



**Minutes of the Waiheke Historical Society Incorporated
Annual General Meeting Sunday 19 April 2026**

The meeting commenced at 2.12 pm with Logan Moss welcoming all.

- 1) **Apologies:** Jan Vail, Tanya Batt, Janet November, Betty Willis, Heather Glover, Priscilla Tobin

Resolution: *that the apologies as tabled be accepted*

Moved: *Dot Malan*

Seconded: *Christine Beardon*

Adopted

- 2) **Members Present:** Don Baillie, Logan Moss, Alison Hunt, Juliet Hay, Mark James, Dot Malan, Jan Betterton-Smith, Christine Beardon, Bary Batten, Kate Bryant, Richard Arlidge Margaret Milligan. It was confirmed that there was a quorum of ten financial members. This was checked off against the list circulated at the door.

Other attendees: Sid Marsh (the speaker today)

- 3) **Proxies Received and accepted:** Marine le Minor

- 4) **Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting** had been made available prior to the meeting, and on the television screen today. Logan Moss asked the meeting if there were any other matters from the 2025 AGM minutes that were not covered under General Business today. Nothing was raised.

Resolution: *that the minutes of the AGM held on 4 May 2025 be accepted as a true and correct record*

Moved: *Mark James*

Seconded: *Mary Batten*

Adopted

- 5) **Matters Arising:**

Logan Moss spoke to last year's meeting and confirmed that

- a) Priscilla Tobin did ask at Rebus if anybody was interested in joining the Museum. None did.
- b) The solar panels have now been installed.
- c) Trimming of foliage by the carpark – Logan Moss confirmed he had spoken to the gardening team who acknowledged that they would pass it on to the Council, but no answer was forthcoming. It was suggested from the floor that we could put up a sign, or a mirror to warn cars leaving the carpark. Cyclists - a problem and hard to see.

Action - Logan Moss to follow up with the Council.

- 6) **President's Report:** Logan Moss spoke to his updated President's report. It had already been circulated, prior to the meeting, but was reviewed briefly on screen.

Logan Moss moved a vote of thanks for the generosity of Betty Willis who has donated \$1000 to the Museum this year.

Keane Cottage – Recently Keane Cottage suffered a calamity in the wet weather, leaking badly and needed to be reroofed, as well as new spouting etc. This has been completed and remains for the bill to be paid. It is “NZ Pioneer Red” and should last for 50 years.

Eftpos Machine – Logan Moss said this had been a great success, thanks to member Richard Arlidge.

Visitor Numbers – These and donations are up considerably, both online and cash.

Lease – The Museum has reapplied as the lease has expired but no result from the local Board yet.

Refurbishment of Displays – These need to be done as they have remained the same for a very long time. Keane Cottage upgrade has given us an opportunity to present more exhibitions featuring textiles, clothing, and fabrics. We have a loom and spinning wheels.

Paintings – Sid Marsh is present today to unveil and speak about three drawings he prepared, showing the animal biomass on Waiheke from 1150, 1750 and 1960. These are kindly on permanent loan from Dan and Sarah Steinmann, with the pre-requisite that the Museum frame these exquisite works. This has been completed.

Resolution: from the Chair, thanking the Steinmanns for their generosity – carried unanimously

Articles for The Weekender - These have been well received, particularly in relation to the TT Races. Logan has met Lyn Perry who apparently knows the winner from those days. Logan will follow up.

Heritage Sundays – these have gone well for the last couple of years and have included several workshops. However, we are needing some new ideas and volunteers who would be prepared to run one themselves.

Resolution: that the President’s Report be approved

Moved: Mark James

Seconded: Don Baillie

Adopted

- 7) **Financial Report:** Mark James, Treasurer, spoke to his financial report, which was distributed at the meeting, as well as being on the television screen.

He stated that this year we have had a reasonably decent return. Paid members have done down, but donations have gone up 50% and are continuing. We received a grant of \$2000 towards the solar panels, which cut back on our monthly power bill. Genesis charges us GST on the power we sell to them. Meridian for example do not charge GST but their daily charge is higher than Genesis.

Action – Mark James to follow the GST question

Mark James confirmed that our main expense has been that of maintenance – roof repairs of the woolshed and solar installation, which have been financed with a combination of grants and generous donations. It will take three years to recoup the costs (not including GST).

