

KIRRA AGM

Minutes

Date and Time	Saturday 18 March 2023, 10am
Venue	Mansion House Grounds
Attendees	David Kingston, Doreen & Graeme Phipps, Helena Surynt-Hamlin, Jen Seel, Katherine Truman, Kathryn & John Sinclair, Keith & Bernie Bekker, Lyn Hume, Megan Lithgow, Michelle & Graham Dawson, Philip Hamlin, Robert Van Heiningen, Yi Wei Tang
KIRRA Executive in attendance	Carl & Amanda Weaver, Colin Bright, Kate Wheatcroft, Michael Wheatcroft (Acting deputy-chairperson), Pam Dallow, Peter Buckton, Shelley Fitcher, Sue-Ellen Craig
In attendance	Greg Sayers (Auckland Council), Julie Alach (Island Conservation), Lisa Tolich (Auckland Council), Phil Brown (Auckland Council)
Apologies	Abigail Harrass-Blass, Angela Buckton, Alan Hume, Don Galbraith, Fay Richardson & Dave Lornie, Gael & Foster Archer, Jill Hetherington, Jude Wood (Editor), Judith & Martin Louw, Lin Pardey & David Haigh, Michael Marris, Michelle Carmichael, Nikki Porteous (Secretary), Patria Hume, Paul Lysaght & Jo McKenzie, Pippa Tabron (Acting Chairperson), Richard Griffiths (Island Conservation), Ross West, Sally Ostick (Treasurer), Tim Holdgate (Rodney Local Board), Wally & Susan Simpson

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Item	Agend item	Facilitator	Discussion	Motion/decisions/actions
1	Apologies	Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apologies sent prior to the meeting + other apologies also accepted at the meeting 	Nikki to add list of apologies
2	Minutes	Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes from 2022 AGM, Auckland Anniversary Weekend, Mansion House Grounds. 	Motion: AGM 2022 accepted as true and accurate record <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moved: Shelley Fitcher Seconded: Pam Dallow
3	Chairs report	Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As read by Michael Wheatcroft on behalf of Pippa Tabron, Acting Chairperson (provided) 	

4	Treasurers report	Sally Ostick	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As read by Sue-Ellen Craig on behalf of Sally Ostick, Treasurer Detailed financials provided on the day Questions: relating to outstanding income and whether this was just unpaid subs. 	<p>Motion: The treasurers report and corresponding financials are accepted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moved: Peter Buckton Seconded: Lyn Hume
5	KIAC report	Lin Pardey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As read by Michael Wheatcroft on behalf of Lin Pardey Question: How does KIAC fit in with KIRRA role and purpose? Sue-Ellen replied that KIAC was established as a formal and elected body to engage with local government decision making and acts on behalf of all islanders. Members were elected and appointed by Rodney Local Board not KIRRA. When Supercity introduced this changed. Lyn Hume supports retaining KIAC as a separate entity and recommended it continue. John Sinclair questioned the notion that KIAC remains a separate entity as it has lost its quasi-statutory role and the reason it was established no longer exists. Proposes time to review the old structure Sue-Ellen proposed we look at the function and role of KIAC in conjunction with KIRRA and enable wider community to provide feedback on what that might look like. 	<p>Motion 1: The role of KIAC is considered in line with the role and structure of KIRRA</p> <p>Motion 2: This is put to the community for feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moved: Sue-Ellen Craig Seconded: David Kingston
6	Kookaburra report	Jude Wood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As read by Michael Wheatcroft on behalf of Jude Wood Acknowledgements and thanks to Jude Wood for her amazing contribution to Kookaburra, advertising and her ongoing support of the community. 	<p>Motion: KIRRA appoints a new editor for Kookaburra Magazine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moved: Peter Buckton Seconded: Shelley Futcher
7	Kawau Survey	Sue-Ellen Craig	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey results are on the AGM notice of the website, highlights discussed include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are Kawau (204 responses): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low number of permanent residents completed survey Majority of people (75%) who related to the Island work 93% of people have no plans to sell their properties 55% greater relationship with Kawau than 15 years Second survey KIRRA (116 responses): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most people don't know how decisions are made 93% have environmental topics at the top of their list. Sharing information is important 	

