



Horticulture New Zealand Incorporated
19th Annual General Meeting
held at Bay Park, Tauranga
Friday 30 August 2024, 8.00am

Present

Board Members

Barry O'Neil
Bernadine Guilleux
Alistair Petrie
Brydon Nisbet
Doug Brown
Hugh Ritchie
Kathryn de Bruin
Murray Denyer
Dr Bruce Campbell
Logan Whenuaroa

President/Chair
Vice President/Deputy Chair

MINUTES

1. Welcome & Apologies

Horticulture New Zealand (HortNZ) President/Chair, Barry O'Neil welcomed members, life members, guests and staff to the 19th AGM of Horticulture New Zealand Incorporated.

The following apologies were noted:

- Murray Stevens
- Stephen Darling
- Shaun K
- Gary Bennetts
- Leon Stellar
- Julian Raine
- Andrew Fenton
- Brendan Balle

2. Voting and proxies

The HortNZ General Manager – Corporate Services, Lucy Haberfield advised that 23 proxies were received and of those proxies 19 were valid.

3. Obituaries

A Moments silence was held in remembrance of:

- Alan Noble

- George Wise
- Issy Duckworth
- John Pescini
- David Coker
- Eddie Clark
- Roger Bell
- Alan Pye

4. Approve Minutes of Meeting of the 18th Annual General Meeting

Motion 1 – 2023 AGM Minutes

Moved: HortNZ Board/Hugh Moore

That: the Minutes of the 18th Annual General meeting of Horticulture New Zealand Incorporated, held on 3 August 2023 at Te Pae Christchurch Convention Centre be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Carried

5. President's and Chief Executive's Report

Motion 2 – President & CEO Reports for the year ending 31 March 2024

Moved: HortNZ Board/Liana White

That: the President's and CEO's Reports for the financial year ending 31 March 2024, as published in the Annual Report, be taken as read and adopted

Carried

[One (1) abstention was noted]

The President, Barry O'Neil thanked outgoing CEO Nadine Tunley for everything she have achieved for the growers and HortNZ in her tenure and wished her all the best.

Barry O'Neil announced Kate Scott who was in attendance as the new Chief Executive of HortNZ from 17 October 2024.

6. Approve the audited 2023/24 Financial Statements

Motion 3 – 2023/24 Annual Accounts

Moved: HortNZ Board/Mark Mayston

That: the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 be adopted.

Carried

7. Approve the Levy Rate

Motion 4 - Setting the Levy Rate

Moved: HortNZ Board/Calvin Geddes

That: the 2025-year levy rate for the purposes of the Commodity Levies (Vegetables and Fruit) Order 2019 remain and be set for domestic sales at 0.14% of the price received at the first point of sale, for export sales remain and be set at 0.14% of the price received after the deduction of all offshore costs and for processed sales remain and be set at 0.14% of the notional process value

Carried

8. Director Remuneration

Motion 5 Director Remuneration

Moved: Lesley Wilson/John Murphy

That: the Directors' remuneration increases by 2.5% from the 2023/24 level for the 2024/25 financial year as follows:

Position	Current	Proposed
Director	\$31,477	\$33,051
Vice-President	\$39,097	\$41,052
President	\$84,665	\$88,898

The proposed Remuneration was **approved**.

Carried

[Two (2) abstentions were noted]

The President thanked Lesley Wilson and the independent Remuneration Committee (Lesley Wilson, Dacey Balle & John Milford) for their work noting that Linda Flegg & Richard Palmer will be added to the committee to replace John Milford & Dacey Balle who are stepping down.

9. Endorse the 2024/25 budget

Motion 6 – 2024/25 Budget

Moved: HortNZ Board/Liarna White

That: That the Budget for the year ended 31 March 2025 be endorsed

Carried

10. Approve auditors for 2024/25

Motion 7 - Approve the Auditors for 2024/25

Moved: HortNZ Board/Liarna White

That: BDO, Wellington, be appointed auditors for the year ended 31 March 2025

The President advised the members that this year we had a change of BDO audit partner and felt that we did not need to change our Auditor.

11. Changes to the Horticulture NZ Constitution

(Motions 8 & 9 require 75% approval from the membership and voting papers were provided)

Motion 8: Revocation of Constitution and adoption of replacement Constitution on re-registration under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022. That with effect from the date of re-registration of the Society under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022, the Constitution and Rules of Horticulture New Zealand Incorporated as last amended on 22 September 2022 be revoked and be replaced in their entirety by the Constitution of Horticulture New Zealand Incorporated in the form attached to the Notice of Meeting.

