



Agenda of the 84th Annual General Meeting of
the Ornithological Society of New Zealand (Inc.)

Held at the Trafalgar Centre, Nelson, 2 June 2024.



Welcome: from the President

Apologies: Paul Garner-Richards, Eleanor Gunby

Call for other apologies

Motion: *That the apologies be accepted.*

Recent Deaths:



- Mel Galbraith (Auckland)
- Phil Rhodes (Southland)
- Bruce Stuart-Menteath (Canterbury/West Coast)

- Hazel Harty (South Auckland)
- Kerry Walshe (Marlborough)
- John Allen (Auckland)

2023 AGM Minutes



- Minutes of the 83rd AGM held at New Plymouth have been circulated and posted on the Society website.
- *Motion:* That the minutes of the last AGM in 2023, be accepted as a true and correct record.
- Matters Arising:

President's Report:

Report presented by President.

Motion: That the President's report be accepted.

Matters Arising from the President's Report:

Treasurer's Report



The report to the AGM consists of:

1. The Treasurer's Report
2. The Independent Assurance Practitioners Report
3. The Independent Reviewers Report to those charged with Governance (i.e. to Council)
4. The 2023 Annual Report

All of these have been posted on the Society website.

I have summarised the key pages of the Annual Report and this is set out on the next page

Items 1-3 I will read out.

Society Finances: Income and expenditure



What did we do with our money?

How much did it cost?

Revenue	2023	2022
Donations, fundraising and similar	70 584	2 599
Fees, subscriptions and other revenue from members	114 550	80 333
Total Other Revenue	25 562	22 003
Interest and dividends	2 535	462
Total Revenue	\$213 232	\$105 398

Expenditure	2023	2022
Volunteer and employee related costs	28 064	29 441
Costs relating to providing goods or services	114 009	98 928
Other expenses	559	241
Total Expenditure	142 632	128 609
Net Surplus for the year	\$70 599	\$23 212

Summary of Financial Position

What do we own?

Assets	Dec 2023	Dec 2022
Current Assets	426 669	376 333
Fixed Assets	120	241
Investments	24 761	24 761
Total Assets	451 550	401 334
Liabilities	43 812	64 195
Net Assets	\$407 738	\$337 139

Motion: That the Treasurer's Report and financial statements be accepted

Election result:



- Natalie Forsdick nominated for President.
- Paul Garner-Richards nominated as Treasurer.
- Ian Armitage nominated as councillor.
- Mark Ayre nominated as Councillor.
- Bruce McKinlay is stepping down as President and will remain *ex officio* for one year.
- All documents are with secretary.

As there was not an excess of nominations these members are elected.

Awards



General Business (1)

In terms of Rule 17.1 of the Constitution, Notice was given to members that the Constitution of The Ornithological Society of New Zealand Inc. be amended at the Annual General Meeting of the Society to be held in Nelson in 2024.

General Business (2)

Notice of Motion 1

Having considered the legislative requirements set in the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 and the Incorporated Societies Regulations 2023, and having regard for numerous provisions in the existing Constitution that need to be maintained it is **Moved** that:

- (a) a new constitution (“2024 Constitution”) that was circulated to all members for information and comment on 28 November 2023 be adopted by The Ornithological Society of New Zealand Inc, and
- (b) that the 2024 Constitution be the basis for an application to Government authorities (the Office of Incorporated Societies in the Companies Office) for re-registration of the Society in 2024.

General Business (3)

Notice of Motion 2

In anticipation that re-registration of The Ornithological Society of New Zealand Inc under the 2024 Constitution will be successful it is

Moved that the existing Constitution be revoked once re-registration of the Society has been confirmed by Government authorities.

Notice of Motion 3

Having regard to the requirements of the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 and the Incorporated Societies Regulations 2023 it is

Moved that new operational processes concerning application for membership, registration of members, obtaining and storing the written consent for each new officer to act as an officer, and for the disclosure and recording of any conflicts of interest by officers be adopted and applied by the Society.

General Business (4)

Notice of Motion 4

In accordance with recently enacted legislation and having regard to various specifications and obligations expressed in the 2024 constitution it is

Moved that the Ornithological Society of New Zealand Inc. formally apply to Government authorities (the Office of Incorporated Societies in the Companies Office) to re-register the Society under the provisions of the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 and the Incorporated Societies Regulations 2023.

General Business (5)

Notice of Motion 5

In terms of Rule 6.1 of the Society's Constitution, Notice of Motion is given to members that the rate of subscriptions for all classes of Society Memberships be amended.

A. New Zealand Membership Subscriptions (\$)						
Category	Ordinary	Family	Student	Group	Corporate	Life
Present Rate	80.00	20.00	45.00	180.00	400.00	1580.00
Proposed Rate	90.00	22.50	45.00	180.00	450.00	1785.00
% Change	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	13.0

B. Membership Subscriptions for the Rest of the World (NZ\$)

Category	Ordinary	Family	Student	Group	Corporate	Life
Present Rate	134.00	33.50	67.00	262.50	805.00	2800.00
Proposed Rate	151.00	37.75	75.50	295.00	805.00	3165.00
% Change	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.7	0.0	13.0