

Wellington Archery Association



Annual General Meeting - 9th November 2025 DRAFT MINUTES

Location: Randwick Archery Club, Randwick Road, Moera, Lower Hutt

Time: The meeting commenced at 2:41pm.

Present: Neville Clark (President), Gary Coleman (Vice President), Murray Forbes (Treasurer), Amy Lewis (Secretary), Ian Harding, Chris Gorman, Jeanette Summers, Russell Abery, Patsy Vercoe, Tony Vercoe, Bernie Fraser, Luke Christie, Alex Gillie, Emma Collins, Allan Atkinson, Natalie Hay, Liz Atkinson.

Apologies: Sophie Abery, Robbie Anderson, Beverley Evans, Iain Hamilton, Connor Johnson, Michelle McGaughran, Phil Percy.

Quorum

Murray Forbes moved that the apologies be accepted. The motion was seconded by Gary Coleman. All in favour, no objections. The apologies were accepted.

With seventeen members in attendance, a quorum was not reached. Neville Clark, Murray Forbes, and Amy Lewis consulted the Constitution and discussed the options for how to proceed, and outlined these for the attendees. The options were (i) to adjourn the AGM, and conduct another in person AGM at a later date; or (ii) adjourn the AGM and ratify all decisions made by an online member vote. Attendees voted by a show of hands, to move to adjourn the meeting and ratify all decisions with an online vote: 17 in favour.

The motion was passed, and the meeting was adjourned with all business transacted to be confirmed by online voting.

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, 2024

Murray Forbes moved that the minutes of the 2024 AGM be accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting. Liz Atkinson seconded the motion. All favour, no objections.

Matters Arising

Amy Lewis discussed the proposal for an 800 badge that was passed at last AGM, and explained that there had not been any progress yet. The badges will be available pending the next order to the badge supplier in 2026.

Amy Lewis discussed the remit for the Volunteer of the Year award submitted in 2024. The proposed award was accepted by the online ballot. A nomination form for this award was sent to clubs in the package of AGM documents for 2025, but no nominations were received this year.

President's Annual Report

Neville Clark read his President's report:

Firstly, thank you all for turning out for the AGM.

Secondly, thank you to all of the Committee members that have plugged away both tirelessly and for the greater part, without recognition over the past year. This past year has been a very quiet year in some arenas for the WAA Committee, but in saying that, I'm very happy to report that the WAA has been newly registered with the Incorporated Society's Registrar. Plus, we managed to achieve it on our first attempt. Many thanks to all our Committee members who helped by wading through the idiosyncrasies associated with what is effectively a brand new Constitution.

A special thanks goes to Graham Nootebos and Murray Forbes for doing the donkey work of interpreting the requirements.

Despite our best efforts to elicit feedback from the larger WAA membership for feedback on the draft Constitution, I was a little disappointed by the almost non-existent responses.

Admittedly, the new constitution is not perfect, and I'm fairly confident that the incoming Committee will hear about it. So, while you are commenting, ask yourself, "Am I part of the problem, or part of the solution"? Having criticisms for existing systems is fine, but it must be balanced with suggestions on a way to move forwards, otherwise you are likely to be a part of the problem. On the upside, the archery calendar for last season was fairly hectic with more than a few clashes being created. The problem of being in two places at once meant that some of our members stepped up into roles outside of their norm in order to meet these needs. So thank you to all those that stepped up when the need arose.

The calendar this year is already shaping up for a repeat. This brings about a common theme whereby the few do most of the work for the many. Burnout is a reality and so is stagnation. Please remember that we are all volunteers, and we can't just keep doing it year after year.

So, please consider holding your hand up for a position on the Committee, even if it's just for one term.

Be part of the solution.

There ends my report.

Any questions?

Neville Clark

WAA President.

Chris Gorman moved that the President's Annual Report be accepted. The motion was seconded by Alex Gillie. All in favour, no objections.

Treasurer's Report and Statement of Accounts

Murray Forbes read and explained the submitted Treasurer's report, noting that affiliation fees received were slightly greater than expected, and expenses were less than expected. Amy Lewis moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted. The motion was seconded by Emma Collins. All in favour, no objections.

