



Kapiti Uniting Parish

**Annual reports for the year to June 2023
prepared for the Parish Annual General Meeting
held at Raumati on Sunday 10 September 2023**



*Our mission: to promote Christian faith and values in
the communities of the Kapiti Coast.*

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Minister's Report

I would like to begin my report by acknowledging Mary White's exceptional contribution to the parish as Chairperson of Parish Council. She responded to a call to lead the Parish during a period when the load which the chairperson carried was very great indeed. I am sure there were times when she must have wondered why she said 'Yes' to the call. But Mary is not a quitter, especially when it comes to any ministry task she commits herself to. Mary worked long hours as chairperson, particularly during the years without a minister. She invested more than her time, as we all know. Her leadership is marked by her skills as a manager, her knowledge of how the church works, her heart for the people under her care and her intelligent and sensitive response to crises, of which there were many.

She took the churches safely through the COVID19 pandemic, taking responsibility for some difficult and controversial decisions in the process. She dealt with personnel and leadership upheavals in a thoughtful way.

I found her very helpful during the Settlement Board process and even asked her if she would continue as Parish Chair because I could see that she was an excellent chairperson for a minister to work with. She has continued to work wholeheartedly in that role and I will always be grateful for the opportunity to lead the parish alongside Mary in my first two years.

Thankfully Mary will continue her ministry of leadership as a member of Parish Council.

It has been a challenging year for the parish and its leaders. We have seen the effects of the recent COVID upheavals in the numbers at church on Sunday. All churches, like our own, are affected in this way. It means that, as well as the work of keeping the parish functioning we are constantly asking ourselves how we can extend our message into the

community more effectively. This is always an important challenge to Christian churches. We exist to share the Good News which Jesus Christ brought into the world through himself, through his teachings and through his actions. KUP has an honourable history of outreach and community involvement which we work hard to maintain and extend.

The leaders and workers in the parish have been tireless in their response to the needs and the demands which have arisen this past year. We have held a Retreat to look at our leadership structures and how we can improve them. We had the challenge of the dramatic rise in insurance costs to deal with. Recently we have taken a more active part in the networks which oversee Uniting Parishes – with the visit of the UCANZ Ministry Enabler, Andrew Doubleday, and attending the Uniting Parishes Oversight Group meeting in Levin.

We have farewelled Kate as our office administrator whose service to us was a gift we will not forget. We have also been blessed in our new office administrator, Fiona Bell, who has settled into the role with speed, efficiency, intelligence and grace.

At the core of my ministry there will always be worship and learning and growth in faith. We have had some excellent studies (excellent because of those who made the effort to attend and who contributed richly to the experience). We have taken our worship out to people this year with services at Sevenoaks, Parkwood and Coastal Villas. Many people help me with these services for which I am thankful.

Above all I am thankful to all of you in Kapiti Uniting Parish for the generosity of your various ministries and the steadfastness of your faith. It was a good day for me when God called me here to work with you. I pray that we may prosper as a parish and I pray that the blessings of your service in Christ's name return to you, so that your lives are rich in blessings.

I end my report with the wonder of God's goodness in bringing to us such a treasure as the Fijian Methodist Congregation. We can look forward to a new era in our ministry here in Kapiti. We will be challenged to grow in our understanding of what it means to be a multi-cultural church and we will be supported by the younger members who will be sharing the Christian journey with us.

Meda masu mada:

Tamai Keimami mai lomalagi
Keimamikerea na nomuni
veivakalougatataki
Vei keimami yadudua sara
Kermami masu ena Yaca i Jisu.
Emeni

Let us pray:

Our heavenly father
We ask for your blessings

To each and every one of us
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen

Rev Anna Gilkison

Parish Council Report

Your Parish Council has met monthly, providing an oversight of the activities of all the different groups that meet and work in the Parish. Compared to the previous two years, this has been a more settled time, without the uncertainties that accompanied the Lock downs and Mandates of the Covid 19 period.

We are all a little older and hopefully wiser and have learnt a lot about ourselves and how we function as a group.

This Parish is blessed with loyal and capable volunteers who give their time and gifts unstintingly to the relatively smooth running of the Parish, they make the governance of the Parish Council a much easier function than it might otherwise be.

We all remain indebted to the Pastoral Care Group, who do such splendid work in caring for, in many diverse ways, to the needs of the more vulnerable in our Parish. I am also aware that many of you outside of the actual group, also visit and generally help out when a need is perceived.

