
InternetNZ AGM 2025



Welcome to the InternetNZ AGM 2025



Karakia whakatūwhera — opening karakia

Kia hora te marino

May peace be widespread

**Kia whakapapa-pounamu te
moana**

May the sea be like greenstone

Hei huarahi mā tātou i te rangi nei

A pathway for us all this day

Aroha atu, aroha mai

Let us show respect for each
other

Tātou i a tātou katoa

For one another

Hui e! Tāiki e!

Bind us all together!



2025 AGM logistics

- This meeting is recorded and will be shared with members.
- The Agenda and other papers are linked in the chat.
- Please follow our Code of Conduct — link posted in the chat.
- We have a very full agenda today, we appreciate your patience.



2025 AGM participation

- As a participant, you will be on mute at all times.
- At certain points of the agenda the Q&A function will be enabled.
- Motions will be voted on using Mi-Voice. If you are eligible to vote on motions you will have received your code by email.
- Chat has been enabled for technical support. If you have technical issues relating to Mi-Voice or Zoom use the chat function. InternetNZ staff are also monitoring this chat.
- The public chat function has not been enabled.



2025 AGM motion voting

- Motions voting platform is Mi-Voice.
- This platform is an embedded Zoom app, we will share this with everyone now.
- There is also a webpage version of the app, just shared in the chat.
- All Eligible Members (those who have been members for at least 3-months) will have received their unique voter code (UVC) in an email from Mi-Voice.
- This is linked to the person/individual and can only be used once, please do not share it.
- Motions voting will be opened and closed as we go through the agenda.



Accessibility and housekeeping

- Closed Captions and NZSL available

Housekeeping

- You are required to follow the Code of Conduct

Proxy voting

- No proxy voting as per the constitution



Agenda

- Apologies
- Minutes
- Chairperson's report
- InternetNZ Annual Report
- Audited annual accounts
- 2025/26 annual goals and budget
- Domain Name Commission update
- 2025 Membership survey
- 10 minute Break
- Members' Motions
- Election results
- General Business
- Recognition



Practice motion

- A pop-up box will appear in the top right-hand corner of your Zoom window. Click the 'Open' button to access the app.
- Follow the instructions to install the Mi-Voice app and then copy and paste your AGM Unique Voting Code (UVC).
- If the pop-up box does not appear in your Zoom, or if you do not wish to use the Mi-Voice app, you can use the link to the browser version in the chat.
- You will only be able to use your voting code once for each voting item.
- Can't find your voting code? Your AGM voting code is contained in the email sent by Mi-Voice from support@mi-voice.com.



InternetNZ AGM 2025: Now open



Motion A:

- That the apologies be received.

Requires a simple majority to pass



Motions B and C:

- That the minutes of the 25 July 2024 AGM be confirmed and adopted as presented
- That the minutes of the 31 March 2025 SGM be confirmed and adopted as presented

Require a simple majority to pass

Time for Q&A



Chairperson's report

Stephen Judd



Motion D:

- That the Chairperson's report be received.

