

Purpose: To represent and advocate for all Auckland city centre residents to Auckland Council and other relevant agencies/organisation. The purpose of such representation is to make known the concerns of residents, to work for the best possible living environment and to support community building in the central city.

City Centre Residents Group (CCRG) AGM:

MINUTES Monday, 6 November 2017

Elizabeth Yates Room, Ellen Melville Centre, Freyberg Place, Auckland City Centre

Time: 6pm

Present:

Committee Members: Noelene Buckland - Chair, Adam Parkinson - Secretary, Kathy Ross, Tim Hannah

CCRG Members & all others: Audrey van Ryn, Jennifer Hillas, Fiona McLaughlin, Julia Peters, Jill Stewart, Antony Phillips, Helen White, David Roos, Clive Harvey, Rosanne Harvey, Daz Johnson, Shamila Unka, Pippa Coom (Chair Waitematā Local Brd), Mary Hannah, Dan Thursten, James Ku, Vernon Tava (Waitematā Local Brd), Julie Gunn

Apologies: Richard Northey, Julie Hofer, Stephen Greenfield, Ardeth & Michael, Bryce Bartley

1. Minutes of the last CCRG AGM dated 23 August 2016 were Received; Moved by Noelene, 2nd Kathy CARRIED
2. Received the Chair's annual report (attached); Noelene gave a summary of the previous years' CCRG activities; – Moved Noelene, 2nd Kathy CARRIED
3. Receive and approve the annual financial statement (attached) and report for the previous year, prepared by the Treasurer; Adam referred to the Waitematā Local Board grant given (notes in the Agenda), website/domain name costs; 658.93 balance; Grant increases balance to \$1,400 for this year; Moved Adam; 2nd Noelene. CARRIED
4. Establish any annual subscription for the following year; Audrey moved \$10 is fine for our subscription, Mik 2nd. CARRIED
5. Receive Nominations for, and Elect Committee for the next year; Nominations received: Noelene Buckland, Adam Parkinson, Kathy Ross, Audrey van Ryn, Christina Pickford, Craig McAlpine, Tim Hannah, Ardeth Lobet, David Roos, Emily Reeves, Fiona McLaughlin; Moved all nominations be accepted: Noelene; 2nd Adam CARRIED
6. Appoint an auditor if so decided:
After a brief discussion it was decided against appointing an auditor: Moved: Noelene; 2ndKathy CARRIED
6. Annual Review CCRG Objectives and Policy Statements; for this discussion we deferred to a body of notes at the end of the Agenda that Noelene had prepared, including our Objectives, Policy and Position Statements, on which to base our discussion. Hence discussion at this point began with Adam pointing out that we present our position is as a unified front publically, for example at Council; however positions are flexible within the group and this was seen as welcomed diversity, that encouraged discussion and resulted in a robust process behind our unified voice. Positions as prepared for the meeting ATTACHED, but are a living document.

Fiona asked about our policy on safety and personal security - this was met with our plan to include Community Constable Mark Clayton at our next meeting (December) and thereafter at every alternate meeting, to be available for questions, ideas and feedback, as Mark is keen to engage formally with our group; Concerns that were raised: policing levels; if there was any connection between the x3 monthly

task force and Mark Clayton; the definition of 'nuisance' not legally defined therefore the police cannot take definitive action.

David asked about the 'Economic Cultural' section of the notes, what these words meant and how or whether these concepts fitted together; Noelene explained that 'Cultural' could mean we accepted other cultures and celebrated our own and that these descriptions are open to be reworked and it was only a rough draft to bring to the meeting for expressing the intention of the group ie we could use 'inclusive' instead of 'great place'; general discussion then opened up around what the words 'cultural' and 'economic' meant and how they might fit together; Tim highlighted that we are not dealing with or supporting business directly and that some expression of priorities (for residents) at the outset is desirable. He suggested another statement that steers policy to accentuate the public realm, enduring positions and key perspectives. Noelene suggested we receive them today and she'll work further on the draft for the next meeting. Adam moved that these points be received; Fiona 2nd. CARRIED

8. Possible Changes to the CCRG Rules (Constitution) – The Agenda synopsis leading into this point: "Over the next six months, the CCRG will be having discussions with different entities to find ways of improving resident access to the information and support the CCRG can offer. To assist with this work, we will be looking at whether we might require changes to our constitution to provide for different kinds of membership other than just as an individual. Possibilities include a Body Corporate category, given that most city centre residents live in apartment buildings. Another possibility is something like associate membership for areas that are within a Business Improvement District that have most of their area within the central city e.g. Karangahape Road. However, a lot of work still needs to be done on these possibilities so at this point the agenda item is for information only. Any such changes would require an EGM and special resolutions".

