



Auckland Shell Club

(Conchology Section, Auckland Museum Institute)
<http://aucklandshellclub.net.nz>



Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting

Date: 7:30 pm, Tuesday 10th February 2015.

Location: Auckland Museum (be at the rear entrance by 7.15pm)

PURPOSE

Our club of 84 years is now struggling to keep operating as it has done in the past.

We have a shortage of volunteers, and several key positions (Secretary, Newsletter production, & Poireria production) could not be filled at our December 2014 AGM.

Also, Heather was again forced to continue as President for a sixth consecutive year despite a rule limit of three consecutive years.

In order to keep the club running we need to make its operation more efficient, and this will require substantial changes to our Constitution and Rules.

Based on suggestions from A.S.C. members, we are proposing the following changes ...

Meetings and Events

Reduce the number of physical meetings to one or two per year.

Continue our annual Shell Auction for as long as participants make it worthwhile.

Organise other activities on demand (Eg. viewing private collections, visiting the museum, collecting trips, and Shell Show).

Website

Enhance our website to make it the primary focus of our communications.

New sections will be added for information, articles, and discussions on any shell collecting subject. Anyone anywhere, including non-members, will be able to contribute to the conversations.

Newsletters and Poireria magazine

These will no longer be produced.

Instead, we will publish all information and articles directly on our website.

Membership

Membership subscriptions will no longer be charged. Current members will automatically remain on our register, and new members will be welcome. Communication to members will be via our website, or by email for the notification of events, etc.

Members are hereby advised that at this Extraordinary General Meeting we will be voting on changes to our Constitution and Rules, as per the following Notice of Motion.

FYI. our current Constitution and Rules can be viewed on our website at

http://www.aucklandshellclub.net.nz/Constitution_Rules.pdf.

NOTICE OF MOTION

The Auckland Shell Club Constitution and Rules will be amended as follows ...

1.0 NAME

Our club name will be changed as per the Motion agreed at our July/2009 meeting; "*the operating name of the Conchology Section of the Auckland Museum Institute (CSAMI) be changed to Auckland Shell Club and that the name CSAMI showing our links to the Auckland Museum be retained as a 'sub-brand'*".

3.0 MEMBERSHIP

All of the current membership classes will be discarded, as will membership subscriptions. We will add that membership will be free to everyone anywhere, and the members register will be used solely for communication purposes.

4.0 ELECTION OF MEMBERS

This entire section which describes the approval process for new members will be discarded.

5.0 SUBSCRIPTIONS

This entire section which defines the rules concerning subscriptions will be discarded.

6.0 CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

This entire section which defines the rules concerning cessation of membership will be discarded.

7.0 MEETINGS

Minor amendments to this section to reflect the changes described above, especially in regard to ...
· the use of our website and email facilities.
· reducing meeting quorum numbers to a more realistic level.
Modify section 7.4 to reflect the reduced number of meetings per year.

8.0 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Generally relax the rules and formalities surrounding election of officers to the Committee.
Remove the requirement for two Vice-Patrons, one of the Vice-Presidents, the Librarian, and the Trading Table Officer.
Add the requirement for a Website Officer.
Remove the requirement for an Editor (section 8.5).
Remove the requirement for a Chairperson (section 8.7).

9.0 COMMITTEE POWERS

Minor amendments to reflect the above changes to the defined Committee positions.

GENERAL CHANGES

· Replace all references to "the Section" with "the Club".
· Remove all references to financial and life membership.