



Community Update Meeting - Key Points
Wednesday, 9 August 2023 Island Bay Baptist Church
7- 8:30 pm

Cycle Way Planning and Wakefield Park – clarification of planning and timeline

Sheila Hart, the Chair, welcomed residents and Councillors and opened the meeting.

WCC UPDATE (Presentation attached)

- WCC officers from the team working on the cycleway design are not attending this meeting because its representatives have received so much abuse at other community meetings. Sheila has met with WCC Officers and received an update to pass on.
- The cycle way plan is from Dee St to Berhampore and then on to Newtown, connecting with the Adelaide section.
- WCC working to achieve zero loss car parks but this may not be possible. However, there is currently no plan for '50% of parking' to be removed.
- There are going to be multiple opportunities to provide feedback into design development.
- The expected timeline for submissions is 12 September for 1 month (a week longer than normal).
- There is also a lot of media on WCC website.
- WCC encourages submissions and there is also an option to provide oral feedback.
- The final design will be voted on by councillors in mid-December.
- Concerns around pre-determination based on intention to commence work Mar/Feb. But work can be redirected if needed.
- The design must begin in advance of the formal consultation because a base design is needed for effective consultation.

DISCUSSION

- Save our Parks petition - has 3000 signatories
- Chris Wratt spoke to this, representing the IB football club and their concerns about the significant loss of parking. This is not an anti-cycle way campaign.
- Wakefield is a regionally important sports club. How do we retain parks around the Wakefield zone? The sports club representatives have had good discussions with the cycleway team. Respect that their job is to make it happen and that it is difficult.
- It is not an easy fix. Adelaide Road is busy – there is a wide median strip. The sports clubs' representatives are there to represent the views of members of those clubs and wider community use. E.g. Scouts, squash & tennis clubs
- The WCC team are working hard. There is potential to find off-road car parks. People are already parking on golf club and adjacent streets. No question that parking is over-subscribed.



- Cycleway has a certain budget and doesn't include the provision of off-road parking. It is disappointing that parking requirements weren't planned for.
- Residents asked if there is going to be a resource for change management. Laurie Foon replied that there is a plan for a *regional* behaviour change programme.
- Residents asked for the IBRA Committee's view. The Chair replied that IBRA will not be making a submission because the issue is too controversial and our Constitution requires a neutral stance on cycle-way issues.
- A resident requested that IBRA take a poll from this meeting and communicate that to the Council.
- A resident suggested an alternative route for the cycleway. Councillors emphasised the need for expert advice to accompany alternative proposals and to assist WCC to make a decision.
- Roads are public spaces not just for cars – and people who use roads have a right to be safe. Sympathy for the need for carparks.
- Clubs could encourage carpooling as part of change management.
- IBRA will share the Powerpoint via the website and newsletter.
- All members can enrol with WCC for updates on the cycleway.
- Several residents voiced concerns about parking and the cycleway.
- WCC Councillor said that the cycleway is not a done deal. How we do it is what we are discussing now. There will be arrangements for car-parking.

What do you want from your Residents' Association?

- Opportunity for you to say what you would like IBRA to do.
- Residents asked what is the point of the Residents Association if it won't submit or advocate on behalf of the community?
- The Chair asked how we would reach a consensus. Emphasised that we have a regular meeting once a month that anyone can attend.
- Two residents complained they were not receiving emails. IBRA will follow up personally to ensure these people are on the database.
- Survey 2022 – clear from over 100 responses that the community doesn't want us to take a position and they feel more comfortable communicating their views to a neutral IBRA. Also, clear in the survey that the community split on the issue of the cycleway.
- A resident voiced support for IBRA agreeing that residents are individuals and can submit and support on issues that concern them and support the stance that IBRA not take a position.
- One resident communicated that this is a venue to communicate views and unless IBRA prepared to do so there is no point.
- The Chair said that the previous IBRA strong views alienated a significant part of the



community. It is valuable for people to come together who have different views.

- Another resident voiced concerns that IBRA did nothing for local businesses.
- The Chair replied that IBRA is only as strong as our committee membership – invite people to be co-opted onto IBRA in last newsletter.
- IBRA provides forums that councillors attend and they can feed back to WCC on commentary.

