



Remuera Business Association  
**Annual General Meeting**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> of October 2023, 6.00pm  
Sotheby's, Remuera Road, Remuera, Auckland

**MINUTES**

DA Fenn chaired the meeting which opened at 6.03 pm

**Present and eligible to vote:**

Sam Cockroft	New World Remuera
Alice Yoon	AJ Studio
Sandi Vincent	Hartley's
Lindsay Chemaly	Living At Home
Robin Chemaly	Living At Home
John Lee	Jem's of Remuera
Rosie Winter	Gabriella
Erika Brabyn	Braziwi
Wallace Brabyn	Braziwi
Terry King	Remuera Register
Jonathan Sissons	Sotheby's Remuera
Bruce	Abby's Antiques
Neville Porter	Porter Group

**Present but not eligible to vote:**

Sarah Powrie	Orakei Local Board
Natalie Wright	Remuera Business Association
Reece Fenn	Jem's of Remuera
Mark Covich	Ray White Remuera

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**1. Apologies were received from:**

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Blerta Rackovica	Tosca
Stewart Hobbs	Proconsult
Mark Bridgeman	Viranda Holdings
Jayne Thomson	Briarwood
3b Clonbern Road	Martelli McKegg
Leslie Ralston	Wells Agencies
Sarah Clark	Hedgerow
Desley Simpson	Auckland City Councillor
Scott Milne	Orakei Local Board
Nick Wilkinson	Guardian Group

Moved to accept the Apologies: DA Fenn      Seconded: Terry King

*The motion was carried unanimously*

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## **2. Confirmation of Minutes of AGM held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

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The Minutes of the meeting were taken as read and confirmed.

Moved: Robin Chemaly

Seconded: John Lee

*The motion to adopt the Minutes of the AGM held on 25<sup>th</sup> of October 2023 was carried unanimously.*

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## **3. Treasurers Report - Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023**

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The Audited Financial Statements were circulated prior to the AGM and copies were available at the Meeting.

Moved to adopt the Financial Statements: John Lee

Seconded: Terry King

*The motion was carried unanimously.*

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## **4 & 5. Presentation of Indicative Budget 2024/25 and Resolution**

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Proposed budget for 1 July 2024 to June 2025. That Remuera Business Association receive and approve the 2024/2025 budget which includes a BID targeted rate grant amount of \$257,335.20 noting there will be a 3% (\$7,495.20) increase to the BID targeted rate grant for 2024/2025 financial year. Further ask the Orakei Local Board recommend to the governing body the amount of \$257,335.20 be included in the Auckland Council draft 2024/2025 annual budget consultation process. The Proposed Indicative Budget broadly outlined where funds will be allocated, subject to final approval by the incoming Executive Committee.

Moved to adopt the Proposed Indicative Budget: Lindsay Chemaly  
Seconded: Terry King

*The motion was carried unanimously.*

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## **6. Appointment of Auditor for the year ending 30 June 2024**

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It was moved that William Buck be appointed as the Auditor for the year ending 30 June 2024.

Moved: Robin Chemaly

Seconded: Wallace Brabyn

*The motion was carried unanimously.*

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## 7. Chairman's Report

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The Annual Report for 2022/2023 was circulated prior to the AGM and copies were available at the meeting. The Chair of the RBA, DA Fenn, verbally presented the Chairman's report which acknowledged another challenging year for retailers.

DA Fenn thanked the Executive Committee - Sam Cockroft (New World), Terry King (Remuera Registrar), Sandi Vincent (Hartleys) and Rosie Winter (Gabriella) Wallace Brabyn (Braziwi), Alice Yoon (AJ Studio) for their dedication and work during the year. A big thank you to Sarah Powrie, who is our Orakei Board councillor. She always has our back with all matters at council, her knowledge and guidance is always appreciated. DA Fenn also thanked Natalie Wright (Business Manager) for her hard work.

