

Minutes of the 2019 Annual Reporting Meeting of the New Zealand Wilding Conifer Group

Held at Cromwell at The Gate hotel
on 24 September 2019 at 4:30pm

Present: Richard Bowman (chair), Hamish Roxburgh (Amuri Range Wilding Tree Trust), Angela Johnston (Federated Farmers), Bob Douglas (Federated Farmers), Peter Hore (Central Otago Wilding Conifer Control Group), Marcus Girvan (Boffa Miskell), Duane Peltzer (Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research), Shane Grayling (Bay of Plenty Regional Council), Ray Goldring (WELRA), Nick Ledgard (WELRA), Craig Davey (Horizons Regional Council), Malinda Matthewson (Horizons Regional Council), Keith Briden (DOC), Sherman Smith (MPI), Kevin Gallagher (LINZ), Randall Milne (Environment Southland), Phil Murray (Central Otago Wilding Conifer Control Group), Ali Ballantine Timms (Mid Dome Wilding Tree Trust/ National Wilding Conifer Control Programme Governance Group), George Ormond (Pukaki Downs / Mackenzie Wilding Tree Trust), Ket Bradshaw (South Marlborough Landscape Restoration Trust), Grant Hensman (Wakatipu Wilding Conifer Control Group), Darion Embling (Waikato Regional Council), Nicki Hughes (Waikato Regional Council), Michael Sly (Wilding & Co), Thomas Paul (Scion), Alan Tinnelly (MPI), Graeme Loh (Forest and Bird)

Apologies: Jim Ward (Molesworth, Landcorp), Annette Brockerhoff (Scion), Jono Underwood (Marlborough District Council), Andrew Simpson (Mackenzie Basin Wilding Tree Trust), Graham Sullivan (Environment Canterbury), Steve Chandler (Tasman Pine), Helen Payn (LINZ), Darin Underhill (Hawkes Bay Regional Council)

Minutes recorded by: Rowan Sprague

Item	Discussion	Action Points
Minutes of Previous AGM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No queries Hamish Roxburgh moved to accept previous AGM minutes, Keith Briden seconded, Passed	
Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
Chairman's report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Richard read his Chairman's report Richard moved to accept his report as read, Kevin Gallagher seconded, Passed	
Constitution of the NZWCG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We worked within the framework of the Proposal for the NZWCG and the current structure of the Group to formalise the Group's structure and functions in the Rules Ray Goldring moved that the NZ Wilding Conifer Management Group be disbanded and that the NZ Wilding Conifer Group become an Incorporated Society, seconded by Ket, Passed Sherman nominated Richard as Committee member to follow through with application, Craig seconded, Passed	

Patron of the NZWCG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Group would like to acknowledge the dedication and efforts of Hamish Roxburgh to the NZ Wilding Conifer Management Group and the NZWCG Nick Ledgard presented Hamish with the role of Patron of the NZWCG <p>Moved by Nick Ledgard, Ray seconded, Passed</p>	
Financial Statement 2018/2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current Bank Balance is \$47K, conference will cost around \$8K Management Committee will decide how/if to spend surplus Coordinator salary of \$35K is covered by MPI Constitution allows for subscription fee collection from members, but annual subscription fee amount will be specified in By-Laws Ray pointed out that Community trusts are not paying a subscription fee but some might not have the money for annual fees; Ali Timms said that some trusts might be able to contribute, Phil Murray agreed – have subscription fee from trusts as a voluntary contribution Membership subscription fees have not changed for many years, so it may be time to increase our annual fees - Management Committee can discuss this at our Work Programme meeting Once the NZWCG becomes an Inc Society, we can also look for additional funding from other sources (grants?) <p>Richard moved that accept the Financial Statement, Grant Hensman seconded, Passed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management Committee will determine subscription fee amount for 2019/2020 year – subscription fee for community groups will be voluntary Coordinator and Management Committee to explore other funding options
Work Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work Programme priorities circulated in advance Work Programme priorities: Ali Timms said that Influencing Policy could be a higher priority; Bob Douglas said that Administration is important but should not be on the Work Programme priority list – Admin will increase when become Inc Society Phil Murray said that community groups are vital to wilding conifer control and the NZWCG needs to support new groups, especially those in the North Island Nick Ledgard suggested that the NZWCG should Investigate who is a member of the NZWCG and broaden its membership base Information sharing and communication are critical; the NZWCG should be the facilitators rather than providing the solutions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjust Work Programme Priorities to increase importance of Influencing policy and removing Administration from the Priorities list Add Broaden membership base to Work Programme Priorities

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resourcing of the Coordinator – Phil Murray noted that the Coordinator role could grow and there needs to be sufficient support for this role – this will be discussed at the next Management Committee meeting 	
Communications channel between NZWCG and the National Programme and the National Programme’s Governance Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The NZWCG is the stakeholder advisory group of the National Programme Ali Timms is the representative for community trusts on the Governance Group – the NZWCG can advocate through her 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management Committee will look into how to ensure there is a clear channel to provide advice/ feedback to the National Programme
Vote on representative of community trusts on the NZWCG Management Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Trusts present voted to keep the current representatives (who are Ket Bradshaw and Richard Bowman) 	
Vote on representative of community trusts on National Programme’s Governance Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ali Timms is the current representative; Ray Goldring moved to nominate to have Ali Timms represent the community trusts on the GG; Phil seconded, all approved Representation from community groups on North Island – Rowan will help channel feedback 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rowan to continue to contact community groups on N.I. and share feedback for National Programme GG with Ali Timms
Next Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next Conference location will be Rotorua! The NZWCG Coordinator can work with Bay of Plenty Regional Council (and maybe Waikato Regional Council) to organise field trip; Ruawahia 2B Trust is very active in this area – great opportunity to highlight their work; plenty of conference facilities in Rotorua Registration fee: we had registration fee this year – Members agreed that it’s ok to have a reg. fee in future – flat fee would be easiest 	

Phil moved to thank Richard and Rowan for their work for the NZWCG this year

Meeting adjourned at 5:35pm