



Minutes meeting 24 Feb '26 held at Avebury House

Present

Murray James (chair), Liesbeth van Bruchem, Rachel Crawford, David Duffy, Kate Palmer, Chris Carter, Hayley Guglietta, Nick Hughes, Jenna Kelly, Craig Given, Michael Burson.

Apologies

Ross Skinner, Ewout van Bruchem, Cheryl Doig.

Murray welcomed everyone and we started the meeting at 7.04pm.

The minutes from the January meeting were accepted as true and correct, with one correction to Helen Macdonald's name. Not with a capital D. Sorry ,Helen.

Correspondence

Liesbeth mentioned that the path on Eveleyn Couzins has been filled in with gravel. Next decision about the path will be in March/April and it could be decided to asphalt it.

Rachel discussed that she asked if it was possible to have dogs in the Avebury paddling pool, for the walking festival in March/April, but this is not allowed, because the filters can't cope.

Nick mentioned that he still has not received a memo regarding Dudley street.

Rachel to send a follow up email from WAR.

We briefly talked about the Life in Christchurch survey that most of us have filled in. You could give feedback about:

- The 2025 local government election
- What you enjoy about your neighbourhood and the issues or challenges your neighbourhood may be facing.
- What influences and shapes your sense of community.

We would have appreciated an email opportunity where you can opt in to have your answers emailed back to you and we would like to find out the results, so we can work on issues that residents have pinpointed for Richmond. Rachel to find out from the **The Monitoring and Research Team** from council who sent out the survey.

Update from the chair

Murray talked about his disappointment with council that there has been no communication or engagement regarding the proposed development in the redzone between Fitzgerald Ave and Stanmore Road.

Hayley said she talked to Dave (Redzone manager) who explained that they want to do projects in the redzone and not sell the land.

WAR, Richmond Community Garden, Avon Otakaro Network, all would like to be involved in shaping these projects.

Murray and Rachel to email the Waipapa/Papanui/Innes/Central Board, the redzone rangers, and the Park team.

We will also attend the Mayoral meeting/Resident's Group Forum and ask direct questions.



See below to register.

Thursday, 19 March from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the **Multicultural Centre—[455 Hagley Avenue](#)**, Function Room 1, Ground Floor.

If you haven't had a chance to visit the Multicultural Centre yet, here's a link that provides venue information: (<https://mrcc.org.nz>).

Email: Mayorinvite@ccc.govt.nz to register for the forum and provide the following information by **10 March**:

- Your residents' group name
- Your name
- The name of any other individuals you're registering on behalf of
- Any general or city-wide questions or topics you would like addressed at the forum

As at the past several forums, we'll have some of our Heads of Service there to talk about key projects and answer any questions you might have.

Please note that staff will be on hand during the second part of the event to answer your neighbourhood-specific questions.

We do want to ensure that this Forum is a good use of your time and ours, so a minimum registration of 20 residents will be required to ensure the Forum goes ahead.

Murray then talked about the pool project and inspection of the drains has been done. There's still some concrete to be dug up to see where the drains connect to and then hopefully everything can be reconnected.

The project at 10 Shirley Road is at the 'expression of interest' stage to find a construction contractor who can build to character and build well.

Treasurers report

Hayley presented the treasurers report.

Motion: to engage a consultant (Malcolm) to prepare paperwork for the pavilion consenting documents to council.

All in favour.

Motion: to give Hayley the authority to apply to the Rata foundation for funding (\$25,000).

All in favour.

Update from the Capacity Builder

Rachel talked about the event at Petrie Park, which was a success. We had a nice group of people who came with wheelbarrows, tools and lots of energy to transform the space.

A special thanks to Jason and his sons who live next to the park and came to help in their 'backyard'. And a special thanks to Hayley for getting the BBQ there and her continued hard work weed wacking, planting etc. Special thanks to Rachel for organising the sausage sizzle and for David, Cheryl and Kate preparing the food and feeding everyone.