Adam described the residential area in the K Rd S.W. Cnr, off Hopetown St, which falls into the business improvement jurisdiction of K Rd & just outside of the CCRG official area; therefore those residents cannot join our group and have no other voice. This residential area consists of three big apartment buildings that constitute an 'orphaned' area. To bring them into our area would require a special resolution to change the rules.

Noelene floated the concept of having a B/C membership category without voting rights. The BCCG (Body Corporate Chairs Group) send out on our behalf but used codes; There is very little information on inner city dwellers, who lives where and how to reach them. Some at the meeting advocated for the good old-fashioned Notice Board, an inherent feature of most apartment buildings, and how this tool was underutilized for reaching out to residents. That these points be received: Noelene Moved; 2nd Kathy CARRIED

9. Changes to the City Centre Targeted Rate for Residents: Noelene began the discussion by asking whether we wanted the current targeted rate to continue, currently we pay \$59.00 + gst per residential unit per year = approx.\$2m per year; Should it be higher? Given \$10m is going into Queen St alone. For rationality around our concept of contribution, should we support that rate increasing to \$100 per year?

Questions were asked from the group; Do business pay a targeted rate? Ans, they pay substantially more...Qu: is there a move for the business rate to go up? Ans: (From Adam), Any increase in business targeted rate would be a decision for them. (there are separate targeted rates for business improvements); Qu: How do we know the targeted rate will be used for what it's intended? Ans; (from Noelene) we need to be hawk-eyed about our funds being used for the benefit of residents. Qu: What area does the targeted rate cover? Ans: The Central City area (basically that area within the motorway noose), is the CCRG jurisdiction.

Noelene also made the point that we want to be a louder voice for the public space and that this is supported by the size of our contribution.

Pippa noted that the 10 year budget is set for next year and at that time all residents will be asked their

view on the targeted rate, therefore should we be asking that question now? There are a whole swag of targeted rates including pest control and ecological investment, perhaps CCRG may want to keep their targeted rate low because of these many other rated areas.

David remarked that he would be shocked to spend a targeted rate of \$100 and not know how it's being spent; it's the accountability issue; how will we know if the targeted rate gets used to create projects for the residents, or capital expenditure and not on operational funds?

Vernon Tava arrives and Pippa leaves the meeting.

Discussion continues, the numbers we are talking about are currently 14,000 residential units in the central city and 50,000 residents. The question of operational maintenance came up; 'it seems questionable to bring in more projects and have them go into disrepair'; The question of rubbish removal came up; 'the solution's not easy to find, commercial rubbish needs to go out at 5pm (closing time for the shop) & it's not possible to pick it straight up at that time due to traffic constraints'. The question of wobbly pavers came up; they were the wrong pavers selected in the first instance, unsuitable for the job'.

The company that does the cleaning up is Australian and they are not keeping on top of it. Council rely on people/residents to report the problems before they will do anything, that's how it works. The Council reporting line for everything is 09 309 0101; CCRG Members/residents are encouraged to use this line for anything and everything they see in the city that requires attention/maintenance.

Noelene moved that (discussion on the targeted rate) had begun; Kathy 2nd

10. EMC (Ellen Melville Centre) Open day 18 Nov 11-3pm; Attractions will include: Bollywood DJ; Tai Chi; Human Library; CCRG stand; bar leaner & more; Volunteers are needed for the Human book library; this is where a person can be 'borrowed' by a visitor to hear about and ask questions on a specific area of expertise that the 'human book' has. The 'human book' will 'publicize' their topics in a visual location on their exterior person and people can 'get them out' for a time on the day. Have a think on all the information that you know and email the Human Book co-ordinator Audrey on: audreyvr3@gmail.com

The EMC is our Residents Community Centre and therefore important for us to support the Centre, activate it and enliven it into a really active vibrant space. It's an opportunity for CCRG to fly the flag so any volunteers for our stand are appreciated.

