

# DRAFT MINUTES

## MOUNT BUSINESS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



<b>Name:</b>	Mount Business Association
<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, 9 October 2024
<b>Time:</b>	5:30 pm to 6:45 pm (NZDT)
<b>Location:</b>	Roxie's Red Hot Cantina, 113 Maunganui Road

### 1. Opening Meeting

#### 1.1 Welcome and Introduction

- The meeting opened with a karakia.
- Kate welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.
- The meeting was declared quorate.

#### Attendees

##### Members:

- Logan, Sisters/Gigis
- Marco, Agave
- Isaac, Agave
- Mark Lucero, Pizza Library
- Nick Potts, Solero
- Jay, Saltwater
- Stella, Round & Round
- Matt Saunders, Mount Surf Shop
- Wendy, Little Tropper
- Christine, Shoe & Me
- Mark, Shoe & Me
- Joellae, Black Chaos
- Lizzy, Black Chaos
- Tejas Shah, 101 Foodmarket
- Chrissie, Kiwiana
- Karen Flowerday, Bayleys
- Jacob, Drift Clothing
- Mikayla, Drift Clothing
- Steffi Clark, Polar Dessert Bar
- James Moor, The Pitau

- Ellen Roos, The Pitau
- Rainy Donald, Mt Pharmacy
- Jo Veale, Mount Backpackers, Tea153, Strictly for the Birds
- Rob Veale, Mount Backpackers, Tea153, Strictly for the Birds
- Sue Lett, Mt Community Hall
- Donelle, Nellie Wilde
- Paul, Nellie Wilde
- Amelia Walters, Woods Agency
- Katie Martin, Woods Agency
- Michelle Rivers, Awa Designs
- Malcolme Flattery, Awa Designs
- Lynley Povell, Sabal
- Kate Evaroa, Mount Longboards
- Josh Monaghan, Master Kong
- Luiz Del Monte, Barber Shop Co
- July Hebbel, Barber Shop Co
- Kirky Donnelly, Electric Soul Tattoo Studio
- Skye Carson-Wilson, Electric Soul Tattoo Studio
- Jess Kohi, Piercing in Place
- Jordan Kohi, Piercing in Place
- Jodi Ahfack, Myrrh & Co
- Paras Acharya, The Barn
- Bryce Wakeham, Smoove
- Kelly Kingson, SELF Mount Skin + Body
- Harry Hill, Landlord 9 Prince Ave
- Peppe Musca, In Italy
- Peter Clarke, Bayleys
- Carl Liu, Pharmacy 257
- Libby, Epsilon Hair
- Beth, Epsilon Hair
- Julie, Panacea Sauna
- Leigh and Roberto Stevens, Landlords Cinema and Sisters site

**Staff:**

- Mike Clark, Destination Marketing Manager
- Malika Ganley, Operations Manager
- Amy Smith, Board Secretary

**Guests:**

- Sam Uffindell, National Party MP
- Mark Sanders, NZ Police
- Jen Scoular, Mount Council representative

- Kendyl Sullivan, Tauranga City Council
- Nicola Compton (Treasurer), Total Business Accounting
- Ngawiki Dickson, Tukairangi Hapu, Ngaiterangi Iwi

### **Apologies**

- Sasa Overend, 4 Square
- Ingrid, Classique Boutique
- Sara Olmos, Salvation Army
- Julie Paama-Pengelly, Art & Body Creative
- Terry McFetridge, Abernathy Kroatch Law



### **Apologies**

Accept the apologies.

**Decision Date:** 9 Oct 2024

**Outcome:** Approved

## **1.2 Confirm Minutes**

**Mount Business Association Annual General Meeting 11 Oct 2023**, the minutes were confirmed as presented.

- The minutes were circulated.
- No matters arose.



### **Confirm AGM Minutes**

That the minutes of the 11 October 2023 AGM be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**Decision Date:** 9 Oct 2024

**Outcome:** Approved

## **2. Reports**

### **2.1 Chairperson's Report**

- Kate presented the Chairperson's report, which was taken as read.
- Total sales for the 2023/2024 financial year were up 1.85% which shows how strong Mainstreet business is. We are the second largest area of growth in the Tauranga region.
- We continue to submit and meet with Council staff and Councillors/Commissioners on issues that directly impact Mainstreet such as the outdoor seating policy, car parking, homelessness, crime, pollution, and City Plan developments.
- Street safety has improved. The member WhatsApp group has high engagement.
- 84% of the 2023/24 Annual Plan was completed.
- Multiple successful member events were held.
- Kate acknowledged the volunteer Board's contribution and team effort for support for Mount Mainstreet.



## Chairperson's Report

Accept the Chairperson's report for 2023/24.

Mover: Karen Flowerday

Seconder: Harry Hill

**Decision Date:** 9 Oct 2024

**Outcome:** Approved

## 2.2 Manager's Report

- Mike presented the Manager's report.
- The number of initiatives increased from 42 to 53. The majority were completed and others in progress.
- Multiple successful events and activations were run over the past year. The Busking Festival was well received and we want to help grow it next year. The Jazz Festival had a huge turnout and we plan to expand it next year.
- The digital strategy improved since bringing on Casey Vasallo.
- Member engagement remains a top priority.
- Mike thanked members and the Board for their support.



