

Tawa U3A Committee

Minutes of Meeting, 10.00am, August 26th 2026

Present: Marian (chair), Tim, Ray, John, Marie

Apologies: Barbara

Minutes of previous meeting approved – John, seconded Ray

Matters arising:

30th Birthday lunch Thursday, June 25th – Feedback:

- Generally went well, everyone seemed happy
- Choir was very good but a shame about the delay

Chair's Report: Marian has met with Bronwyn Chambers, current Chair of Probus. Agreed that they should meet with each other every two months in order to work co-operatively with speakers and activities.

Dave Smith – Marian will invite him to the next meeting to discuss our Constitution and the implications of the ISA

Financial report (Income and expenditure to July 31st) proposed Marie, seconded John. Despite one off expenses (website, lunch) the financial position remains good

Membership: now have 215 members. Approved the applications of four new members.

Courses and Half-year update: Barbara will be stepping down from this role at the AGM in February 2027. However she will do the necessary preparation for the new year before then. Agreed that we will seek a possible replacement in the next Newsletter. It would be particularly helpful for the new person to have a period of “parallel working” with Barbara

Consider returning to using Tawa Anglican Church as a venue in 2027 when it reopens

Website: the new site has been tested by Ray and has a different structure from the old one. The changeover is planned for August 31st and is expected to take two days; no problems expected during the “down” period. Minutes of Committee meetings will be on the website. The new structure uses members' email addresses as a unique key but this may be a problem when two members (e.g. husband and wife) have the same address – needs further attention. Ray is meeting Rainbow this week and will raise the issue of training for Committee members.

Communications:

Newsletter to go out this week and include decisions from this meeting.

Signs by the roadside at each end of Tawa are being updated, which needs cooperation with other bodies such as Rotary. Agreed that the new signs will use the current logo as on all our recent publicity. Tim to get quotes from a signmaker

Website and other publicity: the site now has a relevant photo for each course. Agreed that we would avoid using photos in which members can be readily identified although photos of the Committee are OK. Photos should preferably be used only for a limited time.

Further discussion about reaching members who don't have e-mails: agreed that these would be distributed by hand by a suitable member of the Committee. Since the meeting Ray has circulated a list of such members and these have been allocated to a suitable Committee member. Newsletters and other important circular emails to be dealt with in this way.

Other Business: none

Next meeting: November 2nd at 10am

Meeting closed at 11.30