

<b>DATE:</b>	Saturday, March 15, 2025
<b>TIME:</b>	03:00 PM
<b>LOCATION:</b>	Karori Community Centre



## WELLINGTON MAHARASHTRIAN ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED (WMAI) AGM 2024-2025

**MEETING CHAIR:** Megha Barpande, President

**MINUTE TAKER:** Deepika Joshi-Thatte, Secretary

### ATTENDEES REGISTER:

Abhishek Joshi	Mayuri Suryavanshi Savant	Shreya Pawar
Ajinkya Pawar	Megha Barpande	Shreya shaligram
Amey Rane	Minoti Kirtikar	Smita Kulkarni
Anil Pattekar	Mrudula Velhal	Sugandha Bhonsule
Anurag Nanote	Namrata Sambhus	Sunil Vadnerkar
Dayanand Deshpande	Pushkar Prabhune	Sushant Thatte
Deepika Joshi	Raji Divekar	Suyash Divekar
Deepti Joshi	Rekha Khasnis	Vaishali Kharkar
Ila Kulkarni	Revati Nanote	Varsha Vadnerkar
Jitendra Hushare	Rushouti Kanade	Vishal Tandon
Kaustub Savant	Sangeeta Deshpande	
Mahesh Joshi	Saurabh Kapse	
Makrand Velhal	Sayali Narawade	
Mandar Kulkarni	Shekhar Barpande	

### PROXIES:

Name	Proxy
Aditya Vyawahare	Abhishek Joshi
Amey Nanote	Anurag Nanote
Arpita Kulkarni	Deepika Joshi Thatte
Atharva Barpande	Megha Barpande
Avanti Karbelkar	Deepti Joshi

Name	Proxy
Megha Joshi	Deepika Joshi Thatte
Niraj Joshi	Deepika Joshi Thatte
Pankaj Ambavane	Megha Barpande
Pooja Shinde	Smita Kulkarni
Preeti Shah	Sayali Narawade

Bharati Hushare	Jitendra Hushare
Bhushan Sambhus	Dr. Namrata Sambhus
Chinmay Gathoo	Deepika Joshi Thatte
Chinmay Gathoo	Rushouti Gathoo
Deepa Mhatre	Anurag Nanote
Deepak Mhatre	Anurag Nanote
Deepti Tulpule	Mrudula Velhal
Ganesh Narawade	Sayali Narawade
Jay Deshpande	Dayanand Deshpande
Juilee Bhandekar	Deepika Joshi Thatte
Latika Moghe	Shreya Shaligram

Priya Kapse	Saurabh Kapse
Ragini Vishal Tandon	Vishal Tandon
Rohit Nanekar	Sushant Thatte
Samradhni Jog	Deepika Joshi Thatte
Sarthak Binju	Megha Barpande
Shruti Rane	Amey Rane
Smita Agnihotri	Sayali Narawade
Suyog Jog	Deepika Joshi Thatte
Swati Phapale	Swapnil Pabale
Vedashree Patil	Rekha Khasnis
Yatin Kharkar	Vaishali Kharkar

# AGM MINUTES

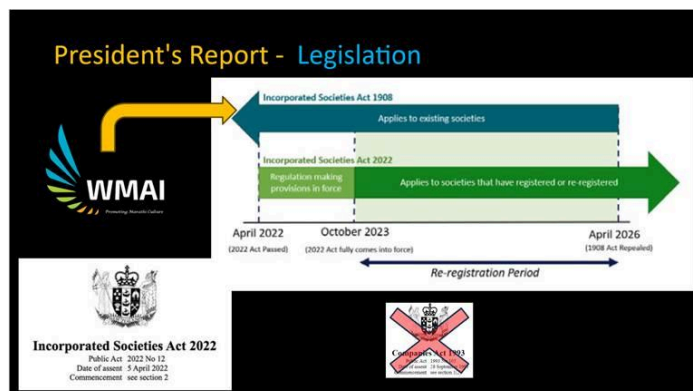
## Opening - Committee member - Vishal Tandon

Introduction to WMAI, health and safety requirements, general housekeeping items and agenda for the meeting.

Vishal took the opportunity to acknowledge the absence of our community member, Simantini Pattekar and 2 minutes of silence was observed by everyone present.

