

## **Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board OPEN MINUTES**

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Minutes of a meeting of the Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board held in the Manukau Chambers, Level 1, Manukau Civic Centre, 31-33 Manukau Station Road, Manukau on Monday, 18 November 2013 at 5.00pm.

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### **PRESENT**

<b>Chairperson</b>	Fa'anana Efeso Collins
<b>Deputy Chairperson</b>	Ross Robertson, MP
<b>Members</b>	Lotu Fuli
	Stephen Grey
	Mary Gush
	Donna Lee ( <i>until 7.05pm</i> )
	John McCracken

### **APOLOGIES**

Cr Arthur Anae

### **ALSO PRESENT**

Cr Alf Filipaina

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**1 Welcome**

Ross Robertson led the meeting in prayer.

**2 Apologies**

There were no apologies.

Secretarial Note: Cr Arthur Anae tabled his apology for absence.

**3 Declaration of Interest**

Member Donna Lee declared an interest in Item 16.

**4 Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolution number OP/2013/533

MOVED by Member E Collins, seconded by Member SC Grey:

**That the Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board:**

- a) **Confirm the extraordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Wednesday, 6 November 2013 as a true and correct record with the following correction:**

**Page 5 Item 8 Member Lotu Fuli's name was incorrectly spelt.**

**CARRIED**

**5 Leave of Absence**

Member Ross Robertson advised the Board he will be away for the Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board meeting on Monday 9 December 2013.

**6 Acknowledgements**

The Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board acknowledges the passing of Papaliitele Peter Fatialofa and passes on their condolences to his wife and family.

**7 Petitions**

There were no petitions.

**8 Deputations**

There were no deputations.

**9 Public Forum**

**9.1 Pat Taylor, Hunters Corner Town Centre Society Inc. Report**

Secretarial Note:

A copy of Pat Taylor's presentation tabled at the meeting is attached to the back of the minutes.

Resolution number OP/2013/534

MOVED by Member E Collins, seconded by Member JR McCracken:

**That the Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board thanks Pat Taylor from the Hunters Corner Town Centre Society for his attendance and presentation.**

**CARRIED**

**10 Extraordinary Business**

**10.1 Community Safety Issues**

Resolution number OP/2013/535

MOVED by Member JR McCracken, seconded by Member SC Grey:

- a) **That the Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board agree to consider an item of extraordinary business at item 24 of the agenda, to be taken under confidential business.**
- b) **This extraordinary business item relates to a current community safety issue and a relationship of the local board, and given the immediacy of the safety matter the item should be considered before the next meeting of the local board.**

**CARRIED**

**11 Notices of Motion**

There were no notices of motion.

**12 Manukau Ward Councillors Update**

Resolution number OP/2013/536

MOVED by Member E Collins, seconded by Member HVR Robertson:

**That the Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board receives the verbal report from Cr Alf Filipaina.**

**CARRIED**

**13 Auckland Transport Report - November 2013**

Resolution number OP/2013/537

MOVED by Member SC Grey, seconded by Member LT Fuli:

**That the Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board:**

- a) **Receives the report.**
- b) **Requests Auckland Transport to replace the missing, damaged, or useless walkway barriers identified in the report, in East Tamaki-Ōtara, with standard barriers.**
- c) **Requests Auckland Transport to do a similar review of walkway barriers in Papatoetoe.**

**CARRIED**

Member SC Grey left the meeting at 5.50pm.

Member SC Grey returned to the meeting at 5.52pm.

#### 14 Southern Cycleway Programme

MOVED by Member E Collins, seconded by Member MA Gush:

That the Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board:

- a) Receives the report.
- b) Provides this feedback to Auckland Transport:
  - i) The board supports off-road cycleways, including dedicated cycle corridors and shared use paths, in preference to on-road cycleways;
  - ii) The board considers that loss of on-street parking is an undesirable outcome from the creation of on-street cycleways, especially as the proposed Unitary Plan will increase building density and reduce on-site parking on Station Road and St George Street. The board requests that the final designs minimise loss of on-street parking, and take into account future on-street parking demand as well as historical parking patterns;
  - iii) The board asks that alternative cycleway routes around St George Street be considered, to minimise loss of on-street parking on St George Street.
  - iv) The board asks Auckland Transport to develop a local cycle network that will connect to the regional cycleway network.
  - v) The board seeks Auckland Transport to undertake targeted and meaningful consultation with the local residents, including by ensuring that correspondence is specifically addressed to individual property owners.

