

# Supporters of Tiritiri Matangi Incorporated (SoTM)



## Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2025

**Held on:** 15 September 2025  
**At:** the offices of MinterEllisonRuddWatts  
Level 22, PWC Tower, 15 Customs Street West  
Auckland CBD, Auckland 1010

Supporters were welcomed to the SoTM Annual General Meeting by Ian Alexander, Chairperson. The meeting opened at 7.32pm

A quorum was achieved – there being 38 members in attendance, with additional 3 members attending online.

Ian thanked MinterEllison for generously hosting our AGM at their offices and introduced Olivia Yarrell and Rachael Saunders.

### 1. Apologies:

Debbie Marshall, Gloria and Guy Nash, Vicky Young and Peter Dormon, Yvonne Vaneveld, Mark Withers, Barb Wood, Christopher Trigg, Barbara Walter, John and Sally Hally, Karin and Rob Gouldstone, Fiona McEwen, Liz Maire, Elizabeth Mead, Briar O'Connor, Tejo van Schie, Isobel Still.

Ian Alexander moved that the apologies be accepted.  
Seconded: Carl Hayson. Carried unanimously.

### 2. Draft Minutes of the 2024 AGM were not read as they had been available on the website.

Ian Alexander moved that the Minutes of the 2024 AGM, held on 16 September 2024 at the offices of MinterEllisonRuddWatts, Level 22, PWC Tower, 15 Customs Street West, Auckland, be approved.  
Seconded: Linda Taylor. Carried unanimously.

### 3. There were no matters arising from AGM 2024 minutes.

### 4. Chair's annual report was presented by Ian Alexander

Key points from Ian Alexander's report focused on the work of the Board over the past year, as Dawn Chorus and our newsletters have already covered the happenings on Island over the past year.

Significant areas of focus this year have been:

- Reviewing the Society's Constitution, in light of the government's new Incorporated Societies Act 2022
- Commencement of a review of the Society's Strategic Plan.
- Focus on succession planning and appointing new Board members.
- Working with DOC to complete the Community Agreement.
- Progressing the Field Centre.
- Developing relationships with iwi.
- Governance issues including developing policies and monitoring compliance.

Ian outlined the current size of the Society, including membership numbers, and acknowledged and thanked the Board members, Committees, task groups, employees, contractors and many volunteers who work together to maintain the Society and achieve its goals.

We continue to work with major partners and sponsors – Iwi, DOC, Explore Group and MERW – and many other sponsors. We are also very grateful for the many donations from members and also the bequests that we receive.

Ian closed with a recognition of the 27 years of service that Peter Lee-Grey has given to the Board and the Island. Peter, along with Valerie Lee, is stepping down from the Board. Both were thanked.

Ian Alexander moved that the Chair's report for 2024-25 be received.

Seconded: Simon Fordham. Carried unanimously.

**5. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements presented by Peter Lee-Grey (available on the website)**

Peter Lee-Grey explained our financial situation, using a Powerpoint presentation.

He noted that for the first time SoTM has received an unqualified audit, the auditor having personally visited the Island as part of the process.

He also thanked all our generous sponsors, and those who give in kind financial support making special mention of Explore Group, who carry volunteers on the ferry free of charge, and DOC with their generous discounts on bunkhouse fees.

Peter also thanked the back-room team - David Meldrum, Rise Accountants, the Membership Team, and Hart and Co, our Auditors.

He noted out that our finances remain in a healthy position with assets of just over \$2 million.

No questions were asked of Peter's financial report.

Peter Lee-Grey moved the Annual Accounts for 2024-25 be adopted.

Seconded: Peter Thompson. Carried unanimously.

**Reappointment of auditors:**

Peter Lee-Grey moved that the Board reappoint Hart & Co as auditors for 2025/2026.

Seconded: Ian Higgins. Carried unanimously.

**6. Setting of Annual Subscription for 2025/2026:**

The following motion was put to the meeting –

“That the annual subscription fees remain unchanged for the 2025-26 membership year.

That is:

Student fees with a NZ postal address - \$15

Individual, family or organisation with a NZ postal address - \$30, with family and organisation having one vote

Student, individual, family or organisation with an overseas address - \$35, with family and organisation having one vote

Corporate \$750 with only one vote.”

Moved by Ian Alexander

Seconded: Hester Cooper. Carried unanimously.

Ian commented that the Board may need to assess the annual subscriptions next year – rising costs in production and postage may require new recommendations for next year.

## 7. Motions:

Incorporated Societies such as SoTM were previously governed by the 1908 Incorporated Societies Act.

This Act was modernised by the 2022 Incorporated Societies Act.

All Societies must now comply with the 2022 Act, and any existing Society such as ours must apply to re-register under this Act. The alternative is to cease to exist.

