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RESILIENCE  
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**New Zealand Resilience Trust  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
12 August 2009 – Windy Hills Café, Newlands**

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**PRESENT**

Jarrold Coburn (CEO)  
Heather Cotton (Outgoing Chair)  
David Mason (Trustee)  
Trish Mahoney (Incoming Trustee)  
Simon Park (Incoming Trustee)  
Beth Huntington (NCH)  
Bill Mullis (NZ Resilience Corps)  
Brian Deverill  
Bronwyn Mullis (NZ Resilience Corps)  
Colin Wharton (Wellington High COMED)  
Cr. Paul Bruce (GWRC)  
Don Brown (NCH)  
Fiona Bain  
Gael Hambrook and Zola (NCH)  
Hetty Boonan (NZ Resilience Corps)  
Jeanette Loughlin (NCH)  
Jim Baltaxe (Island Bay CD)  
JohnRobert Coburn  
Kailee Smith

Bridie Robins (NZRT Operations)  
Nick Jennings (NZRT Operations)  
Tracy Hurst-Porter (NZRT Operations)  
Jim Candiliotis (Chair, NWRT)  
Hon. Peter Dunne, MP (Patron, NWRT)  
Margaret Brown (NCH)  
Marie Van Os (NCH)  
Matt Jones (Unite Union)  
Peter Gilbert (Woodridge Planters)  
Phil Martin (NZ Resilience Corps)  
Roger Tweedy (Facilitator)  
Selva Ramasami  
Stephen Cook (Jville Lions)  
Tom Law (FWPRA)  
Tony Jackson (Trustee)  
Trevor Stone (CYFS)

**APOLOGIES**

Chris Lane (Trustee)  
Andre Slierendrecht (Triple One Care)  
Bruce Patterson (Grenada Village  
Residents Association)  
Danny Muthumala (USLA)  
David Etchells  
David Johnston (GNS)  
Duncan Chisholm (Leisure Active)  
Eric Batten (Jville Lions)  
Giovanna Salvano (Community House)  
Graham & Susan Butterworth (Tawa CD)

Jenny Cooper (NZ Resilience Corps)  
John Barnhill (NZ Resilience Corps)  
John Hamilton (MCDEM)  
Kevin Jamieson (Woodridge Planters)  
Liz Gilkison  
Marlene Batten (Jville Lions)  
Michele Rowe (NPPA)  
Mike Mendonca (WCC)  
Nicola Thomson (NZ Resilience Corps)  
Rev. Toko Ine  
Sharon Alderson (DoC)

## **WELCOME**

Jarrold Coburn (CEO) welcomed the group and outlined the proceedings for the night.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Heather Cotton outlined the success achieved by the Trust in the last twelve months. The Trust has experienced phenomenal growth in the areas of:

- Networking
- First Aid events
- Education
- Membership

The Resilience Corps is an integral part of the Trust because of its role in strengthening communities and providing leadership opportunities. The Corps also helps promote networks to allow communities to share skills and strengths. Through the Corps we are left with the sense of “knowing we are not isolated.”

Heather recognised the efforts of:

- Jarrold Coburn and Bridie Robins in advancing the work of the Trust
- Simon Park for his work towards preparing a local Korean Youth Forum
- The Event Ambulance Service which helps generate income for the Trust and raises awareness of the Trust

## **INTRODUCTION OF A NEW ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE**

Jarrold Coburn shared his thoughts about how he has seen the organisation grown from inception. Firstly nurturing the idea and fostering the organisation; moving to standing back and watching it grow and looking forward to one day sitting back to enjoy the “fruits of our labours.” Everyone contributes to this organisation’s growth and future health. The hallmarks of this organisation are:

- Shared values
- Integrity
- Starting to find its place in the world
- Moving from visionary to strategic thinking

### ***We have established:***

- A reputation
- Intellectual capital
- Research
- Networks

### ***What the NZRT does:***

- We help strengthen communities...
- ...at the molecular “grassroots level”
- ...with high ideals and integrity
- ...offering services at low or no cost
- ...simply getting on with the job at hand

## STRUCTURE CHANGE

The structure has changed to remove the CEO and replace this role with an Executive Director. The new structure had devolved the power to Co-ordinators who are responsible for each of five autonomous operational and who meet collectively as the Operational Committee. The Executive Director participates equally in strategic decision-making and reports decisions made by the Operational Committee to the Board who in turn act in a governance role to ensure the mission and vision of the Trust is kept sacrosanct.

“This means you (the supporters) will find it easier to ‘hook in’ to the organisation in a way that is of interest to you.” Jarrod asked the group to feel free to contribute their thoughts, suggestions and hints for the future of the NZRT.

## NEWLANDS HEALTH AND WELLBEING RESEARCH

Due to time constraints the results of the research was distributed to those present.

## PANEL DISCUSSION

The discussion, “Future of NZRT” was facilitated by Roger Tweedy. The Co-ordinator of each operational area was introduced and spoke about the purpose of their area and what they expected to achieve. After the introduction the group was invited to comment or question the Co-ordinators on how the new structure was going to advance the NZRT in the coming year.

### ***Comments included:***

- “This structure is great and I am happy to help with the networking”
- “Resilience in community is important”
- “Unite Union and NZRT have similar goals and should look at working together to empower youth”
- “The lack of ‘youth’ at the meeting was noted”
- “The problems of making connections with the different fractions of a community was identified”
- “The good work of the NZRT’s mission in connecting and empowering communities was recognised and commended”

The meeting participants were thanked for their attendance and contributions.

## MEETING CLOSED

8.20 pm

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A copy of the 2008/09 Annual Report is available for download on the NZRT website at [http://www.nzrt.org.nz/documents/Annual\\_Report\\_2008-09.pdf](http://www.nzrt.org.nz/documents/Annual_Report_2008-09.pdf).

Thanks go to **Roger Tweedy** for facilitating the panel discussion, **Tracy Hurst-Porter** for taking minutes, and the owners and staff of **Windy Hills Café** for being excellent hosts.