During the year our lovely Kate made the decision to step back from her job as Office Administrator and although we were sad to see her go, we are delighted that she is still a member of our Parish and I for one am somewhat amazed on Thursday afternoons to see her organizing the Vege Co Op and the collection of over sixty containers of vegetables and fruit to the very grateful members of the community who benefit from this. The containers are delivered in two cars from St Pauls in Paraparaumu, it is very encouraging to see what cooperation between Churches can achieve.

Our thanks go to Cathy who continues to carry out her job as Treasurer in a truly professional manner.

We appointed Fiona to the position of Office Administrator and she has proved to be caring, competent and compassionate, thank you Fiona.

I must make mention of Kay and her volunteers at Thrifty Place quite a few of whom are not affiliated to our Parish. The Op Shop makes a considerable financial contribution to the running of the Parish.

We now have a Minister who has been called to this place, in these most complex of times, an answer to prayer after the turbulent times of vacancy. I believe Anna was called to go forth with the particular experience she has, as God planned the coming of our Fijian Brethren. So often people here have said to me and others, if only there were

some younger people around and they have dared to dream of children and young people being part of worship again.

To all of you who have prayed about this, thank you, and may God bless our Parish as we continue our journey with our God. To live the good news of forgiveness in freedom and joy, to share the gospel of justice and peace with courage and love.

To pray and hope and share in faith.

Mary White

Worship and Music committee Report

The Committee members – Rev Anna Gilkison, Carole Rudings, Maureen Calhaem, Cathy Drummond, Diane Ammundsen, Noeline Cuzens, Bruce Johnston (Chairperson)

Meetings are held monthly which included preparing musicians rosters and planning new initiatives including re-designing Parish notice boards, addressing worship interior of Raumati Church and including sanctuary cross.

Parish pamphlets are to be reviewed.

Special services are arranged ie: children's Christmas Service and services for younger persons. Also other services for family, older parents, book displays etc. Additional banners at Raumati have been prepared and displayed.

Special music at Easter has been introduced, including video - Benedictus from the Armed Man, Karl Jenkins.

Special reference to our musicians who regularly assist at Parish services include: Erice Carley, Merle Stevenson, Isabel Robertson, Noeline Cuzens, Marie Smith and Janet Milne.

Patricia Murray and Margaret Craig are not available at present and we express our best wishes to them both.

In summary, the Committee are a supportive group and we thank Rev Anna Gilkison for her guidance

Bruce Johnston.

Social Opportunities Group Report

The once a month lunches program at local restaurants was interrupted for a few months for various reasons such as other celebrations for e.g. Easter. Womens Fellowship lunch. The lunches are arranged on Combined Service Sundays so any other church earmarked events take precedence.

Some Restaurants visited this past year include Integrity, Relish , Number 6 and the Waterfront Café and Bar.

The lunches resumed in June with an enjoyable meal at the Golf Course which was attended by 14 people. It is hoped to have our August lunch at the Waterfront. So far 12 have shown interest.

Board games continue twice a month and have been held at Carole Rudings house. The group has a regular core of 8-9 players including one young man and having had an overseas visitor join us once. We have lost two regulars due to moving, however, we have maintained contact by visiting twice (for a game of course) their new residence at Summerset on the Landing.

Lots of fun and laughter and what seems to be good amounts of food for afternoon tea.

We still have the option of holding games in church should numbers increase.

Two events planned for, which did not eventuate. A trip to Staglands had to be postponed due to the road being upgraded. It hoped to have this happen in warmer Spring weather. The fundraising quiz considered for the Tear Fund was found to be short on support, however, it is hoped to have another 'homemade' quiz before too long.

The committee will welcome any suggestions for fellowship activities not already in place.

Carole Rudings (Convenor)

Property Report

Members of the Property and Finance Committee in 2022-2023 were as follows:

Cathy Drummond (Parish Treasurer); Carole Rudings (Committee Secretary);

Sydney Mephram (joined the Committee in March 2023); Marie Smith (Waikanae);

Ken Milne (Convenor).

The Committee met each month and the main foci of meetings were:

- **SEISMIC ASSESSMENT** of the Raumati Hall. It has been confirmed that the Earthquake Rating of the Raumati buildings complies with the 65-67% rating required. This needs to be confirmed by a second engineering assessment.
- **RAUMATI INSURANCE**

The property valuation for the Raumati Complex has increased from \$1,870,000 to \$2,980,000. This has resulted in a 130% increase in premium cost for Raumati, i.e. from \$13,000 per annum to \$29,000. A further increase of 20% has been signalled for 2023/24.