## President's Report - Megha Barpande

### President Report



The President's report began by highlighting key points from the 2023-24 AGM minutes:

1. Legislative Bindings: WMAI is governed by the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 and its own constitution, with no direct relevance to the Companies Act.
2. Re-registration: WMAI must re-register under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 before April 2026, and the constitution may need amendments based on new directives.
3. Committee Term: The current committee of 2023-25 marks the end of WMAI's 4th term.

All details and decisions from previous AGM's are available online for everyone to review.

## President's Report - Reflections

- WMAI → community, a support system, and a platform for connection
- Celebrations to create lasting memories
- Fostered new friendships
- Be there in tough/challenging times
- WMAI is a brand



## President's Report - Engagements

- Cinema theatre
- Movie distributors
- IHC (Indian High Commission)
- Wellington City Council
- Ministry of Ethnic Communities
- Community engagements
- Artists engagements



## President's Report - Engagements

1. Cinema theatre → Monterey Cinemas  
❖ Movies at reasonable pricing, food offering
2. Movie distributors  
❖ Zee Studios  
❖ Panorama
3. IHC (Indian High Commission)  
❖ INS Sahyadri  
❖ Chaava
4. Wellington City Council  
❖ Funding



## President's Report - Achievements

- Sponsorships
  - ❖ In the last 2 years we've managed close to \$18000 in sponsorships in various shapes and forms
  - ❖ This year alone we had \$11000 sponsorship
- Establishing WMAI as a brand
  - ❖ Ensure WMAI is advertised in its full glory
  - ❖ Standard Operating Process (SOP) set up
- Working with local businesses
  - ❖ Shruti and Rohit → Pizza Hutt
  - ❖ Pushkar Prabhune → Mondo travels
  - ❖ Vik Singh → Mortgage Company
- Shantanu and Minoti
  - ❖ Kirikar → Oracle hearing
  - ❖ Welly desi bites → Shruti Mahajan
  - ❖ Rutuja Belhe → Soovi Foods
- Working with the visiting artists and their crew
  - ❖ Mandar Bhide
  - ❖ Sharad Ponkshe
  - ❖ Mugdha and Prathamesh





### President's Report - Opportunities

- Community engagement
- Committee member should feel encouraged to participate but not obligated
- Voluntary work with accountability
- Passion for culture, festivals, movies, art...



## Reflections, Engagements, and Opportunities

Driven by a deep passion to give back to the community, I embarked on a heartfelt journey that led me to become the first woman president of WMAI. This journey has been filled with moments of nervousness and joy, challenges and triumphs. Seeing our community come together, thrive, and be celebrated has made every effort worthwhile.

Through unwavering dedication and countless hours of hard work, the WMAI executive committee and I have transformed WMAI into a beacon of pride for the Marathi community in Wellington. WMAI is now a brand recognized by the Indian High Commission, the Ministry of Ethnic Communities, Wellington City Council, and other like-minded organizations. This recognition has elevated our community's profile, fostered stronger connections, enhanced cultural representation, and promoted inclusivity, contributing to the overall betterment of our community.

## Key Highlights from the Past Two Years

1. Sponsorships and Grants: Raised \$18,000 in sponsorships, including a significant \$5,500 grant from the Wellington City Council (WCC).
2. Financial Management: Secured approval from IRD for a carried forward loss of \$2,774 to offset our profit.
3. Membership Growth: Achieved a 20% increase in community participation and membership.
4. Operational Procedures: Established standard operating procedures to streamline operations.
5. Cultural Events: Hosted 8 overseas artists for 3 separate events, 1 free event, 1 shared event, and 7 movies.

These achievements are a testament to the hard work and dedication of the entire team, reinforcing the importance of our efforts to foster a strong, connected community.

## Opportunities for Growth

1. Encouraged Participation: Committee members were encouraged to participate in community activities without feeling obligated, ensuring their involvement was driven by genuine interest, passion, and commitment.
2. Valued Contributions: All members felt valued and appreciated for their contributions, regardless of the extent of their involvement.
3. Accountability: Members showed accountability for their work while maintaining the voluntary nature of their roles.

## Gratitude

The President's report would be incomplete without acknowledging the efforts of all committee members, the wider community, volunteers, and sponsors. Without their support, operating WMAI and organizing various activities would be impossible. Thank you to each and every one who was connected to team WMAI.



