

InternetNZ AGM

Kia ora and welcome to our Annual General Meeting

13 August 2026

Karakia whakatūwhera : a blessing to open our meeting

Kia hora te marino

Kia whakapapa-pounamu te
moana

Hei huarahi mā tātou i te rangi nei

Aroha atu, aroha mai

Tātou i a tātou katoa

Hui e! Tāiki e!

May peace be widespread

May the sea be like greenstone

A pathway for us all this day

Let us show respect for each
other

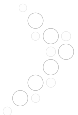
For one another

Bind us all together!



About this hui

Key information about our 2026 AGM



Agenda 5.30pm - 8.30pm

- Apologies
- Minutes of last AGM
- Chairperson's report
- InternetNZ annual report
- Audited annual accounts
- InternetNZ Operational Update
- Domain Name Commission update
- 2026 Membership survey
- Board motion
- Members' motions
- General business
- Appointed Board members
- Fellowships
- Board member election results
- Recognition



Housekeeping

- Shaped the content tonight to cover questions from members
- To enable us to keep to time with all we need to cover, participants are on mute at all times
- Questions during our hui to **AGM@internetnz.net.nz**
- Technical questions or issues: Use the chat. Our team will monitor messages and direct you to the right support contact for assistance.
- Closed caption functionality is available via Zoom



2026 AGM motion voting

The tool we use:

- Motions voting tool is called Mi-Voice
- Mi-Voice will integrate into your Zoom set up
- Alternative access to Mi-Voice in the chat

How to vote:

- Use your unique voter code (UVC) emailed by Mi-Voice
- One UVC, one member
- Motions will be displayed in Mi-Voice, opening & closing as we run through the agenda.



Practice run for motion voting

- 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 tool
- Alternatively, you can use the link to the Mi-Voice tool in the chat.
- Go to your emails and find the email from Mi-Voice with your AGM Unique Voting Code (UVC).
- Use your UVC in the Mi-Voice tool, to cast your vote when the relevant motion opens.
- You will only be able to use your voting code once for each voting item.



Our AGM

The 2026 InternetNZ AGM is now officially open



Apologies:

- David Bromell
- Mee Moi Edgar
- Ellen Blake
- Bronwyn Scott
- Jo Toon
- Anna Stevens
- Ruth Renner
- Daniela Bagozzi



Motion A:

- That the apologies be received.

Requires a simple majority to pass



Motion B:

- That the minutes of the 31 July 2025 AGM be confirmed and adopted as presented.

Requires a simple majority to pass



Chairperson's Report

A commentary from Stephen Judd



Motion C:

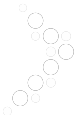
- That the Chairperson's report be received.

Requires a simple majority to pass



Annual Report

Highlights from the 2025/2026 Annual Report by Vivien Maidaborn



Why does InternetNZ exist?

1.4 Objects

Charitable Purpose

The Society administers the .nz Domain Name Space **for the collective benefit of Aotearoa New Zealand**, operating exclusively to benefit the community by:

1.4.2 Advancing Purpose

Any income, benefit, or advantage must be used to advance the charitable objects of the Society.

- a Promoting and contributing to an open, global, resilient and secure Internet for current and future generations.
- b Maintaining the .nz Domain Name Space to meet local and international standards and obligations.
- c Promoting and supporting an Internet that users experience as fair, inclusive and accessible.
- d Promoting and actively participating in multistakeholder Internet governance processes locally and internationally.
- e Promoting and conducting research related to the development of the Internet.
- f Collaborating with and coordinating across the wider Aotearoa New Zealand Internet community, Māori, and government agencies.



