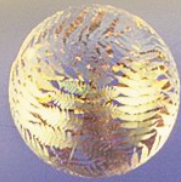


11th Annual Report Inner-City Wellington 2018 – 2019



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 the relevant 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.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Our 2018-19 year has again been focused on outcomes for the benefit of our members. This has also been the final year of our 2016-2019 Strategic Plan through which we have sought to make progress around each of our three priorities:

- 1. Sustainable Development** – advancing the social, environmental and economic aspects of the inner-city and of the wider city as appropriate.
- 2. Local Democracy** – representing and acting as an advocate for the interests of the inner-city community
- 3. Building Capacity** – building a community-driven organisation with the capacity to realise its mission.

A report on our achievements around these priorities will follow.

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the members of the ICW committee for their outstanding commitment over the past year and a special thanks to those committee members who hosted our monthly meetings.

After eleven years of continuous service to ICW, Geraldine Murphy is retiring from the committee. Fortunately for us, Geraldine will remain as a Project Leader around the complex seismic issues affecting our inner-city buildings. What more can be said about Geraldine – **she is our champion**. Also retiring is committee member Yon Yi Sohn who is leaving to pursue study at the Royal College of Arts in London. Many congratulations Yon Yi.

We would also like to thank CQ Hotels Wellington, Tomoko Communications, Mevo Ltd and the Wellington City Council for their valued support of our activities. A final thanks must go to all those members and others who participated in our Community Forums and celebrations held throughout the year.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Our sustainable development priority is centred on the relevant Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to which New Zealand is a signatory. An overview of our activities in these areas follows.

1. SOCIAL

GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING (UNDP Goal 3)
Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

Alcohol Issues

ICW participated in University of Otago Alcohol Research on local decision-making concerning the sale of alcohol. It did so in association with the Newtown and Kelburn Residents Associations. ICW also supported (through oral submission) the retention of the alcohol ban in the inner-city, particularly given the evidence supporting reduced alcohol-related harm when consumption in public places is reduced. ICW supported Vic Neighbours request for an alcohol ban in Kelburn Park as part of the Alcohol Bylaw Review.

2. ENVIRONMENTAL

AFFORDABLE & CLEAN ENERGY (UNDP Goal 7)

Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all

In order to support more sustainable energy options and so reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the inner-city, ICW entered into a partnership with Mevo Car Share Company which uses climate-positive vehicles in Wellington. The agreement secured a discount for financial members of ICW.

SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES (UNDP Goal 11)

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

Living Environments in our City Tomorrow

As part of our Living Environments theme for 2018-19, ICW held three Community Forums at CQ Hotels Wellington. The first forum was reported on in our previous annual report. The second forum, held on 19 June 2018 was entitled “Working collectively to improve the quality and supply of housing in New Zealand” and was headed by a presentation from Dr Morten Gjerde, Head of the School of Architecture and Design at Victoria University of Wellington. The third forum, held on 11 September 2018 was entitled “Designing for Inner-City Living Environments” and was led by Daryl Cockburn, from the Architectural Centre, Wellington.

Seismic Strengthening of Earthquake Prone Buildings

ICW, along with a Body Corporate Chair's Group representative and four owners in earthquake-prone buildings has met regularly with Wellington Central MP, Grant Robertson, to progress our calls for more support for affected owners, particularly residential owners. While there has been discussion on the lender of last resort and advisory support we are still waiting for concrete outcomes. The Minister of Building and Construction has not agreed to meet

to discuss the issues facing owners or to undertake a review of the Act, using Wellington as a case study after nearly 10 years of progressing seismic strengthening.

The group is undertaking a survey to collect data on costs for residential owners in the absence of any data in central or local government on the impact of the legislation. The group has raised concerns with Minister Robertson and Mayor Lester about the capacity issues for small owners and body corporates to progress projects, increasing the financial burden.

ICW submitted to the Tax Working Group on its interim and final reports to reinforce the need to include residential owner-occupiers in any tax relief measures for seismic strengthening costs and to make it retrospective.