Requires a simple majority to pass

Time for Q&A

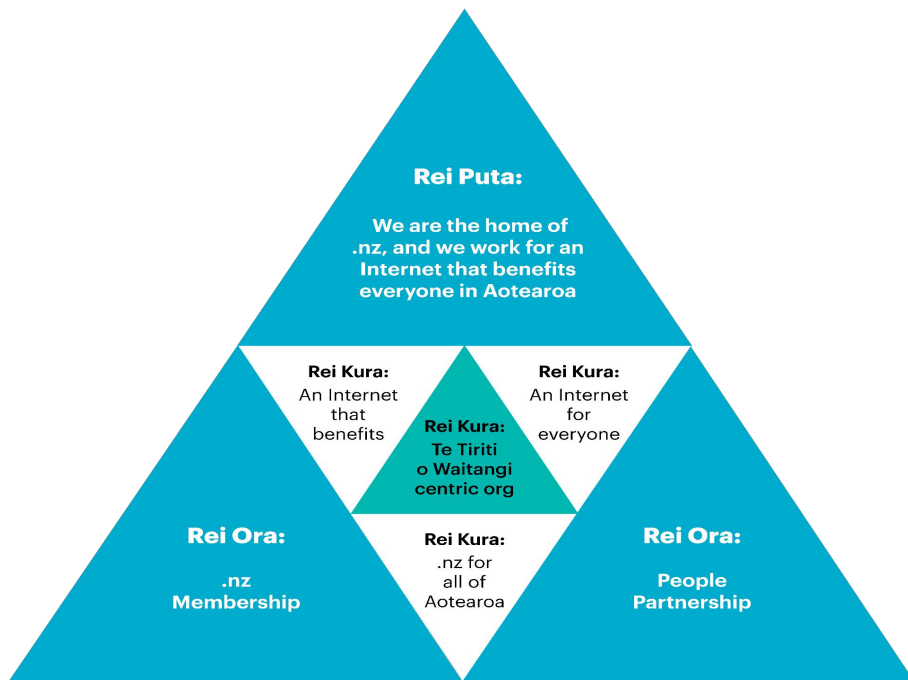


2024/25 Annual Report highlights

Vivien Maidaborn



Niho Taniwha: Our strategy 2022-2026



We continue to deliver on our core business

2024–2025 at a glance — what we've achieved

Trust

\$999,500

allocated through our community funding programme

44.86%

of funding distributed to Māori individuals or organisations

750,000+

.nz domain names under management

4,000+

new InternetNZ members

100%

DNS availability across the year

Innovation and Delivery

1

new .kiwi registry support contract secured

5,000+

JumpStarter domain searches during the soft launch

100%

uptime for DNSSEC operations, including secure rollover transitions.

21,000

users engaging through the JumpStarter platform during its soft launch

Multi-Stakeholder Engagement

1

Constitution modernised to support future governance and Te Tiriti o Waitangi alignment

2

global Internet Governance events hosted in Aotearoa New Zealand (PAC IGF and APNIC 58)

8

international Internet governance events where staff participated or presented

People

4,699

members of InternetNZ at the end of 2024–2025

41

permanent staff members

5%

staff turnover (indicating strong retention)

2

offices in New Zealand: Auckland and Wellington

11

members of our Board



We continue to deliver on our core business

As of 31 March 2025, there were **750,909** .nz domain names under management.

535,981



159,327



26,484



16,825



12,292



In the 2024-2025 financial year, we had a slight increase of 0.49% in the number of .nz domain names under management compared to the previous financial year.

Registry performance

	Target	Outputs
DNS availability	100%	100%
EPP availability	99.9%	99.99%
WHOIS availability	99.9%	99.99%

"The services provided by InternetNZ strengthen .kiwi's ability to provide New Zealand businesses with a distinctive online identity that reflects their roots"
Andy Ellis, CEO, Dot Kiwi Ltd



.nz domains increased by 0.49%.



Supporting an open, global, interoperable Internet

- **Our core business means we participate in a number of global Internet forums** - in Asia, the Pacific, South America, as well as ICANN (in person and online). And we hosted APNIC 58 Wellington as well as the Pacific IGF and Pacific ccTLD meeting
- **Technical Community Coalition for Multistakeholderism (TCCM)**
 - InternetNZ is a founding member and core Secretariat.



.nz powers up our Internet communities



Motion E:

- That the 2024/25 Annual Report be received.

