



MERCURY BAY GAME FISHING CLUB (INC)

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NOTICE OF 2025-26 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SATURDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 2026 5.00pm

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AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting
3. Matters Arising
4. President's Report
5. Performance Report
6. Results of the Election of Officers and Committee for ensuing year
7. Approve the committee's recommendation of subscriptions, fees and levies for the ensuing year
8. Consider any General Business



MINUTES
MERCURY BAY GAME FISHING CLUB INCORPORATED
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE CLUB ROOMS
12 The Esplanade Whitianga
SATURDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2025
COMMENCING 5:00PM

PRESENT

Brad Johnson, Doug Ray, Scott Farrell, Debbie Farrell, Drew Edwards, Callum McGillivray, Tim Hennessey, Maria Edwards, Lindsay Ash, Lisa Wadsworth, Grant Wadsworth, Tania Everitt, Corey Jensen, Malcolm Sturgeon, Karen Hennessey, Graeme Tucker, Graeme Thomas, Sarah Fussell, Isreal Fussell, Brian Tucker, Blake Scotland, Baylee Horne, Jordi Scotland, Mike Limrick, John O'Meara, Nathan Flowerday, Amanda Flowerday, Max Flowerday, Geoff Dunn, Heather Savill, Caleb Savill, Riley Savill, Quintin Svaill, Cassy Lucas, Jason Van Esch, Ally Van Esch, Mike Stables, Sam Stables, Merrin Stables, Tony Fox, Val Fox, John Neighbours, Margaret Neighbours, Sandy Powell, Steve Bremner, Bryce Hooton, Sue Hooton, Steve Foster, Ian Boyack, Eric Pampalone, Fiona Pampalon, Wayne Johnson, Brett Watts, Fiona Watts, Caroline Franklin, Mark Franklin, Ross Anderson, Clayton Gubb, Caelen Gubb, Peter Maher, Allen Kerley, Mary Eagleton, Gordon McIvor, Anne McIvor, Tania Christensen, Walter Christensen, Charles Hamilton, John East, Jim Nicholson, Raewyn Nicholson, Ellery Whiteman, Sheryl Whiteman, Diana Andrews, Bruce Andrews, Glenn Cunningham, Luke Parkinson, Casey Ridinger, Jason Riedinger, Warren Harris, Annette Harris, Sherwin Lee, Alan Proctor, Rachelle Proctor, Karen Hopwood, Andrea McCluskey, Mark Phillips, Kylie Phillips, Damian Jaques, Colleen Jaques, Malcolm Cryer, Cecily Cryer, Peter Dunn, Janet Kerly, Dianne Taylor, Mike Taylor, Alana Baker, Jessica Maxwell, Tom Maxwell, Jimmy Maxwell, Koby Maxwell, Stephen Silcock, Annette Silcock, Andrea Thomas, Stu Tucker, Wendy Chadwick, Robert Aull, Janel Smal, Quinten Kew, Craig Scarrott, Anthony Baskett, Lee Johnston, Jarrad Hill, Jemma Laker

After welcoming everybody to the 2025 Annual General, President Gordon McIvor called for a minute of silence for members who had passed on during the prior year.

1. APOLOGIES

Shannon Chambers, Kelly Chambers, Chris Coates, Brook Johnstone, Rachel Johnstone, Dave Enright, Karen Johansen, Lindsay Keat, Lynette Skeet, Wayne Macfarlane, Nicola Candy, Shane Hardy, Jason Yeeles, Sharon Yeeles, Tim Montgomerie, Aaron Fletcher, John Cowley, Anne Smal, Johan Smal, Karen O'Meara, Jason Sherriff

That apologies be accepted;

Moved: John O'Meara

Seconded: Brent Watts

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 30th SEPTEMBER 2024

Accepted as a true and correct record

Moved: Diana Andrews

Seconded: Colleen Jaques

3. MATTERS ARISING

Nil

4. PRESIDENTS REPORT

Gordon Mclvor commented that due to a large amount of activity within the club for the 2024/25 period, his report was extensive and asked that it be taken as read.

Accepted as read.

Moved: Gordon Mclvor

Seconded: Callum McGillivray

5. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As the accounts for the MBGFC 2024/25 financial had been circulated prior to the AGM, Gordon Mclvor asked for the accounts be taken as read and asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the statements. There were none.

