

**AUCKLAND THOROUGHBRED  
RACEHORSE OWNERS  
ASSOCIATION**

**ANNUAL REPORT 2022 - 2023**

**Our goal - to improve the economics, integrity and  
pleasure of the sport of thoroughbred racing on  
behalf of all owners**



Sharp 'N' Smart winning the Group 1 Herbie Dyke Stakes at Te Rapa on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2023 for G A Rogerson, Todd Bawden, C A Leishman, NZ Thoroughbred Holdings Ltd, M Butterworth & M B Waddy.  
(All Photos courtesy of [www.raceimages.co.nz](http://www.raceimages.co.nz))

**NOTICE OF  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
TO BE HELD IN LADY FISHER ROOM  
ASCOT STAND ELLERSLIE  
2.30pm Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023**



**Pacheco winning at Pukekohe on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2023 for Shaun Phelan, Chris Faulkner, Jacqueline Fenwick & Robert Fenwick, Karen Nicholson & Thomas Nicholson, Paul & Julie Dyson, Walter Ormsby, Michael Keesom, Murray Darroch, Jeff Heasley, Graeme Lemon & Michelle Collis.**

# AUCKLAND THOROUGHBRED RACEHORSE OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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## **Committee:**

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## AGENDA

Paul Wilcox of ATR will address us at the start of the meeting with an update on the Strath-Ayr track progress.

Recognition of Members deceased in the year -

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§ Apologies

§ Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting

§ Matters arising

§ President's Report

§ Financial Report

§ Matters arising

§ Election of Officers

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Committee

§ General Business

In accordance with our Rules nominations to serve on the committee can be made from the floor at the meeting.

The current committee would welcome earlier nominations which can be made to any committee member.

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE AUCKLAND THOROUGHBRED RACEHORSE OWNERS' ASSOCIATION INC, HELD AT THE ELLERSLIE RACECOURSE, LADY FISHER ROOM, 80 ASCOT AVENUE, GREENLANE, ON SUNDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2022, AT 2.30 PM.**

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**GUEST SPEAKER** The meeting was preceded by a presentation from the Chief Executive of the Auckland Racing Club, Paul Wilcox. He updated on the likely timetable of the racetrack improvements and potential development of the adjoining land for which a sale was being negotiated.

**BEREAVEMENTS** There did not appear to have been any notable deaths relating to the association in the preceding year.

**PRESENT** A list of attendees is appended to the minutes.

**APOLOGIES** Sally Blyth, Elliot Wilton, Rosalia Pimm, David Archer

It was **MOVED** that the apologies be accepted. *(Woollaston/Paterson)*

**MINUTES** The notes from the 2021 Annual General Meeting had been irretrievably lost.

The following had been confirmed at the meeting:

<b>Financials</b>	<b>\$</b>
Trading Account	4,739.99
Rapid Save Account	324.72
Travel Account	174.18
Term Deposit	10,849.36
<b>Committee for 2021/2022</b>	
Mike Gething	President
Sally Blyth	Vice President
Raewyn McKenzie	Secretary
Neil Miller	
Michael Dowd	Frances Crimmins
Elliot Wilton	Pat Woollaston
Lex Paterson	Virginia Healey

It was **MOVED** the above be taken as true and correct. *(Woollaston/Crimmins)*

## MATTERS

### ARISING

The President had raised with the Auckland Racing Club the possibility of ATROA members being able to have access to the *Tote on Ascot*. It was agreed that this would be allowed on non-premier days. Entry would be confirmed by showing ATROA membership card.

## PRESIDENT'S

### REPORT

The President presented a report on activities for the year.

The main interest items were:

- Stakes slowly increasing a little.
- Provisional date for social race-day is 18 February 2023 at Pukekohe.
- Michael Dowd had indicated he would be stepping down from the committee. However, since the report had been circulated his plans had changed and he was now able to remain.

The President thanked the committee for their work during the year.

Neil Miller continued to spend hours producing *The Bulletin* and special thanks were extended to him.

