



PANZ

Population Association of New Zealand

Te Roopu Whaka Waihanga Iwi O Aotearoa

Minutes of the 41st Annual General Meeting

29th June 2015, 1.20 pm

Chair: Andrew Butcher

Minutes: Shefali Pawar

Present (22 members):

Adele Quinn	Joel Watkins	Ian Pool
Denise McGregor	Kim Dunstan	Adrienne Stringer
Natalie Jackson	Ward Friesen	Christine Bycroft
Vina Cullum	Andrew Butcher	Len Cook
Mike Berry	Andrew Hancock	Barry Milne
Tahu Kukutai	Alison Day	Alana Lattimore
Shefali Pawar	Moana Rarere	Megan Gath
Robert Didham		

Apologies: Arvind Zodgekar, Mary Gray, Anne Henderson, Paul Brown, David Bromell, Alison Reid, Warwick Neville, Peggy Koopman-Boyden, Baljinder Devgun, Rosemary Goodyear

Meeting started at 1.20 pm.

1. Minutes from previous AGM (17th July 2014)

Moved to accept: Kim Dunstan

Seconded: Alison Day

Minutes accepted.

2. Presidential report

- Emailed to all members along with the Agenda for the AGM (Attached in Appendix 1).
- Key points:
 - Acknowledgement of the passing of Jamie Newell and the huge gap left.
 - Agreed by the council that a special issue of the NZ Population Review will be put together to mark the work of Jamie Newell, aimed at a release in 2016. It will be a full and comprehensive coverage of the huge contribution made by Jamie across a wide range of population research. His family has been informed about this with the next PANZ conference as a forum to gift the special NZPR issue to them.
 - The process of handover of the Treasurer's role to Andrew Hancock had not been completed at the time of the untimely passing of Jamie Newell. This resulted in a huge amount of pressure on Andrew H to pull together the elements of the role that were not yet handed over. Andrew Hancock acknowledged for huge amount of work that went into bridging the gap left by Jamie's untimely passing.
 - Mike Berry acknowledged for stepping in and liaising with the family.
 - The year was also marked by the passing of Andrew Trlin who had a long association with PANZ and Graeme Hugo.

3. Treasurer's Report

- Andrew H acknowledged the support that he received from the council in taking over Jamie's role as Treasurer and the additional pressure arising from his untimely passing and the work of the Secretary in maintaining the membership database and related invoicing and payments.
- Treasurer's report was emailed out to all members in the week prior to the AGM.
- The report had an error in paragraph four which is noted and corrected as follows:
"Population Association of NZ had net assets of \$81,042.77 consisting of cheque and term deposits and accounts payable of \$1,012.50".
- During the financial year to March 2015, the Population Association of New Zealand had a net operating profit of \$17,433.11 primarily due to the early receipt of 2015 Conference sponsorship, contrasting with a net deficit of \$988.61 for the 2014 March year
- A fairly stable PANZ membership and NZPR journal publication membership base.
- PANZ ended the March 2015 year in a strong financial position. Detailed report available in Appendix 2.

Moved to accept: Andrew Hancock

Seconded: Ian Pool

Report accepted.

Motion: Thanking Andrew Hancock for the commendable job done by him in taking over the responsibilities of the Treasurer after the untimely passing of Jamie Newell.

Proposed by: Ian Pool

Seconded by: Robert Didham

Motion carried with acclaim.

4. Election of Officers

- The following nominations were received for the 2014/15 year:

President: Andrew Butcher
Vice-President: Tahu Kukutai
Secretary: Shefali Pawar
Treasurer: Andrew Hancock

Council Members:

Natalie Jackson

Joel Watkins

Arvind Zodgekar

Michael Berry

Wardlow Friesen

Rosemary Goodyear

Alison Day

- Kim Dunstan and Alison Reid stepped down from their role as Council members.
- The huge contribution made by Alison Reid over the years to PANZ in many roles, most recently as the President and co-editor of the NZPR journal, was acknowledged.

- The contribution made by Kim Dunstan as a council member and particularly as the editor of the PANZ Newsletter was acknowledged.
- Joel Watkins and Natalie Jackson welcomed as the new council members.
- The President proposed that all nominations be accepted.

Moved to accept: Ian Pool

Seconded: Kim Dunstan

Motion carried with acclaim.

5. Other Business

No other business was raised or discussed.

The AGM ended at 1.40 pm.

