

**Friends of Pātaka Inc AGM 2025
(Registered Charity number CC26074)**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2025
Held in the Helen Smith Meeting Room, Pātaka, Porirua**

Wednesday 23 April 2025

The meeting commenced at 2.00pm

President Frances Austin welcomed all, and introduced the guest speaker, Mayor of Porirua, Anita Baker. Mayor Baker began by acknowledging the contribution that Friends of Pātaka make to Pātaka, a Porirua City Council facility. She outlined the art and culture initiatives that PCC has undertaken to promote artists and to foster the Porirua community e.g, the Writers Walk, the Aniva Artists Residency, Toi Rama, artist inspired chorus boxes and lightboxes, several festivals. Mayor Baker stressed the importance of the arts in building a sense of community in Porirua.

President Frances thanked Anita Baker, and the meeting proper began at 2.20 pm.

Present: Meryll Evans, Lorna Kanavatoa Jane Bolton, Sue Mortlock, Allan Dodson, Gillian Dodson, Robin Simpson, Liz Rockel, Jenny Jakobs, Frances Austin, Christine Healy, Angela Ryan, Julie Englebretson, Rebecca Spinks, Carmen Jennings, Jenny Brash, Gay Hay, Penny Gorman, Tom kneebone, Paula Van Wijman, Anne Sommerville, Neville Sommerville, Tonya Short, Stuart McPherson, Anne Doggett, Ron Doggett

Note: Committee members for 2025/26 are underlined.

Apologies: Roger Joyce, Robyn Parker, Barbara Marshall, Peter Coolbear, Karen Pullar, Nanine Patterson, Glenys Denz

Minutes of 2024 AGM: Moved, Gill Dodson Seconded, Angela Ryan

Matters Arising: None

Annual Report: President, Frances Austin read the Presidents Report.
Moved : Frances Austin, Seconded: Jenny Brash

Financial Report: Jane Bolton, spoke to the Financial Report noting the Report had been reviewed by Tony Cross.

Moved: Jane Bolton, seconded: Lorna Kanavatoa

Election of Officers: President Frances announced that the following committee members are standing again for re election:
Meryll Evans, Jenny Jakobs, Roger Joyce, Lorna Kanavatoa, Jane Bolton
(Treasurer) Frances Austin, (President) Christine Healy.

There were two nominations for new committee members, Julie Englebretson, nominated by Frances Austin and seconded by Sue Mortlock. Rebecca Spinks, nominated by Frances Austin, seconded by Meryll Evans. Frances Austin asked if there were any further nominations. Angela Ryan nominated Carmen Jennings, Seconded Christine Healy. Jenny Brash moved the nominations be accepted, seconded by Gill Dodson. Moved unanimously. Frances thanked the incoming committee.

President: Frances Austin: moved, Lorna Kanavatoa, seconded, Jane Bolton

Treasurer: Jane Bolton : moved, Frances Austin, seconded, Gill Dodson

Secretary to be appointed at a later date.

General Business: Lorna Kanavatoa asked that the minutes record the passing of Robyn Kahukiwa, an internationally acclaimed artist and a Porirua local.

President Frances thanked outgoing committee members Liz Rockel, Gill Dodson and Sue Mortlock, and presented them with flowers.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 2.45 pm

Signed 

Dated 27.11.2025