Offers to distribute flyers for the event were made and this was met by direction to Facebook and the Council website.

Noelene moved (that EMC Day was discussed); Kathy 2nd CARRIED

11. Survey on the review of Auckland Council's Waste Management and Minimisation Plan. Survey by 1Nov; Noelene and Adam both provided feedback via the survey form.
12. Panuku and Eastern Viaduct Removal of Car Parking; CCRG sent in a submission that access vehicles only be allowed on that wharf; planners are invited to our meeting in March; Noelene described an area with seating, shade, drinking water, flexible furniture, artwork etc but also with a 'sense of place' to reflect NZ's uniqueness (as opposed to looking like Florida). Further ideas for this project are welcomed; Moved Noelene (that this was discussed & points accepted); 2nd Kathy CARRIED
13. CCRG seeking an audience with the new Minister of Housing and Urban Development and Minister(s) of Transport; Noelene met with Richard Northey on the this topic.
14. Adopt position on Smoking in public places in the city centre: Council's response to our CCRG submission recommends option 1 which is 'no change' to our current laws which restricts smoking to outside in the street; this is because it would be too hard to introduce a by-law of increased restriction & try to reinforce it.

Audrey came up with our own CCRG position on Smoke-Free public places, giving us a 'position

statement' policy on it; By using 'Smoke Free' signage where possible, the logic is that the more we adopt this policy, the more we normalize this position and the greater the likelihood of the whole country meeting its goal of becoming smoke free by 2025.

Vernon added that all Council parks, playgrounds and community facilities are already Smoke-free and will track down our submission.

Audrey Moves these points be accepted; 2nd Noelene CARRIED

15. ADCOSS meeting update – AvR (Auckland District Council of Social Services); Audrey did a presentation to them on Communication & Residents that covered the CCRG Newsletter, Facebook and how valuable our group was;

Mik stated that it was difficult to get info around the neighborhood in a significant way for residents to get in touch, adding that there was no register for Bdg Managers and he was constantly finding ways to get info to neighbors; Audrey advocated for a Community Notice Board in the Ellen Melville Centre; & a suggestion was made to finance a person to get into buildings or work out how to get in/engage. Audrey also attended the Heart of the City AGM to advocate more communication between residents and businesses.

16. Homelessness. Night Shelter Petition and Council's Long-Term Plan: Government funding approved for 2020; for a shelter in Hobson Street; Accommodation of 80 beds planned; We have committed some money to housing homeless via the refurbishment of James Liston Emergency Housing in Freemans Bay; Adam stated there's no support/ policy for an emergency night shelter in Council; General discussion points: Night Shelters are often predatory settings that can further impact negatively on those already vulnerable; Chris supported it but added there are good night shelters and bad night shelters, wrap around services were important; Audrey has a submission and a petition; Housing first were one of several possible solutions; Noelene suggested that x6 churches in the area have no money but have facilities, making a rationale connection, & asked could the Churches be worked as night shelters? Council won't provide it's empty buildings for shelters; Noelene views it as a Central Government issue and that we need to talk to Phil Twyford in government. Action: Noelene write a letter to Government;

17. POAL and Air Monitoring Letter; Noelene attended the Ports of Auckland Meeting; topics covered at this meeting 'earnest engagement with residents'; noise; pollution; truck monitoring; realistic targets; call for hard data and an undertaking from PoA to reduce polluting activities.

The allocated time for the room expired – final 3 agenda items will be moved to the next meeting (4 Dec):

Universal Access at the Ellen Melville Centre – AvR.

Myers Park medley Sunday 18 February 12-4pm WLB

CCRG Submission on AT proposals for the intersection of Shortland/Eden Cres and Princess St

Noelene thanked all attendees for coming and Welcomed the new-comers.

