



## Minutes of the Mangawhai Artists Incorporated Annual General Meeting 2023

The Mangawhai Artists Incorporated (MAI) Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday 2 July 2023 at the Citizens Hall, Fagan Place, Mangawhai Heads commencing at 3.05pm.

### 1 Opening and welcome

MAI chair Belinda Vernon welcomed members to the meeting, conveying a special welcome to new members who have joined this year.

### 2 Present

Belinda Vernon	Mary-Anne Boyd	Joanna Roberts
Clare Wells	Linda Foster	Rachel Moore
Raewyn Vague	Rosina Kamphuis	Janine Brougham
Howard Esler	Christine den Hartogh	Sue Town
Nicola Everett	Andrea Graham	Grace Cheng
Kay Airey	Angela Machray	Jan Grover
Ann Connew	Janèl Colle	Jenny Allan
Lena Nelson	Lynley Bradnam	
Philippa Murray- Aynsley	Marion Bilton	
Shann Whitaker	Alix St Clair	

### 3 Apologies

Belinda asked for apologies and advised those received.

Wendy Leach	Karena de Pont	Anne Land
Malcolm Roberts	Elena Nikolaeva	Els Switser
Rebecca Barclay-Clist		

#### **It was moved:**

*That the apologies be accepted.*

**Moved:** Belinda Vernon

**Seconded:** Raewyn Vague

**CARRIED**

#### 4 Constitutional requirements

Belinda referred participants to the agenda, confirmed the meeting format and advised voting would be by voice - or by card with scrutineers appointed should that be required. She advised constitutional requirements had been met with 27 members present forming a quorum.

#### 5 Minutes

Belinda referred members to the minutes of the 2022 annual general meeting.

**It was moved:**

*That the minutes of the Mangawhai Artists Incorporated Annual General Meeting held on 19 June 2022 be accepted as a true and correct record.*

**Moved:** Belinda Vernon

**Seconded:** Anne Connew

**CARRIED**

There were no matters arising.

#### 6 Annual report

Belinda presented the annual report, noting a busy and successful year tinged by sadness with the passing of member Wendy Clifford. Belinda acknowledged Wendy's generosity of spirit and knowledge, and extended sympathy and love to all members who have lost someone close this year.

Belinda referred to the past year as a year of consolidation and 'doing the basics well'. The committee held a strategy session following the last AGM at which they set priorities for the year: hosting exhibitions and events; understanding what members and the wider community want from MAI; developing and providing learning opportunities; financial sustainability; purpose-built building (Community Park). Belinda reminded members of MAI's interest in community well-being and our purpose: nurturing and celebrating creativity through art.

Belinda offered highlights of the year:

- an increase in membership from 183 to 210 and a growing cohort of members from the wider region, and a slight increase in FOMA members from 37 to 40;
- a total of 23 exhibitions held with growing visitor numbers from 8,228 to 9,780;
- the introduction of a new 3D exhibition which is now part of the annual calendar;
- hosting the popular *Give it a Go* classes sponsored by Creative Communities, including Christmas workshops for children;
- co-ordinating another successful art trail including the launch of *One Moonlit Night* a movie by Rosina Kamphuis and Wayne George;
- hosting the KAA award ceremony with two new judges assessing 55 entries - 9 of 11 awards went to MAI artists;
- completing a successful art trail, including a new artist's hub in Kaiwaka, although the weather impacted visitor numbers;
- initiating art exhibitions/displays at the Mangawhai KDC service centre;
- hosting a tutors meeting in March to discuss how we can better use the workspace.
- ensuring artists are well supported which is greatly appreciated, particularly by those exhibiting for the first time and ensuring artists are ready for their exhibition.

Belinda acknowledged and thanked committee members Raewyn Vague, Clare Wells, Wendy Leach, Ann Connew, Nicola Everett, Howard Esler, Shann Whitaker, Pip Murray-Ansley, Kay Airey and Lena Nelson and presented each with a small gift. Belinda advised Wendy, Nicki, Pip and Ann were stepping down from the committee and conveyed special thanks to them for their contribution in the past year, presenting each with a small gift. Clare thanked Belinda for her leadership as chair and for her work to promote and support our creative community. Belinda acknowledged:

- Raewyn for ensuring financial and membership records are compliant and up-to-date, and for the comprehensive reports each month;
- Clare for administrative efficiency and support to the chair, and for keeping the website up-to-date;
- Howard for lighting, dealing with property and maintenance issues, and organising the art trail and 3D exhibition;
- Wendy for collating and organising the exhibition season, and for ensuring a strong social media presence;
- Nicki for her curation of exhibitions, support for learning opportunities and her role as a tutor;
- Ann for ensuring the workspace is well maintained and managing bookings;
- Lena for working with the museum to co-ordinate coach visits;
- Shann for leading the survey on workshops and classes, and developing an action plan;
- Pip for co-ordinating the displays at the KDC offices;
- Kay for picking up responsibility for developing rosters for members' exhibitions and topping up rosters when needed;
- Elena, Nikolaeva, Grainne Whittle-Pegg and Rebecca Barclay-Clist supporting Nicki as the curation team, and the group supporting the hanging of members' exhibitions;
- Pauline Mann, Steve Marsh and Bidy Mintoff supporting Howard as the lighting team for their artistic and technical skills.

