



## **LTRA 54TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**SUNDAY JANUARY 12 2025**

### **MINUTES**

#### **Karakia:**

Karen Walmsley opened the meeting with a Karakia.

#### **Welcome:**

Libby Fletcher welcomed distinguished guests: Rotorua Lakes Council Mayor – Tania Tapsell, Chief Executive Andrew Moraes, RLC Councillors Karen Barker, Gregg Brown, Conan O'Brien, Don Patterson Bay of Plenty Regional Council Chairman – Doug Leader, Chief Executive Fiona McTavish, Councillor Stuart Crosbie and Lyall Thurston, Lakes Community Board Chair Phill Thomas, Jennifer Rothwell, Stavros Michael, Gerhard Mostert RLC, Chris Ingle, Helen Creagh BOPRC and LTRA Committee, 146 members and 15 members of the community.

#### **Apologies:**

Rotorua MP, Todd McClay, Councillor Sandra Kai Fong and Robert Lee (RLC)

Louise Armstrong, Wallace and Juliet Bain, Mark & Robyn Chapman, John and Stephanie Clarke Dave Butler, Nigel Corkhill, Rod Gavin, Hugh Goodman and Katie Mayes, Margie Humphries, Ryan Romaines, Paul Romaines, Deen Waddell, Marla Williams, Garth Williams, Damon and Arna Hagaman, Graam van Praagh and Rosaly Manderson

#### **Minutes of the 54th AGM**

Approval of the minutes, moved, seconded, carried.

#### **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

There were none that would not be covered in this meeting.

#### **Chairmans Report:**

Libby delivered her final address as chair, this is attached.

The address was approved and adopted by the meeting.

### **Financial Report:**

The outgoing treasurer, Richard Noke, delivered the summary of the financial statements to 30 September 2024 which are available on the website. [www.laketarawera.org.nz](http://www.laketarawera.org.nz) The financial statements were approved and adopted by the meeting.

### **Election of 2024 Committee:**

The existing committee of 9 members all stepped down at the end of the meeting and accordingly there was a (contested) election for the new chair and 8 new committee members conducted in each case on a first past the post basis by ballot.

The ballot form and process for the election had previously been emailed to all members by the current committee.

The meeting resolved that Owen Dawe who was not a financial member but had agreed to become one if elected as a committee member could not participate in the election

Prior to the election each candidate addressed the meeting. David Rendall was an apology at the meeting so Libby read out his prepared statement to the meeting.

The votes were counted by and the results announced by outgoing Secretary, Martin Wiseman, and outgoing committee members, Ray Gatland and Terry Beckett. Results were announced as follows:

Mike Allen standing as chair only and not committee member 96 votes.

Fred Stevens standing as chair only and not committee member 9 votes

For Committee:

Chris Hanson	100 votes
Iris Harvey	86 votes
David Honore	63 votes
Dean McIntosh	80 votes
David Packham	83 votes
David Rendall	71 votes
David Steele	96 votes
Paul van Praagh	38 votes
Erin Wansbrough	95 votes
Rohan Wells	35 votes

As a result the new committee is Mike Allen, Chair, Chris Hanson, Iris Harvey, David Honore, Dean McIntosh, Richard Packham, David Rendall, David Steele and Erin Wansbrough.

### **Update on Sewerage Reticulation:**

Stavros Michael addressed the meeting. Stage 1 is complete but for the 1.4 km main pipe being thrust in the road corridor past Lake Rotokakahi. That will begin once the holiday traffic has subsided. Stage

2 is beginning with around 5 connections completed already. Stavros urged the community to sign off on their locality plans to keep costs down.

Stavros thanked the outgoing committee for its work, particularly Libby.

#### **Guest Speakers:**

##### **Andrew Moraes CEO of RLC**

Andrew addressed the meeting. He said that certainty of cost to ratepayers can only be determined once the contractors for stage 2 have a fixed scope of works which requires all locality plans to be signed so building consents can be approved. Andrew had received loud and clear the messages from the community that it wants the lowest cost, a fixed cost and equity of contribution between the Rotorua community, RLC, BOPRC and central government. Elected councillors will consider how the RLC's share of the costs of the scheme will be split between the community and other ratepayers once it has obtained a contract price for stage 2 which requires the scope of works to be finalised and therefore all locality plans to be signed off.

