



President Report – YANA Annual General Meeting – November 20, 2025

YANA's June 1, 2024, to May 31, 2025, fiscal year was the 39th year of Sandra Williams' legacy, and the community continues to rally around YANA Comox Valley.

The 2024 Comox Bike Co YANA Ride and it's Party in the Park celebration raised a phenomenal net total of \$101,000. There were over 500 donors and 240 committed riders seeking adventure and ending their August rides with a celebration at Marina Park.

We had a NEW record-breaking fundraising total for the 2025 Big Love Benefit of \$242,000 and continued to find that the online bidding helped reached people who weren't able to attend in person.

Our other board-led fundraiser, the Christmas Crackers, was successful as usual with the crackers selling out quickly.

We want to thank all of the volunteers who put in uncountable hours helping support YANA, as well as the people who organised community-led fundraisers from lemonade stands to barbeques to golf tournaments.

We had four permanent staff, and a committed extra-special office (and event) volunteer, Lesley Hunter. I am so appreciative of the work that our Executive Director, Kelly Barnie, Shormila Bakshi and Kourtenay Van Velzen put in this year, and welcome Jessica Mayer in her role as Community Relations Coordinator. We added a new position this year and

Shormila Bakshi moved to Event Operations Manager, exclusively focusing on the YANA-led fundraisers.

As we begin our 2025/26 fiscal year, I want to take a moment to acknowledge that our longtime board member and former president, Kelly Rusk, has stepped down from his role on the board. Kelly has been such a steady, thoughtful presence for so many years, and his commitment to YANA has made a real difference. We're incredibly grateful for all he's given, and we're so glad he'll continue to stay connected as a volunteer.

To the board, the staff, our many dedicated sponsors and all of the volunteers, we appreciate you. Thank you for all you do. For our clients, know that You Are Not Alone, the board, staff and the entire community are here to support you.