

# *New Zealand Society of Notaries*

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Dear Notary

Spring has arrived although it has been very wet in Auckland and elsewhere. I hope that everything is going well for you.

With this letter you will be receiving a copy of the Minutes of the AGM held at Christchurch on 30 August 2019 and a copy of the Minutes of the Council meeting also held at Christchurch after the AGM.

There was a good attendance at the AGM and the Minutes are self-explanatory. What was pleasing was a good discussion under General Business in relation to ongoing training and education and the use of ribbons and seals.

Please look at the Minutes of the Council meeting and I would like to point out the following:

1. There are a number of new notarial applications in the pipeline which is good because there is still a need for notaries in some areas.
2. We continue to be very appreciative of the work done by Bob Eades and he is now being ably assisted by Tony Herring which is great news. Bob, in particular, continues to provide sterling service interviewing new notaries prior to their final confirmation and is ably assisted by Richard Wilson.
3. Our website is working very well and the good news for members is that we are going to post a video in due course which will demonstrate practical applications for notaries to follow. We are indebted to Julie Hutton, Bruce Stewart and Mike Scannell who comprise the subcommittee working on the video.
4. Recently we have received two complaints about notaries and a subcommittee has been formed to deal with them. We are obliged to record any complaints in a Register which must be submitted to the Faculty Office in the UK on an annual basis.
5. Earlier this year the World Organisation of Notaries (WON) changed its name to the Common Law Association of Notaries (CLAN) and I am the New Zealand representative on the CLAN Board. You should have received two e-Newsletters by now published by WON and a third one is on the way. If anyone has an article which they would like to submit for future publication then please send it to our Secretary.

6. Has anyone heard of William Henry Turner of Tauranga? You will see from the Minutes that recently he ordered a Notarial seal from Stamps Plus, but he is neither a solicitor nor an approved Notary.
7. I sincerely thank Bruce Stewart (Vice President), Alan Mazengarb (Treasurer), and Tracey Merlini (Secretary) for their hard work and assistance and I would also like to thank the remaining members of Council being Don Thomas, Julie Hutton and Mike Scannell for their commitment and support.

If you have any comments or queries after receiving my letter then please send them by e-mail to the Secretary.



**Stewart Germann**  
**President**