

**Archery New Zealand Inc**  
**2023 Annual General Meeting**  
**Chairpersons Report**

Welcome to the 2023 AGM. Our organisation has grown dramatically in the last year, and it has been wonderful to see so many more archers join as members, through their Affiliated Clubs. After several years of limited travel opportunities, we have seen many archers travel to overseas competitions.

**The Board**

I'll take this opportunity to again thank Vincent, Hana, Leonie, Lisa and Sai for their work as Board members this year. I will also thank Graeme and Cushla for agreeing to take on temporary appointment to the Board and thank Cushla and Mykel for putting up their hands for election to the Board. Of course, also Murray who has now completed a year of board membership, as have I. This year has seen plenty of change in our board membership, as well as other challenges, but your board members have worked hard to keep our organisation moving forwards.

In an organisation of our small size, the separation of governance and operational work can be hard to maintain. However, this separation is vital to maintain transparency and accountability. Our committees have taken on an increasing amount of operational work, and this has supported the board to increasingly focus on governance. Ideally, our committees will be undertaking the operational work and make recommendations that the board will consider, in accordance with our governance documents. Committees are an excellent way for willing members to make a difference in our organisation and I encourage everyone to consider joining a committee.

**Constitution**

Updating our constitution will continue to be a top priority for the Board. It is vital that we have a constitution that serves our interests as well as meeting legal requirements. Although it was disappointing that our newest constitution did not comply with legislation, it presents an opportunity to ensure that our constitution is suitable for our newly expanded membership and meets the requirements of the imminent legislative changes.

**Archery NZ Outdoor Nationals**

Thank you to River Glade Archers for again hosting the Outdoor Nationals in 2023. They are again hosting in 2024 and we look forward to another successful event.

### **Archery NZ Indoor Nationals**

This year was the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Indoor Nationals and Manawatu Archery Club hosted a fantastic event. After hosting this event nine times, Manawatu are taking a break so this event will require a new host next year.

### **Thanks**

When I joined the Board last year, I did not envisage that I would be in this role at this AGM. However, I have joyfully and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity and see it as a privilege. I have been supported by the many committed volunteers within Archery NZ as well as Elizabeth Andrew, our administrator. I would like to thank each person who has offered support, advice and feedback and I look forward to continuing working with all of you.