

Donkey Serenade

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Greetings, our AGM came and went and so did the weather!

The 2019 Highfield Donkeys Incorporated Committee are as follows.

Chairman: Peter Couling

Secretary: Sheilah Ford

Treasurer: Marion Jones

Membership Secretary: Lesley Cornwell

Donkey Managers: Peter Caccia-Birch & John Montgomerie

Projects: Allan Ford

Family: Jenny van der Mespel

Newsletter: Shona Duncan

Chairman, Peter Couling, thanked the outgoing Committee for the work they completed and reported that our donkeys are indeed a 'drawcard for our Community, particularly so when a new baby donkey arrives'. The numbers attending our 'Fun Days' has increased as to the number of days when we are able to give donkey rides to the children. This is all thanks to the many volunteers who give freely of their time. And of course the donkeys have never looked better nor been more docile than at present - all due to the weekly grooming and handling they receive from Maxine, Pasty and Gill.

The Treasurer reported that our financial records have been audited and that our bank balance is healthy, thanks to you our Membership, the donation box, the generosity from members of our Community, as well as Auckland Council's contribution. It was also noted that health costs for the donkeys is rising.

Our Membership Subscription remains at \$10 per family - which is now due - thank you in anticipation.

The Chairman made presentations to our out going Secretary - Helen Whiteley and our Auditor - Ray Harrison and thanked them for their time and generous efforts on our behalf.

Peter Caccia-Birch noted that it was 50 years since Alison & Ted bought the land and donkeys. To this end the Committee plans a 'Time Capsule' but more of that later. If you have ideas of what to include in the capsule we would be pleased to hear from you.

Till next time, **Shona Duncan**

Highfield Donkeys Inc
2019 - 2020 Membership/Renewal \$10:00 per household

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