

**KAEO-KERIKERI UNION PARISH**



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

**30 October 2011**

**at the Ted Robinson Chapel and  
Retirement Village Day Centre, Kerikeri  
following the Worship Service  
beginning at 10.30am  
Shared lunch to follow**

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

### **In Memory Of**

26.12.2010	Evelyn Rose Green
06.01.2011	Dorothy Margaret Adlington
05.02.2011	Gwendoline Robertson (Gwen)
07.02.2011	John Francis Callagher
05.03.2011	The Rev Hori Heta (George)
26.04.2011	Peter Wahren Jurisich
22.05.2011	Pieter Dirk van Marion
04.06.2011	Norma Elsie Smith

Think of church like family. You don't 'go to family.' Family is what you are wherever you are. This is about spiritual families. We just live life with Jesus. So every day is Easter.

Felicity Dale, Texas, USA

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

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Auditor: vote of thanks for Auditor and appointment of Auditor for 2011-2012.

Appointment of Parish Councillors – reports from Congregational Meetings at each Church on 9 October and confirmation by AGM.

General Business

Close

## Kaeo-Kerikeri Union Parish

### Minutes of the Annual General Meeting in Kerikeri on 17 October 2010

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**Present:** Sheryl Webster, Heather McVicar, Trevor Bedggood, David Bates, John and Stella Leather, Clyde Foster, Kato and Michelle Akau'ola, Ian and Lorelei Hayes, Anthony Hayes, Margaret Langman, Gay Traas, Neil Scott, Brian and Lorraine Stewart, Tony and Olive Shepherd, Arlene and Lloyd Purdie, Wendy Steenstra-Bloomfield, Diane Paterson, Bill and Gladys Wilson, Paula du Plooy, Colleen and Dick van der Schyff, David Andrews, Jenny Phillips, Jean and Tigger Andrewes, Henry and Val Driver, Wally Vine, Bruce and Helen Norman, Alan and Yvonne Robinson, Craig Ambler, Robyn McPhail.

**Apologies:** Sonny Hayden, John Argent, Wynn and Gladwin Judd, Helmut and Anne Kool, Jessica Scott, Lorraine Emerson, Ray Webster, Margot Ngan, Torum Jenkins, Jan Gough, Tarzan Hori. Agreed to be received.

**Minutes of the last AGM** are true and correct. Brian Stewart/Neil Scott. Agreed.

**Matters arising:** Ian Hayes, who was not at the last AGM, was concerned that some of the figures presented regarding the Kaeo property committee were incorrect. His concern is recorded.

**Correspondence:** nil.

**Agenda** – any further business called for – David Andrews asked for a discussion on support for people affected by the Christchurch earthquake.

#### Reports

Gladys Wilson and Yvonne Robinson moved that we receive all of the reports. Agreed. We then went through the reports.

Parish Council report: Diane Paterson thanked Alan Robinson for this. Neil Scott thanked the rest of the councillors too. Agreed by acclamation.

Kerikeri Sunday School/Youth and Bible in schools: Craig Ambler voiced thanks to Ros Simpson and Helen Norman, and Heather McVicar and Mary Fenton. Seconded by acclamation.

Kaeo Youth: They do face challenges, and work through them. A routine is followed and the volume sometimes does go up. An invitation was issued to drop in some time! Sheryl Webster moved a vote of thanks to John Argent and Robyn McPhail. Seconded by acclamation.

Operation Christmas Child and Angel Tree are under way again for the year. Sue Nash, chief organiser for Angel Tree, had a brain hemorrhage in July and is slowly recovering. Thank God.

Kaeo Home Group: is going well. Still looking at the studies on 'Disciple making Disciples'.

Our website helped connect a Whangaroa person with a half sister.

Girls' Brigade: Sheryl Webster thanked Brian and Lorraine Stewart, and Henry and Val Driver for doing all those dishes etc., etc., etc.

Property Planning Group had a key word this year – PERSEVERENCE!! Sheryl Webster voted a huge thanks to the Group for all of the work they have done on behalf of the parish towards the new church. Agreed with much acclamation.

Kaeo Property Committee: Two leaders, Ian Hayes and Tony Shepherd, are stepping down from their leadership roles after many years of service on the committee (50 years). They are willing to continue on the committee as ordinary members. Alan Robinson conveyed our thanks for all of those years of work and a small token of our appreciation was presented, with acclamation. As well Clyde Foster and Yvonne resigned from the committee and were thanked for their contributions too. Again we showed our appreciation with acclamation.

