



## MINUTES

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### **Nelson Tasman Cycle Trails Trust Annual General Meeting**

**Date: 14 October 2019**

**Venue: Board Room, Sports House, 142 Saxton Rd East, Stoke, Nelson 7011.**

**Lunch: 12.30pm Meeting: 1.00pm**

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the 2018 AGM at 1.00pm.

Apologies: Bill Gilbertson, Rose Griffin, Andrew Schwass and Jennifer Dunbar.

**2. Present**

Gillian Wratt (Chair), Rob Douglas (Trustee), Andy Macdonald (Trustee), Josh Aldridge (Trail Manager), Jo Leyland (Trustee), Nikki Neate (Trustee), Virginia Watson (Trustee), Gill Rowe (Administrator), Gisela Purcell (NRDA), Jasmine Foxlee, John Gardner (Nelson Cycle Hire), Nicky McBride (Wheelie Fantastic), Mike van Enter (TDC), Chrissy Clements (Destination Tasman), John Fountain (Mapua41South) and Harry Pearson (Nelson Car Storage).

**3. Minutes of AGM 29 October 2018**

Minutes of the AGM of 29 October 2018 were accepted.

**Moved:** Jo Leyland

**Seconded:** Virginia Watson

**4. Trustee elections**

The Trust Deed stipulates that new trustees can be brought in during the year and be approved by existing Trustees. The trust can have up to 11 members and are appointed for a period of 2 years. Trustees can be re-elected after the 2 years.

Virginia Watson was appointed during the year and is formally acknowledged as a Trustee at today's AGM.

There were two resignations during the year. They were John Kerridge and Chelsea Pannett. Gill Wratt acknowledged their contribution to the Trust and thanked them for their efforts.

The following Trustees are re-elected:

Rob Douglas

Nominated by Gill Wratt  
Seconded by Jo Leyland

Carried.

**5. Chair Report – Gillian Wratt**

The Chair report was tabled.

The Trust has achieved some big milestones over the last year, the opening of the new section of Great Taste Trail between Wakefield and Hoult Valley Road means riders can now cycle from Nelson to Kohatu – 57 km of continuous trail (125 km of trail altogether). Josh Aldridge is re-engaging with land owners on the section of trail between Hoult Valley Road and Wai-iti domain. The Trust's preference is to shift this section of trail away from SH6, instead following the Wai-iti river to the domain.

Negotiations are underway with landowners on the section of Trail between Kohatu and Tapawera, it is hoped that work will be begin on this section in the near future.

Following the destructive storms in 2017 and 2018, repair work continued on the Great Taste Trail in the second half of 2018. Some sections have been re-aligned to improve resilience in any future storm events.

Work on several projects on the Coppermine Trail are nearing completion. NCC and MBIE have also funded an extension of the GTT from the Airport to Tahunanui, one section is nearing completion, route negotiations are underway for the remainder.

The Trust thanked Josh Aldridge for his work on both the maintenance and construction aspects of the two Great Rides. The Trust also thanked Gill Rowe and Josh as contractors for the Trust, and the Chair acknowledged the work that the fellow Trustees do in supporting the Great Rides in region and the support of both Councils.

The Trust also acknowledged support from the local community and Official Partners, around 1500 volunteer hours were contributed to the Trust and in maintenance/construction work during 2018/19.

Significant improvement to marketing collateral has been achieved with an updated website, and new brochures for both the GTT and CT. Virginia Watson (Trustee) was thanked for her work on this. The NRDA partnership has been successful and the Trust notes that NRDA have given cycling good exposure in their marketing of this region.

**6. Financial Report – Gill Wratt**

Summary of draft financial report tabled.

The Trust is in a sound financial position, with cash reserves at 30 June 2018 of \$655,557. This enables an operating buffer and allows the Trust to pursue additional projects like updating the brochures and construct sections of trail where matched

funding isn't available for example. The balance of funds are committed to construction costs for the completion of the GTT.

## **7. Floor open for questions**

- J Gardiner discussed being prepared for future extreme weather events, visiting "emergency response" plans regularly and meeting with locals and operators to refresh and remind them of the details.
- H Pearson noted that TDC still using plastic tree protectors, noted that cardboard protectors are available and in use by NCC. Would like to TDC/Trust swap to these.
- Nicky McBride suggested that Trust/Council install signs on sections of trail that are not up to standard e.g. Fittal St to Best Island Rd showing future proposed improvements. Mike Van Enter agreed that this is a good idea and could install a sign once concept plans are agreed.
- J Gardner reports that Rotary would like to build a shelter on the GTT for the Trust, will liaise with Josh on position.
- H Pearson would like to see a comparison of satisfaction score for GTT with other Great Rides.
- Mike Van Enter advised that no future diversions planned for forestry operations at Rabbit Is because TDC have extended their reserve area with native planting proposed for the area.
- N McBride asked for a sign showing the replanting plan for the area around the ferry landing on Rabbit Island. Josh to talk to Steve at TDC.
- Discussion about the Mapua ferry, Trust advised that TDC public RFP now closed. Decision imminent.
- N McBride thanked the Trust on behalf of the Official Partners and expressed appreciation of the work they do.

**AGM declared closed at 2.00pm.**