

Brook Waimarama Sanctuary Trust
Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 28th October 2015
7.00 p.m. at the Student Centre
Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology

Present:

Trustees: Derek Shaw (Acting Chair), Chris Hemi, Craig Wilson, John Hambleton, Sian Holden and Mark Davies.

Staff: Hudson Dodd (General Manager), Jim Livingstone (Operations Manager), Rick Field (Project Coordinator), Bo Stent (Facilities Development Coordinator), Derek Walker (Field Operations Coordinator), Raeonie Thompson (Membership Administrator), Naina Mahto (Finance Administrator) and Alison McLeish (Minutes Secretary).

Members: Alastair and Carolyn Wiffen, Tony Hughes, Chris Skinner, Ariane Turton, Mike Milstien, Hans Wiskerke, Mika Verheul, John Watson, Tony Steenhardt, Doug Frost, Richard Owen, Richard Boyden, Lincoln MacKenzie, Murray Paulsen, Peter Hay, Deryk Mason, Katherine Chamberlain, Wayne Hennessy, David Ogilvie, Tom Brett, Patrick Holland, Roger Williams, Annette Milligan, Jane Stevens, Pete and Claire Williams, Lea Hemi, Don Sullivan, Phil Inness, Andrew and Heather Thompson, Margaret Bailey, Sally Warren, Don Fraser, Ro and Pam Pope, Murray and Judy McCaskey, Dave and Carol Garnett, John Wilson, Alistair Corner, Ann Love, Dianna Hambleton, Annie Henry, Marie Melvin, Margaret Watson, Martin and Sylvia Shand, Yvonne Kyle, Arthur Jonas, Dave and Karen Leadbetter, Joe and Kay Walker, Earle Norris, Barry Doig, Lloyd Obery, Lionel Solly, Ian Huddleston, Jenny Meadows, Jan Donnelly, Chris Turton and Paul Malone.

Apologies: Dave Butler (Chair), Peter Jamieson and Karen Driver (Trustees), Richard Kempthorne (Mayor of Tasman), Nick Smith (Nelson MP), Brian Neill, Grace Sutherland, Brian Brassell, Nona Jackson, Kindra Douglas, John and Lois Diaper, Bryan Hardie Boys, Danny Hadfield, Mike Milstein, Kathy Vaughan, Connie Charlton, Dawn Gauthier and Matthew Kidson.

MINUTES OF AGM held on 29th October 2014 had been posted on the BWS website and were shown to the meeting on the screen.

Motion - *'that the Minutes of the 2014 AGM be accepted as a true and accurate record'*.

Moved: Mark Davies

Seconded: Craig Wilson

Carried

MATTERS ARISING

None

CHAIR'S REPORT - Derek Shaw, Acting Chairperson, spoke to his written report contained in the circulated Annual Report.

Some of the highlights of the past years have been:

- Commencement of fence building, with 2/3 now completed.
- Who seen in the Brook Stream and Kaka on the ridge tops.
- BWS volunteers named Nelsonian of the Year for the Environment by the Nelson Mail.
- Three new staff positions have recently been filled, namely: Operations Manager, Jim Livingstone; Facilities Development Coordinator, Bo Stent and Field Operations Coordinator, Derek Walker.
- New Trustees Peter Jamieson and Cindy Batt were welcomed to the Board. Chris Hemi, has been reappointed for her fourth term as Ngati Kuia's representative.
- John Hambleton was recognised and thanked for his key role in the fence task force, his mission being to complete the build under budget.
- Dave Butler was acknowledged for his ongoing work for the Trust since its inception in 2004.

- Derek Shaw thanked all team leaders and volunteers for helping the sanctuary to grow and develop.

Motion - *that the Acting Chair's report be accepted*'.

Moved Derek Shaw

Seconded: Mark Davies

Carried

FINANCIAL REPORT - Mark Davies, Trust Treasurer, spoke to the written Financial and Auditors Report, available to attendees.

- Mark acknowledged and thanked Naina Mahto, Hudson Dodd and John Hambleton for their day to day preparation of the accounts.

