

## Redcliffs Residents Association

### Minutes of the Committee meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at the Redcliffs Library

1. Present: Chris Doudney, (Chair), Pat McIntosh (Sec), Tony Burns (Treas), Peter Croft, Evan Price, Martin Ward, Ashley Rule  
Apologies: Duncan Currie, Evan Price, Robyn Pearson, Christine Toner, Chris Bartlett  
Also apologies from Dr Tim Lindley and Cllr Nathaniel Herz-Jardine.  
In attendance: Residents Cheryl Cowdon, Bronwen Goldschmidt
2. Declaration of Interest (conflict of interest). None.
3. Deputations/submissions/petitions. None.
4. Notice of motions. None.
5. Minutes. The minutes of the meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025 were accepted.  
Matters arising. None.
6. Correspondence: In: From Eileen Whiteside copying her concerns about inadequate consultation re CYC redevelopment. From Sue Swift asking for help with the theft of fruit from her garden and loose dogs. From Alex Green a paper on Acknowledging and Celebrating the Cultural History of Te Rae Kura/Redcliffs, see item 9e. From Kees Chalmers, Bay Harbour News reporter asking about issues relating to the development at 1 Mulgans Track and the loss of Post Shop services from Redcliffs. From John Peez, new resident, asking for minutes of last meeting. From Bronwyn Goldschmidt re cars colliding with fences in Moncks Bay see item 9c. From Kathy Page with the report of meeting between residents and the CYC. Request to advertise a Coeliac Society meeting on our website- declined as not local.

Correspondence: Out: Request for maintenance of footpath Cave Terrace to Barnett Park. Paper from Alex Green sent to Councillor and Community Board reps.

7. The Treasurer reported that the spend during Dec was \$2,356.07. Of this \$1842.17 was Barnett Park spend - including payments to several banana passion fruit harvesters plus a reimbursement to Martin.  
The Predator Free group spent \$513.90 - which was slightly over their existing budget, but he proposed that we make up the deficit from our SCF monies. This was for one-off expenditure to provide security for a donated trail cam. The committee approved this proposal.  
We finished the year with a closing balance of \$17,203.56  
During January, we have spent \$3480.88. \$3450 was with Refuge Ecology, who support the Barnett Park team. We also spent \$30.88 with MyHost on web hosting.  
The closing balance at the end of January was \$13,722.68.  
Tony advised that he is still investigating donee status but IRD require that there is confirmation that the RRA is not eligible to be a charity first.

8. Reports of sub-committees:
  - a. CCC, Coastal Pathway. The committee discussed the fact that, as indicated by Tim Lindley, the group has registered a new constitution under the Societies Act and on reading of this it is clear that the previous members of the group will not continue

to be members under the new constitution. They have not held any General Meetings to discuss and ratify the new constitution so the society is at risk of deregistration. It is also possible that the committee of the CCPG was too small to operate constitutionally anyway, but since they have not provided any meeting minutes (despite a request) this is hard to establish. There was discussion about the future of the governance team, but it is apparent that control now rests with CCC. The committee all felt that input and involvement from the residents of local communities along the path would be valuable for the future and the secretary was asked to communicate this to CCPG. **Action - Sec**

- b. Coastal issues. No report, but a news update has gone out about the new council information and advice website.
- c. Newsletter, community and social events, fundraising. Evan is in the process of organising the next public meeting.
- d. Website, email, communications, Facebook. No report.
- e. Environment, Eco Village, climate change action. Chris recommended seeking funding for encouraging electrification of the public buildings in Redcliffs and it was agreed this would be desirable and an information exchange about this would be very helpful. Meantime we will contact the Tennis Club and the Library about their needs in this regard. **Action - Chris, Sec**
- f. Regreening Barnett Park and Predator Free Redcliffs. Martin reported that the weeding teams are back in action. He and others are working on an updated volunteer agreement but there is a problem in that volunteers often go out independently without a supervisor. Ashley said the trapping team needs more volunteers.
- g. Response and Resilience Team. Plan to hold a CDEM led community meeting on the Alpine fault later in the year, as Sumner will be holding a tsunami advice meeting soon.
- h. Redcliffs School liaison. No report.

