

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Eden Park Residents' Association, Inc. ("EPRA")

Venue: Conference Room, Eden Park

Date: Wednesday 20 November 2024, 7pm

Committee Members Present: Tony Wright (Chair), Victoria Toon, Sarah Jack, Shona Tagg, Sandra Khouri, Anthony McGivern, Jeremy Todd

Other Members Present: David Wilson, Simon Toon, Maryann Wright, Sam Jack, Andrew Collow, Wynifred Wilson

Apologies: Eamon Drumm

Tony welcomed everyone present and confirmed that the requirement in Rule 20 for a quorum of 8 members has been met and the meeting can proceed.

Confirmation of Minutes: Victoria Toon moved a motion that the minutes of the previous AGM held on Wednesday 22 November 2024 be approved as a true and accurate record, seconded by Shona Tagg and unanimously approved by the meeting.

Annual Report: Tony welcomed those present and thanked them for attending. He summarised the key events of 2024. Refer Chairperson's Report below:

Over the last 12 months, the Eden Park (EP) event schedule has been extensive, with a combination of the usual sports events, concerts and an increasingly wider range of community events. Concerts are now a well-established part of the EP calendar supplementing the traditional rugby and cricket sporting fixtures. Overall, the introduction of concerts has gone well and member feedback indicates they have reacted positively to these new events.

2024 EPRA Activities:

- During May we conducted a comprehensive membership survey on the changes proposed in EP's Resource Consent application to hold 12 concerts for a maximum of 6 artists per year together with other peripheral changes.
- Overall, ninety one percent of members supported the application which was consistent with previous resident surveys. The survey formed the basis of EPRA's supportive submission to the Auckland Council Commission considering the application during October. The Council decision is expected before year end 2024.
- EPRA was again represented at 5 Auckland Council Community Liaison Group meetings over the last twelve months. Traffic management and enforcement issues were of most concern to members, particularly during smaller community oriented events such as EID.
- At last year's AGM, EPRA membership stood at 229 representing over 408 people. This year total membership has increased to 250 plus 180 associated family members representing 430 people.
- Since the 2023 AGM, the EPRA Committee has met face to face 3 times. The Committee also remains in regular contact via email and a WhatsApp group, especially around the time of major events.

In conclusion, I want to acknowledge the excellent work by various committee members throughout 2024. The work they do is entirely voluntary and deserves special recognition and recording.

Firstly, Victoria Toon for her generous support in ensuring the website functionality is maintained and keeping our membership list up to date. In addition, we benefit greatly from her knowledge, advocacy and feedback as an Eden Park Trustee.

The core role of EPRA is to reflect the views of its members. We've been very fortunate to have Jeremy Todd willingly develop and execute high quality membership surveys. They form the basis of any views we express publicly or submissions we make. Thanks to Jeremy's contribution, our recent submission to Council was acknowledged as very credible and influential.

EPRA is now a first port of call for most media on matters related to the impact of EP on residents. This wasn't historically the case and is due in no small part to capability and commitment of our spokesperson, Shona Tagg. Thanks Shona.

Thanks as well to Sarah Jack for updating the EPRA constitution so that we will comply with forthcoming changes in the Incorporated Societies legislation and for generally keeping our governance structures and practices in line with best practice.

These special contributions would not be possible without the work and support of the other committee members so I also want to acknowledge Sandra Khouri, Anthony McGivern and Eamon Drumm for their valuable contributions and input throughout the year.

Finally, I want to thank members for your continued support and feedback. Without the high levels of participation we get in our surveys and the feedback we receive through various informal channels, we wouldn't be able to accurately and effectively represent the needs and wishes of Eden Park residents.

Thank You.

Tony Wright
Chairperson

The Chairperson's Report was accepted unanimously, as moved by Simon Toon and seconded by Sarah Jack.

Financial Report: We collect no membership fees and no income and make no payments. Victoria Toon circulated the Annual Accounts for the year ending 29 February 2024 with a nil balance. The Financial Report was accepted unanimously, as moved by Shona Tagg and seconded by Jeremy Todd.

Moving Balance Date: Sarah reported that we are wanting to move EPRA's balance date from the current 28/29 February date to 30 June. Victoria confirmed that accounts need to be approved by members at an AGM within six months of the balance date, so a 30 June date would work well with our November AGM. Sarah Jack moved a motion that EPRA's balance date be shifted to 30 June, seconded by Jeremy Todd and approved unanimously.

Adopting New Constitution: Sarah explained the need for EPRA to adopt a new Constitution that complies with the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 ("**Act**") and Incorporated Societies Regulations 2023 ("**Regulations**") before we are able to re-register EPRA under the Act. The proposed new Constitution was circulated to all members with the notice of meeting for the AGM.

Sarah has prepared the new Constitution using the Companies Office constitution builder that reflects the Act and Regulations. As a general principle, she has kept as closely as possible to EPRA's old Rules, while complying with the Act and Regulations and deleting anything irrelevant, unclear or archaic.

Sarah drew members' particular attention to the Purposes clause, which sets out the purposes for which EPRA exists. The Committee members all reviewed these purposes and the draft Constitution before it was circulated to the wider membership and had the opportunity to give feedback. Members present were given the opportunity to ask any questions and Sarah explained the key changes in the Act (such as requiring dispute resolution procedures to be included in the Constitution, keeping records of past members as well as current ones, requiring officers to confirm they are not disqualified from holding office, requiring all societies to re-register under the Act etc).

Resolved to adopt the new Constitution and to empower the Committee to take all necessary steps to re-register EPRA under the Act – moved by Tony Wright, seconded by Simon Toon and unanimously approved.

Election of Committee:

The following members were nominated by Tony Wright and seconded by Simon Toon to form the Committee of EPRA:

Tony Wright
Victoria Toon
Shona Tagg
Jeremy Todd
Eamon Drumm
Sarah Jack
Sandra Khouri
Anthony McGivern

The members nominated above were elected unanimously by all members present to form the Committee of the EPRA. As required by section 47 of the Act, Committee members have completed Consent and Certificate of Officer forms confirming that they are not disqualified from holding office and these will be held in the Society's records.

General Business: Tony and Victoria thanked those from the EPRA Committee who attended the recent Council resource consent hearing, especially Jeremy for presenting the results of our member survey in such a clear and concise manner. Tony also thanked the Committee members for each contributing their particular skillsets to EPRA – it is a true community effort with EPRA not asking for any financial contribution from its members – just their views and feedback.

The meeting closed at 7.35pm
Minutes taken by Sarah Jack