It was **MOVED That the President's Report for 2022 be received.**

*(Paterson/Crimmins)*

## FINANCIAL

### REPORT

The financial statement was set out in the Annual Report. The closing balances as at 31 July 2022:

Cheque Account	6,858.29
Rapid Save Account	381.27
Investment Account	10,945.87
Travel Account	174.25
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Total Assets	\$18,359.69
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It was **MOVED:**

**That the Financial Statement for the year August 2021 to July 2022 be adopted.**

*(Miller/Leishman)*

As there was a considerable balance on hand, the President asked members present if they had any ideas on how the association might spend some of the money. He requested any ideas be emailed to him.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The following had put forward their names for election:

President – Mike Gething *(Paterson/Miller)*

Vice President – Sally Blyth *(Gething/Crimmins)*

Secretary – Raewyn McKenzie *(Crimmins/Woollaston)*

Committee – *(Gething/McKenzie)*

Frances Crimmins, Michael Dowd, Neil Miller

Pat Woollaston, Virginia Healey, Craig Leishman,

Alan Pate All were duly declared elected.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **TAIKI YANAGIDA MEMORIAL**

ATROA wanted to recognise the recent tragic passing of Taiki Yanagida with an appropriate memorial. It was suggested a suitable rose or cherry tree be planted at Ellerslie with an appropriate plaque. Mike Gething to check with Taiki's agent as to what his family may prefer. ARC were amenable to ATROA recognising Taiki in this way.

### **LACK OF TRIALS**

There was general concern about the lack of trials for horses in the ATROA area. The President suggested members should write directly to NZTR expressing their concerns.

### **NAMING OF HORSES BEFORE TRIALLING**

The implications of having to name a horse before it trialled were a concern. ATROA to write to NZTR to clarify the necessity and reasoning behind doing so.

## LIFE MEMBER PRESENTATION

Neil Miller had been conferred with Life Membership of the NZ Thoroughbred Racehorse Owners Federation for his years of dedicated service to the Federation and for his valuable work on publishing *The Bulletin*. The President was pleased to present him with a medal on behalf of the Federation.

**CLOSE OF MEETING** There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.05 pm.



**Popthebubbles winning at Tauranga on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2023 for R L Bonnington, P M Jeffares & T V Rider.**



## - PRESIDENTS REPORT 2023

It looks like there is some light at the end of the tunnel. Most of it shines from Eilerslie and their structural and financial developments that will see significant increases in stakes. Entain and NZTR changes also offer more positivity. It is more than five years since the publication of the Messara Report yet more of his recommendations are yet to be implemented. For an industry that contributes more than \$2 billion to the economy and employs directly and indirectly approximately 35,000 people the government has been very slow to respond to its needs.

The memorial rose for Taiki Yanagida was planted at Eilerslie during the year along with a memorial plaque from our association. Thank you to those who assisted in doing this and special thanks to Auckland Thoroughbred Racing and Paul Wilcox for the space beside the front parade ring now devoted to Taiki's rose. For those not aware the rose we planted "Imagine" was chosen by Taiki's mother.

The social held on February 18<sup>th</sup> 2023 at Pukekohe was a great success with seventy five members and guests attending. Special thanks to all who helped and thanks and a tribute to Ross Thompson who ran our Punter's Club and made a 70% profit!

Congratulations to all those who have enjoyed success with their horses this year.

My sincere thanks to your committee, Neil Miller, Sally Blyth, Raewyn Mc Kenzie, Frances Crimmins, Elliot Wilton, Lex Paterson, Michael Dowd, Allan Pate, Craig Leishman, Virginia Healey and Pat Woollaston. You are a wonderful group of enthusiastic supportive companions.

On that note should any of you feel you would like to contribute your time and energy to the Auckland Owners Association committee you would be welcomed.



**Hit The Road Jack winning at Avondale on 3rd June 2023 for Mrs M L Collis, M A & P J Dobson, A Grant, G D Lemon, C K & S C Phelan, P E Sheppard, R Treloar, E P & Mrs M K Twomey.**

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ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED - 221844

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR AUGUST 2022 – JULY 2023

### Cheque Account

<b>Opening Balance 1 August 2022</b>	<b>6,858.27</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Capitation Fees	2,141.58
Member Event Payments	635.00
Interest	6.24
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Total Income	9,641.09
<b>Expenditure</b>	
AP Transfers to Savings Account	60.00
Pukekohe Park Event February	4,500.00
Gift guest speaker	98.00
Prize for Best Turned Out	100.00
Taiki Yanagida Memorial – Plaque	80.00
Rose	36.99
Transfer to Term Deposit No.2	3,000.00
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Total Expenses	7,874.99
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<b>Balance as at 31 July 2023</b>	<b>1,766.10</b>