The Directors and Legal Counsel Julie Crengle spoke to the proposed amendments to the Horticulture New Zealand Incorporated's Constitution.

The motion was then opened for discussion. Members spoke to the motion raising a concern at the proposed removal of requirement for Horticulture Industry Forum. No other concerns were voiced.

Moved: HortNZ Board/Linda Flegg

That: the proposed changes to the Constitution be **approved**.

Not Carried

72% approval of the required 75% threshold was received - the motion was not approved.

Motion 9 was withdrawn 28 August 2024

Motion 9: That ALL voting rights for the Horticulture New Zealand AGM is aligned with the commodity levy voting of, total production value of the Grower Members, present in person or by proxy. The proposal is to amend sections: 9. MATTERS RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF CONFERENCES subsection (j) Voting: (i) Voting at the AGM and at all other general meetings of the society will be on the basis of one vote per Active Grower Member, unless a dual vote is required pursuant to clause 9(g). AND SECTION 12. MANAGEMENT OF THE SOCIETY subsection (e) The election of directors will take place as follows: (v) Voting for the election of the Board will be on the basis that each Active Grower Member will have one vote. Proposed by Mr Apple Limited

Withdrawn by the proponents

12. Results of the 2024 Director Elections

The Election was managed by Electionz.

The President announced that Bernadine Guilleux & Brydon Nisbet were due for re-election.

Bernadine & Brydon stood unopposed and therefore duly re-elected. Congratulations.

13. General Business

Award Recipients for 2024:

Dr. Stuart Davis (Bledisloe Cup)

Kris Robb (Presidents Cup)

John Dine (Industry Award)

Nelson/Tasman Pasifika Community Trust (Manaaki Award)

Aotearoa Tongan Health Workers Association (Manaaki Award)

14. Closing

The President, Barry O'Neil noted that he was looking forward to working with members to work through the Constitution rule changes that everyone is happy with.

Barry thanked everyone who attended everyone for their attendance. The meeting was closed at 9.30am.

In Attendance

Hugh Ritchie	Brydon Nisbet	Kate Scott	Alistair Petrie
Rowena Bennett HortNZ	Murray and Margaret Turley Turley Farms	Antony Heywood VNZI	Lisa Eames HortNZ
Jacob Lawes Agrichain	Geoff Lewis Tendertips	Geoff Oliver Kiwi Produce	Grace Fulford
Linda Flegg	Mark Mayston	Neil McLoughlin	Arjune Dahya HortNZ
Mark Shelley HortNZ	Andre DeBruin	Kathryn DeBruin	Murray Denyer
Bernadine Gullieux	Doug Brown	Logan Whenuaroa	Calvin Gedye
Karen Morrish	Liarna White	Simon Wilcox	Ed Spencer
Oliver Rowling	Barry O'Neil	Lucy Haberfield	Jerry Prendergast United Fresh
Chelsea Donnelly HortNZ	Cam Lewis Tendertips	Anthony Blundall	Doug Nilsson
Gary Jones Mr Apple	Colin Bond KGI	Lesley Wilson NZAPI	Jamie Wells Balle Bros
Kate Trufitt PNZ	Kazi Talaska ONZ	Sheree Phillips PNZ	Ross Bawden Oceanview Orchard
Midge Munro Darling Group	Scott Lawson Lawson Organic Farm	Chris Bray MAF NZ	Hans Maurer Agrichain
Allen Lim VNZI/Jade Garden	Brad Davies Fruit grower	Dean Langrell-Read Wilcox	Stuart Davis
Mark Arnold	Richard Burke	David Hadfield	Trudy Webb
Kerri ?	John Murphy	Nick Pollock	Scott Fong
Kirit Makam	Mevan Ofsoki	Sophie Twigley	Adam Jory Woodhaven Gardens
Kelvin Bezuidenhout Blueberries	Adrienne Sharp T&G Global	Leanne Roberts Thymebank	Dean Smith
Mathew Bannish First Fresh	Dr Bruce Campbell	Heidi Hitchman	Kate Longman
Rebecca Fisher	Nadine Tunley	Michelle Sands	Antony Heywood
Matt Thorn			