

Onslow Residents Community Association (ORCA)

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 25 March 2025

at 7.30 pm in Khandallah Town Hall



1. **Welcome:** David Binning, ORCA Chair, opened the meeting at 7.35pm, welcoming attendees including other ORCA members.
2. **Attendance:** Thirty one participants.
3. **Apologies:** Apologies received from Annie Van Herck, Nicola McFaul, Jeff Orr, Jenny Leith, Ram Venuprasad. (Ray Chung, Prem Singh, Carried)
4. **Minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting held on 19 March 2024** were tabled by the Chair. These were confirmed as a true and correct record. (John Klimenko, Ray Chung, Carried)
5. **Chair's Annual Report:** The Chair tabled his Annual Report for 2025. David acknowledged his short tenure of four months and shared his motivation for stepping into the role. As a long-time resident with extensive experience in management, consulting, and governance, he took on the position to provide leadership and address key community concerns.

A major issue highlighted was the Wellington City Council's (WCC) failure to provide essential services and engage meaningfully with residents. Despite employing over 60 communications staff, public consultation remains poor, with key decisions made without sufficient community input. Rising costs and governance shortcomings continue to burden residents, yet few are actively involved in seeking solutions.

Over the past year, ORCA has organised several events, including sessions on animal control, road safety, and emergency planning. David also criticised WCC's Long-Term Plan review process, which lacked genuine resident engagement and wasted ratepayer funds. Additionally, he noted the presence of over 40 volunteer-run organisations in the area but highlighted the need for better coordination and awareness of these groups.

Looking ahead, ORCA aims to improve communication between local organisations, develop a centralised resource listing community services, and advocate for regular ward councillor workshops to enhance public engagement. David also emphasised the need for younger residents to step forward and take an active role in ORCA to ensure strong community representation in the future.

Report accepted: Martin Jenkins, Peggy Klimenko, Carried.

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6. Treasurer’s Report of the 2024 Financial Statements

Lawrence Collingbourne tabled ORCA’s Annual Financial Report 2024 and spoke to it.

Report accepted: Julie Ward, Barbara McKenzie, Carried.

7. Appointment of an Auditor

It was agreed that it was not necessary to have an auditor for ORCA financial reports.

David Binning, Lawrence Collingbourne, Carried.

8. Nomination of Officers and Committee

The Secretary read out the following nominations for the 2025 Executive Committee:

Chair/President:	David Binning
Vice President:	Ray Chung
Treasurer	Prem Singh
Secretary	Paul Carey
Committee:	Martin Jenkins
	Alastair Hutchens
	Joan Shi
	John McGrath

There being no objections, all nominations were appointed by acclamation.

9. General Business

1. Comments from Councillors

All three ward Councillors covering the area of the Association had been invited to attend. Councillors Diane Calvert and Ray Chung both spoke to the meeting.

2. Open Forum for Residents

Councillors Diane Calvert and Ray Chung both answered questions put to them by residents present.

3. David Binning thanked Lawrence for his service to the Association.

11. Meeting Closed at 8.45pm and participants were invited to enjoy some refreshments.