



Co-chairs Report

Community Networks Wellington Annual General Meeting

21st October 2020

Community Networks Aotearoa
Annual General Meeting 2020
Co-Chair's Report

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa

Warm greetings to you all, welcome.

I am pleased to present the Co-Chair's report on behalf of the Board of Community Networks Aotearoa to the 2020 Annual General Meeting.

I would also like to acknowledge our community groups, members and individuals who are working every day in our communities to provide comfort, shelter, kai, advice and connections to the vulnerable and those who are going through challenging times, be that either temporary or a longer time frame our communities are supported and served by Community Networks Wellington.

One of the most important and valued pieces Community Networks Wellington brings to us all is connection. Being connected, being heard, listened to, and being present are all pieces of a vibrant and healthy community.

Our organisation is a reflection of the community organisations supporting the local communities and this is reflected in our Executive Members who donate more time, expertise and energy into ensuring we as an organisation are able to deliver to our communities. I would like to acknowledge all our Executive Members, these are :

- Julia Hennessy, Co-chair
 - Mike Hinton, Co-chair
 - Juliane Tandy, Treasurer
 - Ali Hamlin-Paenga
 - Vicki Hirini
 - Ray Tuffin
 - Elizabeth Young
- Presbyterian Support Central - Family Works
Restorative Practices Aotearoa (RPA)
Citizens Advice Bureau – Karori
Kahungunu Whanau Services (NKKP)
The Salvation Army, Oasis
Wellington City Mission
KiwiClass

And resigned members:

- Ann Dalziel
 - Manda Grubner
 - Paula Lloyd
 - Julie Thomson
- Age Concern Wellington
Community Law Wellington & Hutt Valley
DCM - Housing First
Volunteer Wellington

We need to also acknowledge the organisations that our Executive members work for. Often these organisations give freely the time of their employee to attend our meetings, forums and activities that make up the work of our Executive members on a regular basis.

We have been blessed over many years to have great staff at CNW and this is especially true for our wonderful staff today. Debbie Delaney has consistently kept our office running, balancing books and ensuring we are all well prepared, Janette Ritchie is producing our excellent newsletter and supplements, website and member database and Vivian Mitchell who has produced a brilliant Community Networks members survey.

We have been well supported at our monthly hui with great speakers, including:

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| Community Law Centre Wgtn & HV -
Alex Bengree & Nadine Third | 18/07/2019 - Highlighting the new CL Community Toolkit |
| PIKI', Tu Ora Compass Health -
Dr Cathy Stephenson & Kate | 21/08/19 - 'Piki' , a new support service available to young people aged 18-25 across the Greater Wellington Region. |
| Ali Hamlin-Paenga - NKKP and
Taone O'Regan - DCM Housing First | 18/09/19 AGM - Taone O'Regan from DCM on the Housing First contract. Ali Paenga-Hamlin from Kahungunu Whānau Services on the kaupapa Maori contract. |
| Te Rito Wellington Family Violence Network | 16/10/19 - Janet Bagshaw from Te Rito Wellington Family Violence Network - talking about who Te Rito's member organisations are, the work they do, and what we need to know as we work in the community space. |
| Wellington City Mission - Ray Tuffin | 20/11/19 - Ray Tuffin from the Wellington City Mission on the Community Sports Banks - what they are, where you can find them and how they work. |

WCC - Diane Livingston	19/02/2020 - WCC Planning for Growth engagement work
PSC Family Works - Julia Hennesey	15/07/2020 - about the Family Dispute Resolution Service.
Grant Robertson – Labour, Brooke Van Velden – ACT, National - Brett Hudson and Greens - James Shaw	19/08/2020 - Re our latest survey : “What would be your plan to address these needs?”
Wellington City Council - Jan MacAndrew and Amy Brannigan	16/09/2020 - Jan and Amy - a quick update on Planning for Growth, and heads up on the Long Term Plan process.

It was great to have motivational interesting and such diverse speakers.

Our members survey was well put together by Vivian and was an accurate reflection of what our members do in the community. Our statistic’s and this survey have been used by other organisations and government agencies.

Covid-19: We could say a lot, but we wont.

It’s been tough and we are still experiencing it today. Be safe and be kind, not just catch words but how we should be always. Kia kaha.

I would like to take this time to also acknowledge and thank our funders.

Wellington City Council, The Wellington Community Trust, COGS and MSD. Also to Kahungunu Whanau Services for donated IT equipment.

I would like to finish with a brief look forward.

Connections are the glue that hold communities together, with Wellington Community Networks we have over many years developed, evolved and grown to one of the most connected communities within Aotearoa. Post covid-19 we will be operating in a manner and environment that we have never experienced before. There is no way the world will go back to the way it was pre-covid ever!

Now, more than any time in our history is it important to stay connected, look for connections and support our whole communities.

Nāku te rourou, nāu te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi

Julia Hennesey & Mike Hinton
Co-chairs Community Networks Wellington
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