



Minutes of the Athletics Auckland Incorporated **2026 Annual General Meeting**

Held on 23rd August 2026 in the John Walker Lounge, Mt Smart, Penrose

Meeting Opened 1:10pm

Present:

Honorary Life Members:

Rodger Brickland (President), Jim Hogg (Treasurer), Murray McKinnon (Patron), Dianne Craddock (XCR Convenor), Paul Craddock (Acting T&F Convenor)

Board Members:

Bryce Hall (AAI Board Chair), Chris Day, Judy Revell

Delegates and Invited Guests:

Neil Bartlett (AAI), Kelly Ihaka-Pitama (ANZ), Richard Wagener (Pakuranga), Paul Bruce (Pakuranga), Tania Boyer (Pakuranga), James Trathen (Pakuranga), Erroll Flynn (Pakuranga), Sue Potter (ACA), Karen Rickerby (ACA), Jono Jackson (ACA), Grant Peper (RWA), Maxine Chappell (Waiheke Athletics), Phil Harrison (Lynndale), Howard Atkinson (Lynndale), Giles Beaumont (Lynndale), Katherine Spence (Papakura), Robert Ward (Papakura), Kate Doherty (Owairaka), Dion O'Neale (Owairaka), Robin Miller (Owairaka), Keith Procter (Auckland University), Andy Mai (Warkworth), Craig Seymour (Beachlands Maraetai), Kyan Seymour (Beachlands Maraetai), Jonathan Wood (NHB), Dee Tobin (NHB), Ellie Cragg (Eastern), David Rowbotham (Wesley), John Hall (Te Papa Sports)

Welcome by President

The President called the meeting to order at 1:10pm and welcomed Honorary Life Members, Board Members and all in attendance to the 2026 Athletics Auckland Incorporated Annual General Meeting.

Bryce Hall opened the meeting with a karakia (Timata).

Apologies

The Chair called for apologies, nil received.

Obituaries

The Patron read obituaries of people listed below who passed away during the year, acknowledging the contributions they made to athletics.

Trevor Cowley (9/07/25), Anne Goulter (7/08/25), Fred Smith (27/08/25), Graeme Douglas (10/09/25), Tui Te Rupe (20/09/26), Ron Chadwick (21/10/25), John Moffitt (25/10/25), Terry Mitchell (28/12/26), Tiare Lund (16/02/26), David Savidan (20/02/26), and Nathan Healey (6/03/26).

And those who passed away after the end of the Season, Robin Shaw (21/05/26), Trevor Davis (29/06/26), and Les Mills (29/06/26).

Members were asked to observe a moment of silence.

Bryce Hall continued as Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Minutes of the 2025 AGM

The minutes of the 2025 AGM were previously circulated and taken as read.

Motion: The minutes of the 2025 Athletics Auckland Incorporated AGM held on 31st July 2025 were approved as a true and accurate record.

Moved by Chris Day, Seconded by Rodger Brickland, All in favour, Carried

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

Chairman's Report

- The Chair spoke to his report which had been previously distributed with the AAI AGM information and incorporated into the AAI Annual Report.
- He highlighted from the report: The hosting of the 2026 NZ Track & Field Championships at Trust Stadium, Waitakere.
- This year the concept of Together Better has been more than a value on a page. It has shaped how we have listened, made decisions, supported our clubs, and continued to build a stronger, more connected athletics community across the Auckland region but he also asked how do we:
 - continue in this space.
 - what do we want to achieve moving forward.
 - How do we achieve a sense of community to work with.
- The Chair discussed the future and how there are two types of future. The one that someone else decides for us as an organisation, or the one that we want to create for ourselves. As an organisation he indicated that we need to embrace the latter and continue to evolve what we do for the betterment of all members and the sport in the Auckland region.
- The Chair thanked all volunteers for their dedication and contribution to our sport.
- Copies of the President and Chairman's Report are attached to the minutes.

Motion: It was moved that the President and Chairman's Reports be accepted.

Moved by Bryce Hall, Seconded by Sue Potter, All in favour, Carried

Honorary Life Membership

- Murray McKinnon spoke to the Board nomination for an Honorary Life Membership for Susan (Nancy) Potter, acknowledging the substantial contribution she has made to athletics over the years. The President then presented Sue with the Life Membership.

Merit Awards

- Murray McKinnon spoke to the Board nominations for a Merit Awards for Grant Pepper, Anne Bartley, and Leigh Keefe.
- The President then presented Grant Pepper with his Merit Award. Anne Bartley and Leigh Keefe will be presented with their Merit Awards at a later date.

Financial Accounts and Performance Report

- The Treasurer presented the AAI 2025/26 Audited Financial Accounts and Performance Report.
- It was noted that while the Balance Sheet is in a strong position this was augmented by 2 sets of donations.
- He also noted that while the overall reserves are strong a major percentage of this is held with the separate AAI Section Term Deposit accounts.
- AAI and the separate sections continue to make equipment asset purchases which benefits the whole sport.

Motion: It was moved that the Financial Accounts and Performance Report be accepted.

Moved by Jim Hogg, Seconded by Grant Pepper, All in favour, Carried

2026/2027 Board Budget

- The 2026/2027 Board Budget was circulated prior to the meeting for information and taken as read.
- BH welcomed new Sport Development Manager Michael Halliday and also Kelly Ihaka-Pitama (ANZ). With the Board investing in more staff the Board is anticipating a 15% increase in registration numbers as well as sponsorship support to offset the increased Staff expenses. With this investment the Board encourages all clubs to register all members of their clubs so the advantages to all clubs of having Athletic Development Managers and a new Coaching initiative is a benefit to the whole sport.

Election of Office Bearers

- The following Office Bearers were elected:
 - **President:** One nomination received for Roger Brickland. Elected unopposed.
 - **Treasurer:** No nomination received, Board recommends Jim Hogg. Elected.

- **Board of Directors:** Two (2) vacancies; one (1) nomination received for Bryce Hall Elected unopposed.
- Murray McKinnon nominated Robin Miller (Owairaka) from the floor.

Moved Murray McKinnon, Seconded Dianne Craddock, Carried

- **Legal Advisor:** No nominations received. Position not filled.
- **Auditor:** No nominations received. Board recommends JSA Audit. Carried

General Business

- Grant Pepper asked about the Board's plan and measures regarding its boldness on generating income from an increase in registration numbers with children's numbers remaining static over the past 2 years and the risk to expenditure if the 15% increase in registrations does not materialise.
- Bryce Hall responded that membership numbers are currently tracking at 8% above the equivalent period in the 25/26 financial year. The Board is making strategic investments in staff resource via the recently appointed Athletics Development Manager position to support clubs, implementing a new grassroots coaching initiative, and a new member initiative that will be announced at the Club Partner workshop to follow the AGM. These initiatives are designed to support and enhance the on-going growth in membership although such growth is never linear and there will be periods of higher and lower growth as we progress towards the 2029 membership target. Jim Hogg also responded that capital needs to be invested for best return as registration numbers of 10,000 is an ambitious goal. The Board will continue to manage financial risk as we invest for the future of the sport in the Auckland Region.

The Chair closed the meeting with karakia Whakamutunga.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 1:37pm.