## Vote of thanks to committee, members and volunteers

WMAI committee members run the office voluntarily. It takes many hours of effort and thought process to organise value events for its Members and wider community.

Going above and beyond by current and past committee members was acknowledged and applauded by the President and was supported by the members.



## Secretary's Report - Deepika Joshi-Thatte

the Secretary was grateful to the community for giving her the opportunity to represent WMAI. Due was honoured to be a part of something that makes a meaningful impact to the community, and she deeply appreciate the trust and support. She acknowledged that she had come at the AGM a wiser, older and braver person! She thanked everyone for supporting the committee during the tenure. She acknowledged that the team had achieved a lot over this time and she has loved engaging with many members over this period - old and new!

She noted that there had been some changes in the committee, but it had been really enjoyable working with the previous and current committee. She advised everyone that everyone had learnt a lot from one another, and learnt a lot about one another. Together the team had become stronger. A health relationship was shared.

The secretary acknowledged each committee member:

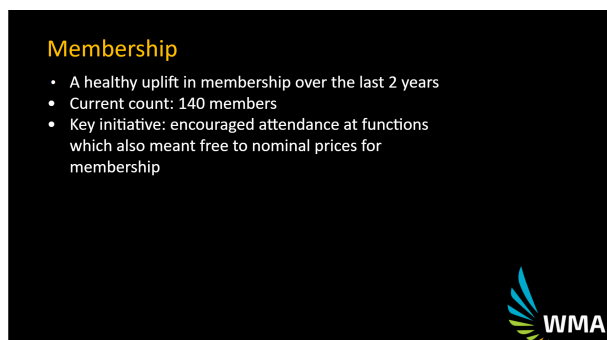
Vishal and Jitendra, with all the musical heavy lifting over the many events, they had been the pillars to help the committee with system challenges. Two events in the last year have been heavily dependent on the music system, they both truly shined through some rather challenging times!

Sayali, has lifted the standards for the team - templated movie posters, consistency in our marketing material, upkeep of the website, facebook and now Insta page... and the amount of effort she puts into the Newsletter - our community has really enjoyed reading through these interesting snippets of information.

Chinmay, the youngest member of the team, has supported WMAI in so many ways - whether it has been picking up guests, preparing maps and guides for events, supporting with heavy lifting, or being an awesome MC - he's done it all!

She thanked Rewa, for all her support and commitment towards WMAI. She had helped the committee with a massive tidy up of everything finance related! The committee was now in a position to handover the committee funds and finances in the most tidy manner.

Megha, as the president had kept the team laser focused and has remained committed to consistently achieving the WMAI objectives by leading some massive events over the last 2 years - some have been first time in NZ - such a huge achievement. Whether it has been finding new sponsors, or a new movie venue, or a new food vendor, or getting us a huge massive grant from the WCC - she has done it all! Her passion is though exhausting, it is truly commendable and appreciated.



WMAI increased by 20% over the last 2 years

- Great participation from the community
- A lot of new members Joined us this time.

## Communication with members and non-members was via WhatsApp groups

- Communication channels used internally:
  - WhatsApp Committee Group (CG)
  - Team meetings via Google MeetUp or WhatsApp calls
  - One in person planning meeting held
  - Meeting minutes are stored in our Google drive and shared with the committee after each meeting.
- Communication channels used externally:
  - WMAI Members Group
  - WMAI - एकमेका साहय करू Group

### Communication

#### Internally:

- Actions relayed before concluding each meeting to ensure clarity and accountability
- Regular check-ins on action items, follow ups or updates is encouraged on the committee WhatsApp groups

#### On groups:

- Pinning of posts for ease of access



## Events organised so far

### Events - Year 1



### Events - Year 2



Movies organised so far

### Movies - Year 1

**फुलरागी**

Monteney Cinema  
Upper Hutt  
Wellington

Sunday 11th June 2023  
1 PM

For tickets contact: WMAI Committee  
[www.wmai.site](http://www.wmai.site)

**चाँदगढ़ की दिल्ली**

Coming to Cinemas in Wellington

Date & Time: Sunday, 18th July at 1pm  
Monteney Cinema, Upper Hutt

Contact: WMAI Committee for tickets  
[www.wmai.site](http://www.wmai.site)  
<https://www.facebook.com/wmai>