Member JR McCracken moved an amendment to the original recommendation as follows:

MOVED by Member JR McCracken, seconded by Member HVR Robertson:

- ii) The board considers that the loss of on-street parking is unacceptable for the creation of on-street cycleways, especially as the proposed Unitary Plan will increase building density and reduce on-site parking on Station Road and St George Street. The board requests that more design work is undertaken to minimise the loss of on-street parking, and take into account future on-street parking demand as well as historical parking patterns;

CARRIED

The Chairperson put the substantive motion.

Resolution number OP/2013/538

MOVED by Member E Collins, seconded by Member MA Gush:

**That the Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board:**

- a) **Receives the report.**
- b) **Provides this feedback to Auckland Transport:**
  - i) **The board supports off-road cycleways, including dedicated cycle corridors and shared use paths, in preference to on-road cycleways;**

- ii) The board considers that the loss of on-street parking is unacceptable for the creation of on-street cycleways, especially as the proposed Unitary Plan will increase building density and reduce on-site parking on Station Road and St George Street. The board requests that more design work is undertaken to minimise the loss of on-street parking, and take into account future on-street parking demand as well as historical parking patterns;
- iii) The board asks that alternative cycleway routes around St George Street be considered, to minimise loss of on-street parking on St George Street.
- iv) The board asks Auckland Transport to develop a local cycle network that will connect to the regional cycleway network.
- v) The board seeks Auckland Transport to undertake targeted and meaningful consultation with the local residents, including by ensuring that correspondence is specifically addressed to individual property owners.

**CARRIED**

Member DI Lee left the meeting at 5.57pm.  
Member DI Lee returned to the meeting at 6.00pm.

**15 Otara-Papatoetoe Area Plan - Working Group**

Resolution number OP/2013/539

MOVED by Member SC Grey, seconded by Member MA Gush:

**That the Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board:**

- a) **Receives the report.**
- b) **Notes the limited timeline for completion of the project by 30 June 2014, and asks for additional time if necessary, to ensure the area plan is completed successfully and that community engagement is aligned with the local board plan processes.**
- c) **Agrees that all members of the board be invited to all working group meetings of the Otara-Papatoetoe Area Plan and that the Chairman of the Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board be the Chair of the working group.**
- d) **Invites Cr Arthur Anae and Cr Alf Filipaina to participate as members of the Area Plan Working Group when convenient, and includes them in meeting notices and papers accordingly.**

**CARRIED**

**16 Otara-Papatoetoe Christmas Lights 2013**

Resolution number OP/2013/540

MOVED by Member E Collins, seconded by Member MA Gush:

**That the Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board:**

- a) Approves the allocation of up to \$34,379 from the Events contestable or development budgets for the funding of Christmas lights at Burnside Park, Papatoetoe RSA and Dawson Road for 2013.
- b) Requests the Events team investigates future options for Christmas lights projects and incorporates these in the proposed 2014/2015 work programme for local board consideration.

**CARRIED**

Secretarial Note: Member Donna Lee declared an interest in Item 16.

**17 Te Puke o Tara Community Centre**

Resolution number OP/2013/541

MOVED by Member JR McCracken, seconded by Member DI Lee:

**That the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board:**

- a) Supports the engagement of an architect to review the current condition of Te Puke o Tara Centre and provide a detailed refurbishment report with options to redevelop the Centre to ensure it meets future community needs.
- b) Allocates \$15,000 from its Community Response Fund (OPEX) to obtain a report on options to redevelop Te Puke o Tara Community Centre, including a concept plan for refurbishment, by 30 April 2014.
- c) Appoints the Community Services & Libraries portfolio-holder to keep an overview of the review process on behalf of the board.