Financial report: - is good this year! But finance committee convener, David Bates, warned that the situation will get tighter as the new church building goes up. Some strategies will have to be put in place. The auditor pointed out that the offerings seem to be counted by only one person, and suggests that two need to be there every time. That is good, safe practice that Parish Council will need to adopt. A comment was made that the current system has evolved over a long period of time, and for a reason. Another noted that they had inherited the 'one person counting the offering' system and carried on with it, uncomfortably. Now there are two people, and they sign.

David Bates appreciated that the Kaeo Parsonage fund was used to help build the church house – it has been 'paid back' so to speak, with interest – so thanks are due to the Kaeo people for that.

David Bates also thanked our treasurer, Arlene Purdie, for putting up with him. A vote of thanks to the people taking care of the offerings was moved, and a vote of thanks to David Bates and his committee. Both were seconded by acclamation.

The minister's report was presented.

Yvonne Robinson and Craig Ambler moved that the reports be adopted. Agreed.

**Auditor:** David Bates and Brian Stewart moved a vote of thanks for the auditor PKF Poutsma Lemon Ltd, and that they be auditor for the 2010/11 financial year. Agreed.

**Election of Parish Councilors:** Sheryl Webster was re nominated by Val Driver and Gay Traas, and Lorelei Hayes was re nominated by Sheryl Webster and Alan Robinson. Agreed by acclamation.

Thanks to those who are stepping down – Jan Gough and Trevor Bedggood. Acclamation.

A question was made whether it might be helpful for Parish Council to meet at some other time than at nights.

**General Business:** David Andrews moved that our church should send a donation to the needy people of Christchurch, following all the earthquakes. Seconded by Brian Stewart. After some discussion an amount of \$1000 was agreed to. Mary Fenton is to find an appropriate organization to send it to. A question was asked whether we should have a fund available for such emergency needs in NZ, or anywhere in the world. E.g. 10% of the interest accrued for the year. Ross Renner replied for the finance committee that this has been in mind during the last two years, to establish when the new church costs are clear.

To finish our meeting Sheryl Webster moved a vote of thanks to Robyn McPhail for guiding us through the year! Seconded by us all with acclamation.

**Close:** The meeting closed with the blessing in both languages and the congregation moved to the hall for lunch.

**Confirmed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## PARISH COUNCIL

In September 2010 Parish Council approved the Parish and PPG decision to approach Creative Spaces to be the architect for the new church. By November we were notified that we should see some 'visible action' – presumably on the building site. Then in the March newsletter the Parish Council Update predicted 'some action somewhere sometime soon' – whenever the consent for a subdivision of the site was received from the FNDC. Finally something did happen on the site – on June 21. Mulching, followed by the felling of some gum trees, etc. HOORAY! Then last month we had a parish service in Kerikeri, followed by a workshop to look at the revised floor plans for the church. They were approved, with some minor alterations. So with a bit of luck we will see the building started THIS YEAR. The challenge is still there – to get it finished in time to hold an area service for Girls' Brigade in September 2012, to celebrate 30 years of Girls' Brigade in Kerikeri. This is an important and achievable goal.

Following the example of the Auckland Super City idea, this year has seen the Northern Presbytery birthed, with Rev. Fakaofu Kaio as the moderator. CTN has continued to exist, and is still the body with which we relate, thank goodness. Audrey Trimmer and Stephanie Wilson carried out a Parish Review with us, on behalf of CTN. They gave us a 'tick'. Nevertheless we need to continue to be welcoming to all people, regardless of ethnicity and religion, and to endeavor to meet community needs – as we have been exhorted to.

Our minister Robyn McPhail led us through seven legislative proposals from PCANZ, guiding us in our response. As well, Robyn helped us work through the Kaeo-Kerikeri Union Parish handbook that Laurie Barber put together, which needed updating.

We approved two \$1000 donations to the Christchurch earthquake appeal, one after each of the big quakes. Also \$200 to Whangaroa College in support of the chaplaincy there. (Remember that Robyn is the chaplain there.) In April Sophia Devine presented us with her PHATT mentoring scheme: Pro-active, Healthy Attitudes Towards Training. There is a need for mentoring up to 40% of the students at Whangaroa College. We support the principle of the PHATT vision.

The church stuff that was stored at the Ngans' shed had to be moved to make room for the Kiwifruit season work, so it was relocated to a shed at the Strang's place in Shepherd's road. Thanks a lot to the Ngans and the Strangs.

The photocopier is dying/has died, so a small replacement was purchased to carry on with. The social committee organized a very successful pot luck meal on July 30, followed by an auction to raise some more funds for the new projector and screen for Kaeo (some having been obtained from PSDS). A bit of fun was had, and a superb meal shared. Thanks to all for the food and the auctioned articles.