Requires a simple majority to pass

Time for Q&A



**2024/25 Audited
accounts**

2025/26 Auditor



Deficit 2024/2025

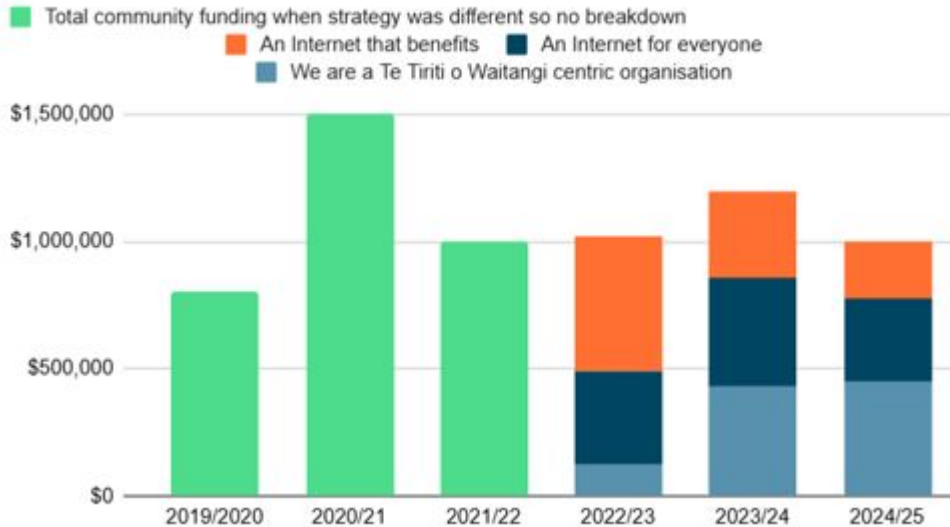
- As per the InternetNZ Group Financial Statements, the group reported a **deficit of \$179k** for the year.
- ROI 2024/2025 from external cash investments for the group was \$917k (favourable), **down** from 2023/2024 returns by **\$383k**. This contributed to the deficit for the group.



Members Questions

Q: Total amounts paid out as part of its grants/benefits programme over the last 5 years

Ipurangi Aotearoa community funding over the years



Q: More information on the Sustainable Community fund

- In 2024 \$11m ringfenced investments for funding public impact grants/sponsorship
- We aim at maintaining a disbursement level of at least \$1.0m per annum
- Injections of operational surpluses into the Community Fund



Motions F and G:

- That the Annual Audited Financial Statements for 2024/25 be received.
- That Grant Thornton be appointed auditor for the 2025/26 audit.

Require a simple majority to pass

Time for Q&A



Annual goals 2025/26

Vivien Maidaborn



Strategic Goals 2025/26

Goal 1 - A thriving and trusted .nz domain, actively influencing good global Internet governance.

Goal 2 - We increase the resilience of our business model in a rapidly changing environment.

Goal 3 - Centring Te Tiriti o Waitangi throughout all that we do.

Goal 4 - InternetNZ Group has clear purpose and values that drive our long term strategy.

Goal 5 - Community, partnership, collaboration and investment. Supporting shared community outcomes and value for an Internet that benefits all of Aotearoa.



2025/26 Budget

Total revenue	\$15,018,520
Total costs (including funding)	\$16,328,977
Interest	\$896,392
Deficit (post interest)	(\$414,066)

Operational

Total Revenue	\$15,018,520
Total Costs	\$15,328,977
Total Investment Income	\$352,526
Surplus (post interest)	\$42,069

Funding

Total Investment Income	\$543,866
Total Funding Distribution	\$1,000,000
Deficit	(\$456,134)
Note: INZ Contribution from retained earnings to the fund is \$250,000 in 2025/2026	



Motion H:

- That the 2025/26 Annual Plan and Budget be received.

Requires a simple a majority to pass

Time for Q&A



Domain Name Commission update

Barbara Pearse

Domain Name Commissioner

domain name
commissionnz



DNC's core functions:

Operating Agreement (InternetNZ/DNC)

.nz Rules

Authorisation Agreement

Registrar Authorisation	Customer Services	Dispute Resolution Scheme	Ensure a Competitive .nz
Education & Guidance	Monitoring & Compliance	Investigations & Enforcement	Reporting



Key projects completed

- .nz Disputes Resolution Scheme outsourced to NZDRC
 - new Scheme Rules = mediation OR expert determinations PLUS tikanga-based Māori cultural support
- New registration check tool for proactive monitoring of .nz domain names developed and rolled out
- Registrar Authorisation Framework developed
- Appointed and on-boarded new [.iwi.nz](https://www.iwi.nz) moderator Tū Ātea



Some stats

675

Data validation audits

completed. **601** failed & domain names suspended

131

Identity verification audits

completed. **37** failed & domain names suspended

25%

Reduction in suspensions from last FY [**638** vs **856**]

3

.nz DRS

Mediations

20

.nz DRS **claims** for

Expert



Where to find more information

- Read the full annual report at dnc.org.nz
- Subscribe to our newsletter at dnc.org.nz
- Follow us on LinkedIn — Domain Name Commission
- DNC's market data tool: dnc.org.nz/market-data/
- Tell us what you think of our annual report by emailing info@dnc.org.nz.



