

KAEO-KERIKERI UNION PARISH



**AGENDA and REPORTS
for the Parish
ANNUAL MEETING**

3 November 2013

**at the Ted Robinson Chapel, Kerikeri
following the Worship Service
beginning at 10.30am
Shared lunch to follow**

***All Parishioners
and Interested Friends
Welcome***

In Memory Of

03.08.2012	Jean Gibson Rennie
18.11.2012	Marlene Keeys
10.03.2013	Doreen Myrtle Callagher
24.04.2013	Lionel Newton Andrewes (Tigger)
24.07.2013	Beryl Ngaire Smith
29.08.2013	Reginald Wynn Judd (Wynn)
23.09.2013	George Barke

We believe that God
does not leave us alone,
but breathes within our life
and walks within our way.

We believe that Jesus Christ
continues to turn his face
towards us all in costly love.

We believe that the Holy Spirit
is weeping within our tears
and touches our faces
with the warmth of hope.

Nō reira...

*Tukuna mai tōu Wairua Tapu
he hōmai hoki ki a mātou
te kaha ki te waiho i a rātou
i roto i o manaakitanga katoa.*

*Send your Holy Spirit
to give us strength
to leave these loved ones
in your care.*

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

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Auditor: vote of thanks for Auditor and appointment of Auditor for 2013-2014.

Appointment of Parish Councillors – reports from Congregational Meetings at each Church on 20 October 2013 and confirmation by AGM.

General Business

Close

Kaeo-Kerikeri Union Parish

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting in Kaeo on 28 October 2012

Present: Rev. Dr. Robyn McPhail, Diane Paterson, Jenny Phillips, Noel Hori, Mary Fenton, Ros Simpson, Margaret Langman, Henry and Val Driver, Ellen Bosher, Craig Ambler, Clyde Foster, Gay Traas, Michelle Tupou, Aho. K. Akau'ola, Trevor Bedggood, Anthony Hayes, Lorelei and Ian Hayes, Bruce and Helen Norman, Michael Tearle, Brian Stewart, David Bates, Bill Wilson, Yvonne and Alan Robinson. (Total count 27)

Apologies: Jean and Tigger Andrewes, Jan Gough, Ross and Akisi Renner, Jessica and Neil Scott, Wendy Steenstra-Bloomfield, Tony and Olive Shepherd, Wynn and Gladwin Judd, Torum Jenkins, Clare Murdoch, Anne Kool, Sheryl and Ray Webster, Lorraine Stewart, Tarzan Hori. Moved Alan/Yvonne that these be received. Agreed.

Minutes of the AGM on Oct 30, 2011: Correction needed – instead of ‘ Ian Hayes/David Bates moved that we thank the auditor for work done, and appoint them for next year.’ it should read ‘ Ian Hayes/David Bates moved that we thank the auditor for work done, and get the finance committee to arrange for new auditors for next year.’ A. Robinson/L. Hayes moved that the corrected minutes be accepted. Agreed.

The agenda was approved, with no further additions.

D. Bates/J. Phillips moved that the reports be received. Agreed.

It was pointed out that at this stage there is still no compliance officer.

One of our key Sunday School leaders in Kerikeri, Heather McVicar, is going to be moving to Taupo to follow husband Bob and his work. Thanks heaps for being with us these years, and best wishes!

Kaeo home group report needed the addition of Anthony Hayes to the list of attendees.

Further to the PPG report – Bill Fenton, as facilitator, has started helping by meeting with the architects already.

Steve Baker has set up a proposal to progress with Garry Looker, with his agreement, and we await approval from the Methodist Church.

Brian Stewart informed us that the sausage sizzle yesterday brought the total funds raised for the Girls' Brigade Fonomarae trip to the required amount. Well done!

Ian Hayes moved a vote of thanks to our minister, Robyn, for all of the work she has done for and with us this past year. Seconded by us all with applause.

Robyn then thanked Alan for the number of reports written for the AGM – three. Applause.

J. Phillips/I. Hayes moved that we adopt all of the reports dealt with so far. Agreed.

Finance report: Question – How much finance is available for buildings and investment? \$4,250,000??