A relatively short report this year, but he had plenty of business to attend to. Thanks to all Parish Councillors and to Robyn McPhail for the work done and fellowship we have had on the way. Heather McVicar is not available for re-election this time in order to be free to be with her husband for a time when he is working overseas. Her faith and work experience have been a significant contribution to Parish Council's deliberations and decisions.

Shalom, Alan Robinson.

## PARISH COUNCILLORS:

KAEO: Ian Hayes, Lorelei Hayes, Alan Robinson (Secretary), Gladys Wilson

KERIKERI: Kato Akau'ola, Michelle Akau'ola, Craig Ambler, Heather McVicar, Clare Murdoch, Arlene Purdie (Treasurer), Sheryl Webster.

## KERIKERI COFFEE MORNING FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Members take turns to host the group in their homes on the first Thursday morning of the month at 10am. The morning starts with a devotional reading, pastoral care, a cuppa and then followed by an activity on a theme which the hostess has chosen.

Our Christmas meeting was held at the lovely home of George and Bev Barke where we shared lunch and a time of fellowship together. Then to start the new year we had our morning tea at the Kerikeri basin in the fresh air.

We support A World Vision child Merida with our prayers and financial aid and we purchased a large print bible for the residents at the Kerikeri Retirement Village as our outreach effort.

Anyone is welcome to attend and share this morning with us.

Jan Gough

## KERIKERI MORNING COFFEE GROUP - Income and Expenditure Statement For Period 01/07/2010 – 31/06/2011

<b>BANK BALANCE B/F:</b>			\$926.49
<b>INCOME:</b>		<b>EXPENDITURE:</b>	
Donations	\$290.00	World Vision	\$396.00
Excess of expenditure over income			\$106.00
<b>BANK BALANCE at 30/06/2011</b>			<b><u>\$820.49</u></b>

## WESLEYDALE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP REPORT

This last year has been a less eventful twelve months for most of our members. We have continued fairly regularly with our monthly meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month, taking turns holding Fellowship in each others' homes with the hostess leading the meeting. A shared pot luck lunch follows with any males present most welcome. In July a few of us spent an enjoyable time with Bonnie at Kauri Lodge. Because of various health issues the other women residents there have not been able to meet with us.

A past member, Val Reeve, who lives in Whangarei has been recuperating from a stroke. Val visited Kaeo recently and enjoyed catching up with news of former church friends. Both Bonnie and Val were very active members of the Fellowship for many years.

Numbers fluctuate but it has been good recently to welcome some new ladies. Coming from a small area we recognise that we at times are an ecumenical group. We each come from different backgrounds and belong to a variety of organisations in the community so just sharing where we are at in our lives in an informal and relaxed atmosphere stimulates some interesting and diverse discussions. Meetings include an inspirational theme in the way of readings and thoughts that we share. A smaller

number present can mean that we are able to participate in a more personal way than would be possible in a larger group. It has been encouraging to hear from some members of the help they have received from meeting the way we do.

Some of our activities have included taking a service in Kaeo when Robyn was away; sprucing up the interior of the church and hall and tidying the grounds when our hall was used in June for the official opening of the local museum to congregate in beforehand when it rained and for the lunch which followed; and in September decorating the church with spring flowers and produce for Golden Harvest. Most of all our meetings are about enjoying each others' company and having great fellowship together.

ANZ Bank Balance \$239 .00

Lorelei Hayes Convenor

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL /YOUTH GROUP KERIKERI**

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

Our solid core of families still attends when able, with the Amblers and Websters our most frequent and dedicated attenders. Up to nine children can be with us at any one time. Visiting children are most welcome and seem to enjoy our relaxed activity time together. We follow the Church calendar so all our lessons relate to the adult sermon, and the congregation enjoys the feedback from the children at the end of the service, with their take on the message. Seven year old Duncan Ambler is now the preferred spokesman for the group, with his brother Hamish standing by to prompt if need be. Cameron who is in the Youth Age Group has discussions on a one to one basis with an adult. He has started working through the whole Bible Story this year, which he has enjoyed.

We look forward with great anticipation 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 the larger facility.

In Kaeo, Sunday School lessons are always available for the children when required, and those who come enjoy the activities.

Our thanks go to the helpers this year, and blessings on their contribution,

Heather McVicar, Mary Fenton, Helen Norman and Ros Simpson

## **KAEO**

Resources for Sunday School are available at church each week, with a member of the congregation always willing to work through these with any children who come to church.