Highlights from the financial year which ended on 30th June 2015, were:

- A shift in focus from just fund raising to fence construction.
- A total of \$3.577m has been spent on the fence.
- At 30th June the \$1.7m was available for the fence and other project work to start.

Looking forward to 2015/16, planned projects include:

- Completing the fence.
- The beech glade pedestrian bridge.
- A second operations workshop.
- Kaka breeding aviary.
- Tuatara enclosure.
- Completion of the Valley Floor Loop Track.

There were no questions from the floor.

Motion - 'that the Financial Reports for 2014/15 be accepted'.

Moved: Mark Davis

Seconded: Craig Wilson

Carried

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT - Hudson Dodd spoke to his written report in the Annual Report.

- Hudson welcomed new staff and volunteer team leaders.
- We remembered Rex McDowell for his passion and work with lizards. He will be dearly missed.
- Acknowledgement was also made to Jenny Norris who passed away this year.
- Hudson commended the growing awareness of Health and Safety issues, to achieve the aim of 'working smarter, not harder'.
- The fence is on target for completion in May 2016.
- Alastair Wiffen was thanked for his work as Opus' fence project manager, and was wished well in his new job. Matthew Kidson is the new project manager for Opus.
- Hudson thanked the track cutters for their 'heroic endeavours'. They have completed all but 15 kms of the 110 kms of the total network.
- The trap line team leaders and volunteers were thanked for the past 8 years effort. Trapping has currently been suspended and will resume for monitoring and mop up once the aerial eradication drop is complete next year. At least 25,000 pests have been caught to date.
- Fundraising will continue with a new campaign to be launched next year, aiming for \$1m - \$2m. This will include a membership drive.
- Fence posts are still for sale. 1,350 to the value of \$396k have been sold to date.
- No entry fee has yet been fixed, the average rate for other sanctuaries is around \$18 per adult.

OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT - Jim Livingstone spoke to his written report in the Annual Report.

- Jim emphasised the need to reverse the trend of continued loss of biodiversity in New Zealand.
- Jim has instigated a new 'Friday Morning Forum' to discuss health and safety and other issues with volunteers. This is proving a valuable forum for 'having ones say'.
- Culvert reinforcement has been ably assisted by volunteers as members of Rotary and the Nelson 4x drive club.
- Pest removal will be carried out by an aerial drop of Brofidicum in the winter of 2016.

- This will be followed by a ground based monitoring and mop up operation.

Derek Shaw thanked Hudson Dodd and Jim Livingstone for their reports.

TRUSTEE APPOINTMENTS AND RECOGNITION

- Chris Hemi, has been reappointed for her fourth term as Ngati Kuia's representative.
- There is currently 1 vacancy on the Board of 14 trustees. If anyone is interested they were asked to talk to Dave Butler or any other trustee.

Motion - *that Peter Jamieson be formally approved as a Trustee on a three year appointment rotation*'.

Moved: Derek Shaw

Seconded: John Hambleton

Carried

Acknowledgements

Derek Shaw thanked the following for their long term support and commitment to the project.

Dave Leadbetter was thanked for his 9 year involvement on the BWS Board. He had chaired the Operations Committee and had input into fundraising campaigns. Dave accepted a gift and said he had found his time as a trustee 'personally rewarding'. He praised all involved as a group of 'doers'.

Alastair Wiffen has recently left Opus and his role as Project Manager for the fence. Prior to this he was a trustee and volunteer. Alastair accepted a thank you gift and looks forward to continuing his association with the sanctuary.

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATION COMPETITION - Raeonie Ellery

- Raeonie announced the upcoming competition for children aged 5-16 years to create bird themed Xmas Tree decorations for use on the BWS Xmas Tree to be displayed in the Cathedral.
- The competition will be promoted through local schools and the BWS website. There will be generous prizes to be won.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

Derek Shaw closed the AGM by thanking everyone for their efforts over the years. The end of the journey to create a fenced sanctuary in Nelson is ever closer. The reintroduction of bird life to the city can then begin, increasing contact with nature on a daily basis.

The AGM ended at 8.48 p.m.

Signed _____

Dated _____