



**DRAFT Minutes of the Thorndon Residents' Association
Annual General Meeting 2025
held Wednesday, 14 May at 6pm at
Backbencher Gastro Pub, Molesworth St**

Present: Chair Richard Murcott, Secretary, Melissa Ludlow, Treasurer Roger Paterson and Committee member Peter Steel, 22 residents and one guest

1. **Welcome:** The Chair welcomed everyone (22 attendees) to the meeting and extended a particular welcome to Wellington City Councillors Nicola Young, Iona Pannett and the guest speaker Ms Jane O'Loughlin.

Apologies: Marion & Geoff Eades, Alison and Koenraad Kuiper and Eric Hanley, Olivia Pierre and Marilyn Powell. There being no other apologies Richard Murcott moved that the apologies be accepted, seconded Peter Steel. Carried.

2. **Confirmation of previous minutes:**

The Chair noted that the minutes of last year's meeting had been circulated via the TRA website and can be taken as read. The Committee agreed that the published 2024 Annual Report, Performance Report and Agenda, are a reflection of last year's proceedings. Minutes were reviewed by the committee following last year's meeting and the committee agreed that they are an accurate reflection of proceedings. With no key matters arising the Chair moved, that the records available be confirmed as a correct record. Moved Richard Murcott, seconder Peter Steel Carried

3. **Chair's Report and Performance Report**

The Chair's 2025 report along with the Performance Report for the financial year ended 31 March 2025 had been circulated via the website as required by the Charities Commission. The Chair drew attention to the key points including the financial statement and the EoY financial position bank balance of \$5,458.00. Roger Paterson reminded those at the meeting that TRA changed the subscription year to match our financial year, so annual subscriptions are now due. The fees remain unchanged at \$15/year. Membership is growing, there are currently 50 paid up members.

Richard highlighted key activity TRA became engaged in:

1. Stormwater issues: St Mary's Street
2. New road layouts: disruption and safety issues
3. Slippery paint coatings on Tinakori Road: video of scooter accidents noting a 2-3 week WCC timeframe to fix
4. Submission to WCC's Regulatory Processes Committee: consultation is missing
5. Access to Botanic Garden including parking access: ongoing

6. Traffic Management Plan: reversing decision to close northern end of Tinakori Road and closing Davis Street
7. Released Qtly newsletters: back on schedule, process documented and a thanks to Chrissy Murcott and Melissa Ludlow

The chair, on behalf of the Association expressed appreciation to Alistair Boyce of the Backbencher for supporting this meeting, to all the Committee members, and to Maxine Glogau who manages the TRA Facebook site and to all those Councillors who were so accessible for listening and representing the issues. And many other businesses and residents near and far who helped and participated. There was considerable volunteer effort during the 24/25 year.

The Association has had active participation within the Wellington Residents' Association Network's (WRAN) via monthly online meetups.

Progress continues with Friends of Queen's Park (QP), the Chair thanked QP supporters for their continued dedication.

Both the Chair and the Treasurer encouraged everyone to use the TRA website [Thorndon Residents' Website](#) for information on what is going on around Thorndon and asked all to follow TRA on Facebook.

The chair moved that acceptance of the Chair's report. Seconded Roger Paterson Carried.

4. **Election of Officers and Committee**

The Chair advised that he is available for re-election. Melissa Ludlow, Roger Paterson, Peter Steel and Lance Gunderson are available for reelection. Olivia Pierre has stepped down and the Chair thanked Olivia for her contribution over the preceding 12 months.

In the absence of further nominations the Chair announced that the committee for 2024-25 would be

Chair: [Richard Murcott](#)

Deputy Chair: Vacant

Secretary: Melissa Ludlow

Treasurer: Roger Paterson

Committee: Peter Steel; Lance Gunderson; one vacancy

The Chair emphasised the importance of occasional support for committee activities e.g. newsletter delivery, research on submissions. If you are able to lend a hand, please reach out to a committee member or contact Richard Murcott directly.

The chair also noted the benefit of volunteering and building social capital.

The chair moved that the committee nominations be adopted. Seconded Helen Heffernan Carried

5. **Vote of thanks to supporters**

- Tommy's Real Estate, Barry O'Brian for sponsoring the Newsletter, printing approximately 2,000 newsletter each quarter
- Members and volunteers who deliver the Newsletter
- Anita from i4Websitedesign for all her work on the maintaining the TRA website
- Maxine Glogau for managing instagram adverts and TRA's Facebook site

- WCC, specifically acknowledging the \$1,000 Social and Recreation Fund contribution
- Alistair Boyce from the Back Bencher venue
- Councillors who have actively supported, taken TRA phone calls and actively engaged with TRA. Chair acknowledged their tough job and wished Councillors the best for the upcoming election

6. Community Notices

The Chair noted the following useful resources:

- Peter Steel acknowledged the contribution from the George Denton Trust, enabling the Friends of QP to purchase electric power tools allowing the planting of exotic trees and plants all that much easier.
- Peter Steel expressed the communities gratitude to [Richard Murcott](#) for his ongoing leadership and dedication in researching and advocating for the community on matters both large and small.
- Council officers actively impeding consultation issue was raised with general discussion on how to avoid a repeat and thinking optimistically.

The formal business concluded at 6:24pm and the meeting was then addressed by [Jane O'Loughlin](#), of Livewellington

7. Meeting closed