

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Monday, 18 October 2021, 5.30-7.30pm
Online

Attendees

Hui E! Board: Pania Coote (Co-Chair Tangata Whenua); Sandy Thompson (Co-Chair Tangata Tiriti); Charlie Moore (Treasurer); Dorte Wray; Iris Pahau; Sarah Doherty; Tanya White

Hui E! Staff: Rochelle Stewart-Allen; Ronja Ievers; Sakhr Munassar

Guests: Alan Withy (Alandale Associates); Alison Marshall (Volunteering Canterbury); Andrea Jerry Ryan; Andrew Phillips (Charities Services); Buddhika Hapuarachchi (Hearing Association (Wellington) Inc); Carolyn Bates; Clare Toufexis (Department of Internal Affairs); Colleen Philip (Sustainable Ōtautahi Christchurch); David Marra (Christchurch Budget Service); Heather Masefield; Janie Walker (Community Research); Jannat Maqbool; Kamal Prasad Shrestha (Nepalese Cultural Centre New Zealand Inc); Katherine Peet (Network Waitangi Ōtautahi); Kay Jones; Khurram Malik (Hope Worldwide-Pakistan); Melissa Powell (Circability Trust); Nureddin Abdurahman (African Community Council); Peter Sykes (ME Family Services); Rebecca Bulman (Department of Internal Affairs); Riikka Anderson (YWCA of Hamilton); Rizwaana Latiff (Multicultural Hawke's Bay); Sarah Morris; Sue Barker (Sue Barker Charities Law); Valerie Williams (Todd Foundation); Yvonne Powley.

Welcome and Introduction

Karakia Tīmatanga by Co-Chair Tangata Whenua

Whakawhanaungatanga

1. Apologies

The following apologies were received: Annette Papuni-McLellan, Dave Henderson, Yvonne Curtis.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Co-Chair Tangata Tiriti asked for any amendments. Agenda adopted with no amendments. **Adopted**

3. Minutes of the last AGM 21 October 2019

Previous minutes from the 2020 AGM were circulated via a link on Hui E!'s [website](#). The Co-Chair invited any comments, questions or additions on the minutes and none received. **Moved by Buddhika Hapuarachchi, Seconded by Dorte Wray. Adopted.**

4. Nomination for new board members

Hui E! received 6 board nominations to fill one tangata whenua and 3 tangata tiriti board positions. Nominees present at the meeting were invited to introduce themselves. All nominees were thanked for standing and members of our Mema Whanaungatanga network were encouraged to vote.

Profiles of all nominees were made available via Hui E!'s website. Voting closes Friday, 22 October, 5pm.

5. Co-Chair's Report

Presented by Co-Chair Tangata Whenua.

Key points made:

- This past year has been about setting the right foundations for Hui E!'s work under a Treaty Relationship model. As an organisation Hui E! has explored how to work together, including launching the two-house governance model and concepts of collective decision-making. The board is excited about the fresh energy this model will give them.
- New and more meaningful relationships and alliances over the past year have led to better collaboration across the sector - e.g. Hui E!'s leadership on the Sustainable Development Goals' Alliance and lead roles with the community sector network ComVoices - thanking Rochelle and her team for their commitment.
- The Board feels optimistic about the work Hui E! can do to contribute to more fair and just outcomes for the community sector and the people it supports.

6. Statement of Intent

Presented by Trustees, Sarah Doherty and Iris Pahau. A copy is available on Hui E!'s [website](#).

Hui E!'s new Statement of Intent ensures the journey and new direction is based on firm values, statements and principles. It affirms how Hui E! board and staff relate to one another and as an organisation externally, and how they organise their work. It was put together with a lot of care and deliberation and firmly grounds Hui E! in Aotearoa New Zealand.

The Statement of Intent is a milestone in Hui E!'s journey as an organisation and ways to share this journey with others are being explored.