Thank you

Barbara Pearse
dnc@dnc.org.nz

domain name
commission nz



Motion I:

- That the DNC 2024/25 Annual Report be received.

(The DNC Annual Report was accepted at the DNC AGM on 31 July 2025 and is available on the DNC website).

Requires a simple majority to pass

Time for Q&A



Membership update and survey results



Comparing member survey response rates

2024

69 responses out
of 386 members
(17.9 % response
rate)

2025

1563 responses
out of 4510
members
(34.7 % response
rate).



Our membership at a glance

Gender identity:

- **57.1% identify as male**
- 30.1% identify as female
- 3.3% identify as gender diverse
- 9.6% preferred not to answer

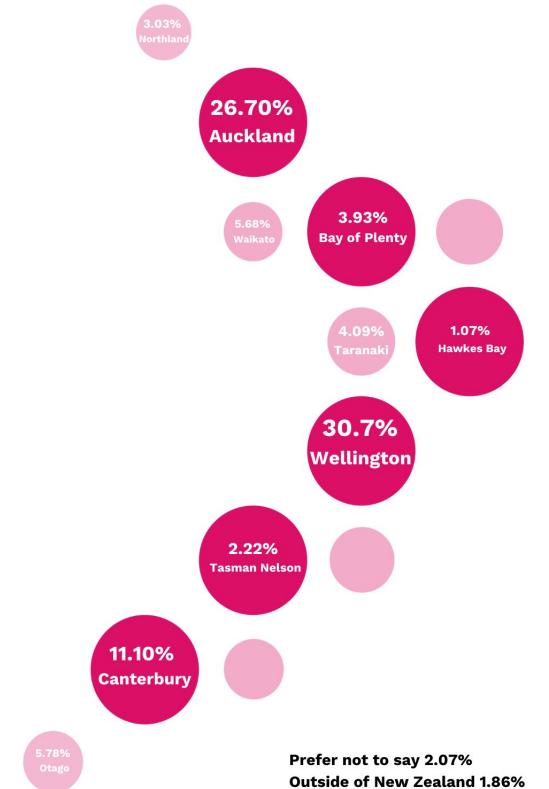
Ethnic composition:

- **66.8% identify as NZ European / Pākehā**
- 6.4% identify as Māori
- 6.5% identify as another European ethnicity
- 12.0% declined to specify their ethnicity

Age distribution:

- **28.2% aged 66+**
- 21.6% aged 56–65
- 21.7% aged 46–55
- 18.9% aged 36–45
- 8.3% aged 26–35
- 1.3% aged 18–25

89% identified as new members
22.8% are from the technical community



Why did members join InternetNZ?

- The overall common theme was the desire to protect InternetNZ's mission and uphold its values of fairness, inclusivity, and public good.
- Members who recently joined said:
 - countering perceived threats from right-wing groups and supporting the organisation's commitment to diversity, inclusion, and Te Tiriti o Waitangi
 - concerns about ideological influences seeking to shift InternetNZ's values and direction, expressing a clear desire to safeguard the organisation's independence and neutrality
 - interest in InternetNZ's advocacy work and its role in Internet governance
- 88% of members expressed satisfaction with their decision to join InternetNZ



What do members think of our communications channels?

- 79% of respondents read emails through members-announce. But only 47% said members-announce met their expectations.
- 75% said they would not want to reinstate a member-to-member mailing list.
- NetHub has low visibility. Some suggest adopting more contemporary platforms such as Discord.



