

Chairperson's Report — 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026

Tēnā 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 2026. During this time your board met ten times, in addition to our Annual General Meeting last October. The Board is freshly elected every year at our AGM, but with the nine nominations received before deadline matching the nine places available on the board, our rules declare that all nine nominees are elected without a vote needing to take place. Welcome new board members Tom McMillan from Sunset Tattoo & Jess Montgomerie from Masfen Group, returning board member Maurice Wells from the EBIKE Team alongside board members Lucy from Whammy, Allison from Vixen, Jono from Pici, Tane from The Frog & Elie from Lebanese Grocer.

I want to thank my fellow board members for volunteering their time this year. We do this because we care about this place, and it's not always as glamorous as we make it look. Thank you to our Waitemātā Local Board members Anahera Rawiri and Caitlin Wilson for your advice and advocacy. Similarly, thank you to retiring board members Cleve and Melanie who are not seeking re-election tonight. Your mahi over the past years has made a real difference and we see you.

Passion for this creative, eclectic, diverse, welcoming and truly special community shines clearly and is something we all share, and it's a wonderful thing.

We have finally, finally, seen the completion of the significant infrastructure projects that have had us living and working among cones, dust, noise and high vis for seven or so years. Over the past month we have seen the CRL open and what a difference a month makes. I'm sure we're all looking forward to seeing how it will continue to transform our city over the years to come.

Strong functioning relationships with stakeholders like Auckland Council and the Waitemātā Local Board have enabled the association to receive record additional funding directly to support our community, and we are thankful for their support.

Our strength has always come from our connection to one another. So thank you for being here tonight, for your mahi on the street, and for everything you do to make K Road what it is.

Kia ora

Christy Tennent – Chairperson, Karangahape Road Business Association 2025/2026