



Minutes of the Mangawhai Artists Incorporated Annual General Meeting 2020

The Mangawhai Artists Incorporated (MAI) Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday 20 June 2020 at the Citizens Hall, Fagan Place, Mangawhai Heads commencing at 4.00pm.

1 Opening and welcome

MAI chair Mary-Anne Boyd welcomed members to the meeting, extending a special welcome to MAI patrons Malcom and Joanna Roberts, and to guest speaker Aaron McConchie, winner of the TVNZ Design Junkies Award 2019. She remarked on the extraordinary times we are in and the impact of COVID-19, and acknowledged the amazing work undertaken by MAI over the past year. Mary-Anne welcomed MAI committee members Wendy Leach and Clare Wells, and member Sheryl Jury who joined the meeting via zoom and introduced the MAI committee members present, noting their portfolio area of work, and declared the meeting open.

2 Present

Mary-Anne Boyd	Belinda Vernon	Jan Grover
Wendy Leach	Clare Wells	Grace Cheng
Grant Mitchell	Raewyn Vague	Christine den Hartogh
Marion Bilton	Wendy Clifford	Ann Connew
Chris Cowley-Thomson	Howard Esler	Gayle Forster
Linda Gilbert	Sheryl Jury	Rosina Kamphuis
Cliff McPherson	Bridget Mintoff	Elena Nikolaeva
Tatjana Panyoczki	Lloyd Rayner	Els Switser
Susan Town	Anna Wild	Malcolm Roberts
Joanna Roberts	Nicki Everett	Annie Kitchener
Aaron McConchie		

3 Constitutional requirements

Mary-Anne advised that the constitutional requirements had been met, noting committee nominations were uncontested and no motions had been received. She signaled a motion will be put forward to the 2021 annual general meeting recommending the number of people required to meet the quorum number be reduced.

4 Apologies

Mary-Anne asked for apologies and advised those received.

Jean Fountain	Peter Panyoczki	Mandy Thomsett-Taylor
Geraldine Speed	Tony Allen	Cheryl Mitchell
Janine Brougham	Shirley Anderson	Andrea Gardner
Rebecca Clist		

It was moved:

That the apologies be received.

Moved: Jo Roberts

Second: Jan Grover

CARRIED

5 Minutes

Mary-Anne referred members to the minutes of the 2019 annual general meeting.

It was moved:

That the minutes of the Mangawhai Artists Incorporated Annual General Meeting held on 15 June 2019 be accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: Belinda Vernon

Second: Grant Mitchell

CARRIED

There were no matters arising.

6 Financial report

Mary-Anne referred members to the financial report noting the report and related papers are on the MAI website and invited committee treasurer Jan Grover to present the report. Jan noted MAI's positive financial position and the successful fund-raising campaign for the new art workspace. She highlighted aspects of the report that:

- gallery and workspace hire includes bookings in advance through to 31 March 2021;
- accounting software includes monthly charges for both Xero and MYOB as we transition to Xero. Once the review of the 31 March 2020 accounts has been completed the MYOB subscription will be cancelled;
- insurance covers construction and commercial insurance cover through to August and September 2020, respectively;
- rent covers rental through to the end of July 2020.

There were no questions received on the financial report.

It was moved:

That the Mangawhai Artists Incorporated Annual Statements of Financial Performance and Financial position for the year to 31 March 2020 be accepted.

Moved: Jan Grover

Second: Belinda Vernon

CARRIED

8 Annual report

Mary-Anne referred members to the annual report advising it is available on the website. She highlighted key aspects of the report, thanking the committee for their work, and acknowledged the passion, teamwork and optimism of the committee and of all volunteers who commit thousands of hours each year.

Mary-Anne expressed deep sadness for the loss of two key MAI members in the past year Lynn Middleton (November 2019) and Brenda Adams (February 2020). She remarked on the significant contribution both made, and their creativity and enthusiasm for MAI and the arts community. Mary-Anne invited members to observe a minutes' silence.

Mary-Anne referenced her report, giving special thanks to MAI sponsors, businesses and funders who have supported MAI and its work programme in the past year. She advised a new contemporary logo had been developed, and that MAI membership is growing - reflecting the diversity and richness of the community. Mary-Anne noted the work of committee members, highlighting projects and activities each had been involved in or led, and thanked each for their extraordinary contribution:

- Wendy Leach for her work on the website, and the most recent work showcasing artist's work during the lock-down;
- Chris den Hartogh for her skills in managing and co-ordinating the gallery and exhibitions;
- Belinda Vernon for taking the lead on the 2019 Kaipara Art Awards and her work with FOMA;
- Lynn Middleton, Biddy Mintoff, Puti Hookings and others who organised the sculpture weekend;
- Raewyn Vague for her work to organise learning opportunities;
- Jan Grover for her expertise as treasurer and work on updating accounting systems;
- Grant Mitchell for co-ordinating and maintaining oversight of new art space development, and ongoing engagement on behalf of MAI with the Mangawhai Community Park committee;
- Grace Cheng for her involvement in accessing grants and overseeing reporting accountabilities for funds received.