ICW Community Forum: Living Environments in Our City Tomorrow

ICW engaged with WCC on the priority buildings and the need for an advisory service to support all owners of earthquake-prone buildings. ICW supports the proposal in the Draft Annual Plan to make \$500,000 available to non-heritage building owners to help progress projects. If this proceeds, it will be the first time non-heritage owners receive financial support to progress seismic projects driven by public safety.

RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION (UNDP Goal 12)

Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

Out of concern for more effective reduction, recycling and disposal of waste, ICW advocated for mandatory rubbish collection and recycling in new inner-city buildings but to date this has not been taken up by the Wellington City Council.

3. ECONOMIC

No action this triennium

4. PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

(UNDP Goal 17)

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

ICW continued to work with non-governmental organisations in Wellington around the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We have sought to develop collaboration with Victoria University of Wellington's School of Architecture and Design concerning Inner-City Living Environments, the United Nations Association of New Zealand with their Annual Awareness Days, and helped to promote and participated in the Wellington Civic Trust's Wellington After Paris Seminar.

We also continued our liaison with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the government agency charged with the domestic implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

LOCAL DEMOCRACY

1. TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

ICW is represented on the Mayoral Forum, now known as the **CBD Advisory Group** and continued to provide input into the issues relevant to our members. The Downtown Levy and Free Weekend Parking were two such issues that ICW engaged on.

2. ADVOCACY AND CRITIQUE

ICW supported the formation of an inner city *Business Improvement District (BID)* and suggested that the current downtown levy could be re-directed to support this initiative, thus leaving the spending decisions to the BID.

Submissions to Wellington City Council's ten year plan were also made with particular attention being given to the inclusion of support/funding for property owners facing mandatory seismic strengthening. It was suggested that the zoo up-grade could be deferred, leaving these funds available to support the seismic remediation required of these property owners.

3. COLLABORATION AND POLICY

The regular bi-monthly meetings with our three Lambton Ward Councillors have continued

throughout this year. Seismic-related issues have been prominent at these meetings, but there has also been discussion around enhancing community engagement, the future of inner-city living environments and the development of guidelines for high-density housing.

Also this year ICW collaborated with the Wellington City Council's **Connecting City Communities** initiative which involves the development of a "toolkit" designed to assist all those living in the inner-city to build a sense of community.

BUILDING CAPACITY

1. CONNECTIVITY AND COLLABORTION

On 16 November 2018, we celebrated ICW's tenth anniversary with the theme: **A Decade of Service.**

The Hon Grant Robertson MP for Wellington Central delivered the Opening Address and broadcaster Keith Quinn delivered the 2nd Nicholson Memorial Address. This address commemorates the Anglican priest the Rev Dr Godfrey Nicholson (1945-2013), the vicar at St Peters on Willis in Te Aro from 2006-2011. The Rev Nicholson was a member of Inner-City Wellington's first committee. Keith and Kate McGuinness, a niece of Wendy McGuinness who delivered the first address last year, received certificates acknowledging their presentations from Archdeacon Stephen King, a vicar at St Peters on Willis.

ICW continued to participate in the meetings of OurCBD and supported the Mt Victoria Residents Association concerning a pedestrian crossing proposal for Tory Street. We also responded to a proposed re-formation of a Federation of Residents Associations by suggesting that a ward-based approach relating directly to the relevant city councillors may be more effective.



Flagstaff Hill Residents Association (Neil Pryor) and Inner-City Wellington (Geraldine Murphy) sign a Cooperation Agreement

On Founding Day this year Inner-City Wellington and the Flagstaff Hill Residents Association (located in Te Aro), signed a Cooperation Agreement to work collaboratively on ideas and issues of mutual interest.

2. MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

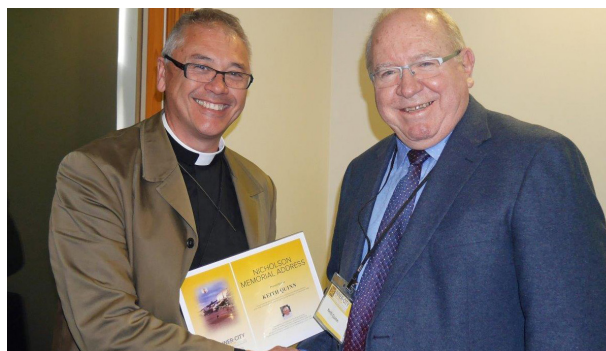
The committee continued to oversee the promotion of ICW and its activities to our internal and external stakeholders. It has undertaken a brochure distribution programme and letterbox drops, and is further develop-ing our social media platforms and website to better promote our community forums and to connect more effectively with our members.

3. ORGANISATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

The committee has explored fund development options to include sponsorship opportunities which may aligned with our work in sustainable development. It is hoped to further progress these ideas in the coming year. We again received funding from the Wellington City Council's Social and Recreation Fund and "in-kind" support from our three existing sponsors. We have also begun raffles at our signature events – Founding Day, AGMs etc.



Kate McGuinness (for Wendy McGuinness) receives the ICW's 1st Nicholson Memorial Address Certificate from Archdeacon Stephen King



Keith Quinn receives the ICW's 2nd Nicholson Memorial Address Certificate from Archdeacon Stephen King

OUR PEOPLE

COMMITTEE

OFFICERS

Chairperson – Clive Moon (Te Aro)
Deputy Chair – Geraldine Murphy (Wellington Central)
Secretary – Wendy Armitage (Wellington Central)
Treasurer – Grant Firth (Te Aro)

MEMBERS

John Albertson (Te Aro)
Jessica Ducey (Te Aro)
Yon Yi Sohn (Wellington Central)
Deborah McDonald (retired 16 September 2018)
Since our committee meeting of 12 February 2019, supporters Shona Butterfield and Eddie Chambers have made significant contributions to the work of Inner-City Wellington.

AWARDS

At our 10th Founding Day Celebrations on 16 November 2018 the following individuals and organisations received the ICW's Gratitude Award.

Olivier Lacoua (Former GM of CQ Hotels Wellington) was represented by his daughter Ophelie Lacoua. The award for **Take 10** was received by Chairperson, Clint Schoultz, and the award for **Regenerate Magazine** was received by Founder, Simon Dodd and Team Member, Arthur Herewhini.

GERALDINE MURPHY OUR CHAMPION

Inner-City Wellington Service and Recognition

11 Years of Continuous Service (2008-2019)
1 Year as Secretary (2010)
6 Years as Chairperson (2011-2016)
2 Years as Deputy Chairperson (2017-2018)
Appointed to the ICW Roll of Honour (2017)
Community Awards for Service to ICW
Wellington Community Champion Award (2016)
Absolutely Positively Wellingtonian Award (2017)

Thank You Geraldine



Olivier Lacoua's Gratitude Award accepted by his daughter Ophelie Lacoua



Take 10's Gratitude Award accepted by their chairperson Clint Schoultz



Regenerate Magazine's Gratitude Award accepted by their Founder Simon Dodd and Team Member Arthur Herewhini



Geraldine Murphy receives her appointment to the ICW's Roll of Honour from Co-Founder The Hon Grant Robertson MP (2017)

OUR FINANCES

TREASURER'S REPORT – GRANT FIRTH

Financial Statement

1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019

	Current 2019	Last Year 2018
Opening Balance	1,435.16	1,988.92
INCOME		
Subscriptions	1,170.00	1,612.00
Donations (Koha) + Raffle	117.00	47.60
WCC Grant	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total Income	\$2,287.00	\$2659.60
EXPENSES		
¹⁾ Meeting Expenses	780.00	423.25
²⁾ Website & Software Subscription	726.05	750.50
³⁾ Founding Day	276.09	665.11
⁴⁾ Communications and Advertising	204.84	1,368.50
Bank Fees	12.00	6.00
Total Expenses	\$1,998.98	\$3,213.36
ASSETS		
Kiwibank Account	1,723.18	1,435.16
LIABILITIES		
Total Income	2,287.00	2,659.60
Less Expenses	1,998.98	3,213.36
Income/Deficit	\$288.02	-\$553.76

1) Meeting Expenses – Founding Day, 4 Public and 10 Committee Meetings

2) Survey Monkey, Web Domain Names and Website Development

3) Founding Day Certificates, Catering

4) Brochure Distribution

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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