



**Date:** Thursday 26 February 2015  
**Time:** 9.30am  
**Meeting Room:** Reception Lounge  
**Venue:** Auckland Town Hall  
301-305 Queen Street  
Auckland

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## **Governing Body**

# **OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS**

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## Auckland achievements February 2015

- The seven-week Long-term Plan public consultation began, with Aucklanders having more ways to give feedback, including in person and on social media. In the first four weeks, nearly 5000 pieces of feedback were received.
- Auckland's biggest employers, all leaders in their fields, continue to sign up to the Youth Employment Pledge, including Hilton Auckland, InterContinental Hotels Group, SKYCITY Entertainment Group, The Warehouse and the Auckland Council itself.
- Around 2000 young people – twice the target – attended the third Youth Employment Summit, linking up with nearly 50 companies with vacancies.
- Auckland 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Weekend celebrations drew more than 40,000 people to Queens Wharf for a multimedia exhibition, concert and fireworks display, along with the perennial anniversary weekend favourites the Seafood Festival and St Jerome Laneway.
- The second Dick Smith NRL Auckland Nines took place at Eden Park, with all 16 NRL teams competing in the knock-out tournament, with the public and media noting the positive atmosphere at the event.
- The appointment of Suzanne Tindal as Auckland Council's new Chief Financial Officer was announced.
- Auckland's newest library, the Devonport Library opened, with its civic opening and plaque unveiling happening today.
- Live-streaming and on-demand footage of Auckland Council's Governing Body and main committee meetings started as part of a new webcasting service, which will allow more Aucklanders to watch issues being debated, see how council works and get more information about council decisions affecting them and their local communities.
- Auckland's film and television industry received a major boost with filming starting in February on the TV adaptation of the classic fantasy book series *Shannara*, produced by MTV Networks and Sonar Entertainment



- Auckland Art Gallery received funding from The Stout Trust to develop an online *catalogue raisonné*; a listing of all known artworks by New Zealand's most celebrated expatriate artist Frances Hodgkins. Launching in 2017, the online resource will provide the most comprehensive information and the latest research on Hodgkins to date.
- Auckland Council successfully prosecuted two companies for unlawful works on residential development sites, with the judge saying a clear message needed to be sent to all property developers for the need to be aware of their environmental obligations.
- Lunar New Year, including Auckland Libraries planning 88 events in neighbourhood libraries across the region.
- Auckland Council, ATEED and Immigration New Zealand announced the signing of the Auckland Regional Partnership Agreement, which guides collaboration on the successful attraction and retention of skilled migrants to Auckland.
- Nineteen hectares of land adjoining Auckland's Long Bay Regional Park and containing Maori and European heritage sites, was officially transferred from private ownership to public hands.
- Auckland company Jenners Worldwide Freight was fined \$103,000, and ordered to pay \$25,000 costs, for causing Auckland's most destructive freshwater and marine pollution incident in decades in the Oruarangi Stream and Estuary and the Manukau Harbour.
- The popular summer Movies and Music in Parks programmes are running across the region, with good attendance.
- Research giving new, in-depth insight into the challenges, choices and impacts of homelessness facilitated by Auckland Council, Auckland City Mission and Lifewise was published, and is being presented to the New Zealand Coalition to End Homelessness Conference today.
- The first Auckland Housing Accord residential re-zoning was approved in record time, paving the way for more than 650 new homes on 31 hectares in the Whenuapai Village Special Housing Area (SHA). It is the first concurrent plan variation and qualifying development (QD) consent to be approved in New Zealand, and was approved within 101 days of the application being lodged.

# **Why has there been so little progress on resolving our 31 suburban railway level crossings?**

**Four weeks ago today there  
was a fatal accident on the  
Morningside Drive  
level crossing  
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Yesterday marked two years  
since the wheelchair accident  
at the same crossing**

**Since 2013 all level  
crossings have been  
carefully checked and  
upgraded**

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**BUT they remain  
inherently dangerous  
level crossings**

**As long as people and  
trains are in the same place  
there will continue to be**

**accidents**

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**There will also be  
disruption and delays for  
traffic as AT's own  
research shows ...**



# Impact of train frequencies

Level Crossing	2014	2016
Morningside Drive	8 17%	12 25%
Glenview Road	8 15%	12 23%
Manuroa Road	15 35%	15 35%
Woodward Road	8 17%	12 25%
Bruce McLaren Road	8 18%	12 28%
Normanby Road	8 11%	12 17%
St Jude Street	8 16%	12 23%
Sarawia St	18 40%	28 62%



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## High priority Crossings

- Crossings in close proximity need to be dealt with together as packages to address rail signalling and road traffic issues
- Aside from Sarawia Street, early assessment suggests high priority for:
  - Southern NIMT - **Walters Road, Manuroa Road, Taka Street, Spartan Road**
  - Western Line - **Normanby Road, Porters Ave** (within CRL footprint)
  - Western Line – **Morningside Drive**
  - Western Line – **Woodward Road**
  - Western Line – **St Jude Street, Chalmers Street, St Georges Road**
  - Western Line – **Glenview Road**
  - Western Line – **Bruce McLaren**

• Consideration needs to be given to removing high priority crossings over next 10 years as train frequencies increase.



**So what are we doing  
about the problem?**

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**Step 1.**

**AT has prepared a  
substantial report but it  
remains secret so it is  
difficult to debate solutions**

**So what are we doing  
about the problem?**

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**Step 2.**

**We need money to resolve  
this issue but the RLTP  
has no committed funding**

# ***What exactly am I asking Council to do?***

**Please, make a firm  
commitment to a funded  
programme of work to  
progressively eliminate  
our level crossings**