



## Minutes of the RNZNCA Committee Meeting

(Held via Zoom 1830 02 December 2025)

**Present:** Gary Houghton (President), Alan Padgett, Frank Lewis, Jeffery Brown. Brian Chambers (Vice President), Jim Blackburn.

**Apologies:** Neil Cundy.

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting 14 October 2025:**

Moved be accepted by Jeffery Brown, seconded Alan Padgett. Carried.

### **Matters Arising:**

Reunion will be bought up later.

### **Correspondence:**

Out: Email to Ngati Rangī re memorial plinth.

### **Financial Report:**

Alan presented his report. Moved be accepted by Alan Padgett seconded by Frank Lewis – carried.

### **Other Business:**

2027 Reunion: Gary stated that although he had found possible venues in Rotorua it was difficult getting to visit them to ascertain facilities. Nothing heard from Dale re Tauranga venue. Gary proposed that we stay with original plan to hold next reunion in Taupō. Agreed by the committee.

Gary to go back to Wairakei venue to get firm cost estimates and more detailed pricing for the reunion (targeting 15th, 16th, 17th October dates), including Sunday morning restaurant options, and report back this or next week. Perhaps the reunion after Taupo should be planned to be in Auckland if local members could be found to run it.

### **Comms School Visit. Still outstanding:**

COTY. Neil Cundy advised that he will continue chasing up branch heads to identify the Communicator of the Year, then inform Gary when sorted.

After Communicator of the Year is identified, a letter will be sent to Navy requesting they take over the COTY for future years.

### **Irirangi Memorial Update:**

Frank is awaiting response from local Māori community Ngato Rangi regarding the cost and availability of a stone for the Irirangi Memorial. Frank to then coordinate a possible visit to Ohakune and/or Raetihi to view/obtain cut stone, and update group with final figures for funding applications. Brian offered to join Frank with to visit Ohakune in February to assist Frank with local contacts if needed. Frank to update after hearing back from the Māori community. A visit will be arranged in the New Year. Brian can be available to visit around January 2026.

### **Other Business:**

Frank advised that he had been in contact with local person in Waiouru who was involved in looking after the two station buildings. A visit to the buildings could be arranged on request. This could be included as an option in the program for the reunion.

Frank to email Gary missing AGM Minutes for placing on the web page.

**\* Meeting ended 1918.**

**\* Next meeting – date and time to be arranged.**



**Gary Houghton**

President

09<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025



**Frank Lewis**

Secretary

15<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025