### Rapid Save Account

<b>Income</b>	
Opening Balance 1/8/22	381.27
AP Transfers	60.00
Interest	18.17
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	459.44	
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Nil	0.00	
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<b>Balance as at 31 July 2023</b>	<b>\$459.44</b>	<hr/>

### Assets

Cheque Account	1766.10	
Rapid Save Account	459.44	
Term Deposit No 1	11,454.86	
Term Deposit No 2	3,000.00	
Travel Account	136.30	

### Total Assets

This is to certify that there are nil liabilities for the Auckland Thoroughbred Racehorse Owners Association

*Raewyn McKenzie* Raewyn McKenzie Secretary



**Pacheco's Owners celebrating their Pukekohe win**

## Auckland Members

P Bartley, Sally Blyth, Maurice Brighthouse, Wendy Bunting, David Burns, JT Cassin, James M Chapman, Barry De Lore, Rodney Doidge, Mrs JL Egan, Jacqueline Fenwick, Carl Fergusson, Claire Fergusson, AR Galbraith QC, Murray J Gilmore, Kylie Grass, Miss JJ Harkness, Virginia Healey, Janet Hepi, JL Kirby, Marie Leicester, Craig Leishman, Paul Martin, Raewyn McKenzie, RB McLaren Ltd, Ramon McPhee, Daniel Nakhle, John Newman, NZTBA, Allan Pate, David Paykel, Cathie Perrot, Howard Perry, Murray Rutledge, Christine Sharpe, DS Shuker, Wayne Slee, John Struthers, Mark Taylor, Ryan Trigg, Rob Tunnicliffe, BWP Wright.

### Dual Membership

David Archer (Archer Equine), TW Archer (Archer Trust), SR & LM Autridge, Peter & Janice Bell, Bryan & Mrs Deidre Black, Rayner & Lynn Bonnington, Bruce & Courtney Clarke, Glen & Roselle Climo, Keiran & E Corby, Frances Crimmins & Elliot Wilton, Caroline & Craig Crosby-McIlroy, Richard & Karena Davey, Michael & Barbara Dowd, Susan & Andrew Dower-Titter, Carl & Amy Elliott, Patricia Buckingham Emblem Ltd, Gary & Viktoria Fitzpatrick-Michaeli, HA & Mrs S Fletcher, Mike & Pat Gething-Woollaston, Brenda & Barry Gerard, Ashley & Suzanne Goodwin-Selak., A Bosma Go Racing Ltd, Craig & Sandra Grammer, Lorraine & Gary Grant-Pratt, Haunui Bloodstock Ltd, Sue & Grant Howard-Dockery, Alan T & CM Jackson, Shayne & Benjamin Jeffcoat, Chris & Trevor Jones-Clarke, Nick & Courtney Kearney-Manning, Brett & Rosemary Kendall Carter, Michael & Miss Celia Lewis –Galbraith, Brendan & Jo Lindsay, E John & Mrs Kathryn Long, John & Sue Maasland, Bruce & Annette Mattison, Selwyn & Judy Maynard, Kelly & Rochelle McAllister-Pattinson, Joan & William McFlinn, Bridette & John Meehan – Clapham, G & GJ Merkulov-King, Hayden & Jocelyn Mingaye, Sivaswamy & Jayanth Mohanakrishnan, WL & Mrs EE Mountfort, Alison & Patrick Munce-Timmins, Simon & Neville O'Connor, Lex & Katrina Paterson, Rosalia & R Pimm, Donald & Dame Wendy Pye, Shaune & Peter Ritchie-Young, Diane & Shane Rushworth – Voice, Lyn & Bruce Salvidge-Amies, Brian & Wendy Simmons, P & S Singh, Mike & Dale Smith-D'Rose, Martin & Lia Stam, Mrs VC & Clayton Stevenson, Derek & Judy Stubbs, John G & Mrs RA Stubbs, Chris & Lynley Talbot, Ross & Carole Thompson, JC & Mrs MA Thompson, Vern & Margaret Trillo, Evan & Mandeep Twomey, Stella & Mark Usherwood, Janice & Heather Volz, Geoff & Alison Ward-Bruce, Gwynyth & Philip Webb, Richard & Glenda Webb, Paul & Jo Wilcox, W Brian & Diana Wilson – Goulding

**Federation Life Member** – Neil & Jeanette Miller

**Life Members** - Mrs BP George, Mrs Joan Palmer

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