



President's Report 2022

Welcome to our 5th AGM as Spiritualism New Zealand.

This year a big focus has been on our website and after much hard work over the last two years we were finally able to re-launch it with an improved directory for members and upgraded membership application/invoicing software. This created many headaches behind the scenes for our Treasurer (Anne Roughton) and Registrar (Barbara Hand) but the end result was worth it. Many thanks are due to them and our other talented Board members who supported this work in so many different ways.

Collectively, Board members' contribution to SNZ includes proof-reading, editing and formatting website content, managing applications from prospective spiritual healers, responding to many email queries that come in from our website, promoting events on community Facebook pages around the country, recruiting webinar presenters, running webinars and our weekly meditation sessions, and so much more. They have a wealth of knowledge and experience in a wide range of spiritual matters, and work tirelessly within their own churches or groups as well as contributing to the running of Spiritualism New Zealand.

As you will see when we look at the financial accounts, this year we have a surplus of income over expenditure of \$8,286 which Anne Roughton will talk about in her Treasurer's report. It is not our intent to make a profit, although neither do we want to make a loss. This most unusual surplus is due to the fact that for a second year we were not able to carry out planned activities around the country. Regretfully, this included deferring the residential retreat that was going to be held at the Vaughan Park Retreat Centre in Auckland. We have been able to carry over the deposit to 2023 and we will shortly need to decide whether the time is right to plan a face to face gathering or whether to relinquish the deposit. Any views you might have on that are welcome so please get in touch.

On the other hand, Zoom has once again come to the fore and our recent Mid-Winter Recharge series of webinars was amazingly successful. We are so grateful to the many presenters who willingly donated their time and expertise, sharing their wisdom and spiritual understanding. We are actively planning for how we can build on that momentum, to grow our relationship with everyone who participated as well as others who might participate in the future.

Other focus areas for the new financial year include finalising our Healing Manual, supporting our spiritual healers in terms of basic and advanced training, re-vitalising an approach to a code of ethics / standards of practice for mediums, and growing our own knowledge of how to make better use of a range of social media platforms.



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These initiatives took a bit of a back seat over the last year while we made a big push to finish the new website.

As in previous years, the subscriber list for our monthly newsletter continues to grow as do our Facebook followers and Individual Members. Our website and Facebook page also continue to provide a reliable and credible source of information for the public generally, and we often receive requests for help on a wide range of spiritual matters.

With regard to the Board, Pauline Bliss resigned during the year due to personal circumstances. We are very grateful for the time Pauline was able to give us and know that she continues to work for Spirit in her community. For Gail Payne, this is the end of her first 3-year term and she has kindly put herself forward for a second 3-year term which we will confirm during the meeting. All other Board members are continuing in their positions and do not need to be re-confirmed this year. As always, it is a huge relief that Board members are willing to keep making themselves available. Without them, we wouldn't have a national body. If anyone is interested in joining us or would like to know more about what being on the Board involves, please get in touch – we would love to talk with you.

Joanne Duncan

President