



Friends of the Sarjeant Gallery Incorporated

Annual General Meeting 2025

Held at 7pm on Wednesday 8 October 2025
At the Sarjeant Gallery, Pukenuamu Queen's Park, Whanganui

Agenda

1. **Welcome** (Andrés Salinas, President)
2. **Apologies**
3. **Confirmation of the Minutes of 27 November 2024 AGM**
4. **President's Report 2024-2025**
5. **Financial Report 2024-2025**
6. **Acceptance of
Friends of Te Whare O Rehua Sarjeant Gallery Constitution**
7. **Election of Officers**
8. **Life / Honorary Memberships**
9. **General Business**

Guest Speaker, 8pm

Following the conclusion of the AGM formal business, an address will be given by Carolina Izzo of Studio Izzo, an art conservation practice based in Auckland.

Studio Izzo undertook conservation treatments of a number of artworks from the collection both for the reopening and subsequently.



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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2024 held at 7:30pm on Wednesday 27 November 2024, at Te Whare o Rehua Sarjeant Gallery, Pukenuamu Queen's Park, Whanganui

Present: Libby Wood (Chair), Marion Gibbard (Secretary), Kate Smith (Treasurer), Bronwyn Taylor, Rochelle Handley, Anique Jayasinghe, James Kirkwood, Margaret Samuels, Tom Turner, Graham Wood, Andrew Clifford, Ian Glenny, Theresa Glenny, Jaki Arthur, Nicki Manthel, Alan Taylor, Caroline Samuel, Peter Healey, Celeste Ventura, Grant Hird, Bob Matthews, Cath Matthews, Samantha Matthews, Di Handley, Michael Hemsley, Cr Ross Fallen, Rosemary Hovey, Dave Cole, Deb Frederikse, Helen Manning, Lance Hayes, David Kirby, Jacqui McGowan, Brian Milham, Jeya and Dennis Engel, Christine Robson, Raewyne Johnson, Diane McIntosh, Jillian Evers, Michael Organ, Stephanie Lambert.

1. Welcome

Libby Wood, acting Chair, welcomed all and opened the meeting at 7:37pm.
Libby advised that the Friends President, Andrés Salinas is unable to attend due to illness and she has taken the Chair at short notice, saying what a privilege it is to Chair the Friends AGM, being the first in the newly reopened Sarjeant at Pukenuamu Queen's Park.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Andrés Salinas, Larinae Steward, Greg Anderson, John Granville, Ann Webber, Belinda Gunson, Lesley Stead, MP Carl Bates, Deputy Mayor Helen Craig, Cr Jenny Duncan, Jillian Karl, Dave Cameron, Michael Richardson and Elizabeth Body.

Resolution:

It was resolved **That** the apologies be received and accepted.

Moved: Graham Wood

Seconded: Margaret Samuels

Carried

3. Confirmation of the Draft Minutes of the last AGM held on 5 October 2023

The following amendments were noted:

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Heading: Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2022, should read **2023**.

Present: Michael Evers be replaced with Michael **Organ**.

Resolution:

It was resolved **That** the minutes of the last AGM held on 5 October 2023 are a true and correct record of the meeting, with the noted amendments.

Moved: Kate Smith

Seconded: Graham Wood

Carried



4. Action from 5 October 2023 AGM

- i. Friends reregistration; Incorporated Societies Act (2022).

The Rules governing the Friends of the Sarjeant Gallery be reviewed and re-drafted to comply with the Incorporated Societies Act (2022) for presentation to the 2024 AGM.

Update:

Bronwyn Taylor explained that the first draft of the constitution has been completed, this is now available to view on the Sarjeant website. The link will be email to all attendees and members, and we are now seeking feedback by 31 March 2024. A notice will also be included in the Sarjeant Quarterly prior to the next AGM.

ACTION: Bronwyn Taylor/Jaki Arthur

5. President's Report 2023-2024

Libby read out the President's annual report in Andrés absence.

Resolution:

It was resolved **That** the President's Report for 2023-2024 be received and accepted.

Moved: Tom Turner

Seconded: Rochelle Handley

Carried

6. Financial Report 2023-2024

Kate Smith read out her report, which included the draft financial summary for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Kate advised that the subscription year is now on a rolling basis i.e. your subscription runs for one year from the date you pay.

The following new subscription rates will take effect from 1 July 2025:

Concessionary	\$30
Individual	\$45
Family	\$55

Kate thanked Andrew for the use of this meeting room space for the AGM.

There being no questions, Kate moved the following resolution.

Resolution:

It was resolved **That** the Financial Report for 2023-2024 be received and accepted.

Moved: Kate Smith

Seconded: Libby

Carried

7. Election of Officers

- i. Resignation and acknowledgement - Ian Glenny

Libby advised that Ian Glenny's resignation was received and accepted with regret.

