

**MINUTES OF THE HORTICULTURE NEW ZEALAND INC**  
**18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**TE PAE CONVENTION CENTRE, CHRISTCHURCH**  
**ON THURSDAY 03 AUGUST 2023 AT 1.00PM.**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Barry O'Neil	President/Chair
	Bernadine Guilleux	Vice-President
	Bruce Campbell	
	Hugh Ritchie	
	Kate Truffitt	
	Kathryn de Bruin	
	Brydon Nisbet	
	Murray Denyer	
	Tony Howey	
	Nadine Tunley	Chief Executive Officer
Lucy Haberfield	GM Corporate Services	

**1 WELCOME FROM PRESIDENT AND APOLOGIES**

Horticulture New Zealand (HortNZ) President and Chair, Barry O'Neil, welcomed members, life members, guests, and staff to the 18th AGM of Horticulture New Zealand Inc.

The following apologies were noted.

Gary Bennetts  
Emma Lee  
Al Petrie  
Lesley Wilson  
Gary Baldwin  
Linda Flegg

**2 VOTING AND PROXIES**

The HortNZ Chief Executive, Nadine Tunley, advised that eight proxies had been received (directed to support all motions presented). The proxies were allocated to:

The Chair      8

Those members holding proxies were present.

### 3 OBITUARIES

A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of:

- Laurie Cooke
- Basil Goodman
- Lawrence Wordsworth
- Ken Fraiser

### 4 MINUTES OF 17TH AGM

There were no amendments to the Minutes.

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

#### **RESOLVED (TONY HOWEY / MIKE ARNOLD)**

**“That the minutes of the 17th AGM of Horticulture New Zealand, held on 21<sup>st</sup> of September 2022 at Headlingly Centre, Nelson be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.”**

The motion was passed unanimously.

### 5 PRESIDENT AND CEO'S REPORT

The President referred members to the President's and CEO's reports from the Annual Report. His slides are available to members on request. The President highlighted the following key points:

- a. He acknowledged and expressed support for the many challenges faced over the past year.
- b. He identified the need for strong collaboration and encouraged continued conversations between product groups and district associations). He vowed that, as President, he would work to support these conversations and collaboration.

Chief Executive, Nadine Tunley, spoke to the AGM. Her slides are available to members on request. She highlighted the following to those present:

- c. The work being undertaken by Horticulture New Zealand regarding Fresh Water Farm Plans, the Resource Management Act (RMA), and the Aotearoa Horticulture Action Plan.
- d. She thanked the Board for their support throughout a difficult year.

The President acknowledged the work of the Chief Executive and staff of Horticulture New Zealand over the last year.

#### **RESOLVED (BARRY O'NEIL / WAYNE HALL)**

**“That the President’s & CEO’s Report for the financial year ending 31 March 2023, as published in the Annual Report, be taken as read and adopted.”**

The motion was passed unanimously.

## **6 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The General Manager Corporate Services, Lucy Haberfield, presented the audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 and explained the variances. These slides are available on request.

### **RESOLVED (KATHRYN DE BRUIN / GEOFF LEWIS)**

**“That the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 be adopted.”**

The motion was passed unanimously.

## **7 LEVY RATE**

There was no change proposed for the 2022 / 2023 levy.

### **RESOLVED (BARRY O’NEIL / HUGH RITCHIE)**

**“That the 2023 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 national process value.”**

The motion was passed unanimously.

## **8 DIRECTOR REMUNERATION**

The Chief Executive presented on Director Remuneration as no members of the Independent Director Remuneration Committee were present.

### **RESOLVED (JULIAN RAINE / WAYNE HALL)**

**That directors’ remuneration remain at the 2022/23 level for the 2023/24 financial year as follows:**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Current Figure</b>
Director	\$31,477
Vice-President	\$39,097

President	\$84,665
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The motion was passed unanimously.

## **9 2022 / 2023 BUDGET**

The General Manager Corporate Services presented the 2023/24 Budget. Given the impacts of recent weather events, 30% decline in levy revenue was anticipated. The Chief Executive and General Manager Corporate Services answered questions regarding the budget.

### **RESOLVED (BERNADINE BALLE-GUILLEUX / ROGER BROWNLIE)**

**“That the Budget for the year ending 31 March 2024 be endorsed.”**

The motion was passed unanimously.

## **10 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

### **RESOLVED (BRYDON NISBET / LIANNA WHITE)**

**“That BDO Wellington Incorporated, be appointed auditors for the year ended 31 March 2024.”**

The motion was passed unanimously.

## **11 AWARDS**

The Chair of the HortNZ Board presented Life Memberships to Murray Stephens, Mike Arnold, and Andre de Bruin.

