



Minutes

Annual General Meeting held at Featherston Community Centre, on Thursday 25th July 2024 commencing at 7.00pm

Present:

Board members and Staff: Paul Mason (Chair), Marianne McMillan (Treasurer), Jay Jensen (Secretary), Darrin Goulding and Lynda Moore, Joanna Baldwin (Centre Manager), Peter Paton, Renee Aide.

Public: Martin Connelly, Tania Connelly, Emily Greenberg, Shane Baldwin, Sara Uruski, Anthony Medcraft, Amanda Cuff, Renee Aide, Korban Aide, Lesley Christian (Guest Speaker).

Welcome and Opening

Joanna Baldwin welcomed board members and members of the public to the 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM), expressing appreciation for their continued support of the Centre and its mahi.

Board Member Introductions:

Each board member introduced themselves and shared a brief overview of their role within the Trust.

Copies of the Annual Statement of Service Performance (SSP) were distributed to those attending in person.

An opening karakia was led by Jay Jensen to formally commence the evening.

Confirmation of 2023 AGM Minutes

Motion: That the minutes of the 2023 AGM be accepted as a true and correct record.
Moved: Paul Mason | Seconded: Marianne McMillan | Carried.

Statement of Service Performance (SSP)

Paul Mason spoke to the SSP, highlighting key achievements over the past year:

- Ongoing growth and strong community engagement at the Centre.
- Updates on the kitchen renovation project.
- Climate resilience initiatives supported by the Meridian Decarbonisation Fund, including upgrades to the Centre's heating system.
- Strategic discussions underway around renaming the Trust, and changes to the Constitution to reflect its service to the wider South Wairarapa community, not just Featherston. Emily Greenberg voiced her support for this shift in direction.

Financial Report

Presented by Marianne McMillan.

Key points included:

- A modest profit for the past financial year.
- Successful turnaround of the Featherston Phoenix, thanks to the outstanding efforts of Jo Baldwin.
- Increase in Centre revenue alongside reduced operational expenses.
- Positive margin growth from room hires.

Strategic Plan Presentation

Jay Jensen presented an overview of the 2024–2027 Strategic Plan, outlining the Centre's long-term vision, current progress, and future initiatives. Emphasis was placed on financial sustainability, and deepening community impact.

Community Questions

Emily Greenberg inquired about the relationship with the Featherston Medical Centre. Jo Baldwin responded, noting that strengthening this relationship is a key priority, and that the currently things are positive and progressing well.

Guest Speaker

In place of Board Member William Aikenhead who sent his apologies, guest speaker Lesley Christian from the Acorn Trust shared reflections on the history of Featherston and the evolution of community support since the 1970s.

Entertainment and Closing

Paul Mason gave several musical performances, continuing the tradition of music at the Centre's AGM.

A closing karakia was given by Jay Jensen.

Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was formally adjourned at 8:40 PM.