- **RAUMATI CHURCH KITCHEN**

‘Dux Quest’ piping in the wall at the back of the sink leaked and temporary repairs have been made. The wall behind the sink and the carpet in the adjacent room were also wet. These areas are now all dry and a modified quote to update the plumbing and instal an instant hot water unit under the sink is now due.

- **HALL KITCHEN ROLLER DOOR**

The roller door has been repaired saving the cost of a replacement.

- **THRIFTY PLACE**

Now also known as the ‘OP SHOP’, which has increased customer numbers, particularly from Kapiti College students. Seven Clearlite Panels in the roof have been replaced, the roof and most of the side metal cladding has been water blasted and painted.

The verandah support bearings and posts have also been painted. Income at our ‘Op Shop’ is similar to 2021-2023.

- **RAUMATI BUILDING EXTERIOR ‘REFRESH’**

The exterior from the Hall forward to the Weka Road frontage will be scrubbed, water blasted, and treated with an algaecide. The brick cladding will be ‘repointed’ and the roof, spouting, brick, and roughcast will also be water blasted.

Depending on advice received from the contractor some areas may be repainted in the summer.

- **RAUMATI HEATING AND COOLING**

A contract has been accepted for heat pumps to be installed in the Hall, Office, Upper Lounge, and Sanctuary in September 2023.

- **RAUMATI INSECT AND SPIDER CONTROL**

Much of the interior and exterior of the Raumati precinct was sprayed in January for pest control and has been successful.

- **RAUMATI SIGNAGE**

Approval has been given for new signage at both Raumati and Waikanae Precincts

- **RAUMATI GROUNDS AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE**

A number of people including: Liz Sutherland; Rev Robin and Heather List; and Kate Foley have worked to ensure the gardens are tidy.

Michael Foley has ensured that all lights and switches are operating and has improved outdoor lighting. Kate also continues to oversee the Community Garden and the weekly Fruit and Veg Co-op Pick Up.

Thanks to all who do work that is not always obvious.

Ken Milne, Convenor

Waikanae Church Report

This has been a very positive year for the Waikanae Church as we have worked together to serve the needs of our Congregation. We have tried some new approaches and ideas which have been well received.

However, our emphasis on fellowship has continued to serve us well and it is what makes everything else work so well. People are always willing to help with whatever activities we are undertaking. Linking hands to say the Grace together and then gathering for a cuppa and catchup continues to be a very important part of our Sunday Service.

We are aware of the needs of our members who can no longer attend Sunday Church Services and they remain valued members of our Congregation. It is important that they feel they are still part of our Church and its activities and that they do not become invisible. Birthdays and special occasions for everyone are remembered either in Church or at morning tea. Our local pastoral care team and volunteers

provide regular visits, communion, friendship, and practical support particularly to those who are unwell or cannot attend Church services.

People's personal circumstances can change, and they may no longer be able to drive to Church or have other challenges with mobility or hearing etc. The need for support will grow and we are considering how we can best meet this need. -Reverend Anna has started taking regular monthly Services at Parkwood Lodge and this has been very well received-

We were delighted to be able to help Monica Olsson celebrate her 100th birthday, a wonderful achievement by a remarkable person. Sadly, we had to say our last farewell to Daphne Taylor. While some of our congregation have left, new people have joined so it tends to balance out. The winter is never kind to church attendance, and we know the headwinds we will face when it comes to maintaining numbers.

Reverend Anna and the Parish Preaching Team have provided regular Sunday Services at Waikanae. We have supported combined services with the Raumati Church and enjoyed their hospitality, Reverend Anna ran a well-attended Parish Advent Study which was held at Waikanae and Easter Lenten Studies held at the Raumati Church. When it comes to services and studies, we have appreciated the effort that has been made on our behalf and thank all those who have provided these for us.

The Waikanae Worship Group has delivered several Services during the year These have given the Group the opportunity to contribute in a very meaningful way. During the January holiday period our Sunday Services were held in the lounge. This allowed us to try some new ideas in a more relaxed setting. The greater flexibility with seating was put to good use and there was a lot of positive feedback. As part of the Parish Easter Lenten activities, we organised the study "The Road to the Cross". This included a display in the Church of several stations that helped tell this story. The study was well received, and the display attracted a lot of attention.

