

Date: Wednesday 18 March 2015

Time: 1.30pm Meeting Room: Level 26

Venue: 135 Albert Street

Auckland

Community Development and Safety Committee OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS

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Supporting the Rainbow Business Community



Presentation for consideration towards a proposed Rainbow Panel

Prepared for:

Auckland Council

Community Development and Safety Committee.





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Who are we?

- GABA is New Zealand's largest LGBTI organisation

 - 8 Corporates
 40 Small-medium business's
 - 8 NPO's
 - Over 200 personal members
- - Work for our members

 Professional and social networking
 - Business development
- Working for the LGBTI community
 - Support for organisations
 Support for initiatives that help the community
- Funds raised are distributed as grants and scholarships through the GABA Charitable Trust.

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What are we doing to support the community?

A Range of events

- GABA Mixers on the first Wednesday of the month
 - The Oakroom, 17 Drake Street, Auckland, from 5.30pm 9pm;
- Business After 5 (BA5) events
 - Business members advertise/showcase their business
- Annual GABA 88O
- Big Gay Out GABA VIP Marquee;
- GABA Charitable Trust Auction Luncheon/Dinner
- Pride Festival / Glamstand

Facilitating community grants and scholarships

- Over \$250,000 distributed since 1999
- Community groups
- Grants to assist participation in the Pride parade







Social and economic benefits





Glamstand - A working case Study

- VIP area for individuals and organisation's to create an enhanced experience and to leverage for hosting at the Pride parade
- Successful collaboration jointly managed and underwritten between GABA and the Pride Trust.
- Both parties bought expertise and resources
- Added value to Festival, LGBTI, mainstream and business communities.
- Showcased Auckland as a diverse, accepting, forward thinking and welcoming city.

Would not be possible without council support, community and business collaboration and the voice of the LGBTI community.

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Summary

GABA are proud to support our LGBTI community both professionally and personally.

- It is a community that represents a significant sized minority in Auckland.
- While we have focused on the business aspects, it is well known that our people are strong but
 we are over represented in some key areas such as youth suicide, mental and physical health
 issues.
- Our support organisations do well considering the limited resources available, but they do struggle at times to survive.
- The support of council on initiative's such as Rainbow Door, Pride Festival etc are very much appreciated.
- Those initiatives to date have confirmed there is a need to progress efforts to support our community, and to continue work to promote Auckland as the worlds most liveable city

Gaba believe it is both appropriate and necessary for the rainbow community to have a formal voice by way of a panel. It has the capacity to add a significant positive social, and economic impact for Auckland.

We would be pleased to assist efforts to help achieve and leverage this and thank the council for the opportunity to speak today





Background

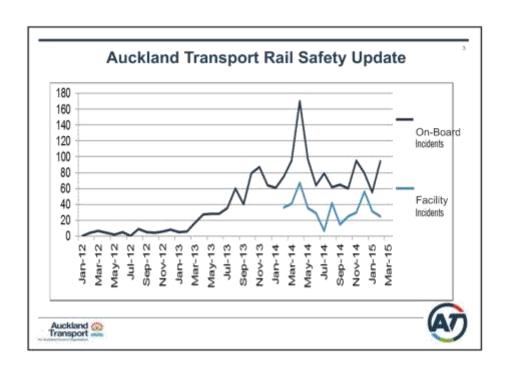
- April 2014 A notable increase in reported anti-social behaviour and reported safety incidents across the rail network.
- AT provides unbudgeted 20/7 security coverage at 14 stations identified as been the most at risk stations.
- AT chairs a fortnightly Combined Safer Network Group meeting with representatives from Transdev, AT, KiwiRail, Auckland Council and NZ Police (representatives from each of the 3 police districts).





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Safety initiatives instituted since April 2014

- Increased security guard presence on stations where a high number of incidents are reported.
- Enhanced liaison between AT and NZ Police (both on-going presence and incident response).
- Package including design (funding still to be confirmed) for station fencing and manual gating.
- The establishment of a Combined Safer Network Group a monthly meeting between AT, Transdev, New Zealand Police, Auckland Council and KiwiRail to address issues of safety and security.
- Deployment of Pacific Wardens endorsed by NZ Police across the Rail Network as a further source of guardianship.



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Safety initiatives instituted since April 2014

- Developing a Video Management System (VMS), providing capable delivery and interfaces with NZ Police and Auckland Council.
- Body worn CCTV equipment provided to Transdev Ticket Inspectors to assist with identification of recidivist fare evaders.
- Police providing a permanent presence at Britomart during Special Events.
- NZ Police District Command Centres are provided with shared CCTV Monitoring of our Rail Facilities.
- Several arrests have been made over time as a result of close AT and NZ Police monitoring and response.





Recent Special Event Incidents

Xmas in the Park 13th December 2014

- Two groups challenged each other at Britomart Transport Centre during the night of the 'free' Xmas in The Park event.
- NZ Police were co-located at the Auckland Transport Operations Centre (ATOC).
- Security and Police interventions prevented the altercation from escalating, initial response was 2 minutes, situation under control in 4 minutes.

NRL Nines

- Intelligence was received from the police that a fight had been organised to occur at Glen Innes Station on the day of the NRL Nines.
- AT increased the security coverage at all Eastern Line train stations.
- Police presence was increased at the targeted stations including Britomart.
- Monitoring of train stations was increased in addition to communication with NZ Police.
- · Potential incidents mitigated.





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PERTH	MELBOURNE	SYDNEY
Municipal Authority Authorised Transport Officers (In-house)	Station Police Officers (State Police)	State Police Dedicated Transit Officers (310)
Security Guards for static security functions and revenue protection (contracted)	Gate-Line Staff (in-house)	Modal Operator Gate-Line Staff (In house)
Gate-Line Staff (in-house)	Customer Service Staff (Out-sourced)	Authorised revenue protection officers manage fare enforcement
	Modal Operator Authorised Officers (AO) (Out-sourced)	
	Municipal Authority Multi-Modali Authorised Officers (In-house)	
	BENEFITS	
One-stop-shop makes responsibility lines clear with ownership of the whole process	Support from State Police	Less reputational exposure for resolving serious crime resolution (transfers to Police)
TOs empowered to deal with full range of issues ranging from crime to behaviour modification	Accountability of Operators prosecutions through AO	State Police Dedicated Transit Officers (310) to enforce infringements and managing anti-social behaviour
High Prosecution Rates (+97%)	Municipal Authority Multi-Modal Authorised Officers operate across all modes targeting high value returns	
World leading fare evasions rates <1%	High visibility	

Next Steps

A review of Australasian rail (and wider PT) services has revealed a number of approaches to security, safety, and fare evasion. The most integrated of these (managed by the Public Transport Authority of Western Australia) showed integration of these functions could deliver a number of benefits.

- Discussions are to continue with NZ Police and their involvement in policing on board rail services and across the network.
- AT will continue to review safety incidents on rail platforms with adjustments made when necessary to the deployment of security resources.
- Changes to Legislation to enhance fare enforcement on trains is pending.





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Meeting Themes 2015

Meeting date	Theme	Portfolio holder
18 February 2015	South Auckland	Cr Filipaina / Member Kris MacDonald
18 March 2015	Rainbow Communities (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender)	Cr Casey
5 May 2015	Women (and family violence)	Cr Cooper
8 July 2015	Migrants (closest date to World Refugee Day, 20 June)	Cr Filipaina
19 August 2015	Housing (timed to hear report-back on by- laws)	Cr Wood
14 October 2015	Older People	Cr Casey
24 November 2015	Literacy	Cr Watson