



Annual General Meeting 22nd October 2025

Chairs Report

This has been my third full year as the chair of IBRA. I indicated last year that it would be my last year and that I would attempt to implement some of the ideas that both I and the committee had focused on connecting our community. That has not been overly successful, with low turnout at events and a lack of any committee nominations to continue this work for the community.

Membership

As of 6th October, when writing this report, we have 612 members, up a little from 607 just prior to the last AGM.

Financials

Due to the timing of our WCC grants in the last financial year, we did not receive one this financial year. Expenditure includes routine venue hire, website fees and community fund grants. In addition, this year we undertook some fundraising via Givealittle to fund the pātaka kai/community pantry. This, supported by donations from the committee, facilitated project completion. The financial report is to be confirmed at the AGM; this report and our account statements are available on our website.

Committee Update

I want to thank Iliesa Tora and Sandra Procter, who have contributed to our committee since our last AGM but stepped down earlier in the year. Unfortunately, no current committee member has put their hand up for next year. I would like to thank all current committee members for their contributions. Everyone has busy lives, so we are very grateful for anyone who can give their time in support of our community:

1. David Bolt
2. Sonya Cameron
3. Mark Henderwood
4. Alex MacGibbon
5. Kirsten Matheson
6. Elena Mcdiarmid
7. Sharon Newman
8. Andrew Lourantos
9. Kirsty Smith

We no new nominations which means there is no one to take the Association forward into 2026.

Incorporated Societies Act 2022

As part of the revised Act, we are required to re-register by April 2026. An updated constitution presented at the last AGM did not achieve the required 75% vote to pass. Work on this has stalled



this year, and at present, there is no updated constitution. With the April deadline looming, and no committee, IBRA will be removed from the Incorporated Association register in April.

Email updates

We continued to send our monthly email updates throughout the year, collating news and stories relevant to Island Bay and Southgate, and have received positive feedback on their value.

Website and Social Media

Work on the website continued over the year. Due to the Association no longer being viable, the website will be closed to avoid the annual website and domain name fees.

Meetings, Community events and Projects

We continued our monthly committee meetings, all with an open session, on the 3rd Wednesday of the month; the day was changed to accommodate committee and venue availability. A small number of residents regularly attend the open session.

We held one community update meeting and one meeting to discuss the issue of buses on Derwent Street. We hosted a Meet the Candidates night for the Southern Ward and the Mayoralty.

We hosted the Halloween Trick or Treat stand and Sausage sizzle in October, held an Easter Egg hunt in Shorland Park and undertook a community clean-up along the Parade. Several committee members volunteered at the Island Bay Festival on the IBRA stand. We conducted a repeat of the 2023 community survey.

We completed the pātaka kai and launched it with a community blessing.

I attended the monthly Wellington Residents' Association Network meetings.

Andrew Lourantos participated in the monthly Southern Community Update meetings.

Alex MacGibbon has attended meetings with WCC to progress the climate change discussions relevant to the South Coast.

Community fund

Thanks to grants from WCC, we have continued our small community fund aimed at supporting community initiatives/activities. 3 grants of \$100 were awarded for the 2024-2025 financial year:

- St Hilda's SPACE program
- Island Bay School Fair. Grant to help with the cost of waste management.
- Festival Summer Showcase. Grant for venue hire.

Looking ahead to 2026

It is with some sadness that the future for IBRA is no more. I want to think it is because the community is in a good place, thriving, with everyone living busy and full lives.

It is not necessary to have a Residents' Association to host regular community-focused events that allow people to connect and work towards a shared goal of keeping Island Bay a great place to live, work, and play – so keep them coming to support and grow our community!

Sheila Hart
Chair 2025