**CARRIED**



**18 Southern Joint Funding Committee**

Resolution number OP/2013/542

MOVED by Member JR McCracken, seconded by Member HVR Robertson:

**That the Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board:**

- a) **Agrees to re-instate the Southern Joint Funding Committee for 2013/2014 to operate as per its Terms of Reference.**
- b) **Supports the draft Terms of Reference for the Southern Joint Funding Committee presented in Attachment A.**
- c) **Appoints the local board Chair to the Southern Joint Funding Committee for 2013/2014 with appropriate delegated authority to bind the board on decisions relating to the legacy community funding schemes made by the committee, noting that funding budget allocations have already been made to southern local boards for the 2013/2014 financial year.**
- d) **Notes that a region-wide Community Funding Policy is being developed and will in time replace the current interim funding arrangements and that officers will engage with the board on this in the coming months.**

**CARRIED**

**19 Youth Connections project and nomination to Local Governance Group**

Resolution number OP/2013/543

MOVED by Member E Collins, seconded by Member MA Gush:

**That the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board:**

- a) **Continues support for the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu/Ōtara-Papatoetoe Youth Connections project and works collaboratively with Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board in the governance and delivery of the local Youth Connections project.**
- b) **Agrees that the Local Governance Group for the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu/Ōtara-Papatoetoe Youth Connections project consists of three members from each of the two local boards.**
- c) **Appoints the Chair plus members Lotu Fuli and John McCracken to the Youth Connections Local Governance Group.**
- d) **Delegates budget approval and decision-making for the Youth Connections project to these Local Governance Group members.**
- e) **Requests regular updates from Local Governance Group members in addition to regular reporting from the Community Development Arts and Culture department on the Youth Connections project.**
- f) **Requests that any major issues for celebration or concern are referred to the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board for consideration by the Local Governance Group representatives.**
- g) **Appoints the Chair as its representative on the regional Youth Connections Across Auckland steering group.**
- h) **Notes that the Terms of Reference of the Local Governance Group will be updated for the new electoral term.**

**CARRIED**

**20 Otara Papatoetoe local board representation and Spokesperson on Street Prostitution**

MOVED by Member LT Fuli, seconded by Member MA Gush:

That the Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board:

- a) Appoints a Member as its representative and spokesperson (and a Member as alternate) for the Manukau City Council (Regulation of Prostitution in Specified Places) Bill and matters relating to street-based sex work in the Otara-Papatoetoe communities.
- b) Agrees that responsibilities of the local board representative and spokesperson are as follows:
  - i) working with the governing body and other affected local boards to ensure a consistent Auckland Council approach.
  - ii) building and maintaining existing relationships with key interest groups.
  - iii) developing shared solutions for addressing issues associated with street-based sex work.
  - iv) presenting advice to the select committee.
  - v) responding to media queries.

Member SC Grey moved the following Members be appointed as follows:

MOVED by Member SC Grey, seconded by Member DI Lee:

That the Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board:

- a) Appoints Member John McCracken as its representative and spokesperson (and Chair Efeso Collins as support) for the Manukau City Council (Regulation of Prostitution in Specified Places) Bill and matters relating to street-based sex work in the Otara-Papatoetoe communities.

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Member HVR Robertson moved an amendment to the recommendation as follows:

MOVED by Member HVR Robertson, seconded by Member MA Gush:

- a) Appoints Chair Efeso Collins as its representative and spokesperson (and Member John McCracken as alternate) for the Manukau City Council (Regulation of Prostitution in Specified Places) Bill and matters relating to street-based sex work in the Otara-Papatoetoe communities.

CARRIED

The Chairperson put the substantive motion.

Resolution number OP/2013/544

MOVED by Member LT Fuli, seconded by Member MA Gush:

**That the Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board:**

- a) **Appoints Chair Efeso Collins as its representative and spokesperson (and Member John McCracken as alternate) for the Manukau City Council (Regulation of Prostitution in Specified Places) Bill and matters relating to street-based sex work in the Otara-Papatoetoe communities.**
- b) **Agrees that responsibilities of the local board representative and spokesperson are as follows:**

- i) working with the governing body and other affected local boards to ensure a consistent Auckland Council approach.
- ii) building and maintaining existing relationships with key interest groups.
- iii) developing shared solutions for addressing issues associated with street-based sex work.
- iv) presenting advice to the select committee.
- v) responding to media queries.