Setting of the 2027 Affiliation Fees

Amy Lewis explained that the current affiliation fees are \$20 per person, with a discount to \$15 per person if paid before the end of November each year. She noted that for clubs that have a rolling membership year, this can make it more complex to calculate the fees to be paid by new members. She suggested that the WAA affiliation fee be moved to a \$15 flat fee regardless of when a member joined. Murray Forbes discussed the reason for the discount was to encourage clubs to pay fees early, but noted that clubs usually paid promptly, and there were few members joining late and paying the full fee.

Amy Lewis moved that the WAA affiliation fee be set to a flat fee of \$15 for the season starting October 2027, regardless of when members join the Association. The motion was seconded by Ian Harding. Murray Forbes abstained from the vote. All in favour, no objections.

Nomination of WAA Accounts Reviewer

Murray Forbes nominated Shirley Duffy, Certified Accountant to review the accounts for the WAA. The motion was seconded by Neville Clark. All in favour, no objections.

Field Secretary's Report

Amy Lewis read the Field Secretary's report:

The 2024-25 events calendar has been an exceptionally busy one - great news for all the archers in our region! Despite some challenges, our hard-working WAA-affiliated clubs have done a fantastic job delivering all our keystone events, three rounds of the WAA Cup, and plenty of WAA600 shoots spread around the region. The WAA tournaments present valuable opportunities for new and experienced archers to challenge their ability, achieve their competitive goals, and prepare for higher levels of competition, so a huge Thank you needs to go to our member clubs for providing these opportunities for our region's archers. A special thanks to the teams at Trentham and Randwick clubs, for taking on extra tournaments at short notice.

It has been a really successful competitive year for our archers, with the Wellington region tending to punch above its weight. Wellington archers made a good showing at the Archery NZ Outdoor National Championships in April, with thirty different archers making the trip to Auckland. We had archers from Wellington representing in the Under 11 division, right through to masters 65+, and recurve, compound, barebow, longbow and traditional all represented. Of those thirty competing archers, twenty-six of them finished on the podium, and overall brought home at least fifty-eight medals. Amazing results!

The WAA was also delighted to help support our archers selected to represent New Zealand in international competition through the WAA Representatives fund. Grants were made to Gary Coleman to attend the World Cup in Shanghai, and to Sophia Abery, Logan Dittert, Holly Monks, and Ethan and Edward Stichbury to compete at the Trans-Tasman Challenge in Christchurch. Grants made through the reps fund are offered as modest support to help with the costs of attending international tournaments, and it is exciting to be able to support so many athletes from the region.

The 2025-26 Calendar is looking really busy again, but we have managed to allocate all the events according to the bids that were received. It's exciting to see the organization's major events being shared around more of our member clubs, providing a really interesting and varied experience for those competing. Of particular note on the calendar is the Archery New Zealand North Island Senior Target Championships which will be hosted by Manawatu next year. This major tournament is hosted by clubs across the three North island regions on a three year rotation, and 2026 is again Wellington's turn. It was pleasing to receive more than one bid to host this significant event, and we know that Manawatu will do a fantastic job, and put on some great weather for us.

All the very best to all our WAA members for the coming season.

*Amy Lewis
Field Secretary.*

Emma Collins moved that the Field Secretary's report be accepted. The motion was seconded by Gary Coleman. All In favour, no objections.

Endorsing the 2025-26 Events Calendar

Amy Lewis presented the WAA Draft Events Calendar for the 2025-2026 season. Ian Harding noted that Wairarapa's bids for the WAA Indoor Championships, WAA Cup, and a 600 tournament are not on the calendar. Amy Lewis explained that the bid for the Indoor Championships was won by Kapiti this year; the WAA Cup received only one bid, and as a multi-stage tournament couldn't run without support from clubs willing to host it. She explained that the incoming committee would need to spend some time working on the format of the WAA Cup to make it more appealing to clubs. Amy Lewis acknowledged that

she had made an error and accidentally neglected to allocate a date for Wairarapa's 600 tournament, and asked Ian to submit a date so this event could be added to the calendar.

