



WELLINGTON IMPROVISATION TROUPE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Date: Tuesday July 8th 2025

Time: 6:00-8:00pm Venue: Te Auaha, 65 Dixon St, Te Aro, Wellington.

Attendees: Aritarkh Tikhonov, Ali Little, Nathan Campbell, Paddy Plunket, Shaila Mehta-Wilson, Steven Davey, Lorraine Ward, Emma Ross, Gitta Majumder, Hayley Cherryblossom, Mike Webster, Brenton Hodgson, Andreas Kubisch, Dione Needham, Kate Docherty

Quorum: 15 members reached

Chair: Shaila Mehta-Wilson

Coordinator Secretariat: Ali Little

1. Welcome and acknowledgements
2. Apologies Emi, Anrik, Kitty
3. Minutes of the previous AGM/SGM (held July 13th, 2024)

4. Coordinator's Report (Shaila Mehta-Wilson)

Welcome to the AGM, thank you for joining us. It's been another year of fun, with great attendance at Tuesday night sessions.

Last year I think my report was like a novel – so this year I'm keeping it short.

Firstly, a big thank you to the Committee Members, for putting in the time, energy and work to make sure that WIT keeps going, keeps having shows, keeps teaching and growing the improv community. Most of us have been working on the committee together for a few years, and its been working really well!

I also want to thank the people who help out – you know who you are, the ones that run a Tuesday session, teach or help out with the Thursday night classes, help organise shows, and take on backstage duties. And of course, a thank you to

Lorraine for bringing biscuits every Tuesday!

It's been another good year, with steady numbers on Tuesday nights, it's been years since we only had 2 or 3 people turn up! Now we regularly have 7 and more people attending.

We have continued to have shows on a regular basis, and I think, hope, that this will continue for the next year too. As a troupe we are gaining confidence, which shows when we perform but what I also am seeing is that we are having fun on the stage – if we are having fun then the audience will too.

WIT can not continue without a committee so I hope that there will always be people that are keen to join the committee and help out. The current committee members will organise a handover – maybe getting together with the new committee in the Wairarapa where we currently have an office.

So finally thank you I've enjoyed being part of the committee and a member of WIT.

5. Creative Directors Report (Paddy Plunket)

WIT had another year of bringing joyful improv theatre experiences to Wellington audiences, new improvisers, continuing learners, teachers and old hands.

Four Joy of Improv (level 1) and two Improv for the Stage (level 2) classes were run through Wellington High School's Continuing Education Centre. Each class culminated in an improv show performed for friends and family. A number of the graduates have gone on to be regular attendees at WIT Tuesday improv training and performing in WIT shows. Classes were revitalised with a WIT teachers' workshop in Featherston in January. Thanks to Emma, Kitty, Nathan, Anrik, Shaila and Ali for ably teaching and assisting teachers this year.

7 Shows gave WIT members the opportunity to bring joyful improv performances to the people. The three show Ferris Wheel Season was shown at Bats Theatre in July, August and September 2024 as part of Bats Improv weeks. A Christmas version of Director's Cut was WIT's end of 2024 show at the Cavern Club. Keith Johnson's Gorilla format was revised for shows at the Cavern Club and Newtown Community Centre in 2025. The year ended with a Micetro show at Bats.

Tuesday training was well attended throughout the year, with some sessions seeing over 20 players turn up to play improv games and partake in scenes. Guest tutor Finn McKinlay taught us how to be evil in improv. Ben Zolno worked with us on how to give notes. Most sessions were ably led by our own – Andreas, Kitty, Ali, Shaila, Anrik and Paddy.

I'd like to finish once again by thanking Ali for all the amazing work put in on the weekly newsletter that keeps the WIT community connected, for marketing our shows, and being our prop maestro.

6. Financial report (attached)

7. Committee Elections

- a. Co-ordinator – Shaila Mehta-Wilson
- b. Secretary – Ali Little

- c. Creative Directors – Emma Ross / Andreas Kubisch
- d. Treasurer – Steven Davey

8. General Business

- a. New rules and constitution required - Emma Ross and Steven Davey to finalise. An SGM will be needed to pass it. It will include a change to the quorum for meetings, from 15 to 9.
- b. Venue - Te Auaha is to close, our last date here will likely be 30th November. The Library (due to reopen in 2026) discussed as a possible replacement

Wellington Improvisation Troupe Incorporated Performance report				
Year ended March 2024				
Name	Wellington Improvisation Troupe Incorporated			
Purpose	Community theatre and improvisation in Wellington			
Structure	committee			
Main sources of cash:	existing bank accounts; term deposits			
Main methods used to raise funds:	Membership fees, performance fees, training fees			
Reliance on volunteers:	Estimated 5 hours a week of volunteer work - teaching			
	training, administration, organising events.			
Reliance on donated goods and services:	voluntary donations from members			
Statement of Service Performance				
Goods and services delivered during the year:				
Tuesday night Improvisation training for members, weekly				
Community education training: quarterly training on Level 1 and Level 2 improvisation for beginners at the Wellington High School Community Education Centre				
Shows:				
Director's Cut series of shows, CEC Training Graduate Shows				
Statement of Resources and Commitments				
	2023/2024	2022/2023	2021/2022	
Bank accounts and cash:				
Term deposit	\$14,838.10	\$14,283.79	\$13,953.31	
Main account	\$6,254.21	\$6,821.58	\$5,959.84	
Total	\$21,092.31	\$21,105.37	\$19,913.15	
Statement of receipts and payments				
Income				
	2023/2024	2022/2023	Change	% Change
Fees and Receipts - Members	\$2,779.50	\$2,950.70	-\$171.20	-5.80%
Tuesday Training	\$1,924.50	\$2,105.70		
Membership fees	\$90	\$60		
Extra Workshops	\$765	\$785		
Interest	\$770.62	\$459.25	\$311.37	67.80%
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Show income	\$753.65	\$100.00	\$653.65	653.65%
Director's cut	\$35	\$100		
Ferris wheel	41.75			
NZIF	\$677	\$0		
Community Education Training	\$2,798.08	\$3,459.12	-\$661.04	-19.11%

CEC training	\$2,798.08	\$3,459.12		
Other	\$1,414.40	\$1,383.68	\$30.72	2.22%
Donation	\$1,414.40	\$1,383.68		
Total income	\$8,516.25	\$8,352.75	\$163.50	1.96%
Expenses				
	2023/2024	2022/2023	Change	% Change
Shows	\$97.00	\$0.00	-\$97.00	
Show expenses	97			
Training Fees	\$6,974.33	\$7,356.70	-\$382.37	-5.20%
CEC training	\$2,798.08	\$3,459.20		
Tuesday training	\$2,946.25	\$2,752.50		
Tuesday guest tutors	680	300		
Extra workshops	550	845		
Administrative expenses	\$1,447.56	\$466.00	\$981.56	210.64%
Tax on interest	\$215.83	\$128.60		
Web Services	\$376.74			
ITI License	378.01			
Celebration	181.98			
Post Box	295			
Total expenses	\$8,518.89	\$7,822.70	\$696.19	8.90%
Income - expenses	-\$2.64	\$530.05		