## **BIBLE IN SCHOOLS**

Robyn and I were again Christian Religious Education teachers every week in

Riverview Primary School in Kerikeri, and in Robyn in Kaeo Primary School.

Over two thirds of the children in the classes now attend our 'Bible in Schools' sessions at Riverview School, and almost all the children at Kaeo Primary School. The children 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 volunteers would be very welcome to assist in what is a very pleasant and rewarding role to play in the lives of our young people. For most children this is the only Christian instruction that they get, and although life skills and value-based, it is one way that we can spread the Christian message and relate those values to the Bible stories. God bless the children, as they are our future!

Mary Fenton

### **K-TOWN SHAKERS (KAEO YOUTH GROUP)**

K-TOWN Shakers is now a group in its own right within the Kaeo community which our parish supports in a variety of ways. With home base established in the downstairs area of John and Theresa Argent's home (the Drop-in Centre), John receives support from different individuals and from us as a parish. We help with Wednesday evening's Bible Study, with Robyn attending as often as possible and a number of very kind Kerikeri folk providing food for the start of the evening. We also support financially with our usual budget for the youth group going towards some travel costs and contributions towards events such as camps and Parachute Music Festival.

At this point, there is a little more work to do in the Drop-in Centre to get it looking good and right for the young folk. A number of them have sketched their own designs for a section of the wall each, with the actual painting waiting for funds or contributions. If anyone has any spare bits of acrylic paint – any colour – please get in touch with John 405 1267.

John Argent and Robyn McPhail

### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Thank you for your continued support of Operation Christmas Child. Last year 305,976 Christmas boxes from New Zealand were transported overseas. Each box is accompanied by Christian literature. Over one hundred volunteers check each box before they are sent to make sure the child will be happy with it.

When a child opens a shoe box they're opening more than a present lovingly prepared just for them. They're opening up their community to a world of life-changing opportunities. So each box is precious and appreciated greatly.

Jessica Scott

### **KAEO HOME GROUP**

A feature of this group for this last year has been that the leadership has been shared and the meetings held in a range of venues i.e. the homes of Margaret Langman, Olive and Tony Shepherd, Ian and Lorelie Hayes and Avril and Derek Manley at Totara North as well as the original venue of Bill and Gladys Wilson's home.

The topics studied have been Lessons from Jesus from the book of Luke, Making Disciples (a group of studies written by the Head of the Presbyterian Church) and The Beatitudes.

Social and fellowship evenings have been held. One pre-Christmas event took the form of a pot-luck tea and games and activities. A get-together to celebrate the commencement of the Ruby World Cup was another pot-luck tea and shared watching of the game between the All-Blacks and Tonga.

We have tried to be supportive of Michael Tearle, who was suddenly widowed and members of the group continue to find it a place for sharing of family concerns and a place to air prayer concerns for our church and community.

There always seem to be opportunities for much laughter and fellowship. This group is not a 'closed shop' and anyone is welcome to join with us on a Monday evening from about 7.15 to 9.15. We meet on a fortnightly basis but because we are quite a small group the meeting is quite often postponed if several of the group are going to be absent on a particular night.

To find out what is happening on a specific night feel free to telephone either Alan Robinson. 405 0688 or Gladys Wilson, 405 1748.

### **KERIKERI HOME GROUP**

A small group meet for Home Group on the second and fourth Friday nights of the month at 6.30pm. These evenings began at Michelle and Kato Akau'ola's home but we have since met at other homes having a light meal and sharing reading, prayer and discussion and sometimes a song or two as we sit around the table. One evening we decided to have a meal at the Pear Tree Restaurant Meeting Room which was very convenient and private. All are welcome to share these evenings but call Jenny or Robyn to check as sometimes we have to cancel them. Love to see you there.

Jean Andrewes

### **LECTIONARY STUDY GROUP**

Kerikeri: The Lectionary Study Group now meets at 2.30pm to 4.00pm (instead of 1.30pm to 3.00pm) most Mondays, at Jean and Tigger's home. We all look forward to our time of listening to each other's thoughts on the bible readings and discussions.

Robyn leads us, encourages us, and shares with us her knowledge of biblical and political history of those times, and we try to discover how we can apply the scriptures to our present times and situations. Our thanks to Jean and Tigger who open their home to us for our studies and for their generous hospitality providing us with afternoon tea.

Jenny Phillips

Kaeo: so long as there's a quorum of three – Robyn and two others, Kaeo Lectionary Study Group meets on a Tuesday afternoon. During the year there were just a few times that this was possible, the conversation flowed as questions were asked, insights shared, and discoveries made.