9. General Business.

- a. Tennis Club award and rebuild information. – Pat and Christine went to an event at the Tennis Club at which the club was presented with an award for their community support, having provided free tennis coaching to the pupils of the local school for many years. The club also discussed their new Pavilion which will be built on the same footprint but with more suitable facilities.
- b. Suggestion for life ring at CYC car park/beach – Ashley requested that a life ring be installed at the Moncks Bay beach, due to the number of swimmers now using this area. They have already been installed at Taylors Mistake and Sumner. The committee agreed this would be desirable and Ashley will make enquiries. **Action - Ashley**
- c. Traffic issues in Moncks Bay. Bronwen asked the committee to support traffic safety measures in Moncks Bay, as there had been incidents of excessive speed,

near misses and cars leaving the road and hitting fences. The committee agreed it would contact council about this. **Action – Sec**

- d. Proposed new cell phone tower for corner of Beachville/Main Road. Ashley asked the committee for comments about the visual impact of the proposed new cellphone tower in the centre of the village and all agreed that it was most undesirable. Unfortunately, past experience has shown us that this is an activity that is permitted in road reserve, providing it meets various requirements, and we would not be able to influence its erection.
- e. The report from Alex Green Acknowledging and Celebrating the Cultural History of Te Rae Kura/Redcliffs was commended and discussed. Plans for action – Martin will work on a presentation to the Community Board to seek Council support for action on this. **Action - Martin**
- f. Sumner Ferrymead Foundation Community Awards applications close 31st March. The committee supported an application for encouraging electrification – Chris to progress this. **Action- Chris**
- g. Cave Terrace to Barnett Park track – Martin reported that there has been some progress with some steps replaced and grass cut.
- h. Road reserve issues 1 Mulgans Track. It was brought to the attention of the committee that there have been issues relating to the granting of a licence to occupy road reserve at the foot of 1 Mulgans Track where CCC have given permission for a structure to be built, without the knowledge of local residents and after discussion at a public excluded meeting of which no notice was given to affected neighbours. This was felt to raise issues of potential abuse of process and to indicate a lack of respect for the interests of the local community. It was agreed to write to CCC about this.

10. Other business.

Kathy Page tabled a report on a meeting between residents and the Christchurch Yacht Club which is attached below as Appendix A and will placed on the website and FB page.

11. Next committee meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March at the Redcliffs Library.

## APPENDIX A

### Meeting Summary:

A group of local Moncks Bay residents along with representatives from the Coastal Pathway Trust and Christine Toner, Chair of the RRA met with representatives of the Christchurch Yacht Club on 13 November 2025 at the request of the local residents. This followed on from the Community Board meeting on 11 September 2025 at which the Board approved the Yacht Club's request for the build of 3 gabled 5 metre high storage sheds on the western boundary as well as fencing along the western and southern boundaries. The Yacht Club has to obtain building and resource consent before any further steps can be taken.

The local group had opposed this request and sought to meet with the Yacht Club to understand the challenges currently facing the Club, understand the long term vision for the Club and get clarity regarding the Club's plans and timeframes regarding its 2 existing structures, namely the clubhouse and rowing shed platform.

The groups met on 13 November and the Club representatives set out the history of the Club as well as the issues that were concerning the current committee. One of the issues is the declining membership, the Parks Unit report to the Board put it at 95, and that included an unknown number who are inactive.

The local and Coastal Pathway representatives are concerned about the future of the rowing shed platform. This platform was deemed not suitable in the report submitted to the Board when they made their submission. All parties were very heartened to hear that the Club was looking at building a shed on the platform as well as launching and rigging from the platform. An engineer has been commissioned to check the load bearing capacity and the piles and corrosion protection. The aim is to store and launch the adult members' boats there. The local residents expressed the view that the patrol boats could be stored and launched from this same structure.

The Club expressed concern about safety issues when rigging and launching boats with members of the public. They deem it necessary to have a permanently fenced off area entirely under the control of the Yacht Club. This would encompass the 5m high sheds and an improved rigging area as well as the clubhouse. The locals expressed concern about fencing off any area of the water but supported a plan to develop a more suitable area for rigging the boats on the west side.

There are no immediate plans to repair the Yacht Club nor replace it. The locals expressed frustration at the state of the building and the fact that a new clubhouse could enhance the image of the Club as well as provide adequate storage for the juniors' boats without any need for an additional building.

Costs and delays regarding the building and resource consents are all issues that the Yacht Club will have to contend with. The locals did point out that there were funds available to the Club from the mediated settlement of the platform. The CCC had also given \$293,713 towards the boatshed fund. There were also funds available for the upgrade of the clubhouse with over \$2 million in an on-call account.

The Club has reiterated that it is supremely conscious of the importance of showing the community that they are committed to moving forward from the earthquake damage and are looking forward to a building result for the rowing shed platform in 2026.