Waikanae Women's Fellowship Group has extended its reach to include a Soup Group which meets on alternate months. This Group is open to all and meets to share fellowship and to discuss topics relevant to our Christian Faith.

During the year we painted the inside of our Church, and this has given it a fresh look. Our larger challenge is going to be painting the exterior as it has not seen a paint brush for a long time. We have replaced the piano with a much smaller electronic-piano and a big thank you to the musicians from the Raumati Church who come and play for some of our services.

The use of our lounge by community groups continues to be an important part of our outreach to the community. The lounge is modern, well-furnished, accessible and used by local groups on most days. We enjoy good local support from our neighbours. They see our Church as very much part of their community. Our Friday playgroup has been running for the last 18 years. The number of children attending has dropped away due to Covid19 and the changing needs of families. It would be a great pity if we are unable to continue to offer this option for families.

We appreciate the help and support of our Congregation and the wider Parish. This has enabled us to meet the needs of our Congregation and maintain our presence in the community. We look back at the past year with both pride and humility for what has been achieved. We look forward with confidence to both the opportunities and the challenges of the coming year. We are united in our desire to welcome new people to our Congregation and to bear witness to our Christian Faith.

God's blessings.

Marie Smith and Evan Ireland
Co-Chairpersons

Waikanae Women's Fellowship Report

This has been an interesting year for the Waikanae Women's Fellowship. Our 6-7 members continue to meet in each other's homes monthly and this is very much appreciated. We do not always have a speaker, often a discussion will follow the devotions or a community topic will be discussed.

August saw the first of "The Soup Group" meetings and was held at John & Diana Roberts' home. Members of the congregation joined us and our discussions centred on "Icebergs" – we all have something 'tucked away'

It had been previously decided that we would open up the monthly Women's Fellowship meetings to all the congregation for them to join us on alternate months for discussions on whatever topic was current. These discussions are followed with a soup lunch. Hence the name Soup Group .

The topics this year have included : "Knowing our Values – looking at the Christian principles we live by in the 21st century". "Living with Change" "Possibilities"

November we hosted other women from the Wellington District – Taranaki Street Methodist Church and Waiwhetu Uniting Church. Several apologies were received . We shared memories of our first primary school. A report on the recent NZMWF Council meeting was given. The Special Project was introduced. Assistance to Tonga, following the eruption, tsunamis and Covid19 and "The Living Wage Movement in NZ." Rev Nicola Grundy spoke about this as she is on the Wellington committee. Merrill Baker spoke about "Loved for Life" who give assistance to families with a new baby.

February meeting was Shrove Tuesday and Diana shared a devotion centred on this.

We hosted the World Day of Prayer service on Friday 3rd March 1.30pm. The service prepared by women from Taiwan had the theme "I Have Heard About Your Faith" about 40 people from the Waikanae congregations attended and several participated in the service.

The Special Project Church Service on 7th May was conducted by several members and included discussion about the Living Wage in NZ. Slides about Tonga were shown in the lounge afterwards and a general discussion on Tonga ensued. Soup & Rolls followed. We especially welcomed Monica Olsson. \$450 was gifted for the Special Project.

Our numbers may be small but the Friendship and Fellowship of the members is very much appreciated. The introduction of "The Soup Group" has been a good extension of the Fellowship and has involved other members of the congregation. We continue to maintain contact with the Wellington District MWF and the National MWF.

Marie Smith
Facilitator

Raumati Women's Fellowship Report

I have pleasure in presenting the Raumati Womens' Fellowship Annual Report for the 2022-2023 year. We have enjoyed the fellowship of our meetings which have been reasonably well attended during the year.

Our speakers have included Rev Anna Gilkison who spoke at our AGM 2022 about people, places and events that had influenced her life and ministry. Last August, District Coucillor Sophie Handford spoke about Sharing the Warmth in Kapiti, donating arm clothes to those in need during winter months. In November Marg Lees gave an interesting talk about Traid Aid along with lovely items from the local shop for sale.

Last December Allyson Dewe showed us how to make some easy Christmas decorations which she made as well. We also brought along gifts for the Women's Refuge which were put under the Christmas tree. We had a display from Cheryl Roberts from the Kapiti Harbour Society and Pauline Patterson, Convenor of the Pottery and Sculptors group from Kapiti Arts and Crafts. In May Angela Marriot brought along a collection of items that they give to new Mums from The Nest Collective.