Belinda reported on developments at the Mangawhai Community Park advising that MAI was asked - and agreed - to relinquish the area signaled for a new art space adjacent to museum, for the Daring. Belinda acknowledged Mary-Anne Boyd and Grant Mitchell who had worked hard in the past to secure a space in the park, noting MAI was not in a position at this time to go ahead with the project. Belinda reminded the meeting that members were consulted prior to making the decision and that MAI reserved the right to consider an alternative space in future noting there is a space included in the latest council plan for the community park.

There were no questions received on the annual report.

**It was moved:**

*That the Mangawhai Artists Incorporated Annual Report for the year to 31 March 2023 be received.*

**Moved:** Belinda Vernon

**Seconded:** Joanna Roberts

**CARRIED**

The annual report is on the MAI website <https://www.mangawhaiartists.co.nz/agm.html>

## **7 Financial report**

Belinda invited Raewyn to present the financial report. Raewyn referred members to the summary report highlighting:

- MAI generated a loss of \$10,000 for the year ended 31 March 2023 which was attributed to writing off (depreciating) the workspace over the remaining years of the lease of the land (ending in 2029);
- the gallery and workspace covered their operating expenses, both making a surplus;
- increased income to \$30,000 up from \$25,000 in 2022;
- increased entry and membership fees, and grants income;
- assets \$171,716 and liabilities \$9,305 as at 31 March 2023 – net assets/total equity \$162,412.

**It was moved:**

*That the Mangawhai Artists Incorporated Annual Statements of Financial Performance and Financial Position for the year to 31 March 2023 be received.*

**Moved:** Raewyn Vague

**Seconded:** Jan Grover

**CARRIED**

The financial statements are on the MAI website <https://www.mangawhaiartists.co.nz/agm.html>

## **8 Financial reviewer**

Belinda advised the meeting of the MAI constitutional requirement to confirm a reviewer or auditor at the AGM and that during this financial year, MAI appointed reviewer John Webby stepped down from the role and was replaced by Sandra Hollis.

**It was moved:**

*That this meeting retrospectively appoint Sandra Hollis as reviewer for the 2022/2023 financial year.*

**Moved:** Belinda Vernon

**Seconded:** Mary-Anne Boyd

**CARRIED**

**It was moved:**

*That Sandra Hollis be appointed financial reviewer for the Mangawhai Artists Incorporated 2023/2024 financial year.*

**Moved:** Belinda Vernon

**Seconded:** Raewyn Vague

**CARRIED**

## **9 Election**

Belinda advised nominations were received for chair, deputy chair, secretary, treasurer and four nominations for committee members, and that four late nominations for committee members had been received. Belinda sought leave of the meeting to accept the late nominations.

**It was moved:**

*That the late nominations received for Angela Machray, Lena Nelson, Kay Airey and Shann Whitaker be accepted and proceed to election.*

**Moved:** Belinda Vernon

**Seconded:** Jo Roberts

**CARRIED**

Constitutionally, in addition to the office holders there can be up to eight committee members. Given the required number of nominations had been received and accepted, Belinda advised there was no need to hold an election and declared the committee elected for the coming year.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Moved</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
Chair	Belinda Vernon	Clare Wells	Nicola Everett
Deputy chair	Howard Esler	Clare Wells	Belinda Vernon
Treasurer	Raewyn Vague	Belinda Vernon	Clare Wells
Secretary	Clare Wells	Belinda Vernon	Howard Esler
Committee members	Christine den Hartog	Belinda Vernon	Nicola Everett
	Lynley Bradman	Belinda Vernon	Wendy Leach
	Janèl Colle	Belinda Vernon	Anne Land
	Andrea Graham	Howard Esler	Belinda Vernon
	Shann Whitaker	Shann Whitaker	Nicola Everett
	Angela Machary	Lena Nelson	Mary-Ann Boyd
	Lena Nelson	Kay Airey	Mary-Ann Boyd
	Kay Airey	Lena Nelson	Steve Marsh

## **10 General business**

Belinda advised no matters for general business had been received. She advised that the gallery would be closed for the month of July for maintenance; that the committee meets monthly and will hold a strategy session shortly to plan for the year ahead; and that the 2023/2024 season opens on 11 August 2023 with the members' *Square Round* exhibition. Belinda declared the meeting closed at 3.52pm and invited members to join the committee for refreshments.