

Richard Northey's Report to July Waitemata Local Board Meeting

Events Portfolio Activities

During this period, I responded to requests for comment on proposed events, which included for:

- 7 June, LA Women filming, Victoria St carpark
- 8 June Lions Walk, Auckland Domain
- 9 June Westfield promotion photoshoot Albert Park and Nuffield St
- 12 June advertising film, Wintergarden Courtyard
- 19 June, filming The Block, Halsey St Wharf
- 20 and 22 June BNZ TV commercial, Kingdon St and Rooftop carpark
- 24 June LUSH Cosmetics launch, Federal St
- 24 June and 8 July Lions Series events on the Fantrail
- 27 June TV commercials re depression, Victoria Park and various locations
- 27-30 June Promo for new TV series, Albert Park
- 5 July Vodafone TV commercial, Grey Lynn Park
- 5 July TSB TV commercial, outside High Court
- 6 July, postponed to 14 July, Filming of 2 episodes of Brokenwood Mysteries, Western Sprigs Lakeside Park
- 7 July NZ Comedy Film in Symonds Street and 8 July in Albert Park
- 11 July Mercury Energy TV Commercial at Hamer St and the old railway tracks, Silo Park and also at Myers Park
- 17 July Fukuoka Gardens Opening
- 27 July Korean War Cease Fire parade, Dove-Myer Robinson Park
- 27 July AUT Winter Graduation Queen Street
- 5 August F45 Training Boot camp
- 6 August and monthly Little Dog Market Heard Park
- 12 August BMW Promotion launch near skateboard facility in Victoria Park
- 15 Septemberish, Ellen Melville Centre Opening
- 17 September Battle of Britain Parade, the Domain
- 24 September Central Auckland Streets, Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride on motorcycles
- 7 October Breast Cancer Foundation Pink Star Walk around the Domain, Parnell. Waterfront and Halsey Wharf
- 8 October Pink Ribbon Ride motorcycles ending at Western Springs Stadium
- 17 October through to September 2018 Fire Nights in Western Springs Quarry
- 26 October and subsequently Auckland Orienteering Events in the Domain
- 29 October Auckland Marathon, Quay St etc.
- 4 November Ponsonby Primary Guy Fawkes Pt Erin Park
- 12 November Parnell Waiters Race in Heard Park and Parnell Road
- 27 November ADRA Charity Run, Mission Bay to the Strand and return.
- 1-10 December Night Noodle Markets, Victoria Park
- 2 December Te Ara I Whiti, the Light Path Festival on the Pink Cycling Path
- 10 December, University of Auckland ITS Family Event, Albert Park

- 16 December, Polo in the City at Victoria Park or the Domain. I have opposed this application.
- 24 February 2018 Chinese New Year in Parnell, Heard Park
- 6 March Dutch War Memorial Service, Dove Myer Robinson Park
- 16-18 March Under 17 National Football Tournament, Seddon Fields
- 17 March St Patrick's Parade, Ponsonby Road

Arts and Culture Portfolio Activities

On 12 June I went to the Auckland Film Society showing of the notable Argentinian Film, "Wild Things".

On 13 June I went to the opening of Chris Corson-Scott's Photographic Exhibition at the Trish Clark Gallery in Bowen Street.

On 20 June there was the opening of Toi Ora's Matariki Exhibition.

On 22 June I went to the Te Korakora Matariki performance events in Federal Street. This was followed by socializing with Basement Theatre members as part of their Patron's Night and then the opening night of "When Sun and Moon Collide" at the ATC's Waterfront Theatre.

On 28 June Pippa and I were present at the unveiling of Ngati Whatua's sign detailing their historical connection with the Emily Place/ Point Resolution area for which their name means the place where many people leapt off but there were few survivors from historic battles with Waiohua and Ngapuhi.

On 5 July I went to RFA's presentation about the work and projects of Auckland Art Gallery and then The Body Laid Bare exhibition, held at the Art Gallery.

On 6 July I spoke at the official launch of the "Light Poles" public art work located on the Karangahape Road overbridge, leading on to the Karangahape Road Business Association's Thursdays event and the Mad Hatters Tea Party. This was followed by the opening of the Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition at the Auckland Museum.

Community Portfolio Activities

On 14 June I participated in Auckland University's "Celebration of Giving" at the Gus Fisher Gallery.

On 15 June I took part in Auckland Greypower's Annual General meeting.

On 16 June I met Alex Johnson to discuss Fossil Fuel Free's campaign for public bodies to divest in Fossil Fuel Companies.

On 17 June I took part in the Annual General Meeting of Greenpeace New Zealand.

On 18 and 25 June I was at the Grey Lynn Market.

On 20 June I took part in Asian Family Service's Strategic Planning Day

On 21 June I took part in the Living Wage Network's meeting. Members appreciated their participation in the implementation advisory committee's work. Then I participated in the University of Auckland Society's Executive where I reported on the issue of fossil fuels divestment.

On 23 June I chaired a meeting of the Board of the Problem Gambling Foundation of New Zealand.

On 25 June I met with volunteers at the Auckland Community Garden in the grounds of St Matthew Church. There was no sign of the Blooms Community Day event I had accepted for there.

On 26 June I took part in the Ponsonby Community Centre Committee Meeting. They are anxious to have the leak in the roof of the Leys Institute Hall fixed and the finials on the roof of the Community Centre repaired, two of which have fallen.

