



*We support churches to help children and young people discover Jesus
and become life-long disciples
who serve the world around them.*

Scripture Union NZ Annual General Meeting 2021

Agenda

7.00 pm - 9.00 pm on Saturday 28 August 2021

Taking place by Zoom video call

1. Welcome and prayer (Board Chair- Neil Walbran)

Greetings and apologies received in advance of meeting.

Explanation of procedure for virtual AGM:

- Everyone is valued as part of Scripture Union but only Voting Members may vote on resolutions. If you are not a Voting Member, we hope you will consider becoming one in the future.
- If you have any questions or comments, we encourage you to send them to hilary.h@sunz.org.nz by 18 August. This will enable us to keep the evening running smoothly. If you wish to raise matters on the evening, please put them in the chat section of the Zoom call and after the voting, we will endeavour to respond to them all as time allows.

2. Minutes of 2020 AGM (distributed to members in advance of meeting)

Members have been asked to inform us of any discrepancies or questions by 18 August 2021. The minutes will be accepted without further opportunity for changes UNLESS a member has signalled an inaccuracy by contacting us in advance.

3. **Matters arising (if not being dealt with later)**

4. **Annual Review**

The Annual Review was circulated to voting members prior to AGM and will be taken as read.

We will hear from

- Board Chair
- National Director
- Youth Team Leader
- Children and Families Team

5. **Feedback and questions received from members in advance.**

- Responses to questions
- We will respond to questions on the night through the chat section of the Zoom call as time allows.

6. **Financial Presentation**

Resolution No 1: 2020/21 Audited Financial Statements

That the audited Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 for Scripture Union in New Zealand Incorporated be adopted.

Proposed by Meredith MacKenzie

Seconded by Neil Walbran

Resolution No 2: Auditor

- A. That our thanks be conveyed to our Auditor - BDO Spicers for auditing the 2021 Annual Financial Statements.

Proposed by Meredith MacKenzie

Seconded by Jason Masters

- B. That BDO Spicers be re-appointed as Auditor for Scripture Union in New Zealand Incorporated for a further year and that the Board is empowered to fix their remuneration.

Proposed by Jason Masters

Seconded by Meredith MacKenzie

Resolution No 3: 2021/22 Annual Financial Budget

That the proposed budgets for operating income and expenditure and capital expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2022 be adopted.

Proposed by Neil Walbran

Seconded by Meredith MacKenzie

7. Election of Officers

We are very thankful for the service of all our Board, Finance Committee and Advisory Group members. The Rules allow for a maximum of nine Board members and the Board are actively looking for new people with a mix of skills. Board members are elected for two five-year terms to a maximum of ten years and the following Board members will continue to serve: Jason Masters, John Cleary.

Meredith MacKenzie is stepping down from the Board at the end of her 10-year term. The Board thanks Meredith for her outstanding service and valuable input.

Rebekah Smith is also stepping down from the Board at the end of this term. The Board thanks Rebekah for her outstanding service and valuable input.

The Board proposes that both join the advisory group so their expertise is not lost to the Board.

Resolution 4: That Mark Nichols be elected to the Board deputy chair (2-year term).

Proposed by Neil Walbran

Seconded by Meredith MacKenzie

Resolution 5: That Ruth Early be re-elected as Treasurer (2-year term).

Proposed by Neil Walbran

Seconded by Meredith MacKenzie

Resolution 6: That Neil Walbran be re-elected as Board Chair

Proposed by Meredith MacKenzie

Seconded by Jason Masters

Resolution 7: Accept 2021 Advisory Group nominations, taken as a whole group:

Marie Callander, Carl Douglas, Ron Fountain, Will Jenkins, Meredith MacKenzie, Joanna Overall, Rebekah Smith, Keith Taylor, Keith Vaughan, Ruth Vercoe, Karen Whitehead, Rachel Young.

Proposed by Meredith MacKenzie

Seconded by Neil Walbran

8. Results of election of officers and Advisory Group will be emailed to members

9. We give thanks for Scripture Union Supporters who have passed away over this last year. There is a list of these people in the Annual Review.

10. Any other business

11. Close in prayer

Brief Biographical Notes for Board Nominees

Mark Nicholls

Mark has been on the Board for two years. He has a PhD investigating the spiritual formation experiences of online theological education students. He has an international reputation for online and distance education and is an executive manager at a New Zealand polytechnic. You can learn more about Mark from his LinkedIn profile: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/mbnichols/>. His personal goal remains unchanged from 1995: 'To enjoy a rich life, to flourish in my chosen pursuits and to be known as a reliable, affirming, innovative and empowering person. To live a life inspired by Jesus Christ and the power of his resurrection, not a judgemental, closed or frustrated life, but a vibrant, open and loving one.' Mark has two adult boys and is 27 years married to Charlotte.

Ruth Early

Ruth has been Treasurer for the past two years. Ruth has been a Chartered Accountant for over 30 years and runs her own small accounting practice. She has been involved with SUNZ in the past when, together with her husband Murray, she helped run beach missions/holiday programmes at Riversdale Beach.

Neil Walbran

Neil has been on the Board for five years and Chair for the last four years. Neil has a long history with SUNZ as a user of the Bible Reading Guides since he first became a Christian (a very long time ago). Together with his wife Janet, he established the second SUPAkidz club in New Zealand. Neil has served on various camps and volunteered in the Wellington National Support Centre in various roles in the past.