



**Date:** Wednesday 25 May 2016  
**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 Acknowledgements May 2016

### Chris Parkinson

Award-winning broadcaster, radio pioneer and Radio Hauraki co-founder, Chris Parkinson died at the end of last month, just days before his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Chris was a stalwart of New Zealand radio - one of the original Radio Hauraki pirates - and he and his mates David Gapes, Denis O'Callahan and Derek Lowe, changed this country's airwaves forever.

Chris began his career as a studio technician at the NZBC but it wasn't long before his fantastic radio voice was in high demand. He went on to be the 'corporate voice' of several radio stations, was the voice which introduced TVNZ's news presenters during the 90s, and to work with his pirate colleague, Derek Lowe at Radio Pacific.

But it was in the 60s that Chris and his colleagues achieved fame, when the Hauraki Pirates smashed this country's broadcast stranglehold, before their boat, the Tiri, was smashed on Great Barrier Island rocks in January 1968.

The foursome had taken to international waters between Great Barrier and the Coromandel Peninsula to break the NZBC's broadcast monopoly and the law.

Private broadcasting licences were later allowed and Radio Hauraki was one of the first to get one.

At least one documentary and a movie were made to tell the fearsome foursome's story and Radio Hauraki celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in December this year.



## Penina Latu

Penina Latu has died in hospital after a short illness at the age of 18.

Penina was the recipient of the Auckland Communities Foundation Mayoress's scholarship at the end of 2015, and she will be remembered for the way she served diligently in her community.

Penina contributed to a wide variety of activities at Kelston Girls' College and was on a number of school committees, including the Academic Committee, Health and Wellbeing Committee, Enterprise Committee, Arts Committee, Human Rights Committee and Environmental Committee.

She was also a school prefect, librarian, co-leader of the Christian Group and a peer supporter. Activities outside of school included being part of her church choir, youth group and a Tongan cultural group. Her strong leadership attributes and academic credibility stood out to First Foundation and her sponsor partner - the Auckland Community Foundation Mayoress's Fund.

Our love and thoughts are with the Latu family, Kelston Girls' College and the wider community.



## Auckland Achievements

May 2016

### Tripartite Economic Summit

More than 700 delegates from Auckland, Guangzhou and Los Angeles attended the Tripartite Economic Summit 2016 at the Viaduct Events Centre, to pursue business opportunities and hear from world-renowned speakers and panelists over two days.

Senior political representatives from all three countries – including Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, President of Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries Madame Li Xiaolin, Guangzhou Vice-Mayor Wang Dong and New Zealand government ministers were in attendance, illustrating Auckland's growing reputation as a globally connected city and innovation hub.

Several Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) were also signed - examples of the outcomes and connections this tripartite alliance is delivering for all three cities. Opportunities have ranged from significant potential deals for companies from all three cities, to small left field opportunities. Businesses as diverse as craft breweries to the film industry are following up positive leads.

### Inaugural Techweek AKL

Auckland's inaugural Techweek AKL 2016 was held, featuring a range of innovation events across the city.

More than 35 events organised by organisations including universities, private businesses, start-up communities and industry associations were part of the programme.

Held in association with the Tripartite Economic Summit, TechWeek aimed to shine the spotlight on the innovation and ideas that Auckland and New Zealand can offer the world.

### **Maungakiekie**

A dawn planting ceremony on 11 June will mark the first phase of returning a tree to the tihi (summit) of Maungakiekie/One Tree Hill.

The event will start at 7.30am, Saturday 11 June, and is open to the public. Representatives from Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau, the Tūpuna Maunga Authority, Auckland Council and local community will plant a small grove of young tōtara and pōhutukawa where one tree stood.

Over the course of the coming years, and overseen by arborists, a process of natural selection will see the stronger trees emerge. The aim is that after a decade, a single pōhutukawa or tōtara will stand on the summit.

### **First homes at Ormiston**

The first terraced homes have been built as part of the Ormiston development.

The entire Ormiston Town Centre development is expected to be completed around 2023.

The development, a joint venture between the Todd Property Group and Auckland Council, will see the creation of a new community in south-east Auckland with a mix of retail, commercial and residential buildings and community infrastructure.

Located across 19 hectares of land in one of the country's fastest growing suburban areas, Ormiston is expected to have a population the size of Dunedin in less than 15 years.

It will include a mix of housing options, from high-quality terraced homes to modern spacious apartments with all homes clustered around green and shared spaces and in close proximity to the 94ha Barry Curtis Park.

### **Mayoral Writers Grant**

Papatoetoe resident Grace Taylor has been awarded the second annual Auckland Mayoral Writers Grant.

Grace's winning proposal was for *City of Undone Darlings*, a poetry collection intended for publication in paperback, as an e-book, and for performance.

It was praised for its ability to evoke the social landscape of Auckland with humour and affection.

Other shortlisted writers include Louise Tu'u of Kingsland for *Magdalena of Mangere*, a script for theatre and film and Professor Tony Watkins' non-fiction piece *Taurere: A history of Karaka Bay*.

Mayor Len Brown established the \$12,000 grant in 2014 to capture Auckland life in the written word.

