

GRANGE ROAD WATER ASSOCIATION (INC)

Minutes of the 47th Annual General Meeting held in the Hahei Community Centre on Sunday 20 April 2025 at 4pm.

Present: Duncan and Lynne Kingsbury, Ngaire and Kevin O'Brien, David and Margaret Ivory, Chrissie and Paul Revell, Ann and Tim Farquharson, Barry Hishon, Roy Carter, Liz Houghton-Brown, Hamish and Liz MacIntyre, Ricky Rutledge, Allan Mackey, Penne Clayton, Natasha Courtney, Meg Auth, Robert Kilgour, Simon and Kristen Parry, Peter and Judy Anderson, Nathan Anderson, Jerry Thoma.

Minute's silence for Bill Stead

Apologies: Marc and Shelley Osbourne, Greg Dickie, Gavin White, Ted and Betty Collings, Kevin and Sheree Burton, Kevin and Mary Milroy, Geoff Hick, Steve Reindler, Lorna Henry.

Minutes: The Minutes of the 46th AGM held on Saturday 30, April 2024 were accepted as a true and correct record.

Penne Clayton/Margaret Ivory

Chairman's Report: The Chairman's 2024 Report covered water usage over the summer, with fewer leaks than last year, and peak demand slightly less than last year. Water system improvements were listed, including UV system installation, new bore flow metres, and removal of bamboo from around the pump sheds. Changes in Water, Incorporated Societies and Charities Legislation was covered later in the meeting. GRWA was fully compliant this year with Waikato Regional Council, and our water quality testing and test results were fully compliant with Taumata Arowai standards.

That the Chairman's report was received:

David Ivory/Allan Mackey

Financial Report:

The Treasurer presented the Financial Report. Financially the Association remains in a strong position. Total revenue increased to \$51,804, primarily from membership levies and modest investment returns. Expenses rose to \$37,585, reflecting ongoing investment in infrastructure and services. Our net surplus for the year was \$14,219, slightly lower than 2023 but still healthy.

Cash reserves improved by \$8,091, with a closing balance of \$67,774. We invested \$15,421 in new plant and equipment, including a new bore pump, chlorine doser, UV filtration system, and telemetry kits. Total assets now stand at \$250,137, with minimal liabilities of just \$339, resulting in net assets of \$249,798.

We are well-positioned for the future, with no outstanding commitments or liabilities.

That the Financial report for the year ended 31 December 2024 be received:

Penny Clayton/Paul Revell

Election of Officers:

Committee member, Liz Houghton-Brown has resigned, and the Chair thanked her for her involvement over the past two years, acknowledging the difficulty of joining meetings from a distance.

All other committee members are happy to continue, and office holders to continue in their positions.

Chairman: Duncan Kingsbury

Vice Chairman: Allan Mackey

Secretary: Liz MacIntyre

Treasurer: Penne Clayton

Committee: Greg Dickie, Marc Osborne, Geoff Hick, Robert Kilgour, and Simon Parry.

Margaret Ivory/Chrissie Revell

Subscriptions 2025: As per the Chairman's Report, the committee recommends that the subs increase from \$630 to \$650 per annum (a 3.2% increase) to keep the reserve to \$50,000 which will allow us to move quickly if repairs or replacements, e.g. a new bore, is needed. The increase was proposed and accepted.

Duncan Kingsbury/David Ivory

Water Leaks:

As per Chairman's Report, water leaks were not as frequent as last year.

General Business:

New Constitution and Water Supply Agreement

Three recent legislative provisions required us to prepare a completely new Constitution. These are firstly: the provisions of the recent Incorporated Societies Act requires all existing Societies to prepare a new constitution, pass it at a GM and then register it by April 2026. Secondly the recent Charities Act also required us to make amendments to our Rules / constitution. Thirdly the Water Services Act 2021 as amended and the "Local Water done well" programme of the current government needed to be considered. It is to be noted also that the terms of the new Incorporated Societies Act provides our governance provisions/procedures must be reviewed every three years.

The new Constitution and the new GRWA Water Supply Agreement were circulated to members in March, for review and feedback, in order that changes could be agreed at this meeting. One significant change is that the GRWA now has the ability to go onto members' properties if leaks are obvious.

Questions were asked re "title" and 'ownership' of the water right, as outlined in 7.1 (b) "Change of ownership" of the Water Supply Agreement. Does it run with the property or with the person? It was clarified that the right to water runs with the owner of the property,

who is a member of the GRWA. A new purchaser of a property within the GRWA must apply for water rights at the time of purchase.

Several members requested clarification as to the legal right to water for the purchaser of a property within the GRWA. Allan Mackey and Penne Clayton are to clarify this and circulate revised document to members within a few days of the AGM.

It was proposed the new Constitution and Water Supply Agreement be accepted with clarification of 7.1(b) regarding change of ownership. Subject to the revision the new Constitution and Water supply agreement were accepted unanimously.

Lynne Kingsbury/Liz Houghton-Brown

Other Business:

It was confirmed that all testing results complied with the regulators requirements. Tash Courtney was thanked for her work, carrying out all the sampling required for compliance.

Retaining walls are needed across the front of the pump shed and tanks to make sure the pump cables are protected – Duncan to contact Donovans or another operator to action this.

The use of the old flow meters to monitor reticulation flows was raised. Duncan confirmed this should be possible.

Discussion around “Local Water Done Well”, and the possibility of taking water from the local Council treatment plant – could be discussed at a later date.

Penne encouraged members to join the Hahei Ratepayers and Residents Association if they are not members already; their website has information on Local Water and Council’s desire for feedback on their strategic plan.

Replanting of steep site above the pump shed. Residents want to ensure all bamboo is killed before replanting early next year. Possibly establish an access path before planting. Duncan will seek a planting plan from W.A.N.T. garden centre at Kuaotunu.

There being no further business, members were invited for a drink at The Pour House. The meeting closed at 4.47pm.

Liz MacIntyre
Secretary

Confirmed..... Date.....