

## **ELECTED MEMBERS' MEETINGS**

- Friday 13 May - Kai a te Rangitira elected members' breakfast session with two speakers, John Hutton Auckland council manager of Treaty Settlements and Justine Smith, lead officer Tupuna Maunga o Tamaki Makarau Authority
- 9 June - Elected Members' Health and Safety Legislation workshop
- 13 June - Kai a te Rangitira elected members' breakfast session to hear Dr. Ella Henry
- 30 June - Local Board members' briefing on Community Centres' Level of Service Review.
- 4 August - elected members briefing session on the PAUP Independent Hearings Panel recommendations.
- 29 August - Cluster group discussion on the new Community Facility Maintenance Contracts.

## **PORTFOLIO MEETINGS**

### **Manukau Harbour Forum**

- 11 April, 13 June and 8 August Forum meetings and workshop.s
- Monday 18 April Manukau Harbour forum meeting with Manawhenua from around the harbour
- Monday 30 May elected members' run through of the coming symposium
- 8 June judging the completion entries for the symposium
- 10 June Manukau Harbour Symposium

### **Grants Portfolio**

- Meetings Thursday 12 May and 3 August

### **Planning Portfolio**

- Wednesday 27 April I attended a public meeting held by the Panmure Action Group regarding the Unitary Plan.
- 23 June With other panel members I visited 23 Castledine Crescent in preparation for the SHA Hearing
- 24 June SHA Panel Member on Hearing for Castledine Crescent.

### **Site visits and Local Board opinion sought: -**

- 22 Bell Avenue – shortfall in parking and oversized sign
- 204 Church Street – infringement residential density

- 84 Ferndale Road – removal of pre 1944 dwelling.
- 862 Great South Road – demolition of existing commercial building, building new building and new configuration of carpark
- 1110 Great South Road – maintenance and repair of driveway and carpark at Bert Henham Park.
- 11 Kawiti Avenue – density shortfall
- 645 Mount Wellington Highway – maintenance and repair of driveway and carpark at Bert Henham Park.
- 284 Penrose Road - demolition of a single storey retail building to be replaced with three level building, ground floor retail, two upper floors residential
- 284 Ellerslie/Panmure Highway – waiting for further information
- 55 Princes Street – external additions and internal alterations to a Category A historic building.
- 171 Pilkington Road – establishment of a child care centre
- 15 Rockridge Road – shortfall in parking
- 14 Ropata Street – removal of a pre 1944 building
- A-B 373 Neilson Street – waiting for further information
- 11 Fleming Street - exceeding building height and parking shortfall

### **Civil Defence**

- 13 April Community Response Group meeting to discuss the group's submission to the Civil Defence Draft Plan
- Friday 20 May presented the Local Board Submission on the Civil Defence Draft Plan to the hearing panel.
- 13 April Community Response Group meeting.

### **Environment Portfolio**

- Meeting Wednesday 25 May

### **Safety Portfolio**

- 13 July Safety and Action Plan Working Group
- 25 July

## **CIVIC FUNCTIONS**

- Thursday 7 April Thank You Barbeque hosted by Onehunga Community Centre.
- Saturday 9 April the first Onehunga Festival at Taumanu Reserve.
- Monday 25 April ANZAC Day in Onehunga.
- 12 June Tree planting on Maungakiekie
- 11 June attended the Matariki Exhibition at the Onehunga Community Centre
- 7 July opening of the Upper Onehunga Mall upgrade
- Two citizenship ceremonies

## **COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS**

### **Heritage Festival meetings: -**

- 8 April and 6 May to organise Heritage Week in Onehunga.
- Wednesday 18 May, meeting with a representative from Panuku to discuss their involvement with Heritage Week in Onehunga
- 1 June meeting with the representative from Panuku to discuss Heritage Week in Onehunga

### **ODCOSS Onehunga District Council of Social Services**

- Monthly meetings 13 April, 7 May, 8 June, 13 July and 10 August.
- 12 May and 24 June meeting with Lotteries regarding funding for ODCOSS
- 26 July I attended the MECOSS meeting in Flat Bush
- 1 August meeting of the ODCOSS Steering Committee

### **Seasons**

- Management meetings Thursday 14 April, 15 June and 20 July

### **Onehunga Community House**

- Monthly Management Committee meetings Tuesday 19, 17 May, 15 June, 19 July
- 16 August.
- 18 June fund raising film evening

### **Friends of Langimalie Gardens**

- Monthly meetings 11 April, 10, 13 June, 12 July.

- 15 May Working Bee and Rhubarb day
- 20 August Composting workshop

### **Onehunga Community patrols**

- 11 May AGM
- Patrol duty 28 May, 23 June, 14 July and 28 August

## **HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST THREE YEARS.**

### **The opening of Taumanu**

This project started in the days of the former Maungakiekie Community Board, and took years of patient work by community members and the Community Board before it was able to get off the ground and gather momentum. It was wonderful to be able to give back to the residents of Onehunga what they had mourned the loss of for over thirty years, which was the easy access to a usable beach and the harbour. The constant use of the reserve since the opening, and seeing the use of it over the summer months by Onehunga families has been intensely gratifying

### **The Onehunga Festival at Taumanu**

Following on from the last paragraph it was again very gratifying to see the return of the iconic Onehunga Festival, and for the first time held on the Taumanu Reserve.

### **The Onehunga upper Mall upgrade**

Another project that took a long time in production, but completed a major upgrade of the upper part of the Onehunga Mall to complement the area south of Arthur Street. This give a wonderful new look to the area, and encourages people to come more frequently into this upper part, so hopefully more and better quality shops will be encouraged to open. The art work connected with the project is innovative and stunning.

### **The opening of Te Oro**

After the 2010 formation of the new Auckland council one of the first community groups who came to speak at the Public Forum section of one our first meetings was the MAGIC group, who spoke of their efforts to provide the talented young people of their area with a Music and Arts Centre. They also spoke of their extreme disappointment when some years previously they had thought it was going to happen, but at the very last minute the project was pulled out from the budget of the previous Auckland City. It was a very thrilling day to be able to present the people of

the Glen Innes area with such a beautiful building to fit the needs of their young people.

### **The Manukau Harbour Symposium**

This wonderful day was put together to assist with the promotion of the Manukau Harbour Forum and its work to try to unite all activities taking pace on or around the harbour in order to reduce negative impacts. All aspects were taken into consideration, the practical, such as Watercare, nature such as bird watching birdwatching groups, manawhenua explaining what the importance of the harbour to their culture, art inspired by the harbour. The staff must be congratulated on such an outstanding presentation, that reached the hearts of all who attended.

### **The planting of the tree on the summit of Maungakiekie.**

Speaking from the point of view of a person who lived in a house for fifty five years with a kitchen window overlooking the summit of Maungakiekie, and who from that window saw the damaged tree, the efforts to keep it alive and finally the removal, it was a very moving day when the new trees were planted. It was especially moving because of being able to assist at the planting of one of the trees with other members of the Local Board who also attended that ceremony

### **THE LAST TERM OF ALL**

I would also like to say that the last six years have been exciting, being part of a brand new structure, the first of its kind in New Zealand, with a brand new idea of local body governance and delivery of this to the local ratepayers. It has not been an easy time either for elected representatives or staff all feeling their way at the same time with no precedent to follow. However, there have been massive learning curves and a lot of cooperative working between staff and elected representatives in order to achieve the best outcomes for the community. Many thanks to the elected members of the last six years from both subdivisions and to all the staff who have gone out of their way to give so much support to the elected members.