

Chairperson's Report

Tena koutou katoa, greetings fellow business operators, landlords and distinguished guests, welcome to our AGM.

Thank you all for coming.

For anyone here I'm yet to meet: I am Christy Tennent, I run Open Coffee and Open Late at the eastern border of our neighbourhood and I serve as Chair of the Karangahape Road Business Association's Executive Committee.

Tonight is an opportunity to hear and celebrate what the Association has been involved with over the past year, and to begin to lay out the work we'll do in the years to come.

I am pleased to confirm that the KBA has met all its compliance requirements for the year ending June 2025.

During this time your board met eleven times, in addition to our Annual General Meeting last October.

The Board is freshly elected every year at our AGM, and we'll be doing this tonight.

I want to thank my fellow board members for volunteering their time this year.

Thank you also to outgoing Waitemata Local Board members Richard Northey and Allan Matson for their advice and advocacy.

Similarly, thank you to retiring board member[s] Luke [and _____ and _____] who is not seeking re-election tonight.

This is also an opportunity to thank you Amy for your work for the KBA over the past couple years - good luck with your return to London and know you'll always find a warm welcome here when you return.

A final thank you to everyone who's put their hand up to stand for election and help in this mahi over the year to come - your passion for this community is clear and something we all share, and it's a wonderful thing.

The last year has seen the continued acceleration of the significant infrastructure projects we've lived and worked alongside for six years now.

We're so very close to completion and these things promise to transform our city over the years to come.

Strong functioning relationships with stakeholders like Auckland Council and the Link Alliance have enabled the association to receive record additional funding directly to support our community as we continue to look forward to the City Rail Link opening, and we are thankful for their support. Our strength to respond to challenges comes from building our community's connection. So thank you for being here tonight.

Kia ora

Christy Tennent – Chairperson

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