2025/2026 in review

.nz Domain space

765,000+

.nz domain names under management

100%

DNS availability across the year

2

Public consultations on .nz Rules changes

1

Wholesale fee pricing change

Grants & Funding

\$1,000,000

Allocated to 25 different kaupapa through community funding

40.50%

Of funding distributed to Māori entities

Membership

5,160

Members of InternetNZ (end of 2025–26)

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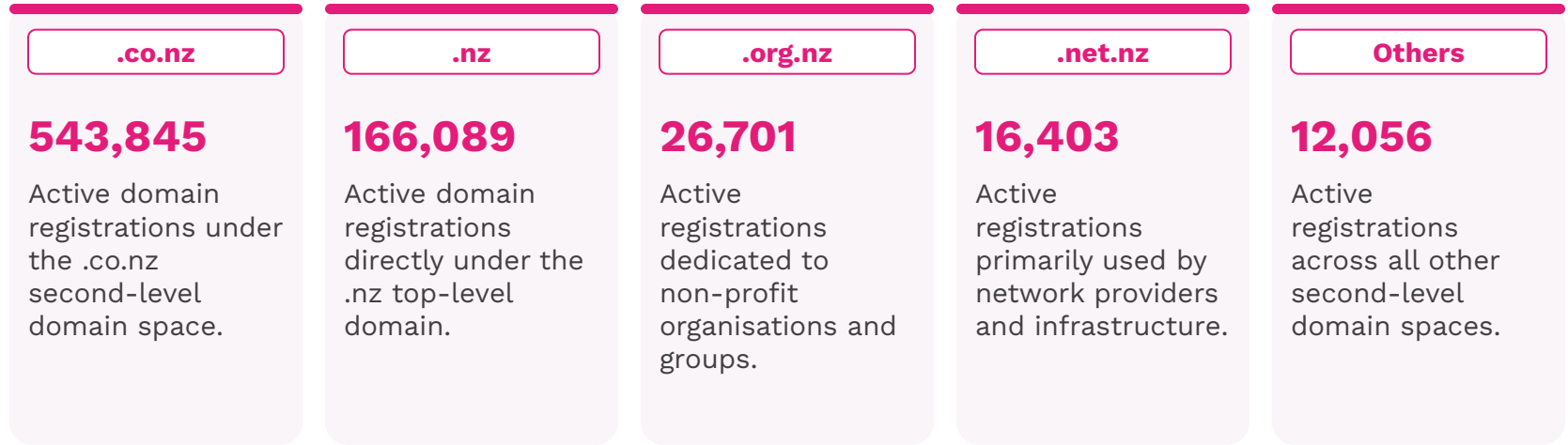
New constitution adopted 10 April 2025

1,900

Members participated in engagement



Delivering on our core business



- At 31 March 2026, there were 765,094 .nz domain names under management.
- An increase of 1.9% on last year's 750,909.



Delivering on our core business

Our Registrars play an essential role in .nz's success

- Annual .nz Registrar Summit - theme was celebrating the business relationship we have with our registrars
- Registrars Advisory Group provides a regular channel
- Reviewed and updated both the Authorisation and Connection Agreements



An open, global, interoperable Internet

- We are active participants in global internet governance
 - Share technical knowledge, strengthen relationships, working groups
- Technical Community Coalition for Multistakeholderism (TCCM)
 - ensures New Zealand perspectives have influence
 - focus was the World Summit on the Information Society WSIS+20 - UN negotiations.
- Supported Kauwaka te Ipurangi
 - national hui for Māori working in Internet and digital spaces.



Annual .nz Rules work programme

- Two rounds of public consultation on .nz Rules
- New conflicted names policy came into effect on 1 July 2025
- DNS Abuse Strategy for .nz was approved
 - To improve the integrity of data in the .nz register
 - To confirm that our focus is to act on evidenced technical abuse (phishing and malware)



An Internet that benefits Aotearoa New Zealand

Rangapū | Partnership

\$555,000
55.5% of funding

On-going multi year partnerships with key sector organisations such as TUANZ, DECA, Te Hapori Matihiko