Answer – No! Just over \$4,000,000, remembering that the original plan is to spend \$1,750,000 on the new church, about \$1,000,000 on the funeral parlor, with \$1,000,000 otherwise invested.

It was explained that in the Balance Sheet under Land and Buildings Revaluation (under Net Assets) the figure is negative (-\$289,438) because the latest QV values put the values of properties down.

The auditor has qualified the approval of the accounts, so David Bates will pursue this with them for us.

D. Bates/B. Stewart: that the financial statements be adopted. Agreed

D. Bates/B. Stewart: that we thank the auditors and ask them to be our auditors for next year Agreed.

Appointment of Parish Councilors: A. Robinson/D. Paterson: that we appoint Arlene Purdie, Michelle and Kato Akau'ola, and newcomers Michael Tearle, Bill Wilson, and Paula du Plooy to Parish Council. Agreed.

Clare Murdoch is retiring (by rotation) – thanks a lot for the work done with us Clare!

Val moved a vote of thanks to Jenny (and Jenny to Val!) for all the work done! We all agreed by applause!!

The meeting closed with the benediction and was followed by a shared lunch in the Hall.

Confirmed: _____

Date: _____

PARISH COUNCIL

Rev Dr Robyn McPhail has been our minister for nine years now, and the Churches Together in Northland (CTN) Ministry Appointment Team met with our parish and parish council recently to discuss the possibility of extending Robyn's time with us. The Parish Council unanimously voted to extend Robyn's term for another five years. The questions and concerns expressed by the parishioners will be addressed by the Council and Robyn, and with God's help we will be better able to promote the Kingdom of God in our communities.

Last spring the internal walls of the Kaeo church had a face lift in the form of plastering and painting, so it no longer looks as though it is cracking up with stress and old age. It looks great! Unfortunately the concrete water tank was backed into with a tow bar recently, and hall bookings were cancelled until a temporary tank was put in place.

It is sad for everybody that the building of the new church facility in Kerikeri has not started yet. Parish Council is very concerned at the escalated cost and ongoing delays. The Property Planning Group report covers this saga.

The submission we put to the Eastern Community Board to allow felling of gum trees adjacent to Fairy Pools access before the access is sealed failed, unfortunately. Maybe we should try again when there is a new Community Board elected in October!?

Parish Council is pleased that a new Kerikeri Pastoral Team has been established, made up of Jessica Scott (convener), Sandra Crawford, Paula du Plooy, Ros Simpson, and Kay Blunkell, working in tandem with Robyn McPhail. Thank you for your commitment. May God be with you as you care for the Kerikeri congregation and community.

Peter MacKenzie, executive officer of UCANZ (Uniting Congregations of Aotearoa New Zealand), visited our parish in February. He addressed the Parish Council, encouraging us to ensure that our church has a common purpose and a strong sense of identity, especially endeavoring to engage with the youth and making the message of Jesus relevant for them. This is a challenge for all of us to address: Robyn McPhail as minister, Parish Council as leaders, and indeed all parishioners!

The two Mission Support Groups set up this year are still fledgling. They are the Awhi Maori group, of Pat Tauroa, Craig Ambler, Robyn McPhail and Alan Robinson; and the Kerikeri group of Jan Gough, Paula du Plooy, the Akau'olas, Sheryl Webster, Mary Fenton and Robyn McPhail.

More people are welcome to join either group – to help each other in each individual sphere of activity, and thus help out in our communities. Time will tell how effective these groups will be.

Unfortunately our parish treasurer, Arlene Purdie, became ill, so had to resign. You have done a splendid job for us, Arlene over the last decade. Thank you very much. Fortunately the Purdies' daughter Sue Campbell is able to step up and take over the position! Thank you Sue!

A good deal of secretarial work is being done for Parish Council by Jenny Phillips, and has been done for the last four years or so. Things like sending out papers needed for each of the meetings, reminders to get information in for those meetings, setting up

minutes in a standard format, etc. Thank you very much, Jenny. You have been doing it willingly and well! (Thanks, especially, from the incumbent, only temporary, secretary who only has dial-up!)

God be with us as we move forward as a parish – Jesus said he would be! Jesus said (Matt. 28: 19) “God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I’ll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age.”