The CCRG Meeting Closed at 8pm

Next CCRG Meeting December 4th@ 6pm

Elizabeth Yates Room, Ellen Melville Centre

Attachments:

Chair Report

Financial Statement to 30 June 2017

Position Statements



Cash on Hand in ASB Account		1-Jul-16		\$ 695.60
Membership Subs	20		\$ 10.00	\$ 200.00
CCRG Domain Name & Web Template 1 yr	1		\$ 236.67	-\$ 236.67
5 Apr 7 Apr 1st Domain Christchurch NZL			24.73	
6 Apr 10 Apr Squarespace Inc. 6465803456 Ny (USD 144.00 @ 0.6963)			211.94	
(Incl Currency Conversion Charge - \$5.16)				
Balance after above transaction 30june17		30-Jun-17		\$ 658.93
Cash on Hand in ASB Account		30-Jun-17		\$ 658.93

Cash on Hand as of 5 Nov 2017

\$1,440.20

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Chair's Report - 2017 AGM

Overall 2017 has been a very busy year for the CCRG, and 2018 does not look any quieter.

The majority of work naturally revolves around our membership of the [Auckland City Centre Advisory Board](#) (ACCAB), where discussions and decisions are made around the expenditure of the targeted rate (levied on business and residential properties in the city centre).

Some \$22m is raised annually from this rate, which means that over time, many of the public spaces in the city centre are able to be upgraded, and this improves liveability and visitor experience for everyone.

Month by month the year looked like this.

August 2016 AGM

The Chair, Tim Hannah, presented his annual report highlighting the proposed changes and recommendations following a major review of the then CBD Residents' Advisory Group.

The following were elected to the Executive Committee - Kathy Ross, Noelene Buckland, Stephen Greenfield, Ardeth Lobet, Tim Hannah, Adam Parkinson, Jackie Hui.

There was a Special Resolution to Adopt Proposed Rule Changes including a Name change. As notified, this was in response to the Review Group's work. Thanks to the Group, and also to Michael for his work in drafting the proposed rules.

Some points around the rules change:

- A name change to Auckland City Centre Residents' Group (CCRG) - much of it is in relation to the Name Change, and focussing on the term 'City Centre' and away from 'CBD-Central Business District', which also aligns more with Council's definition.
- A simplification in the Objectives. The numbers necessary for a quorum to be changed to a % of those attending rather than a fixed number.
- There was a general discussion on the need to start promoting CCRG via Facebook and a website, which all agreed were good platforms, along with Neighbourly.

November 2016

A somewhat quiet period following the local government elections and the wait for new policy proposals from the newly elected Mayor – Phil Goff.

ACCAB work involves representatives of Auckland Transport, ACCAB (two including Adam Parkinson) and Auckland Council meeting to discuss plans for Albert Street after the Central Rail Link (CRL) build is complete. ACCAB expressed concern regarding how their \$20m monetary contribution would be spent and on high volume of anticipated bus traffic.

Pippa Coom replaces Shale Chambers as Chair of the [Waitematā Local Board](#). Shale takes up the Deputy position, and remains the Local Board's representative on ACCAB.

QEII square appeal lost. CCRG was a party to Environment Court proceedings under section 274 of the RMA opposing the loss of QE Square public space to become part of the Precinct Property development (now known as Commercial Bay).

Discussions around increasing membership and setting up Facebook page and Website.

December 2016

Auckland Transport accepted 3 members of the present ACCAB to be part of the design planning for the Albert streetscape. The \$20 million ACCAB commitment is of concern. The deadline for design is January. There is agreement in ACCAB on priorities of buses, then pedestrians and lastly cars. Bus traffic is expected to reach 62 buses per hour at peak times.

Panuku Development reports concerns about Auckland's reputation, following reported issues with international student visas.

Discussion on "tiny homes" proposed for the Kari Street Nursery site in the Domain, to shelter homeless people. CCRG agreed to support the petition, which can be found on the [change.org](https://www.change.org) website.

CCRG members attend a workshop meeting designed to produce the objectives and purpose for the [Ellen Melville Centre](#) activities, with a focus on benefit for residents.