Visitor numbers are up which he demonstrated by showing a graph. The 50% jump in donations was due in large part to our newfound ability to accept credit and debit card payments. ASB is no longer charging business rate to us for the credit/debit card terminal. The monthly payment is \$45.

Mark James asked for approval to retain our financial reviewer– My Green Bookkeeper Limited, which provides a review of the performance report for the Museum. He asked whether there were any complaints, suggestions or plaudits for how the Society is run. None were forthcoming.

The following resolution is in response to a Charities Commission requirement that societies conduct a governance review every three years.

Resolution: that the AGM is satisfied with the Society's current governance procedures.

Moved: Don Baillie
Seconded: Dot Malan **Adopted**

Resolution: that My Green Bookkeeper Limited remain the Society's reviewer

Moved: Christine Beardon
Seconded: Margaret Milligan **Adopted**

Resolution: that Treasurer's Report for the year ended 31 December 2025 be adopted as presented

Moved: Margaret Milligan
Seconded: Dot Malan **Adopted**

Logan Moss moved a vote of thanks to Mark James for his report.

8) Nominations for the committee and election of officers:

The secretary announced that she had received nominations for Logan Moss, Mark James, Juliet Hay, Margaret Milligan, Kate Bryant, and Don Baillie.

She then read out the nominations for the office holder positions:

President:	Logan Moss		
	Nominated: Alison Hunt	Seconded: Juliet Hay	
Vice President And Treasurer:	Mark James		
	Nominated: Alison Hunt	Seconded: Juliet Hay	
Secretary:	this position is vacant as Alison Hunt is retiring		

The Secretary read out the nominations for the committee positions received prior to the meeting:

Juliet Hay	Margaret Milligan
Don Baillie	Kate Bryant

This being fewer than the number of members allowed by the Constitution, the President asked if there were further nominations from the floor, for the committee. The following resulted:

Jan Betterton Smith			
Nominated: Christine Beardon	Seconded: Juliet Hay		
Richard Arlidge			
Nominated: Mark James	Seconded: Don Baillie		
Christine Beardon			
Nominated: Logan Moss	Seconded: Alison Hunt		

Resolution: *That the above nominated members be accepted as officers for 2026 – Logan Moss (President), Mark James (Vice President and Treasurer) and that the following nominated members be accepted as committee members for 2026 – Margaret Milligan, Don Baillie, Juliet Hay, Jan Betterton Smith, Richard Arlidge, Kate Bryant and Christine Beardon – carried unanimously*

Mark James announced that it is possible that he might not be on the island all the time in order to carry out his obligations as Vice President and Treasurer and asked if anyone would be interested in standing in. There was no confirmation at the meeting.

Logan Moss announced that as he was nominated as President, he would hand the batten to Mark James in order to seek approval of the position of President.

Resolution: *from the Vice President, that Logan Moss be adopted as President for the 2026 year – carried unanimously*

Then, back to Logan Moss

Resolution: *from the President, that the first job of the new committee would be to sort out who would take on the role of Secretary, possibly committee members taking a duty each*

9) General Business

a) *Fundraising and Membership* - The Society is in a state of depleted funds, mainly because of Keane Cottage needing to be reroofed. There is also a subs problem, mainly because of lack of members. We need to widen appeal. There was a brief discussion about appealing to a wider audience. Janet November suggested touting for donation in Logan Moss's articles for The Weekender. Also, maybe supplying some good speakers. Mary Batten suggested introducing walks again. Logan Moss reported that we had tried being included in the Walking Festival, but our application was denied.

b) *Further Business* - nil

Juliet Hay gave a vote of thanks to Logan Moss for all the articles he had written for The Waiheke Weekender.

Don Baillie gave a vote of thanks to Alison Hunt for her eight years of service as Secretary. She is stepping down.

Logan Moss gave a further vote of thanks to Alison Hunt and Juliet Hay presented her with a beautiful card and voucher for Timmy Smith.

Closing:

Logan Moss declared the meeting closed at 3.15 pm and invited those present to stay for a talk by Sid Marsh who gave an interesting speech about the biomass on Waiheke from 1150 and unveiled the three drawings which now reside in the main Museum. The talk was followed by afternoon tea.