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Whitewater NZ AGM Minutes 2026

Meeting link:

Monday, 14th September: · 20:00 – 21:00

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/hwp-pcnn-sxp>

Or dial: (NZ) +64 9 886 4086 PIN: 252 874 063#

More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/hwp-pcnn-sxp?pin=5869297263980>

8:00pm Welcome.

Record of Attendees: Nicola Buisman, Blake Luff, Christopher McLellan (AUCC), Ellorine Carle, Graeme Curwen, Heather Gluyas (Canterbury Whitewater Club), Issie Barrett (Canterbury Whitewater Club), John Hunter, Kazuto Kora, Kevin England, Patrick de Jong, Robin Ruter-Bauman (CWWC), Ruth Fleeson (Ruahine Whitewater Club), Sandra Hyslop, Toby McDonald, Zak Shaw, David Cameron, John Western (Hutt Valley Canoe Club)

Apologies Received: Lucas MacDonald, Mike Dawson

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Questions / Comments. *None*

Nicola Motions to accept minutes. Toby seconds.

Annual Report to AGM ☒ President's Report: 2025-2026

Nicola goes through the report.

Robin asks about Kakapotahi work day. Date is still pending, and will be publicised when confirmed.

Questions / Comments.

Nicola Motion to accept report. Ellorine seconds

Financial Statements

☒ 2026 Treasurer's Report

Questions / Comments. *None*

Ellorine motions to accept financial statements. Nicola seconds.

Some discussion about

Election of Officers

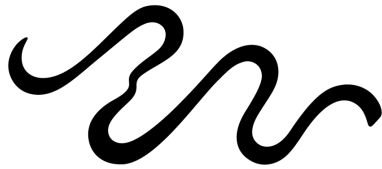
Current board:

President: Nicola Buisman

Vice-President: Blake Luff

Treasurer: Ellorine Carle

Board: Mike Dawson, Patrick de Jong, Toby McDonald, Toni Schollum, Lucas MacDonald



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Nominations:

President: *Nicola Buisman*

Vice-President: *Blake Luff*

Treasurer: *Ellorine Carle*

Board: *Mike Dawson, Patrick de Jong, Toni Schollum, Lucas MacDonald, Graeme Curwen*

Questions / Comments:

Recognition of Toby for all his hard work on the board over the past few years.

Paddler of the Year Award – nominations:

No nominations, so we will do some dedicated socials posts to get some engagement and announce it in a month or so.

General Business

- Rata's request to help with funding signage across the West Coast access rivers (Toaroa, Crooked, Turnbull, Arnold) to clearly state access expectations from farmers for whitewater users (e.g., acceptable parking locations, speed limits, etc). Estimated cost ~\$3000 (4-5 large signs at \$600 per, and ~\$100-200 in timber costs).
 - *We will aim in the first instance to find a grant to cover the cost, and otherwise WWNZ will aim to cover it.*
 - *Zak Shaw mentions that the WWCT has had a significant increase in funding (+1M in the next 5 years), so it is definitely worth strengthening our applications and increasing what we ask for.*
 - *Note also from Sandra that the Westland Canoe Club is getting their incorporation and keen to collaborate on grants.*
 - *Robin also points out that we should be collaborating with PRANZ and sharing the financial burden.*
- Zak Shaw on the Kakapotahi road and new gate
 - *A gate is planned to be installed halfway up the road to deal with vandalism and poaching. This is from Ngai Tahu and the leasee. Ray Tapp and Andrew Jamieson.*
 - *A system will be set up for kayakers to have access to a key.*
 - *Gate will likely be locked in the next 6 weeks.*
 - *Want to have WWNZ involved in the communications with that, but it is decided that Zak will keep the existing relationship with Ray the landowner.*

We received no other notified business by 31/9/26 so as per the constitution there may be discussion of additional matters in general business (but may not be voted on without unanimous agreement of the AGM attendees)

Meeting closed 8.50pm