Murray Forbes moved that the WAA Events Calendar be accepted. The motion was seconded by Patsy Vercoe. All in favour.

Election of Officers

Attendees nominated and voted on members to be elected to the WAA Committee:

President (two year term)

Allan Atkinson was nominated by advanced nomination by Neville Clark, and seconded by Luke Christie. No further nominations received from the floor. 17 votes were counted in favour. No objections or abstentions.

Secretary (one year term to fill a vacancy)

Luke Christie nominated Emma Collins as WAA Secretary. The nomination was seconded by Allan Atkinson. 17 votes were counted in favour. No objections or abstentions.

Treasurer (two year term)

Chris Gorman nominated Murray Forbes as WAA Treasurer. The nomination was seconded by Neville Clark. 17 votes were counted in favour. No objections or abstentions.

Athlete's Representative (two year term)

Amy Lewis nominated Luke Christie as WAA Athlete's Representative. The nomination was seconded by Emma Collins. 17 votes were counted in favour. No objections or abstentions.

Committee members - three positions, each for a two year term

Neville Clark was nominated by advanced nomination by Alex Gillie. The nomination was seconded by Emma Collins.

Jeanette Summers nominated herself for a Committee position. The nomination was seconded by Gary Coleman.

Russell Abery was nominated by Amy Lewis. The nomination was seconded by Chris Gorman.

17 votes were counted in favour for each nomination. No objections or abstentions were recorded.

Committee member - one year term to fill a vacancy

Alex Gillie was nominated by Allan Atkinson. The nomination was seconded by Emma Collins. 17 votes were counted in favour. No objections or abstentions.

Coaching Convenor

Amy Lewis pointed out that with the election of Allan Atkinson to the President's role, the Coaching Convenor position became vacant. She noted that Neville Clark had fulfilled this role previously. Ian Harding nominated Neville Clark as Coaching Convenor. The nomination was seconded by Gary Coleman. 17 votes were counted in favour. No objections or abstentions.

Incumbent committee members:

Three committee members will continue to serve the rest of their term, which expires in 2026: Amy Lewis (Field Secretary), Graham Nootebos (Committee), and Gary Coleman (Vice President).

Receipt of Remits, Resolutions and Notices of Motion

No remits, resolutions or notices of motion have been submitted.

Nominations for Life memberships

No nominations for life memberships have been submitted.

WAA Archer of the Year

No nominations for Archer of the Year have been submitted - this award will not be awarded this year.

WAA Volunteer of the Year

No nominations for Volunteer of the Year have been submitted - this award will not be awarded this year.

General Business

1. Bernie Fraser considered that the AGMs have a lot to be desired, and said he doesn't want AGMs held after a shoot. He believed recent AGMs have had a lack of a suitable venue. Bernie suggests that the WAA hire Mana Archery Club rooms for monthly meetings and the AGM, for \$1500 a year, for a five year term. He suggests that committee members should be paid \$20 each to attend committee meetings. Bernie Fraser suggested that the organization offer three lucky-spot prizes to attendees to encourage participation at the next AGM.
The membership discussed the proposals, with committee members noting that committee meetings are held by online video conference. Amy Lewis asked Bernie Fraser if he was presenting a motion, or providing a suggestion. Bernie Fraser clarified that he has provided the ideas as a proposal for the incoming committee to discuss.
2. Bernie Fraser proposed the WAA organise an Archery gear boot sale to Buy/Sell/Swap and to promote social interaction, proposing Mana or Manawatu as a location. He suggested March 2026 as a potential date. Patsy Vercoe noted that Manawatu Archery Club are organising a swap day soon, and Jeanette Summers noted that Kapiti College intended to run a Buy/Sell/Swap day as a fundraiser.
3. Patsy Vercoe requests that the WAA should be using individual email addresses to communicate with members instead of sending communications to club secretaries. Chris Gorman and Jeanette Summers note that their clubs have been missed off from WAA emails that were sent by secretaries of other clubs instead of coming through the WAA Secretary. Amy explains that the WAA receives members' email addresses through club secretaries, and that we need to ensure that all members consent to the WAA using their private email addresses. She notes that it is on the incoming committee's agenda to gain members' permission to send communications to individual email addresses.
4. Ian Harding explains that Wairarapa Archers Group is to be set up as a registered incorporated society, and their committee is working through the process.

