

Minutes of the Paekākāriki Surf Lifeguards 2026 AGM

Clubhouse, Paekākāriki

Meeting opened 3.10 pm.

The Club President, Nat Perkins, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone along to the 113th year of the club. She gave a special welcome to Life Members, our SLSNZ President (Jim) and Patron, Jenny Rowan.

Karakia (Matt)

1. Attendance:

Nat Perkins, Matt Warren, Dave Jones, Shane Radovanovich, Jenny Rowan, Janet Holborow, Jim Warwick, Sandra Bednarek, Ally Jones, Peter Jones, Henry Curtis, Hayley Goertzen, Emma Norris, Shelley Cheyne, Teri Anderson, Richard Whinham, Chris Eastham, Nicolas Cecioni, Maryanne Kavanagh, Jenny Rowan, Michele McDonald, Tristan McDonald, Mike Bennett, Ron Valentine, Betty Valentine, Nicola Anderson, Laura Taylor, Jamie Nilsson, Harper Whinham, Eloise Whinham

2. Apologies for Absence:

Lois and Joost Brinck, Nancy Pollock, Marie Boddington, Elyse Robert, Aaron Richardson, Dale Wills, Sheriff Whanau, Carol Quirk, John Hook, Lynette & James Imrie, Robbie & Ben Strombom

Moved Michele/ Seconded Ally

CARRIED

3. Passing of Friends:

The Patron acknowledged the passing of members and families:

Russell Hodder - Nat noted Russell was a great coach and a life member

Nat asked the meeting to stand in remembrance of Russell.

4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2025 AGM

Moved Ron Valentine/ Seconded Peter Jones

CARRIED

5. Matters arising from the minutes

Nothing noted.

6. Consideration of, an adoption of, the 2025/26 Annual Report and Financial Statements

Printed copies of the report were available at the AGM, and Laura will circulate the online version following the meeting. The Chair, Matt Warren, spoke to the Annual Report. He acknowledged that despite a busy and challenging year, the club delivered an outstanding season across all areas — lifeguarding, events, and membership growth. Matt expressed his thanks to everyone involved in keeping the club running smoothly. The club refreshed 102 lifeguards this season, and the sports teams also achieved great results.

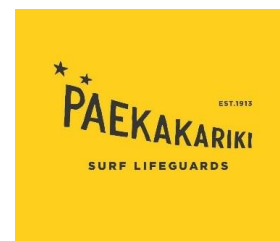
Annual report – Moved Peter Jones/ Seconded Shelley

CARRIED

Financial statements

The Club Treasurer, Sandra Bednarek, spoke to the 25/26 finances and noted the following:

- Large amounts have been allocated towards the building during the year. There was another significant contribution from SLSNZ which will appear in the next financial period. The last few years have been varied due to one-off funding amounts.
- We receive government funding, and membership subscriptions/TECs, to cover our operating expenses.



- Thanks were extended to Emma Norris for all her work on grants, and to Karen Warren-Simpson and the rest of the fundraising committee for their continued efforts.
- Matt gave thanks to Sandra, Laura, and Sandra for their joint effort looking after the finances and audit.
- It was moved that the membership accept the Annual Report and Financial Statements.

Financial Statements – Moved Ally/ Seconded Shelley

CARRIED

7. Election of Officers

Nominations were received for most Committee positions in advance of the AGM.

President Natasha Perkins — Nominated Matt / Seconded All

CARRIED

The following roles had nominations in advance and were elected together:

- Chair — Henry Curtis
- Finance Officer — Sandra Bednarek
- Building Officer — Peter Jones
- Membership and Wellbeing Coordinator — Chris Eastham
- Communication and Community Engagement Coordinator — Nicola Anderson
- Lifeguarding Manager — Ally Jones
- Member Education Coordinator — Caylee Cooke
- Senior Sport Coordinator — Dave Jones
- Boat Captain — Hayley Goertzen
- Junior Surf Coordinator — Vicki Eastham

Moved Emma / Seconded Teri

CARRIED

The following roles had no nominations. They will be recruited by the Committee.

- Youth Captain
- IRB Officer

Two additional positions may be co-opted by the committee if required. The Committee expects to co-opt the following roles during the 26/27 year.

- Grants
- Building

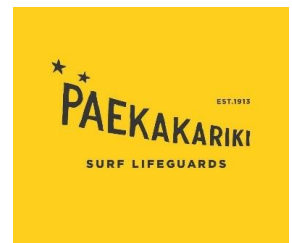
Thanks to those standing down from the Committee for your hard work.

Matt noted that the club intends to pilot reinstating a Club Captain role. This is to help balance workload across the Committee, particularly given the significant responsibilities held by the Chair and Lifesaving Manager. The aim is to strengthen governance and reduce the operational load on the Chair. He proposed that Richard Whinham trial the role for the 2026/27 season and explore how it could work in practice and what the role could involve.

Club Captain role - Moved Matt / Seconded Teri CARRIED

8. Update on the new building project

Henry Curtis updated the club about the building project. A detailed update is in the Annual Report. We are almost there and the club is planning a Grand opening before next season (17th October). Thanks to Tristan, PJ, and everyone else who has helped get us to this position. Matt thanked Henry for running the Construction Committee.



Matt Warren gave a fundraising update. He noted that the additional funding from SLSNZ needed to be spent by 30 June, leaving a very limited timeframe. He thanked Tristan for making that happen. Matt also thanked Sargood Trust for their significant contribution, and extended a huge thank you to Karen, Emma, and the rest of the Fundraising Committee for their hard work.

A private iwi blessing was held on Friday 3 July, meaning the club is now officially welcomed to use the building. At the blessing, the iwi gifted the building the name 'Haumia', which carries significant meaning, especially following the passing of Karl Farrell last year. Nat reiterated the importance of Ngāti Haumia and their long-standing commitment to the building. Janet Holborow, Mayor of Kāpiti, thanked everyone for their hard work and spoke about the significance of the name and its connection with Karl. Nat also highlighted the importance of the facility as a community hub and said she would like to see local children welcomed and encouraged to use it.

9. Awards

The Chair presented the following club service awards:

Club Service

Jago Dallow

Ally Jones

Thank you to both of you for your service to the club.

Meeting closed at 3.45pm

Date of the first meeting of the new Management Committee

21st July, 7pm