



**Annual General Meeting
15th November 2023**

Chairs Report

It has been an interesting year for the Residents' Association as we establish our role in the community aiming to foster a stronger connection. We have reflected as a committee on how we achieve this and where we fit, particularly in relation to council submissions.

Membership

As of 29th October when writing this report, we have 619 members, up from 597 just prior to the last AGM. Being a member means you get our email updates in your inbox and have voting rights at the AGM. Our system of opting in to be a member in this way means we are already compliant with the new Incorporated Societies Act 2022 which requires active sign-up to become a member.

Financials

We have been fortunate enough to receive 2 grants from WCC, 1 in June 2022 and one in June 2023, totalling \$2000.

Our current account balance is \$1051.00.

Expenditure includes branded flags, venue hire, website fees and community fund grants.

Financial report to be confirmed at this AGM.

Committee Update

I would like to thank Chris Wratt, Sally Page and Riki Anderson who contributed to our committee this year but are stepping down at the AGM. Everyone has busy lives so we are very grateful for anyone who can give their time in support of our community.

The remaining committee members have all put their hand up to re-stand for 2024

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| 1. Sonya Cameron | 5. Catherine Inder |
| 2. Ben Everist | 6. Jeff McDonald |
| 3. Sheila Hart | 7. Andrew Lourantos |
| 4. Mark Henderwood | 8. Kirsty Smith |

And we have 4 new nominations, which is great:

1. Alex MacGibbon
2. Kirsten Matheson
3. Sandra Proctor
4. Iliesa Tora

This gives us a committee of 12, out of a maximum of 13. No election is required.

Email updates

We continue our monthly email updates, a collation of news and stories relevant to Island Bay and Southgate and have received positive feedback regarding these. If you have any stories that you would like



shared please send them to us, the updates go out on the 1st of the month (ideally!) so we just need them prior to that date.

Website and Social Media

Work on the website continues, you can find all relevant information relating to our meetings and activities there.

Meetings and Community events

Monthly meetings have been held, with the exception of July (the majority of the committee was away). The committee meetings have a committee-only section first, then an open session. There are a small number of residents who regularly attend the open session.

We have held 2 community update meetings. These are where we aim to get good community attendance and provide information and presentations to update on relevant issues. In May we had the WCC Public Space design team present on the Parade upgrade (work on this has now been delayed until early 2024) and a presentation on the City in Transition. In August we discussed the proposed Berhampore/Newtown work which is particularly relevant for users of Wakefield Park and enjoyed the launch of MEVO.

Along with the Owhiro Bay Residents' Association, we hosted a Meet the Rongotai Electoral Candidates Night on 21st September. This was well attended and ran very smoothly.

We have held a WREMO workshop, a couple of sausage sizzles and a weather-hampered Easter egg hunt. We hope to continue these types of activities into 2024.

Advocacy

We have shared relevant submission information and deadlines via our email updates and website to encourage individuals to submit. Of particular relevance was the Animal Policy and Byelaw's proposed changes including a proposal to amend dog access on Island Bay Beach. We had Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon and WCC officer Paul Andrews come to our last committee meeting to discuss this.

We have discussed extensively our role in making submissions on behalf of our members and feel that we can only do this in a way that represents all views, which would be from one end to the other on any issue. Therefore we aim to provide as much information as possible to allow individuals to submit.

Community fund

Thanks to funds from WCC we have established a small community fund aimed at supporting community initiatives/activities. 2 grants of \$100; one supporting the IB Arts Auction and the other supporting the Kae Miller Compassion festival

I look forward to working for the community next year and hope that we can bring some more community-focused events to the Bay.

Sheila Hart
Chair 2023