



**Churton Park Community Association Inc.**  
**President's report to the 2026 AGM**  
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I begin my report by offering the sincere thanks of CPCA to all who have supported our work over the past year. In particular, I note the contributions of Committee members, Churton Park Community Centre, City Councillors, Johnsonville Lions, Churton Park and Amesbury Schools; Collective Real Estate, Churton Park New World, Guardian Funeral Home, Johnsonville and Wellington City Council.

**Prioritising the work programme**

The small size of the CPCA committee during the past year gave a sharp focus to achieving as much as possible with limited help. Work began with meeting obligations from the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 to complete re-registration as an Incorporated Society. This included finalising the draft Constitution; developing procedures for membership applications and for being a CPCA officer.

Last year's AGM had agreed to the draft Constitution being finalised and submitted to the Companies Office, subject to the Committee reviewing some concerns that had been raised in the meeting. The Constitution was authorised by the Registrar of Incorporated Societies on 4 June 2025.

The 2025 AGM also directed the Committee to carry out a review of the new Constitution in light of concerns about its content, raised by some at the meeting. That feedback has proved helpful and changes are likely to be proposed.

The first part of the constitution review is nearly complete but has been delayed by the many and sometimes competing demands on the small committee. Once a draft revision is ready, the Committee will invite comment from the members who raised the concerns, finalise the review and then report back to members on any proposed amendments.

(a) Community events

On 6 December, the Committee organised another successful community carols event, at Churton Park School Hall, musically supported once more by the Porirua City Brass and Capital Harmony Chorus. Guardian Funeral Home (Johnsonville) printed the song sheets and Collective First National advertised the event.

Continuing the reciprocal support of CPCA and the Churton Park Community Centre, CPCA also sponsored and attended a series of family events organised by the Community Centre in 2025.

23 Jun	Matariki/Puanga treasure hunt
2 Jul	Family fun day with jigsaws and board games
20 July	Kite Day at Churton Park Reserve
28 Oct	Community Treasure Hunt at Churton Park Reserve

(b) Working with the WCC

Wellington City Northern Ward councillors attend most of the CPCA meetings, allowing constant exchange of information and ideas to assist us all in our work. This supplements the formal submissions made on Council planning procedures and assists the Councillors in their support of the people of Churton Park.

This relationship has been particularly helpful in working with the Council and the developer to consider options for providing a larger community centre. At the time of writing, discussions continue, but the development of an adjoining pub offers a potential opportunity for an expansion of the existing community centre.

### Planning submissions - water services

On 20 April 2026, CPCA made a submission to Tiaki Wai, the new agency responsible for providing Wellington's water services. Water costs, from 1 July 2026, will no longer be included in WCC rates as the services will be the responsibility of Tiaki Wai.

We acknowledged that past councils have grossly underinvested in water infrastructure (as witnessed by leaking water pipes and, more recently, the failure of the Moa Point sewage processing facility).

CPCA raised significant concerns about:

- the reported high, and rapidly increasing, costs to ratepayers; and
- the ability of the intended governance mechanisms to avoid a repetition of the difficulties previously experienced.

The text of the CPCA submission is available on the CPCA website.

### **Rebuilding the Churton Park Community Association**

The Churton Park Community Association has reached a crossroad. Since COVID-19, CPCA membership numbers have fallen year-by-year, with a corresponding loss of members offering their time as members of the CPCA Committee.

The Committee is now too small to meet its basic obligations to members. We continue to encourage more residents to become CPCA members and for some of them to take committee roles but, so far with limited success.

On 19 November, a message was sent to past and present members, and other residents who had provided their email addresses, explaining the predicament now faced by the dwindling membership, and seeking offers of assistance.

This resulted in two offers of help, one of whom (Rachael Ikurere) was gratefully coopted to the Committee at its 12 March meeting. Unfortunately, this gain was offset by the loss of Trevor Hawes, who reluctantly resigned for personal reasons and so our quest continues. A further notice was prepared to restate the message and to explain how subscription applications and donations can be easily processed through the CPCA website <https://www.churtonpark.org.nz/membership>.

The urgent need to increase the number of CPCA members and to find more members to join the Committee cannot be over-stressed. The President, Secretary and Treasurer have all given notice of their need to hand over their roles to others. They have extended their commitment to CPCA by allowing a period of transition for a smooth handover but, unless members can elect other officers, they will stand down before replacements are found.

### Where to from here?

We end this year facing a big question. Where does CPCA go from here?

- Our recent work to find better ways of communicating with residents has resulted in developing a more active Facebook page and a new website, to attract a broader audience.
- We have a strong relationship with Wellington's City and Regional Councils and contribute to planning matters that are of most significance to our community.
- We have funds for new projects, if we have the people to organise and deliver them.

BUT,

Without stronger community support, the future of CPCA is uncertain.

CPCA needs your support to help you – the people of Churton Park.