Pūtea Tautoko | Grants

\$180,000
18% of funding

Funded 5 different digital equity projects in the Tairāwhiti /Gisborne region

Supporting Internet Technologies

\$94,500
9.45% of funding

Technology specific projects eg: sovereign RAG AI program

Hōtaka | Programmes

\$85,500
8.55% of funding

Educational programmes delivered by expert educational organisations

Mahi Tahi | Collaborative

\$55,000
5.5% of funding

Collaboration with other funders for on-going projects, eg: project Awhi Matihiko

Relationship Development | Koha

\$30,000
3% of funding

Small grants which support the engagement in the wider sector ecosystem

Community Funds Distributed

\$1,000,000

Funding Breakdown

- Te Tiriti o Waitangi organisation: **\$405,000**
- An Internet for everyone: **\$320,000**
- An Internet that benefits: **\$275,000**



Motion D:

- That the 2025/26 Annual Report be received.

Requires a simple majority to pass



Audited Accounts

A summary of the audited accounts by Anjum Rahman



2025/26 Financial Statements (\$000s)

	Actual March 2024	Actual March 2025	Actual March 2026	Budget March 2026
Total Revenue	\$13,717	\$13,584	\$14,382	\$14,720
Total costs	\$12,465	\$13,680	\$14,731	\$15,270
Community Funding	\$1,200	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Interest	\$1,315	\$917	\$560	\$919
(Deficit)/Surplus (post interest)	\$1,317	(\$178)	(\$789)	(\$631)



2025/26 Balance sheet (\$000s)

	Actual March 2025	Actual March 2026	Actual June 2026
Current assets	\$15,384	\$10,482	\$10,497
Non current assets	\$10,263	\$15,794	\$16,374
Current liabilities	(\$10,675)	(\$11,850)	(\$10,834)
Non-current liabilities	(\$3,246)	(\$3,489)	(\$4,274)
General reserve/equity	\$11,726	\$10,937	\$11,763

- **Realignment of Managed Funds** shift in our asset allocation strategy this year, moving away from short-term holdings to secure long-term value
- **Introduction of Note 23** to ensure complete transparency regarding our capital reserves. These reserves exist precisely to provide a buffer for financial resilience and to fund strategic initiatives including infrastructure roadmap.



Motions E and F:

- That the Annual Audited Financial Statements for 2025/26 be received.
- That Grant Thornton be appointed auditor for the 2026/27 audit.