**CARRIED**

Member JR McCracken left the meeting at 7.05pm  
Member DI Lee left the meeting at 7.05pm

## 21 Urgent Decision Process for the Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board

Resolution number OP/2013/545

MOVED by Member MA Gush, seconded by Member SC Grey:

**That the Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board:**

- a) Adopts the urgent decision process for matters that require a decision where it is not practical to call the full board together and meet the requirement of a quorum.
- b) Delegates authority to the Chair and Deputy Chair or any person acting in these roles to make an urgent decision on behalf of the local board.
- c) Requests that all urgent decisions be reported to the next ordinary meeting of the local board.
- d) Notes that any request for an urgent decision of the local board must be processed through the Local Board Services department, and the Local Board Relationship Manager must endorse the request for an urgent decision before commencing the process.

**CARRIED**

Member JR McCracken returned to the meeting at 7.07pm.

**22 Adoption of meeting schedule**

Resolution number OP/2013/546

MOVED by Member SC Grey, seconded by Member MA Gush:

**That the Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board:**

- a) **Adopts its meeting schedule for the first year of the 2013-2016 electoral term as follows:**

DATE	TIME	VENUE
*9 December 2013	5pm	Manukau Chambers, Level 1, Manukau Civic Centre, 31-33 Manukau Station Road, Manukau
17 February 2014	5pm	Manukau Chambers, Level 1, Manukau Civic Centre, 31-33 Manukau Station Road, Manukau
17 March 2014	5pm	Manukau Chambers, Level 1, Manukau Civic Centre, 31-33 Manukau Station Road, Manukau
28 April 2014	5pm	Manukau Chambers, Level 1, Manukau Civic Centre, 31-33 Manukau Station Road, Manukau
19 May 2014	5pm	Manukau Chambers, Level 1, Manukau Civic Centre, 31-33 Manukau Station Road, Manukau
16 June 2014	5pm	Manukau Chambers, Level 1, Manukau Civic Centre, 31-33 Manukau Station Road, Manukau
21 July 2014	5pm	Manukau Chambers, Level 1, Manukau Civic Centre, 31-33 Manukau Station Road, Manukau
18 August 2014	5pm	Manukau Chambers, Level 1, Manukau Civic Centre, 31-33 Manukau Station Road, Manukau
15 September 2014	5pm	Manukau Chambers, Level 1, Manukau Civic Centre, 31-33 Manukau Station Road, Manukau
20 October 2014	5pm	Manukau Chambers, Level 1, Manukau Civic Centre, 31-33 Manukau Station Road, Manukau
17 November 2014	5pm	Manukau Chambers, Level 1, Manukau Civic Centre, 31-33 Manukau Station Road, Manukau
15 December 2014	5pm	Manukau Chambers, Level 1, Manukau Civic Centre, 31-33 Manukau Station Road, Manukau

\* Please note the meeting date for December 2013 has been changed from the regular third Monday of the month cycle to accommodate the adoption deadline for the draft Local Board Agreement.

- b) **Notes that dates and times for hearings and deliberations for the Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board agreements and local board plans are yet to be finalised.**

**CARRIED**

Secretarial Note: John McCracken voted against Item 22.

**23 Chairpersons Announcements**

There were no announcements.

**24 Consideration of Extraordinary Items - Community Safety Issues**

Resolution number OP/2013/547

MOVED by Member E Collins, seconded by Member SC Grey:

**That the Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board consider the Extraordinary Item - Community Safety Issues under the confidential part of the agenda C2.**

**CARRIED**

**25 Procedural motion to exclude the public**

Resolution number OP/2013/548

MOVED by Member E Collins, seconded by Member SC Grey:

**That the Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board:**

- a) **Exclude the public from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.**
- b) **Agree that Doug Cole, Director Stadium Partnerships be permitted to remain for Confidential Item C1, Regional Facilities Auckland – sale of land at 834 Great South Road and 10 Pacific Events Centre Drive after the public has been excluded, because of his knowledge which will help the Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board in its decision-making.**

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

**C1 Regional Facilities Auckland – sale of land at 834 Great South Road and 10 Pacific Events Centre Drive**

Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Particular interest(s) protected (where applicable)	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.	s7(2)(b)(ii) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.  The content of this report relates to negotiations that occurred on the basis of confidentiality. It is to remain confidential until all parties	s48(1)(a)  The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.

	involved in the negotiations have agreed to the release of the information..	
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**C2 Community Safety Issues**

Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Particular interest(s) protected (where applicable)	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.	s7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person.	s48(1)(a) The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.