Concerns expressed around threats to some of the public space gained via the 'Bonus Floor Provisions' in the district plan in the city centre, and a resolution that CCRG write to Council requesting that these areas be protected as part of the public domain.

CCRG to engage with Council over the commercial refuse collection in the city centre.

February 2017

Noelene Buckland elected as Chair

ACCAB work focussed around the need to maintain two CCRG seats on that board as these are currently under review.

CCRG representative on Taskforce on Alcohol and Community Safety reports that Police appealed against Council proposed alcohol policy.

CCRG representative on Ports of Auckland Community Liaison Group reports that consideration being given to powering berthed ships from on-shore electricity so as to improve air quality.

ACCAB to provide \$2m toward the upgrade of Liston House, and provide some additional social housing in the city centre.

Discussions around the need for more resident input into Ellen Melville proposals, more bike racks needed in the city, further contact with the WLB re the bonus floor area at [56 Wakefield Street](#), and further work on a Facebook page and website.

May 2017

Initial discussion on proposed policy positions for CCRG based around seven key areas of Council spend outlined in the Long-Term Plan.

ACCAB Chair and Deputy Chair positions not filled at this stage due to review of entity, but are fully supportive of the [City Centre Master Plan](#).

Strong submission made against Auckland Transport to use Victoria Street ('Linear Park'), as major bus route across town – CCRG preference is to support the City Centre Master Plan proposals.

Meeting held with elected councillors and MP's to support CCRG position on protection of Victoria Street Linear Park.

CCRG representative on Taskforce on Alcohol and Community Safety advises that Richard Hills is the new Chair of that organisation, and their focus for the year ahead will include use of Bylaws, Begging, Events permitting/planning, potential data to measure crime trends and safety perceptions.

CCRG to investigate background of an announced increase in the permitted number of loud events at Aotea Square without any resident consultation.

CCRG make a submission on Public Safety and Nuisance Bylaw Review.

General discussions around: new community facilities maintenance contracts across Auckland council (known as Project 17), CCRG organising Coast to Coast walk as part of Auckland Heritage Festival, relationship with Body Corporate Chairs Group, new promotional material, website/Facebook etc., and organising an election forum for Auckland Central candidates.

Agreed that CCRG become a member of the Stop Auckland Sewerage Overflows Coalition but with the proviso that we totally support intensification of residential development across Auckland.

June 2017

ACCAB CRL sub-group reports Albert Street design agreement between ACCAB and CRL.

Cost expected to be \$18m for Quay Street -Mayoral Drive area. This may leave \$2m for other projects.

Quay Street Cycle Route submissions are due by 18 June. Much negative discussion on proposed removal of 14 Pohutukawa which is not supported by CCRG, although some reinstatement offered.

Albert Park security lighting proceeding well, but central library roof repairs taking longer so alternative meeting space organised for CCRG meetings.

Submission made on Waitemata Local Board plan.

Discussions around CCRG position on homelessness, with some supportive of it being entirely a central government responsibility, and homelessness not being normalised. Some also supportive of strong community involvement to ease distress of those affected, but general support for the need of good night shelter for those who need it but not for lockers around the city as security is an issue.

General discussions around Metro Schools, a proposed hotel in Market Place that dramatically exceeds height and bulk requirements in the Unitary Plan (NOT supported by CCRG), observation deck at [56 Wakefield Street](#) and the CCRG Coast to Coast Heritage Festival event on 1 October.

CCRG election forum arranged for 6 or 7 September, Ellen Melville bookings made for CCRG monthly meeting through to June 2018, and funding application submitted to WLB for support with CBD RAG name change to CCRG and the associated promotional material needed – Facebook page, website, brochures, business cards.

A huge vote of thanks extended to Audrey van Ryn for publication of the 40th issue of the CCRG E-News.

July 2017

ACCAB discussions around the Lower Queen Street Public Realm, and three members appointed to work with CRL on appropriate designs.

Homelessness discussed but no further plans from ACCAB.

CRL Board established with 51% ownership by Crown and 49% by Auckland Council.

Submissions made on Auckland Transport's Roads and Streets Framework, with the general theme that it must be Auckland Council as the Governing Body who decides on public space outcomes, not Auckland Transport.