Requires a simple majority to pass

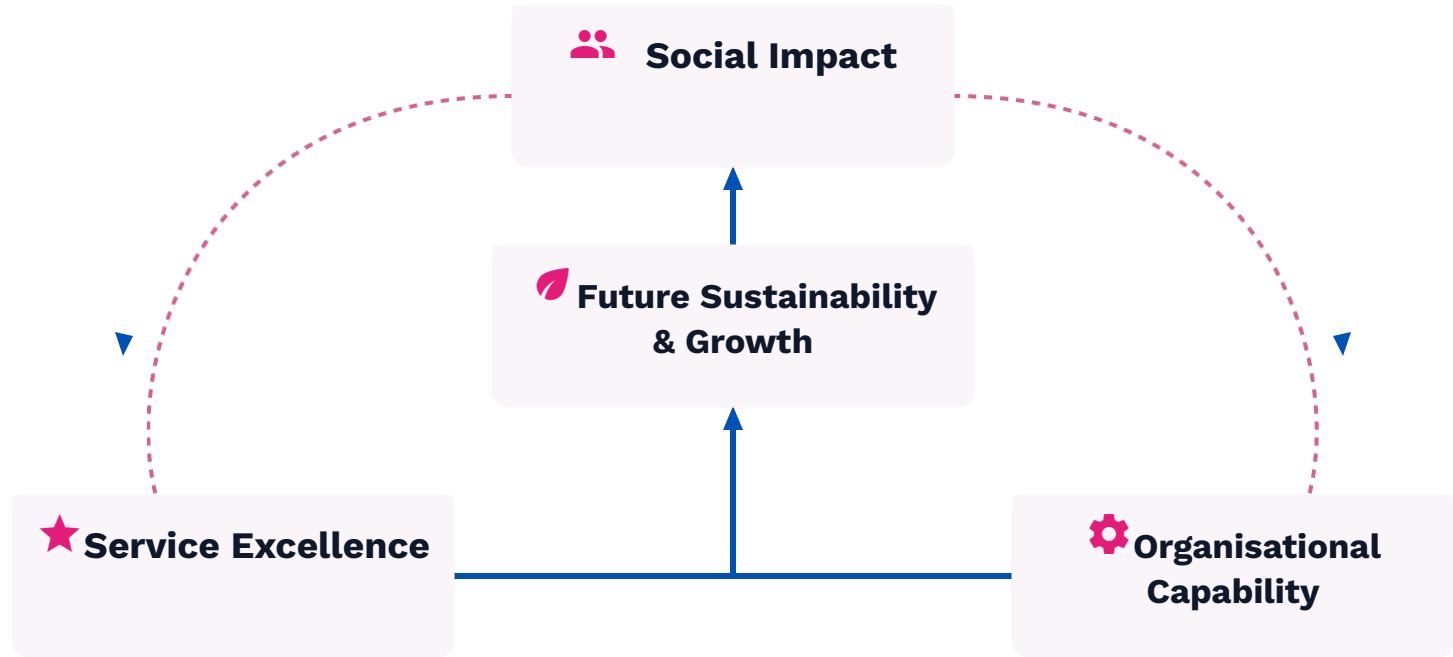


Operational Update

An overview of 2026/27 goals and budget by Vivien Maidaborn



Pillars of our strategic plan for 2026-31



Snapshot of the 5 year Strategic Goals

★ Service Excellence

- Enhance .nz infrastructure and technical offerings.
- Disrupt abuse and malicious use in the .nz domain space.
- Increase retention in quality .nz registrations.
- Regulate .nz space so it is trusted and safe.

⚙️ Capability

- The workforce strategy supports current and future capacity to deliver on the 2026–2031 Strategy.
- Build a Te Tiriti o Waitangi intelligent culture throughout InternetNZ Group.

📈 Growth

- Reach 1,000,000 domain names under management by 2031.
- Grow registries run by InternetNZ by 3 by 2031.
- Collaborate closely with Registrars to grow the market.
- Achieve 85% shopper preference for .nz sites.

👥 Social Impact

- Collaborate locally and globally to champion multistakeholder Internet governance.
- Provide independent digital policy expertise to uplift communities and civil society.



Year One 2026/27 Goals

Focus on establishing multi-year work programmes to achieve the strategy

Goal 01

An open, interoperable Internet for all.

Goal 02

Financial sustainability and growth.

Goal 03

Revenue/business growth.

Goal 04

InternetNZ is highly trusted and known.

Goal 05

Excellence in .nz operations.

Goal 06

The InternetNZ Group Workforce strategy is in place to enable implementation of the business strategy.



2026/27 Budget (\$000s)

Total revenue	\$19,029
Total costs	\$18,362
Funding distribution	\$1,020
Interest/Investment income	\$852
Surplus	\$499

- Return to surplus 2026/27
- Detail Budget paper available online



Motion G:

- That the 2026/27 Annual Plan and Budget be received.

Requires a simple a majority to pass



The Domain Name Commission

Te Kōmihana Taumatarau

Update on 2025/2026 by Barbara Pearce

The core functions of the DNC

The DNC's role, responsibilities, and functions are set out in:

- the Authorisation Agreement with Registrars
- the Operating Agreement with InternetNZ and
- the .nz Rules

The DNC has been appointed by InternetNZ to regulate the .nz domain name space under these three key documents. In doing so, it provides the following services:

- Ensuring a competitive .nz
- Investigations & enforcement
- Reporting
- .nz dispute resolution scheme
- Registrar authorisation
- Education and guidance
- Customer services
- Monitoring and compliance