The text of these resolutions is made available to the public who are present at the meeting and form part of the minutes of the meeting.

**CARRIED**

7.15pm The public was excluded.

Resolutions in relation to the confidential items are recorded in the confidential section of these minutes and are not publicly available.

7.38pm The public was re-admitted.

**RESTATEMENTS**

It was resolved while the public was excluded:

**C1 Regional Facilities Auckland – sale of land at 834 Great South Road and 10 Pacific Events Centre Drive**

That the report and resolutions not be restated at this time.

**C2 Community Safety Issues**

That the Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board receives the Extraordinary Business Item 24 Community Safety Issues.

Lotu Fuli closed the meeting in prayer.

7.39pm

The Chairperson thanked Members for their attendance and attention to business and declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD  
AT A MEETING OF THE OTARA-PAPATOETOE  
LOCAL BOARD HELD ON

**DATE:**.....

**CHAIRPERSON:**.....



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## HUNTERS CORNER TOWN CENTRE SOC.INC

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### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 29 October 2013

I am delighted to report on yet another highly successful year for the society. This was a watershed year for the association as we were finally able to shake off the legacy of living beyond our means and after many years of financial haemorrhaging being able to return to solvency. That we have achieved this is a tribute to the determination of your committee to face up to long standing issues, the wonderful support of the Otara Papatoetoe Local Board and not least the support by way of substantial targeted rate increases that you our members have given us over the past two years.

#### Highlights

1 We have continued our footpath upgrading project by extending quality paving along both sides of East Tamaki Road and completed the boulevard of trees along East Tamaki Road. Last month substantial destination standards were installed at the northern and southern approaches to the BID plus another in East Tamaki Road and these will shortly be illuminated.

2 Diwali celebrations were bigger and better than ever with extensive media coverage and thousands of out of town visitors wanting to spend their money in our town.

3 We grabbed the opportunity of celebrating Papatoetoe's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday with a series of well attended events and generated much positive media coverage. Notable amongst these events was the hugely successful fireworks spectacular, a commemorative bowling tournament, carols by candlelight, several tea parties for our older citizens and dozens of historical bus and walking tours.

4 Together with the Heritage Society we installed the amazing art work all the way along the front of the Plaza. This depicts Hunters Corner and Papatoetoe over the past 150 years with full descriptions cleverly hidden in QR codes that are part of the mural. This artwork has drawn critical acclaim and has raised awareness that we could over time create an arts precinct in Hunters Corner. Initial discussions with interested parties have commenced. At the same time 36 plinths, markers and signs have been installed along the new Heritage Trail and this has been commemorated in a glossy booklet recognising our proud history.

5 Links with the Plaza are satisfactory and we meet regularly with their management team to identify and discuss joint opportunities. It was at our suggestion that the Plaza investigated opening Night Markets in its underground car park and this has become a huge success with over 5000 out of town visitors every Friday night. I urge all business owners to see how they can capitalise on this huge new market opportunity. There are some exciting developments planned at the Plaza and we are working with their management to ensure the very best outcomes for our members.

6 The second largest Santa Parade in Auckland took place in rather dismal weather conditions and was once again a huge success with a record number of floats. A highlight of last year's event was the huge contribution from the Papatoetoe Historical Society and the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. This year our wonderful Town Centre manager Donna Lee has stepped into the breach at the last minute to ensure this event continues.

7 In conjunction with the Manukau Beautification Charitable Trust over 250 members of our community turned up to physically clean up our Town Centre, concentrating on Edney Lane, Charles Street, Kolmar Road and Eric Baker Place. This tremendous effort ensured that the rear

of our properties look just as tidy as the frontages. Our shop frontages look clean and tidy and regularly draw favourable comment from visitors to our town. All of you are to be highly commended for the obvious pride you show in your business image.