Major concerns about the poor state of much of the city centre public space following the implementation of the new community facilities contracts – CCRG to follow up with elected members.

Representative on Taskforce on Alcohol and Community Safety reported violent crime down in the city centre, but burglaries and public place violence increased due mainly to use of synthetic drugs.

POAL representative reported on last meeting - new cranes, 4-level carpark, automation of Port, they are expecting more electric vehicle imports. Worst pollutants at Port is sulphur from ships. Port has 2 units on wheels for testing air quality levels to establish a baseline. CCRG expect more widespread air city centre monitoring. NZ has basically no automobile pollution controls.

General discussion around election forum which is to be at St. Mathew in the City, O'Connell Street artwork, new website, Facebook page and Coast to Coast walk.

August 2017

ACCAB work around Lower Queen Street Public Realm, opening of Albert Park tunnels (supported by CCRG), city centre maintenance, CCRG Chair to take up one of the two ACCAB positions.

CCRG's grant application to WLB was successful and \$908.27 allocated to CCRG for assistance with marketing material following Auckland Council's change of name from 'CBD' to 'City Centre'.

Arrangements for election forum well in hand with five candidates accepted – 7 September St. Mathew in the City. 6-8 questions to be developed and sent to candidates for response on the evening.

Profound scepticism about Liquor Licensing Authority decisions relating to two-year moratorium on off-licenses without addressing any of the major submitter concerns about alcohol abuse.

General concerns expressed about plastics in waterways and agreement to prepare a CCRG policy position.

Chair met with Auckland Central MP Nikki Kaye to express strong insistence that central government take ownership of the homeless situation in Auckland, as it is not an issue that either local government or communities can resolve – CCRG position understood and supported.

September 2017

Auckland Transport reported at ACCAB meeting confirming that the mid city bus routes would use Wellesley Street NOT Victoria as originally proposed. Victoria Street as a Linear Park supported by all parties with Wellesley Street developed as a 'bus boulevard' and a new University Bus Terminal to be considered on land to the west side of Grafton Gully.

Substantial ACCAB discussion on Auckland development – Ports of Auckland, cruise ships, ferry terminals, Americas Cup, Wynyard point and other major issues.

CCRG to make submission on Lower Queen Street Public Realm.

CCRG submission on K'Road CRL station and the need for disabled access to K'Road not just to Mercury Lane, as the rise from the station to K'Road is too steep for disabled people.

Noise from night work on roads a major issue in the central city – both NZTA and Auckland Transport.

CCRG supported petition to close O'Connell street to normal vehicular traffic (but permit delivery vehicles).

Aotea Square noise control a major issue as it appears that Regional Facilities Auckland requested additional noise days as part of the Unitary Plan submissions, but no residents advised.

Measurement for Aotea Square is an average as measured at [68 Greys Avenue](#) with no mention of the hundreds of residential properties located much closer to the square – more work needed on this.

CCRG submission prepared on Auckland Plan Refresh supporting the approach and requesting that two additional areas of research be undertaken – 1) model all Auckland roads and streets without any parking, so as to determine what can fit within the existing infrastructure, and to determine whether we actually need any more infrastructure, or can we modify what we have and, 2) more research on high tech hubs across the entire city, so that people can access their work sites within walking or cycling distance of where they live – if 20% of workers travelled two days less per week what would that mean for our transport infrastructure?

October 2017

ACCAB discussions around Lower Queen Street Public Realm designs, Nelson/Hobson Street update, a Business Case for Walking which confirms how critical walking is for economic activity, and an update on the mid-town bus routes.

Discussions also around why the road which traverses Freyberg Place is now open most of the time whereas the agreement was that it would be closed most of the time. It appears that the information around the difference between closing a road (a temporary measure) and stopping a road (a permanent measure) was not explained by Auckland Transport at the time, and this now needs addressing.

The election forum on 7 September was well attended, the questions were responded to openly by all candidates, so all round a great success, and all candidates have been thanked for their attendance.

