



## Minutes AGM 22 July '25 held at Avebury House

Murray welcomed everyone and especially our guest speaker Hinerangi Pere from Orion, who talked to us about the Community Energy Activation Project.

This project was a collaboration between Are Ake, Orion Group and the Community Energy Network and 9 community groups participated over a 12 weeks course.

To learn about energy, connect and explore and develop their own energy projects around community energy needs.

You can find more information and watch a short video here:

<https://www.ceactivator.co.nz/>

At 7.45pm, we started our AGM.

### **Present**

Murray James (chair), Liesbeth van Bruchem, Hayley Guglietta, Ewout van Bruchem, Rachel Crawford, David Duffy, Emily Low, Jenna Kelly, Craig Given, Kate Palmer, Helen MacDonald, Sunita Gautam, Pauline Cotter, Trevor Cattermole, Chris Carter, Nick Hughes.

### **Apologies**

Ross Skinner, Cheryl Doig, Alexandra Davids, Kate Latimer.

The minutes from last year's AGM (23 July '24) were moved by Chris and seconded by Hayley and accepted by all.

### **Report from the Chair**

Murray presented his chair's 2024/2025 report.

The year has flown by quickly. Murray had to fill Mr Duffy's shoes after last years AGM and can't believe that 12 months have passed already.

Murray is happy to carry on for another year.

A chair's report often talks about the happenings that have gone on in the past year, but those events are well highlighted in the newsletters that get sent out, plus in the impact report that our capacity builder is working on.

You are welcome to read these. Just ask for a copy.

Murray wanted to acknowledge the people that get the work done, for their commitment and their energy in the space. He is positive that businesses in the area appreciate us too.

Furthermore, he wanted to single one person out and that is Hayley Guglietta, who is now stepping down as treasurer and committee member, because she has decided to run for councillor for the Central Ward.

Hayley has been fundamental in a lot of projects and has done enormous work in the community. We thank her and wish her all the best with her campaign.

Murray pointed out that we as WAR need to promote voting and tell everyone to exercise their right to vote.

In this coming year, we will get Petrie Park to a conclusion, which has been an awesome project and will be a great amenity for Richmond.



The Shirley pool is scheduled to open later this year too and has been a good collaboration between Shirley Village and Dallington.

And the 10 Shirley Road project will go back to the community board in September. It has an endorsement from us and will be a great asset for Richmond and Shirley. If the budget is not completely spent, it will be available for use (hopefully) in Richmond.

WAR will also still do smaller scale projects like guerrilla gardening/weeding sessions and anything else that comes up.

### **Treasurer's report**

Hayley presented the July treasurer's report and it was noted that most money in the account has been allocated for Petrie Park. The Urban Forest team from council will plant the big trees and the smaller trees and shrubs will be planted at a community day, most likely the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August '25.

After that, the pavilion will be constructed.

A third year UC intern is working on a soil project and will bring together all the work that's been done and get findings to know: where to from here?

We briefly touched on the money for Shirley pool. This is not held by WAR, the funds are held by Shirley Intermediate. They have their own committee. The new fence was sponsored by the Lion Foundation and DIA lotteries and the clean up was done by volunteers.

Some more money to be spent will be for the Civil Defence Plan.

A flyer has gone out to 2500 households already via the RCN and the information is on our website.

<https://wearerichmond.co.nz/rrba/civil-defence-plan/>

We then talked about the tier 4 report, which is the only reporting we need to do as an incorporated society and registered charity.

The treasurer's report was moved to be adopted by Murray and seconded by Chris.

### **Election of officers**

- Chair: Murray James (Nominated by David Duffy, seconded by Cheryl Doig)
- Secretary: Liesbeth van Bruchem (Nominated by Murray James, seconded by Hayley Guglietta)
- Treasurer: Craig Given (Nominated by Murray James, seconded by Hayley Guglietta)

The following committee members were elected:

Chris Carter  
Ewout van Bruchem  
Jenna Kelly  
Nick Hughes  
Kate Palmer  
David Duffy

### **General Business**

Trevor mentioned that it is exceptional to see the work we do.

Hayley has been in touch with Nick the artist, who has not started yet because of the weather. He will incorporate in his mural that it's entrance only from North Avon Road.

He will also do a large tag on the yellow wall of the fish and chips shop.



We talked about our disappointment in another vape shop opening, next to Bin Inn.

Trevor emailed us the following information regarding rules and regulations:

Regulatory guidelines for retailers of vaping and other notifiable

products: <https://www.health.govt.nz/regulation-legislation/vaping-herbal-smoking-and-smokeless-tobacco/requirements/regulatory-guidelines>

Location requirements for specialist vape retailers: <https://www.health.govt.nz/regulation-legislation/vaping-herbal-smoking-and-smokeless-tobacco/selling-vaping-or-other-notifiable-products/location-requirements-for-specialist-vape-retailers>

**AND**

<https://info.health.nz/contact-us/make-a-smoking-or-vaping-complaint/more-information-about-making-a-smoking-or-vaping-complaint>

We may need to monitor what the impact is and do a post on social media asking for feedback from the community.

Plus we can file a complaint by emailing the Ministry of Health:

[vapingandsmoking@health.govt.nz](mailto:vapingandsmoking@health.govt.nz)

In the space where Meepleopolis used to be, we will be getting King's book and stamp shop. They are currently on Warrington Street.

David mentioned that Think Beyond has created a small A6 card with QR code for the elections.

It's called: 'what the future' and spurs people on to ask the right questions.

Check it out here: <https://thinkbeyond.co.nz/blog/whatthefuture/>

Sunrise Rotary has organised a meet the candidates evening at the Richmond Club on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September. See flyer.

A flyer for a 'Save the Date' event. The top section has a dark blue background with the text 'WEDNESDAY SEPT 3' in large white letters and 'SAVE THE DATE' in large yellow letters. Below this, in smaller white text, it says 'to meet and hear from Central Ward - Councillor Candidates standing for Local Body Elections'. To the right is the Rotary Christchurch Sunrise logo. The middle section has a white background with a yellow box containing 'WEDNESDAY SEPT 3 AT 5.45PM FOR 6.15 THE JUNCTION ROOM, RICHMOND CLUB'. Below this, it lists two bullet points: 'Hear Candidate individual statements and presentations' and 'Participate in a moderated Q&amp;A session'. It also mentions 'Light finger food provided, bar service available'. The bottom section has a dark blue background with a yellow box containing 'Registrations open in August, limited places available' and the website 'sunriserotary.org.nz'.

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And Delta Community will celebrate their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a party on the 19<sup>th</sup> of August '25. RSVP by the 1<sup>st</sup> of August. See flyer.



Rachel mentioned that the Laura Fergusson Brain Injury Trust has a ground breaking ceremony on the 21<sup>st</sup> of August. Only a handful of people are invited, but it will be good if Rachel and Murray attend.

We Are Richmond has secured an intern from the Pace internship program. She will have 140 hours to work on a document regarding the Spring Fair which will benefit the Richmond Community Garden and Avebury House too.

Hopefully we can get another intern to help with marketing etc specifically for WAR.

David wanted to thank whoever re-installed the lighting on the footpath to Avebury House. It's so much easier to find our way now.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm.

These minutes have been approved by those charged with governance:

Date	_____	Date	_____
Signature	_____	Signature	_____
Name	_____	Name	_____
Position	_____	Position	_____