

# **Annual General Meeting**

## **Sunday 2nd March 2025**

### **10:00am**

**Meeting opened: 10:06**

**Present:** Ray Goldring, Maree Goldring, Helena Parsons, Rachel Wiseman, Dave Laurie, Susan newton, Kate Hodgins, Jorgen Schousboe, Maya Schousboe, Robyn Ogle, Alan Ogle, Fiona McDonald, Liz Dart, Rick Hill, Charlie Tomlinson, Lynda Hill, Ron Hay, Liz Hay, Rebecca Langley, Matthew Shirtcliffe, Mary-Pat Underwood, Sue & John O'Malley, Michael & Kathryn Earle, Kay Nichols, Mark Nichols, Rob Murfitt, Tanya Houghton, John Reid, Matt Chacko, Sonia Wakefield, Pete Wakefield.

1. **Welcome:** meeting started with a moments silence for those that have died over the last year, including Dave Saunders. Ray Goldring welcomed everyone to the meeting and reflected on events over the last year including the hall extension.
2. **Apologies:** June Cloudesley, Roger and Kim Read, Lin and Dick Moore, Jo Parsons and Keith Reilly, Mark Harry and Sue Staniland, James and Jackie Broadbent, Steve and Georgie Grieg, Tony and Helene Blomfield, Jordan Wood, Shaun Moran, Paul and Deb Nicholls, Diana Richardson, Clinton Turner, Jo and Paddy Brook, Graham and Louise Besley, Conor and Ildica Boyd.

**Apologies accepted:** Proposed by: Michael Earle and seconded by: Rick Hill. Motion carried.

3. **Minutes of previous AGM:** held on 3rd March 2024, previously circulated.

**Minutes of previous meeting accepted:** Proposed by: Rick Hill, seconded by: Rob Murfitt. Motion carried.

4. **Matters Arising:** No money available for recladding toilet in matching wood to hall so this has not been progressed. Village entrance rails and signage in disrepair, SDC have plans in progress to address this. Removal of pest trees underway and processes available for those with trees on private property. Green waste not available for Village in foreseeable future. Phone box library being refitted by Mike Hann. Previously milled ponderosa timber now removed from lean-to, available for purchase via Mike Hann/ Rob Murfitt. Broom on developer land, still to be addressed.

#### **5. Reports**

- **Chairperson:** As per previously circulated documents. Ray thanked the committee members for their hard work and support through the last year. Dark sky status accreditation application initiated for Castle Hill Village and will require SDC to alter street lighting. Possibility of setting up an observatory in Village if dark sky status achieved.
- **Financial:** Financial reports previously circulated. Decrease in revenue because hall closed for a period and fewer events, but loss easily met from reserves. Expenditure on trails and hall refit. Discussion around leveraging revenue from currently available channels such as hall hire and trails.
- **Membership:** Numbers as previously circulated, overall reduced slightly from prior year

- **Trails:** Good group of people engaged with trail maintenance, mostly from outside of the Village. Duncan looking to step aside from his role, no nominated person to take over as yet. Trails in good health, remain popular and mainly untouched by recent fire. Main challenges are liaison with landowner and reliance on a few key volunteers. Trail development with DOC was previously by a 10 year planning cycle which is currently paused.
- **Hall:** Lynda taken over hall bookings this year. A third of bookings from corporate entities, half for community use for meetings/events and remainder for emergency use (fire and snow events) and casual use. New compliance rules around fire and alcohol use. Thanks to those on site who help to keep an eye on the hall after use.
- **CRT:** Rick outlined about 35 members of CRT. AF8 video worth watching ([af8.org.nz](http://af8.org.nz)). Large quake overdue, essential for villagers to maintain 10 days of meds/food. Cellphone tower only has 24 hrs battery. In emergency advise to activate call point on ICP, emergency responders can attend more quickly, list of doctors in the village maintained for emergencies. Projects on the go including starlink, fire engine and new container for CRT equipment.
- **Fire Control:** Pete Wakefield, 18 trained people for rural fire response. New fire truck for village just arrived and processes for use being implemented. Will need a shed built at some point. Keen for more recruits. December fire came within 2.5km of village and within 50m of evacuation boundary, fire was able to skip rivers and other natural boundaries.
- **Craigieburn Trapping Alliance:** No one present to discuss. Report previously submitted and circulated. CTA AGM upcoming.
- **Motion that above reports accepted:** Proposed by : Susie Newton, seconded by: Liz Hay. Motion carried.

## 6. Elections:

Chairperson - Rick Hill, nominated by: Rob Murfitt and seconded by: Ron Hay

Deputy Chairperson - Rachel Wiseman, nominate by: Ray Goldring and seconded by: Susie Newton

Secretary - Matthew Shirtcliffe, nominated by: Rick Hill, seconded by: Rachel Wiseman

Treasurer - Amelia Gibbons, nominated by: Rick Hill and seconded by: Sonia Wakefield

Committee - Matt Chacko, Charlie Tomlinson, Georgie Grieg (subject to confirmation)

## 7. Constitution

Under the 2022 Incorporated Societies Act we are required to adopt a new constitution. This requires a special resolution passed with a 75% majority. The committee therefor proposes the following motion:

That: Castle Hill Community Association Inc. adopt the constitution as circulated with this notice of meeting.

**Proposal to accept above motion proposed by:** Rick Hill, seconded by: Susie Newton. Motion carried unanimously

## 8. General Business

- Subscriptions for 2025: proposed increase to \$80 (from \$70) reducible to \$65 if paid by 31st May. Motion to accept proposal by: Rick Hill, seconded by: Jorgen Schousboe. Motion carried.
- Update from solar team, to be followed by solar walk around Village
- Update from Rob Murfitt around carvings, one in progress to be installed (hopefully) before Easter and possibly another metal sculpture too. Requires further \$4K funding, email update to be sent out with bank account details or give a little page
- Update re fire recovery trust to raise money for fire restoration work given by Maree Goldring. Givealittle page available. Please collect seeds if see any, indigenous plants only. Also archive of memories to be created by Maree, volunteers appreciated, email to Maree. Maree thanked all villagers for assistance with wilding pine eradication
- Ray happy to continue to be dark sky liaison and Maree to work with Mike on library.
- The Incoming Committee thanked Ray and Maree Goldring for the hard work on the committee over the last year

Meeting closed 12:45