Annual Report: Key projects and highlights

01

Jointly with INZ developed

- **InternetNZ Group 2026–31 Strategy** and
- **.nz Domain Name Abuse Strategy**

02

Developed and published our **first .nz Regulatory and Compliance Approach**

03

Developed and published our **first proactive monitoring plan**

04

Gifted our new **ingoa Māori for DNC**

Te Kōmihana Taumatarau

05

Updated and rolled out a **new Registrar Authorisation Agreement**

06

Four **Registrar Advisory Group Meetings**

Annual **Registrar Summit**



Annual Report statistics

1,905

Data validation & Identity
verification audits

▲ up 136%

1,997

Inbound calls

▲ up 43%

1,154

Suspensions (for failed
audit)

▲ up 87%

17

Expert .nz DRS decisions

▲ up 143%

2,847

Enquiries

▲ up 8%



Where to find more information

- Read the full Annual Report at dnc.org.nz
- Subscribe to our newsletter at dnc.org.nz
- DNC's market data tool: dnc.org.nz/market-data/
- Link to .nz DRS Expert Determinations: [link to the full decisions](#)
- Any feedback on our annual report - email info@dnc.org.nz.



Motion H:

- That the DNC 2025/26 Annual Report be received.

(The DNC Annual Report was accepted at the DNC AGM on 13 August 2026 and is available on the DNC website.)

Requires a simple majority to pass



Members Survey

Summary of 2026 survey findings by Vivien Maidaborn



Survey participation

2026

30.6% response rate

1405 responses out of 4592 members

2025

34.7% response rate

1563 responses out of 4510 members



Key demographics of respondents

- Nearly two-thirds aged 56+
- More than 6 out of 10 identify as men
- Over half live in either Auckland or Wellington