**दिलगी 2**

24 NOV

Date: Sunday, 3rd December 2023  
Time: 1pm  
Monteney Cinema, Upper Hutt

Contact WMAI Committee for Tickets  
[www.wmai.site](http://www.wmai.site)  
<https://www.facebook.com/wmai>

### Movies - Year 2

**चाँदगढ़ की दिल्ली**

Date: Sunday, 4th June 2023  
Time: 1 PM

Monteney Cinema, Upper Hutt

Contact: WMAI Committee for Tickets  
[www.wmai.site](http://www.wmai.site)  
<https://www.facebook.com/wmai>

**ग़ारना**

Date: Sunday, 9th June 2024  
Time: 1 pm

Monteney Cinema, Upper Hutt

Ticket Prices as below  
Member \$20 pp  
Non-member \$25 pp  
Child \$10pp

[www.wmai.site](http://www.wmai.site)  
<https://www.facebook.com/wmai>

**फुलरागी**

Date: Monday, 28th October 2024  
Time: 1.45 pm

Monteney Cinema, Upper Hutt

Ticket Prices as below  
Member \$20 pp  
Non-member \$25 pp  
Child \$10pp

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<https://www.facebook.com/wmai>

**माना पंचायत**

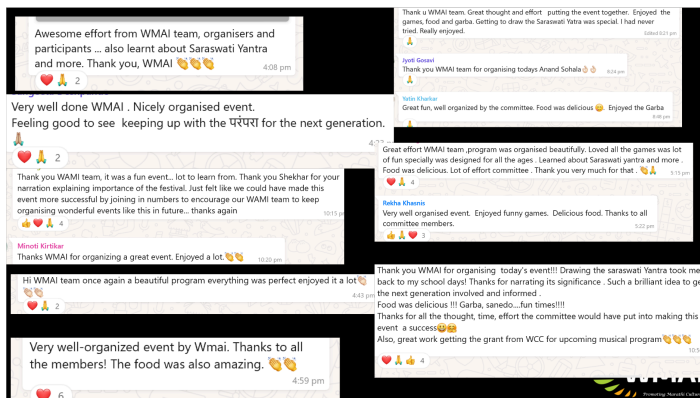
Date: Sunday, 16th February 2025  
Time: 1 pm

Monteney Cinema, Upper Hutt

Ticket Prices as below  
Member \$20 pp  
Non-member \$25 pp  
Child \$10pp

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# Treasurer's Report – Megha Barpande & Sayali Narawade

### Treasurer's Report

- Throughout the FY 2024-2025 we have successfully organised three events and facilitated screening of four movies. Thanks to the support of the community.
- We have maintained healthy reserves to spend for our events including venue, catering etc. for the events. Thanks to all support from the sponsors.
- With the growing support of all members, and many newcomers joining, WMAI now comprises 140 members.

Account Statement FY 2024-2025	
Opening Balance carried from 2023-24	\$2,341.59
Collection	
Income	NZD
Community Events	\$180
Cultural Event - Overseas Artists	\$5,207
Membership fees - Renewal & New	\$2,466
Movie Collection	\$3,017
Others (IRD refund, Interest, misc)	\$1,175
Sound system Hire charges	\$775
Sponsorships/Donation	\$11,053
Grand Total	\$23,872
Expenses	
Expenses	NZD
AGM 2024	\$4
AGM 2025	-\$755
Community Events	-\$1,115
Cultural Event - Overseas Artists	-\$13,760
Donation to Auckland Marathi Mandal	-\$250
Insurance	-\$286
Movie Expenses	-\$3,118
Others (IRD refund, Interest, misc)	-\$408
Sound System bond refund	-\$454
Grand Total	-\$20,142
Account Balance	
Net Surplus/(Loss)	\$3,730
Closing bank balance to carry forward to 2024-25	\$6,196

Movie	Alibaba ani Chalishitale Chor
Attendance	41
Income	\$756.50
Expenses	-\$854.00
Profit/Loss	-\$98

Movie	Nach ga Ghuma
Attendance	45
Income	\$905.00
Expenses	-\$830.00
Profit/Loss	\$75

Movie	Phulwanti
Attendance	39
Income	\$790.00
Expenses	-\$698.35
Profit/Loss	\$92

	<b>Movie</b>	<b>Sangeet Manapaman</b>	
	<b>Attendance</b>		<b>27</b>
	<b>Income</b>		<b>\$565.00</b>
	<b>Expenses</b>		<b>-\$735.18</b>
	<b>Profit/Loss</b>		<b>-\$170</b>

**Events**

- Sponsorship of \$1550.00
- Profit of \$557.00

Event	Sharad Ponshe
Attendance	89
Income	\$2,915.00
Expenses	\$2,358.00
Profit/Loss	\$557.00

**Events**

- It's not loss as this was part of "giving back to the community", free event.
- Unfortunately many people who signed up didn't show up on the day and there was excessive left-over food!

