



**Minutes of the Thorndon Residents' Association
Annual General Meeting
Held on Tuesday 23 May 2017
At the Thorndon Hotel
Commencing 7.00 p.m.**

Present: Marion Cowden (Chair and Treasurer), Richard Murcott (Deputy Chair),
Committee Members: Melissa Ludlow, Brian Ludlow, David Middleton, Lance
Gunderson; Trevor Glogau
Iona Pannett, Nicola Young, City Councillors
Mike Mendonça (WCC) and Ashleigh Brown (WREMO) - presenters
Sixteen residents

Apologies: Mayor Justin Lester, David Shick, WCC Town Planner.

Item	Minute
1	<p>The Chair opened the meeting at 7 p.m. She welcomed representatives from the Wellington City Council and from the Wellington Regional Council.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Mayor Justine Lester and David Shick, WCC Town Planner.</p>
2	<p>2.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 26 ay 2016 had been circulated to members and were taken as read.</p> <p>The meeting noted that the minutes were reviewed by the committee following last year's meeting and the committee agreed that they are an accurate reflection of proceedings.</p> <p>The minutes were confirmed as a correct record. Moved Marion Cowden, Seconded Melissa Ludlow</p> <p>2.2 Matters Arising The Chair advised that key matters arising were covered in the reports later in the agenda.</p>
3	<p>3.1 Chair's Report The Chair's Report had been circulated along with the Treasurer's Report and papers for this meeting. Key points of the report were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We continued to work with Wellington Regional Emergency Management Office and held a successful community workshop in June 2016.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graffiti clean-up responses in Thorndon presently are generally good. It is recommended residents use the Fixit app to report incidences of graffiti. This is on the TRA website. • Thorndon parking zones continue to be an issue and progress is slow with WCC. • TRA continues to engage with Councillors and Council officers on matters affecting the area. <p>The Chair moved that the Chair’s Report along with the Treasurer’s Report be accepted. Seconded Lance Gunderson. Carried.</p>
4	<p>4.1 Election of Officers and Committee</p> <p>William Neal resigned as Chair during the year and the Committee elected Marion Cowden as Chair. Sadie Laurenson has agreed to return to the committee as secretary.</p> <p>The current committee members agreed to be available for re-election.</p> <p>The Chair advised that the Rules provide for a committee of between six and 20 members so asked for nominations from the floor. As there were none she suggested that if people were interested they contact a committee member on a one-to-one basis.</p> <p>She introduced committee members and declared these members duly elected. The members are:</p> <p>Chair: Marion Cowden Deputy Chair: Richard Murcott Secretary: Sadie Laurenson Treasurer: Melissa Ludlow Committee: Lance Gunderson Brian Ludlow Trevor Glogau David Middleton</p>
5	<p>5.1 Vote of Thanks to Supporters</p> <p>A vote of thanks was expressed to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wellington City Council for financial support and the interest of our councillors. • The Management of the Thorndon Hotel for providing the meeting room. • WREMO for its engagement on helping TRA develop the Community-driven response plan. • Various co-opted contributions, such as Chrissy Murcott’s representations of the TRA on post earthquake issues in Thorndon. • The TRA newsletter advertisers. • William Neal for his past service as Chair. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair also expressed thanks to all the financial members for their continuing support.
6	<p>General Business</p> <p>6.1 Queen’s Park</p> <p>Peter Steel, resident of Grant Road, spoke to a handout he had prepared on the bad state of Queen’s Park on the corner of Wadestown and Grant Roads. He detailed the history of</p>

	<p>the park and requested the TRA to consider supporting the upgrading of the park and encourage the Council to restore Queen’s Park into a valuable community asset .</p> <p>The Chair assured him that as a committee the TRA would be happy to consider the request and work with him on the matter.</p> <p>Iona Pannett undertook to pass the matter on to the Councillor who is responsible for parks in Wellington. She will also discuss the matter further with the Chair.</p> <p>6.2 Assistance from WCC in the Planting of Banks Koenraad Kuiper asked if the WCC can provide planting guidance to stop weeds growing on the many banks around Thorndon.</p> <p>Cr Young will follow this up with council officers.</p>
7	<p>Guest Speakers</p> <p>7.1 Mike Mendonça, Chief Resilience Officer WCC Richard Murcott introduced Mike to the meeting who presented on the work that is being done to develop resilience strategies for Wellington.</p> <p>7.2 Ashleigh Brown, WREMO David Middleton introduced Ashleigh who spoke on the development of the Emergency Hubs and the Hub Kit.</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.</p>