Also noted this was the 1st time in memory that the audited account was available for the current AGM.

That the Financial Statements be accepted as presented.

Moved: Colleen Jaques

Seconded: Charles Hamilton

6. RESULTS OF THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE FOR THE 2023-2024 YEAR

Gordon McIvor advised that there had been 6 nominations for 8 committee positions and as such, under the current constitution, nominations from the AGM floor were to be called for. Gordon McIvor advised that two members prior to the AGM had volunteered being Graeme Thomas and Aaron Fletcher. Gordon McIvor called for any further nominations which there were none. Therefore, the General Committee for the 2025/26 years were to be voted on were as follows.

Patron – John Neighbours (unopposed)
President – Doug Ray (unopposed)
Vice President – Tim Hennessey (unopposed)

General Committee: Diana Andrews, Scott Farrell, Mark Franklin, Craig Scarrott
Ian Boyack, Isreal Fussell, Aaron Fletcher, Graeme Thomas

Moved: Gordon McIvor **Seconded:** Damian Jaques

Motion: Carried

7. APPOINTMENT Of The AUDITOR

That Michael Burt be appointed auditor for the financial year ended 30 June 2026

Moved: Mark Franklin Seconded: Doug Ray

Motion: Carried

8. APPROVE THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION OF REINCORPORATION OF THE MBGFC UNDER THE INCORPORATED SOCIETIES ACT 2022

That the members of the Mercury Bay Game Fishing Club resolve to:

1. Approve the re-registration (reincorporation) of the Club under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022, as required by the new legislation.
2. Adopt the new Constitution of the Club (tabled and circulated with this notice) in accordance with the requirements of the Incorporated Societies Act 2022.
3. Authorise the Committee to take all necessary steps to complete the re-registration process, including making any minor amendments to the Constitution that may be required by the Registrar of Incorporated Societies, provided such

changes do not materially alter the intent of the Constitution approved by the members.

Moved: Damian Jacques

Seconded: Gordon McIvor

Motion: Carried

9. APPROVE THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION OF SUBSCRIPTIONS, FEES AND LEVIES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR AND THEREAFTER

Doug Ray outlined to the AGM the need for a review of the MBGFC subscription based on the financial impact fees have on the club and levies imposed by the game fishing parent body NZSFC. He explained the fees had not been reviewed for many years and as a club we needed to address this.

The Proposed fee structure for the 2026/27 season was presented as follows:

That the members of the Mercury Bay Game Fishing Club resolve to:

1. Approve the following changes to the Club's annual membership fees, effective from 1 July 2026:

- a. Adult Member: \$90.00 (currently \$80.00)
- b. Family Membership: \$150.00 (currently \$120.00)
- c. Junior Member: No change (currently \$15.00)
- d. Intermediate Member: No longer applicable as per new Constitution
- e. Single Day Membership: \$20.00 (currently \$15.00)
- f. Four (Consecutive) Days Membership: \$50.00

2. Amendment to Day Membership Fees. That the members of the Mercury Bay Game Fishing Club resolve to:

Approve the following changes to the Club's day membership fees, effective from 21 September 2025:

- a. Single Day Membership: \$20.00 (currently \$15.00)
- b. Four (Consecutive) Days Membership: \$50.00

3. Authorise the Committee to update any necessary documentation to reflect the approved changes.

Moved: Doug Ray

Seconded: Mark Franklin

Motion: Carried

10 GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

11 SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

1. President McIvor presented a numbered print piece of artwork commemorating the centenary season of the club to former Patron Warren Harris for his dedicated service to the club and to NZSFC over many years.
2. President McIvor also thanked Anne Smal (in absence), for her contribution to the club in her capacity as Vice President

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 5:38pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gordon McIvor', is written over a horizontal line.

Gordon McIvor
President – MBGFC
September 20th 2025

President's Annual Club Report

Mercury Bay Game Fishing Club

This past year has been a year of rebuilding, consolidation and preparing the club for growth as we look ahead to the 2026–27 year.

The Committee has spent a considerable amount of time managing the club following John's resignation, and I would like to sincerely thank all Committee members for their support, commitment and dedication during this period.