8 A well attended Crime Prevention Workshop was held late last year. This was a timely reminder to be extra vigilant over the holiday period. Our Ambassadors and particularly Crime Prevention Officer Moe Famietau have worked closely with the police and we have seen a huge reduction in street crime as a result. They have proven to be a real asset for our community and we receive regular feedback from long standing members who say they have never felt safer. We recently had installed 12 state of the art CCTV cameras which at the moment are monitored during the day and we are just awaiting Council funding to have these manned around the clock.

9 A few years ago using the strength of our membership we approached Mercury Energy to offer a special deal on power supply to our members. Since then we have obtained very favourable rates from South Auckland Shuttles for taxi services and more recently CourierPost who have made an exceptionally good offer to our members requiring courier services. We urge all members to take advantage of these special deals. We will be seeking further opportunities for member discounts this coming year.

10 The Papatoetoe Sports Centre continues to flourish under the astute and dynamic management of Justin Leydsdorff. Activities at the Centre bring in excess of 7000 visitors to our BID every week. Justin has several exciting initiatives in the pipeline which will put Hunters Corner on the map and very much justify our claim to be the Sports Capital of New Zealand. We intend talking with Justin to see how we can help to ensure that our centre becomes a venue for national tournaments during School Sports Tournament week in September. Justin has many exciting ideas which will drive people in to our community so we need to leverage up on this. Once again I urge all members to think how they can capitalise on this bonus market opportunity.

11 Our fairy lights look magnificent and we have heard that local rest homes are regularly bringing their residents to view them at night. After a lot of bureaucratic paperwork we have also finally been able to illuminate the memorial gates at School Corner and Saint Johns Church. We are beginning to get a reputation throughout Auckland for the quality of our illuminations.

12 Our wonderful Town Centre Manager, Donna Lee continues to be our voice on the Local Board, constantly lobbying on our behalf and winning substantial contestable funding. She never fails to take any opportunity presented to press our case and indeed it is this lobbying that was a factor in our financial turn around.

13 Administratively we have spent a great deal of time sorting out the Society's records, clearing debt, engaging an auditor and putting ourselves on track to become self sufficient for the first time in our history. That we have achieved all this in a little over twelve months is a credit to our Accountant, Richard Sealy Fisher.

14 The latest Market Activity Report put out by Auckland Council which is based on EFTPOS transactions shows that business activity in terms of transactions was up 11% for the September quarter compared with the same quarter in 2012. This is a very real credit to all of you given the uncertain economic times we all face. We are constantly in the top quartile of Auckland BIDs in terms of business growth. With the leasing of the building on the corner of Great South and East Tamaki plus refitting of shops along East Tamaki Rd we now have few if any vacant leases and there is a waiting list of businesses indicating their wish to set up in the Corner. Last month we held a Business Showcase at Body Collections, one of our newest members. This was a hugely successful event with brilliant media coverage. Garments on sale are top quality and I urge all members to support this new business venture.

15 This year we held the inaugural Mrs Hunters Tea Party with much positive media coverage. It was recognised that there was a great yearning amongst our older residents for an opportunity to get together more regularly and this event was highly successful in commemorating the woman after whom we are named. It is intended that this becomes an annual event with celebrations to take place every March.

16 Two surveys have been undertaken over the last three months, one of retailers and the other of customers. The survey asked questions on what they thought of Hunters Corner and what we can do to improve. The feedback has been outstanding and we have engaged someone to collate the results, after which we will have a series of focus groups before getting back to members with the results. The information gained will be invaluable as we work towards producing our Strategic and Business Plan which we intend to present to a special meeting of members in the new year.

### Challenges

1 Initial survey responses indicate we need to look at the mix of retail in our township to ensure that we can capitalise on the exciting new initiatives taking place and market to a wider audience. This is particularly so with regard to the range of eateries and restaurants. If we are to become the Food and Entertainment Hub of the south we do need to broaden the range of product that we offer.

2 We had hoped to be in a position to report to the AGM that there would finally be a resolution to the problem of street prostitution that regrettably defines our town to many in the media. I can tell you however that negotiations are continuing between the Local Board, Members of Parliament and other interested parties and while these constant delays are frustrating the word is that there is every chance of a reasonable compromise being reached sooner rather than later. The battle is not yet won so I do urge all of you to maintain pressure on your MP to get rid of this festering sore which is so damaging to our businesses and our reputation.