The Chair also acknowledged the other awards given this year:

- Max Lilley (Bledisloe Cup)
- Colin Jenkins (President's Trophy)
- Mike and Rebecca Casey (Environmental Award)
- Matthew and Jesse Malcolm (Environmental Award)
- Regina and Peter Bumseng (Industry Service Award)
- Dr Jim Walker (Industry Service Award)
- John Jackson (Industry Service Award)
- Grant McKay (Industry Service Award)

## **12 RESULTS OF 2023 DIRECTOR ELECTIONS**

The election was managed independently by Electionz.

The President announced the successful candidates for the 2023 Director

Elections; Al Petrie, Doug Brown, and Hugh Ritchie and congratulated them on their successful election.

The Vice President announced the successful candidate for the Associate Director 2024, Logan Whenuaroa.

The President acknowledged and gave thanks to Kate Trufitt and Tony Howey, whose time on the Board has come to an end.

### **13 GENERAL BUSINESS**

The President encouraged open discussion on the commodity levy renewal process.

HortNZ lawyer, Julie Crengle, presented the Incorporated Societies Act. HortNZ will invite members to approve updated rules at the 2024 AGM. Once registered, HortNZ's officers will have greater duties, particularly regarding the management of conflicts of interest. Her slides are available to members upon request.

A member requested more platforms for open discussion on gene editing during events such as the Horticulture Conference.

### **14 CLOSING**

The chair thanked members for their attendance. The meeting was closed at 2pm.

## In attendance:

Nadine Tunley HortNZ	Rebecca Fisher HortNZ	Lucy Haberfield HortNZ	Michelle Sands HortNZ
Edison Harris HortNZ	Kate Longman HortNZ	Allen Lim Jade Gardens	Thilan Samarawickra Eco Agro
Gary Jones Mr Apple Ltd	Joe Tahana HortNZ	Bruce McKay Heinz Watties Austrlasia	Scott Fong
Andrew Yung A+W Yung	James Kuperus Onions NZ	Riri Ellis Ngāi Tukairangi Trust	Richard Burke Leaderbrand
Quong Fond AH Gorn / Sons Ltd	Stuart Davis Leaderbrand	Anthony Rakid Strawberry Growers NZ	Sally King Strawberry Growers NZ
Barton Witton Kaiaponi	Scott Wilson Kaiaponi	Jess Cranswick NZAPI	Mike Arnold Leaderbrand
Cam Lewis The Tendertips Co	Rodger Brownlie Summerfruit NZ	Kate Hellstrom Summerfruit NZ	Andrea Crawford Summerfruit NZ
Geoff Lewis The Tender Tips Co	Sandy Scarrow Poodle Holdings Ltd	Howie Young Vege NZ	Bobby Lowe
Mike Parker	Chris Robb	David Hadfield	Calvin Gedye
Warwick Simpson	Robert Humphries	Arjune Dahya HortNZ	Andre de Bruin
Trudi Webb	Stephen Darling Darlings Fruit	Julian Raine BNZL	Simon Wilcox ASWilcox
Antony Heywood VNZI	Kazi Talaska Onions NZ	Kirit McKan	Wayne Hall Kaiaponi
Doug Brown	Jen Scoular NZ Avocados	Liama White	Anna Rathé HortNZ
Greg Herries Apatu Farms Ltd	Brendan Herries Roper & Son Ltd	Sue Pickering Develop Ltd	Leon Stallard Claremony
Earnscy Weaver NZ Fruit Growers Charitable Trust	Robyn Stallard Claremony Trust	Andrew Gibbs	Greg Noller
Sam Rainey Manguaelia Asparagus	John Everest Mount Pleasant Farm	Max Lilley Life Member	Owen Symmans Onions NZ
John Murphy Murphys NZ	Colin Bond NZKGI	David Tanner Dartmoor Apple Orchard	Deb Francis AgRecruit
Mark Mayston NZKGI	Sean Camackan Western Orchrds	Lockie Carnachan Western Orchards	Raj Singh Summerfruit NZ
Sarah Cameron HortNZ	Chelsea Donnelly HortNZ	David Eden Life Member	P Cargivlo JSEL
Brian Garsivl Life Member	Andrew Fenton	Matt Carter First Fresh / Hill Road Orchard	Anthony Blondell Kaipara Kumera Ltd
Simon Tallon Fresh Berry Company	Mat Woods MPI	Ellen Patterson MPI	Eileen Newland-Walker
Scott Lawson Lof Ltd	Frank Hickmott Hickmott Bros	Richard Mills Summerfruit NZ	Peter Klaassen Craigmore
Chair Wuga	John Murphy	Sean Carnawan	Simon Watson NZ Hot Houses Ltd
Lex Dillon	Ryan Fong Perfect Produce	Garry Fong Perfect Produce	Mike Pouker Parkers Colns
Mark Lewis Judco	Matt Thorn HortNZ	Emma Sherwood	Hugh Moore
Lynda Banks VNZI / PVNZ	Dean Davies PVNZ	Calvin Gedye PVNZ	Warwick Simpson Simpson
Doug Nilsson Dunsmore	Gareth Holder Redloh	David Edar	Alisha Rayns HortNZ