

## April 2017 Local Board Member Report

This report covers my Kaipatiki Local Board Activities during April 2017. A very busy time as we progress our draft Local Board Plan.

### Executive Summary

- This is my first written report to the Local Board for the 2016-2019 term of Council. I am grateful to the electors of Kaipatiki for the opportunity to serve the community in this capacity.
- I was the lead on the Board for formulating input into Auckland Council's submission on the government's Clean Water Package. I collated residents' views and this was included in the proposed submission tabled at the Auckland Council Environment & Community Committee on 4 April.
- Korean Day celebrations at North Shore Events Centre on 1 April.
- Kauri Glen Reserve walk-over with residents and Council officers on 5 April.
- Bayview Community Centre board meeting on 18 April. I attend these monthly meetings as the Kaipatiki Local Board rep for the Bayview Community Centre board.
- Laid wreath for the Local Board at the ANZAC Day Civic Ceremony on the Cenotaph at the Glenfield War Memorial Hall on 25 April.
- Glendhu Road 'Clean Streams' neighbourhood rally on 22 April.
- Attended 'Ava welcome ceremony and Pasifika celebrations at Beach Haven Hall on 29 April.

### Comments

#### Clean Water Package

In the wake of regular reports from residents about stream pollution events, I made a verbal report at our March business meeting about these concerns. This was timely as Auckland Council had announced that same day that there was an opportunity for local boards to input into the Council's submission on the government's Clean Water Package. Public submissions closed on 28 April. My verbal report is below:

*Myself and fellow board members are very concerned about a number of recent events severely impacting our local streams. These have included sewerage overflows, pollution events and sediment from development.*

*Our urban streams are being hammered and aquatic life is under threat. There is a pattern here. These are not isolated events.*

*In December, I wrote an open letter addressed to the governing body about the state of our waterways. This is part of the response I received from Deputy Mayor Bill Cashmore:*

*"Good morning Anne-Elise. The urban storm water way pollution levels have increased as the numbers of cars, buses and heavy vehicles increase on our roads. Development has also played a part with housing with impervious surfaces increasing the run off flows. Increased urbanisation results in faster runoff levels. A big pollutant is the washing of private vehicles at home with the resulting run off going straight into storm water drains and eventually to creeks and the coastal environments. A major benefit to our coastal water quality will result from the Storm water interceptor systems that are being planned right now and are budgeted for the LTP. Cost is just under \$1 billion. These considerable holding tanks will collect SW for treatment at the various plants when capacity allows. The problem has been inherited especially in the older suburbs and is being exacerbated by the record growth we are currently experiencing."*

*I would like to note that these problems are for all of us to take responsibility for, collectively, from the Mayor's office, to the governing body, to Auckland Council staff, and, as a Local Board Member, I am using my advocacy to say that what is happening to our waterways is not okay. We must step up and take responsibility collectively to do whatever is in our capacity to alleviate these problems.*

*Thank you to the other councillors that acknowledged/responded to my December 2016 open letter: Cr Desley Simpson, Cr Mike Lee and Cr Christine Fletcher.*

## ANZAC Day Commemorations



I was honoured to lay a wreath at the Glenfield War Memorial Hall Cenotaph. All ANZAC parades and services on the North Shore were well attended.

## Bayview Neighbourhood Rally

Alongside Bayview residents I organised a neighbourhood rally in response to complaints of pollution from a development site and subsequent impacts on the Glendhu Scenic Reserve. I am very pleased to report that following the rally, a neighbourhood group has formed to help look after the reserve through weed and pest control working bees.

# Brown stream prompts protest

LAINA MOGER

Armed with hay bales and picket signs, angry residents protested over a creek filled with brown discharge from a development site at the weekend.

The protest took place across the road from a nine-lot subdivision site at 57 Glendhu Rd, Bayview, April 22.

Resident Shona Cathro has questioned the adequacy of the developer's silt control measures, since work began in December.

Cathro says her concerns were heightened when developers built a culvert under Glendhu Rd, six to eight weeks ago, allowing the silt and sediment run-off to pollute the reserve where her children play.

Auckland Council has not directly answered Cathro's questions about whether the developer's methods are correct, she says.

"If they [the council] gave me an answer, it would shut me up. But, if you can't answer me directly, I'm immediately going to become suspicious that something is not right. Rightly or wrongly," she says.

Cathro was joined by Kaipatiki Local Board members and other concerned residents, both from Bayview and nearby communities, at the protest.

Local board member Anne



Bayview residents protest against development and silt control.

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Elise Smithson says she hopes the protest will highlight a lack of political leadership when it comes to water quality.

"The culvert sediment has essentially created a new stream. How is this compliant?" she says.

Fellow protesters Dennis Worley and Steve Cook says, while they didn't live in Glendhu Rd, they are "emotionally attached" to the health of

Kaipatiki's reserves.

Auckland Council's compliance manager Steve Pearce says he is aware of a number of issues on site including sediment discharge, and has worked with the developer to resolve them. Site monitoring has been increased and at the last inspection, the sediment control appeared to be working, Pearce says.

Albany-based developer Won-

derland Construction Group's site manager Gary Zhang says, while they maintain the silt control measures every week, the unprecedented rainfall has flooded these measures and resulted in the "yellow water".

"Everything is now under control," Zhang says. "I am trying my best, and the whole project will be finished before the winter months."

## Beach Haven 'Ava Ceremony and Pasifika Fusion



It was a true honour to be guest at the 'ava ceremony at Beach Haven Hall. This welcoming ceremony was followed by a dance group, Pasifika arts & crafts and an umu. I found the event extremely uplifting and a real reminder of how wonderful our Kaipatiki community is. Credit is also due to the Birkdale Beach Haven Community Project.

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