Event	Shravan/Anandsohla
Attendance	60 out of 100
Income	\$25.00
Expenses	\$960.00
Profit/Loss	\$935.00

**Events**

- Sponsorship of \$8700.00
- We were able to get support from our local council for \$5500.00 through Art and Culture funding

Event	Marmabandhatali Thev
Attendance	104
Income	\$12,042.00
Expenses	\$13,100.00
Profit/Loss	\$1,058.00



### What's new?

- Account review from 2017
- Tax review and savings
- Approval for carry forward loss
- A formal documentation for Treasurer activities



Income-Expense statement for 2024/25	
Net Surplus/(loss) for 2024-25	\$3,730.00
Exemption for Not for profit organisation	\$1,000.00
Net Surplus/(loss) for 2024-25 post exemption	\$2,730.00
Total Carried forward loss as confirmed by IRD	\$2,774.00
Net Surplus/(loss) for 2024-25 after adjusting the carry forward loss	-\$44.00
Tax on the income - assumed as 35%- to check and confirm	-\$15.40



### BAU – Business as Usual

- Manage and Maintain Accounts
- File IRD and Companies Office return Annually
- Payment reconciliation per event
- Costing per event
- Music system provisioning and maintenance

## Newsletter and Social Media update - Sayali Narawade

### WMAI's Social Media Presence



[www.wmai.site](http://www.wmai.site)

2658 visitors in  
last 12 months



<https://facebook.com/nzwmai>



394

447 Followers



<https://www.instagram.com/nz.wmai/>

WMAI		
11 posts	69 followers	85 following



## WMAI Newsletter

- WMAI started the initiative of Quarterly Newsletters at the beginning of term.
- The idea for this initiative was to “*getting to know your community & inspiring the young generation*”
- The newsletter has become one of the highlights from the committee and has been well received by the wider community.
- We will publish the last issue of the newsletter post the AGM as we hand reigns to the next committee.

*We hope you all enjoyed reading these newsletters as much as we enjoyed behind the scenes!*



## Music System Update - Vishal Tandon

### Music System

- The previous committee had made investments in a good music system, primarily for WMAI programs, including buying insurance for it
- WMAI also rents out the system to optimise the use
- WMAI has the following in the Music System
  - 8 Microphones (2 x wired, 2 x wireless, 4x collar)
  - 2x Speakers ( + a monitor speaker which is good enough for a small party)
  - Sound Mixer (with 12 channels)
- We have made a rental income of \$725 in the last year
- WMAI members have been spreading the word about the music system. Eg: Through Jyoti Tai's reference we have rented the system more than 6 times
- We would encourage the next committee to look at rental pricing to be aligned to market rates



## Elections

### Election Process

- No nominations have been received
- The floor is open now for members to put themselves forward for any of the EC positions
- We will commence first with the President election followed by Secretary, Treasurer and 2 Committee members



The proposal to potentially dissolve WMAI was brought up, however this was unanimously rejected by the member group present.

Dayanand Deshpande nominated himself and was supported by the members present.

No other nominations were received for any of the other roles.

Dayanand Deshpande was confirmed as WMAI President for the Term 2025 - 2027.

It was agreed that DayanandI will work with members and confirm the rest of the committee members over the coming days.

The member group confirmed that they did not wish to have elections run once again and would be happy to support Dayanand with taking the lead.

It was advised at the meeting, if any member wished to be part of the committee, they should speak with Dayanand Deshpande directly.

## **Other Agenda**

Antar-rashtriya marathi manch - Dayanand Deshpande

## **Conclusion**

Discussions were held to make amendments to the constitution to cover off:

1. What happens if no one nominates or is elected for the executive committee?
2. Construct of the EC - what is the bare minimum requirement?

WMAI AGM meeting concluded at 5.00 pm.