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Would like to see better email use to communicate what KIRRA is doing. - 70% don't see the value of the Mooring at Sandspit <p>Acknowledgements from members that it was great to see the survey being done and support ongoing surveys to ensure we understand and respond to the needs of the Kawau Community.</p>	
8	Digital Communications	Kate Wheatcroft	<p>Report taken as read.</p> <p>Discussion relating to communications ecosystem, our various channels and what they are used for, adding a regular email bulletin/newsletter to our ecosystem and establishment of a subcommittee moving forward.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members want to see Kookaburra remain as it is, not replace it with an email. • Confirmed that the two have very different purposes and audiences. Kookaburra, is a long read, stories about life on the island. Whoever is the new Editor will need to be very much part of the communications sub committee • Email needs to be short, focus on what is coming up (news and information) and link to website to encourage use of the website as well. Doesn't have to be so structured in terms of timing but good to have a start. 	<p>Motion 1: That an email newsletter is implemented to support community communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moved: Peter Bekker • Seconded: ? <p>Motion 2: That a subcommittee is established to support communications from 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moved: Mandy • Seconded: Pam
9	Pohutukawa Trust	Carl Weaver	<p>Report taken as read.</p> <p>Discussion: Acknowledgements and thanks from those in attendance of the work that Carl, Mandy and the Pohutakawa Trust for the community do.</p>	NA
10	Takutai Moana Act	Colin Bright	<p>Report taken as read.</p> <p>Colin hopes that report will be sent to wider community to ensure they are aware of and understand what the Takutai Moana Act will mean for their property, in particular any consents required for wharfs, jetties and sea walls – anything that is below the mean high-water mark.</p> <p>Current subcommittee, consisting of Colin Bright, Michael Marris and John Sinclair as resigning - not because work has ended, but because it is time for new faces to bring fresh perspectives to important issues for the community. All three members will continue to offer support to any new subcommittee established.</p> <p>New subcommittee needs to move from the current monitoring role, to having a voice for Kawau on this issue. Key points:</p>	<p>Motion: To hold a special general meeting to consider the information and agree a way forward, subcommittee, funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moved: Peter Buckton • Seconded: Pam Dallow

			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acknowledgements to John Sinclair for the Kawau Vision Statement and getting this adopted by Council.• Noted the application by the Court of tikanga principles in reaching High Court decisions relating to Takutai Moana Act.• Over 200 applications had been made to the NZ High Court and/or to the Crown for customary marine rights. This includes at least 18 applications seeking rights over the foreshore and seabed around Kawau Island.• The statutory time limitation on bringing such claims has now expired (i.e., time has now run out for making further applications).• Future involvement – Government provides no funding to present positions as interested party. Needs someone to drive forward having a voice on Takutai Moana Act. <p>Questions/Discussion:</p> <p>David Kingston asked what Colin would suggest we do if it were a perfect world:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Colin responded he would like to see KIRRA try to organize funding to enable KIRRA to be able to instruct a legal practice to provide advice and directions as to how best to represent the views of Kawau in Court as an interested party. KIRRA would likely need about 100K to ensure that representation was ongoing and of the skill level required. <p>Graham Dawson asked what the real long-term risk is for property owners? Will it cost us more to apply for resource consent?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Colin responded that he felt initially, the right groups obtaining Customary Title and/or customary rights would exercise their powers sensibly, fairly and responsibly but further down the track who knows? You would need the consent of any group holding Customary Title before you could lodge an application for Resource Consent. At the very least, there would additional time and cost in this process. Without the prior consent, though you could not even get to the point of being able to lodge an application for Resource Consent and have it accepted. <p>Sue-Ellen Craig acknowledged the subcommittee and Colin’s work the setting KIRRA up as an interested party to be notified on proceedings relating to Kawau Island and noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Changes to the Resource Management Act will need to be	
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11	FENZ	Gavin Brunton	<p>Read by Michael Wheatcroft on behalf of Gavin Brunton. Attendees acknowledged the work of Gavin and the Fire team for the Island.</p>	NA
12	DOC	Thomas Hynes	<p>A report was submitted and is available on the website.</p>	NA
13	Rodney Local Board	Greg Sayers	<p>Summer weather events:</p>	Action: Greg Sayers to see if the

