

Annual General Meeting of Rock The Vote NZ Incorporated

Date: 18 July 2024

Venue: Garnet Station Café, Westmere, Auckland

Meeting opened by *Michael Avenell* at 7.05pm

1. **Present:** Michael Avenell, Fiona McEwen, David Allen, Grant Mountjoy, Sandra King, Ross Sakey, Daymond Goulder-Horobin, Andrew Crowley, John Alcock
Apologies: Kathryn Avenell, Brian Clayton
Quorum: Met

2. **Chairperson's welcome:**
I (Michael) declare the AGM for Rock The Vote NZ Incorporated is now open.

3. **Previous Minutes:**
AGM held 26 April 2023
Amendments: Fiona noted that the motion passed at the AGM in April 2023 "THAT there should be a Communications role and that a certain member be approached for interest in this role." was never followed through on.
Matters arising: nil.
MOVED THAT the Minutes of the AGM held on 26 April 2023 are true and correct. *Michael/Grant. Carried.*

Special General Meeting held 27 March 2024

Matters arising: nil.

MOVED THAT the Minutes of the Special General Meeting held on 27 March 2024 are true and correct. *Fiona/Ross. Carried.*

4. **Chairperson's Annual Report:**
At the time of our last AGM in April last year, RTV NZ had started to grow and move to another level of its development. Previously we had been a small group that worked together to contest the Auckland Council's Local Body Elections.

After the summer break, we were moving forward with momentum, with a passionate and committed team, with the focus on the October 2023 General Election, which included becoming a bit more formal, serious and professional – and included forming a RTV NZ incorporated society.

It also included meeting a number of like-minded parties and groups to build alliances, connections, networks and relationships.

This became invaluable and culminated in RTV NZ becoming a component party under the Freedoms NZ umbrella, which really illustrated the unity that so many people from the freedom movement were calling for.

While we weren't successful in our aim for political representation in parliament, important relationships were formed, and those relationships are still there and intact & ready to go again. I am convinced that if Counterspin Media hadn't launched their attack on Brian Tamaki in June 2023, which completely divided the freedom community, and NZ Loyal had joined the FNZ umbrella, then we would definitely have had made it into parliament.

I am confident that we acted, to the best of our ability, with honour and integrity.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Paul Davie for his help and political experience during this period and standing as a candidate for RTV NZ in the Auckland Central electorate – his help was both invaluable and enormously appreciated.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank John Alcock for all his help and assistance during this period as well and for standing as a candidate for RTV NZ in the Pakuranga electorate – again, enormously appreciated.

I would also like to acknowledge Michael Clarkson and Eric Chuah for standing as RTV NZ electorate candidates, and Grant for putting himself forward on the FNZ party list.

After the last summer's break, RTV NZ regrouped and we have now expanded further and gone to the next stage of our development. This has involved merging the Aotearoa Party with RTV NZ, which included bringing Daymond onto our board, and electing John as our Party Leader.

We have also set up various subcommittees such as follows –

National Politics subcommittee, led by John.

Local Body subcommittee, led by Kathryn.

Events subcommittee, led by Fiona.

Website & social media subcommittee, led by Andrew.

Here I would really like to acknowledge Andrew and Daymond for all their help, ideas and assistance with our website and the tech side of RTV NZ, and just helping RTV NZ in general – you both have really helped to expand and strengthen RTV NZ in a massive way.

I would like to also thank Kathryn for leading the Local Body subcommittee – I see how many WLB & Council events you attend, whether in person or online, and I thank you for your commitment. Sorry if I push you too much.

We have held quite a number of, and varied, successful events – with a number of further events planned. Apparently, we are the only party that is now hosting regular events.

Looking forward, I would like to see us talk further with more like-minded groups and parties to further build a platform and alliances to really bring as many people as possible together on this mission. I would like to acknowledge John for already starting this process by already meeting and talking with various leaders.

After this AGM and the passing of our Constitution, I would like to see RTV NZ really start to build its membership base.

I think that RTV NZ is now setting itself up into a very good position. People are now aware of RTV NZ. I truly believe that we have something incredibly unique and special that no other party has and I believe that we can all, in our own way, feel it. A big part of that is that we as a group, and individually, are real people, and relatively egoless.

So I would like to say a big Thank You to everyone on the team for all your input – everyone has played their part. In fact I love everyone on the Committee.

I would like to finish off by saying a massive thank you to Fiona for all the amazing work that she does – from organizing all our events, covering all our social media, for putting our constitution together, for her sheer and unrelenting passion and energy. RTV NZ could not, and would not, exist without her.

Thank you everyone.

Michael Avenell

Chairperson

MOVED THAT the Chairperson's Annual Report is accepted. *Michael/Grant. Carried.*

5. **Treasurer's Report:**

Fiona presented the financial statements for the 2023/2024 financial year and the tax return that has been filed with the IRD.

MOVED THAT the financial report is accepted. *Fiona/Ross. Carried.*

6. **Membership Fees:**

\$50 per year if paid in one sum, or \$5 per month for 12 months (total \$60). There was some discussion about methods of payment. If the \$50 is being paid in one sum we can accept payments via Stripe, direct credit to the bank account or cash. If the \$5 per month subscription option is selected, this will only be able to be paid via Stripe (i.e. direct debit from a credit or debit card).