Some other feedback included

- Issues you want us to focus on included addressing disinformation and misinformation particularly in politics, freedom of speech, advocating for internet neutrality and opposing censorship
- Digital equity, with respondents urging InternetNZ to help ensure fair and affordable access to the Internet for everybody
- Maintaining diversity and inclusion, with calls to support marginalised communities and uphold commitments to Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- Calls for unbiased governance, transparency in decision-making. Plus concerns about political influence



Planned membership engagement opportunities for 2025-26

- Consider feedback from the survey.
- Regional NetHui
- 30th anniversary/end of year stakeholder event
- .nz rules consultations
- International multistakeholderism — invitations to participate in global discussions to promote a collaborative and inclusive approach to Internet governance.
- Quarterly CE online hui



**We'll be back in 10
minutes**



Members' Motions



Motions 1-12

Mover: David Farrar

Seconded: David Harvey

When voting, please note:

- the following motions are **amendments to the Constitution and require a resolution passed by two-third of Eligible Members present and voting at the AGM** as per clause 10.1.3 of the Constitution.
- the following parts of **Motion 4 are only valid if Motion 3 is voted through:**
 - That clause 3.10.2 be amended by deleting the words “and (d)”; and
 - That clause 3.10.4 be amended by deleting the words “and (d)”.

Eligible Members will only be able to vote on the full Motion 4 if Motion 3 passes.

Please note the mover has submitted 12 motions across the following 3 categories:

- Governance Integrity and Due Process (Motions 1-5)
- Strengthening Democratic Representation (Motions 6-10)
- Fair and Clear Dispute Resolution Framework (Motions 11-12)



Motions 1, 2 & 3: Governance Integrity and Due Process

Motion 1

That clause 2.8.1 of the Constitution be amended by replacing the final sentence with: “Before imposing any such suspension, the Member must be given notice of the proposed suspension and should be given an opportunity to be heard before a decision is made to suspend the Member.”

Motion 2

That clause 11 of the Constitution be amended by adding the following words at the end: “provided that any Code of Conduct must be approved by an Annual General Meeting before coming into effect.”

Motion 3

That clause 3.10.1 be amended by:

- deleting subclause (d), and
- adding after the words “by resolution” the words “confirmed at a General Meeting”.



Motion 4 & 5: Governance Integrity and Due Process

Motion 4

- That clause 3.10.1(b) be amended by inserting the words “regularly scheduled” after the word “three” and before the words “consecutive meetings”.
- That clause 3.10.2 be amended by deleting the words “and (d)”.
- That clause 3.10.3 be amended by deleting the words “has brought the Society into disrepute or”.
- That clause 3.10.4 be amended by deleting the words “and (d)”.

Motion 5

That Clause 2.6.1(c) be amended by deleting the words: “and do nothing to bring the Society into disrepute.”



Motions 6, 7, 8: Strengthening Democratic Representation

Motion 6

That Clause 3.2.1 be amended to substitute 11 for 9 and 9 for 7 and subclause (a) should be consequentially amended to substitute 7 for 5 and 9 for 6.

Motion 7

That Clause 1.5.1 of the Constitution be amended by deleting the words “and the Society’s commitment to centring Te Tiriti o Waitangi”.

Motion 8

That Clause 3.2.3 be amended by deleting the words “At least two Board Members shall have expertise in Te Tiriti o Waitangi, te ao Māori, and/or Māori governance” and substituting with “The Board should, as far as practicable, include members with expertise or experience in areas such as accounting, legal matters, internet technologies, te ao Māori, and membership engagement, and should reflect a demographically diverse mix.”



Motions 9 & 10: Strengthening Democratic Representation

Motion 9

That clause 3.2.4 be deleted.

Motion 10

That Clause 3.2.5 be amended by:

- deleting the words “Subject to clause 3.2.6” and “either a) Co-Chairs with joint responsibility for leading the Board, one of whom must be Māori; or”;
- inserting the words “namely, a Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson appointed by the Board” after “two Board Members”; and
- clause 3.2.6 be deleted.



Motions 11 & 12: Fair and Clear Dispute Resolution Framework

Motion 11

- That Clause 5.1 be amended by deleting the word “tikanga” and substituting the words “Dispute Resolution”.
- That Clause 5.1.1 be amended by deleting the word “tikanga” where it appears and substituting the words “Dispute Resolution”.

Motion 12

That the words “Māori mediator” in Clause 5.7.1(b) be deleted and replaced with the words “nominated mediator”.



