

President's report NZAASF AGM 2006

Many thanks to our hard working and dedicated Committee

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We are always looking for good keen volunteers to assist in planning and publishing SFKIWI events. We understand how busy everyone is and volunteers are welcome for specific events or for whatever time and skills they would like to contribute.

Big Thanks to committee members who have moved on or stepped down over the last year. Their contributions have really made a difference to our organization:

Anne Howard
Andrew Johnstone
Paul Grant
Rod McPherson
Rich Arith

Over the last year we have had several major events including:

- 2005 Hangi, which coincided with the Toi Maori events in San Francisco 65 attendees
- 2005 Holiday drinks with the Brits and the Aussies
- 2006 Waitangi day at the Golden Gate Yacht Club attended by 110
- ANZAC Day commemorations at Grace Cathedral with the Australians, the Brits, and the Turks with a SFKIWI's sponsored BBQ in North Beach after the event.
- Spiny back (NZ wine) launch party at the New Zealander

Other events SFKIWIS have actively supported include:

- Worlds Fastest Indian opening in San Francisco
- Taste of New Zealand wine event at SF MOMA
- Churchill Cup Rugby...go NZ Maori
- Pub nights in the city, the east pay and the peninsula ..not well attended
- NZ Maori Artist Peter Caley
- Canterbury Alumni Event

Other Major Accomplishments include:

- Website development 'more real-time' and a resource for kiwis in the Bay Area
- Good relationships with other expat organizations and chambers of commerce
- More timely 'heads-up' of kiwi related events in the Bay area
- Newsletter at least monthly
- Profitable bottom line from events and silent auction
- Willing and engaged committee members committed to the sfkiwis mission

- Active engagement with the New Zealand San Francisco Association. A 15 member NZ based group that is exploring ways in which we can achieve exchanges in the arts, culture and knowledge areas. This developed out of the Toi Maori visit last year

Major sponsorship this year:

42 Below; Atkins Ranch; Chevys Fresh Mex Mexican Restaurants; High Falls Brewing Company LLC; KONO New Zealand Seafood; Mills Reef—SF Wine Exchange; The Jug Shop; The New Zealander at Croll's; Via Pacifica Imports; Mangals's Market Co. LLC; Air New Zealand; Belinda M Designs; Cameron's Pub, Restaurant & Inn; Don-Em Travel; Fuzio Universal Pasta; Hilton Hotel Auckland; Rob Taylor, NZ Consul-General, Los Angeles; R. Tucker Thompson; San Francisco Helicopter Tours; The New Zealander at Croll's; USA Rugby; Via Pacifica Imports; Zoom Systems; Air Tahiti Nui

Membership: is currently at 64 paid members

Email list is at 400 and growing after a major clean up over the last 6 months of 2005. Yahoo groups list at 200

Moving into our next 12 months

- Survey of email list & membership to see what people would like to participate in
- Hangi 2006 on September 16th
- Shared Networking event on September 6th at the World Trade Club with the Aussies, the Danish and the Swiss
- Review of Pub nights and looking at possibly reducing the number i.e. quarterly, or changing locations etc
- Kiri Te Kanawa singing at Zellerbach hall
- Working more closely with ANZA and KEA to support the needs to kiwis in the bay area and wanting to come to the bay area

Finally a big Thank you to all the Bay Area Kiwis who participate, share ideas, have fun and are committed to advancing New Zealand through their ambassadorship.