

## **Board Report: Member Anne-Marie Coury's Report**

### **For period 12<sup>th</sup> October 2016 to 5<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

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#### **Auckland Council workshops, meetings and briefings**

##### **2016:**

12 <sup>th</sup> October	Attended new Board induction session with Members Doig, Holm, Fairey Kaushal and Kumar.
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Attended Board workshop session with Members Doig, Holm, Kaushal and Fairey
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Participated in Board's technology session with Members Doig, Holm, Kaushal and Fairey
25 <sup>th</sup> October	Attended Governance Symposium with Members Doig, Fairey, Kaushal and Kumar
27 <sup>th</sup> October	Attended and spoke at the Board's Inaugural Swearing in Ceremony the first official Board Business meeting of the term.
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Attended Albert-Eden Inaugural Ceremony
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Attended the official launch of the Te Auaunga, Walmsley Underwood stormwater project with Members, Holm, Kaushal and Kumar.
9 <sup>th</sup> November	Attended Board workshop with Members Doig, Fairey, Holm, Kaushal and Kumar.
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Attended 'Getting to Grips with Governance' with Members Doig, Fairey, Holm, Kaushal and Kumar.
16 <sup>th</sup> November	Attended Board workshop session with Members Doig, Fairey, Holm, Kaushal and Kumar.
19 <sup>th</sup> November	Visited Wai O Rea open day at Western Springs
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Attended opening of Safer Routes Cycleway/Walkway with Board members, Mayor Goff, Minister Simon Bridges and Local MP's
24 <sup>th</sup> November	Attended Board Monthly Business meeting with the full Board present.
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Attended Board workshop along with the full Board.
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Attended and spoke at the Te Auaunga Awa -Construction Trainees Celebration with Member Kaushal and Youth Connections Broker.
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Presentation AUT Design Ecology Studio with Members Doig, Fairy, Holm and Kaushal
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Puketapapa Christmas Festival 5pm- 10pm
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Wai O Rea Central Community Recycling centre Workshop
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Puketapapa Local Citizenship Ceremony

- 6<sup>th</sup> December Technology Devices
- 8<sup>th</sup> December Attended Roskill Community Network meeting & spoke on seniors needs
- 8<sup>th</sup> December Attended Board Business Meeting with full Board present
- 14<sup>th</sup> December Attended Board workshop
- 22<sup>nd</sup> December Attended and spoke at launch of Somali Seniors Inclusion programme along with Board Chair Doig, Member Kaushal and Strategic Broker

**2017**

- 25<sup>th</sup> January Attended the Low Carbon Action Plan briefing session with other Board Members
- 09<sup>th</sup> February Attended Board workshop
- 09<sup>th</sup> February Attended Time Management training workshop
- 10<sup>th</sup> February Attended TCCO briefing session at Town Hall
- 16<sup>th</sup> February Attended Wai O Rea Resource Recovery Centre concept meeting
- 16<sup>th</sup> February Attended Board Business Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> January
- 17<sup>th</sup> February Attended Meetings and Processes Training
- 1<sup>st</sup> March Facilitated Community Cluster meeting

**Other Meetings, Events and Activities**

- 15<sup>th</sup> February Attended Resilience and Wellbeing training for Members
- 18<sup>th</sup> February Dropped in on the Amazing Race – Out and About in Parks at Monte Cecilia
- 19<sup>th</sup> February Attended the Christian and Muslim “Peacenic” at Monte Cecilia
- 25<sup>th</sup> February Dropped by Manukau Domain to see the Kite Day in action
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- 28<sup>th</sup> February Met with two members of the Tongan Preschool organisation, Fakatouato Community Trust, to provide support in considering possible strategies regarding the expiry of their current lease in Onehunga.



- 1<sup>st</sup> March Set up a team “Hikoi Puketapapa” to enter the Auckland Challenge for members to walk 2,500 steps per day with two Board Members, one staff member and some friends in the area.
- 1<sup>st</sup> March Met with Community Co-ordinator from the Living Wage Movement, Fala Haurangi, to plan how to lift the awareness of submitting on the Annual Plan.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> March “Giant Walk” with Mayor Phil Goff along Mt Eden Road to meet relevant staff from Auckland Transport and the Police.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> March Attended Somali Celebration to honour the peaceful transition to a new democracy 7-10 pm (photo →)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> March Attended Engaging with Maori Training, learnt how to mihi in a board context (photo →)
- 4<sup>th</sup> March Participated in the Empowering Communities funding workshop 10.30 – 2.30 pm presenting on the Board’s funding grant process with Member Ella Kumar in the afternoon.
- 4<sup>th</sup> March Visited Arthur Faulkner Reserve to check on the state of the grounds, layout and proximity of residential dwellings to the various changes proposed.
- 5<sup>th</sup> March Met with some members of the Puketapapa Garden Web to discuss their interest in sustainability and a low carbon plan for our area. One will attend our workshop in May.