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledged Kawau Island’s resilience in the recent weather events. • Council inquired into the communications vacuum in response. <p>Budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual plan consultation feedback out now. 290 M to find in budget • New committee established to look at expenditure and savings specifically <p>Meet the Mayor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor met Rodney Residents and Ratepayers Associations earlier this week. KIRRA wasn’t in attendance. • The Chair noted that we were attending the original meeting but had received no communication about the new date which was unfortunate. <p>Rural advisory panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established by the Mayor. • When we have sorted out what we want to do with KIRRA and KAIC, Greg Sayers can open the door in council for us. <p>Sue-Ellen Craig requested that Greg recommend the Mayor visit Council Island.</p>	Mayor can come and visit Kawau Island (KIRRA can help with arrangements)
14	Community Consultation on the Concept of a Pest-Free Kawau	Lisa Tolich Julie Alach Phil Brown	<p>Report taken as read – covers recent activity to remove Argentine Ants plus next steps for Rats, Possums, Stoats and Wallaby.</p> <p>Paul thanked Lyn Hume for her support with Argentine Ant monitoring and eradication over the years.</p> <p>Julie Alach updated us on the concept of Pest-free Kawau:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wants to understand involvement from Island – community to decide on how they would like to run this. Open to a range of ways of doing this. Waiheke have decided to run their programme themselves with support from council. • High level of support (over 90%) for removal of rats, possums and stoats. • 83% support for removal of the wallaby. • Still waiting to meet with 6% of islanders • Currently in feasibility phase: ongoing for a further 3-6 months. 	<p>Motion: That a pest eradication special interest group is formed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not moved. • Island conservation to engage with wider community.

- Feasibility assessment has been prepared and peer reviewed.
- Full report and summary of the report will be available for the Kawau Community this year.

Lisa Tolich shared the three components to the report:

1. Methodology, how to do this work safely
2. Social acceptance, community support for this sort of work
3. Affordability, how much it will cost short and long term to sustain long term pest-free status.

The next step is the gathering information to support delivery.

Discussion:

- David Kingston shared his views that this is a partnership, not a battle with council
- Carl Weaver noted that Council had asked that Pippa, Carl and David discuss Kawau's response. They propose that the Pohutukawa Trust represent the island on this matter and a Kawau community forum/group is formed to meet 3-4 times per year to advise direction
- Graham Dawson from Kiwi Sanctuary Trust opposed the removal of Wallaby on the Island given there has been no balanced discussion on this issue. He objects to Island Conservations approach and noted bias in the survey to elicit certain responses. Concerns raised about the risk to the weka population. A pest free island will potentially result in a SEA overlay (Significant Ecological Area) requiring further permits for landowners
- Lyn Hume asked whether property owners could fence in wallaby on their property and apply for a zoo permit
- John Sinclair questioned is there some midway point like enclosing wallabies on the DOC reserve?
- Phil Brown replied that some of these options are being considered. AC have secured a 1/3 of the funding. Pest Free 2050 have matched that funding. We don't have the remaining funding yet but once the technical feasibility is completed, we can then seek further funding. The best practice is wallabies first as you don't want the wallaby eating the rat bait. Then the remaining pest eradication
- John Sinclair questioned if we achieved total eradication how