We are pleased to now have Alan in place as our new Club Manager. The Committee is in the process of stepping back into its governance role, allowing Alan to take responsibility for the day-to-day management and operation of the club. This clearer separation between governance and management will be important as we move forward.

Looking ahead to 2026–27, our focus will be on strengthening the club's operations, increasing member participation, maintaining sound financial management and establishing a clear separation between governance and day-to-day management.

We have made considerable progress during what has been a challenging year, although there is still work to do. The foundations are in place for the club to move forward with greater clarity around its management, governance and financial direction.

Software and Asset Review

Given the club's financial position and the need to focus our efforts on reducing the deficit, we made the decision to stop further development of the Catchmaster software.

Continuing the project would have required a significant ongoing investment of both financial and staff resources to complete the specification, development, testing and implementation.

The rapid pace of change in software development also meant that retaining the software at its existing book value was no longer appropriate. As a result, we made the decision to write off the value of the software held on the club's books.

We also took the opportunity to revalue the club's property and undertake a review of our fixed assets. Assets that were no longer held by the club were removed from the accounts.

These steps provide a more accurate reflection of the club's current financial position and give us a clearer base from which to plan for the future.

Financial Results

Members will notice that the financial results are presented in a different format this year. This reflects the new legislative requirement for financial reporting by Tier 3 clubs.

The key financial results for the year are:

- Trading result before write-offs: \$3,000 profit
- Software and fixed asset write-offs: \$75,000
- Trading result after write-offs: \$72,000 loss
- Cash and short-term deposits: Increased by \$10,000 to \$229,000
- Liabilities: Reduced by \$14,000 to \$177,000
- Net assets: Increased by \$304,000 to \$3.546 million
- New liability provision: \$30,000 for NZSFC fees and donations

While the reported trading loss of \$72,000 is significant, it largely reflects the one-off write-off of software and fixed assets rather than the underlying trading performance of the club.

Excluding these write-offs, the club recorded a \$3,000 trading profit.

Member Participation

One issue that is not reflected in the financial results is the decline in member participation at the club.

This is an important area that needs to be addressed to ensure the long-term health and sustainability of the club. Alan is currently working on initiatives to increase member engagement and participation, and this will be a key focus for the coming year.

A successful club depends on its members being involved — using the facilities, participating in events and activities, supporting competitions and contributing to the wider club community.

Increasing participation and creating more reasons for members to be involved will be an important part of our focus in 2026–27.

Fishing Report

It has been a good year on the fishing front, with strong results across the club and some exceptional individual achievements.

Club Leaderboard

Congratulations to our 2025–26 Club Leaderboard winners:

- Champion Angler: Nicola Candy
- Champion Boat: Mad Max
- New Club Records: 20

Twenty new club records were established during the season, highlighting both the quality of fishing available to our members and the dedication and skill of our anglers.

New Zealand Junior Record

A special congratulations goes to Koby Maxwell, who achieved a new New Zealand Junior Record with a 58.62 kg yellowfin tuna on 60 kg line.

This is an outstanding achievement and a fantastic result for both Koby and the club. It is particularly pleasing to see our younger anglers achieving at such a high level.

NZSFC Trophy Winners

Our members also achieved considerable success at the national level through the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council (NZSFC) awards.

Jason van Esch landed a remarkable 384.9 kg black marlin. This truly memorable catch earned Jason two prestigious NZSFC awards:

- Fisherman of the Year
- Old Man and the Sea Cup

Nicola Candy also enjoyed an outstanding season. Her commitment to tag-and-release fishing has been exceptional, with her efforts producing 16 striped marlin and 1 broadbill.

Her achievements were recognised with two NZSFC trophies:

- Saul Trophy — Most Tagged Game Fish
- Peter & Noeline Short Memorial Trophy — Most Tagged Billfish

Koby Maxwell was also a joint winner of the Top Junior Angler award. The award was shared in a four-way tie, highlighting just how competitive the junior category is at the national level.

Congratulations to Jason, Nicola and Koby on an excellent season and on continuing to make their mark in the sport.

These achievements are a credit not only to the individual anglers but also to the wider club and the supportive fishing community we have built.

Tournaments

The club held 12 competitions during the year, providing members with plenty of opportunities to compete, fish together and enjoy the sport.