Ethnicity

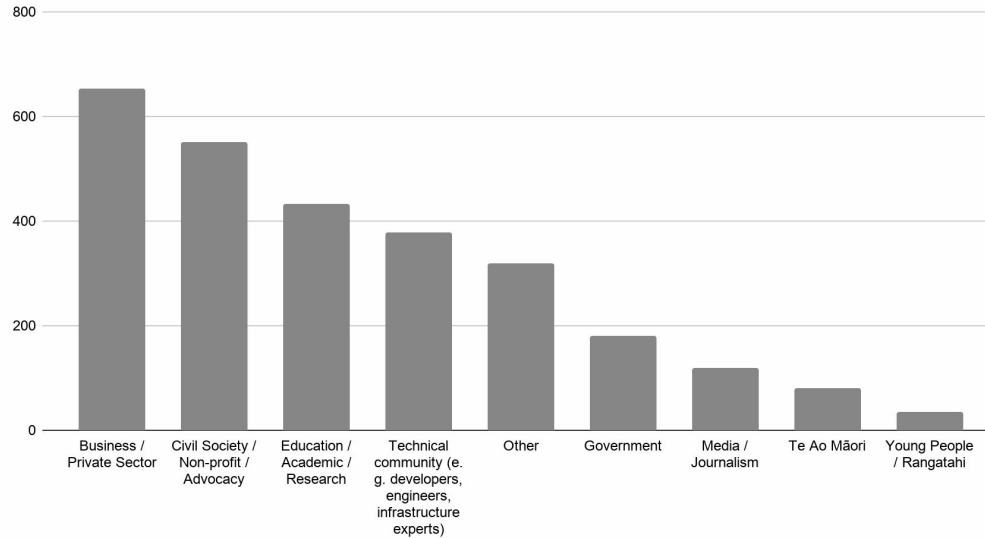


Note Respondents could pick more than one ethnicity



Internet communities of respondents

Internet community



**Business &
private sector
largest
representation**



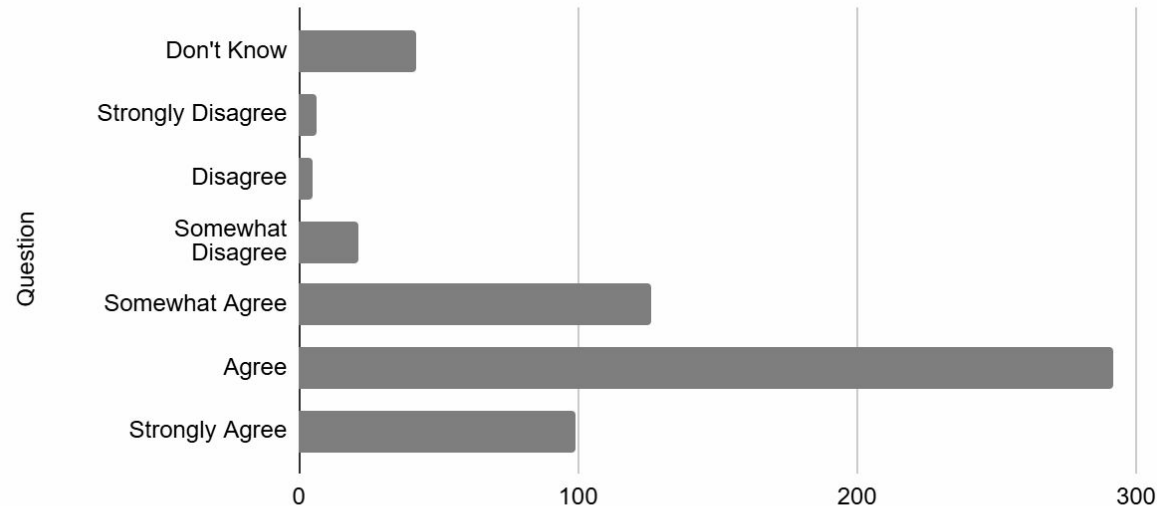
Key membership characteristics of respondents

- **58% had been a member for more than a year**
- **Two key reasons for joining:**
 1. upholding equity and diversity in relation to the Internet in New Zealand
 2. concern for a neutral political or ideological focus for InternetNZ
- **Ways respondents thought InternetNZ could add value to the membership**
 - stricter focus on technical functionality and connectivity
 - share info on emerging policy topics eg digital inclusion, online safety, and AI regulation
 - clear, transparent updates in accessible language, along with opportunities for professional development and learning



Satisfaction of respondents with their membership

I am satisfied with my decision to be a current InternetNZ member. vs. Question



I am satisfied with my decision to be a current InternetNZ member.

**Positive
sentiment from
over 90% of
respondents**



Current engagement of respondents with InternetNZ

Primary touchpoints

- **80%** of respondents engaged via the Members-Announce emails
- **42%** of respondents read the dotNews newsletter

Governance visibility

- **27%** of respondents actively read the Board minutes
- **19%** of respondents attended the AGM in 2025/26

Live channels

- **12%** of respondents participate in Nethub
- **2%** of respondents attended quarterly CE hui



Respondents preferred ways to engage with InternetNZ

Top engagement channels

23.7% public policy discussions

23.6% online webinars

17.3% contributing to .nz reviews

Least preferred channels

Personal & professional commitments make it difficult to attend real-time events.



Respondents view of our priorities, role & constitutional commitments.

- **72%** of respondents reported being either unfamiliar or only broadly aware of the InternetNZ 5-year strategy.
- Respondents **strongly supported our primary function** - ensuring the technical stability, security and resilience of .nz
- But respondents were **unsure about our role or engagement in public policy.**
- **69%** of members were clear on our commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
- **19%** of respondents were not clear on our commitments to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and **11%** were unsure.



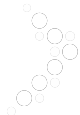
Next steps on the Membership Survey findings

- Good to see such a high response rate
- Divergent views on strategic priorities, our public role and the delivery of on our Constitution
- Unique challenge to address, however we have strong guardrails set by our strategy, our values and our Constitution.
- Will engage the Board on how we might draw on the survey results alongside other insights, to shape our efforts.
- Report back to members as soon as we have clarity.



