

May 2017 Local Board Member Report

This report covers my Kaipatiki Local Board Activities during May 2017.

Executive Summary

In May I attended our monthly business meeting, extraordinary business meeting, two workshops and community forum, and other activities:

- 16 May: Bayview Community Centre Governance Board meeting
- 22 May: Kaipatiki Restoration Network bi-monthly meeting
- 23 May: Parks audit scoping discussion
- 27 May: Highbury House Trivia Night

Comments

Mangroves

NIWA scientists have written a guide for managing mangroves and this was launched at the Manukau Harbour Symposium on 19 May. The guide was prompted by a desire for people to learn more about mangrove ecosystems, and what happens when they are removed. NIWA surveyed more than 40 areas where mangroves have been removed and found that the practice often does not result in a return of sand flats, and that many removals have had detrimental effects on the local ecosystem.

It would be prudent for Auckland Council and local boards to utilise this guide in all decisions based around managing mangroves:

https://www.niwa.co.nz/sites/niwa.co.nz/files/Managing-mangroves-guidelines_NIWA-03-2017-mobile.pdf

There has been some media attention highlighting the issues:

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/92789624/removing-mangroves-often-doesnt-end-well-but-niwa-has-found-out-what-does-work>

Removing mangroves often doesn't end well, but Niwa has found out what does work

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Mangroves are native plants but they are spreading and not everyone welcomes their advance.

Resource Consents

I requested further information from Planners on the following resource consent applications:

- LUC60070212 and SUB60070213: 10 Huka Road, Birkenhead. Since receiving information on this bundle, I was later informed that this subdivision and land use application was withdrawn on 31 May.
- SUB60070268 159 Beach Haven Road, Beach Haven. The applicant is seeking consent to undertake a three lot subdivision around two existing dwellings and the balance of the land as a vacant lot for future development on the site complying with minimum of 300m² per lot. The site zoned Mixed Housing Urban Zone which requires 300m² per lot.

Highbury Community House and Early Learning Centre trivia night fundraiser

This was a fantastic community event held on 27 May. There was a full hall and it was great to see a huge range of local organisations sponsor prizes. Well done to the Highbury Community House organisers.



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