Alan Robinson, Parish Secretary

PARISH COUNCILLORS:

KAEO: Ian Hayes, Lorelei Hayes, Alan Robinson (Secretary), Michael Tearle, Bill Wilson

KERIKERI: Kato Akau’ola, Michelle Akau’ola, Craig Ambler, Paula du Plooy, Arlene Purdie (Treasurer), Sheryl Webster.

MINUTE OF APPRECIATION FOR ROSS RENNER

The Renners arrived in Kerikeri in December 2003, and joined our church shortly after. They have been with us for nearly ten years. Early on Ross’ organizational skills were recognized, so he was co-opted to the Parish Council in 2005. Eventually, in 2006, he became our secretary. He said he would give it three years, so stepped down in 2009.

The meeting minutes he prepared were a delight to read, and there wasn’t much wriggle room left in what he wrote. His minutes of a meeting clarified proceedings very well. His format for writing up the minutes continues to be used, and is a reminder to us of his efforts to do things efficiently, properly and practically.

As well, Ross played a leading role on the finance committee, numbers being his forte. His incisive mind, sense of humor and excellent command of the English language were much appreciated. A memorable example of his use of words was when he described a decision as ‘an ineluctable truth’! Jaws dropped around the table, and minds worked overtime, and everyone headed for their Webster’s when they got home, needing clarification!

Thank you very much Ross, for all the effort you have so willingly put into this Parish Council, the Finance committee, and this church. You have done well.

God be with you and Akisi.

Extracted from the Parish Council minutes 16 July 2013

KERIKERI WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We continue to meet on the first Thursday of each month at 10am. From the beginning of this year we have been meeting in the Palm Tree Restaurant meeting room. On arrival we order our tea/coffee and begin with a devotional message, catch up on any members of the church who are not well, bereaved, or in need of assistance, This is usually followed by an activity the theme of which the hostess usually decides on. Our Christmas meeting was held at Wharepuke café and to commence the New Year we went to the Stone Store Basin BBQ area for a picnic morning tea. As our outreach

project we continue to support World vision child Merida with prayers and financial donations. Several ladies from our group assist each week with packing food for the food bank as a local community project. Our thanks to Akisi Renner who competently looks after our finances.

Jan Gough

Income and Expenditure Statement for Period 01/07/2012 – 30/06/2013

INCOME:		EXPENDITURE:	
Donations	\$301.80	Gift (infant)	\$ 11.50
		Storage	\$100.00
		World Vision (Merida)	\$396.00
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$301.80</u>	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>\$507.50</u>
Excess of Expenditure over Income			<u>\$205.70</u>
TOTAL FUNDS:			
Bank Balance B/F	\$581.00		
Income	\$301.80		
TOTAL	<u>\$882.80</u>	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>\$507.50</u>
Book Balance at 30/06/2013			<u>\$375.30</u>
<u>Bank Balance at 30/06/2013</u>			<u>\$375.30</u>

WESLEYDALE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We have endeavoured to meet every 4th Friday of the month, 11am, at the Union Church hall or members homes, mostly succeeding. Some meetings are luncheons, others morning tea or just fellowship with nibbles. The Christmas meeting was a 'ladies afternoon tea' held at Hayes Farm. Several visitors attended, it was a truly delightful gathering. Our membership has dwindled over the last few years with our health and energy levels which seem commensurable with our ageing.

How to retain the fellowship enjoyment, support and work without excessive effort on our stalwart members? How can new younger and vibrant members be encouraged? Catering and flower arranging for church celebrations have been our main work focus.

Our Mission Statement is:

1. meet regularly
2. support our minister
3. pastoral care
4. assist the property committee

Val Reeve, one of our former members, died this year. We miss her and her input to our church family.

Thank you members for your fellowship, support and work. Thank you visitors for attending our meetings.

Bank Balance \$235.16

Olive Shepherd Secretary/Treasurer

SUNDAY SCHOOL/YOUTH GROUP

This year, still in our alternate Church 'Home' at the Kerikeri Retirement Village's Ted Robinson Chapel, we had supervised Sunday School lessons available almost every Sunday except in the School holidays, when the children are still welcome, but undertake activities in the Church.

