

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY OF NORTHLAND INCORPORATED

Minutes of the 122nd Annual General Meeting

Held at The Orchard, Mahi Tahi meeting room, Cnr Vine & Walton St, Whangārei

Tuesday 25th March, 2025, at 5.00 pm

Leah McKerrow welcomed members to the 122nd Chamber AGM, a quorum of over 15 present and performed a karakia, then passed on to Tim Robinson President of NorthChamber.

Tim gave an overview of the changes to the constitution.

Present:

Name	Business Name
Andrea McIntosh (Teams)	Akida Consulting
Cam Thompson	Northland Document Solutions Ltd
Clare Davies-Colley	BDX Group
Danny Douglas	Bridge Advisory
David Finchett	Northport
David Templeton	Retired
Dean Abel	Mentor
Di Crawford Errington	OnTrack BookKeeping
Dionne Stroebel	Salt & Oil
Dirk Mostert	Forsyth Barr
Doug Sutton	Cave Farm Ltd
Francoise Vaughan	Strategico
Helen Smuts-Kennedy	Safety in Mind
Jamie Rosemergy	Ministry of Social Development
Jan Hewitt	NEST
Jeremy Tauri	Plus Chartered Accountants
JP Dignon	CDL Group
Ken Orr	Orrs Pharmacies
Ken Wilson	GT ADVANTAGE
Megan Wills (Teams)	Wills Westenra
Mere Teinaki	Northland Chartered Accountants Limited
Michael Turner	WDC
Pat Cody	Ministry of Social Development
Paul Batchelder	UIT
Paul Stewart	PS Thinking Ltd
Paul Visser	Westpac
Sharon Carroll	tlc4u2
Sue Walters	Northland Scaffolding
Tim Robinson	Bernina Northland
Tony Collins	WDC
Trevor Griffiths	Gladys Street Ltd
Vince Cocurullo	Whangarei District Council
Wayne Tollemache (Teams)	JTC Consulting

Apologies

Name	Business Name
Barbara Jaques	mindMoves
Tania McInnes	GBT Ventures
Sharon Gibson	Pathways to Wellbeing
Brenda Leeuwenberg	Nomad8
Colin Hannah	Federated Farmer
Carolyn Smith	Woven Collaboration
Guy Wilkinson	Renovation Warehouse
Jonathan Harris	Tlc4u2 Ltd
Cr. Carol Peters	WDC
Stacey Davidson	Stacey Davidson - Growth and Impact Partner

Resolved

"That the apologies be accepted"

Moved: Tim Robinson

Seconded: Sue Walters

All in favour

Obituaries:

Tim Robinson asked that the meeting acknowledged the passing of the following members: Warren Moyes, Peter Skinner and also Barry Caldwell who worked for the Chamber in the Pakihi Maori role for 12 months, Tim asked that we have a moments silence.

Minutes of the previous AGM (page 11 of the Annual Report)

Resolved

"That the minutes of the 121st AGM on 13th March 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record"

Moved: Tim Robinson

Seconded: Doug Sutton

All in favour

Matters Arising

No Matters Arising. But it was noted that the attendees didn't include Trevor Griffiths who was in attendance.

President Report (page 16 of the Annual Report)

Tim Robinson gave an overview of his report included in the Annual General Report and highlighted the following

- Change in CEO to Leah McKerrow, welcome to Nicole Mocaraka who is taking on Janette's role as we farewell her.
- Business Tai Tokerau/EMA – How it is looking going forward, we are still working closely with EMA. Both organisations have had a tough couple of years as membership organisations.
- 4 year journey as president, has seen lots of change – through covid, weather events and blackouts.
- With regard to the new value proposition, Leah will cover this in her presentation. We need to earn your membership.

Moved: Murray Broadbelt

Seconded: Sue Walters

All in favour

Financial Report

Treasurer's Report by Danny Douglas – year ended 31 December 2024

Tim Robinson handed over to Tony Collins as Returning Officer to officiate the election and the rest of the AGM.

Election of Board of Directors

Tony proposed a motion

“That as per the nominations received prior to February 25th 2025 closure date, the following persons have been nominated for the position of Board member. “If more than 7 nominations are received, a vote by secret ballot will be held. If 7 or less nominations are received these will be deemed elected unopposed.”

