



Annual General Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, 28 July 2026
Richmond Club, 7pm**

Present: Kate Palmer, David Duffy, Chris Carter, Murray James, Craig Given, Nick Hughes, Rachel Crawford, Cheryl Doig, Ross Skinner, Annie Smith, Margaret Steward, Jennifer Dalziel, Phillip Bell, Matt Boulton, Emma Pavey, Nadia Sole, Helen McDonald

Apologie: Hayley Guglietta, Suzie Power, Jake McLellan, Liesbeth van Bruchem, Ewout van Bruchem, Kate Latimer

Minutes from the 2025 Annual General Meeting: Murray James moved, Kate Palmer seconded. Adopted.

Report from the Chair:

“We have travelled round the sun once again and my view of this last year is that we delivered more of the same. We did some great things, our capacity builder did good work building collaborations across the community and overall we delivered value. Our challenge for this next spin around Sol is to bring back the joy, the excitement and the fun of being part of WAR. We will undertake this in an environment where Christchurch City Council is looking hard for savings to keep rates rises lower and our funding streams have an austerity target on them. We should expect to receive less financial support for our endeavours and as such – more of the same is just not good enough!

I am delighted to welcome Hayley back as our Treasurer and with this year's tier 4 report for ratification and additional financial information for the financial year ending 31st March 2026. You can see that there are very few transactions and that the actual spend of our funds is very clear.

For 2027, the items that loom large for me are:

- What can we do to activate the Shirley Community Centre and thereby develop additional amenity for not only Richmond but other adjacent neighbourhoods
- How to participate positively in the Go or No Go decision and subsequent work for the Te Oraka Community Pools.
- How can We Are Richmond collaborate with Riverlution on and Otakaro Orchard to activate the stretch of Otakaro from the city to Richmond. There are likely other projects of significance that may be of significance to our membership and tonight's AGM "a er party" is a chance to throw up ideas and drop them in the pot."

Many thanks to Matt Boulton, CCC Community Support and Partnerships for being our guest presenter – a past and future look at 10 Shirley Road is very relevant and will be enjoyed along with a beverage or two."

Murray spoke about as funding dwindles, it is becoming harder to do business as usual and We are Richmond is mindful of this. Volunteering needs to be more fun for We are Richmond, and he wants to return to the basics, to bring the fun back. Engage as many people as we can. Get out and make a difference. There is a need for transparency in funding. The majority of We are Richmond's funding is earmarked for Petrie Park. Te Oraka Community Pools is taking professional advice, and hopes to move forward with a budget. Depending on the feasibility report results, a continue or stop decision needs to be made.

Treasurer's Report: Accepted by David Duffy. Seconded by Nadia Sole.

Election of Officers:

Chair—Murray James (David/ Hayley)

Secretary—Nadia Sole (David/ Murray)

Treasurer—Hayley Guglietta (Murray/ David)

David Duffy moved that the nominations for the following **Committee Members** be accepted, seconded by Murray James

Suzie Power (Chris, Murray)

Annie Smith (David, Chris)

David Duffy (Murray, Hayley)

Craig Given (Chris, Murray)
Liesbeth van Bruchem (David, Hayley)
Chris Carter (David, Murray)
Kate Palmer (Murray, David)
Nick Hughes (Murray, David)

General Business

Laura Fergusson Brain Injury Trust has an official Bridge Opening on 14 August 1 pm. Please let Rachel know if you want to attend.



Phil Bell from St Vincent de Paul talked about the services offered at Stanmore Road Vinnies: food parcels, furniture and bedding, budget advice, firewood applications, and they also visit the lonely. Stanmore Vinnies is their main shop. Someone asked if it's possible to run an open day, to learn about what our local Vinnies branch offers.

Ross Skinner from Sunrise Rotary discussed the upcoming Elections Night Meet the Candidate on 21 October at Richmond Club, MCed by John Selwyn. Put this date in your calendars, a flyer will be created shortly.

Guest Speaker

Matt Boulton, Community Facilities Activation Manager spoke about the need for a group to activate and run the Shirley Road Facility at 10 Shirley Road.

He outlined three different styles of running the Shirley Community Facility:

- Managed by the existing Council booking system (no staff presence) (e.g. like the Aranui / Wainoni Community Centre, Hei Hei Community Centre, etc.)
- Managed in partnership with another legal entity (incorporated society, charity, etc.), where the site is run by the other party (e.g. the Multicultural Centre, Bromley Community Centre, etc). The conditions are set up in a peppercorn lease with costs shared between the parties, and the entity receiving all income from the site
- Managed in partnership with one or more legal entities, where parts of the facility are controlled by one or more of the groups, and the remainder by the Council. Usually the group pays a non-market rate for the room/space, and the Council covers most or all of the costs (e.g. Richmond Cottage, Matuku Sumner Centre, Philipstown Hub, etc.)

It was agreed that We are Richmond and meeting attendees want the Centre to be a warm, inviting, comfortable and welcoming space for all.

It was mentioned to write a letter proposing the Community Board to run an activation meeting for interested parties. What are the agendas of the many community groups in the area?

The meeting closed at 8:47pm.