

Inner City Association Annual General Meeting

6:00 – 7:30 pm, Wednesday 26 April 2017

CQ Hotel, 213 -223 Cuba Street Wellington.



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AGENDA

1. Apologies

2. Confirmation of last year's Minutes

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You should bring a copy with you for your reference - paper or e-copy of last year's minutes and this document.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

4. Chair's Report (Appendix 1)

5. Treasurer's Report (Appendix 2)

6. Election of Officers

- Chair - John Albertson
- Deputy Chair - Geraldine Murphy
- Secretary - [No nominations have been received](#)
- Treasurer - Grant Firth
- Committee:
 - Anna Locker-Lampson
 - David Webb
 - Sarah Webb
 - Chrissy Hill
 - Clive Moon
 - Wendy Armitage
 - Yon Yi Sohn

7. Change of Name

Motion:

That the name of the organisation change:

From:

Wellington Inner-City Residents and Business Association Incorporated

To:

Inner-City Wellington Incorporated

8. Strategic Plan

Overview of Three Year Strategic Plan

Motion:

That the Three Year Strategic Plan be adopted

9. Subscriptions

Motion:

That a two-tier membership and an increased subscription fee be implemented from 1 April 2017 as:

- \$26 pa (50c / week) for residents, residential property owners, non-profit organisations
- \$52 pa (\$1 / week) for body corporates, commercial property owners, public/private organisations

Notes:

- A person who is a resident and property owner would only pay one fee.
- All residents in a household will be covered by the one subscription.

Rationale:

That ICW provides:

- monitoring
- advocacy
- lobbying role

that provides value to residents, property owners and organisations in the inner city.

While costs are low thanks to the generous support from:

- CQ Hotel for the venue
- the \$1500 contribution from the WCC Social and Recreation Fund for residents and progressive associations

ICW is constrained by funding to undertake activities that promote and increase awareness of the organisation.

10. Constitution

Update on review of the Constitution in anticipation of changes to the Incorporated Societies Act, which will be submitted to the 2018 AGM.

11. General Business

11.1. Website update overview:

- David Webb

11.2. Enable members to be more involved in topics of interest without being on the Committee:

11.3. Areas of priority for 2017-2020 that require a 'lead':

- Community resilience in the inner city will be an area of focus for WCC this coming year and ICW needs to be at the table, but we need a lead.

11.4. ICA Operational changes:

- Monthly committee meetings
- Bi-monthly meetings with Councillors
- Bi-monthly meetings Neighbourhood Police team.

Appendix 1: Chair's Report for 2016/17

This was another busy year for ICA with the key focus being related to earthquake-prone building activities, strategic planning, alcohol-related and begging initiatives.

Seismic Strengthening Seminars

Six seminars were jointly hosted with the Body Corporate Chair's Group (BCCG) and Wellington City Council. Attendance ranged from around 50 to around 150 over the course of the year. There continues to be a high level of interest in obtaining information on how to progress and address the challenges of seismic strengthening projects, particularly in a body corporate environment. Access to finance continues to be a challenge along with the need for an advisory service to help owners and body corporates to progress complex and expensive projects.

Earthquake-prone buildings - papers and submissions

A joint BCCG and ICA position paper calling for financial assistance and advisory support for owners undertaking seismic strengthening was distributed to the media on 30 January 2017. An article in the Online NBR picked up this story. The BCCG and ICA are working on how a 'lender of last resort' mechanism could work to provide access to finance for those owners who cannot access funds through retail channels.

ICA submitted responses in early February on two consultation papers on regulations under the Building (Earthquake-prone buildings) Amendment Act 2016, which comes into force on 1 July 2017, and a prescribed methodology for assessment the seismic strengthen of existing buildings. The latter is to address the variability of seismic ratings that many owners have experienced.

These documents are in the library part of our website: <https://innercitywellington.nz/library/>

Other activities:

Community Reference Group (CRF) in the governance framework established by the Health Promotion Agency for the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

This group has a national perspective and an issues paper has been sent to the Strategic Leadership Group (which represents the agencies responsible for the wider outcomes of the Act). The paper highlights that despite the intention of the Act to enable increased input from communities this is not always being achieved. The three community groups on the CRF wrote to the Office of the Auditor-General seeking a performance audit of the District Licensing Committees (DLC), but unfortunately this is deemed outside the OAG mandate. In the CRF, we

highlighted the need to canvas wider feedback on how DLC are performing around the country from a community's perspective. The mechanism to do this is still being investigated.

