**Redcliffs Residents Association**

**Minutes of the 101st Annual General Meeting held at 7.00pm on Monday 17th April 2023 at the Redcliffs School Hall.**

**Present**: Committee members: Chris Doudney (AGM Chair and RRA Deputy Chair), Pat McIntosh (Secretary), Tony Burns (Treasurer), Ashley Rule, Peter Croft, Martin Ward, Robyn Pearson, Evan Price

Residents and others: Darren Fidler, Bob Thayer, Tim Lindley, Murray Woodward, Greg and Zara Fleming Potts, Hanno Sander, Sam Huston, Heather Davies, Bronwyn Goldschmidt, Angela and Allan Hughey, Alison McIntosh, Patricia and Grant Borrie, Andy Dowgray, Tanya Jenkins, Valerie Crichton, Clare Enborg.

**Apologies**: Christine Toner, Leigh-Anne Smith, Cllr Vicky Southworth, Fiona Miller, Calum McIntosh, John Cook, Chris Bartlett, Ann Ebert,

**Guest Speakers**: Councillor Sara Templeton

1. ***Welcome and introductions*.**

2. ***Minutes.***

 The minutes of the 100th AGM on 17th May 2022 were circulated. There were no matters arising or amendments. Martin Ward moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Peer Croft. Carried.

3. ***Chairman’s Report.***

 The Chairman’s report was read by Christine Toner, see Appendix A

 A motion to receive this was proposed by Chris Doudney, seconded by Pat McIntosh and carried.

4. ***Financial Report***

 The Financial Report for the year to 31 Dec 2022 was submitted to the meeting by the Treasurer. See Appendix B

 There were no questions.

 The acceptance of the Report was moved by Ashley Rule, seconded by Robyn Pearson and carried.

5. ***Election of Committee for 2023/24***

 *No additional nominations were received*:

 The following members have agreed to continue to serve on the Committee: Chris Bartlett, Tony Burns, Peter Croft, Chris Doudney, Pat McIntosh, Robyn Pearson, Evan Price, Ashley Rule, Christine Toner, Martin Ward.

 b. *Election of Office Bearers for 2023/24*

 There were no additional nominations for office-bearers. The following have agreed to continue in post and a motion to that effect was moved by Martin Ward, seconded by Bob Thayer:

 Chair - Christine Toner

 Deputy Chair – Chris Doudney

 Secretary – Pat McIntosh

 Treasurer – Tony Burns

6. ***General business.***

 a. Resident Murray Woodward brought up the issue of the broken stonework at the steps and seat by the Celia Street jetty.
 “On my daily walks around Beachville Road, I often take a break on one of the seats built into the rock wall - leading down to the beach cove. I am concerned that the following work needs to be carried out particularly for safety on the steps - as follows:

 1. The bottom 2 steps have had rock slats removed, making it hard for egress when trying to access the beach and access on the return back up the steps.

 2. The two rock pillars as part of the walls at the bottom of the steps have had some rocks removed at the top of each pillar.

 3. The seat built into the rock wall as you exit to the left of the steps has also had rock slats removed making it uncomfortable to sit on.

 Could you please contact the Christchurch City Council and ask to have this repair work carried out as soon as possible

 This has been reported to Council and the committee agreed to follow up and seek effective repairs. Sue Cooke encouraged residents to use the Snap Send Solve application which she had found effective for communications with Council. Sara Templeton asked to be provided with the Customer Service Request number to follow up as well.

 b. The Secretary gave notice that next year there will need to be changes to the Association’s constitution in accordance with the new Incorporated Societies Act. The committee is working on the requirements and the main changes will involve a different definition of membership and a dispute resolution process. It is not planned to make substantive changes in the way the RRA functions and the proposals for change will be brought to the next AGM.

 c. Peter Croft spoke about being approached by two residents relating to the bus shelter.

 d. Resident Greg Fleming spoke about his dismay at the proposed replacement of the cellphone tower at the corner of Beachville Road. There has been correspondence with the company responsible and adverse feedback to them but they have a legal right to proceed. Sara Templeton indicated that she hoped to hold a site meeting. Hanno Sander speaking on behalf of the Christchurch Coastal Pathway Group said that the Group has been pushing for recognition of the special status of the Pathway so that it may receive a higher level of protection in future.