Mary-Anne talked about the importance and influence of the Friends of Mangawhai Artists (FOMA), and the significance to the community of the new art space, reflecting on the blessing by Matua Ben Hita.

It was moved:

That the Mangawhai Artists Incorporated Annual Report for the year to 31 March 2020 be received.

Moved: Mary-Ann Boyd

Second: Chris den Hartogh

CARRIED

Mary-Anne invited questions from the meeting. Topics related to the following:

- FOMA members are not included in the wider membership numbers. 35 people have made a donation and 80 have complementary membership. Mary-Anne advised MAI is looking to increase FOMA membership to 200 over the next year, and continue engaging people in MAI activities including discussion groups;

- the development of the new community park space will be focused on the visual arts but the space could be used more widely and be inclusive of a range of groups and interests;
- Mary-Anne confirmed there is space for big sculpture works. There will be a need to factor in maintenance costs to ensure sculptures are well kept – Grant explained the security set up at the community park;
- there is scope for MAI to assist a cooperative approach for artists seeking to sell their work, through the newsletter and website;
- the new workspace at the gallery will be available for people to use and enjoy in multiple ways.

9 Patrons

Mary-Anne invited Joanna Roberts to say a few words. Joanna reflected on Malcolm and her involvement in the Mangawhai community over the past 50 years, being excited and happy to continue to do as much as they can. Joanna paid tribute to Lynn and Brenda, and observed the huge impact of COVID on our country. Mary-Anne thanked Joanna and paid tribute to Malcolm and Joanna for their support of MAI.

10 Financial reviewer

Mary-Anne advised the meeting of the MAI constitutional requirement to confirm a financial auditor or reviewer at the AGM. Given the small size of the organisation it is recommended MAI engage a reviewer, noting that an auditor could be engaged should audited accounts be needed for any reason.

It was moved:

That John Webby be appointed financial reviewer for the Mangawhai Artists Incorporated 2020/2021 financial year.

Moved: Belinda Vernon

Seconded: Grant Mitchell

CARRIED

11 Committee elections

Mary-Anne advised the nominations received for the chair, deputy chair, secretary, treasurer and members of the committee. She noted as the number of nominations fell within the constitutional requirements, an election is not needed however the meeting will need to accept the nominations.

Committee members

Grace Cheng

Moved: Mary-Anne Boyd

Seconded: Belinda Vernon

Wendy Leach

Moved: Malcolm Roberts

Seconded: Pauline Mann

Grant Mitchell

Moved: Ann Connew

Seconded: Raewyn Vague

Chris den Hartogh

Moved: Marina Bagley

Seconded: Mary-Anne Boyd

Treasurer

Raewyn Vague

Moved: Pauline Mann

Seconded: Chris Cowley-Thomson

Secretary

Clare Wells

Moved: Geraldine Speed

Seconded: Marina Bagley

Deputy Chair

Belinda Vernon

Moved: Raewyn Vague

Seconded: Janine Brougham

Chair

Mary-Anne Boyd

Moved: Wendy Leach

Seconded: Pauline Mann

It was moved:

That the nominations received for the MAI chair, deputy chair, secretary, treasurer and committee members for the 2020/2021 year be accepted.

Moved: Nicola Everett

Seconded: Biddy Mintoff

CARRIED

12 General business

Mary-Anne discussed the MAI strategy to enable the proposed Mangawhai Community Art Centre within the Mangawhai Community Park project. She advised the committee as stewards of project, need to secure the land and opportunity to create the building in future. Members were assured they would be consulted prior to any formal contractual decisions being taken, and that the project would only go ahead if MAI succeeds in accessing significant funding.

Grant advised the extension will be painted in the coming week and invited volunteers to help.

13 Speaker

Mary-Anne welcomed Aaron McConchie, MAI member and winner of the 2019 TVNZ Design Junkies Award and invited him to address the meeting. Aaron presented images of his art and the stories behind each work. He described the Design Junkies concept and presented a slideshow illustrating key aspects of each episode. Mary-Anne thanked Aaron for his stimulating and inspiring presentation and advised the prize for winning the award was a trip to London which allowed Aaron to visit the Venice Biennale.

14 Vote of thanks

Mary-Anne gave a vote of thanks to Jan Grover who is stepping down as treasurer. Mary-Anne acknowledged Jan's outstanding contribution, her skill, expertise and energy, and the time she has committed to MAI as a volunteer. Mary-Anne gave a special vote of thanks and gratitude to Grant Mitchell for his extraordinary contribution in progressing the building of the new art space extension. Mary-Anne also gave special thanks to Kim Hamilton for his time, energy and expertise in supporting Grant and the committee as the work on the extension proceeded. Mary-Anne presented certificates of appreciation to Jan, Grant and Kim.

Mary-Anne thanked the committee for their work and achievements over the past year, and the members for their contribution and ongoing support. Grant offered a vote of thanks to Mary-Anne for her outstanding contribution to MAI and wished members well for the year ahead.

The meeting concluded at 5.45pm and members were invited to stay on for drinks and nibbles.