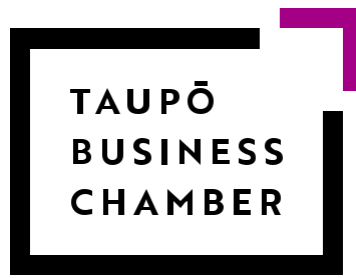




**2025**

# **Annual Report**

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# Agenda AGM 2025

## Annual General Meeting Taupō Business Chamber

To be held: 3pm Wednesday 30th April 2025 at Plateau, 64 Tuwharetoa St, Taupo

### Agenda

1. Present / Apologies
2. Obituaries
3. Minutes of 2024 AGM
4. Matters Arising
5. President's Report
6. Financial Report
7. Election of Board Members for 2025
8. Appointment of Interns for 2025
9. General Business
  - a. Amendment of Constitution
  - b. Change to Incorporated Society name
  - c. Reregister under the 2022 Act

# Board Members 2024



**PRESIDENT**  
ABHINAV BATTA



**VICE PRESIDENT**  
JESS NICHOLAS



**TREASURER**  
MICHELLE BARNETT



**BOARD**  
Amy Penn



**BOARD**  
Deiryn Wallace



**BOARD**  
Ross Mortimer



**BOARD**  
Sarah Hunt



**BOARD**  
Aaron Carter



**BOARD**  
Mary Baily Gibson



**INTERN BOARD**  
Sussanah Cowan

# AGM Minutes 2025



## **Taupō Business Chamber**

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting to be held on  
Wednesday 30th April at 3pm at Plateau Bar & Eatery  
(Quorum required - Fifteen Financial Members)

### **MINUTES OF MEETING**

- Present / Apologies
- Obituaries - remembered Joan Williamson
- Minutes of 2024 AGM
- Matters Arising
- President's Report
- Financial Report
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### **Present:**

Abhinav, Anshika (Cafe Lacus), Jess Nicholas (Gallagher), Michelle Barnett (Strettons), Amy Penn (Build Taupō), Sarah Hunt (Cheal), Aaron Carter (Total Sport), Deiryn (Confinement), Ross Mortimer (Anamata), Mary Baily Gibson (MMC Law), Jessica Morgan (Cheal), Jo Caira (Amplify), Tiffany Wilks (Tremains), Sharon Wiggins (Liquorland), Chris Mercer (MBP), Sussanah Cowen (MTF Finance), Amanda Hamilton (Travel Your Way), Caitlin Henderson (Taupō Top 10), Rahul Thour (Suncourt Indian)

## **Apologies:**

None

## **Minutes:**

2024 minutes are not available due to software move from Dropbox to GDrive, and despite efforts, these minutes have not yet been located.

## **Approval of previous AGM Minutes:**

Due to the unavailability of the 2024 AGM minutes, a motion for their approval could not be moved.

## **Matters arising**

None

## **President's Report – Abhinav Batta**

President's Report read at Meeting - taken as read  
All reports to be accepted  
Wallace

Moved Jessica Nicholas / 2nd Deiryn

## **Treasurer's Report and Statement of Financial Accounts – Michelle Barnett**

Treasurers' Report read at meeting - taken as read  
Statement of Financial Accounts taken as read  
Mortimer

Moved Michelle Barnett / 2nd Ross

## **Election of Board Directors for 2025**

The following individuals were elected as Board Directors for the 2025 year:

- Sharon Wiggins (Liquorland Taupō)
- Mary Baily Gibson (MMC Law)
- Rahul Thour (Suncourt Indian)
- Jessica Morgan (Cheal)

The remaining Board members, Aaron Carter, Ross Mortimer, and Deiryn Wallace, indicated their willingness to continue in office for the forthcoming year.

No nominations were received for the position of Vice President. No further nominations were received for the Board of Directors.

## **Appointment of Interns for 2025**

Caitlin Henderson (Taupō Top 10) and Kerre Collins (Gallagher)

## **General Business**

### **Amended constitution**

- Adopted

### **Changing name to Taupō Business Chamber Incorporated**

- Adopted

### **Reregister under the 2022 Act**

- Adopted

### **Exiting board members - thanks**

- Sarah Hunt, advocacy
- Amy Penn, especially for guidance to current president
- Susannah, introducing onboarding
- Averil who resigned end of 2024

### **New General Manager - Beth Aldridge**

**Ongoing Search for 2024 Minutes:** The President informed the members that the search for the 2024 Annual General Meeting minutes is ongoing, and members will be notified if and when they are recovered.

