

Inner-City Association (ICA)



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Residents and
Business
Association

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Comfort Hotel
213-223 Cuba St
Meeting Room, Level 1
Tuesday 10 May 2011 at 6:00 pm

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes

1. Attendees:

Gus Charteris, David Wood, Iona Pannett, Tony Hiles, Tony Stratford, Sharon Ellis, Jennifer Pelvin, Debbie Stanton, Rachel Wilkinson, Ian McKinnon, Chris Gray, Grant Firth, Stella Bridge, John Harris, Geraldine Murphy, Carole and Willy McLeod, Roger and Marion Kiddle, Anna Locker-Lampson

2. Apologies

Danny McGrath, David and Bronwyn Wallis, Jean Phipps and Maarten Young, Celia Wade-Brown, Christopher Butler, Esme Ridgeway

3. Chair's report

The Chair thanked the Committee and attendees for their support and attendance at meetings during the year, and provided a summary of activities and future opportunities.

The Chair noted that ICA had received a grant of \$7669 from WCC in response to a joint proposal with the Newtown Business Association to enable a coordinator to be employed to increase the awareness among businesses in the inner-city and in Newtown of the two relatively new associations. The Chair asked for any suggestions of people who could undertake this role (communications/marketing background ideal) and proposed establishing a small working group to take this forward. People interested should contact Gus Charteris (021 384 544) or email gus.charteris@mfat.govt.nz.

The Chair also noted that a joint submission with the Enterprise Miramar Peninsula group had been made to the WCC Draft Annual Plan process outlining opportunities to better cater for the needs of the many small and medium enterprises in the Wellington area.

See attached for the full Chair's report.



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4. Treasurer's report and annual accounts

ICA's finances reflect the level of membership and the low expenses currently being incurred. The WCC Grant will be managed separately within the ICA accounts. See attached for financial details.



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5. Nominations and voting for Committee positions

Both the Chair (Gus Charteris) and the Vice President (David Wood) are standing down. Gus will continue in a role with the committee to assist with the implementation of the WCC Grant before leaving for Melbourne to complete his Phd at the end of the year. David Wood is also leaving Wellington, at the end of the month.

Iona Pannett moved a vote of thanks to both Gus and David for their efforts at meetings and behind the scenes since being involved in ICA. This was endorsed and seconded by Ian McKinnon.

The following nominations were seconded and agreed.

President: Geraldine Murphy (Moved Anna Locker-Lampson/seconded David Wood)

Vice President: Tony Hiles (Mvd Anna Locker-Lampson/sec'd Gus Charteris)

Treasurer: Grant Firth (Mvd Geraldine Murphy/sec'd David Wood)

(Note: nominations for Committee members did not take place, and people wishing to put their names forward should email wicraba@gmail.com.)

6. Guest speaker – Mark Buttar, Senior Sergeant responsible for Community Policing in Wellington

A summary of key points:

Community policing is about partnership, participation, prevention, protection.

Resources: Sergeant Matt Boyce oversees the community constable group for Wellington, which includes:

- A Community Constable in Eastern suburbs (based at Kilbirnie), Southern (based at Newtown), Central (Willie Williamson, currently on medical leave), Western (based at Karori), Northern (based at Johnsonville)
- 5 community engagement officers with portfolios of – university relationship (focus on educating students); CIB family violence; ethnic groups; youth; problem solving (graffiti is a major focus)
- Iwi liaison officer

Projects include university partnership (with WCC support) – eg Safe in the City campaign; supporting establishment of neighbourhood watch and neighbourhood vehicle patrols – information is provided to patrols weekly; colleges – driver education programmes. In the Hutt, council security cameras are monitored from the police station by volunteers, who alert the watch officers of any issues so cars/officers can be sent to problems. In Johnsonville, the local community newspaper is used to publish security camera photos to identify person concerned.

Wellington City has a unique challenge due to the number of events that have to be managed within existing resources, eg protests at Parliament (approx 90 pa); marches/parades (12 pa), VIP events (30 pa), plus sporting events, concerts. In total, approx 200 events in total each year that have to be resourced from existing Police numbers - Community Constables are constantly drawn into those events, along with other Police staff, which can interfere with our day-to-day core community policing activities.

What can residents/businesses do?

- Security cameras – need quality images to be effective in identifying individuals and clothing that can help link person to an incident; images are passed within Wellington City stations, and then out to greater Wgtn area as many problems are caused by people coming into Wgtn
- Report the problems – eg,
 - if tagging is occurring ring 111 and they'll endeavour to send a car; operators will forward to 381 2000 if not considered urgent
 - take photos if possible and useful and email any graffiti stuff to jane.gowans@police.govt.nz
 - if a public area is regularly being used for drinking at night, take photos of the resulting rubbish before cleaning up and log the call on the 381 2000 number
 - logged calls feed into fortnightly intelligence meetings to determine which areas need more targeted action – no logged calls indicates no problem
- Neighbourhood watch groups/vehicle patrols – if people are interested in establishing for their street, contact Matt Boyce - 381 2000, and he will make arrangements with you

Concerns raised by attendees:

- Presence of police on foot in the inner city is key to managing anti-social behaviour
- Work with university needs to build in message of having respect for other people's private property
- Inconsistent responses to receipt of security camera footage by Wellington Central – no action is taken and no response
- Taggers are known to residents/businesses and Police but often can't prosecute – how can this be changed? What role can ICA play?
- Issue with not being able to apply liquor ban on private property
- Liquor ban not being enforced – or being enforced without using discretion; want zero tolerance
- Need to have more concentrated efforts on particular issues as these seems to have an effect – but need to be on a regular cycle as problem builds up over time

Areas of future engagement:

- Investigate implementing in central Wellington the security camera monitoring approach used in the Hutt.
- Investigate options for publishing security camera photos in inner-city focused paper.

7. General business

There was not time for general business as the guest speaker generated a lot of debate. Matters of general business can be raised at the monthly meetings.