Our solid core of families still attends when able. Up to 9 children can be with us at any one time. Visiting children are especially welcome, and seem to enjoy our relaxed activity time together. We follow the Church calendar so our lessons mostly relate to the adult sermon, and the congregation enjoys the feedback from the children at the end of the service, with their own special take on the message. It is amazing how the children grow in confidence, and by the year's end are happy to 'show and tell' their stories to the people.

We look forward with great patience to the building of our new Church and hope that this time next year the report will come from there. We anticipate being able to spread our message more widely to the Community from our own larger facility.

We are grateful to our Youth helpers this year, Ros Simpson and Helen Norman, who prepare more age appropriate material for our teenagers to learn from and ponder on.

We were all sad to farewell Heather McVicar recently as she and Bob have moved to Whangarei, but she has assured us that as she is not far away, she will be a regular visitor to Kerikeri, and especially for the opening and dedication of our new Church.

May God bless the support of our congregation who so warmly include the young people into their midst - it is an important part of the Church's worship.

Mary Fenton

BIBLE IN SCHOOLS

Again we provided Christian Religious Education teachers, with Paula du Plooy, Robyn and I every week in Riverview Primary School in Kerikeri, and Robyn in Kaeo Primary School.

More than 2/3 of the children at Riverview School attend our sessions, and almost all the Kaeo children. They all really enjoy the lessons and we hope and pray that the messages they hear will go with them and be remembered as they grow.

We always need more teachers, or helpers for the teachers, so more volunteers would be very welcome to assist in what is a very pleasant and rewarding half hour once a week. For most children this is the only Christian instruction they receive, and although life skills and value-based, it is one way that we can include and spread the word of God and the Christian message, and relate the values to the Bible Stories.

God bless the children as they are our future!

Mary Fenton

KAEO HOME GROUP

The core of our home group has remained the same: Michael Tearle, Bill Wilson, Olive and Tony Shepherd, Ian, Lorelei and Anthony Hayes, Avril and Derek Manley, and

Yvonne and Alan Robinson. As well we have had others from time to time: Joan Fenton, Derek Utton (one of Michael's neighbors) and Rebecca Thompson (the Manley's neighbor in Totara North). Also Michael's visitors, friends and co workers from Wycliffe Bible Translators, Roy and Janet Gwyther-Jones, took part in one of our sessions.

Unfortunately Margaret Langman felt she could no longer join us, not wanting to be out at night.

We have spent the year so far looking at the 10 studies produced on Philip Yancey's book 'What's so Amazing about Grace?'. It has really been an amazing and worthwhile experience. Yancey says "I truly believe that the future of the church depends on how we master the art of 'dispensing grace'." I agree! That is what I take out of this series of studies – we, as church people, are called upon to be dispensers of grace (Dispensers of Unconditional Love), rather than to be exterminators of evil!!

As well we recently had a purely social gathering over a pot luck dinner, at Bill's place. Between courses there was some light entertainment in the form of quizzes, which extended our vocabulary somewhat! For example, what is the name for a group of sheep? That one was easy – a flock, of course. But what is the name for a group of boys, or swine, or bears, or pheasants, or leopards, or kittens, or foxes??

We are not at the end of the year yet, so are looking for something to study. Robyn has some material to look at that might do.

Alan Robinson

KERIKERI HOME GROUP

Kato and Michelle hosted several evenings for a meal at their home earlier in the year with readings and singing with workers from Vanuatu to swell the gathering. These meetings were a wonderful time of fellowship thanks to Kato and Michelle offering their hospitality to all of those who could attend.

LECTIONARY STUDY GROUP

The Kerikeri Lectionary Study Group meets at 2.30pm to 4.00pm most Mondays at the Ted Robinson Chapel to read through the week's Bible readings, learn more about their background. The study group are also learning to share their own thoughts and responses. Tea/ Coffee in Chapel from 2.15pm.

KAEO MUSIC

Our organist Clyde Foster continues to do a great job leading our singing on the organ which also keeps on performing well [*with faithful back-up from Lorelei Hayes. ed*].

Over the year we have had a mixture of new songs which Robyn sometimes plays on the computer. There are also requests for some of the more well known hymns which people enjoy joining in together for a good sing.

Robyn's accompanying power point illustrations provide an additional source of anticipation and interest and bring the meaning of the songs to life.