The Remuera Business Association Board has had another busy year with new initiatives to enhance Remuera as a place to stay, play and shop. Our beautification of the village is really taking shape with the

- Introduction of shop fascia's which streamline the look of the stores, this will continue throughout the next year with the new stores coming on board.
- The fairy lights under the verandas on the east side of the street is looking amazing especially at night which helps , adds interest and security. The board will continue this throughout the village as funds allow.
- RBA dog water bowls
- RBA Poo Bag dispensers throughout the village
- Repainted olive tree pots and added extra pots on the street
- Painted and resituated the wooden bench seats to Clonbern Rd
- In the process of cleaning up AT/New World carpark, painted the walkway screen to 1050
- Continue to part fund the footpath sign initiative
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The CCTV security has really paid off for the village and helps deter crime and we are known for vigilant reporting of any activity in the area. We are looking at adding new cameras to our current system to widen our catchment area.

The CCTV cameras have also helped with carparking which is still a key issue for Remuera. We are constantly looking at ways which we can help with the congestion at the New World carpark as this is our main area for parking with 140 carpark spaces but having around 290 cars parking there per day. There is a limited number of parks on the main street so have been strongly encouraging workers/staff to find alternative parking so these valuable parks are left for shoppers. There are some weekly carparks available to rent in the new area on the empty lot adjacent to New World. Most staff/owners have been really good at leaving the main parking areas for shoppers, only a handful continue to disregard our community parking. Most retailers have jumped onboard to make this a shoppers parking area. AT have been ticketing offenders more often so this is all helping. We are in discussions with AT as to what is the big picture for parking in Remuera, have asked for parking to be 2 hours (yet to be confirmed). Due to the construction in the area we know that a lot of sideroad parking has been used by labourers but this will be alleviated once Victoria Lane opens by the end of the year.

We have seen many new stores/businesses open in Remuera which is a positive testament that we are the place to be. Due to the beautification of the buildings this is making the dead zones viable for street trading, there has been a flurry of new interest with only two retail shops available for rent in the village. The 1050 precinct has been completed and is a wonderful addition to our dining experience. We will also gain new people to the area once of the new apartment blocks are open.

Moved to adopt the Report: Terry King

Seconded: Sam Cockcoft

*The motion was carried unanimously.*

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## **8. Business Managers Report and Plan for 2024/25**

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The Business Development Managers Report was circulated prior to the AGM and copies were available at the Meeting. Natalie updated the plan since the time of writing.

The Business Plan for 2024/25 was circulated prior to the AGM and copies available at the Meeting.

Moved to adopt the draft Business Development Managers Report and the Business Plan: John Lee

Seconded: Robin Chemaly

*The motion was carried unanimously.*

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## **9. Resolution – Associate Membership Fees**

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DA Fenn moved that Associate Membership Fees be fixed to be increased to \$250.00 + GST

Seconded by Wallace Brabyn

*The motion was carried unanimously.*

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## **11. Appointment of Executive Committee for 2023/24**

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The current member of the Executive Committee

DA Fenn

Sam Cockcroft

Sandi Vincent

Rosie Winter

Wallace Brabyn

Terry King

Aloce Yoon

Chairperson – Jems

Treasurer - New World

Hartley's

Gabriella's

Braziwi

Remuera Register

AJ Studio

All current members of the committee (named above) were put forward to stand again and there was no new members to be nominated.

Moved: Sandi Vincent

Seconded: John Lee

*The motion was carried unanimously*

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## General Business

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- Members concerns is the increase in crime.
- The adding of security cameras have definitely been a timely addition to the community and the LPR cameras have been a great tool. Adding more at each end of the street is crucial for safety.
- Carparking and what needs to be done to secure repeat customers.
- The fascia's and lights have had a very positive response
- The Olive trees are starting to look amazing.
- Members are happy with the Bid Spend, Halloween and Easter promotion's from the RBA.
- Members approved to have a Xmas function for all members in mid-December 2023.
- Members discussed Xmas celebrations in Remuera.

DA Fenn thanked Jonathan Sisson's of Sotheby's for hosting the RBA AGM and generously providing excellent nibbles for the meeting.

Da Fenn also thanked RBA members for attending.

***The meeting closed at 7.31 pm.***