grays Rd intersection
- Liaison and consultation with other agencies - Waka Kotahi/NZTA, Kainga Ora, Environmental Protection Authority (Plimmerton Farm Fasttrack)
- Annual Big Spring Clean - thanks to St Andrews Church, Mana Lions Club, PCC and PVFB for support
- Karehana Park - sponsored pavers and picnic area in memory of Roger Johnston

Carolyn then also thanked sponsors Stihl Shop Porirua and Euon Murrell at Tommy's Real Estate for their continued support, and Hutt Mana Charitable Trust for their support of the Science in the Swamp underpass mural.

She then made a special acknowledgement of the work done by Bill Inge of PCC Village Planning over many years. PRA has worked very closely with Bill on many projects and we have valued his mahi and support throughout. Bill has now left PCC as council have decided to end the VP programme.

She also noted the passing of long-time Plimmerton resident and PRA committee member, Pip Piper, and acknowledged his enthusiasm and dedication to his community.

Carolyn also thanked departing committee member Roger Watkin, and PCC ward councillors Ross Leggett and Josh Trlin.

She closed by presenting Deirdre Dale and Mary Beckett with gifts provided by The Cake Café and Kafe Oranje to thank them for the work they've done on heritage research.

#### **4. PRA Constitution Review**

Robin Jones and Don Gray spoke about the work to revise the PRA Constitution to comply with the 2022 Incorporated Societies Act.

They noted that quite significant changes are required by the new law, and this is also an opportunity to update the constitution to better reflect PRA's current operation and to incorporate provision for new technology as appropriate - e.g. virtual meetings, electronic voting etc.

A draft will be circulated to financial members for comment ahead of formal adoption of the new constitution well before the deadline of April 2026.

## **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.

John introduced himself and the other members of the current executive committee (Dave Anderson, Carolyn Williams, Don Gray, Robin Jones, Robynne McIntyre, Jenny Brash, and current chair David Verrinder who was unable to attend the AGM.)

He also thanked others who work hard for the PRA outside of the committee, in particular Allan Dodson, Sue Ineson, Pip Hay and Violet Rowe.

### **5.1 Apologies received and noted:**

David Verrinder  
Kylie Wihapi (Deputy Mayor)  
Warrick Procter  
John and Judy McKoy  
Colleen Ward  
Susie McVicar  
Kelly Dornbusch & Geraldine Jordan  
Nathan Waddle (ward councillor)  
Josh Trlin (ward councillor)

### **5.2 Minutes of the 2023 PRA AGM and matters arising**

The minutes of the 2023 AGM had been posted on the PRA website.

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

Motion: "That the minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting of Plimmerton Residents' Association be accepted as a true and proper record."

Moved: Robin Jones

Seconded: Robynne McIntyre

Carried: Unanimous

### **5.3 Chair Report**

John noted that Carolyn had already summarised PRA activities for the 2023-24 year, and that the full Chair Report has been posted on the PRA website.

### **5.4 Performance Report for 2023/24 (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.

Don asked for any questions. There were none.

Motion:

“That the Financial Statement and Performance Report for the year ended 30 June 2024 be approved.”

Moved: Don Gray

Seconded: Dave Anderson

Carried: Unanimous

Don also announced the winner of the Stihl subscriber prize - Cheryl & Brian Jones

### **5.5 Election of Executive Committee for 2024/25**

Allan Dodson conducted this part of the meeting. Eight nominations had been received for the 2024/25 executive committee.

David Verrinder  
Dave Anderson  
Carolyn Williams  
Don Gray  
Robin Jones  
John Meeuwsen  
Robynne McIntyre  
Jenny Brash

*(All nominated by Allan Dodson)*

Motion:

“That the following be appointed to the Executive Committee of the Plimmerton Residents’ Association for the 2024-25 year:

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

Moved: Allan Dodson

Seconded: Linda Moon

Carried: Unanimous

### **5.6 Close of formal business**

John asked if there were any questions from the floor. There were none. He encouraged residents to get in touch with PRA ([plimmertonra@gmail.com](mailto:plimmertonra@gmail.com)) at any time with any questions or input.

### **6. Climate Café - “Happy Planet, Happy People”**

Alice Miller briefly outlined the aims of the Climate Café group, which meets monthly at St Andrews Church (second Tuesday of the month 7.30-9.30pm).

She encouraged residents to attend these free discussion sessions.

## 7. Plimmerton Boating Club relationship

John introduced the newly elected PBC Commodore, Dave Morahan.

Dave spoke about the very positive relationship between PBC and PRA, and how PBC is keen to continue this. However, changes to licensing laws mean that it is no longer possible to offer access to the PBC bar facilities to PRA members. PBC is continuing discussions on what might be offered to PRA financial members in future.

## 8. Close

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

The AGM closed at 8.15pm.

### PRA AGM 2024 Attendance Register

Russell Jones	Jenny Brash	Don Gray
Robin Jones	Dave Anderson	Hadley Bond
Linda Moon	Allan Dodson	Frances Cawthorn
Bill McAulay	Anita Baker (Mayor)	Alice Miller
Ross Leggett (PCC Ward councillor)	Gemma Plank	Roy Jacob
Merrill Holdsworth	Colin Munn	Robyn Procter
Martin Cawthorn	Dave Wilson	Lesley Wilson
Jo Thomson	Wendy Poludore	Moana Parata
Megan Krishnan	Mark Morrison	Deirdre Dale
Roger Beckett	Mary Beckett	Emma Fromings
Lynette Shum	Tony Shaw	Sue Ineson
Barbara Clark	Kevin Clark	John Meeuwsen
Robynne McIntyre	Carolyn Williams	Katherine Jacob
Philippa Doig	Mike Doig	Ian Baxter
Dave Morahan	Rebecca Morahan	Karla Beamsley
Joan Reader	Alan Reader	Mike Lyons
Russell Morrison	Donna Jensen	

Minutes prepared by Robin Jones