Thank you Robyn and Clyde.

Lorelei Hayes

KERIKERI MUSIC

Kerikeri Singers: All are welcome to join in a time of singing after the service on most Sundays. Thanks to all who can stay and practice new songs and enjoy old songs and to the musicians who have been able to accompany us.

Kerikeri Musicians: Thanks to our team of organ and piano players who have played for our services during the year; Diane Paterson, Jean Andrewes, Marie Cannon, Wendy Bloomfield, Kato Akau'ola, Arlene Purdie, Clyde Foster, and Robyn McPhail who helped out when the need arose.

CAR BOOT SALES

A year ago, the Car Boot Sales were reinvented at the Church building site. These have been held fortnightly, with every second one including a Church Fundraising stall.

With no overheads, but the limitations of no power and no water on the site, we have banked \$3910.

Thanks to all for contributions - goods, services and grass mowing!

The intention is to continue until the new building starts, and then review it.

Mary Fenton

COMMUNICATION

Our means of communication are a good mix of old and new: sharing news whenever we're face-to-face and using technology to share messages near and far. Together at church services, we hear news both happy and sad as well as get information about events and meetings coming up. Through print medium and the internet, people beyond the regular Sunday group also get to know about who we are and what we are doing. And it seems there are quite a number doing that.

The newsletter has been produced every second month while the Sunday Bulletin remains a mainstay for many to keep them in the know about happenings. Thank you, Jenny, for this weekly task of collating the notices and printing the bulletin.

A growing number of people are not on email and receive messages by that means. If you are on email and think you might not be on the parish list, please get in touch with Jenny (jenny.jane@xtra.co.nz) or Robyn (robyn@chirmac.co.nz).

If you have a Facebook account, please go to our parish page (search for Kaeo-Kerikeri Union Church) and click the "like" button on the right-hand side underneath the banner picture. This is another way to keep informed with the update coming to your own page whenever items are posted on the church page. You can also post your own news of parish activities.

The parish website at <http://www.kaeokerikeriunionchurch.org.nz> (or do a search for Kaeo Kerikeri Union Church) is regularly updated, with dates for the Car Boot Sales now showing on the home page. This site gives you access to files of weekly services (including the bulletin notices), newsletters, and other publications, as well as a gallery for photos of church events. If you don't have a computer but someone in your family

or among your friends does, ask if they could show you this website and see how we look on the world wide web.

PROPERTY PLANNING GROUP

The Queen's description of her year, several years back, as her “ANNUS HORRIBILIS” is the one we could use for our last year.

The Building Consent (BC) was to be lodged in Oct-Nov 2012 but we thought we should wait until we had guaranteed access from Fairy Pool track.

This was taking so long we decided to lodge with the access of Kerikeri Road, which we did.

We asked Bill Fenton to help us by approaching Far North District Council (FNDC) to get on with finalizing the right of way (ROW), which he did. We then asked him to carry on helping us as we were struggling with the technical stuff. He agreed to this and has been a great help. In December we learned that the water supply was not sufficient for fire fighting after FNDC had told us earlier that it was sufficient. We then had to add in 17 tanks at a cost of \$80k. This delayed our BC application. We have since sorted the water shortage with out having to put in tanks. We then had to apply for an amendment to Resource Consent (RC) to get the entrance off the ROW, more time and cost small as it may be. FNDC then did a complete turn around on the sewage and we are now allowed to join the town system. Bill did all the work on this and we are very grateful.

The Building Consent was lodged then, in late April, then suspended till further information was supplied. We were then told that we could not use the ROW until it was formed and sealed. We thought we had agreed with council we would do the sealing after building so as not to damage the seal. However we have been told if we apply to Council we can probably get the okay to do it after we build.

CreativeSpaces put our job out to tender in late June, and tenders closed on 22 May. This was to be a milestone for us and had been eagerly awaited, but what a disappointment. Tenders came in 30% above their estimates: how a firm could be so wrong we could not figure.

We are still in the process of getting the tender price down working with the preferred tender.

