

AGM Minutes
Venue: Northern Wairoa Boating Club
7pm Monday 22nd June 2026

Welcome

A welcome was extended to all by Chair D. Nilsson. A special mention and welcome to Arjune Dahya (Hort NZ Regional Rep), Jon Carswell (MPI - On Farm Support) and David Pilkington (FMG), noting the sponsorship of the AGM by FMG and Hort NZ.

Present

Doug Nilsson, Warwick Simpson, Luke Posthuma, Deb Adolph, Grant Suckling, Andre & Kathryn de Bruin, Reuben Vincent, David Adolph, Josh Nilsson, Anton Posthuma, James Franklin, Jim & Dorothy Simpson, Bruce & Elaine Crompton, Karl Crompton, Sam Panoho, Arjune Dahya (Hort NZ), David Pilkington (FMG), Jon Carswell (MPI) & Penny Paikea.

A quorum was confirmed as being present (11 growing/packhouse organisations) and the meeting duly constituted.

Apologies

Sheldon & Kate Vincent, Kerry Perreau, David Flay, Craig & Rachel Williamson, Bruce Aspinall, Neil Smith, Stuart Walden, Michael Frood & Sophia Wood, Evan Paxton, Graham Hutchings

Moved: J Franklin **2nd:** B Crompton that those apologies are sustained - **Carried**

Obituaries

Nil

Minutes of Previous AGM

The minutes of the previous AGM held on 23 June 2025 were circulated and taken as read.

Moved: L Posthuma **2nd:** A de Bruin That they were a true and accurate record - **Carried**

Matters Arising

Nil

Chairs Report

Presented by D Nilsson and taken as read.

Moved for acceptance by D Nilsson, **2nd**: G Suckling **Carried**

Financial Report

The financial report comprising the annual financial statements prepared by My Accountants and the 2026/27 Budget was presented by W Simpson, noting the funding provided by Hort NZ & FMG for the AGM, the District Association Grant from the Vegetable Chairs Forum; and the funding from the HESL Grower Capability Fund for the USA envoy.

2026/27 Budget & Annual Report **Moved** for adoption by W Simpson **2nd** B Crompton - **Carried**

Election of Officers

Patron

K Perreau has stood down, and was thanked for his long and consistent service. No candidates stood for election, so the Patron position remains vacant.

Chair Doug Nilsson **Moved** L Posthuma **2nd** A de Bruin - **Carried**

Vice Chair James Franklin **Moved** D Nilsson **2nd** Deb Adolph - **Carried**

Sec/Treas Warwick Simpson **Moved** A de Bruin **2nd** J Franklin – **Carried**

Committee: **Moved** by D Nilsson and **2nd** G Suckling that the following committee members be reappointed: A de Bruin, S Vincent, R Vincent, L Posthuma, M Froid, S Panoho, J Nilsson – **Carried**

Honorarium & Shed Hire

Moved A de Bruin **2nd** R Vincent that the Chair's honorarium remain at \$1000 per annum. **Carried**

Moved G Suckling **2nd** Deb Adolph that the Secretary/Treasurer honorarium remain at \$2000 per annum. **Carried**

Moved A de Bruin **2nd** L Posthuma that shed hire remain at \$2000 including GST per annum – **Carried**

General Business

A de Bruin presented the recent trial work on Orleans, Bellevue and 18-100/Avoyelles - the new varieties from Louisiana State University. It was noted that Avoyelles would not be released due to its poor shape and storage. Release of Bellevue and Orleans is to be discussed at the next committee meeting, with the release of Bellevue likely for the coming season. Growers will be notified when this is finalised.

L Posthuma presented work and results from the Kumara Nutrient Uptake Project, showing nutrient uptake of Owairaka Red and Beauregard over time and split by leaf and root content. Work continues to prepare this information for release, and integration into the SVS tool.

W Simpson presented an update on the Black Field Cricket Project underway by PFR/BSI and funded through A Lighter Touch, noting findings regarding improved trap and catch results and highlighting next steps for the project.

The current EPA reassessment of Bifenthrin was discussed, and noted that Hort NZ is preparing a submission requesting continued use by the kumara industry and others.

Chair D Nilsson thanked the committee for their work and meeting attendance over the past year; Hort NZ and FMG for their sponsorship; MPI for their ongoing support; J & K Franklin and L Posthuma for hosting workshops during the year; and the NW Boating Club and Kurlees Catering for their hospitality.

Meeting declared closed at 8:30pm