Offshore Classic 2025

The first annual Mercury Bay Game Fishing Club Offshore Classic was a great success, with the boat entry cap selling out at 50 teams competing for more than \$65,000 in cash prizes.

Anglers were fortunate to encounter a strong weather window, which saw all five tuna placings filled.

Notable success came from the teams Relief, Recalibrate and Shamrock, which successfully tagged four broadbill swordfish.

The success of the inaugural Offshore Classic provides a strong foundation for the event to grow into an important fixture on the club's annual calendar.

Kids' Wharf Fishing

The Kids' Wharf Fishing programme continued to grow during the year.

This is particularly encouraging and is a good indication that there remains strong interest in fishing among the next generation.

Providing opportunities for young people to get involved in fishing and experience the club environment is important for the future of our sport and our club.

Season Highlights

Overall, this has been a good year for the club from a fishing perspective.

From our own leaderboard results and 20 new club records, to a New Zealand Junior Record and multiple NZSFC trophy wins, our members have demonstrated an impressive level of skill, commitment and sportsmanship.

These achievements are something the whole club can be proud of.

We look forward to building on this success in the coming season.

Regulatory Environment

We cannot ignore the impact that legislation and regulatory changes continue to have on recreational fishing.

During the year, we have seen extensions to marine reserves and the introduction of High Protection Areas (HPAs). Of particular significance to our members is the HPA off the Aldermen Islands, which has had a considerable impact on local fishing opportunities.

With the amalgamation of the local councils, I am sure the Waikato Regional Council coastal plans will be reviewed again. Any future changes have the potential to further affect access to and use of important fishing areas.

I encourage all members to keep an eye out for proposed changes and, where appropriate, to provide feedback.

It is important that recreational fishers have a voice in decisions that affect our ability to enjoy and participate in our sport. As a club, we should continue to support responsible recreational fishing and ensure that the interests of our members and the wider fishing community are represented.

Thanks

I would like to sincerely thank all of our volunteers, club sponsors and staff for their contribution throughout the year.

Clubs such as ours rely heavily on the commitment of people who are prepared to give their time, expertise and support, and their contribution is greatly appreciated.

I would also like to acknowledge our sponsors. Their ongoing support makes a significant contribution to the club and enables us to continue providing competitions, events and opportunities for our members.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the members who have offered me support and advice during the year. It has been greatly appreciated.

I would also like to thank all members who have taken the time to provide feedback, whether positive or negative. Open communication is important, and it is what helps keep our club moving forward.

Please continue to share your views, ideas and concerns with the Committee and management. Constructive feedback helps us identify where we can improve and ensures the club continues to reflect the needs and expectations of its members.

I can't finish my report without special mention of Scott Farrell, who's tireless contribution to the club over many years is to continue notwithstanding the changes to the constitution requiring him to stand down from committee. Thanks Scott, we really appreciate what you do for the Club.

Finally, I would like to congratulate all of our members on what has been a good fishing season.

The achievements of our anglers, our new records and our success at the national level demonstrate the strength and capability within our club.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the club throughout this challenging year of transition and rebuilding.

Doug Ray

President

Mercury Bay Game Fishing Club

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE ATTENDANCES**

October 2025 – August 2026 (11 Meetings)

Doug Ray	11	
Tim Hennessey	8	
John Neighbours	7	
John East	1	Resigned as Manager Nov 2025
Alan Proctor	2	Appointed as Manager July 2026
Diana Andrews	10	
Ian Boyack	3	Resigned February 2026
Scott Farrell	9	
Aaron Fletcher	6	
Mark Franklin	9	
Isreal Fussell	10	
Craig Scarrott	9	
Graeme Thomas	5	Resigned May 2026

NOMINATIONS FOR 2026 – 27 COMMITTEE POSITIONS

* Please note: In accordance with the new constitution, and the agreed rules of transition, as passed at last year's AGM, three committee members are not up for re-election, and will retain their positions for the 2026-27 year. The constitution allows for a total of 6 committee members, including the President and Vice president.

Patron:	John Neighbours	
President:	Doug Ray	(position not up for re-election)
Vice President:	Tim Hennessey	(position not up for re-election)
Committee:	Diana Andrews	(position not up for re-election)

Balance of Committee (THREE) to be confirmed following the Election.