

Board Member's Report – Brett Clark

Committee:

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Business Meeting Thursday 15 September 2016
Panmure Local Board Office

Activities from 18 August 2016 – retirement 8 October 2016

18 August	M-T LB Business Meeting
20	Help clean up - Tāmaki Estuary Protection Soc. Panmure Basin
23	PA catch up
	M-T LB w/s
26	M-T LB Parks portfolio
30	PA catch up
	M-T LB w/s
Intended	
7	Panmure Basin Advisory Committee
9	Maungakiekie Police catch up
12	M-T LB Transport portfolio
	Chair Randall feedback facilities maintenance contracts
	M-T LB Leisure portfolio
	The Onehunga Combined Sports Trust
13	M-T LB Events portfolio
	PA catch up
	M-T LB w/s
14	Onehunga Community News catch up
15	Final M-T LB Business Meeting
20	PA catch up
	M-T LB w/s
	Oranga Community Centre Society
23	Mayoral 30 year celebration Councillor Bridget Graham QSM
27	PA catch up
	M-T LB w/s
30	M-T LB Parks portfolio
9 October	Nothing

Comment

A strong desire for personal development, growth & learning was a factor in 1998 when I was invited as a first time candidate to join a successful locally based team of committed part time local body politicians. The invitation came (along with other factors) because I had shown an interest in & then joined the resident association and was active within sporting & early child education settings close to where my wife & I had chosen to raise our whānau.

The community I was elected to represent was the very same community we lived, worked & recreated in. Our children began their formal education there, we shopped in & around the main street. Service to those around me was not a new thing to me, I take satisfaction from working with & contributing to improving the various communities I am involved in.

My belief is that strength comes from within & that harnessing external support & guidance is needed to achieve ones best results. Many things have taught me that communication & facilitation are crucial aspects of our work as elected members of the Auckland Council, our role can be both challenging & rewarding, frustrating & fulfilling as we seek answers & to understand advice.

I reflect on working together. He aha te mea nui o te ao. What is the most important thing in the world? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata. It is the people, it is the people, it is the people. It is with pride that I look back on the last electoral process where my colleagues Councillor Local Board Chair Simon Randall, & Councillor Bridget Graham QSM & I were unopposed.

Thomas Paine, (February 9, 1737 - June 8, 1809) once said
“Lead, follow, or get out of the way.”

I am able to successfully tick of the first 2 & am now focusing on the third.

Finally I quote from my grandfather’s diary written 100 years ago today while stationed at Sling Camp near Bulford Village on the Salisbury Plains England before joining the NZ Mounted Rifles Brigade to fight in the Middle East.

“Wednesday evening 15 Sept – went to Durrington with T. Roberts – enjoyable time” GS Clark, 15 September 1916.

I have never been to Durrington, nor do I know who trooper Roberts was, however I too have had an enjoyable time.



Simon, Bridget & Brett. 25/04/16 by S Newton. Taumanu Reserve.



Guess who's hand, on which totara, when, where, & why?

Recommendation

That the final report from Councillor Local Board member Brett Clark be received

Signatories

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