### **KAEO MUSIC**

Once again a big thank you to Clyde our organist for the great music and

accompaniments he provides for our Kaeo congregation. With Clyde at the organ and the excellent acoustics in the church the singing of a few can go a long way.

The last few Sundays have been quite exciting seeing the results the new projector makes for both the words of the songs and the illustrations Robyn provides, even without the new screen up. The difference the new projector makes in the clarity and definition and the quality of the pictures is truly amazing! We are pleased too that Robyn will not have to cart the projector to and fro each Sunday and set it up before each service.

I have been pleased to give Clyde a break at the organ for a few Sundays throughout the year. Otherwise Clyde is present every Sunday to play for us and we do appreciate the huge contribution you make Clyde.

This seems a good opportunity to express our appreciation also to the kind ladies who do the beautiful floral arrangements each Sunday for our church.

Lorelei Hayes

## **KERIKERI MUSIC**

**Kerikeri Singers:** Thank you to Jean and Tigger who open their home to the Kerikeri Singers now held once a month at 2.00pm on a Thursday. All are welcome to participate in a time of fellowship and singing. Although we have lost some of our singers we have also welcomed Alys and Bob Tayler and thank Alys for being able to assist us with music playing while Wendy took a break due to ill-health.

**Kerikeri Musicians:** Thank you to our team of organ, piano, and guitar players who practice and play for our services - Diane Paterson, Jean Andrewes, Marie Cannon, Wendy Bloomfield, Kato Akau'ola, Clyde Foster, and Robyn McPhail who helps out when the need arises.

Jenny Phillips

## **CHURCH BOOKINGS – KAEO**

The hall has been used by a few regulars. Thanks to S.D.A., Northland Regional Council and Whangaroa Runanga. Also there have been some casual bookings throughout the year. We also store catering equipment for the Kaeoannes. Comments by the users have been gratifying.

Margaret Langman

## **COMMUNICATION**

The parish website <http://www.kaeokerikerunionchurch.org.nz> was re-developed late in 2010, using a system that is much easier for ordinary computer users to update and design new functions. News of the new Kerikeri Church development is available through a showcase on the main pages and the event schedule, weekly services (including the Bulletin) and newsletters are updated or uploaded regularly.

In print, the service sheet at church keeps people informed of events, along with the newsletter produced around ten times during the year. There is also an email list that is used to circulate news of coming events. If you are on email and not on that list then send a message to [robyn@chirmac.co.nz](mailto:robyn@chirmac.co.nz).

Jenny Phillips and Robyn McPhail enjoy working together on these communication schemes, doing their best to catch mistakes before they go to print! The photocopier came to the end of its functional days and the replacement system of using a local business for the larger jobs and a small photocopier for the bits and pieces is working well.

Our thanks to Jean Andrewes' for the beautiful cards and notes she sends to people on our behalf particularly in times of loss or illness.

## **PROPERTY PLANNING GROUP**

Final payment for the land next to our Kerikeri rd. site was made late June 2010 after much frustration. That frustration has carried on through this year in our effort to get the access we were assured of during our early negotiations, and we are still battling.

In early August we sought advice on planning for the 'whole' property. Creative Spaces, our architects, then drew up plans which we are working off. We re-surveyed the whole block and kept the new sections at the regulation size for the zoning. Having a now a bigger block we are able to site the church a little closer to the by-pass.

At this early stage we saw problems with access. The by-pass had opened and we had to be a certain distance from the roundabout. We had face to face talks with Far North District Council. They were also concerned and we asked about using the Fairy Pool access. They indicated it would be possible but the change would have to be 'gazetted' and this would take time. They gave us permission to use this access during construction so time was not important. These agreements we thought were known throughout council and we were surprised to find, when this information was passed on to other council staff they started making other suggestions not knowing what the original arrangements were. We are still battling along with this.

In late January 2011 the Property Planning Group (PPG) and the Finance Committee (FC), having been through the Fee Proposal from Creative Spaces agreed that the figures are correct and, as agreed, the Parish Council were informed that the PPG were now ready to sign the proposal on behalf of the church. On the 26/04/11 we made the following announcement:- The PPG take much pleasure in informing you that they have given Creative Spaces the OK to move on with our new church.

We also had several meetings with FNDC and Community Board regarding youth activities, they were keen to help in any way we required. The absence of a "concrete" site has put this on hold at present but the PPG have no doubt that when we get our building up interest will be revived.

