

Minutes of RVRANZ Wellington Region 2019 AGM

(Held at Summerset at Aotea, Porirua at 10am on 23 May 2019)

Present: Regional Committee (Glynis Denz, Brian Daw, Sandra Edridge, Erin McMenamin, Eunice Mowles, and Alan Royal) plus 73 others.

Local Host John Kelly welcomed all and gave a building safety briefing.

Introduction: Chairperson Glynis Denz opened the meeting and welcomed everyone, with special mention of guest speakers Nigel Matthews (National Manager) and Graham Kelly.

Guest Speaker 1: Nigel Matthews spoke to a Power Point display and covered his personal family circumstances and his role and activities undertaken since appointment as National Manager. He provided examples of bad practice by management in various villages. He emphasised the need for a strong and effective association and this was welcomed by the audience who appreciated the work being undertaken. His main tasks are to develop more effective communications, to increase membership by 10% this year, and to develop the finances of the Association.

Guest Speaker 2: Graham Kelly spoke about the problems with the current Code of Practice and the work being undertaken to make it a fairer and more balanced document. The Code was written by industry owners (the Retirement Villages Association) at a time when there was no organised association representing residents. He provided examples of cases where practise had seriously affected the rights of residents.

Committee Report: The Chairperson then presented the Wellington Committee's report covering its activities since being elected at the July 2018 National AGM in Wellington. She expressed appreciation for the role played by Rory O'Connor, the first Wellington Chairperson who sadly he had to resign due to personal circumstances, and to other members of the committee in Wellington City, Petone, Trentham, and Whitby areas. Considerable progress has been made recruiting new members with Whitby Lakes now having 107 members. The work of RVRANZ has been made known in other areas, such as Kapiti, Upper Hutt, and other parts of Wellington, with attention to be given to the Wairarapa next year.

The Chair moved that her report be received, seconded by Melinda Wishnowski - carried.

Treasurer's Report: Erin McMenamin presented her financial report for the period ending 31 March 2019. This showed a balance of \$599.30. Erin moved that her report be accepted, seconded by Sandra Edridge – carried.

Elections: It was reported that Alan Royal and Erin McMenamin were standing down leaving vacancies on the committee. Committee then nominated its members Glynis Denz, Sandra Edridge, Brian Daw, and Eunice Mowles - agreed. Eunice Mowles nominated Sue Bonsey (Trentham), seconded by Erin McMenamin. Alan Royal nominated Jim Szymkowiak (Village @ the Park), seconded Brian Daw. John Kelly nominates Margaret Hobbs (Aotea), seconded by Glynis Denz. The Chair then moved that all nominations be accepted, seconded by Erin McMenamin – carried. Those unable to accept nominations were Ian Calder (Coastal Villas) and John Kelly (Aotea).

General Business: There was no new matters raised for discussion. All members were invited to refer any matters to the committee for advice or resolution. Rory O'Connor then expressed his gratitude for those committee members who have worked to grow the region since inauguration in July 2018.

Meeting Closed at 11.10am