

# **Kāpiti U3A Celebratory AGM**

## **Tuesday, 14 April 2026**

### **Attendees**

Colin Archer, Ruth Archer, Maureen Benson-Rea, Peter Cogswell, Colin Bleasdale, Marg Bleasdale, Don Bowden, Don Brash, Jane Brash, Margaret Carson, Sandy Clarke, Brian Cumming, Souella Cumming, Caroline de Bruin, Christine Edlin, Jeremy Edwards, Mark Feary, John Gallagher, Sarah Gallagher, Bill Gebbie, Paul Goodhead, Jane Griffith, Helen Griffiths, Jill Griggs, Ernie Grimston, Pauline Hann, Jeanette Hill, Sue Hodgson, Dave Hornblow, Pauline Hornblow, Nelda Hotop, Roger Hynd, Lianne Jaycock, Cheryl Johansen, Jackie Johnson, Terry Kennaway, Judith Le Harivel, Roger Marchant, Jennie Masters, Don Mathieson, Sally Mathieson, Alison Maysmor, Bob Maysmor, Sue Mitchell, Karen Monrad, Mary Oldham, Wim Oosterhoff, Loretta Pomare, Julie Pratt, Larry Purchas, Arnold Robinson, Peter Scholtens, Peter Scott, Merle Stevenson, Julia Tait, John Tovey, Judy Turner, Jan Williams, Peter Wilson, Hilary Wooding

**60** members present.

### **1. Welcome**

Members were welcomed by the meeting chair, Colin Bleasdale.

Bill Gebbie, chair of Porirua U3A was also welcomed. In response, he spoke of the collaboration between Kapiti U3A and Porirua U3A and invited Kapiti members to join in Porirua events and outings, as had occurred in 2025. To find out about events or to register, either visit the Porirua U3A website or contact Bill directly.

### **2. Apologies**

Bill Anderson, Jennifer Boyd, Ross Boyd, Lynda Coleman, David Direen, Denise Direen, Jonty Ellis, Gus Evans, Pat Fletcher, Jean Gilmour, Jenny Glen, Anne Goodhead, Glenys Huggett, Dennis Jenkins, Heather Johnson, Mike Johnson, Diana Litton, Chrissie Lyons, Sharon McIntosh, Hazel Purre, Martin Rossiter, Trish Rossiter, Mary Simpson, John Strode-Penny, Lynne Strode-Penny, Beverly Truscott, Anne Wall, Bev Watkins, Annette Woods.

**28** members apologised

### **3. Confirmation of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 8 April 2025**

These were confirmed

(proposed: Colin Bleasdale, seconded: Peter Scholtens, accepted by meeting).

### **4. Report of the committee**

Colin Bleasdale presented the annual report, copies of which were also available in the room.

Key-points of his presentation included:

- new events undertaken in 2025 included the Celebratory AGM, an Arts Trail event and a Spring Event, featuring guest speakers, music and refreshments in an attractive setting.

An Events Committee was formed to organise these events, and will continue to do so in 2026. Volunteers to join or assist this committee are welcomed.

- the wide range of interest groups remains active, with new groups like the recent Our world matters group are encouraged. Conveners were thanked for roles with these groups, and were formally acknowledged at a cafe event in 2025, which will be repeated in 2026.

- Kaleidoscope remains our biggest interest group, and Jane Griffiths and her team were thanked for their ongoing work.

- Members who died in 2025 were acknowledged, including Peter Hodgson and Costa Botes, both of who contributed significantly to U3A.

- Financial and committee membership matters were alluded to, but covered in the agenda items below. The current committee was thanked, and resigning members thanked for their contributions, including Phil Glasson for his long term tenure, including 9 years as Webmaster; and Julia Kennedy for her expertise in Governance matters.

- new lifetime membership cards were introduced. This entailed some additional short term cost, but long term saving (eg distribution costs) merit this move.

## **5 Financial Report**

Full financial statements were distributed to all U3A members in advance of the AGM, and paper copies available during the meeting. Wim Oosterhoff, as Treasurer, presented the reports highlighting:

- income from members rose to \$7355 (from \$6870), but overall income fell, due to zero income in 2025 from Grants. This recognised that Kapiti U3A had built up significant reserves in recent years, so further Grant income was inappropriate at this point.

- Accordingly, the committee was comfortable running at a deficit in 2025. This is seen as a short term approach, and membership subscription rates may need to be increased at some future point, though no proposal for this is currently on the table.

- expenses rose from \$8950 to \$15535, partly due to the one off cost of badge printing, but also due to increases in postage (and other sundry costs) and honoraria (the biggest single expense item). Honoraria costs arose from the previous decision not to employ a paid administrator, and the consequent increase in demands for committee members' time. The option of a paid administrator role will be revisited in 2026, and this would also influence the appropriateness of honoraria in future.

- the year ended with net assets of \$35k (down from \$41.5k), which the committee felt comfortable with as a managed result.

A series of questions were asked by meeting members. Questions and answers are summarised below:

- **Q:**What is the ideal reserve level? **A:** In Wim's view, \$15-20k.

- **Q:** Are the reserves attributable to Kapiti U3A or do some belong to Kaleidoscope?  
**A:** They are separate Treasurers for U3A and Kaleidoscope, though a single bank account is used, so the financial statements include the financial performance of Kaleidoscope (NB: Kaleidoscope is an interest group of Kapiti U3A, albeit the significantly largest one). Where appropriate, the figures for Kaleidoscope are identified separately in the accounting tables and/or notes to the accounts.

- several questions related to honoraria (whether the total was too high; whether any honoraria were appropriate). Wim answered that the payments were small when considered on an hourly basis for work done. Various meeting members spoke to the topic, some opposed to honoraria and some in favour. The incoming committee will address this issue

(along with consideration of whether to reemploy a paid administrator) in 2026.

Wim proposed:       the Accounts be accepted;  
                              seconded by Bridget Pomare,  
                              and agreed by the meeting.

## **6. Election of members of the committee.**

Four members of the current committee put themselves forward for re-election: Colin Bleasdale, Dave Hornblow, Pauline Hornblow and Wim Oosterhof.

Two nominations were received from Colin Archer and Judith Le Harivel. As there were fewer candidates than positions, all were elected unopposed.

The committee has power to co-opt during the year and invites further volunteers to come forward.

## **7. Other business**

Members asked whether our processes and accounting reports comply with current legislation and whether formal audits were required or appropriate.

Assurances were given that there is full compliance with both legislation and our own constitution.

**Meeting closed at 12.22pm.**