Brian Stewart, Convener

KAEO PROPERTY

Our committee for the year has been Bill Wilson, Robyn McPhail, Ian and Lorelei Hayes, Tony Shepherd and Alan Robinson. Michael Tearle joined us during the year – good to have you with us Michael. Unfortunately Margaret Langman has had to cut back on her contribution and has resigned. Thank you Margaret for all the many years of various chores you have carried out for the church. Well done indeed!

The inside of the church is looking splendid now, having been plastered and then painted. Flood proofing has yet to be completed, a quote for it having recently been received.

This year the windows are all right, but the water tank was backed into with a towbar!! The tank is adjacent to a garage and service station, so the wonder is that it hasn't happened before.

A couple of hall bookings were cancelled, but a temporary tank has been put in place, so people can use the place again. The insurance people have decided that the old tank is not worth repairing, so will get another one put in. In spite of the job being called URGENT, that fourth fruit of the Spirit, PATIENCE, is having to be exercised! *[By the time of printing of this report, the new tank is installed and rain-water pouring in.]*

The Seventh Day Adventist Church and a Yoga class regularly book the hall. As well other organisations use it from time to time: NRC, the Runanga, Whangaroa Health Trust, and the Whangaroa Community Development Group. Weddings and Funerals that use the church also make good use of the hall.

The committee still has before it the long term possible solutions that Tilsley Engineering have suggested to fix forever the problem of the church being flooded from time to time. In the mean time short term fixing is still being actioned.

Alan Robinson, Chairperson

KERIKERI PROPERTY

All we have to report is the small amount of work in keeping the minister's residence in very good order. The main garage door needed some strengthening work done that was carried out under warranty. Ian has attended to applying some sealant to spouting joints, and other small matters that happen. Thank you, Ian for your help.

Trevor Bedggood

KERIKERI PASTORAL

The Kerikeri Pastoral Team consisting of Kay Blunkell, Paula du Plooy, Ros Simpson, and myself have made a very good contribution by way of their visits within the Parish. The team meet up fairly regularly to touch base with each other. Robyn joins us as time permits.

Everyone has their set names of people to visit which is working out very well. It is hoped to build on pastoral skills as time goes by.

The team are mindful of the great privilege it is to be able to get to know members of the Parish in a constructive way with each visit they make.

Jessica Scott

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

At Christmas a pot luck morning tea followed the Sunday Service with gifts and games for the children. People were invited to make a special effort for the food-bank. We combined with the Bay of Islands Parish for a picnic at Paihia in February and enjoyed sharing meals at a wedding in Kaeo and special services.

Sheryl Webster and Jan Gough

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee consists of Robyn McPhail, Jenny Phillips, Jessica and Neil Scott, Sheryl Webster, Jan Gough and Clyde Foster. We have been able to fill the gaps when our minister has been on leave, with members of our own Parish taking services.

The Kerikeri congregation continues to worship at the Ted Robinson Chapel in the Retirement Village and we extend our thanks to the Retirement Village for the use of both the chapel and social centre where we can enjoy a cuppa and chat after the service, and where the children can have Sunday School. We continue to take our turn on Sunday afternoons at 4.00pm, leading a service for the residents in the Kerikeri Retirement Village and share in fellowship with them.

A service is also held at Kauri Lodge in Kaeo on the first Sunday of the month, led by Robyn where she also provides a chaplaincy service. The Kaeo congregation shares lunch together after the service on the second Sunday of the month.

We take part in the Kerikeri Combined Churches Services, the World Day of Prayer, and the Week Of Prayer For World Peace. Robyn and I attend the combined churches meetings once a month.

Support for Girls' Brigade, Sunday School and Youth are also part of our committee.

We would like to record our thanks to Robyn, our minister, who serves us so well and is an inspiration to us all.

Jan Gough, Convener

GIRLS BRIGADE

Girls Brigade started the year with 16 regular girls. We have two Pioneers, seven Seniors and seven Juniors. Our leaders are Jodie Cotton, Renee Webster and myself, Sheryl. We also have two regular helpers who assist with the programme most weeks. Our Minister (and GB Chaplain) comes and takes devotions for us each week which is a huge help. Thank you Robyn.

It has been a very busy and challenging year but we have managed to produce a programme each week, sometimes under stretched circumstances but we have a wonderful lot of parents and supporters who pull in to help when needed.