Meeting Closed at 3.16pm.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping, sharp, angular strokes that form a complex, abstract shape.

Abhinav Batta, President.  
Date: 05/05/2025

# President's Report



It is with great pleasure that I present the President's Report for the Taupō Business Chamber at this year's Annual General Meeting. The past year has been one of growth, innovation, and continued commitment to our business community.

We successfully delivered two Elevate events, both of which were exceptionally well attended and received outstanding feedback. These events continue to be a cornerstone of our Chamber's offerings, delivering valuable insights and connections for our members.

Our BA5 events and Business Booster sessions have seen a growing attendance and engagement, demonstrating the ongoing appetite for quality networking and professional development opportunities in our region.

A notable highlight this year was the successful launch of the Taupō Edition Monopoly. We have to date, sold 1,000 boards and continue to see strong demand. This was a bold project, and one that came with a set of challenges we hadn't yet faced, but one that brought great exposure to local businesses, and serves as a fun and meaningful way to engage with the wider community for years to come.

To help ease the workload of our dedicated volunteer board and to ensure we continue delivering value to our members, we took a significant step forward by condensing our contractor roles and hiring a General Manager. Beth has been an incredible addition and her enthusiastic and driven attitude has strengthened member and stakeholder relationships, operational capabilities and has put the Taupō business chamber in an excellent position for future growth. Thank you Beth, we are so excited to have you join us to continue growing business in Taupō.

We saw a need to enhance member networking opportunities, so have adapted our Coffee Catch Ups and added Netwalking sessions. These more casual and accessible formats have been well received and provide yet another avenue for members to connect and collaborate.

Membership growth remains a key focus, and we are pleased to see continued interest in both general membership and our First Fifteen tier. Our growing membership reflects the strength and appeal of our Chamber's offerings.

Advocacy also remains a core part of our values and mission. Over the past year, we have actively represented our members' interests in the consultation process for the Taupō District Council's Long-Term Plan, ensuring that the voice of our member's businesses are heard and considered.

We are committed to being an independent voice for our business community and will continue to advocate for our members on key matters.

Looking ahead, we are excited to deliver another outstanding Unison Taupō Business Awards event. Our awards convenor Michelle has done an incredible job planning the awards, ensuring this celebration of local business excellence will be a night to remember. This event aims to showcase the calibre of our business community, celebrating success and providing valuable insights and feedback to our entrants.

In addition, we are working to align our constitution with the new legislation, ensuring that our governance remains strong, compliant, and future-ready.

As we move forward, our goals remain clear: to grow our membership, expand opportunities for connection, and continue supporting one another in business and beyond.

I would like to sincerely thank all of our members, staff, and board members for your continued support, participation, and dedication to the Taupō Business Chamber. Your engagement is what makes our Chamber thrive.

Thank you  
Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Abhinav Batta', written in a cursive style.

Abhinav Batta  
**PRESIDENT**

## 2024 Treasurers Report



Taupo Business Chamber reports a profit of \$9,304 for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Membership income for the year has decreased on the previous year as membership as there have been some teething issues with the new implementation of the Hello Club software and some members did not receive their renewal notifications. Also with it being a challenging year for some, they've tightened their business spending and chosen not to renew.

The remaining sales of Monopoly advertising was received during the year. At balance date, the boards were on a ship. We had paid for them, but not received them. All income received in advance for sales of the monopoly boards is on the balance sheet as income in advance, and the cost of the boards are showing as a prepayment.

The Taupo Chamber of Commerce and Industry is an Incorporated Society and therefore has an income tax exemption for monies derived from the membership for payment of membership fees. Incorporated Societies get a \$1,000 exemption for other income less expenses, with tax payable on the amount over \$1,000. The monopoly profit on the sale of the advertising is taxable in this financial year and the Chamber has tax payable of \$6,139.

The chamber cash reserves are not sitting as high as they were in previous years due to the timing of paying for the production of monopoly boards and the sale of them. The Board envisages that we will have the reserves back up to a similar level of previous years by the end of 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle Barnett". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Michelle Barnett  
TREASURER