			<p>sure we could be that the rats wouldn't come back</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Phil Brown replied that they have had a lot of experience eradicating pests on other islands, and we have had no reinvasion on those islands. Kawau is a "step-up". It is not unconceivable that stoats could swim over from the mainland. It's too far for rats to swim - Island conservation noted that ongoing biosecurity would be a shared effort requiring rodent detection dogs, eyes and ears of locals to prevent reestablishment in the environmental protection zone - Colin Bright questioned the poison and toxins. Can property owners who dislike brodifacoum refuse to have it used on their property? Does this mean that property owners have no right? - Island conservation replied they try to use the best toxin available for the purpose. Brodifacoum is the best. What Island Conservation wants to do is work with the community to minimize impact on properties. Powers do exist to do this, but firstly their commitment is to work with people - It is acknowledged that by-kill on north island weka was going to need to be carefully managed. Tony Beauchamp, agreed to talk to a KIRRA meeting – up to 90% of present population at risk. We currently don't know how many are on Kawau. Previous estimate was around 2300-2500 - Island conservation is working with Tony Beauchamp. They don't like the bi-kill either. On other islands the population of weka has exploded after eradication - Carl Weaver said that there are so many questions we still need to ask - Graham Dawson requested a platform for further discussion and some empirical studies of what a pest-free Kawau will look like - Island Conservation to consider having a forum to discuss more broadly - Attendees expressed interest in the report and feel it needs to be released as a public document. 	
16	Election of Officers	Sue-Ellen Craig	<p>Resignations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abigail Harress-Blass • Greg Knowles • Lin Pardey • Jude Wood <p>Nominations:</p>	Welcome Megan and Robert to the KIRRA committee

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Megan Lithgow • Robert Van Heiningen 	
16	General Business	Michael Wheatcroft	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Poisoning of pine trees – no comment 2. Census not completed – Graham Dawson’s census was not completed in Hokimai Bayas their physical address couldn’t be found 3. Proposed award – Jill Hetherington proposes a community recognition award. 4. Clearing of power lines – Graeme Phipps would like to see Vector cut trees down which are at risk of falling on power lines. Shelley Futcher informed everyone that Vector have walked all the island to check all trees and lines. The process has started. 5. Property slips – Greame Phipps asked what can be done about a slip from an adjacent property which impacts upon your property. Who cleans it up? Sue-Ellen Craig informed us that a complaint can be lodged with the council or go through EQC. 6. Signs - Lyn Hume informed us that large slips have closed tracks in Vivian Bay. Despite signs people still walk across these areas. Also signs on their property informing people to keep their dogs on a lead due to kiwi have been ignored and removed. She asks people to respect other people’s properties. She wants to see KIRRA, KIAC and Council uphold the Island Vision. Could KIRRA get some signs made and have walking tracks taken off the council map. Signs “Kiwis live here, dogs on leads”, “Private property” 	<p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael to inform Paul L that some dwellings were missed in the census. • Kate to send an email bulletin with information on how to get a physical address for a Kawau property. <p>Motion: KIRRA will accept the proposal of an annual community recognition award for those who have contributed to the island. They will liaise with the proposer Jill Hetherington as to what this might look like.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moved: Sue-Ellen • Seconded: Shelley <p>Motion: KIRRA to get some signs made for those in the community who would like to put them on their properties and wharves.</p> <p>Action: Greg Sayers to get non-gazetted map with walkways removed from Council website.</p> <p>Motion: Fee increase postponed until special general meeting where new fees + levy will be considered</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moved: Sue Ellen Craig • Seconded: Keith Bekker

MEETING CLOSED AT 1.45PM

Reports available on our Kawau Island Website/Our Community/Updates/AGM/Supporting papers

Or click on this link [Notice of KIRRA AGM - 18 March 2023 – Island Updates: Kawau Island](#)

Ki mua Actions

Item	Action	Who	When	Closed
5	Motion - the role of KIAC and KIRRA & community feedback	KIRRA & Sue-Ellen	Meeting 22/4/23	
6	New editor for the Kookaburra. Agenda for our next KIRRA meeting.	KIRRA (& Jude)	Meeting 22/4/23	
8	Motion: Digital Communications – emails and sub-committee	Kate	?	
10	Motion: Takutai Moana Act – have a special general meeting	KIRRA & members	ASAP	
13	Auckland Mayor’s visit to Kawau	Greg Sayers	ASAP	
16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform Paul L that not all islanders received census papers • Send an email on how to get a physical email address on Kawau • Community recognition award – agenda for the next KIRRA meeting • Dogs on leads and private property signs made – agenda for the next KIRRA meeting • Get non-gazetted map with walkways removed from Council website • Membership fees increase to be discussed at the special general meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael • Kate • KIRRA • KIRRA • Greg Sayers • KIRRA & members 	ASAP	