This year we have got our support committee working well. This gives us support from others who have GB at heart – some parents and some supporters, all willing to help share the load and ideas. As a leadership team we have found this really helpful.

A highlight for the second term was our Celebration theme which was designed to celebrate 85 years of GB in NZ and 120 years internationally. We had six weeks of programme working up and preparing for our big birthday party which we held at the end of the term.

Another highlight was our Northland Area Walkathon. This was held in Whangarei. The weather didn't really oblige but many sponsored girls who walked from Trinity, Tikipunga, then on to St John's and finally to St Paul's in Kamo. It was a real achievement with a purpose. Funds were used for our International "Give a girl hope" programme and also for local and national causes. It was a very wet but great day enjoyed by many.

Once again for fathers day we had a BBQ with the GB families at Aranga Park. This is always a great event where the focus is on the fathers.

We continue with our fundraising ventures, mainly of the catering type. This helps boost funds which help run better programmes. We would like to thank everyone who supports us in so many different ways. We really appreciate it – from physical help to helping sponsor our girls for different events – thank you.

In Christ's Service, Sheryl Webster, Team Leader, Kerikeri Girls Brigade

KERIKERI GIRLS BRIGADE COMPANY - Balance Sheet for 2012

SOCIETY CHEQUE ACCOUNT

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
Bank Balance 1 January 2012	1,062.53	Head Office	1,482.70
Fees	2,738.00	Uniforms	265.92
Fundraising - Area	42.00	Area Fees	100.00
Fundraising - Catering - Stock Sale	1,035.10	Craft	501.13
Fundraising - Fonomarae	6,691.10	Badgework	364.48
Area Event	235.40	Stationery / Afternoon teas	122.78
Term Final Nights	198.00	Area Event	205.00
Floats rebanked	450.00	Term Final Nights	659.96
Sport Northland Water Stop	300.00	Fundraising - Area	24.50
From Accelerator Account	400.00	Fundraising - Trips	30.00
		Fundraising - Catering	47.82
		Fundraising - Fonomarae	5,382.03
		First Aid Training	380.00
		Newspaper Ad	192.28
		Gifts	1,231.76
		Donations	225.00
		Sundries	606.50
		To Accelerator Account	800.00
		Bank Balance 31 December 2012	530.27
	<u>13,152.13</u>		<u>13,152.13</u>

ACCELERATOR ACCOUNT

Bank Balance 1 January 2012	1,231.89	Transfers Out	400.00
Bank Interest	4.25		
Transfers In	800.00	Bank Balance 31 December 2012	1,636.14
	<u>2,036.14</u>		<u>2,036.14</u>

I have examined the Books and Records of the 1st Kerikeri Girls Brigade and confirm from the information and records available to me, the above statement are a true and correct record of the Brigade's financial transactions for the 12 months ending 31st December 2012

Hon. Auditor.

KERIKERI UNION CHURCH ENVELOPE GIVING

After 7 years as Envelope Secretary for the Kerikeri end of the Parish I must say that it is heart-warming to see the level of commitment and constancy of those who have chosen this method of giving. There are 30 families using the facility – an overall decrease since last year as the result of some folk moving away from Kerikeri and the death of some of our Church's loyal supporters. However the response of some new members to our congregation who wished to join the envelope-giving system is a positive sign that folk see this as a convenient way to organise and have recorded their Church giving.

Please feel free to talk to me at any time about the system and I will explain just how easy it is, how there is no pressure upon you in any way, and very importantly I emphasise that the system is strictly confidential. It gives you the giver an overview of the extent of your offering and each year you receive a tax rebate certificate for your total.

Another alternative is to make regular donations by way of an automatic Bank payment.

From the Kerikeri end of the Parish the total received from Envelope Givers and those who give by way of automatic Bank Payment, for the year ending 31 March 2013 was \$16,244.00 – well done and thank you for your continued support.

Please contact me (407 8123) if you need any further information.

Helen Norman, Envelope Secretary

KAEO UNION CHURCH ENVELOPE GIVING

Firstly I would like to extend our thanks to Margaret Langman for her help with the collections. Margaret has decided to step back, now she has decided not to renew her driver's licence.

Secondly let us review this system. It has been operational for a long period of time.

What were our aims?