7. Public presentations followed. Councillor Sara Templeton spoke about climate change adaptations and the work being done by Council to reduce emissions and deal with the local effects of sea level rise. Martin Ward spoke about the work going on in Barnett Park to deal with 10 years of post earthquake neglect and improve the range of native plant life there.

After questions the Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

APPENDIX A

# Chairperson’s Annual Report May 2023

Another busy year has passed, and I am pleased to report here on our main activities.

We currently have 11 Committee members in addition to myself as Chair: Dr Pat McIntosh (Secretary), Tony Burns (Treasurer), Peter Croft, Chris Doudney, Robyn Pearson, Evan Price, Ashley Rule, Martin Ward, Duncan Currie, Chris Bartlett and Ann Ebert as Minute Secretary. David Bryce resigned from the committee during the year after many years of valuable contribution. Richard Mallet, was co-opted for several months for his expertise in pest eradication. Many thanks to everyone for giving your time and expertise to our community.

Redcliffs Residents’ Association is active in many areas. We aim to represent you, the residents and business people of our suburb. We support the following groups:

**Drayton Reserve Volunteers and Eco Kiwi Pledges:** David Bryce leads the Drayton Reserve Volunteers team which meets regularly to weed, water and plant seedlings. They are making significant impact on pests, weeds and re-planting the reserve, invigorating native bird life and plants. Please consider walking up through the reserve in the valley of McCormacks Bay, picking up a container of water at points along the track to give the plants a drink as you walk. Join the team by contacting David Bryce at **021363498 or** **ecosolutions@xtra.co.nz** **.**Check out the website **www.draytonreservevolunteers.org.nz.**

David also publishes **Eco Kiwi Pledges** which we can each use to help us make small, do-able steps toward reducing emissions and healing our planet. Collect your copy of the booklet at The Spur, The Front Room, Upshot, Silos, Columbus, 1027, Metro, Niche and Coffee Culture.

**Regreening Barnett Park:** Martin Ward and an enthusiastic team are removing boneseed, pigs ear, fenneland banana passionfruit and other noxious plants on the hill slopes of Barnett Park. The group was awarded the Sumner / Ferrymead Foundation Environmental and Sustainability award for 2022. Several grants were won by this group, with the funds being paid through the RRA account as the incorporated society overseeing the management of funds. Details of this are in Tony’s financial report. **You can join this group by contacting Martin at** **martinward@xtra.co.nz** **or Sue Cooke at** **cooke.shepherd@gmail.com**

**Predator Free Redcliffs:** This team is active in Barnett Park too.Ashley Rule, Pat MacIntosh and the team aim to eradicate the possums, rates, mice, weasels and stoats that are at home in Barnett Park and now roaming many of our home properties in the area. We have subsidised traps for sale.

Our **Response and Resilience Team** is a small group of residents who are prepared to set up a Community Emergency Hub as a communication centre at the Tennis Club should an emergency arise. You can join this team by contacting Dr Pat MacIntosh at secretary@redcliffs.org.nz. Our team was featured as a case study in community involvement at a recent meeting of the Christchurch Civil Defence and Emergency Management with community groups.

Some of the issues that Redcliffs Residents’ Association has been and is currently involved with are:

* **Coastal Pathway:** Construction of the Moncks Bay section of the Coastal Pathway is well underway. RRA members have been actively communicating with The CP group, Fulton Hogan and the Police with regard to the safety of cyclists and other Traffic Management issues through the works site. New seating and picnic tables have been placed in Beachville Reserve. We alerted the City Council to the debris left by people fishing on the Coastal Pathway, and the vandalism of a lovely old tree, then its replacement in Beachville Reserve. A third tree has been planted by the Council. More recently we have joined locals in protesting about the placement of a larger than before cell phone tower and control cabinet on the Coastal Pathway at Beachville Reserve.
* **Another major issue related to the Coastal Pathway** was the Council’s proposal to remove car parking on Main Road and Beachville Road to facilitate the Coastal Pathway passing through the shopping area. Thanks to Peter Croft’s negotiations with Council managers, no car parks will be lost.
* **Main Road speed and safety issues:** We continue to lobby and work with the Community Board toward reducing the speed of traffic through Redcliffs. There will be new restrictions in Moncks Bay tying in with the Coastal Pathway but the desired changes from the Causeway through the village appear to have been delayed for several years.
* **Estuary matters and the Green Edge Pathway:** We have supported the Ihutai Estuary Trust regarding opposition to the routing of the proposed the Green Edge Pathway through the estuary reserve. We have also advocated strongly for better education and enforcement to keep dogs under control around the estuary and away from the estuary mudflats.
* Monitoring and taking part in **coastal hazards adaptation planning**, as well as monitoring potential impacts to Redcliffs of the planning changes re residential **intensification**.
* **Opposing the inappropriate use of jet skis** on the Estuary due to persistent problems with users breaking the 5-knot speed limit.

Since CCC ward boundaries changed, we now work with the new Waihoro Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote Community Board. Our email and paper newsletters, website, and Facebook page continue to reach several hundred residents – and if you know anyone who is not on our email list, please suggest to them that they can add themselves through our website.

With the new Incorporated Societies legislation, our Constitution is being updated and will be brought to the 2024 AGM for your approval. Two main changes will be made – while currently every resident is a member of the association, the new Act requires that members’ names, address details and date of joining are recorded. This we aim to have a smaller ‘official’ membership and to embrace a suburb wide ‘associate membership’ or something of that ilk. You and everyone in Redcliffs will still be welcome at committee meetings and free to let us know of any issues you are concerned about or any person you would like to see acknowledged for their community involvement (secretary@redcliffs.org) The second main change is the addition of a clause regarding disputes resolution.

Thank you all for your interest in your community. Above all talk to your neighbours and sign up to Christchurch Gets Ready so you can look after each other (<https://christchurch.getsready.net>).

***Christine Toner,***

***Chair, Redcliffs Residents’ Association***

APPENDIX B

**Redcliffs Residents Association AGM 2023 - Treasurer’s Report for 2022.**

Again, a relative busy year financially for the Association compared to recent previous years.

You will see that we received $15,470.91 – which is considerably larger that we have experienced in the past. Of this, $14,150.00 was received by our “Barnett Park Re-greening” group – who had been very successful in obtaining the following grants: Christchurch City Council Sustainability Fund ($8950), the Casino Annual Distribution ($2200) and Sumner Ferrymead Foundation Environmental Award ($3000). These monies have been granted for project-specific expenditure.

Additionally, we received $1000 from the Christchurch City Council’s Strengthening Communities Fund – which we apply for annually to cover the general expenses of the Association, such as administration costs, web-site hosting costs, etc.

We also received $300 of ‘donations’ – which are effectively sales of Pest-traps to locals that has been enabled by a previous grant from Sumner Ferrymead Foundation to the Pest Free Port Hills project.

The bank account also attracted interest on its balance of $20.91 over the year.

Expenditure during the year totalled $7729.00. The majority of this total - $7098.75 - was spent by the Barnett Park group.

The main expenditure of this sub-total was $6000 spent with Wildland Consultants who assisted with the clearing of elder trees and banana passionfruit from the valley. Other expenses for the group have mainly been purchases of cutting and lopping equipment and first-aid supplies used by the team during their regular clearing activities.

The Pest-Free Port Hills group spent $236.89 on further trapping equipment.

Operating expenses of the Association were $393.36 – comprising $240.00 on secretarial costs and $153.36 on web-hosting fees.

The opening balance in the bank account was $1762.49.

The net receipts of $7741.91 therefore resulted in a year-end cash balance of $9504.40.

Within the year-end total balance is an un-spent amount of CCC Funding of $995.76 - which will help cover operational expenditure until mid-year 2022. Additionally, the Barnett Park Re-greening group’s balance is $7051.25 and the Pest Free Port Hills group’s balance is $518.95.

This therefore leaves a year-end net balance of $938.44 for the Association.

A Burns

Treasurer – April 2023

**Redcliffs Residents Association – Financial Statements – Year Ending 31/12/22**