Last July our members enjoyed a well-attended luncheon held at Infinite Cafe in Ruamati. In February, after our meeting we had a shared lunch and enjoyed a social time together. This year's World Day of Prayer Service was held at St Paul's Anglican Church which our members took part in.

On May 21st Rev Anna Gilkison led our Special Project Service. Slides with commentary were shown of the overseas project supporting the Tongan Community Development Trust help communities recover from the damage caused by the volcanic eruption, the tsunami and the Covid epidemic. For the New Zealand part Mr Finn Cordwell, Wellington Community organiser for the Living Wage gave an interesting insight into the movement. A special morning tea was held and raised \$300.

With the closing down of Presbyterian Women of Aotearoa NZ the monies raised for the project will go to the Methodist Women's Fellowship.

Through the year we have made donations to – Fred Hollows \$52.70, The Least Coin \$23.70, Guide Dogs \$33.00 and CWS \$50.

During the year we were sorry to lose two of our long-standing members – Ngaire Chilcott and Nancy Aburn. We wish them well in their new surroundings.

Thank you for your support during the last 12 months and also to the Committee. Special thanks to our Secretary Merrill Baker for all her hard work and our Treasurer Alison Johnston.

Our members are involved in many aspects of our local church life and we look forward to another year of friendship and fellowship together.

Lyn Martin
Convenor

Thrifty Place Report

We've appreciated our new roof and lovely clear skylights which provide so much more light and sunshine in the shop now. We just wish those pesky birds would find another place to break their shells etc, instead of on our new skylights.

Looking back on the past months, we seem to have been steady in both donated goods and sales. Our customer base continues to increase, especially on Thursdays, when the Co op veggie people arrive at the church to collect their vegetables. There's also the Crop Swap organisation which hires the hall once a month on a Saturday, and provides more foot traffic for us. These, and some of the other groups who hire premises at the church contribute towards boosting both our goods and our income. For those of us who volunteer at Thrifty, we find that many of our customers have become good friends (some come in as often as three times a week), to shop and chat.

It's a privilege to have such supportive volunteers from both the church and outside, who contribute in different ways to make our shop a place where people feel comfortable to shop and very importantly, chat.

Kay McIntosh

Report on E-Prayer

The E prayer group have continued to pray each week for our Parish and our people. At times we do special requests which are urgent. I am taking this opportunity to say thank you to the members of the group who, willingly take the time to stop and think about the people behind the requests we receive. Prayer is work and needs our concentration and effort.

We have never met as a group, we do not hold meetings to discuss our feelings or beliefs, we simply put our trust in God.

We also pray for our Parish, our community and our country, therefore at any time, our churches and our people are being brought before our Lord.

We also give thanks for the many blessings we receive collectively and as a Parish. When people get back to us with good news, may be a prayer answered, we acknowledge the situation with our thanks.

Lord Jesus Christ, we believe that our worship draws us to you and to our neighbours on earth.

We pray for God's whole creation, may we all learn before it is too late to respect the uniqueness, fragility and beauty of our earth and all its creatures.

We pray for the witness of our church community.

As we grow in faith, love and hope, help us to understand that no planning for the future, however necessary, no program, no matter how carefully conceived, can relieve us of the necessity of going forward into a future that cannot be planned – of risk, of danger, of Hope in your incalculable grace.

Mary White

Pastoral Care Group Report

The Pastoral Care Group has continued to meet monthly where we discuss concerns regarding members needing pastoral care and visiting.

We greatly appreciate the presence and support given by our Minister, Rev. Anna Gilkison, to the Pastoral group, and to those needing pastoral care in our parish.

In the Pastoral Care Group are Diane Ammundsen, (Convenor) Merrill Baker (Pastoral Representative to parish Council) Erice Carley, Jennie Dickens, Lyn Martin, Kay McIntosh, Diana Roberts, (Waikanae Pastoral Representative) Carole Rudings, Bastiana Snyders, and Mary White.

We want to acknowledge that our Parish members also carry out pastoral care and we are thankful for the love and care given .

We have continued to keep in touch with members through visiting, and telephone calls and extra visits are arranged as needed especially to those in hospital and those recently bereaved.

We continue to send cards to those in hospital, to those recently bereaved, and to those having a special birthday.