To try to establish a stable financial basis for our Parish.

To create records which would allow our members to take advantage of the tax rebate available to those willing to give to an accepted charity.

To allow our members' giving to be confidential should they wish it to be so.

If you our supporters have any thoughts on this system please pass them on to a member of the Parish Council.

Thanks to those who continue to support us and we would encourage more to join should this arrangement make sense to you.

Although over time our Parish finances have changed and today we have some access to interest and hopefully investment returns in the future personal giving still remains a vital part to our Parish's ability to provide a resident minister and Christian outreach to our Kaeo and Kerikeri communities. And this need will continue.

Ian Hayes, Kaeo Envelope Steward

FINANCE

Results for the financial year (subject to audit) show a surplus of \$126,281, well down from last years result of \$154,505. Major areas of decline in income were Giving - \$5444, Interest Income - \$6087, Miscellaneous Income - \$9098, offset by increased new Church building donations and fundraising +\$3564. Expenses were generally in line with budget apart from Kaeo property maintenance +\$10,000. Kaeo property rents are noted to be improving.

As in previous financial years Giving is down both in Kaeo and Kerikeri overall by 14%, we rely on interest income to pay our way.

Committee members during the year were: Ian Hayes, Robyn McPhail, Arlene Purdie, Ray Webster, David Bates. Darroch Todd joined the committee early in 2013. In recent months we have lost Wynn Judd and recently Arlene Purdie resigned due to health issues. She has recently been replaced by her daughter Sue Campbell. Ross Renner continues as a consultant member receiving all email material and advising as appropriate.

Wynn Judd has been involved with the Finance committee for too many years to recall, making a number of important contributions, and he is greatly missed. After ten years as treasurer Arlene Purdie took on implementation of the Xero accounting package no mean feat in itself and her inputs are missed. Taking on new technologies are the greatest challenge we face as we age and Arlene was undaunted in “giving it a go”.

David Bates, on behalf of the Committee

MINISTER'S POSTSCRIPT

Heard recently from a conversation in the Kerikeri community: “the Union church, where is that?” “Oh, you mean the place with the Car Boot Sales”.

We do not lose heart, even though it could be very easy to. Our primary purpose as churches in both the Kerikeri and Whangaroa communities is to be the body of Christ where we live. Buildings are very valuable for carrying out that purpose but they can also cause us grief, and have us spending a lot of time agonising over issues. For yet another year this has been the reality for many of the hands-on workers in the parish. I feel for each of you who have continued to put heart and soul and mind into our stewardship of the Wesleydale Memorial Church in Kaeo and into our planning for a facility to use in conjunction with the community in Kerikeri.

For me, the Car Boot Sales are a beacon of hope. It may be a small thing in terms of the dollars they bring in, but this small beacon is bright and shining in terms of our profile and an emblem of our purpose. Thank you to those hands-on workers who are maintaining this mission to the community twice a month on the second and fourth Saturdays. Thank you also to those who help with the church stall and contribute saleable items to it for the second Saturday sale.

This year has seen me complete nine years as your minister. At the beginning of this calendar year I had my second Ministry Development Review, the process the Presbyterian Church has set in place to ensure ministers can retain their Certificate of Good Standing. This process, confidential to the minister but receiving input from as

many in the congregation as wished to meet with the reviewer the Rev Elizabeth Mansill, was timely as a lead up to the Churches Together Northland union church process to consider whether my ministry appointment would be extended beyond ten years. Alan Robinson has reported above on the Parish Council decision that resulted from this CTN visit.

My work as your minister continues to be that mix of parish and community which I have written of in previous annual reports. No doubt, for those who remember church and ministers in decades past, it is very different from what you have known and maybe what you would like. The level of community involvement is a function of where we need to be as a church. This is our future, being Christ-shaped people, doing Christ-like things, in the community. We draw strength and inspiration from our time together as church, on Sundays and on other occasions, so that we can be who were called to be among family and friends and in the wider community.

Yet this really isn't something new. When we read the gospels, we more often than not find Jesus out and about. He went to the synagogue to worship; he also went there to stir. That is, to raise questions and try to get his faith community back on task, bringing good news to the poor, sight to the blind, and freedom to those who are captive.

Robyn McPhail

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