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AGM report

The CPCA Annual General Meeting was held at the Churton Park Community Centre on 28 March 2025. It was attended by 40 people, 21 of whom were current CPCA members.

The meeting began with the award of Life Membership of the CPCA to John Morrison for his long service, both to the Association and to the wider Churton Park Community. John was an elected member of the CPCA Executive Committee between 2008 and 2020. He was Vice President from 2010 to 2020 and remains an active member of the Association, maintaining the website and providing a constant stream of support and advice.

This was followed by a summary by WCC Northern Ward Councillors Ben McNulty and John Apanowicz of the Wellington City Council Long-Term Plan Amendment, and Annual Plan for 2025/26.

After considering reports of the past year's work, elections were held to appoint officers for the year ahead. These were:

President: Brian Sheppard

Vice President: Graham Thomas

Honorary Secretary: Rod Stainer

Honorary Treasurer: Priya Baskaran

also **Kevin Arlidge, Simon Haynes, Stephen Morgan and Stuart Trounson** as Committee members.

Richard Whinam was re-elected as CPCA's Honorary Auditor.

Reports from the AGM are available on the CPCA website: <https://www.churtonpark.org.nz>

In the following weeks, CPCA reluctantly received the resignation of Kevin Arlidge, due to his other extensive commitments as President of the Returned & Services Association (RSA). Kevin had been Vice President of CPCA and had led our work in emergency response

planning. His contributions and experience will be sorely missed.

Simon Haynes and Stuart Trounson also resigned.

Constitution

On 24 June 2025 the New Zealand Companies Office accepted CPCA's application to reregister Churton Park Community Association as an incorporated society under the provisions of the Incorporated Societies Act 2022.

This followed submission of our Constitution, as approved at the 2025 AGM, a copy of which can be viewed in the CPCA website.

Review of the constitution

The AGM also noted that, in response to some concerns raised, the incoming committee would further review the Constitution over the coming year. This will take place over the next few months, allowing CPCA to lodge an amendment if required, following discussions and decisions at the 2026 AGM.

Members are welcome to offer suggestions for changes to the new constitution. Please send them by email to: churtonparkcommunity@gmail.com

Community events

CPCA has partnered with the Churton Park Community Centre to provide 3 Community events so far this year:

20 June: Matariki Children's treasure Hunt at Churton Park Reserve. CPCA purchased the prizes.

30 June: Puzzles Day at Churton Park Community Centre. CPCA provided supplies and help for a free sausage sizzle.

20 July: Kite Day at Churton Park Reserve. CPCA provided general assistance and cooks for a free sausage sizzle. Supplies donated by New World Churton Park.

These events have been a great success, thanks to the assistance of individuals, groups, organisations and businesses in Churton Park. That's what makes a great community.

Local Body Elections - 11 October 2025

The local body elections, for Wellington Mayor and for councillors for Wellington City Council Northern Ward (that's our ward), and for Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC). Elections will take place on Saturday 11 October.

This is the time to vote for the councillors who you feel will best serve the needs of our city and region. To help you make your choices, three local 'meet the candidates' evenings have been arranged. They are:

Tuesday 21 August * 7.30-9.30 pm (Doors open 7pm)
GWRC Candidates, at Johnsonville Community Centre Trust Room.

* This date is earlier than previously notified.

Wednesday 27 August 7.30-9.30 pm (Doors open 7pm)
Mayoral Candidates, at Johnsonville Community Centre Hall.

Wednesday 17 September 7.30-9.30 pm (Doors open 7pm)
Northern Candidates, at Johnsonville Community Centre Hall.

The events allow short presentations by each of the candidates, followed by answers to questions from electors.

Please make time to hear what your candidates have to say, and take the opportunity to ask them questions.

Enrol to have your say

If you're on the electoral roll, you can vote in the local elections where you live.

You can enrol if you're 18 or older, a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident, and have lived in New Zealand for more than one year continuously at some time in your life.

For information, check the Electoral Commission website: <https://vote.nz/enrolling/enrol-or-update/enrol-or-update-online/>

Larger community centre

CPCA continues to explore possibilities for a larger community centre in Churton Park. We have held a series of meetings with our councillors, council staff and the developer. These are tricky times for seeking investment, but we are pleased to report that the council and developer accept the need and are optimistic that they can find a feasible solution. We will let you know how things develop.

Emergency management

Although we will miss Kevin Arlidge's leadership in emergency management planning, all is not lost. Trevor Hawes, who also had career experience in this work, has agreed to continue this role for CPCA.

It is important to stress that, in the event of a major emergency, we will be on our own, possibly for many days. This means that each of us must ensure that we always have access to medicines, water and food, and anything else that is essential for our survival during the emergency.

Refer to the Wellington Region Emergency Management Office (WREMO) website for further advice: <https://www.wremo.nz/get-ready/home-ready/stay-informed/>

Renewing your CPCA membership

The new Constitution requires CPCA to develop a more formalised Membership Form.

In the meantime, if you would like to support CPCA as your advocate for matters affecting your community and suburb, please make donations by direct credit to our ASB account: **12 3223 0079397 00** specifying your name in the reference field.

CPCA is not a registered charity, so donations do not qualify for a tax rebate.