In response to a question about why Hui E! started the Treaty Relationship journey at this time, it was noted that it is Hui E!'s response to the needs and aspirations of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, acknowledging its own whakapapa and all those who have paved the way previously to get to this point.

7. Presentation of Activities

Our Pou Kaiārahi presented on the key activities during the year. Presentation slides can be downloaded from [our website](#) and more details information is available in Hui E!'s [Annual Report 2021](#).

- Collaboration for a better future - work led towards the formation of the Aotearoa SDG Alliance
- A funding partner for community action /Hoa pūtea moni - continued to support small and medium community groups with their first funding applications; this has allowed us to connect with more grassroots groups
- Partnering for impact - following on from last year's joint COVID impact survey, Hui E! and VNZ ran an updated survey with over 600 organisations responding plus focus groups were held; the results are expected to be released in November 2021
- Collaboration and kōrero- pivoted our mahi online and ran webinars and online kōrero, such as the Summer Spring Series, funding hui and how to improve govt relations
- Conversations for change - led and participated in conversations to drive change around long-term systemic issues e.g. led a community panel at PNZ Funding Summit, held positions of chair and activator of the ComVoices network, and being a joint member of an Open Government Partnership civil society group working with the Public Service Commission to improve the OGP processes
- Summary of Hui E!'s first organisational evaluation - valuable feedback, affirms we're meeting needs of the sector and gave us ideas for growth.

The Co-Chair Tangata Tiriti then acknowledged and thanked the Hui E! team for the fantastic work done.

8. Annual Report 2020/21 and Financial Accounts

Presented by Treasurer.

Copies of the Annual Report and End of Year Accounts, for the year ending 30 June 2021 were circulated via a link on Hui E!'s [website](#). Presentation slides can also be downloaded from the website.

Overall, Hui E!'s funding is more stable and secure. We are gradually building a platform to offer support to, and be a voice for, the sector. Small surplus of \$11,253 and net assets of \$88,076 - this is a modest improvement from previous years. \$106,801 was carried into the new financial year as income in advance.

Thanked Hui E!'s funders.

No questions received. Co-Chair Tangata Tiriti thanked Charlie Moore for his role as Treasurer.

Moved Khurram Malik, Seconded by Kay Jones. Adopted.

9. Karakia Whakamutunga

Official close by Iris Pahau.

10. Optional Kōrero

Attendees were invited to stay on the call and were split into small groups to discuss:

In what way can Hui E! support community organisations and groups in the regions to meet their aspirations?

Key themes that emerged from the small group discussions included:

- Hui E! can play a role in facilitating regional conversations, tapping into resources and groups that already exist
- not duplicating processes or conversations
- facilitating intra-regional and inter-regional conversations - e.g. bringing together regional umbrella organisations, in a hub-and-spoke model, to share information across different regions
- reminder that there are Treaty dimensions to regional and national conversations
- opportunities for Hui E! to build connections between Wellington and small locally-/regionally-based communities
- Emphasis on informal connections and opportunities for whakawhanaungatanga (learn to love randomness)
- leveraging online tools and skills and provide opportunities for themed and regional hui as a practical and effective way to connect
- be a proud member of Hui E! and help identify potential assistance Hui E! could give at local / regional level
- regional connections are really important but so are the less granular perspectives Hui E! can provide as a national organisation across the 4 well beings
- value in having a directory of the sector to help make connections
- help build capability of regional peaks - plug the disconnect between national and regional
- channeling down work Hui E! is doing at national level into regions
- support for Hui E! to continue funding support - and a reminder that upskilling isn't a one-off and needs to be continuous.

Following feedback, the Co-Chair Tangata Tiriti invited any final words before closing.

Comments made about using social media channels, working with people who are fluent in this space, and using hashtags to amplify messages and build connections.

Many thanks were expressed to Sandy Thompson, Charlie Moore and Pania Coote who are completing their term on the Hui E! board, those who continue supporting Hui E! and the Hui E! kaimahi. Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou.

11. Mihi and Karakia Whakamutunga

Closed by Trustee, Tanya White.