MEVO comes to Island Bay

- It is the official launch of MEVO in the Bay today presenting an introduction to the service, the opportunity to have a peek at the vehicles and to receive a \$35 credit (for use before 1 September)
- The Chair introduced Tian, the head of experience for MEVO. Tian commented that it is great to see lots of public engagement at this forum.
- MEVO is a car share service – the alternative to owning a car.
- There is an app that enables people to borrow a car when needed – no ownership needed.
- MEVO an option when the weather is bad and cycling not an option!
- MEVO doing pretty well – people have embraced the option – an alternative to car ownership but useful for businesses too, they have a relationship with a number of businesses.
- You don't have to fill up – electric vehicles an option – App provides info on charging stations and parking spaces.
- Just need to download the App and verify details within 24 hours and then find a MEVO near you.
- What is the difference between Uber and MEVO? MEVO is good for multiple stops – about having flexibility in transport options.
- MEVO is not trying to take cars away but just present an alternative. Cars are costly. Also they carry environmental and health impacts. Building parking buildings and spending time in traffic have environmental and social impacts.



IBRA Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 9 August 2023 Island Bay Baptist Church

8:15 pm to 9.00 pm

In-Committee only

Chair: Sheila Hart

Minute taker: Catherine Inder

In attendance in person: Chris Wratt, Ben Everist, Mark Henderwood, Jeff McDonald, Andrew Laurantos, Sally Page

In attendance on zoom: Kirsty Smith

Apologies: Riki Anderson, Sonya Cameron (for in-Committee part of meeting).

Minutes and Action Points from previous meeting (14 June 2023)

MINUTES

Approved

ACTIONS

- Jeff registration with IRD confirmed – tax return lodged – submitted but not yet processed by IRD.
- Remove comms strategy for now – when Ben has space he will progress.
- Revamping notice board – Chris talked to the Liquor store and they were happy for us to revamp it. Chris will complete the work and check in with how it aligns with village upgrade plans.
- Halloween event planning – solstice – working on an IB lights festival. Sheila planning an activity for Halloween – keen for IBRA members to participate.

Other business

Pataka Kai

Catherine, Sally and Sonya will apply to the WCC Waste Seed Minimisation Fund – applications close 26 October for funding above \$2000. Sally has a volunteer architect lined up. There are several options for where it might go. Meeting on 19 August to plan approach.

Plunket building

Submissions on its use needed to be communicated via the WCC facilities plan (Closed on 7th August).

Community fund

Sonya has let the applicant to the community fund know that the application has been approved. Waiting for them to respond.



Climate change initiatives

Catherine is working with 4C coastal communities and has met with Nathan from the Presbyterian church on potential local climate change initiatives. Nothing to report yet.

Candidates' meeting

Andrew was keen to allow for open discussion at the meeting. He is also concerned that the venue is too small and suggested that Owhiro Bay and Island Bay need to hold separate meetings.

Sheila said we are committed to a joint meeting and it is too late to change. There was a consensus that the meeting needs to be controlled so that candidates are safe to speak.

Various options for ensuring that the meeting was well-managed and giving candidates a chance to speak. Possibility of IBRA creating an online list of questions.

Members confirmed their availability to support the candidate's meeting.

Planning for the AGM

The AGM needs to be held by 30 October. However, members agree that 30 October is too close to the general election and to push the meeting out to 30 November 2023.

Action: Catherine to write to the Companies Office and seek permission to hold the election by 30 November

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Date and time of next meetings

1. 13th September Committee meeting
2. 21st September 2023 – Meet the Rongotai Candidates

Action Running Sheet

Date	Actions	Who	Status
1 Aug 2022	Jeff to register with IRD	Jeff	Complete
2 May 2022	Share the draft comms strategy for feedback	Ben	Close
12 April 2023	Contact Brennan at WCC to see if there is any opportunity to collaborate on communications about the meeting to discuss the town centre plan	Catherine	Complete
12 April 2023	Talk to liquor store about revamping noticeboard	Ben & Chris	Complete
14 June 2023	Write up item aimed at renters for next newsletter	Catherine	Complete
14 June 2023	Circulate draft community fund application form	Sonia	Complete



9 August	Seek permission of Companies Office to postpone AGM to 30 November 2023	Catherine	Open
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Items carried forward		
Date	Item	To when
12 April 2023	Halloween event planning	13 September 2023

* Items that are crossed out will be removed following the next meeting