

Minutes of the Tawa Branch AGM

held at 7.30pm Thursday 15 February at Tawa Anglican Church

Welcome

Martien Lubberink welcomed Ohariu electorate chair John Plunkett, Deputy Chair James Austin and all branch members.

Present

Martien Lubberink (Chair), Tony Candy, John Plunkett, James Austin, Colleen Candy, Irene Harvey, Alan Drummond, Mary-Lou Forrest, Ivan Plunkett, Malcolm Alexander, Paul Peters, Charlene Peters, John Peters

Apologies

Nicola Willis, Philippa Plunkett, Levi Turner, Wayne Kellman, Olivia Westley

Obituaries

A moment of silence was observed

Minutes of Previous AGM

The Branch Chair moved that the minutes be taken as read and are a true and accurate record.

Seconded By: John Plunkett

Approved

Matters Arising

No matters arising

Branch Chair's Annual Report

Martien presented a full (visual) report (attached) of the branch activities in a very busy election year. The focus was leaflet deliveries to all Tawa households and this was achieved with the help of a strong team of volunteers.

We had a presence at Spring into Tawa and a Chris Luxon/Nicola Willis walkabout in the Tawa shops, campaign launch at The Borough in Tawa.

Martien thanked the committee and many volunteers for their hard work during the election campaign.

Moved By: Tony Candy

Seconded By John Plunkett

Approved

Transferring of Members

None

Resolution Setting a Quorum

The following resolution was moved: "That a quorum for the Branch Committee (the AGM) be set at 6 members. And Branch Executive at 3 members.

Moved By: Martien Lubberink

Seconded By: Charlene Peters

Approved

10. Branch Executive Formation

Previous branch executive members:

Martien Lubberink, Wayne Kelman, John Plunkett, Tony Candy, Colleen Candy, Mike Blank, Levi Turner

Nominations were called for the following positions

Branch Chair Martien Lubberink

Nominated By: Colleen Candy

Seconded By: Charlene Peters

Deputy Chair Colleen Candy

Nominated By: Martien Lubberink

Seconded By: Charlene Peters

Secretary Tony Candy

Nominated By: Martien Lubberink

Seconded By: John Plunkett

Fundraising & Events Coordinator Charlene Peters

Nominated By: Martien Lubberink

Seconded By: Colleen Candy

The **Membership Renewals Coordinator** and **Party development Coordinator** (new members) roles remain vacant at this stage but maybe filled during the year.

Martien resolved to appoint up to six additional members

Moved By: Martien Lubberink

Seconded By: John Plunkett

Approved

Martien thanked Mike Blank and Wayne Kelman for their services to the Tawa branch. Both have stepped down owing to work commitments.

11. Election of Branch Delegates to Electorate Committee (the Electorate AGM)

Nominations for Branch Exec members to the Electorate Committee were called for:

Electorate Chair : John Plunkett

Deputy Chair: James Austin

Secretary: Debbie Kay

Treasurer: Graeme Sugden

Communications Co-ordinator: Colleen Candy

Moved By: Martien Lubberink

Seconded By: Irene Harvey

Approved

Report by Electorate Chair

John Plunkett gave a good report in favour of the branch structure. The branches served to strengthen the work of the electorate, particularly relevant in an election year. Nicola Willis substantially reduced the Labour majority in Ohariu and increased the party vote by more than any other Wellington electorate. We are privileged to have Nicola as our Ohariu candidate and acknowledge her apology at this meeting. As Minister of Finance and Deputy leader of the National Party Nicola has a heavy schedule but wherever possible attends meetings and functions in the electorate.

Remits

None

General business

There was a good discussion with many contributing thoughts on what events might be of interest to the people of Tawa. It was generally felt that the branch could try to promote a stronger voice for local issues – the council introducing parking charges in Tawa an example of an important issue to Tawa residents. Discussion included inviting the Minister for local government to speak as a possible function. It was also suggested that as Tawa shares some streets in common with the Mana electorate we should invite Mana members to our functions and events. And at times look to hold joint functions with Mana as this will provide a stronger supporting role for candidates.

Closure

There being no further business the meeting close at 8.23pm

Tawa Branch Chairs Annual Report

Introduction

The past year has witnessed an unprecedented level of activity and achievement for the Tawa Branch, primarily driven by our significant involvement in the election campaign. This report aims to detail our contributions to the campaign, participation in various events, and our efforts in community engagement and support.

Election Campaign Contributions

Throughout the election campaign, the Tawa Branch emerged as a central figure, showcasing remarkable dedication across various activities:

- Engaging in leafleting and hoarding, our members ensured widespread dissemination of our messages through informational materials and strategic placement of signs.
- Our commitment extended to phone calling and door knocking, where we directly connected with the electorate to discuss concerns and outline our goals.
- The branch was actively involved in key events such as the Education public meeting with Erica Stanford, highlighting our focus on education, the Ohariu campaign launch, and the Final Wellington Rally, which were instrumental in rallying support.

- Members also represented the Tawa Branch at significant party events including the LNI Regional meetings in Palmy and Napier, the 87th National Annual Conference, and the Auckland campaign launch, contributing to the broader party strategy and dialogue.
- Colleen Candy featured on a TV with a walk around with Christopher and Nicola.

Community Engagement and Support

Our engagement with the community was marked by involvement in events like the Wellington Women's Expo and Spring in Tawa, reflecting our commitment to community well-being. Participation in national events with the Filipino [and Indian communities] emphasized our dedication to New Zealand's diverse cultural landscape. We also supported neighbouring branches through participation in events focused on law and order (Mark Mitchell) and discussions on education and immigration (Erica Stanford Nicola Willis), showcasing our collaborative spirit.

Fundraising and Social Gatherings

The year also featured fundraising efforts and social gatherings, including a fundraiser in Johnsonville and regular Metro drinks meet-ups, which served as platforms for networking and camaraderie among members. The branch also contributed extensively to the Super Blues.

Acknowledgements

As a gesture of appreciation for the hard work throughout the election campaign, a BBQ hosted by Monique and myself offered a heartfelt thank you to all contributors, embodying the team spirit and community ethos of our branch.

Conclusion

Reflecting on the past year, the Tawa Branch's extensive contributions to the election campaign, coupled with our active community engagement and support for party events, underscore our pivotal role and commitment to our collective objectives. Looking ahead, we are motivated to continue building on these accomplishments, fostering unity, e.g. by working more closely with neighboring branches, and making a positive impact in line with our shared values.