As will be seen the site has been cleared and we will grass the area where the gums were felled and will be able to mow and keep the site tidy.

As of September 20 the Planner, Jeff Kemp, has all the data required for resource consent and the preferred date for lodgment is 16th or 19th of September so I hope it went in yesterday!

We would like to thank the congregation for their foresight and patience. I give many thanks also to the committee for all the work done and meetings they have attended.

Brian Stewart

PPG members: Craig Ambler, David Bates, Wynn Judd, Robyn McPhail, Helen Norman, Neil Scott, and Brian Stewart (convenor)

## **PROPERTY COMMITTEE - KAEO**

The ongoing task of maintaining the Kaeo church property continued, along with some new developments to enhance the worship facilities. Some work to try to mitigate the effects of flooding on the church got underway and this is enabling other maintenance to be attended to.

In relation to flood mitigation, a member of Parish Council had presented a proposal which involved sealing the doors, sealing the vents in the basement and putting in two vents with chimneys to circulate the air in the under-floor area. The committee decided to go ahead with this and a local builder carried out the work. We await with interest... The first job to follow on from this was the plastering of the cracks on the outside wall of the church and this is now underway. As it had been a number of years since the last treatment, the steeple and church roof were sprayed to kill the moss.

Following discussion with the congregation the committee decided to purchase a screen and a more powerful projector, to be installed on site. An application for funds was made to Presbyterian Savings and Development Society, and Parish Council took up the Social Committee's proposal that the mid-winter dinner and auction go towards the costs. This was greatly appreciated by the Kaeo congregation.

Some electrical work was attended to in church: new lights in the chancel, plus repositioning the front lights and installing power points to facilitate the use of the new projector.

The committee is endeavouring to get the Far North District Council to take over responsibility for the Council river reserve land that we had previously smoothed and re-grassed.

Change in membership: The long-serving convenor Tony Shepherd resigned but, like the previous secretary Ian Hayes, also long-serving, remained on the committee. Yvonne Robinson resigned from the committee early in the church year and unfortunately our new secretary Sandra Cowan also has resigned. We are grateful for the contribution each of them gave to the committee, and very appreciative of Sandra's secretarial skills. New members appointed are Lorelei Hayes and Bill Wilson. Also Alan Robinson joined the committee and took on the task of chairing the meetings.

Committee: Ian Hayes, Lorelei Hayes, Margaret Langman, Robyn McPhail, Alan Robinson, Tony Shepherd, Bill Wilson, and Gladys Wilson.

## **SOCIAL**

The following events have been enjoyed by our congregation and their friends.

1. We were invited to Kato and Michelle Akau'ola's blessing of the home they had recently moved into, which was followed by a shared lunch sitting outside on a lovely sunny afternoon enjoying a time of fellowship together.
2. A picnic at Mahinepua Beach on the Shepherd's property after Sunday services was a chance to relax under shady trees and enjoy a swim and walk along the beach.

3. Our Christmas celebration was in the form of a dinner to raise money for our High School chaplaincy. It was interesting to hear from the chaplain of his work and we also enjoyed some fun time together. A big thanks to all who prepared the meal and helped with the evening.

Sheryl Webster and Jan Gough

## **WORSHIP**

This committee meets three monthly to ensure all services are covered for the following months and to plan any special services or events. We thank members of our congregation who have taken services during our minister's leave and also representatives from the Bible Society and Presbyterian Support who have spoken to us of their work.

The Kerikeri congregation has settled down to accepting that worshipping in the Ted Robinson Chapel will continue for some time until our new centre in Kerikeri will be built and we thank The Kerikeri Retirement Village for allowing us the use of both the chapel and the social centre.

We take our turn at leading a service for the residents at the Kerikeri Rest Home and Village on a Sunday afternoon. The support our parish members give to help the residents to attend and share in fellowship with them is much appreciated. We hold a monthly service at Kauri Lodge, Kaeo, and through Robyn's chaplaincy services to the Home and Hospital Memorial Services for residents are provided.

Once again we hosted the Week of Prayer for World Peace in Kerikeri which was followed by a shared meal in the social centre afterwards.

Robyn and I represent you on the Kerikeri combined churches planning meetings and we always take part in the combined services held on the fifth Sunday of the month.

As an outreach into our community Jean Andrewes and I record a worship session on the local radio station Keri Country F.M. on the first Sunday of the month and we often receive feedback from folk who have heard us.

We would like to record our thanks to Robyn our minister who works tirelessly in our parish not only to spread the word of our saviour but also as a confidant and friend to us all.

