

Friends of Christchurch Art Gallery Te Puna o Waiwhetū

Minutes of 43rd Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 16 April 2025, 6pm

Philip Carter Family Auditorium, Christchurch Art Gallery Te Puna o Waiwhetū

1. Welcome by President - Mark Flowerday

Introduction of the Current Executive Committee.

2. Apologies:

Julieanne Eason, Kathryn & Evan McBride, Kristin Stephenson, Steven & Diana Marshall, Annabel de Kort, Sandra Mehrstens, Beverley Cocks, Margaret Johns, Robynanne Milford, Susan & Alastair Stokes, Sophie Ricketts, David Sheldon, Gilbert Best

3. Minutes of the previous AGM

Motion: That the minutes of the 2024 AGM be accepted as true and correct.

Moved: Joanna Bowley | Seconded: Margaret Forward

4. Annual Report: Delivered by President Mark Flowerday

Motion: That the annual report of the Friends be accepted as true and correct

Moved: Sarah Anderson | Seconded: Marianne Hargreaves

5. Gallery Update: Delivered by Gallery Director Blair Jackson

6. Financial Report: Delivered by Treasurer Sarah Anderson

Sarah presented the Financial Report and discussed page by page with the membership. There was interest in a number of processes.

- What is our current investment strategy and what determines the amount we reserve for investment.
- It was noted that membership numbers are down compared with 2023 and this was discussed.
- There was interest and discussion around which events raised the most money and also the types of events.

Overall, engagement in discussing the report was high and the discussion prior to accepting the report was thorough.

Motion: That the financial report be accepted as true and correct.

Moved: Mark Flowerday | Seconded: Joe Perkinson

Matters arising from Financial Report: no matters arising

7. Presentation and Request to Accept the New Friends Constitution: The constitution was presented to the committee and each area of change was highlighted and explained by Sarah Anderson. There was

discussion and engagement from the audience until a consensus was reached to accept the new Rules.

- Indemnity and the possible need for insurance was discussed.
- The rationale behind no longer having a mandatory audit requirement was discussed.
- Quorum quotients and the committee size and structure was discussed.

Motion: To accept the New Friends Constitution as the Rules of the Society and to Re-register the Society to meet the new legislative requirements.

Moved: Peter Scholes | Seconded: Gabrielle Tasman

8. Re-Appointment of Patron

Gabrielle Tasman agreed to continue in her role as Patron.

Philip Trusttum's resignation from the role was announced and his contribution to the Friends over many years was acknowledged and formally thanked.

Motion: To reappoint Gabrielle Tasman as Patron of the Friends for 2025.

Moved: Peter Scholes | Seconded: Blair Jackson

Election of Executive Committee Members

The nominees for the 2025 committee were presented and all attending committee members introduced.

2025 committee nominees:

Mark Flowerday - President

Charrette Van Eekelen - Vice President

Kathryn McBride - Treasurer (absent)

Colleen Eason

Julieanne Eason (absent)

Bojana Rimbovska

Joseph Perkinson

Marianne Hargreaves

Kathryn McBride was unable to attend but Mark gave a brief introduction about her and informed the audience that she would be taking on the role of Treasurer within the next few months. Julieanne Eason also sent in her apologies as she was unable to attend due to work commitments.

Departing committee members were acknowledged and thanked for their service:

Sarah Anderson

Sue Le Mesurier

Kia Sullivan

The new committee unanimously approved.

9. Any Other Business

Jenny Scanlan discussed the inadequacy of the Tax Donation Invoice generated by Patronbase and asked that we implement a better system. One that meets the IRD tax donation requirements.

Pip Voller gave a very big thank-you to the committee for all the hard work and great events that we

provide for the membership. She wished her thanks to be formally recorded in the minutes.

10. Close of Meeting

The meeting concluded at 7:04pm