The Rev. Anna is leading worship services in three Retirement Villages in Kapiti. Parkwood lodge in Waikanae, Seven Oaks in Paraparaumu, and Coastal Villas in Paraparaumu. These have been much appreciated by those attending.

A number of people from our Parish have left the District to be nearer to family, including Nancy Aburn, Noel Chapman, Ngaire Chilcott, Norma Ede and Margaret Gurr.

With sadness we record the deaths since 30 June last year of Maisie Lund, Bevan Dickens, Adrienne Burleigh, Sylvia Hollis, Kath

Turkington, Joan Jackson, Pamela Smith, Hans Peters, Daphne Taylor, and Nola Lambert.

With love we remember them.

Merrill Baker

Parish Development and Outreach Report

We have a music playgroup at Raumati on a Thursday. Sasha White, our new supervisor, is very skilled at running music sessions for small children. She uses some of her own equipment and the children really enjoy the sessions. Some are upset if they can't come and they wait for their birthday when they get a birthday bag organised by Sasha. The playgroup support group is working well, meeting once a term and able to help at sessions if a regular helper can't come.

Waikanae Playgroup

After a reasonable start to the year, the attendance numbers have been very low these past few months and this is a concern. A very good programme and equipment is available but the families are not coming.

Thank you to Sasha and everyone who is involved; the playgroups are great places for people to come.

Maureen Calhaem

Kapiti Family Centre Inc (a charitable trust) operating as the Kapiti Counselling Service Report

The Counselling Service continues to operate in a limited way. Two counsellors, Marie Livesey and Penny Currier, use the premises within

the Raumati Church building on a regular basis. There is no cost involved in this for the counsellors and with power, heating and the availability of phone messages, this remains the Parish contribution to the service.

Mary White or Barrie Woods can answer any queries you may have.

Mary White

The Raumati Village Community Garden Report

The Raumati Village Community Garden continues to be a popular community space. In August our garden featured in an article published by the Kāpiti News and featured on the New Zealand Herald website. The article was on the recently established Kāpiti Crop Swap which is held in the Raumati Church hall on the second Saturday of each month.

In October, Helen and Alan donated some snow pea, tomato, bean and spinach seedlings for spring plantings. These were planted by the Raumati Cub Scouts. The Cubs did a great job of weeding, planting and watering. Christine donated three zucchini seedlings which thrived over summer, producing into late summer. Christine also donated some flower seedlings which been donated from a garden in Paekākāriki and they were also enjoyed over summer.

In April the Kāpiti Coast District Council used our garden as a venue for two composting workshops. The workshops were fully booked out and very successful.

The Kāpiti Horticultural Society, who meet monthly in our Raumati lower lounge, donated two citrus trees in May and these were planted by the Raumati Brownies who also meet weekly in our Raumati lower lounge.

Thank you to Salem who demolished our old compost bin and cleared the remaining compost.

Thank you to Jim who donated lettuce and spring onions and has helped us by digging out the back border when required. Thank you to Robin and Heather for their gardening knowledge and weeding expertise.

We have set up regular working bees for the garden, every first Thursday of the month, 10 am to 11.30 am and every third Sunday of the month, 2 pm to 3.30 pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and help weed, plant and compost.

The garden continues to be visited by members of the community, the Women's Craft Group on a Tuesday, Thrifty Place customers and members of the Kāpiti Fruit and Vege Co-op.

We welcome Parish members to join in with the garden. If you would like to spend some time weeding or planting, it is always appreciated.

Donations of seedlings are always welcome. The garden is maintained by donations made by the community and we hope this year to receive a grant.

The garden is a valuable resource for the community and we look forward to seeing the garden bloom again this coming year.

<https://www.facebook.com/raumativillagecommunitygarden>

Kate Foley

Kāpiti Fruit and Vege Co-op Report

The Kāpiti Fruit and Vege Co-op is run each week by the Kāpiti Anglicans at St. Paul's on Kāpiti Road and then delivered to our Raumati Church each Thursday by volunteers.

Each pack is \$15 and contains a variety of fruit and vegetables. Over the past year the Co-op has grown and grown and our orders have doubled in that time to now 60 packs per week.

During my time at the Parish Office Administrator, my role included overseeing the Co-op. From March onwards, I have continued with this role as a volunteer and have enjoyed having the time to be present and greet members of the community who come each week to pick up their packs. Everyone who collects a pack is always very grateful for the fresh and value for money produce.