Andrew thanked the outgoing committee for its work, particularly Libby.

##### **Her worship the Mayor Tania Tapsell:**

Tania addressed the meeting. She noted the aquatic centre funding had been transferred to reticulation in response to the outgoing committee's submissions. She said RLC are open minded to the political decision of RLC share of the costs being split between the community and other ratepayers. Otherwise, she echoed the comments of Stavros and Andrew.

The Mayor thanked the outgoing committee for its work, particularly Libby.

##### **Doug Leeder Chair, BOPRC:**

Doug addressed the meeting and acknowledge the work of the outgoing committee and particularly Libby, it had been a fruitful working relationship. You owe a debt of gratitude to them for getting the sewerage scheme to the point it is today.

The role of delivering waste water schemes does not sit with Regional Council it sits with RLC. But there are funding complications. There was a proposal by the previous government for 3 Waters. Now there is no 3 Waters and the new government has not given a funding proposal yet.

Congratulations to Andrew for saying the council are trying to deliver a fixed price for the scheme. But in order to do that there needs to be a commitment from the community to sign the locality plans. Andrew can then negotiate hard with the contractors, that is the commercial reality.

Lake Structures was raised, and Doug asked Helen Creagh of Regional Council to answer the query. All non-notified consents (less than minor) are now resolved. For the rest – minor and more than minor depends on Te Awara Lakes Trust engagement on the issues.

#### **Questions from the floor:**

Why couldn't the contractors for the scheme use the work that Trility did early, it would have been more cost effective.

Stavros replied – Trility just collected information that was to be used by contractors tendering for the job. A topographical assessment and quality review was completed. What is happening now is to settle the location of the grinder pumps which is required for a building consent.

Fred Stevens said he discussed with Trility the location of his grinder pump, several people agreed they had also had that conversation with Trility. Stavros said to Fred then you will have no problem signing the locality plan, his response was I will sign when I have a fixed cost.

Andrew said Trility are not the contractors for the scheme, their price was not the best, so they were not appointed. Now for the contractor for stage 2 a fixed scope is required. They need the signed locality plans for this.

Fred Stevens said you could do all the investigative work and then do the negotiation and then have the fixed price and then ask the community for a signature on the plan.

Andrew – that is not how procurement works.

A question was raised about Lake Rotokakahi protest and cost.

Andrew – it is a narrow corridor and there are health and safety issues with the protesters. Police will support the works. Currently council are recording the costs at the moment, it will be part of the mix that goes to councillors in terms of cost allocation.

A question was raised are the structures beside Lake Rotokakahi consented?

Stavros – a number of structures are on road reserve and will be demolished.

#### **General Business:**

Carole Pepperell – Area manager, Smart Environmental and a local resident. Carol is responsible for the Tarawera Transfer Station amongst other things. The Transfer Station is for Tarawera residents, for your recycling and your red rubbish bags. It is a mirror of the kerbside collection service in the city. There is a lot of dumping. Collection twice a week is in their contract, that has not been enough over Christmas/New Year holiday period, they have done 21 extra collections over the last two weeks.

People have dropped kayaks, half a boat, engines, construction materials. The answer is not to put a gate card system in as people will just dump rubbish outside. Please come and collect your red bags, about 40% of residents never collect the red bags, you have pay for them in your rates, it is important to collect the bags. You can collect them from Rodney at the Transfer Station on a Thursday or Sunday afternoons.

David Steele asked about a security camera, Carole said they put one there but it was stolen.

#### **Re-registration of Association Under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 and approval of New Compliant Constitution:**

The meeting resolved virtually unanimously by show of hands and therefore by majority to:

- Approve the re-registration of the Association in accordance with the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 and to authorise the committee of the Association to do all things necessary to so register the Association.
- Approve the constitution to be included in the application for re-registration which has been on the website for some months.
- Approve Mike Allen to certify that he considers that the constitution complies with the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 based on an opinion to that effect from Martin Wiseman
- Libby and Martin signed the new constitution as two members as required by the Incorporated Societies Act 2022.

Libby thanked the guest speakers, members and community for attending.

The Meeting closed at 12.30 pm