

**10th Annual Report
Inner-City Wellington
2017 – 2018**



serving a **thriving** community



INNER-CITY
WELLINGTON Te Reo Pokapū o Pōneke

VOICE OF TE ARO AND WELLINGTON CENTRAL

*enhancing community well-being
through civic engagement*

Our Vision

what we want to achieve

An inner-city community that continues to thrive

Our Mission

why we exist

To enhance community well-being through civic engagement

In the interests of sustainable development and local democracy (focus) Inner-City Wellington seeks to serve as a progressive and influential voice (what) of and for the residents, organisations and property owners (who) in the suburbs of Te Aro and Wellington Central (where). It does so through engagement with the appropriate public authorities (how) for the purpose of enhancing the wellbeing of those living, operating or owning property in the inner-city (why).

“Inner-City Wellington is a critical player in making our community great to be part of”

Grant Robertson
MP for Wellington Central

Our History

origins

Inner-City Wellington was founded on 3 November 2008 at the Southern Cross Tavern on Abel Smith Street in Te Aro. The founders were Grant Robertson, a Labour Party MP for Wellington Central and Mark Blumsky, a National Party List MP and former Mayor of Wellington. It was established with the support of all three Lambton Ward City Councillors at the time – Iona Pannett, Ian McKinnon and Stephanie Cook. Originally known as the Wellington Inner-City Residents and Business Association, it changed to its current name in 2017.

Our Mandate

who and what informs us

Inner-City Wellington seeks to **pursue** aspects of sustainable development and local democracy considered important by the inner-city community; **respond** where possible to reputable and relevant independent research concerning sustainable development and local democracy; and **support** at a local level seven of the New Zealand priorities around the United Nations Development Programme’s Sustainable Development Goals (2015-2030) unanimously adopted by all members of the United Nations on 25 September 2015.

Our Status

legal entity

Since its 9th AGM on 26 April 2017 the organisation has operated as Inner-City Wellington (ICW). ICW is currently incorporated under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 as the Wellington Inner-City Residents and Business Association Inc.

Our Governance

Chairperson's Report

– John Albertson

The 2017/18 year has been a particularly busy one for ICW and I believe we have achieved quite a lot for our members. Twelve months ago at the 2017 AGM we outlined to you the three-year strategic priorities and goals for ICW. In its first year ICW has made considerable progress towards meeting these priorities. In serving as an interface between the inner-city community and public authorities ICW has sought to:

1. Promote **sustainable development** perspectives that advance the social, environmental and economic aspects of the inner-city and of the wider city as appropriate
2. Foster **local democracy** by representing and acting as an advocate for the interests of the inner-city community
3. Build a community-driven organisation with the **capacity** to realise its mission

Details of our achievements around these strategic priorities and our way forward are set out below.

I would like to acknowledge the members of the ICW committee for their valued contribution over the course of the year and to thank the following public and private organisations for their continued support of our activities - CQ Hotels Wellington, Tomoko Communications and the Wellington City Council.

Sustainable Development

Over the course of its three-year strategic plan ICW will endeavour to pursue seven of the United Nations Development Programme's Sustainable Development Goals (2015-2030) prioritised by New Zealand. This last year has seen us focus on four of these goals: Good Health and Well-being, Sustainable Cities and Communities, Responsible Consumption and Production and Partnerships for the Goals. (Refer to back cover for details)

1. SOCIAL

GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Contribute to public authority initiatives, reference groups and forums around the sale and supply of alcohol

As part of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act Community Reference Group, ICW corresponded with the Minister of Justice outlining a number of areas of the Sale of Alcohol Act that were impacting on communities' ability to participate as intended. ICW also regularly attended forums of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act Community Reference Group. ICW made a submission to the Ministry of Justice for the legislated review of fees associated with participation in the Sale of Alcohol Act (e.g. fees to appeal a District Licensing Committee decision or a local alcohol policy etc.). It also represented the organisation on the Night City Forum (renamed from the Alcohol Forum) whose aim is to provide a safe, vibrant and successful night-time city for the enjoyment of all.

