

Chair's Report - July 2017

There has been a lot of activities happening throughout Auckland Council and this has had a direct impact on activities in Mangere-Otahuhu. In the local community we are at mid-point of the calendar year as the new financial period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 begins.

Local Libraries

The Chair met with Libraries Senior Management with regard to the Fit for the Future Public Libraries restructuring taking place and goes live 31 July 2017. There are no changes to opening hours and service levels remain the same with programming continuing as usual and adjusting if current demand requires to do so. Whilst there is staff movement that offer employment opportunities, Management of Libraries will release information to the public arena informing how Auckland Libraries under the new scheme will be relevant for a far greater number of Aucklanders in the coming years and delivering greater value for money for Ratepayers. These changes will be implemented at Mangere Town Centre, Mangere Bridge, Mangere East and Toia Otahuhu Library.

Environment – Healthy Waters

In June 2017, a tragedy occurred a local youth drowned in a drain in a local Road. Following this, Barry Potter, Director of Infrastructure and Environment Team has met with me to discuss a process of reviewing Stormwater Drains on local roads. The Terms of Reference for the Review has been completed. The Review will be held over a two-month period, July and completed in August 2017, resulting in a draft report at the end of August 2017. The Review Report will cover technical aspects and be complete with a set of recommendations once this has been completed.

I personally knew the young woman Miss Violet Tupou, and I have been asked to liaise with Cr Alf Filipaina in assisting communication between Auckland Council staff and the whanau of Violet Tupou.

The Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board extends sincere condolences to the Tupou Aiga at the tragic loss of their daughter, Violet Tupou, and we are sorry that this occurred.

The Board asks the Media and public (on behalf of the family) to respectfully allow the Aiga to mourn in private dealing with their loss.

Draft Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board Plan

The Draft Local Board Plan has been consulted widely with a number of community events throughout Mangere-Otahuhu. The Summary has been presented outlining the direction over the next three years. The proposal is to continue what has been built over the first two terms, with a continuation of outcomes projected. Consultation is important to either reaffirm the priorities or review earlier decisions and possibly make further recommendations. Collation of all feedback will be presented to the Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board in an upcoming monthly Business Meeting.

Mangere-Otahuhu Volunteer Awards

Recently Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board acknowledged and thanked the many volunteers throughout our local areas, approximately 80 people individuals were nominated by the different Organizations and individuals from the Community. It is an important event to reflect and celebrate the extensive generosity of Volunteers who help deliver programmes on a weekly or regular timetable enabling various contributions of support. It was an enjoyable evening with family and friends. Pictures of the evening have been uploaded on to the Facebook Page of the Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board and can be viewed. Thank you to all of you!



Left to right – MOLB Tafafuna’I Tasi Lauese, Cr Fa’anana Efeso Collins, MOLB Member Tauanu’u Nick Bakulich, local students.

Relationship Agreement signed by Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board and Mana Whenua Ngati Tamaoho

History has been set with the Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board as one of the Four Boards signing the Relationship Agreement with Ngati Tamaoho. We have joined with the three other Boards Otara-Papatoetoe, Manurewa and Papakura and signed this special relationship on 30 June 2017. Thank you to the Board Members who were available, Deputy Chair Walter Togiamua and Board Member Christine O'Brien, to witness such a historic moment!



Left to Right – Kaumatua Ngati Tamaoho, MOLB Member Christine O'Brien, MOLB Chair Lemauga Lydia Sosene, MOLB Deputy Chair Walter Togiamua, Kaumatua Ngati Tamaoho Kirkwood.

Acknowledgements

- Acknowledge passing of Rev Emiritus Leiite Setefano who has been a Community Leader in the East Auckland Tamaki Maungakiekie Community Samoan and Pacific Island Churches, but also a strong Leader throughout the Auckland Region. Many a time visited and participated in forums throughout Mangere and South Auckland and attended a few Community fono here in our office in Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board last few years. We thank him and offer condolences of his passing to his family, survived by wife Lealofi Setefano and four children and families of grandchildren.
- Acknowledging the many Community Events as heading into Winter months, it is a much colder time of the year, ranging from Winter Sport to various events around the Mangere-Otahuhu local communities.

Lemauga Lydia Sosene

Chair

Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board