On 28 June I learnt about Life in Extreme Environments at the Auckland University Science Centre.

On 29 June I participated in the Annual Meeting of the Auckland District Council of Social Services at Western Springs Community Centre, heard of the 27 July Inner City Network meeting on Civil Defence, and persuaded ADCOSS to rejoin the Living Wage Network.

On 1 July I spent a couple of hours outside Grey Lynn Foodtown in Richmond Road collecting for Dementia Auckland. Grey Lynners proved very generous.

On 2 July Adriana, Pippa and I participated in the International Plastic Bag Free Day activities in the ASB Bank Hall in the Grey Lynn Shopping Centre.

On 3 July I met with housing workers about Auckland housing issues.

July 4th saw the University of Auckland Society Salon presentation by Antonio Fernando, Niki Harre, Ross McDonald and Renee Liang "In Pursuit of Happiness".

On 6 July Board Members met with the Regional and Local Citizens Advice Bureaux about their role, relationships and funding.

During this period Robyn and I moved into Hereford Residences, Freemans Bay. In the first week in July the wardrobes and wall unit were installed but the wi-fi, landline and television connection are awaited.

Waitemata Local Board General Activities

On 13th June we had a day long Board workshop dealing with 254 Ponsonby Road Civic Plaza advocacy, Accommodation Grants, Hillary Commission Residual Funds, Local Events development, Easter Sunday trading, Public Safety and Nuisance Bylaw and the ATEED update.

On 16th June I took part in briefing and then a guided tour with the CBD (sic) Job Skills Hub based at 69 Gaunt Street.

On 20 June we had our monthly Local Board Meeting, including decisions on local grants and accommodation grants.

On 21 June I took part in engagement on our local board plan at the Leys Institute Library with Grant Hewison and the Manager of the Ponsonby Business Association. I then had to have the wax syringed out of my ears to hear clearly. We were then briefed on proposals for the future of the southern end of Aotea Square.

On 26 June I was finally able to swap my inappropriate iPad for this Surface Pro.

On 27 June I drafted the Board's comments on the review of Council's Public Safety and Nuisance Bylaw regarding window washers, begging and the requirement for street numbers on premises. We also had an all day workshop dealing with City Centre governance and projects including the need for an "engineering value review" of the Karangahape Road upgrade project and then dealt with the Election Signs and Public Safety and Nuisance Bylaws. Later we were briefed on how the issues with the Ponsonby Road Pedestrian Improvements Project of Auckland Transport were being dealt with; on issues relating to Council's property at 19 Jervis Road; and the monthly updates regarding Arts and Culture Projects, including public art works such as the new sculpture to be hung in O'Connell Street and the VAANA Murals on the corner of Karangahape and Ponsonby Roads; Community Facilities; and Parks, Sport and Recreation Projects.

That evening I participated in the monthly meeting of the Karangahape Road Business Association Executive, to which some bright and diverse young people have been recruited.

On the 27th and 28th June Board Members discussed the consultants, Business Lab's, draft report on the Auckland City Fringe Economic Development Action Plan which appeared both practical and motivating and is aimed at outcomes the Board can influence or advocate for.

On 29 June Pippa and I were given a guided tour, hosted by the newly established Central Rail Link Limited's Street Response Manager Catherine Edmeades, of the improvements they are making to Albert Street to make it more attractive and user friendly and future events there. Photo below.



Photo: Walking tour of lower Albert Street

On 4 July our weekly Local Board Workshop considered: the Regional Pest Management Plan; the Eastern Viaduct Gateway Project; a Federal Street interim contra flow cycleway; the proposed Northwestern Busway; Learning Quarter Midtown Public Transport feedback; Auckland Transport's Renewals and Maintenance Programme schedule; the Ellen Melville Centre operational plan; the current Refresh of the Auckland Plan; the Mana Whenua relationship agreement template; and the Grey Lynn Community Centre annual presentation.

On 6th July Board Members met with members of the Uptown Business Association about the innovation Hub work. We also met with Healthy Waters Staff about improving water quality at Masefield's Beach and St Mary's Bay.

Auckland Council and National Activities

On 12 June I attended the Local Board Chairs' meeting which dealt particularly with Auckland Transport Issues.

On 19 June I took part in the Local Boards Subregional Meeting dealing with NZTA's plans for Auckland, Auckland transport Issues, the Procurement Working Party; the Auckland Council and Play (I asked that this earnest presentation be enlivened by the concept and achievement of FUN as a key objective); and the CAB review.

On 21 June I participated in the Pasifika Advisory Panel's inaugural workshop. Later that night I chaired Labour's Policy Council where we finally signed off on the Local Government and other policies I had drafted. The Policy Council's 5th July meeting signed off on the Housing and Transport policies among others that I had a hand in drafting. On the 25th June I took part in Labour's New Zealand Council meeting in Wellington.

On 23 June I participated in the workshop for elected representatives on Māori, the Treaty and Auckland Council.

On 26 June I took part in an Auckland Plan Refresh Workshop about development issues.

On 5 July I went to the Auckland Conversation on "The Future of Our Oceans" and heard about the environmental activities of the Sir Peter Blake Foundation. That night Labour's Policy Council met to discuss and sign off on 16 Labour Manifesto policies, including Housing and Transport, both of which I had helped draft.