Jan Gough, Convenor

Committee members: Robyn McPhail, Jenny Phillips, Neil Scott, Sheryl Webster, Gladys Wilson, and Jan Gough.

## **KERIKERI GIRLS' BRIGADE**

The last year has been a very interesting one for us at Girls Brigade. We have had the challenge of working in someone else's space but are very thankful to the Kerikeri Baptist Church for allowing us to use their church and workshop to hold our weekly programme.

Our numbers have been steady but not as good as hoped for. Winter sports always causes a drop in the roll and some return, while others drift off. At present we have a very steady group of 14 girls. This is made up of five Juniors, seven Seniors and two

Pioneers. Leaders are Renee Webster, Jodie Cotton and myself with regular help from Karena Huxtable.

Some of the highlights from the past year:

A Northland Area camp was held at Marsden Bay, One Tree Point, in June 2010. We had a good number attend and a lot of fun was had with a visit to the refinery included. The girls worked on their Girls Brigade World of Friends Badge through out the camp and had a lot of fun doing it. It was a great opportunity for the girls to meet with other Brigades from Northland.

We had another great Fathers Day BBQ at Aranga Park. This annual event is a great opportunity for us to meet with families and have a lot of fun while celebrating fathers (or grandfathers).

In April we did a special fundraiser for GB in Christchurch. We had a games night with dinner provided and raffles. We raised \$410 and also took a lot of photos. Jodie then put these together in a power point and the girls wrote notes of support to go on it. That was then shown at a Christchurch Area Church parade. They were so appreciative of what we had done.

We also had another end of term event. This was a “Feast or Famine” night. Whether they got the bowl of rice or the feast everyone enjoyed themselves. There were also fun and games for people to participate in.

As part of the Pioneer Girls badge work, they had to organize a trip to a place of their choice and the reward was to actually go. They chose Auckland and in July this became a reality. Six girls and three adults hired a van and went to Auckland visiting Kelly Tarltons, Sky Tower, Rainbows End, Paradise Ice Skating Rink, Dutch Delight Pancake Restaurant, The Zoo and visited Girls Brigade Support Centre. There was a lot of fundraising done. This included Warehouse sausage sizzles and catering, a buckets up raffle and selling raffle tickets at New World.

Other badge work done for the Pioneers was puppetry and farming where they go to Websters farm and feed calves, feed out hay and do general farm chores.

The Juniors are small in number this year but Renee keeps them busy. They have gone on a beach trip, had a spa day and girlies makeover, made sock monkeys, done afternoon tea for parents and painted coffee mugs for Fathers day presents.

The Seniors have enjoyed making candles, had fun with painted colour where they made splatter place mats, painted pots and did marbling. They have also just done basic cooking where they learnt to cook, using ingredients that would be in the average pantry.

We are all looking forward to getting settled in our new church when it is built and having all our gear in one place again. It has all been a challenge but also a good experience. We at least have a temporary home and for that we are grateful.

Once again I sincerely thank you for the support you give us. May God Richly Bless you all.

Sheryl Webster, Team Leader, Kerikeri Girls Brigade

KERIKERI GIRLS BRIGADE COMPANY

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
Bank Balance 31.12.10	361.54	H.Q. Badges.Magazines	166.00
Fees	3424.50	Fees	1,669.00
Guardian Trust H.Davies	168.00	Uniforms	1,158.78
Catering	976.25	Northland Area Camp	1,102.50
Cake stalls	667.40	Confrence	2,000.00
Stock Sales	1450.60	Flowers Gifts	532.82
Sport Northland Water Stop	300.00	Equipment	1,130.63
From Money Maker Account	2200.00	Cheese Rolls	273.00
Camp -Coopers Beach	727.00	Camp Coopers Beach	1,163.13
Fathers Night	150.00	Fathers Night	127.00
Northland Area Camp	1120.50	Final Night	61.66
Cheese Rolls	274.00	World vision	13.60
World Vision	13.60	Shoe Boxes	70.00
Shoe Box Refund	10.00	Notice Paper. Cheque book	290.76
		Money Maker	1,500.00
		Bank Balance 31.12.10	584.51
	<u>11843.39</u>		<u>11,843.39</u>
 <u>MONEY MAKER ACCOUNT</u> 			
Bank Balance 31.12.09	1916.54	To Cheque Account	700.00
Bank Interest	4.25		
Bank Charge Refund	5.00	Bank Balance 31.12.10	225.79
	<u>925.79</u>		<u>925.79</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 2010

Hon. Auditor.

*M. Hutchings*  
23.1.11.