2. ENVIRONMENTAL

SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

Encourage public authority support for green space development, appropriate earthquake strengthening strategies, improved public transport and pedestrian infrastructure, and more adequate and sustainable housing options.

Appropriate Earthquake Strengthening Strategies

ICW continued to engage with appropriate agencies on the impacts of seismic strengthening projects with a focus on funding and "lender of last resort" options. We also made submissions on the Hurunui/Kaikoura Earthquakes Recovery (Unreinforced Masonry Buildings) Amendment Order 2018

Improved Public Transport and Pedestrian Infrastructure

ICW made submissions on Let's Get Wellington Moving Discussion Papers and Contraflow Cycle Ways.

More Affordable and Sustainable Housing Options

1st Community Forum: Living Environments in our City Tomorrow (8 March 2018)

These forums seek to promote community feedback through debate, problem-solving and the sharing of ideas.

ICW held the first in a series of meetings to look at the challenges of developing a healthy, vibrant and resilient community for Wellington's inner city. This first session considered the Council's regulatory and strategic role and how we as residents, organisations (businesses) and property owners can interact and have influence within that context. There were presentations from Wellington City Council's Anna Harley, Halley Wiseman and Wellington RMA lawyer, Con Anastasiou. This was very well attended – watch this space for more to come! ICW was also a regular participant in the WCC's **Our City Tomorrow Workshops** which preceded this forum.

RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

Urge public authorities to promote more effective reduction, recycling and disposal of waste

ICW made submissions on Wellington City Council's Waste Management and Minimisation Plan.

3. ECONOMIC

No action this triennium

4. PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalise the local partnership for sustainable development by cooperating with relevant Non-Governmental Organisations and Governmental Agencies in Wellington.

ICW continues to work with the New Zealand Police (Social Goals) and liaise with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Social and Environmental Goals) around our implementation of the UNDP Sustainable Development Goals.

Local Democracy

1. TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

To ensure that ICW has a voice in the development of local policy we represent the organisation at the Mayor's Forum – it has a strong business focus. ICW regularly conducted surveys of members to help inform its submissions.

2. ADVOCACY AND CRITIQUE

ICW presented a paper to the Wellington Mayoral Forum on the Inner City Levy - particularly on its intended use and current use. We also made submissions around the Public Places By-law Review, the 2017/18 Draft Annual Plan and the Site 9 North Kumutoto Development.

ICW has been vocal with Wellington City Council, the DomPost and Scoop on the approach being taken by the Council on the development of the inner city and the implications of Council decisions on creating a diverse, happy and resilient inner city community.



Meeting the Wellington Central Candidates (15 August 2017)

3. COLLABORATION AND POLICY

ICW continues its two-monthly collaborative meetings with the Lambton Ward City Councillors to ensure they are kept informed of issues impacting on our members.

On 15 August (prior to the 2017 General Election) ICW ran a very successful **Meet the Candidates** evening that gave all of the Wellington Central Candidates the opportunity to present themselves and their policy platforms on matters concerning sustainable development and local democracy. This meeting was very well attended and the feedback we received from our members was very positive.

Building Capacity

1. CONNECTIVITY AND COLLABORATION

To ensure that we don't work in a vacuum we need to remain connected to and have regular dialogue with our members. We have made significant steps in this regard during the past year through: regular newsletters emailed to all members; sharing all communications (such as committee meeting minutes) on the ICW website; and monthly committee meetings to ensure that all of the committee are engaged – these meetings are open to members and we have had a number of people attend. The committee met ten times between 1 April 2017 and 31 March 2018. ICW continues to participate in **Our CBD** forums (business focus) to strengthen collaboration with organisations relevant to the inner city.

ICW Founding Day (3 November 2017)

Instead of the regular Christmas function we decided to recognise "our birthday" and hold a 9th Founding Day Celebration. This event was well attended by our internal stakeholders (Founding Personnel, the ICW Committee and Members past and present), as well as our external stakeholders (Central, Regional, Local Government and District Health Board politicians, our Sustainable Development Partners – NZ Police and MFAT, our Sponsors, Relevant Inner-City Organisations and the Media). The Guest Speaker was Wendy McGuinness, one of New Zealand's leading futurist thinkers. We took this opportunity to review our founding history, to recognise a

number of people who had (or are still having) significant input into the organisation, to re-establish our historical links with Flagstaff Hill and Mount Victoria Residents Associations and to present to those attending our strategic priorities and goals for the next three years. It has been decided that this will now become an annual event.

2. MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

ICW continued to market and promote the organisation to its internal and external stakeholders through the release of its new strategic plan, educational brochure and display banner. The strategic plan is promoted on our website, the brochure has been distributed to our stakeholders and to over fifty of Wellington's most "bustling" locations throughout the inner city and our banner has been on display at all events promoted by ICW. We have also sought to communicate the ICW message to our stakeholders through both mainstream media (DomPost and Scoop) and social media (Our website and Facebook pages).

3. ORGANISATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

Throughout the year the committee has sought to develop its funding streams, increase its membership, grow its human resource base and expand its use of technology in order to support ICW sustainability and better serve its members. Some of these initiatives have been challenging to date but ICW remains firmly committed to these goals in the coming year.



ICW Founding Group on Founding Day (3 November 2017)



Roll of Honour Recipients left to right – David Webb, Sarah Webb, (Grant Robertson, Presenter) and Geraldine Murphy.



Gratitude Award Recipients left to right – Iona Pannett, Jean Phipps, Grant Robertson, Gus Charteris, Anna Locker-Lampson and Grant Firth. Absent: Mark Blumsky, (3 November 2017)

Our People

COMMITTEE

OFFICERS

Chairperson - John Albertson
 Deputy Chairperson - Geraldine Murphy
 Secretary - Vacant
 Treasurer - Grant Firth

MEMBERS

Sarah Webb	Clive Moon
David Webb	Chrissy Hill
Wendy Armitage	Anna Locker-Lampson
Yon Yi Sohn	

AWARDS

On 8 June 2017 **Geraldine Murphy** was presented with the *Absolutely Positively Wellingtonian Award* by Justin Lester (Mayor of Wellington) for her services with Inner-City Wellington.

At its 9th Founding Day celebrations on 3 November 2017 **Geraldine, Sarah Webb** and **David Webb** became Inner-City Wellington's first appointees to its *Roll of Honour*. Also on that day **Grant Robertson, Mark Blumsky, Iona Pannett, Gus Charteris, Jean Phipps, Anna Locker-Lampson** and **Grant Firth** became the first recipients of ICW's *Gratitude Award*.

Our Finances

Treasurer's Report – Grant Firth

Inner-City Wellington Financial Statement

1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018

	Current 2018	Last Year 2017
Opening Balance	1,988.92	853.42
INCOME		
Subscriptions	1,612.00	460.00
Donations (Koha) +Refund (\$20)	47.60	0.00
WCC Grant	1,000.00	2156.28
Total Income	\$2659.60	2616.28
EXPENSES		
¹⁾ Meeting Expenses	423.25	625.96
²⁾ Website & Software subscription	750.50	777.44
³⁾ Christmas Social/Founders Day	665.11	74.58
⁴⁾ Communications & advert	1,368.50	0.00
Bank Fees	6.00	2.80
Total Expenses	\$3,213.36	1480.78
ASSETS		
Kiwibank Account	1,435.16	1988.92
LIABILITIES		
	0.00	0.00
Total Income	2,659.60	2616.28
Less Expenses	3,213.36	1480.78
Income/Deficit	-\$553.76	1,135.50

1) Meeting Expenses – Founders Day, 4 Public and 10 Committee meetings

2) Survey Monkey, Web Domain Names and Website development

3) This year Founders day replaced the Christmas meeting

4) Brochure print and distribution plus ICW banner

* Donations – WCC application due May, Plan to apply to COGS for funding

Our four UNDP Sustainable Development Goals for 2017-18

Good Health and Well-being (UNDP Goal 3)

Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

Sustainable Cities and Communities (UNDP Goal 11)

Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

Responsible Consumption and Production (UNDP Goal 12)

Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

Partnerships for the Goals (UNDP Goal 17)

Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalise the global partnership for sustainable development

How you can help

Become a member, volunteer your time, make a donation, leave a bequest, support an event or fundraising activity or become a corporate partner.

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