Short break

Time for a 10 minute break - reconvene shortly.



Board motion

The Board's motion shared by Stephen Judd



Motion 1

Mover: Chairperson Judd Secunder: Deputy Chairperson Rahman

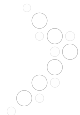
That the InternetNZ Constitution be amended to allow the Board to appoint Appointed Board Members for an alternative term other than the standard 3-year term, being not less than 2 years and not more than 4 years.

Requires a two-thirds majority to pass



Member's motions

The motions put forward by members, shared by the respective mover



Motion 2

Mover: David Ward Second: The Domain Name Company Limited (represented by Peter Fowell)

That, within two months of each Annual General Meeting, Internet New Zealand Incorporated publish on its website a complete and unedited record of all questions asked by members at the meeting, together with full written answers to each question.

Requires a simple majority to pass



Motion 3

Mover: David Ward Second: The Domain Name Company Limited (represented by Peter Fowell)

That Internet New Zealand Incorporated publish annually, on its website, an itemised record of every disbursement it makes — including grants, donations, sponsorships, and payments of any other kind — showing for each disbursement:

- a) the recipient;
- b) the amount;
- c) the date and purpose;
- d) how the recipient was selected and by whom;
- e) how the amount was determined and by whom; and
- f) a signed declaration from each person involved in the decision, disclosing any direct or indirect personal, professional, or financial interest or relationship with the recipient, or confirming that none exists.

Requires a simple majority to pass



Motion 4

Mover: David Ward Second: The Domain Name Company Limited (represented by Peter Fowell)

That Internet New Zealand Incorporated publish annually, on its website, a report of its legal expenses for the preceding financial year, including:

- a) total legal expenditure, broken down by category (regulatory, employment, commercial, dispute, and other);
- b) the proportion of that expenditure funded, directly or indirectly, from Internet New Zealand Incorporated's funds;
- c) the number of active or threatened disputes to which Internet New Zealand Incorporated or any of its subsidiaries is or was a party during the year, and the number resolved during the year;
- d) the total amount set aside as a reserve or provision in respect of legal matters at the start and end of the financial year, together with the proportion of that reserve funded, directly or indirectly, from Internet New Zealand Incorporated's funds; and
- e) a description, in general terms, of the nature of each matter for which a reserve or provision is held, to the extent that description does not disclose privileged, confidential, or sub judice material.

Requires a simple majority to pass



Motion 5

Mover: David Ward Second: The Domain Name Company Limited (represented by Peter Fowell)

That Internet New Zealand Incorporated publish annually, on its website, a report of all investigations, inquiries, complaints, and reviews commenced, ongoing, or concluded during the preceding financial year by any government department, regulatory agency, statutory office, or industry oversight body concerning Internet New Zealand Incorporated or any of its subsidiaries, including:

- a) the identity of the investigating body;
- b) the general subject matter of the investigation, inquiry, complaint, or review, to the extent disclosure does not prejudice a live matter or breach a statutory confidentiality obligation;
- c) the date on which Internet New Zealand Incorporated or the subsidiary became aware of the matter;
- d) the current status of the matter and, if concluded, the outcome; and
- e) any findings adverse to Internet New Zealand Incorporated or a subsidiary, and the response taken.

Requires a simple majority to pass



Voting & counting in progress

For motions two to five



Motion 6

Mover: Julia Clement

Seconder: Nabil Sabio Azadi

That this AGM requests the Board, consistent with InternetNZ's objects to promote an open, global, resilient and secure Internet and to conduct research related to its development, to publish at least annually an assessment of IPv6 availability and adoption in Aotearoa New Zealand, drawing on information sought directly from retail providers serving residential and small business customers, across fixed, fixed wireless, satellite and mobile technologies and including rural and regional providers, covering whether dual-stack service is available, recording non-disclosure where a provider declines to answer, and reporting to members on steps taken to encourage adoption.