Nominee	Company
Brenda Leeuwenberg	Nomad8
Clare Davies-Colley	BDX Group Ltd
David Finchett	Northport
Dirk Mostert	Forsyth Bar
Doug Sutton	Caves Farm Ltd
Francoise Vaughan	Strategico Ltd
JP Dignon	Caughey & Dignon Ltd
Marcela Thompson	Northland Document Solutions Ltd
Sandeep Diwan	Calders Design & Print Co Ltd
Stephen Gibson	Marsden Maritime Holdings Ltd
Tim Robinson	Bernina Northland
Wayne Tollemache	JTC Consulting

Tony Collins and Janette Dobbs left the room to complete the counting of the votes with assistance from Nicole Mokaraka.

The votes were made by the following methods

1. Online proxy voting before the AGM (closed at 5pm 24th March)
2. Online voting for members attending by in person and by Teams link
3. Paper voting forms

Chief Executive Report (page 17 of the Annual Report)

Leah McKerrow gave a presentation on the future of NorthChamber, covering the following topics

- Acknowledge the progress after 6 months in the role
- Current financial situation – challenging but changing with new initiatives
- Revamp of the membership offering to include a premium package, and a partner package. Focus on ensuring there is a good ROI for membership.
- Recent series of capability building events on topical issues such as safety, technology
- Successfully securing a new work stream for developing Skills for Industry for MSD, focusing on administration and office skills in partnership with Auckland Chamber.
- Key focus for the coming year is to grow membership across Northland and provide stronger focus on key partnerships to enable and empower businesses.
- Acknowledge the support and engagement of the current outgoing board. A particular thanks to Sue Walters for 9 years and latterly as VP.
- Acknowledgement of the NorthChamber team and the work they achieve for such a small group. And recognising the retirement of Janette Dobbs after 20 years.
- Finally a welcome to the new, slimmed down (14-7) board and a desire to work together to achieve our aspirations.

- Encourage members to get in contact with needs and areas of focus.

Tony Collins and Janette Dobbs rejoined the AGM.

Tony announced the successful candidates to the NorthChamber Board of Directors.

David Finchett	Northport
Francoise Vaughan	Strategico Ltd
JP Dignon	Caughey & Dignon Ltd
Marcela Thompson	Northland Document Solutions Ltd
Stephen Gibson	Marsden Maritime Holdings Ltd
Tim Robinson	Bernina Northland
Clare Davies-Colley	DCGroup

[Amendment] Minutes amended at 123rd AGM, noted that Clare Davies-Colley was not included in the list of successful candidate – included in table above.

Appointment of Auditor

The necessity to have the Chamber accounts audited was discussed

Motion: “that an audit was not required yearly”

Moved: Tim Robinson

Seconded: Sue Walters

All in favour

Clare Davies-Colley asked what systems were in place? Leah advised that the Chamber uses Xero, 2 authorisations are required for payments, and monthly meetings are held where payments are approved and checks made

Appointment of Honorary Solicitors

Motion: “That SavageLaw be appointed as Honorary Solicitors”

Resolved

"That SavageLaw be appointed Honorary Solicitors for 2025"

Moved: Mayor Vince Cocurullo

Seconded: Jan Hewett

All in favour

Appointment of myIR owner for Inland Revenue Online Services

Motion: “that Janette Dobbs be removed and Nicole Mokaraka be appointed as myIR owner for Inland Revenue Online in her role as Office Manager/Executive Assistant to complete the Chamber tax requirements.”

Resolved

"That Janette Dobbs be removed and replaced by Nicole Mokaraka as myIR owner for Inland Revenue Online Services for 2025"

Moved: Danny Douglas

Seconded: Di Crawford-Errington

All in favour.

Membership subscriptions

Motion: “that the membership subscriptions be increased by the CPI each year”

Moved: Dirk Mostert

Seconded: Sue Walters

All in favour

Motion: “that the following membership value proposition outlined by Leah in her CEO report presentation be adopted”

Moved: Danny Douglas

Seconded: Dirk Mostert

All in favour

General Business

Nomination for Life Member

Motion: “that David Templeton be appointed as a Life Member to NorthChamber”

Moved: Tony Collins

Seconded: Mayor Vince Cocurullo

All in favour

Leah McKerrow performed a closing Karakia and invited those attending to join her in welcoming the new Board.

Conclusion of Formal Meeting

Leah invited those attending to join her for Janette’s farewell.