

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held Wednesday 12 October 2016 at 4.03pm  
The Chamber, 57 Kilmore Street, Christchurch



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### 1 Welcome to Guests

The President, Tony Sewell welcomed members, Chamber life members, current Board members and the staff from the Canterbury Employers' Chamber of Commerce (the Chamber). Tony acknowledged the following in attendance:

- Virginia Nicholls, CEO, Otago Southland Employers' Association
- Chris Mackenzie, CEO of Development West Coast
- Kim Campbell, CEO, Employers and Manufacturers Association Northern
- Andrew Hunt, Member of the BusinessNZ Council
- Sir Gil Simpson
- Our guest speakers: Ross Butler, Chairman of Ōtākaro Ltd; Bill Dwyer, Chairman of Development Christchurch Ltd and Ivan Iafeta, CEO of Regenerate Christchurch Ltd

Tony thanked our local Ford dealers Avon City Ford at the Sockburn roundabout and Team Hutchinson Ford in Tuam Street for sponsoring the Annual General Meeting.

### 2 Apologies

Seventeen apologies were received for the Annual General Meeting and are appended to the minutes.

### 3 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2015

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 14 October 2015, having been made available to the member's present, were taken as read and signed as a true and correct record.

Moved: Alan Williams

Seconded: Peter Davie

**Carried**

There were no matters arising.

### 4 Appointment of the Auditors

The President, Tony Sewell, thanked the Deloitte Audit Team for completing the 2015/2016 audit.

The motion for the appointment of the auditors to be delegated to the incoming 2016/17 Board was carried without dissent.

Moved: Vincent Chew

Seconded: Patrick Fergusson

**Carried**

## 5 President Comments – Tony Sewell

Tony Sewell presented a brief update on the past year which included the following comments.

Major highlight of the year was the new build at 57 Kilmore Street. The building provides a debt free, purpose built, secure facility for the Chamber going into the future.

The transition back to Kilmore Street was made possible by a lot of hard work by a lot of people and Tony acknowledged his fellow Board members who have all made an extremely valuable contribution not only to the transition back to Kilmore Street but to the policy and direction of the Chamber.

The Chamber had another good year financially and from an operational perspective the Chamber has continued to exceed most of the objectives set in the business plan.

The team are now thinking more strategically into the future and work is currently underway to assess what the organisation might look like five years from now and how we move the organisation towards that position.

The Chamber's profile continues to remain at a high level. The activities over the past year have reinforced that the Chamber is a well-respected and trusted organisation in Canterbury. The Chamber has continued to work with a wide range of stakeholders across the community towards the common objective of a strong, vibrant healthy economy and a prosperous and happy community. The Chamber has an objective of playing its part in ensuring that Christchurch is a place where people want to come to live. The Chamber continues to work right across the region in a quest to ensure that as our city regenerates and the economic development of our region progresses the interdependencies are clear and understood.

Tony thanked Peter Townsend, Leeann Watson, Claire McOscar and the team at the Chamber who work tirelessly to ensure that the interests of the members are optimised. He thanked all of our stakeholders, including our sponsors, and most importantly our members for continuing to support the Chamber.

The motion to adopt the 2015/16 annual report and the 2015/16 statement of accounts was carried without dissent.

Moved: David Halstead  
Seconded: Stephen Collins  
**Carried**

## 6 General Manager Comments – Leeann Watson

To open Leeann played a brief video providing a snapshot of the achievements of the Chamber team over the previous year and their engagement with members.

There are many ways the Chamber supports businesses individually or collectively and Leeann outlined some of the key achievements over the past year:

- The new Chamber building which we are extremely proud of. Built on time and on budget, the building leaves a legacy for our members. Since moving in on 22 July we have had over 1,000 members through the building either for training, events or for meetings.
- We played a crucial role supporting members through the health and safety legislation changes.
- Wins on advocacy front, most recently turning the Contactors Bill around.

- Our ongoing role in the regeneration of our city.
- We have extended our membership reach through growth in the regions. Including growth in specific sectors of our membership such as Next Generation Business Leaders and an active network of Women in Leadership.

The year ahead promises to be an exciting one. While much of our focus remains the same (helping businesses do better in a business-friendly environment and celebrating business success) we note the world is being transformed by technology. This means we will be putting an increased focus on the impact of technology and an emphasis on giving businesses the tools and support for adapting to disruptive markets.

Members can expect to see in the year ahead a strong emphasis on the following areas:

- Digital transformation
- Future workforce
- Workplace wellness
- Updating our members on what is happening in our region, in the rebuild and the local economy through our regular critical updates
- Substantiating our “we know business” offering

All the above is underpinned by 30 dedicated and hardworking staff that support our members. Leeann thanked and acknowledged the staff of the Chamber who have been through a lot in the last year.