### **Half Moon Bay ferry pier**

Construction has begun on the new Half Moon Bay ferry pier, which, when complete, will provide a new, modern and safer ferry experience for its users.

It will be an important part of the new public transport network for east Auckland, due to be in place in late 2017.

Transport Minister Simon Bridges, Mayor Len Brown and Howick Local Board Chair David Collings marked the start of construction by turning the first sods at the end of Ara-Tai in Half Moon Bay. It is due to open by late 2016.

The \$5.9 million project is funded by the Government through the NZ Transport Agency, the Howick Local Board through its Transport Capital Fund and Auckland Council. During the last five years, patronage of the Half Moon Bay ferry has increased by over 50 per cent to reach 372,141 total passengers in the 12 months to April 2016.

### **JobFest 2016**

Over 3000 young job seekers turned out for JobFest on 11 May. The event brings together potential employees (aged 16-24) with employers to help young Aucklanders find jobs and improve their career prospects.

Seventy-five employers had stands at the event, representing a wide range of industries including Air New Zealand, Auckland Council, Fletcher Building and Spark. Jobseekers also get advice on developing interview skills and writing CVs.

JobFest is organised by Youth Connections at Auckland Tourism, Events & Economic Development (ATEED), Auckland's economic growth agency, and supported by a number of agencies including the Ministry of Social Development (MSD).

### **Botanic Gardens**

On Sunday 29 May, Auckland Council's Botanic Gardens will join 72 other botanic gardens, arboreta and public gardens across Australia and New Zealand in a world-first mass open day.

The event is designed to celebrate botanic gardens and gives all Australians and New Zealanders a chance to see how these important public gardens conserve plants.

Auckland Botanic Gardens holds a huge collection of more than 10,000 plants that thrive in local conditions.

### **Devonport Library**

The Devonport Library continues to draw awards. The main contractor, Naylor Love Construction, took out the National Gold Award at the 2016 New Zealand Commercial Projects Awards in the Commercial and Civic category.

The judges said: "Working around the trees and under the intense scrutiny of the community, the construction team has achieved a delightful timber building with intimate views of the park and glimpses of the harbour beyond."

Project partners are Athfield Architects.



### **Birkenhead town centre**

On Saturday, 21 May, the Kaipatiki Local Board and Birkenhead community celebrated the opening the recently transformed Zion Hill Reserve.

The Zion Hill Reserve project is part of a series of projects delivering town centre transformation in Birkenhead. Stage one (of a two stage project) at Zion Hill Reserve was just about complete for the opening day.

### **North Shore New Bus Network**

North Shore residents can look forward to a simpler, better connected, and more frequent bus network which reflects the community's needs, now that the final decisions on the New Network for the North Shore have been released.

More than 3,100 pieces of feedback were analysed from the consultation that ran from 2 June to 13 July 2015, and as a result of public participation, more than half of the initially proposed routes have been modified.



**To the reader:**

**Independent auditor's report on Auckland Council's Consultation Document for the proposed amendment of its 2015-25 long-term plan**

I am the auditor of Auckland Council (the Council). Section 93D of the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act) requires an audit report on the Council's consultation document for the proposed amendment of the 2015-25 long-term plan (long-term plan). I have carried out this audit using my staff and resources. We completed this audit on 25 May 2016.

**Opinion**

In my opinion:

- the consultation document for the proposed amendment of the long-term plan provides an effective basis for public participation in the Council's decisions about the proposed amendment, because it:
  - fairly represents the reasons for and implications of the proposed amendment; and
  - identifies and explains the main issues and choices facing the Council and Auckland Region, related to the proposed amendment; and
- the information and assumptions underlying the information in the consultation document related to the proposed amendment are reasonable.

**Basis of Opinion**

Using my staff, I have carried out my work in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards and the:

- International Standard on Assurance Engagements (New Zealand) 3000 (Revised): *Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information*;
- International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3400: *The Examination of Prospective Financial Information*, and
- ethical requirements in those standards.

I assessed the evidence the Council has to support the information and disclosures in the consultation document. To select appropriate audit procedures, we assessed the risk of material misstatement and the Council's systems and processes applying to the preparation of the consultation document.

I did not evaluate the security and controls over the publication of the consultation document.

**Responsibilities of the Council and auditor**

The Council is responsible for:

- meeting all legal requirements relating to its procedures, decisions, consultation, disclosures, and other actions associated with preparing and publishing the consultation document and long-term plan whether in printed or electronic form;
- having systems and processes in place to provide the supporting information and analysis the Council needs to be able to prepare a consultation document and long-term plan that meet the purposes set out in the Act; and
- ensuring that any forecast financial information being presented has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand.

I am responsible for reporting on the consultation document, as required by section 93D of the Act. I do not express an opinion on the merits of any policy content of the consultation document.

#### **Independence**

When carrying out the engagement my staff complied with:

- my independence and other ethical requirements, which incorporate the independence and ethical requirements of Professional and Ethical Standard 1 (Revised); and
- my quality control requirements, which incorporate the quality control requirements of Professional and Ethical Standard 3 (Amended).

Other than exercising my functions and powers under the Public Audit Act 2001 as the auditor of public entities, I have no relationship with or interests in the Council or any of its subsidiaries.

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