



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE FRIENDS OF
THE MUSEUM OF NEW ZEALAND TE PAPA TONGAREWA INC
HELD AT 6PM ON 27 JULY 2022
IN ICON, LEVEL 2, TE PAPA, CABLE ST, WELLINGTON**

PRESENT: Koenraad Kuiper (Chair and President), Executive Committee Members Marion Crawshaw (Vice President), Tim Steel (Treasurer), Bridget Hodgkinson, Joji Jacob, Ann Walker, Catherine Cotter (Temporary Secretary), Aloema Ioane (Administrator), Sharon Taylor-Offord (Communications Manager), and Friends members F Austin, V Breen, C Dryburgh, M Egli, M Elkington, E Ellis, B Eriksen, D Halsted, A Hart, J Hodgkinson, E & C Kay, P Klap, A Kuiper, D Maskill, L McKeown, L Medford, K Mitchell, C Murphy, T Offord, V Schofield, G Shroff, C Turner, S Turner and L Wheeler.

The President welcomed Friends of Te Papa to the meeting and introduced David Maskill, Art Historian and Friends member.

David began his talk *Fiona Pardington and the Tradition of Still-Life*. He had always been interested in the work of artist photographer Fiona Pardington (Ngāi Tahu, Kati Mamoe, Ngāti Kahungunu, Clan Cameron of Erracht). David described some of her earlier work and her interest in the relationship between our part of the world and Europe. Then he showed a photograph that can be seen in Pardington's current exhibition *Te whitinga o te pō (the shining lady of the night)* at The Dowse Art Museum, which the Friends are intended to visit.

David explained how Pardington draws from and references still-lives in European art in her photography. Examples used include a Caravaggio painting from 1600, *Still-life with Basket of Fruit*. Evident in the painting is the theme of death, with its spoilt fruit and wilted leaf. Another example was a Clara Peeters 'breakfast piece' from 1611. The painting features an 'embarrassment of riches' from the Netherlands' internationally derived wealth and power and other symbolism. Peeters also painted herself, and a self-portrait from about 1610 was shown, with the artist dressed in and surrounded by finery.

David stated that Pardington knows and is highly conscious of these traditions. He moved between Peeters' works from the 1610s and Pardington's 2014 works, homing in on fine and specific detail to illustrate Pardington's awareness of and deliberate reference to European still-life. For example, a theme of Dutch still-lives was the inclusion of luxurious, exotic and unusual items from all over the world, including Dutch colonies. Pardington takes this to an extreme by including a bottle labelled 'unicorn blood' in one of her works.

The inevitability of death, and that the passage of time will eventually see us all obliterated, is another theme that runs the length of the history of the still-life and one to which Pardington is drawn. Pardington plays with it and twists it, and David concluded his talk by saying that is one reason why she is such an important artist.

The President thanked David Maskill and briefly commented on what about David's talk had struck him. Then he thanked everyone for coming to the AGM and made special mention of Lisa McEwan and Kate Mitchell, the Friends' honorary solicitors who were in attendance, and declared the meeting open.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Executive Committee Members Nicola Kirkup (Secretary), Helen Pinson and Richard Norman, and from members:

Jim Pinson, Jay & Judy Berryman, Jan Cranston, Gill Knox, Cathy Lythe, Heather Macfarlane, Juliet Smith, David & Chris Stevens, Jillian & Peter Wellings, Gillian Steel, Ian & Margaret Garrett, and Jan Blayney.

No apologies were presented at the meeting.

THAT the apologies be sustained

AGREED

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 29 September 2021 had been circulated.

THAT the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 29 September 2021 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record

Koenraad Kuiper / Crispin Kay: AGREED

3. PERFORMANCE REPORT INCLUDING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The Treasurer presented the Friends of Te Papa Performance Report, including the service performance statement, financial statements and an independent assurance report, for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Tim explained the information had been helpfully summarised in the President's report. A limited review had been done by the auditors, which was all that was required this year, and they had given a positive review.

The financial year had ended with a profit of \$32,931 – an improvement on the previous year. The profit was due to three tours being held, covid-19 government grants and subsidies, and members' attendance at events. The Treasurer acknowledged and thanked members for their support. The outcome of the surplus was a sizeable increase to the Friends' accumulated funds.

