



2018 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date	26 July 2018	Time	7:00-9:00pm
Location	14 Wakefield St, Featherston		

Present	Emily Greenberg (Chair) Maud Bot (Treasurer) Rupert Watson (Board) Patsy Wooles (Board) Shannon Steven (Board) Snita Ahir-Knight (Board) Paul Mason (Board) Dame Lowell Goddard (guest speaker) Siv B. Fjaerestad (Centre Manager) Approximately 45 members of the public attended	Apologies	Several apologies from the public and invitees were received, including: Viv Napier, Mayor SWDC Margaret Craig Sonya Logan Sheridan Evans Gina Smith Carol Wald Grey Tucj Pip Maynard Annelise Schroeder Kara Pennington Colin Olds
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- 1. Welcome and Housekeeping** – Emily
- 2. Karakia timatatanga** - Dick Smith
- 3. Waiata** Featherston Wahine Singers
- 4. Chair's report** – Emily
Emily read her chair's report (which will be put on our website)

NB: Emily clarified that there is no voting at the AGM and the motions and approvals are for the Board. Questions and conversation with everyone present is welcome.

Motion to approve report: Emily/Snita **MOVED**

5. Minutes from 2017 AGM

Motion to approve minutes: Emily/Patsy **MOVED**

6. 2018 Financial Statement and Treasurers Report

Maud introduced herself to the audience and summarised the key points from the Annual Report which was available in print for people to view and which is also available on our website.

Motion to approve Financial Statement and Treasurer's report: Maud/Patsy **MOVED**

- a. Questions: Claire Bleakley – how does the income stream look for next year?
Answer: Maud noted that the financial year closed end of April and so we are already in the next year and that finances for this year are on track.

7. Close of AGM – 7:30

8. Introduction of Guest Speaker, Hon Dame Lowell Goddard – Paul Mason

Our guest speaker was the Hon Dame Lowell Goddard. As the first person of Maori descent to be appointed as a Judge of the High Court Bench, Dame Lowell has also served on several high-profile commissions, including the Independent Police Conduct Authority, the United Nations Subcommittee on the Prevention of Torture and UK's Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse in England and Wales.

Dame Lowell gave an insightful presentation on her personal journey through these three commissions and answered a number of questions from the audience.

The evening closed with a beautiful waiata sung by the Featherston Wahine Singers, followed by a closing karakia by Dick Smith, another waiata and a light supper and conversation.