MOVED THAT the membership fees for 2024/25 are accepted. *Michael/Andrew. Carried.*

7. **Election of Committee Members:**

MOVED THAT there being no resignations of existing Committee Members the 10 members of the Committee are hereby re-elected. *Michael/Daymond. Carried.*

The terms for the Committee Members were agreed as follows:

1 year: Daymond, Andrew, Sandy, Ross, Kathryn

2 years: Michael, Fiona, Grant, David, Brian

8. **General Business:**

1. **Party Leader's Report:**

Dear Board Members,

I am happy to present the Leader's Report for Rock The Vote NZ at our Annual General Meeting. This year has been a remarkable journey filled with significant achievements, formidable challenges, and inspiring teamwork.

We successfully navigated the 2023 election campaign, surpassing my anticipated vote count by a considerable margin. Our deepened relationships with the Freedoms NZ coalition partners have endured beyond the election, showcasing our resilience and strategic alignment. A renewed and refreshed Constitution (assuming it is passed today) should guide our actions, while our membership and reach have grown substantially.

We have consistently hosted a wide variety of engaging events for our members, enhancing community involvement and support. Additionally, significant improvements to our website and social media presence have enhanced our functionality and accessibility.

Our success is evident in our metrics:

- We now have over 500 Facebook followers, bringing us closer to official party registration.
- Our merger with the Aotearoa Party is a testament to our expanding influence.
- Our events have seen excellent attendance, reflecting our growing community engagement.
- We've forged strong relationships with nearly all NZ Freedom Parties, a unique achievement in NZ.

Despite facing financial challenges, we have emerged with a positive bank balance, thanks to prudent management and dedication of our team. Our website overhaul has made it more user-friendly, and our strategic alliances have enabled us to punch above our weight in the political arena.

Our involvement in local body issues and regular publications in local media have fortified our community presence.

I must commend our outstanding team:

- Fiona has masterfully managed our social media, finances and general administration.
- Michael and Kathryn have tirelessly represented us at functions and through extensive networking, as well as keeping us on track with recording our minutes and chairing our meetings amongst many other tasks.
- David, Grant and Andrew have provided invaluable insights into our financial and philosophical strategies.
- Ross and Carol have kept us informed about global elite manoeuvres, enhancing our strategic planning.
- Brian's steady hand and sharp intellect have been crucial for our governance and direction.
- Daymond's contributions to our technological operations have been indispensable.
- Every board member has offered unwavering support and guidance, navigating the complexities of political party operations.

Reflecting on this year, I am reminded that our successes are a collaborative achievement. Each of us brings unique strengths, working independently yet collaboratively towards our shared objectives. Your logical, rational and well-reasoned contributions are the bedrock of our success. It is a privilege to work alongside you, and I am grateful for your dedication in navigating the challenges posed by the collectivist agendas.

Looking ahead, our primary goal is to continue to strengthen our relationships with other freedom parties in NZ. We aim to demonstrate our leadership, administrative capabilities and philosophical acumen, guiding NZ into a new era of individual property rights, freedom of association, freedom of speech, freedom of movement and freedom of trade for all Kiwis.

Thank you for your support and dedication.

Yours sincerely,
John Alcock
Leader, Rock The Vote NZ Party

2. Local Body Sub-Committee Report:

Firstly, thank you to our RTV NZ Local Body Subcommittee - Grant, Brian, and Michael. Over the last 6 months we have played a watchdog role in Local Body affairs, becoming familiar with how the system works and how to involve ourselves. We have been attending monthly Waitemata Local Body meetings and some Governing Body Auckland Council, and AT meetings since Feb 2024. We have attended weekly online Waitemata LB Workshops since they were made public in May. We have introduced ourselves to various stakeholders and built relationships. We have worked to promote our name and brand in the local community.

Our particular concern in the Waitemata LB and Auckland Council business is the gradual movement toward a SMART City future. We observe how fabricated 'traffic congestion' and 'Climate Change' continue to be the justification for a more controlled, pedestrianised city centre.

Grant and Michael have made public forum presentations about our city concerns, slow traffic strategies, and Waitemata LB bias regarding Gael B.

We have had *Letters to the Editor* published in the monthly Ponsonby News, at least 2x per publication. (Re- WLB incompetence, city cameras, slowing city productivity, street people, in support of Heart of the City, and about the newly opened WLB Workshop activity.)

We have had talks with Viv Beck from Heart of the City, members of 'C&R', Greg M and Sarah on several occasions over the last six months and have worked alongside Gael B.

We attended Gael and Lisa's Garnet Rd Station local body issue sharing event, with Mayor Wayne Brown in attendance.

Going forward, Grant may stand as a candidate at the 2025 Local Body election, but we are yet to establish which platform is best for assisting him. John has indicated his interest as an Auckland Mayoral candidate, and we are open to the possibility of supporting other RTV NZ Local Body candidates as well.

Again, a big thanks to our team for regularly turning up like real troupers!!

Kathryn Avenell
Leader, RTV NZ Local Body Sub-committee

3. New Constitution

Fiona gave all Committee members a copy of the new Constitution and outlined further updates that have been made.

MOVED THAT the new Constitution is accepted. *Fiona/Michael. Carried.*

4. Motion: THAT the Secretary proceeds with re-registration of Rock The Vote NZ Incorporated.
Fiona/Michael. Carried.

Meeting closed by Chairperson, *Michael Avenell* at 7.56pm