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WCC's Alcohol Forum:

ICA is a participant in the WCC-initiated Alcohol Forum, a multi-stakeholder group set up to identify solutions to address some of the alcohol-related issues arising in the CBD. The group's overall objective is to 'minimise alcohol related harm in Wellington CBD (particularly Courtenay Place) while maintaining vibrancy in the central city'. Members include Police, Hospitality industry (licensees/orgs), DHB, ACC, WCC staff, Medical Officer of Health, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons and ICA. ICA is represented by Geraldine Murphy, Sarah Webb, Wendy Armitage, David Webb at the Forum and work streams.

Four work streams are being progressed:

1. Creating a safe environment (3Ts – transport, takeaways, toilets), urban design and safe zones) – this is looking at removing cars from Blair and Allen Streets to improve pedestrian flow and safety and visibility for Police and reduce side-loading in the cars. This would enable better queue management by bars by allowing more space and separating outdoor areas from the queues.
2. Eyes on and collective consequences for bad behaviours: this is investigating a similar initiative to the retail EYES On model, where bar security staff can alert each other to patrons who have been removed or refused entry due to intoxication. The mechanism for this is still being investigated.
3. Social Marketing: this would build on the Check Yourself campaign for the start of the university year.
4. Lions Tour: this is to look at how to manage the increase in numbers while the Lions are in Wellington.

Begging:

Sarah Webb and John Albertson participated in the workshops in 2016 on addressing the begging issue. The outcome was to continue to with current initiatives, such as Local Hosts and other groups contacting those begging to ensure they were accessing their full benefit entitlements. Lambton Ward Councillors advised that no extra resources had been made available for these initiatives. Committee members advised that ICA would support increased funding for these initiatives. However, retail members continue to be concerned about the impact on their customers and their business of people begging in the immediate vicinity, particularly where the behaviour is intimidating to others. This topic will continue to be an area of activity.

WCC submissions:

ICA submitted on the Animal Control Bylaw, particularly pigeons. This topic got the highest response to any survey 87 members (25%) responded. The result was a no feeding ban, with no enforcement provisions. Time will tell how effective that will be. ICA also submitted on the draft Long Term Plan and Annual Plans.

ICA strategic planning

Since October 2016, the Committee has met four times, with many emails in between, to develop a coherent framework for our organisation. After nearly 10 years (10th birthday on 3 November 2018) it was timely, and possibly overdue, to have a strategic review of where we have come from and what the future direction should be. While continuity is important, there needs to be new people coming through in the Committee and involved in activities of the organisation so it continues to be effective and sustainable.

ICA acknowledges the support of WCC through its grant to residents and progressive associations and the support of CQ Hotels by providing the venue at no cost. Without this support, it would be difficult for ICA to provide the advocacy and information provision service on behalf of and for our members. While our financial members have decreased from 77 in 2016 to 46, our overall email membership remains strong (around 350). I hope that this ratio improves in the future.

Thank you to all the Committee members for their support and to Jean Phipps, who is standing down this year. Particular thanks to Sarah, David, Wendy, John, Grant for attending various meetings for ICA over the past year.

I look forward to seeing you at the AGM for the formal re-launch of the new name and strategic plan.

Geraldine Murphy

Chair

Appendix 2: ICA Financial Statement for 2016/2017

1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017

	Current 2017	Last Year 2016
Opening Balance	853.42	553.35
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Income		
Subscriptions	460.00	759.80
Donations	0.00	0.00
Christmas Social Tickets	0.00	0.00
WCC ICA Grant + refund #	2,156.28	1500.00
WCC Project Grant (Eyes On)	0.00	10100.00
	<u>Total Income</u>	<u>12359.80</u>
	<u>\$2,616.28</u>	
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Expenses		
Meeting Expenses *	625.96	1455.43
Website & Software License (Survey Monkey)	777.44	345.65
Christmas Social	74.58	83.00
Eyes On Project	0.00	10168.65
Bank Fees	2.80	7.00
	<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>12059.73</u>
	<u>\$1,480.78</u>	
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Assets		
Kiwibank Account	1,988.92	853.42
Liabilities	0.00	0.00
	<u>Total Income</u>	<u>12359.80</u>
	<u>Less Expenses</u>	<u>12059.73</u>
	<u>Income/Deficit</u>	<u>300.07</u>
	<u>\$1,135.50</u>	

WCC - Grant \$1500 + reimburse meeting venue cost \$656.28

* Meeting Expenses: includes refreshment for 2 of the 4 committee meetings and \$200 donation on behalf of CQ to Cystic Fibrosis plus Speaker Gifts @ \$75.96.