A meeting has been organised with Sergeant Mark Clayton (Acting Senior Sergeant Mark Clayton O/C Youth & Communities | Auckland Central Area) to discuss security, alcohol abuse, and noise from loud modified vehicles in the city centre at night.

Discussions around how to best support the Victoria Quarter residents to improve pedestrian experiences in this area will start with a twenty-point list to take to the ACCAB.

All arrangements for use of Ellen Melville Centre in hand.

Further discussions around the lack of maintenance in areas like St. Pats Square, with the Chair to meet with Council people for further discussion, including the city centre commercial refuse collection.

CCRG make a submission to Panuku re the future of the eastern viaduct, once vehicles are removed in March 2018, with a focus on open public space, seating, planting and drinking water.

Coast to Coast walk went very well, on 1 October, despite poor weather.

Discussions held with K'Road BID re working together to contact more residents, and particularly those to the west of the southern motorway that are within the BIC area.

My thanks to all the CCRG committee team who have done an enormous amount of work over the past twelve months as evidenced above.

We will be discussion roles and responsibilities for committee members at our December meeting so that we can share some of the work load in a more formal way.

Nga mihi
Noelene Buckland
Chair CCRG



CCRG Objective and Policy Statements

Objective

To represent and advocate for all Auckland city centre residents to Auckland Council and other relevant agencies/organisations. The purpose of such representation is to make known the concerns of residents, to work for the best possible living environment to support community building in the central city.

Policy Statements

Transport

Pedestrians, public transport and cycling must have priority over private transport in all transport related projects in, and around, the city centre.

- Our principle focus is to support the integrity of the City Centre Masterplan (including the Waterfront Plan) as the primary delivery model for all city centre projects including transport choices.
- The CCRG expects that private use of public space should be limited and entail a cost to the user with that revenue spent dedicated to improving the public realm – this includes graduated on road parking fees/permits across all of the Auckland Council territory.
- The location of bus routes and termini must take into account adjacent residential impacts.

Parks, Community & Lifestyle

Great public spaces are the identifier of cities – these are the places we all enjoy, remember, photograph, play and relax in irrespective of which city we find them.

- Public Spaces, in all their forms, are precious assets that improve everyone's lifestyle and must be maintained, enhanced and increased to a very high standard.
- The central city does not have enough open space so if any existing public space needs to be modified, for whatever reason, the CCRG position is that the outcome must be a better public space option for residents with the primary principle being a 'like with like' transaction.
- The use of public space for begging and rough sleeping is inconsistent with the Worlds' Most Liveable City. Residents expect central government to partner with relevant organisations to ensure that suitable emergency shelter is provided for those who need it, when they need it.

Environmental Management & Regulation

Residents in the world's most liveable city are entitled to a clean and healthy environment.

- The CCRG advocates more emphasis on improving the health of the city centre environment and reducing pollution of all kinds with priority given to clean modes of transport.
- Noise-levels, skateboarding and the frequency of events need to be well managed to ensure that the quality of our public spaces is not damaged or that the enjoyment and liveability of the city centre is not compromised.

Auckland Development

The city centre's continuing growth needs to be carefully monitored to ensure liveability is not compromised while prioritising improved public transport, more quality public spaces and a healthy environment.

- The CCRG focus is to ensure that the funds raised through the city centre residential targeted rates are spent on projects within the public realm that have a measureable benefit for residents and are not used as a subsidy for other interests.

Economic and Cultural

Auckland's ability to understand, appreciate and celebrate our own, and other cultures, is the key to our economic future.

- Along with great public spaces the CCRG strongly supports the concept that Auckland, as a great place to live, will have a major influence on future economic success.

Governance and Support

Open and transparent governance practises provide the essential structure that underpins the legitimacy of public sector leadership.

- The CCRG will work with the Auckland Council family and the Auckland City Centre Advisory Board to ensure that the voice of city centre residents is an accepted part of decision making within the central city.

Water and Wastewater

Well planned, operational infrastructure for water and wastewater is the single most critical factor in creating a healthy and safe environment.

- The CCRG expects that the management of water and wastewater, including storm water, will provide 24/7 clean and safe waterways across the entire Auckland Council territory with expenditure prioritised to those areas that currently do not meet this measure.