

Board Member Report June 2017

This is a busy month for the Board, finalising the annual budget and work programmes for the coming year, and doing the consultation for the local board plan.

There are still opportunities to provide feedback to the plan and it would be a good idea to do so as it guides our direction, advocacy areas and spending choices for the next three years. It also provides a snapshot of what the community was concerned about at a particular point in time.

You can have your say online

at <http://shapeauckland.co.nz/consultations/draft-local-board-plans-2017/>

Click the Local Board Plans Tab to see the plan then click back to the link above to the highlighted online feedback form

(http://engage.ubiquity.co.nz/surveys/QFAOn8f_wki8oQjUk8cmkQ)

There is also a Have your say event on the 14th at 5.00pm in the local board office. This is an opportunity to share your ideas with other people in the community and the board.

You can also pick up and fill out forms at the Local board office.

While it may seem like yet another feedback exercise, it is a good one to keep reminding the board and the community of issues that are important. Also remember it's not just about what people want, but also about what they think board priorities should be or if any areas are neglected. It's also Ok to support the plan and suggest initiatives that you think would be useful under the headings.

All feedback must be in by June 30th.

Another topic to submit on is the Auckland Transport Bylaw on election signage. While it might seem trivial, the proposal is to extend the time for display of electioneering billboards from 9 weeks to unlimited display. As many of these are in highly visible places and on park reserves, you may like to have a say. <https://at.govt.nz/about-us/bylaws/election-signs-bylaw/> to see the amended bylaw and find the feedback form.

Meanwhile Healthy Waters and Auckland Transport continue to work on the drainage and stormwater issues around the island. There have been a number of public meetings with Auckland Transport and Healthy Waters to

address some of the issues. Some of those roads have now been sealed, really interesting to see how it changes the roads and thank you Auckland Transport.

It's been a busy month for youth. Stella Andrews is now Waiheke's representative on the youth advisory panel. There was a very successful Music Mosh event at the library on the 10th which showcased a lot of local youth talent. Waiheke Youth Voice is also organising an event Saturday June 17th at the library, I am Waiheke for people in the 12 to 24 age range. Contact Kara for more details karacristina@gmail.com

Meanwhile the community service awards are coming up - do you know anyone in the community who should be acknowledged - for service to community in sport, culture the arts? This is the opportunity to nominate them for an award. Forms can be picked up from the library, the service centre or there's an online line

In the arts the big news is that Linda Chalmers of the Community Art Gallery has been awarded a Queen's Service Medal for her services to the arts. While art may inspire many, dealing with the nuts and bolts of getting funding for it and getting interesting exhibitions out is quite a challenge, so well done. Lots of things happening for Matariki, both on and off island including a film night on the story of the dressing of the whare whakairo at Piritahi Marae, an exhibition at the Community Art Gallery and the Modern Maori Quartet at the RSA on the 25th. (See website <http://www.matarikifestival.org.nz/>).

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Kia ora koutou,

There is an additional grants round that is currently open and will close on the 26th of May. Forms can be completed online <https://aucklandcouncil.smartygrants.com.au/WaihekeLG220162017>
The grants will be decided at the end of June for projects starting in July.

Healthy Waters part of Council are working with AT to address the stormwater issues in the light of recent flooding. AT have also managed to get some money to Waiheke to reseal a number of roads. Great community engagement from AT at the Onetangi Ratepayers meeting where the people had the opportunity to voice concerns around island roads and the public

transport network. AT have just announced that they will be starting the bus network review. This is a two year process involving looking at current services, future needs and public consultation.

Biosecurity have now started publishing an ezine. The first edition had really interesting articles on new developments in animal and plant pest management. Subscribe by emailing biosecurity@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Meanwhile The Waiheke Resource Trust work in Little Oneroa has meant that septic issues in the stream have been addressed and the creek is declared swimmable.

The shop and repair café is also now open on Tahiri Road with help from a local board economic development grant. This grant will support initiatives to remove things from the waste stream and give them a new lease of life.

I'm sure there's more but I just want to get the report in...

Nga mihi nui

Shirin