## ENVELOPE GIVING

### KAEO

Once again it is my privilege to thank those who have supported our Kaeo Union Church envelope system. Thanks also to Margaret Langman for her help in banking.

Our Parish has a huge programme underway with not only a new church and grounds at Kerikeri but our endeavour to set up what is necessary to fill the gap between giving and the stipend of a full time Christian Worker. Your continued support is appreciated and vital to our future.

Ian L Hayes, Envelope Steward

### KERIKERI

After 5 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. 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. There are 31 families using the facility which is the same as last year.

Please feel free to talk to me if you would like to join this system of giving 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. From the Kerikeri end of the Parish the total offerings received from Envelope Givers alone for the year ending 31 March 2011 was \$17,823.00 - thank you for your continued support.

Another alternative for givers on the Envelope System is to make regular donations by way of an automatic Bank payment. Please contact me (407 8123) if you need any further information.

Helen Norman, Kerikeri Envelope Secretary

## **FINANCE**

Results for the financial year show a surplus of \$139,056, down slightly from last year's result of \$141,737.

As in the previous financial year Giving is down both in Kaeo and Kerikeri overall by 10%, we rely on Interest income to pay our way.

There have been some changes to accounting methods at year end. They are:

1. We no longer prepare our annual accounts on a cash received/cash paid basis with debtors/accounts receivable and creditors/accounts payable now being included in our accounts at year end. This became necessary as to exclude these accounts at year end would allow it to be claimed our annual accounts were not representative of actual results. It is likely these items will become more significant in future.
2. In previous years items of capital expenditure, for example, audio visual equipment, photocopiers have been expensed in the year of purchase. With the new Church project it will be necessary to capitalise major items, for example new assets with a value exceeding \$500 and to depreciate them over their estimated useful life.

The above is standard accounting practice in other organisations.

A budget for the Church and its operations for the two years from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2013 has been prepared and is predicated on construction of the new buildings starting in April 2012. As capital currently invested with the Presbyterian Church is run down so will Interest income decline. The two year budget is in line with previous expectations and indicates funds for both Capital and Operating purposes will have to be carefully conserved for the Church to continue to operate as it has in recent years.

It is essential we enhance the sources of income from our current property holdings and the new buildings if we are to continue our current level of operations and develop our Outreach programme.

David Bates

Committee members are: Ian Hayes, Wynn Judd, Robyn McPhail, Arlene Purdie, Ross Renner, Ray Webster, David Bates (convenor)

## MINISTER'S REPORT

I know other people wonder what ministers do with their time, and so do I when I sit down and think about what to write in my report!

New church planning, weekly Sunday services and study groups, spending lots of time with young people, community chaplaincy, visiting people of all ages, funerals in church, in homes, and on marae, changes in regional church organisation, an international rural church conference in Germany, and the regular guiding of the administration of the parish – these would be the key headings for what 'kept me out of mischief' as they say during the last church year.

Regional church work can seem a chore and a nuisance in taking the minister away from the parish, but our connectedness as a parish within a wider church family depends on the work of ministers and laypeople in the parishes around the region. We don't have someone else employed to do it. Also the important thing I have found is that relationships are maintained and support is given and received within the Presbytery/District area, and that means being well involved myself. The worst thing is isolation, for a minister and even for a parish. Recent figures indicate that still too many ministers are resigning, with depression or burn-out often part of the reason.

On a practical level for us as a parish with a building project, good regional and national relationships are essential to progress and the experience so far is that we have lots of people on our side, excited about our plans, and ready to help smooth the decision-making process.

New work during the year has included getting to know the local St John Ambulance people as Area Chaplain and taking part in St John formal occasions at Umawera and Kerikeri.

Following a first experience three years ago I was pleased to be asked again to judge English language speeches at the secondary schools Manu Korero competition at Okaihau in May.

Being involved in the community, working alongside other people in various professional and voluntary roles is front-line ministry work for me. It has been a real delight when members of the congregation have been there too, as community volunteers and as church folk like me, doing our bit to support others. The gospel is always in practical form, never just something spiritual, and we are following Jesus, embodying his spirit, in what we do towards the health and well-being of the people and place where we live.

Another role the parish gives me is to keep in touch with our wider churches and the issues beyond our home patch. For example this year, our Methodist and Presbyterian families have kept us in touch with Christchurch and the trauma and on-going struggles of the earthquakes. They and Christian World Service have kept us informed about emergency appeals and areas of greatest need. The caring we do locally is mirrored in the caring we do globally. Keeping our eyes on both helps maintain a good balance, and helps keep our own life issues in perspective.

Robyn McPhail



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