

**Minutes of the 29th AGM of Aotearoa Quilters Inc, held on 16th September 2023,
at 5.00pm at Southward Car Museum, 250 Otaihanga Road, Paraparaumu**

Welcome Karakia

Given by Cindy Dobbin

Present:

Lee Matthews Bakker, Kay Booth, Liz Godfrey, Fliss Ellison, Bobby Duncan, Judie Wert, Yvonne Moore, Heather Craig, Hilary Blamires, Nita Harding, Lorna Newsome, Anne Adams, Christine Singleton, Lisa Call, Catherine McDonald, Cindy Dobbin, Sue Roper, Suzanne Sage, Susan Mary Tiddy, Heather McOnie, Marge Hurst

Apologies:

Julie Devlin, Mary Napper, Loranne McGowan, Yvonne Roberts, Valda Sutton, Jenny Ayden, Charlotte Scott, Anne Groufsky, Donna-Marie Farmer, Marie Williams, Juliet Fitness, Sandie Sixtus, Maria Rohs, Merian Davis, Shirley Sparks, Julia Williams, Alice Jones, Julia Arden, Christine Hart, Sally Jenkins, Cathrine Parkinson, Sonya Prchal, Jenny Hunter, Ann Lemon, Maryann James, Jo Hollings, Barbara Macfarlane, Lois Parish Evans, Alison Gibb, Jacqui Hale, Christine Proffit, Paula Cole, Mary Korver, Deborah de Lorenzo, Sheryl Anicisn

Catherine McDonald moved that the apologies be accepted. Seconded by Judie Wert. Carried.

Minutes of 2022 AGM:

The Minutes had been circulated.

One correction was noted. Yvonne Moore was present but not noted as such.

Nita Harding moved that the Minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Seconded by Jenny Fagan. Carried.

Matters Arising:

Nil

Financial Report:

The Financial Report for the year ending 30 April 2023 has been circulated.

Heather Craig noted the main points in the Financial Report.

Heather Craig moved that the Financial Report be accepted. Seconded by Fliss Ellison. Carried

President's Report:

The President's Report for the year ending 30 April 2023 has been circulated.

Lorna Newsome moved that the President's Report be accepted. Seconded by Catherine McDonald. Carried.

Constitution Update:

The Incorporated Societies Act (1908) which has set out requirements for the operation of incorporated societies has been replaced by the Incorporated Societies Act (2022). Every society will need to reregister under this Act. The registration period will run from October 2023 to April 2026. The registration process will require an up-to-date constitution. Aotearoa Quilter's constitution does cover some of the new requirements however there are others that will need to be added. The committee plan to proceed with the task during the next financial year and have an updated constitution for consideration at the 2024 AGM.

General Business:

1. International Quilts Challenge

The quilts submitted for the International Challenge are in Japan but inaccessible at the moment. The person who was looking after the quilts is unwell and apparently not residing at her house. Julia Arden has a contact in Japan she is liaising with to try and secure the return of the quilts.

2. Replacement of committee members

There were no vacancies on the committee this year therefore no election of committee members was required. The term for committee members is up to 6 years. The Committee will have a strategic planning meeting in March 2024 and at this meeting will plan for future rotation of committee members to ensure there is sufficient succession planning for all roles.

3. GNZQS 2025

The next Great New Zealand Quilt Show will be held in Christchurch from 16–18 May 2025. A suitable venue has been secured. Christchurch was selected as this will promote Aotearoa Quilters in the South Island and opens up the opportunity for quilters and merchants who don't attend North Island events to attend a national event.

Closing Karakia

Given by Cindy Dobbin

Meeting closed at 5.25pm