## Manager's Report

Accept the Manager's report for 2023/24.

Mover: Kate Barry-Piceno

Seconder: Kate Evaroa

**Decision Date:** 9 Oct 2024

**Outcome:** Approved

## 2.3 Annual Financial Report

- Mike presented the financials.
- The Audited Financial Statements for 2023/24 were received. The year ended with \$210,675 in income and a deficit of \$26,916.69.
- Mount Business Association is in a healthy financial position.



## Statement of Accounts and Audit

Approve the Statement of Accounts and Audit for 2023/24.

Mover: Kate Barry-Piceno

Seconder: Jo Veale

**Decision Date:** 9 Oct 2024

**Outcome:** Approved

## 2.4 Annual Draft Business Plan & Proposed Budget 2025/26

- The annual Business Plan and Proposed Budget for 2025/26 were presented.
- There is a focus on promotion, safety and security, placemaking member community, and advocacy.
- The 5% increase in total targeted rate will be pro rated between members.



### **Annual Business Plan 2025/26**

Approve the draft Annual Business Plan for 2025/26.

Mover: Kate Barry-Piceno

Seconder: Karen Flowerday

**Decision Date:** 9 Oct 2024

**Outcome:** Approved



### **Draft Budget 2025/26**

Approve the 2025/26 draft budget which includes a targeted rate grant of \$207,876.00 which is a 5% increase to the targeted rate grant.

Mover: Kate Barry-Piceno

Seconder: Kate Evaroa

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**Outcome:** Approved

## **3. Appointments**

### **3.1 Election of 2024/25 Committee Members**

- There is a vacancy for a landlord to join the Board.
- Mark Lucero and Riri Ellis stepped down.



### **Election of 2024/25 Committee Members**

**Elect the following nominated people as 2023/24 Committee Members:**

#### **Professional Services**

Kate Barry-Piceno, Mauao Legal Chambers

Karen Flowerday, Bayleys Mount Maunganui

#### **Services**

Kelly Kingston, SELF

Julie Paama-Pengelly, Art + Body Creative Studio

#### **Hospitality**

Matt (Timmy) Saunders, Mount Surf Shop Espresso

Nick Potts, Solera

#### **Retail**

Jo Veal, Strictly for the Birds, Tea 153

Kate Evaroa, Mount Longboards

#### **Landlords**

Gavin (Harry) Hill

#### **Iwi Representation**

Ngawiki Dickson

Mover: Kate Barry-Piceno

Seconder: Harry Hill

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**Outcome:** Approved

### **3.2 Appointment of Officers**



### **Election of Officers for 2024/25**

**Appoint the Officers for 2024/25:**

Board Chair - Kate Barry-Piceno

Treasurer - Nicola Compton, Total Business Accounting

Secretary (automatically delegated to the Destination Manager) - Michael Clark  
Board Secretarial Support - Amy Smith

Mover: Kelly Kingston  
Seconder: Kate Evaroa

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**Outcome:** Approved

### 3.3 Appointment of Auditor



#### Appointment of Auditor

Appoint Sarah Dillon from Absolute Auditing as the Mount Business Association auditor.

Mover: Karen Flowerday  
Seconder: Kate Barry-Piceno

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## 4. Matters of Interest

### 4.1 Plan Change 33

- The Council did not engage with MBA or business owners about Plan Change 33. We submitted formal feedback and continue to work closely with elected officials on behalf of members. It is an ongoing piece of work.
- Sam Uffindell stated they lobbied with Council.
- Plan Change 38 is another proposed plan change coming up.
- Members acknowledged Kate's work in this area.

### 4.2 Council Backflow Devices

- A piece of legislation was brought in by the previous government stating all shops must install a backflow prevention device. It was not consulted on. The Council will be coming out to survey shops to see who has them. They will be installed mandatorily in any shops without them and Council will issue an invoice estimated around \$5k-10k.
- The Board will contact other Mainstreet organisations to propose sharing the cost in getting legal advice and getting Councils to help fund the devices.

### 4.3 Re-Register the Society under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022

- We are required to re-register the Society under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022.



#### Re-Register the Society under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022

Agreed to start the re-registering process in April 2025.

Mover: Kate Evaroa  
Seconder: Kelly Kingston

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**Outcome:** Approved

## 5. General Business

### 5.1 Any Other Business

- We try to keep members up to date with relevant TCC issues as much as possible.
- Sam Uffindell and Jen Scoular provided an update on the work they are doing and stated that they are here to provide support to members.
- Jay (Saltwater) raised an issue around policing and security and police response time as little results are seen from the police. There has been no response from police about the recent theft issue. Can MBA or Council talk to central government for funding for additional police in the area? What is being done to improve policing?
  - The Board increased the number of nightly security patrols.
  - The WhatsApp group was established and is going well.
  - The Board noted they are also frustrated around responses from Council and Police and do what they can in this space. There is only so much security patrols can do.
  - Mark Sanders said some police reports do not get investigated, only filed. He will look into what has been reported.
- We advocate with Commissioners around service lanes.
- Jay (Saltwater) asked about pavement user fees and said the cost for square meterage is unfair and questioned why we are paying double. Kate replied that MBA put in an extensive submission on the long-term plan on behalf of members.

## 6. Close Meeting

### 6.1 Close the meeting

**Next meeting:** No date for the next meeting has been set.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_