Special thanks to Murray for tirelessly weed wacking the area, for Ewout and Lewis for their wheelbarrowing efforts, for Robert, Steve (and all the others I forgot to mention) for scooping up the mulch and spreading it out.



There will be another event in June where the 'crop circles' will be planted with edibles.

Rachel talked about the neighbourhood support meetings, which are occurring every other Wednesday at the Kainga Ora complex on Eveleyn Couzins Ave.

Next one is Wednesday the 25th of February from 11am and the last one will be on the 22nd of April. See below from Chris:

Neighbourhood Support is back at it in the Richmond area with the first event happening Wednesday 28th of January from 11am on the berm outside of 25 Eveleyn Couzins Ave. This event is the first in a series focused on improving neighbourhood connection in and around the Kāinga Ora complex, with over 55 households invited to attend.

If you or anyone from We Are Richmond would be free to pop in, please feel free. I'll have tea, coffee, and biscuits on hand.

The next RCAN meeting (Wednesday 22 April 2026 11am-12pm) will be at the Climate Action Campus next to the White Room space (in the City Nature Lab) where Sarah will have a talk regarding people's stories. Everyone welcome.

The Gala is on the 28th of March. Please indicate to Rachel if you can help out with preparing and/or on the day.

Kate talked about the Friendship Link at Delta. The focus is more and more on a training and skills based program and every Wednesday now they prepare food for lunch. This is a great opportunity and creates lots of smiles and a sense of pride.

Come on down between 11am and 12.30pm for an affordable lunch.

Ideas from January meeting

Please check the January minutes for a start to a document with ideas/issues that WAR can work on. To follow up/work on/add to and discuss in next meetings.

Michael from Sunrise Rotary invited everyone to come to the Richmond Club to attend their Friday morning meeting from 7am with breakfast after.

We appreciate the relationship with Sunrise and the connections that Ross has made.

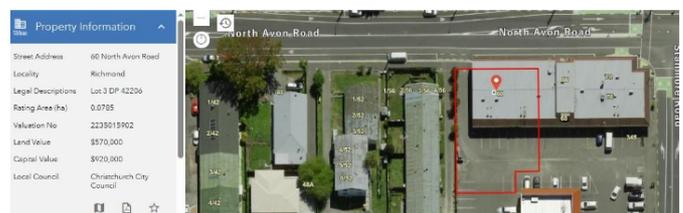
Working Groups

Roading

There's not much on the council website, but Craig and David will keep an eye on things regarding roadworks in the area.

Richmond Village

The state of the carpark at the Richmond Village is extremely poor again. Ross found out who the owners are and David prepared a letter to send to them. Murray will add to this letter before it gets sent and if there's no reply (we give them a deadline) we take next steps (Facebook etc).



60 North Avon Road – LOT 3 DP 42206



345 Stanmore Road - LOTS 1+2 DP 42206



Arts & Parks

Warden Street will soon be open again. There's a new path and a working bee is needed shortly, plus a planting day in winter.

Nick the artist still has the mural at Richmond Village on his radar.

Update from council

We just like to reiterate that we appreciate council's attendance and input and hope to see a representative next month!

General business

David indicated that there are some areas on the corner of Randall Street and Stapletons Road, and on Crystal Street and Randall Street that are in need of a weed-a-thon session. Rachel to organise this.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

The next meeting will be at Avebury House on Tuesday the 24th of March, from 7pm.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Action points		
Date added	Action	Who
24 Feb '26	Write email to Waipapa/Papanui/Innes/Central board regarding memo for Dudley Street	Rachel
24 Feb '26	Email CCC regarding Life in ChCh survey	Rachel
24 Feb '26	Email Waipapa/Papanui/Innes/Central Board, Redzone rangers and Park team regarding proposed development in redzone	Murray/Rachel
24 Feb '26	Add to David's letter regarding carpark and email it to owners	Murray/Rachel
24 Feb '26	Organise weed-a-thon sessions (Warden Street, Randall Street etc)	Rachel