Motion 13

Mover: Brynn Neilson

Seconder: Gareth Baker

When voting, please note the following motion shall be **decided by a simple majority of Eligible Members present and voting at the AGM** as per clause 4.1.8 of the Constitution.

Motion 13

That an email survey be conducted with our members, and an online survey be provided for non members, asking whether purchases of .nz domain names should be restricted to individuals and organisations with a New Zealand presence.



Motion 14

Mover: Fiona Margaret Mackenzie

Seconded: Lee Warwick Short

When voting, please note motion 14 is **an amendment to the Constitution** and **requires a resolution passed by two-third of Eligible Members present and voting at the AGM** as per clause 10.1.3 of the Constitution.

Motion 15

Mover: Fiona Margaret Mackenzie

Seconded: Lee Warwick Short

When voting, please note the motion 15 shall be **decided by a simple majority of Eligible Members present and voting at the AGM** as per clause 4.1.8 of the Constitution.



Motion 14

That:

- a) an additional Clause 1.5.2 be added after Clause 1.5.1 of the constitution, to read:

This Constitution must be interpreted having regard to the principles of institutional neutrality. In exercising its powers the Board will, so far as is practicable and in keeping with the objects of the Society, maintain neutrality on contentious issues. and that

- b) definitions of Contentious Issues and Neutrality be added to clause 1.3 in their appropriate alphabetic locations, as follows:

Contentious issue means a political, ideological, religious, moral or cultural issue on which there are substantial differences of opinion or belief that are expressed as significant hostility between communities or groups of New Zealanders, including views on gender identities, sexual preferences, race relations and the role of Te Tiriti, but does not include:

- (i) Issues of fact; or
- (ii) Issues directly related to the charitable objects of the Society as listed at or in clause 1.4.1.

Neutrality means the eschewing of endorsement, promotion or support of or opposition to perspectives or positions on a contentious issue including avoiding the appearance of any such alignment.



Motion 15

Mover: Fiona Margaret Mackenzie

Seconded: Lee Warwick Short

When voting, please note the following motion shall be **decided by a simple majority of Eligible Members present and voting at the AGM** as per clause 4.1.8 of the Constitution.

Motion 15

That InternetNZ and the Board in exercising its powers should recognize that it serves New Zealanders of diverse opinions and values, and so far as is practicable and in keeping with the objects of the Society, maintain neutrality on contentious issues of politics, religion or ideology, including on gender identities and the role of Te Tiriti.



Announcement of election results

Vivian Chandra: Returning Officer



Candidates for the Board

- Adam Hunt
- Bianca Grizhar
- Brynn Neilson
- Douglas Brown
- Dylan Reeve
- Jonathan Ayling
- Kaye-Maree Dunn
- Maureen Hilyard
- Peter-Lucas Jones
- Roger Brown
- Seth Kenlon
- Suzie Tingley
- Toby Cunliffe-Steel

(Nominations listed in alphabetical order by first name).



Successful candidates

- Jonathan Ayling
- Dylan Reeve



General business



Recognition

Recognition for departing board members

- **Jeff Montgomery** elected 29 July 2021 (served 4 years)
- **Alpana Roy** elected on 28 July 2022 (served 3 years)
- **Kris Dempster-Rivett** elected 5 September 2024 (served 10 months)



Thank you!

Karakia Whakamutunga — closing karakia

**Kia tau iho ngā manaakitanga o te
wāhi ngaro**

ki runga ki tēnā, ki tēnā o tātau

Kia mahea te hua mākihihihi

**Kia Toi te kupu, kia toi mana, kia
toi te aroha, kia toi te
māramatanga, kia toi te reo Māori**

Tūturu whakamaua kia tina.

Hui e! Tāiki e!

May the respect and kindness of that
which cannot be seen

Be bestowed upon us all

May the seeds of doubt be cleared
away

Let the words, the power, the love, the
understanding, the language

Be established once again, hold it
firmly.

Let it remain forever!



**Kua rāranga tahi tātou he
whāriki ipurangi mō āpōpō.**

Together we weave the mat, of
the Internet, for future
generations.