THAT the Performance Report, which includes the financial statements, for the year ended 31 March 2022, be approved and adopted

Tim Steel / Bridget Hodgkinson: AGREED

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President began by acknowledging the fantastic work of the Executive Committee and said how hard its members had worked over the past year, as evidenced by the increase in the number of hours expended. Executive Committee Members stood and Friends showed their appreciation. Koenraad also thanked Aloema Ioane and Sharon Taylor-Offord on behalf of the Committee and members for all their hard work, especially events.

Koenraad briefly referenced the investment of some of the year's profit on replacing the Friends' website and on research grants for Te Papa staff. He had talked about the grants in one of his recent columns and they are a way for the Friends to fulfil their role of supporting Te Papa. He concluded by thanking Friends present and absent.

THAT the President's report be received

Koenraad Kuiper / Elizabeth Kay: AGREED

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

The President observed that no office bearers had declared an intention to cease their roles. Then he announced Helen Pinson's resignation from the Executive Committee and thanked her for energetically and helpfully setting up the Committee's events team. Helen goes with the thanks of the Committee for all her work with them.

Koenraad announced that one nomination for the Executive Committee had been received. Joji Jacob may be known to members as he has given presentations in the past. Friends showed their appreciation for Joji's three year appointment to the Committee.

THAT Joji Jacob be elected to the Executive Committee

Koenraad Kuiper / Catherine Cotter: AGREED

Then Koenraad introduced Friends to Samantha Turner. Samantha has been co-opted onto the Executive Committee for one year and will lead its events team. Friends showed their appreciation to Samantha for volunteering to be a part of the Committee.

6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

The President explained that the Friends' records receive full and limited audits in alternate years.

THAT Accounting for Charities Trust be reappointed as Auditor

Koenraad Kuiper / Tim Steel: AGREED

7. APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY SOLICITOR

THAT Duncan Cotterill be reconfirmed Honorary Solicitors

Koenraad Kuiper / Tim Steel: AGREED

8. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE FRIENDS OF TE PAPA'S CONSTITUTION

The President referred to two documents. One set out current wording and proposed changes to articles 3.3 and 5.4 of the Constitution and Rules of the Friends of the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa Inc. The other document was the Friends' constitution, marked as updated in 2016. The proposed changes modernise and simplify articles that deal with communications media and eligibility to attend and vote at general meetings.

THAT the changes proposed be made to article 3.3 and 5.4 of the Constitution and Rules of the Friends of the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa Inc

9. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE FRIENDS OF TE PAPA'S MEMBERSHIP FEES AND STRUCTURE

The President referred to the proposal to change the structure and cost of Friends' memberships. He explained the Committee had agreed the structure needed to be simplified and to every member paying the same amount, with children and student membership free. The Vice President had worked on the proposal and the Committee was happy to answer questions.

Past Committee members explained some of the rationale underpinning the current membership fees and structure. Members who lived outside of Wellington, for example, faced additional transport costs to attend Friends' events at or associated with the national museum.

Friends asked about the treatment of multiyear memberships. Current multiyear memberships would be recognised and no new ones offered. They are much more time consuming to administer and resource than single-year memberships, including having to be recognised as forward year liabilities on the Friends' books. The Friends has substantially fewer human resources than it once did and the Committee wants the focus to be on events for members, not manual administration.

Friends noted the jump in cost as significant for two-person households moving from dual membership to two single memberships, which could lead to a loss of members. Marion described the comparative analysis undertaken for similar membership organisations in the main cities.

Friends inquired as to whether there were any institutional or corporate members and if they paid a fee. There are currently no such members. Koenraad noted the Committee is gradually building reciprocal relationships with like membership organisations around the country and that the Te Papa Foundation has institutional members.

Friends queried whether other Wellington organisations would have made better comparators and sought clarification on voting rights, which Koenraad provided. With the simpler membership, and the changes to the constitution agreed at the previous agenda item, only single memberships would be offered, with each financial member entitled to one vote.

Koenraad brought the discussion to an end and asked those present to vote.

THAT the changes proposed be made to the Friends of Te Papa's membership fees and structure

Koenraad Kuiper / Bridget Hodgkinson: AGREED

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

None.

11. CLOSE

The President thanked everyone for their time and engagement. The meeting closed at 7:05pm.

Confirmed as a true and accurate record

President

Date