

Remuera Business Association AGM Meeting 13th October 2025

Chairperson Report: DA Fenn

The Remuera Business Association Board has had another busy year with a continuation of our initiatives to enhance Remuera as a place to stay, play and shop.

Growing Business Community

I would like to start with one of the most encouraging stories of the year – the growth in our local business community.

We've welcomed a number of new names, including O-Studio, Roti Bros, Bayley's Real Estate, The Sound Store, Pie & Pinot, and many others. We now have just two long-term vacancies, which is a great sign of confidence in Remuera as a place to do business.

Recent developments such as the Bayley's site and the Remuera Medical Hub have given the precinct fresh energy, and with more projects starting soon, we can look forward to further renewal and investment.

Streetscape and Beautification

A big part of that confidence comes from how our village looks and feels. The near-completion of the fascia project — now at 98% — has transformed the appearance of Remuera.

The addition of fairy-light fringes on key corners and the well-established olive trees in the planters have created a welcoming and attractive streetscape for shoppers and visitors alike.

Safety and Parking

Of course, an attractive precinct also needs to feel safe and be easy to access. The installation of the ANPR camera at New World has been a real success in helping to keep crime levels low, and we're working to expand this coverage.

Parking remains a challenge, but the extended two-hour limit at the Clonbern carpark and the recent price increases have started to make a difference by freeing up spaces for customers.

Community Events

Our events continue to bring energy and a sense of celebration to Remuera. The Christmas Grotto at Sotheby's was a highlight, along with the Big Spend campaigns and our record-breaking Easter Egg Hunt. Halloween has grown into one of our biggest annual events, drawing around 6,000 locals for a fun and safe evening — thanks to the enthusiasm of our participating retailers. We are always looking at ideas on how we can grow.

Looking Ahead

As we look forward, our priorities remain clear: to keep Remuera vibrant, welcoming, and safe. We'll continue to invest in beautification, strengthen our security, and support our local businesses as they adapt to changing shopping habits — making sure our village remains both a great place to visit in person and a strong presence online.

Acknowledgements

I'd like to thank Natalie Wright for her continued passion for our village. She is tirelessly thriving to get the best for Remuera 24/7. Also thank you to my fellow Board members, the Ōrākei Local Board especially Sarah Powrie, and all our business and community partners for their dedication in making Remuera the No.1 suburb in Auckland.

A special thank-you to Jonathan Sissons for generously hosting us this evening.

Most importantly, thank you — our members and supporters — for helping to make Remuera a thriving, welcoming place for everyone.