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News from the 2026 AGM

The Churton Park Community Association (CPCA) Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on 19 May 2026.

Guest speaker Ben McNulty (Wellington's Deputy Mayor) summarised the City Council's progress since being elected in October 2025. He also explained the effects of transferring Wellington's water services to the new agency 'Tiaki Wai'.

Election results - CPCA officers

Position	2026-27
President	Brian Sheppard
Vice President	Graham Thomas
Secretary	Rod Stainer
Treasurer	Stuart Trounson
Other	Vacant
Other	Rachael Ikurere

The Committee was thanked for its work in the past year. Thanks were also given to outgoing officers: Priya Baskaran (Treasurer), Stephen Morgan and the CPCA's Honorary Auditor Richard Whinam.

The financial performance of CPCA in the year ended 31 December 2025 and the President's report of progress during the year were tabled. They, together with draft minutes of the AGM, are available on the CPCA website <https://churtonpark.org.nz>

Update: At its first meeting after the AGM, the Committee co-opted Sophie Thomas as a Committee member.

The new Committee members

We are delighted to welcome Stuart Trounson as Treasurer, and a new communications team – Rachael Ikurere and Sophie Thomas. The new Committee is working well although

much of their work is still 'behind the scenes'. In addition to his core duties as Treasurer, Stuart is adding his support to ensure that CPCA meets the requirements of the current Incorporated Societies Act.

Rachael and Sophie are extending the work of the 'old' (*in both senses of the word*) Committee, who lacked the social media skills needed to engage with members and with other Churton Park residents. Much of this new work is still to be developed, but we intend to keep Facebook constantly refreshed with snippets of information to keep you up to date with what is happening in Churton Park. The website can provide more detailed information for topics of particular interest.

We invite you to check out both sites, and to let us know what works for you.

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/ChurtonPark>

and Website:

<https://churtonpark.org.nz>

Work programme for the year ahead

We would like to hear your thoughts about projects or activities that CPCA could organise and would also welcome offers of help with their planning and delivery. These would be in addition to the Committee's work in developing administrative systems as required by the Incorporated Societies Act 2022.

Possibilities, whether solely run by CPCA or in partnership with others such as:

- community advocacy and responding to such concerns as road safety and responsible dog ownership;
- emergency preparedness;
- community events.

Tribute to Councillor Tony Randle



Wellington City Council photo

The Churton Park Community Association (CPCA) was shocked to hear of the unexpected death on 9 August of our Wellington Northern Ward Councillor Tony Randle. We send our sincere condolences to his family, friends and colleagues.

Tony had a long history of supporting and advocating for the needs of Wellington's northern suburbs and applying sound analysis to important Council projects.

Even before he became a councillor, CPCA benefitted from Tony's advice and experience. We had worked with him through the Johnsonville Community Association, most notably on the redesign of Wellington's bus routes and on plans for expansion of housing in the Upper Stebbings Valley.

Tony was a great friend of CPCA, attending most of our committee meetings, to ensure that we were aware of opportunities to comment on council plans that affected Churton Park. His friendship, knowledge and sound advice will be sorely missed.

Get ready for the elections

The General Election will be held on Saturday 7 November 2026. To learn more, check the Electoral Commission website - <https://vote.nz>

This is the best way to confirm that you are registered to vote, and that your contact details are up to date. Your registration must be completed by midnight 25 October.

If English is not your first language, please note that the information is also provided in other languages.

A by-election will be held - for a Wellington City Council Takapū/Northern Ward Councillor, to replace the late Councillor Tony Randle. Date and details will be reported on the CPCA website and Facebook page when they are known.

Coming Events

26 September: Churton Park Clean-Up Day- (9am to 12pm)

CPCA invites you to join us with Churton Park Clean-Up Day, on Saturday 26 September. This annual event is our local contribution to Keep New Zealand Beautiful week.

Our task is to remove any litter that has been dropped or blown into Churton Park Reserve, Lakewood Reserve and John Walker Park.

Volunteers will meet at Churton Park Reserve car park at 9am for a briefing and to receive rubber gloves and rubbish bags.

21 October: New Zealand ShakeOut Day

Be prepared for an emergency.

ShakeOut is New Zealand's day for a national earthquake drill and tsunami hīkoi (evacuation). Even though Churton Park is high enough to avoid any likely tsunami, it is important to know what to do if you work in, or frequently travel to, a more vulnerable area.

ShakeOut 2026 is happening on Wednesday 21 October at 1:30pm. For further information, check <https://getready.govt.nz>

Membership and donations

Becoming a CPCA member assists in building community engagement. This in turn promotes CPCA's core role as a voice advocating on issues directly or indirectly affecting the Churton Park community.

If you would like join, or donate to the CPCA, please check the following link to the CPCA website, or scan the QR code in the header of this Gazette.

<https://churtonpark.org.nz/membership-cpca/>