Some weeks, we may have a spare pack which has been donated and I have been able to donate these packs to families in need, which has been a blessing.

As mentioned in the August Together magazine, Thrifty Place also benefits greatly from the Thursday vege pick-up. Many people who pick up their fruit and vegetables, shop at Thrifty Place and donate goods.

The Kāpiti branch is part of the wider Fruit and Vege Co-op Wellington Region which is an initiative between Regional Public Health's Te Whatu Ora Wellington, Wesley Community Action and community partners.

The Kāpiti branch also gives 30kg of spuds each week to the Kāpiti Community Foodbank and often distributes them to primary schools, kindergartens and the Kāpiti Women's Centre.

If you like more information on how to join the Co-op, please visit <https://www.kapitiunitingparish.org.nz/kapiti-fruit-and-vege-co-op>

Kate Foley

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Kapiti Uniting Parish

Held on Sunday September 11, 2022 after the 10am service
at Raumati Church

Chairperson : Rev Anna Gilkison welcomed those present.

Secretary : Jan Rae

Present: 55 members

Apologies; The Rev Margaret Schrader, Marie Storey, Jennie Dickens
Diana Roberts, Nancy Aburn, Ngaire Chilcott Rosalie Sugrue

As the minutes of the 2021 AGM had been distributed, these were taken
as read. Mary White moved and Kartini Davis seconded that these be
accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting Carried.

Financial Report

It was moved by Mary Francis and seconded by Kate Foley that the
financial report for the 2021/2022 financial year be accepted. Carried.
Discussion.

Insurance claim has been received for work on the manse and the final
payment from The Methodist Church and property and building fund is
being finalised.

Group Reports

Anna commented on wording of her report

It was moved by Ken Milne and seconded by Marie Smith that the
group reports be accepted. Carried.

Discussion

Joy Mepham expressed thanks for those presenting reports and for work done by the various groups in the parish

Confirmation of Parish Council representatives

The following were confirmed as members of Kapiti Uniting Parish Council for 2022/2023.

Merrill Baker (Pastoral group),

Evan Ireland (Communication),

Renata Joyner (Waikanae Church Representative)

Barrie Woods (Raumati Church Representative)

Maureen Calhaem (Parish Development and Outreach)

Carole Rudings (Social Opportunities),

Bruce Johnston (Worship and Music Group)

Marie Smith (Property and Finance) and

Kate Foley (Parish Administrator)

Nomination of Council representative

Ken Milne - nominated by Mary White and seconded by Kevin Boyce.

Carried

Kate Foley - nominated by Rev Anna Gilkison and seconded by Mary

White. Carried

Appointment of Parish Council Officers for coming year

Chair person Mary White

Secretary Jan Rae

Treasurer Cathy Drummond

Acknowledgements Presentation of flowers to Mary White, Jan Rae and Cathy Drummond.

Prayer for incoming Parish Council - Rev Anna Gilkison

General Business

Cathy Drummond advised that Kapiti Uniting Parish has been notified of a bequest of \$149,000 from the estate of the late Mr Cutriss. This money is preferably to be used for work with youth.

Bruce Johnston - omission from report Thanks to those who have led worship over past 2 years.

Ken Milne - Commented on joy we get from musicians. It is a privilege to have the quality of music we get. Thanks to musicians

The meeting closed with prayer.

Agenda for the Kapiti Uniting Parish Annual General Meeting to be held at Raumati on 10 September 2023

Welcome

Apologies

**Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 11
September 2022**

Matters Arising

Reports:

Reports as per the Annual Report
Financial Reports

Confirmation of Parish Council representatives:

Merrill Baker (Pastoral group),
Evan Ireland (Waikanae Church Representative)
Barrie Woods (Raumati Church Representative),
Maureen Calhaem (Parish Development and Outreach),
Carole Rudings (Social Opportunities),
Bruce Johnston (Worship and Music Group),
Marie Smith and Ken Milne (Property and Finance).

Nominations for Parish Council representatives:

Mary White – Parish Development and Outreach
Mikali Bulicakau - Fijian Congregation Representative

Appointment of Parish Council Officers for the coming year:

Chairperson

Treasurer

Secretary

Acknowledgments:

Mary White, outgoing Chairperson

General Business

Prayer for the Parish Council for the coming year

Closing prayer and blessings