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# Eketāhuna Our Town Inc.

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Meeting minutes from 14 November 2019 – 7pm St John Hall

Meeting opened at 7pm

## 1. Meeting Protocol

**Present:** Rena Tyler, Corinna Carew, Terry Carew, Jules Burt, Mercy Hemming, Margaret Parsons, Margaret Drysdale, Everlyn Chase.

**Apologies:** Glynne MacLean, Jenny Davidson, Gary Groombridge, Warren Chase

**Declaration of conflict of interest:** Nil

## 2. Meeting Administration

**Correspondence:**

**Inward / outward:**

Email from Kirsten Waterman about the opening of the Eketāhuna Multi Sports Turf area on the 24<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm. Our Town has been invited to attend.

There have been 2 quotes received for painting the kiwi on Main Street. See Coordinator report.

## 3. Confirmation of previous minutes:

The minutes from the previous meeting held 10 October 2019 were taken as read.

Rena thanked Terry Carew for putting the carved paddle up in the information centre.

The repainting of the kiwi will be discussed in the coordinators report

**It was agreed that the minutes of the Our Town Meeting held on the 10 October 2019 (as circulated by email) are a true and correct record of the proceedings.**

**Moved Rena/Jules**

**Carried**

## 4. Monitoring

**Financial Report: (copy attached)**

Terry says that the accounts look quite healthy at the moment. He is currently working through some funding applications. He has also talked to Maggie from Lotteries about the lime track.

**Terry asked that the financial report be accepted as a true and accurate record and permission granted for the paying of accounts due to be paid.**

Terry/Everlyn

Carried

## 5. Information Centre Report

### **Information Centre Report: (copy attached)**

Jules read the information centre report.

There have been two quotes for the repainting of the kiwi on Main Street. Jules will get back in touch with them to discuss and bring the quotes to the next meeting for discussion.

There will not be a float in the Santa Cruise from the information centre.

The information centre will send a thank you to Sarah Leeks for making the kiwi hat. We are looking forward to seeing him all dressed up.

The coordinators have bought 40 vouchers for the volunteers, 20 from the Lazy Graze and 20 from Addictions.

Eketāhuna shops are going to have a retail late night on 3 Fridays in December. The information shop will remain open and the coordinators will promote it in the newsletter and on the Facebook page.

There was discussion about the signs at the entrances to town and whether we need to change the message for the holidays. One suggestion was – Drive safe this holidays. This was generic enough to be used throughout the year.

**Jules asked that the Information Centre report be accepted as a true and accurate record.**

Jules/Mercy

Carried

## 6. Waka Park Report

Warren is working with Ryan to manufacture the hinges for the carving. Nick wants to see what the finished art will look like before giving the go ahead.

Everlyn has finished sorting all the names on the carving.

## 7. Lime Track

Terry has been in touch with the Lotteries to get funding for this project. It is proving hard to get the funding but he will keep going.

## 8. General business

- The Santa Cruise committee met on the 6 November and will meet again on the 20 November to finalise details. We have several stalls booked in but only a few floats. However we know that people will turn up on the day. The parade will start at 12pm this year and we will look to have it starting at 11am next year. Jenny is working hard to get donations for the tombola and the raffle, but businesses are being less generous this year. Corinna has managed to get a lot of children's prizes for the childrens tombola. Clive is organising the stalls. Margaret has made the poster and these are now all around town.

- The Christmas carols are on the 8th December at 7pm at the community centre. Corinna will book the hall for the evening. Margaret is leaving her decorations up in the hall for the school, Rena will make sure they are taken down and stored until Margaret can collect them.
- The Christmas flags have been ordered and will arrive soon. Terry is working with the engineers to get the tracks up on Monday 25th November. There will be a small charge for doing that.
- Colin Veale from Tararua District Council is retiring this year. He has been a great help to the Eketāhuna Community. We would like to thank him, Terry suggested inviting Colin and his wife to the Christmas dinner on the 7th December at the Eketāhuna Inn. Margaret D thought a calendar would be a nice gift. Rena will write to Colin to invite him.
- Rena would like to invite the shops on Main Street to decorate their windows for Christmas and get the school children to judge. She will visit the shops on Monday to discuss.
- The Eketāhuna school children will be decorating a Christmas tree by the kiwi on the 18th December. Rena has a tree for them and will provide some lights.
- Tanmay has asked that the ATM stop giving \$50 notes out. Rena has been in touch with NEXT and they are happy to stock the machine with \$20 from the next fill up.
- Rena has researched the rules regarding TMP's and working on the road side and has discussed with Pauline. There is no need for a TMP to paint the kiwi on Main Street.
- There will be a food drive, organised by the health centre, in town on the 2nd December.

**Moved Rena/Margaret**

**Carried**

**With no more business the meeting closed at 8pm**

**Next Meeting - 7pm, 12 December 2019 in the St. John Hall**

I Rena Tyler, certify that this is a true and correct record of this meeting.

**Signed: C Carew**

**Signed: R Tyler**

**Reminders:** Agenda Items for the December meeting need to be sent to me no later than 1 December 2019 please. Email: [glynne@kinzett.org.nz](mailto:glynne@kinzett.org.nz)

# Coordinators Report for Nov 2019

<b>Oct Figures are:</b>	<b>Local Visitors</b>	<b>86</b>
	<b>NZ Visitors</b>	<b>105</b>
	<b>Overseas</b>	<b>34</b>
	<b>Counter Sales</b>	<b>\$730.90</b>
	<b>ATM Usage</b>	<b>491</b>

Hello Our Town People

Yay the 2020 Calendars have landed this week and we have pre-ordered sales of 24 so get in quick as this year there is only 100 for sale.

Window – is promoting the upcoming Santa Cruise and the Pūkaha garden tour which was on last weekend. We also are raising awareness of Movember, world diabetes day and Armistices day.

We have received the newly designed Eketāhuna tea towels in Natural and the black will be instore next week. We are thrilled with how they have turn out and they are priced at \$15.

We have received the black singlets with Eketāhuna on front in yellow, we had 20 produced to see how they are received and they are priced at \$23. See singlet sample.

The Xmas stock is still arriving so pop in for some wonderful Xmas gifts incl lots of Eketāhuna themed items.

The Santa Cruise overlay signs are up and looking good, we need to go back to the printer as the size is slightly smaller this time and we are unsure of why. Any thoughts on what next overlay should say??

We have received the quotes for repainting Kiwi (see attached)

Is Santa Cruise requiring a \$ Float? How much, and coins or notes?

The white kiwi's Xmas hat has been made and will be up before Santa cruise.

We have also received the Tararua Visitor stats (see attached), once again Eketāhuna is holding its own with other towns in the region.

Also, the Eketāhuna retailers are having 3x Fridays before xmas (6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>) late night shopping till 7.30pm... so lets support this awesome opportunity! We want to see if we can get volunteers to help us stay open.

Mercy Heming and Jules Burt

Co-ordinators