Ian has been a committee member and held the role of President for six years. On behalf of the committee, Libby expressed heartfelt thanks for Ian's contributions and dedication and wishes Ian well. His common sense and good humour will missed, along with the many gatherings and warm hospitality from Ian and Theresa at their home on the river bank.



Libby presented Ian with a gift – a signed copy of the Sarjeant book.

Ian responded, thanking all and reflected on how the Friends have developed over the past few years to align with the high profile of the new gallery; and noted what a great attendance at the AGM tonight.

Ian made special acknowledgements to Ian McGowan, Bill Milbank and Libby Wood. He said that his association with the Sarjeant across the years has been very humbling and rewarding. Ian wished the Friends the best in the future.

ii. 2024/25 committee members

Libby advised that the remaining members of the Executive have been nominated to serve a further 12 months term and, having received no other nominations the following resolution was made:

Resolution:

It was resolved **That** the current committee remain in place for the 2024/25 year

Moved: Peter Healey

Seconded: Ian Glenny

Carried

The Executive Committee for the 2024-2025 year will be:

President	Andrés Salinas
Vice President	Rochelle Handley
Secretary	Marion Gibbard
Treasurer	Kate Smith
Committee	Libby Wood
	Tom Turner
	Anique Jayasinghe
	Bronwyn Taylor
	James Kirkwood
	Larinae Steward
	Margaret Samuels

8. Life / Honorary Membership

- i. Presentations: Raewyne Johnson, Bill Milbank (posthumous), Greg Anderson (Tom Turner)

Tom Turner read out the nomination recommendations for Raewyne, Bill and Greg which were passed at the 2023 AGM.

The formal certificates were then presented, recognising the decades of contribution, commitment, and support to the Sarjeant Gallery given by Bill Milbank and Raewyne Johnson; and the outstanding achievement of former Gallery Director, Greg Anderson specifically for the role he played on the fundraising team helping to secure funding for the gallery extension.



Raewyne responded, she was very humbled by the award and spoke with warmth and sincere thanks on behalf of herself and Bill. Raewyne said it has been a privilege to be a part of the Sarjeant team for 35 years, and a life spent with the arts.

Greg Anderson was absent and will receive his award from Andrés at a time to be arranged.

ii. Nominations (Anique Jayasinghe)

Anique read the recommendation for Friends Honorary Membership, drafted by the Executive Committee recognising Nicola Williams for her role as Chair of the Sarjeant Trust and her unwavering drive to secure fundraising for the redevelopment project; and Gaye Batty for her role as Project Director of the redevelopment project.

The following resolution was made and a show of hands requested per the Rules:

Resolution:

It was resolved **That** Nicola Williams and Gaye Batty be awarded Honorary Membership.

Moved: Tom Turner

Seconded: Rochelle Handley

Carried

ACTION: Committee

9. General Business

i. Ian McGowan, posthumous acknowledgement of service (Tom Turner)

Tom Turner read out the Friends committee special tribute to Ian McGowan, acknowledging his service and commitment to the Friends of the Sarjeant Gallery and his unwavering support to the Sarjeant team. A formal copy of this was then presented to Jacquie McGowan and family.

Jacquie responded, saying that Ian believed strongly that everyone should be able to enjoy the arts, and thanked the committee for this acknowledgement.

ii. The Sarjeant Rose, bred by Matthews Nurseries Ltd, Whanganui (The Rose Committee)
Marion Gibbard, on behalf of The Sarjeant Rose committee, read out the acknowledgement and thanks to the Matthews family and presented the formal Certificate of Thanks and a copy of the Sarjeant book.

Bob, Cath and Samantha responded, explaining their closer connections to the Sarjeant, how much they had enjoyed working with the rose committee, and how rewarding it is to be part of and support community projects.

iii. Andrew Clifford, Director Te Whare O Rehua Sarjeant Gallery

Andrew spoke briefly, reciprocating the sentiment here tonight. Andrew said how much the Sarjeant team appreciates having such good support from the Friends Executive Committee and members.



Andrew said that 2023 has been a big year with major challenges, and as all good friends are, they quietly help when needed, to make sure the gallery could be the best it can. Andrew concluded by expressing his thanks on behalf of the Sarjeant staff.

There being no further business, Libby declared that the formal part of the meeting was concluded at 8:25pm. Libby then invited guest speaker, Nicki Manthel to the floor.

10. Guest Speaker

Nicki Manthel, Head of Development, Te Whare o Rehua Sarjeant Gallery.

Nicki gave an informative presentation about her previous roles, her current role and plans to build support for the gallery, working with benefactors, philanthropists and the Sarjeant Trust.

11. Close

Libby thanked everyone for coming tonight and their ongoing support and said she looks forward to seeing everyone at future Sarjeant events.

Libby closed the meeting at 8:42pm.

Di Handley, Patron and supporter of the Sarjeant, came forward and sang a very special waiata.