Close of meeting

The meeting was closed at 4:00pm.

APPENDIX A: Draft 2025-26 Events Calendar**Wellington Archery Association Events Calendar
2025-26 Season**

9 November 2025	WAA AGM Shoot	Randwick	WAA
15/16 November 2025	Sir Walter Nash Tournament	Randwick	Major
22/23 November 2025			
30 November 2025	WAA 600 shoot	Randwick	WAA
6/7 December 2025	WAA 600 shoot	Wanganui	WAA
13/14 December 2025	Turbine Tournament Tornado 2024	Manawatu	Major
20/21 December 2025			
27/28 December 2025	Kausaiwana II	Randwick	Major
3/4 January 2026			
10/11 January 2026			
17/18 January 2026			
24/25 January 2026	Archery NZ Outdoor Championships Rongomai Park, Auckland, 21-24 Jan	Auckland	Major
31 Jan/1 February 2026			

7/8 February 2026	WAA Target Championships 2026	Randwick	Major
14/15 February 2026	WAA 600 Tournament	Trentham	WAA
21/22 February 2026			
28 Feb 2026	WAA 600 Tournament	Manawatu	WAA
1 March 2026			
7/8 March 2026	WAA Field Championships - 7-8 March	Trentham	WAA
14/15 March 2026	Archery NZ North Island Senior Target Championships	Manawatu	Major
21/22 March 2026	Archery NZ North Island Junior Target Championships	Tauranga	Major
28/29 March 2026			
4/5 April 2026	ANZ Field Championships, 3-4 April	Massey	Major
11/12 April 2026	WAA Clout Championships - 11 April	Trentham	WAA
18/19 April 2026	WA Oceania Championships 16-19 April 2026	TBC	International
25/26 April 2026	WAA 600 Tournament	Randwick	WAA
2/3 May 2026	Silver Knight & Ruscoe Shield	Wanganui	WAA
9/10 May 2026			
16/17 May 2026			

23/24 May 2026	WAA 600 Tournament	Kāpiti	WAA
30/31 May 2026			
6/7 June 2026			
13/14 June 2026	WAA 600 Tournament	Wanganui	WAA
20/21 June 2026			
27/28 June 2026			
4/5 July 2026			
11/12 July 2026	WAA Indoor Championships	Kāpiti	Major
18/19 July 2026			
25/26 July 2026			
1/2 August 2026	WAA 600 Tournament	Randwick	WAA
8/9 August 2026			
15/16 August 2026	Archery NZ Indoor National Championships	Manawatu	Major
22/23 August 2026			
29/30 August 2026	WAA 600 Tournament	Wanganui	WAA
5/6 September 2026			

12/13 September 2026			
19/20 September 2026	AGM Shoot	Manawatu	WAA
26/27 September 2026			
3/4 October 2026	Louden Trophy - 3rd October	Wanganui	WAA
10/11 October 2026			
17/18 October 2026	WAA 600 Tournament	Manawatu	WAA
24/25 October 2026	WAA 600 Tournament	Trentham	WAA
31 Oct / 1 Nov 2026			
6/7 November 2026	Sir Walter Nash Tournament	Randwick	Major
13/14 November 2026			
20/21 November 2026			
27/28 November 2026			
5/6 December 2026	WAA 600 Tournament	Randwick	WAA
12/13 December 2026	Turbine Tournament	Manawatu	Major
19/20 December 2026			
26/27 December 2026	Kausaiwana III (TBC)	Randwick	Major

Please note: Events in blue-shaded rows are not run under the auspices of WAA. They are included here as independent events run by clubs in our district, Archery New Zealand events, or as recognised events supported by attendees from WAA Clubs.

Events identified as RMT or Major events are registered with Archery NZ and will be listed at www.archeryosa.com for information and entries. Entry details for events identified as WAA will be sent out to member clubs by the WAA for distribution to club members, and listed on the WAA website at www.waa.org.nz/calendar/ . Entry details for events listed as 'Other' will be communicated by the club or organisation hosting the event.