Requires a simple majority to pass



Motion 7

Mover: Nabil Sabio Azadi

Seconder: Simon Lyall

That this Annual General Meeting notes that the InternetNZ Group Strategy 2026–2031, approved by the Board on 13 March 2026, commits to using market research and evidence-based targeted marketing to grow domain names under management, and further commits to achieving significant retention in quality .nz domain name registrations; notes that the Board has adopted a goal of 1,000,000 domain names under management by 2031; requests that the Board report, in the Annual Report for the 2026–27 financial year and in each Annual Report thereafter, on what InternetNZ has learned through its own research, directly from .nz domain name holders and former holders, about why .nz domain names are chosen, kept and given up; and requests that the Board include in the Statement of Service Performance, in respect of the 2027–28 financial year and each subsequent financial year, a measure of .nz domain name retention and a separate measure of the research undertaken to understand it.

Requires a simple majority to pass



Motion 8

Mover: Jonathan Brewer

Seconder: Karaitiana Taiuru

That the Constitution be amended to establish a nomination and appointments committee (NomCom) in accordance with the specific proposed amendments.

Requires a two-thirds majority to pass



Motion 9

Mover: David Ward Second: The Domain Name Company Limited (represented by Peter Fowell)

That Internet New Zealand Incorporated establish an independent appeals body to review decisions of the Society and its subsidiaries. Any person whose rights, interests or obligations are directly affected by such a decision may appeal to that body. The appeals body shall comprise persons with relevant industry, legal or governance experience who are independent of the Society and its subsidiaries. A person is not independent if, within the preceding seven years, they have:

- a) held any office, employment, board position, or committee role with the Society or any of its subsidiaries;
- b) received remuneration from the Society or any of its subsidiaries, whether as a contractor, adviser or otherwise;
- c) had a close personal relationship, or a material financial or business relationship, with any current or former officer, director, employee or committee member of the Society or its subsidiaries; or
- d) had any other interest that a reasonable person would regard as giving rise to a conflict of interest.

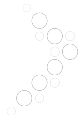
The Board shall report to Members on the establishment and operation of the appeals body at the next Annual General Meeting.

Requires a simple majority to pass



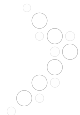
General business

An update on any General Business by Stephen Judd



Appointed members

Introduction to new appointed Board Members by Stephen Judd



New Appointed Board Members

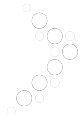
- Dr Keri Milne-Ihimaera
- Dr Darryn John Russell

Commencing a 3 year term to AGM 2029



2026 Fellows

Announcement of InternetNZ Fellowships by Stephen Judd



Sarah Lee

for contribution to the society



Brenda Wallace

for contribution to the society



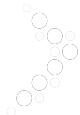
Keoni Mahelona

**for contribution to the development
of the Internet in New Zealand**



Election results

Candidates successful in appointment to the InternetNZ Board for 2026



Candidates for the Board

- Nabil Sabio Azadi
- Douglas Brown
- David Chisholm
- Annette Culpan
- Bianca Grizhar
- Jillaine Heather
- Keoni Mahelona
- Jan Rivers
- Daniel Spector

(Nominations listed in alphabetical order by surname.)



Successful candidates

- Douglas Brown
- Bianca Grizhar

Commencing a 3 year term running to AGM 2029



Departing Members

Farewell to departing Board Members by Stephen Judd



Recognition for departing Board Members

- **Kate Pearce** elected 27 July 2017 (served 9 years)
- **Anthony Bow** appointed 20 July 2020 (served 6 years)
- **Potaua Biasiny-Tule** elected 9 September 2021 (served 5 years)
- **Whetū Fala** appointed 1 August 2022 (served 4 years)
- **Daniel Spector** elected 5 September 2024 (served 2 years)



Karakia Whakamutunga : a blessing to close our meeting

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!



Our whakatauākī

Kua raranga tahi tātou he whāriki ipurangi mō āpōpō

Together, we have woven a digital mat for the future.

Ngā mihi

Thank you for joining our 2026 AGM