



Annual Report Year Ending 31 March 2025

Introduction

Over the past year, the Association has remained actively engaged with a variety of community and infrastructure issues, ensuring that Thorndon/Pipitea perspectives are heard by City Councillors and Council officers when appropriate. We've advocated for, or when necessary, compelled consultation to occur with the objective of delivering better, practical, balanced community-centered solutions. This report is in the form of a diary to illustrate just some of the many activities and achievements since our last AGM.

May 2024

The Thorndon Quay Collective Inc, comprises businesses concerned for improved consultation on the Thorndon Quay project, its infrastructure, parking, and pedestrian safety issues. We had representation at a robust meeting with WCC's infrastructure officers, which addressed serious anomalies arising from this Wellington City Council (WCC) project.

August 2024

Stormwater sump cleaning incident in Hobson St. This led to an investigation by WCC of the maintenance process and the effectiveness of that segment of the drainage system.

Engaged with the Chair of WCC's Infrastructure Committee concerning the matter of the considerable investment on top of Thorndon Quay vs the deterioration of the pipe infrastructure below it.

New speed bumps in Hill Street raised concerns; summarised as "*scars from the war on cars*". Adjustments were made to these speed humps.

We supported challenges to a decision to remove a bus stop on Hutt Road near Sar Street, highlighting the inadequacy of proper consultation. Unfortunately this stop was still decommissioned.

Association officers engaged with the Wellington Bridge Club to support their efforts to install an automated external defibrillator (AED).

Updated the Thorndon and Pipitea Community Emergency Hub Guide. Published the update on the TRA website; navigate from the webpage tagged [Emergency Response](#).

September 2024

WCC commissioned pavement artwork in Thorndon Quay to commemorate a historic stream. But it doesn't mark where the stream was actually located. This highlighted how residents' superior knowledge/evidence can differ from WCC's records, and how improved consultation may have helped.

Stormwater overflow issues arose in St Mary Street after WCC installed a pedestrian courtesy crossing without adequate consultation. This creates flooding risks (this matter has yet to be resolved). Also February below.

The Friends of Queens Park made a successful application to the George Denton Trust to fund improvements to the garden. The Association provided a framework in support of this application.

October 2024

Tinakori Road safety: Addressed concerns over a series of accidents on slippery painted road surfaces; with appreciation to Nimesh Patel's evidential videos.

Successfully challenged a proposal for a 16–24-week detour of Tinakori Road traffic for the duration of the new traffic light installation at the intersection with Hutt Road.

November 2024

The Association submitted concerns to WCC's Regulatory Processes Committee regarding the lack of robust consultation practices with the Association.

Worked with members/residents to explore options for a more balanced solution to Botanic Garden parking in Glenmore Street and Tinakori Road.

The Association submitted feedback to the Ombudsman's survey on WCC transparency and LGOIMA processes (official information).

December 2024

Meeting with Councillor Free, Chair of WCC Regulatory Processes Committee, and Liam Hodgetts, Chief Planning Officer, regarding options to improve Botanic Garden access.

Liaised with the Friends of the Wellington Botanic Garden.

January 2025

Familiarisation walkabout with Councillors Free and Calvert to view potential Botanic Garden access options.

February 2025

Published the Summer Newsletter.

Lodged a LGOIMA request with WCC to see whether any best practice calculations exist for secondary stormwater overflow analysis (bottom of St Mary Street). None became apparent.

March 2025

Successfully challenged a Downer proposal for a 6 week one-way traffic management plan in Davis Street. This was resolved with design modification to the road.

Feedback to WCC on the result of road reshaping in Molesworth Street, Murphy Street and Mulgrave Street; highlighting safety issues in downhill Murphy Street, and the denied right hand turn (cycles exempt) into Pipitea Street.

Highlighted a traffic management failure in Tinakori Road; lead traffic up Cottleville Terrace and related disruptions.

Other

The Association has also been represented at the monthly meetings of the Wellington Residents' Associations Network.

Through the considerable efforts of the Friends of Queens Park improvement to the garden is becoming increasingly noticeable from Grant Road.

Looking Ahead

We will continue to advocate for better, transparent consultation processes, public safety improvements, and the enhancement of our green spaces. Ongoing projects include improving Botanic Garden access (parking), road infrastructure safety issues, and whatever else may help improve liveability for the Thorndon/Pipitea community.

Appreciations

I wish to highlight my appreciation to the TRA Committee and members who have made valued contributions during the past year.

We thank Tommy's Real Estate for sponsoring the Association's newsletter.

Thank you to our webmaster Anita, and Maxine our Facebook wrangler.

We acknowledge and appreciate funding assistance from WCC's Social and Recreation Fund.

Appreciation to the Backbencher Gastropub for support with the AGM venue.

For further information please visit our [website](https://www.thorndon.org.nz/) or contact a Committee member.

Richard Murcott

Chair

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