APPENDIX 1 – PRESIDENTIAL REPORT 2014/15

Wednesday, June 17, 2015

In her report to this meeting last year, my predecessor as President, Alison Reid, noted the following: “Jamie [Newell] brings fresh ideas, experience, wisdom and a real sense of openness and fairness to his role and I think we might be a little lost without him.” Little did Alison know how prescient her words would be. It has been a year of tragedy for the demographic community in Australia and New Zealand. First we lost Andrew Trlin, then Graeme Hugo, then James Newell. Each loss has been keenly felt by their friends and colleagues.

It may seem improper to begin my annual report with these sad reflections, but I do so to acknowledge the long shadows that each of these men casts over the study of population. A better way to think on it might be that we stand on their shoulders because each of them deliberately encouraged and cultivated their peers and students to not just study population but to excel in it. We are in their debt.

Others have and will acknowledge the work of Graeme and Andy. I am, however, delighted to announce today that the Council has agreed that a special issue of the New Zealand Population Review will be dedicated to the life and work of Jamie Newell, which we expect to publish in 2016.

Jamie died before the hand-over as Treasurer to Andrew Hancock was completed. Andrew has done a superb job picking up the role under difficult circumstances and without all the paperwork in order. That has been a significant challenge, as he will be the first to acknowledge, but we are now well on our way to an ordered and efficient accounting system and a healthy bank balance. I would also like to acknowledge both, Mike Berry who had the unenviable task of retrieving much of our paperwork from Jamie’s house, and Jamie’s family, who generously gave of their time to help him in that endeavour.

Because the Council’s attention was diverted in the past year we were not able to deal completely with the future of the journal (raised at the last AGM), in both its form (i.e. electronic and/or hard copy) and its publishing home, but that will be a priority for the agenda for the new Council. I am grateful for the co-editorship of Alison Reid, who is stepping down from that role and from Council. Being an editor can be a difficult and sometimes thankless task, but it can also be immensely

rewarding when the final product is complete. It is fitting, therefore, that the festschrift for Dick Bedford is her last project, and it is masterfully put together. My thanks, too, to Kim Dunstan who is also stepping down from council and from his role as editor of our newsletter. Kim was partly responsible for getting me onto Council in the first place (I was in Sydney and the phone call came from Kim, and the rest in history).

The task of being President is made easier by my colleagues on the Council, each of whom has contributed in significant and important ways to the work of PANZ. I am thrilled that most are standing for another year and I look forward to working with them in advancing the study and promotion of population issues in New Zealand.

Andrew Butcher

President – Population Association of New Zealand

(Asia NZ Foundation, Wellington)

APPENDIX 2 – TREASURER’S REPORT 2014/15

Financial Statements

For Year ended 31 March 2015

Treasurer’s Report

Monday, June 22, 2015

The reconciliation of the annual accounts has been challenging as a result of the passing of past Treasurer James Newell. Handover of documentation and an updated accounting software database had not been completed prior to this. Consequently there have been difficulties in reconciling and updating the database to enable production of the accounts.

The financial statements of the Population Association of New Zealand for the year ended 31 March 2015 have yet to be audited as a result of these difficulties but it is noted that there is no legal requirement for an audit, only a constitutional requirement which may be proposed for change at a future AGM. In addition PANZ has undertaken, on the recommendation of the auditor last year to transfer its banking from ANZ to Kiwibank. This task, in itself has been arduous and difficult but has resulted in automating our invoicing processes, improving our financial information and recording, and providing greater security. This has also meant running two bank accounts in parallel as we gradually transfer funds from one bank to the other, and fully advise members and suppliers of the change in banking details. All automatic payments have been transferred to Kiwibank and term deposit funds held in ANZ will be reinvested in Kiwibank as they mature.

Under an accrual accounting regime, any income received in advance, such as conference sponsorship, needs to be recorded as a liability and then booked to transfer in the conference year. This has not been done at this stage – all income for the 2015 conference has simply been recorded as income received. Hopefully this can be rectified as the accounts are audited.

As at 31 March 2015, the Population Association of NZ had net assets of \$80,040.27 consisting of cheque and term deposits of \$81,042.77 and accounts payable of \$1,012.50.

During the financial year to March 2015, the Population Association of New Zealand had a net operating profit of \$17,433.11 primarily due to the early receipt of 2015 Conference sponsorship, contrasting with a net deficit of \$988.61 for the 2014 March year. It is noted that resident withholding tax was paid, albeit a miniscule amount, and this was solely due to a timing issue as our account was paid interest before the PANZ IRD number had been identified and then supplied to Kiwibank.

The Population Association of New Zealand remains in a strong financial position in the year to March 2015.

Andrew Hancock

Treasurer – Population Association of New Zealand