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9th Executive Committee Meeting 2014/2015

MINUTES

Held: Tuesday 29 July 2014
Venue: Auckland VHF Group Inc, Branch 66 NZART clubrooms, Hazel Avenue, Mt Roskill
Opened: At 19:39 by Chairman Gareth Parker
Present: **Members:** Gareth Parker, Bruce Grenville, Carlos Rodriguez, Patrick Casey, Bill Ayers, Dave Dingley, Ray Mankelow, Les Dixon, Robert Houison, Sione Pulotu, Mapa H. Vaki.

New Society member Mapa H. Vaki (Mapa Ha'angana Vaki) was welcomed to the Society.

Apologies: Radio Tamaohi - Togan Community, who is currently in Darwin

Motion: *That the apologies be accepted*

Moved by Bruce, seconded by Ray. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

AGENDA

1. **Approve the minutes of the 8th Executive Committee Meeting 2013/2014 held Tuesday 24 June 2014.**

Motion: *That the minutes be taken as a true and accurate record*

Moved by Peter, seconded by Dave. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. **Matters arising out of the minutes of the previous meeting**

Congratulations to Gareth

Robert Houison extended his congratulations to Gareth, who was proudly sporting his shiny new ring proclaiming his engagement to Patricia, having returned from his trip to Guangzhou to meet her.

Congratulations were also in order for his successful acquisition of the Rigol DSA 815 TG Spectrum Analyser and a number of electronic components required for his GPTX project.

3. **Financial position**

The Treasurer presented the following financial position (data supplied by the Secretary):

Opening balance (24/06/2014)
2,974.06 CR
Closing Balance (29/07/2014)
3064.06 CR

Date	Description	Type	Withdrawals	Deposits	Balance
24/06/2014	MANKELOW RC UnforgettablMusicSubs 2014	BP		45	3,019.06
CR					
28/07/2014	MR M H VAKI AND HaanganaWaves Pacifi87 9 87 7 DC			45.00	3,064.06
CR					

Motion: *That the financial statement /position be accepted.*

Moved by Bruce, seconded by Les. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

NOTES:

We are still trying to sort out a banking log in for Gareth. He did not hear from the BNZ regarding the new Access Number/Password request, so the Secretary has sent another secure message to the BNZ enquiring as to the situation.

Membership invoices have gone about as far as they can for the current year. A new round of subscriptions is imminent with the AGM next month.

4. Correspondence

There was no official correspondence entered.

Motion: *That the lack of correspondence be accepted*

Moved by Dave, seconded by LEs. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. Radio Stations – ongoing issues and matters of interest

Interference to Radio Austral (87.8) from Waves Of The Pacific (G-Mana Car Dealers group on 87.9 in Papatoetoe).

The Society needs to work with Mapa to resolve the issues. He had responded positively to the letter sent to him on 24 June just prior to the last EC meeting, in which the Society requested him to remedy the problems the Waves Of The Pacific stations are causing, both in Papatoetoe and New Windsor.

Mapa supplied a large number of letters/petitions of support for the work his station does for the Tongan community in Auckland, and photos showing the involvement of many groups and individuals with his station.

It was also noted that his station is a full time involvement for Mapa.

An example of the support for Waves Of The Pacific is in Appendix 1 of this document.

Patrick suggested that the 98 New Windsor Road relay could change from 87.7 to 88.1.

Les suggested we check out 88.0 for the Papatoetoe station.

It was agreed that Gareth and The Secretary would meet Mapa this weekend at his Papatoetoe station to assess the situation.

6. Practical

***SPECTRUM ANALYSER PRESENTATION and DEMONSTRATION by the CHAIRMAN
FEATURING***

The Regol DSA 815 TG (9 kHz to 1.5 GHz) Spectrum Analyser.

Gareth gave a demonstration of his new instrument, showing how the various radio stations showed up at their respective frequencies.

7. AGM

This has been set for Tuesday 26th August 2014 at 7pm

Members would be requested to bring a plate, and if possible, a friend.

8. Other business

There was no other business



The meeting was declared closed by the Chairman at 20:26

Appendices:

- APPENDIX 1: Waves Of The Pacific support documentation – a sample of the letters and the photos presented by Mapa to the meeting.

End

APPENDIX 1: Waves Of The Pacific support documentation

A sample of the letters presented by Mapa:

Friday 4 July 2014

To whom it may concern,

Re: RADIO WAVES OF THE PACIFIC Letter of Support

This is a letter of support from students of higher education to the RADIO WAVES of the Pacific 88.7 FM radio programme. We are students and support this radio programme wholeheartedly as it helps with our education. Students are able to be informed about what is happening in the Tongan community for example, the programme has advertisements about events going on in the school community at the local, regional and national level.

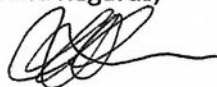
An important benefit the programme has is to connect New Zealand-born and raised youth with their Tongan language, culture and heritage. The survival of Pacific languages has been recognised as a problem within diaspora communities and this programme helps young people to create and solidify their Tongan identity. Further to that, the programme seeks to combine the traditional and the modern by offering a mix of Tongan and popular music for listeners to enjoy. The programme also gives people the chance to request their favourite songs, which is great for our Tongan youth.

When students are studying at night, the programme can be therapeutic and soothing in its encouragement of young people to succeed. This therapeutic quality comes through in the songs played during late hours. Although listeners are comprised of New Zealand born Tongan students, most often the programme's student listeners are made up of Tongan students who are studying in New Zealand, away from home. The programme acts as a source of familiarity for these students when they study and is therapeutic in that respect as well. Moreover, the programme also features interviews with role models in the Tongan community who act as inspirations for the students in their academic endeavours.

Radio is seen to be going out of fashion in a world increasingly characterised by online media such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and other social networking sites. Our young people are using these fast-paced tools to connect and remain connected with one another. However, there is a danger in the kind of information this generation can be exposed to and usage is often not monitored. Radio programmes such as these are helpful in presenting students with an alternative and safer way to obtain information. By filtering and catering information towards a particular ethnic community, youth not only obtain information but also nurture a sense of who they are in a fast-paced and interconnected world. Therefore the programme has long-term benefits as well.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter of support. This letter will be accompanied by signatures in support of this radio programme.

Kind Regards,



Students of higher education in the Tongan community

Sample photos presented by Mapa:





-End Appendix 1-