As a result of this change, we have had to rewrite our Constitution to reflect these requirements. A small sub-group drafted the document, the Board has reviewed it, our Honorary Solicitor has checked it, and members were given an opportunity to give feedback. This feedback has been reviewed and amendments made to the document, and the final draft has been posted on our website.

Motion 1: That the members of the Supporters of Tiritiri Matangi Incorporated formally agree to reregister the Society under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022

Moved by: Ian Alexander

Seconded: Linda Taylor. Carried unanimously.

Motion 2: That the members of the Supporters of Tiritiri Matangi Incorporated formally approve the new Constitution dated September 2025

Ian Higgins questioned the wording of Clause 12.1.2 – concerning the members of the Board – noting that the *majority* must be Society members. Why does it not require *all* Board members to be SoTM members?

Ian Alexander replied that we will continue to require that, but the legal situation allows otherwise.

Simon Fordham agreed with Ian Higgins that all Board members should be members.

Ian Alexander suggested that the Board could have a policy which sat outside the Constitution requiring that all Board members be SoTM members.

Simon Fordham proposed:

That an amendment be made to the Constitution, subject to a review by legal advisors, such that all members of the Board must be members of the Supporters of Tiritiri Matangi Incorporated.

Seconded: Ian Higgins. Carried.

To avoid a delay in the re-registration process Ian Alexander put forward a second proposal:

That in the event that the advice from legal professionals is that this change cannot be made, the Board requests that the members approve the Constitution as it stands.

Seconded: Janet Petricevich. Carried.

The Board will now seek legal advice on this matter. Members will be kept informed.

## **8. Determination of the number of ordinary Board members to be elected:**

Ian Alexander proposed that we follow the requirements of the current Constitution. That is:

That the members elect THREE Officers and up to NINE ordinary Board members

Seconded: Meredith Blogg. Carried unanimously.

## **9. Election of Officers and 10. Election of Board members:**

There were 11 nominations in total, with one having subsequently been withdrawn.

As this was within the 12 allowed positions, and as there was only one nomination for each Officer position, there would be no need for a ballot.

- Ian Alexander (Chairman) – Nominated by Valerie Lee. Seconded by Louise Delamare.
- Meredith Blogg (Secretary) – Nominated by Rachel Goddard. Seconded by Ian Alexander.
- Treasurer – position vacant following the withdrawal of the nominee due to ill health

Board members:

- Hester Cooper – Nominated by Janet Petricevich. Seconded by Ian Alexander
- Louise Delamare – Nominated by Mark Withers. Seconded by Rosemary Gibson
- Rosemary Gibson – Nominated by Meredith Blogg. Seconded by Hester Cooper
- Rachel Goddard – Nominated by Valerie Lee. Seconded by Peter Lee-Grey
- Carl Hayson – Nominated by Rachel Goddard. Seconded by Louise Delamare
- Andrew Nelson – Nominated by Ian Alexander. Seconded by Hester Cooper
- Janet Petricevich – Nominated by Hester Cooper. Seconded by Peter Lee-Grey
- Parin Rafiei-Thompson – Nominated by Louise Delamare. Seconded by Ian Alexander

Moved that all the nominees be accepted for the incoming Board: Jenny Gosse.

Seconded by Valerie Lee. Carried unanimously.

Ian thanked the members for re-appointing him as Chairperson.

## **11. Notices:**

- Members were reminded about the Book Launch coming up on 5 October – to launch Ray Walter's memoirs "The Lights in my Life".  
This book will only be available through the Tiri shop, and all proceeds from the sales will come back to the Island. Initial print run will be 300 books.  
Ian Alexander acknowledged this very generous arrangement by Ray's family.
- Ian Alexander commented on the importance of our profile as an organisation. He had recently had the opportunity to represent SoTM at the SONZI workshop and at the Hauraki Gulf Trust meeting.  
He encouraged everyone to continue to promote us on Trip Advisor. This year we were elevated into the Best of the Best category – meaning we are in the top 1% of destinations worldwide.

- Ian Alexander thanked Peter Lee-Grey for his many years of service to the Supporters. Peter is stepping down from the Board, having held most of the positions on the Board during the span of his involvement with the Island. On behalf of the Supporters Ian presented Peter with a gift.  
Ian also thanked Valerie Lee as she also steps down from the Board, and Val was presented with flowers and a voucher.

**There being no further business, the meeting was formally closed at 8.57pm**

*Following the AGM, Peter Lee-Grey gave a presentation “The Fellowship of the Wing”, reviewing his involvement with Tiritiri Matangi over the years.*

*The members were then able to enjoy refreshments generously provided by MinterEllison.*

These Minutes were approved by the members of SoTM, at the 2026 AGM on 14 September 2026, as a true and correct record.

Signed:

Dr Ian Alexander. Chair, SoTM