3 We have recently spent in excess of \$30k on the fairy lights that are a highlight of our main street. It is therefore all the more disappointing that so many shop owners continue to pull down the shutters over their wonderful window displays every night. If we want more people to walk our streets at night, we need to make our streets more welcoming and I plead with all business owners to do all they can to make their shop frontages as eye-catching at night as they are during the day. If the shutters remain drawn we are only encouraging the sort of night life that brings our community such unfavourable media coverage.

4 Recent cost saving decisions made by Council have impacted on standards of cleanliness in our township. While shopkeepers proudly maintain their properties the same unfortunately cannot be said of council and we are now regularly fielding complaints of littering and dumping of rubbish. As a Society we are pressuring Council to ensure this core activity is undertaken far more diligently. It would very much assist us in our battles with Council if members could contact the Call Centre (3010101) any time they see problem rubbish and ask for immediate clearance. Unless they receive complaints Council will do nothing about it. Council intentions to make rubbish collection fully user pays will only exacerbate the problem so we need to act now.

### The Future

We can look forward to the future with a great deal of optimism.

The Sports Centre and the fabulous Night Markets will together bring in well over 12000 additional prospective customers into our BID every week. The challenge I set all of you is to work out how you can capitalise on this huge new market and ensure that a good proportion of these visitors come through your door.



Our strong working relationship with the Local Board and through them Auckland Council has ensured we are never far from their thoughts and having Donna on the Local Board ensures we are always first in line when it comes to funding.

#### Acknowledgements

Our achievements over the past year are many; in fact we are the envy of almost every other BID in Auckland. This has not happened by accident but rather through the outstanding efforts of a small bunch of hard working and dedicated people.

In Tom Loo and Andrew Farnell we have two of our town's leading businessmen who between them have racked up over 60 years operating in Hunters Corner. Their business acumen, plain old fashioned common sense and extensive local knowledge have proven invaluable as we discuss the best way to utilise our limited resources.

Geoff Shearman with his wealth of experience as a building owner in Hunters Corner is driven to improve the image of Hunters Corner and his well reasoned contributions to our decision making are highly valued. He has taken the position of Treasurer and for that I am very grateful.

Rev Margaret Anne Low and Dianne Troup are quite rightly highly regarded throughout Papatoetoe for the enormous contribution they make to our community. Their contribution to the society has been immense and their passion for Papatoetoe is simply outstanding.

I feel privileged to have such a competent, dedicated team behind me and am absolutely delighted that each of them has agreed to serve another term on the Executive Committee. I thank each of them for the huge amount of time they so selflessly volunteer to make Hunters Corner a better place in which to live and conduct business.

I would also like to acknowledge our representative with Auckland Council, Shirley Samuels has been a real breath of fresh air, nothing is impossible or too much trouble and her guidance over matters of council requirements have proven invaluable.

It was a very worrying time for us when due to work commitments our long serving Treasurer Rae Walton had to resign last year. We were all the more fortunate therefore to be able to secure the services of Richard Sealy Fisher who has carried on Rae's determination to return our financial accounts to some sort of normality. Richard's business acumen, professionalism and basic common sense have proven invaluable and he has played a major role in helping us return to solvency.

The Papatoetoe Otara Local Board under the Chairmanship of John McCracken has been unstinting supporters of our Society and do all that they can to ensure that we are successful. They have without fail represented us well in all negotiations with Council and we can rest assured that they make decisions with our best interests at heart. We now have a new board and I am confident that the support so readily given to us will continue.

Finally last but certainly not least I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Town Centre Manager Donna Lee.

It is quite fair to say that Donna lives and breathes Hunters Corner and being on the Local Board she is perfectly placed to represent our interests at the highest level.

Donna's passion, vision, enthusiasm and sheer determination has been almost solely instrumental in the revitalisation of Hunters Corner over the last five or six years. We have turned the Corner around over the past few years and this is in no small way thanks to the wonderful Donna Lee.

Pat Taylor  
Chairman