

## Chair's monthly report

This is my first report for 2017 covering the period 14 December 2016 until 10 February. I will be reporting each month with updates relevant to my portfolios (Transport and Infrastructure & Environment) and my activities as Board Chair.

### Summary

- Pollution of the Waitemata Harbour due to the combined wastewater network in the older parts of Auckland is a key issue for the Board. Over summer the NZ Herald ran a very good series on the topic following the concerns raised about the impact of new development. ( Refer Attachment A for the Auckland Council response and Attachment B for the Board's resolution regarding the wastewater impact of the Kelmarna Ave development)
- Attended the Alcohol Hearing Appeal in the matter of 527 Great North Road on behalf of the Board (refer Attachment D)
- Opening of the Weona-Westmere Walkway (refer Attachment C) and the Spark "The Underpass" basketball court at Victoria Park (photo below)
- New playground equipment installed at Tirotai Reserve, Westmere (see photo right)
- Auckland Transport completed public consultation on the Parnell cycleway and residential parking zone and Herne Bay walking and cycling improvements at the end of 2016. The Board has received a briefing on the feedback analysis and is in the process of finalising the Board's input
- Board updates from the Chair in Ponsonby News and The Hobson (refer Attachments E and F)
- Waitematā hosted a wide variety events over the summer. I especially enjoyed all the events on for Auckland anniversary weekend



## **Meetings and workshops: 14 December until 10 February**

- Auckland Domain Committee Meeting on 14 December (I am Deputy Chair of the Committee)
- PBA Board Christmas breakfast meeting on 15 December hosted at the Ponsonby Art Hotel
- Meeting with PBA, PBA members and the Pride Parade co-producer on 15 December
- Meeting with Tennis Auckland on 17 December to discuss plans for the redevelopment of ASB Tennis Arena
- Briefing on CRL development, Albert Street design on 19 December
- Weekly Chair's meeting on 19 December
- Meeting to discuss the process for appointing a new Youth Advisory Panel member
- Monthly meeting with the Local Board comms adviser on 21 December
- Tour of the Maori Hall with community reps, board members and officers on 21 December
- Ports of Auckland reference group meeting on 21 December
- Waitematā Local Board final workshop of 2016 on 20 December and first workshop of 2017 on 7 February
- Site visit on 13 January at the Domain with a resident concerned about the maintenance of trees
- Appeared on behalf of the Board at the Alcohol Hearing Appeal 527 Great North Road at the Auckland District Court on 16 January (refer Attachment D)
- Grey Lynn community meeting on 23 January to discuss the Alcohol Hearing Appeal
- Infrastructure & Environment Portfolio meeting catch up
- Lunch time meeting on 25 January with the Deputy Chair and Jenny Dixon, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Strategic Engagement) and Amy Malcolm, Manager Strategic Relations
- Transport portfolio catch up on 25 January
- Site visit with residents concerned about the Surrey Cres cycleway
- Site visit on 26 January with Manager Walking & Cycling regarding safety concerns on Williamson Ave
- PBA board meeting on 9 February
- Inaugural ASB Lantern Forum on 9 February at the invitation of ATEED. The Forum is a new annual initiative, which we hope will inform and inspire new thinking, knowledge, connection and business between Auckland, New Zealand and China.
- CCO briefings for Local Board members on 10 February (the session includes presentations by senior leaders from Pānuku Development Auckland, Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development (ATEED) and Auckland Transport)

## **Events and functions: 14 December until 10 February**

- Ribbon cutting for the Spark "The Overpass" basketball court at Victoria Park on 16 December
- Christmas lunch at Kelmarna Gardens on 16 December
- Opening of the Weona-Westmere walkway on 18 December (refer Attachment C)
- ASB Classic Women's Tennis Tournament on 4 January at the invitation of Tennis Auckland
- Farewell to Robert Hewson, Te Waka Angamua, Auckland Council on 13 January
- Studio One Toi Tu summer programme opening on 18 January
- Women's March on Washington – Auckland on 21 January
- Opening of the Church of Scientology building on 21 January

- Grey Lynn 2030 Trust AGM on 22 January
- Opening of the Tāmaki Herenga Waka Festival at the Auckland Art Gallery on 26 January
- Unveiling of The Uptown Mural "Magma" on 27 January at the invitation of the Uptown Business Association (photo below)
- Opening of the Buskers Festival on 28 January at Viaduct Harbour at the invitation of Crakerjack Productions
- Over Anniversary weekend I enjoyed the SeePort, Ports of Auckland Festival, Buskers Festival (photo right), Play Streets at Wynyard Quarter and the Tāmaki Herenga Waka Festival
- Welcome breakfast for the NRL Nines at Sky City on 5 February
- NRL Nines at Eden Park at the invitation of ATEED
- Waitangi Day Festival at Okahu Bay (para kore/zero waste volunteer)
- Citizenship ceremony on 7 February at Auckland Town Hall (photo right)
- Go by Bike day pit stop on 8 February
- Opening of the Lantern Festival at Auckland Domain on 9 February
- Unveiling of the Lighthouse at the Cloud on 9 February at the invitation of Barfoot and Thomson
- Opening of the Being Chinese in Aotearoa exhibition at the Auckland Museum on 10 February





Opening of “Magma” by Sara Hughes a mural on the Symonds St reservoir, an Uptown Business Association project opened by Mayor Phil Goff on 27 January.

## Attachments

<b>A</b>	Response to Simon Collins at the New Zealand Herald regarding the impact of intensification on the combined stormwater and wastewater network
<b>B</b>	Waitematā Local Board resolution on 13 December 2016 regarding stormwater and wastewater issues relating to 1 Kelmarna Ave, Herne Bay and the officer response
<b>C</b>	Opening of the Weona- Westmere walkway blog post
<b>D</b>	Alcohol Hearing Appeal in the matter of 527 Great North Road: Waitematā Local Board statement in support of the Surrey Cres working group
<b>E</b>	Chair’s update in the The Hobson
<b>F</b>	February Ponsonby News: New local assets for summer adventures

## Gift Declarations

Tickets to the NRL Nines at Eden Park at the invitation of ATEED

Tickets to the ASB Classic Women’s Tennis Tournament at the invitation of Tennis Auckland