Leeann acknowledged the strong leadership provided by our CEO, Peter Townsend, our President, Tony Sewell, and for the commitment and support of our Board who have had the confidence and trust in what we are doing.

To succeed in the future technology will play an ever more present role in our lives and to conclude Leeann played a Spark video edited by Lydia Stoddard to give members a taste of what our lives might look like in 2025. As businesses, we must adapt and evolve and if this means rethinking how fundamentally we do business then we must do that. Is your business ready?

## **7 Chief Executive Comments – Peter Townsend**

Peter acknowledged our guest speakers Ross Butler, Bill Dwyer and Ivan Iafeta and thanked them for their attendance and providing an update on their respective areas. He also acknowledged the BusinessNZ representatives in attendance.

Peter confirmed we are approximately 60% through the rebuild and that a total of \$33 billion in insurance money will be applied, noting there has never been a community in the world of approximately 400,000 that has been so well insured. We are in a unique situation and continue to spend \$100 million a week rebuilding the city and we will continue to do that for the next two to three years.

Peter outlined the unattended consequences he has noticed that have come out of the earthquakes:

- We will have the safest city in the southern hemisphere. Every new building is built to withstand the environment and is constructed to the new Building Code.
- We are going to be the most energy efficient city in the southern hemisphere. Even our new Chamber building is four-star green without trying.
- Our workplace environment is much more flexible and we are well ahead of the rest of NZ in terms of how we apply the trend towards flexibility.

- We have more empowering workplaces. People are more interested in what the outcome is not the methodology. Due to the earthquakes, we have learnt to move quickly and spontaneously and that has now become locked in the employment ethos in the city.
- Now that we are moving back into rebuilt/permanent office space it is very interesting to note how employees and employers are thinking more strategically.
- There has been an increase in internal collaboration across companies.
- There is a move to open plan working environments which enables benefits such as sharing information more efficiently, increased productivity and working more collaboratively.
- More external collaboration.

The above workplace dynamics are playing to our advantage. The biggest fear would be losing them as we move to a more stable environment. The hope is that they are locked in which puts the Canterbury region ahead of the rest of New Zealand in terms of highly productive workplace outcomes.

Peter concluded by thanking the Board, the staff of the Chamber, the sponsors and stakeholders for their support over the past year. The Chamber is in good shape and we are going from strength to strength. Our new building raises the Chamber to another level of capability and exposure. We have received a lot of praise around the new building and Peter acknowledged Leeann Watson and Claire McOscar of the Chamber and the builder Alastair Miles for their hard work in getting the Chamber building completed.

Peter thanked the sponsors of the AGM Team Hutchinson Ford and Avon City Ford. He also acknowledged Electionz.com for providing the capability for electronic voting and our principal sponsor Westpac. Peter confirmed that we have just signed a major sponsorship relationship with Orion and they join Westpac as a principal sponsor. We look forward to working with Orion and supporting them.

Lastly Peter acknowledged and thanked the members for their attendance.

## **8 Election of the Board of Directors 2016/17**

The Chief Executive, Peter Townsend, announced and congratulated the six elected Board members as follows, in alphabetical order:

- Jenni CALLAGHAN
- Stephen COLLINS
- Peter DAVIE
- Shaun HUBBARD
- Andrew LOGIE
- David RYCROFT

Thank you to the other five candidates who stood for election.

The new Board will meet on Monday 14 November and will appoint the President, and two Vice-Presidents.

Peter and Tony Sewell both acknowledged the contribution of Tracey Chambers and Amy Carter who are not going forward with the new Board. Both have been valuable Board members over their respective terms and Tracey was the first women President appointed to the Chamber.

**9 General Business**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.30pm.

**Read and confirmed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

*The Annual General Meeting was followed by presentations from Ross Butler (Chairman, Ōtākaro Ltd), Bill Dwyer (Chairman, Development Christchurch Ltd) and Ivan Iafeta (CEO, Regenerate Christchurch Ltd) who provided short progress update on key projects and issues under the control of their respective organisations relating to the regeneration of Christchurch.*

1. Amy Carter, Perception PR and Marketing
2. Jenni Callaghan, EY
3. David Proud, VIP Security
4. Scott McCrea, McCrea + Partners
5. Shane McKenzie, Walnuts New Zealand Co-operative Ltd
6. Stephen Bateman, SB Global
7. Mayor Lianne Dalziel, Christchurch City Council
8. Michael Greene, Chamber Life Member
9. Roger Barker, Chamber Life Member
10. Albert Brantley, Ōtākaro Ltd
11. David Rycroft, Assist Automation Ltd
12. Richard Ballantyne, Chamber Life Member
13. Robyn Galloway, Innovative Travel
14. Dr Karleen Edwards, Christchurch City Council
15. Tracey Chambers, Chambers PR
16. Ali Jones, Ali Jones PR & Communications
17. John Luxton, Avon City Ford