### Other Issues and Challenges

During my leave of absence, 27<sup>th</sup> January to 7<sup>th</sup> February, I travelled to Japan via Korea, and saw first-hand the cultural transformation going on to prepare the Japanese people to welcome the visitors and athletes to the Olympic Games and especially the Para-Olympics in 2020. Braille signage in elevators and more English speaking guides on railway stations are just the beginning. Pocket parks and parks to encourage seniors to exercise with outdoor equipment for older adults, road crossings that take you under the street to offer maximum safety are all part of Tokyo becoming an Age Friendly City. This trip was privately funded, but the learnings will be shared widely.

Thanks to our PA Liaison and other officers for their assistance during the settling in phase for they have guided and anticipated, when extra support is needed.

During this reporting period, there have been problems with the technology especially the middle of conversations on the phone and when I am leaving messages. New software and the Hub system of document storage have seen me requiring more IT training. Improvements are coming.

As a frequent user of public transport, I have been impressed with ease of boarding, timeliness and comfort of the new buses. I especially enjoy riding into the trainings in the CBD using WiFi on the bus and reading papers, not having to worry about the stress of driving in traffic.

Getting out and about to the wide range of community groups is a tough call, but really essential to ensure we Board Members are fully aware of what our people are experiencing and how we can make a difference in their lives. As we begin to focus on the draft local Board Plan, I am aware of the growing inequalities in our area that present us with a potential threaten to maintaining an inclusive Auckland, in the longer term.

## **Disclosures**

Currently I am President of Auckland Grey Power and continue to liaise with senior leaders and advocates across the city on matters affecting seniors wellbeing. This role is entirely voluntary and involves some public speaking, communications and editing the quarterly newsletter. I contribute at the national level to policy discussions on Local Government and have been active in promoting the UN model of Age Friendly Cities and communities as an appropriate policy framework for the future of seniors' wellbeing in our communities especially here in Auckland. Puketapapa has some of the most seriously disadvantaged seniors in Auckland and they especially need support with housing and transport.

I plan to become a member of the National Council of Women and Zonta having spoken at their meetings in 2016, and regularly liaise with other women in Local Government, who belong to these organisations.

I continue to lecture students both graduates and undergraduates at Auckland University in the School of Architecture and Planning on the globally significant rapidly growing ageing population, the "Age Friendly City" model and considerations around accessibility of public transport and buildings. This ensures I review the evidence that supports such policy frameworks and maintain relevant advocacy information.

I regularly attend International Conferences on Ageing Positively, on Public Transport - Walking and Cycling and Environmental Health matters. Sometimes I am sponsored as a guest speaker and other times I self-fund trips. Occasionally Grey Power pays for me to attend these where they link with Grey Power policy development.

I am currently on the Auckland District Council of Social Services Executive, having organised seminars to raise awareness of issues facing residents in Auckland from a community development perspective.

Fortnightly, I broadcast on Planet FM 104.6, a radio show exploring social and community issues from a seniors' perspective. The show is sponsored by Grey Power and is non-aligned politically. The former chair of Puketapapa, Richard Barter and the regional director of Grey Power are also presenting on this programme monthly.

In furthering my own wellbeing, I participate in and organise cycling trips with 50 plus folk and intergenerational events to encourage grandparents to ride with their grandchildren.

As a passionate supporter of community-led development, especially through creative processes that expand the mind, and strengthen one's whole being, I appreciate the power of the healing arts to assist in rehabilitation and restoration of people who have faced enormous challenges. I support making these opportunities more widely available to those, who could develop their skills into a pathway to self-employment through active sponsorship programmes and Philanthropic Trusts.

I do not belong to or actively manage organisations likely to seek funding from the Board and if there was ever a situation where I had direct links to a funding applicant I would declare such links and stand aside during the decision making.

### **Recommendations**

- a) That this report be received

### **Signatories**

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