

Date: Tuesday 15 August 2017
Time: 4.00pm
Meeting Room: Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Chamber
Venue: Takapuna Service Centre
Level 3
1 The Strand
Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS

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Susan Wann

Speaking at the Public Forum to Agenda Item 13, at the meeting of the Devonport/Takapuna Local Board on 15 August 2017

I wish to comment on the planned **Hurstmere Road Upgrade**. Item 13 on the agenda.

The report states that Hurstmere Road's primary role is as a retail street, but Hurstmere Road is dead. There are lots of vacant premises, and I doubt if any of the proposed changes will attract shoppers to Central Takapuna. The fact is that people have already found better and more convenient places to shop.

It would be interesting to know what the landlords of the buildings think about this upgrade.

If they decided to build taller buildings on each side of Hurstmere Road it would make the street cold and shaded. In view of the reduced amount of parking in the design there will need to be some attention to providing decent loading zones in the service lanes also.

You can't overlook the possibility that the shops on the McKenzies side of Hurstmere Road might in the future look to build facing into a redeveloped Anzac Street Carpark.

Then there is the traffic which will be pushed to Anzac Street and Lake Road presumably. And where is the provision of parking for the disabled? Its worth mentioning that at 2.5m the traffic lane in Hurstmere is very narrow and it might be difficult to turn into those carparks without going into the opposing cycle-lane.

With intensification bringing great numbers of residents into Takapuna, I don't believe that it will be the shops that will attract them to the area, but rather the beachside location.

Isn't it time to accept that what brings most people to Takapuna is the beach – Auckland's loveliest beach! Traffic looking for an alternative route already uses the Strand and the volume will increase greatly if the Hurstmere Road Upgrade goes ahead. I would like to see the Strand permanently closed to traffic between the restaurants and the public toilets, so creating a greater green area for pedestrians only. This would enhance the area and provide safety for the children's playground. I personally think that the \$12.5m would be better spent on enlarging and upgrading the beach reserve.

For these reasons I would like to see the Hurstmere Road Upgrade put on hold until more of the core issues concerning a very changed centre of Takapuna have been considered.

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Devonport-Takapuna Local Board update Councillors Chris Darby and Richard Hills

15 August 2017

Smokefree policy review – work ongoing

The Smokefree Policy Implementation Plan 2017-2025 was an area of much discussion at the recent meeting of the Environment and Community Committee.

Heavy debate showed that the policy requires further revision to really be effective, and the committee resolved that staff should further revise this, taking into account the discussion that had taken place. Staff are due to report back to the committee in October 2017.

A political working party has been established to support this work, providing oversight on the development and implementation plans for a smokefree Auckland. We're both pleased to be on this working party and are looking forward to the putting some real emphasis and weight behind this important topic.

Celebrating a local success – Dame Anne Salmond



Recently, I bought a copy of Dame Anne Salmond's newest publication, *Tears of Rangi: Experiments Across Worlds*. A delightfully detailed account of New Zealand through the lens of cosmo-diversity, Dame Anne explores our country as a place where multiple worlds engage and collide.

A Distinguished Professor of Māori Studies at the University of Auckland and 2013 New Zealander of the Year, Dame Anne is also a Devonport local. As a student many decades ago, I was lucky to have her as a social anthropology professor. I would encourage you to take a look at her most recent achievement.

- Cr Chris Darby

Local Board feedback for the Auckland Plan Refresh

Nominated Local Board representatives have been involved in the Planning Committee's Auckland Plan Refresh workshops. This is a different approach to previous terms, designed to facilitate clearer decision making, and increased inclusion of local perspectives.

Generally, feedback from local boards has focussed on the requirements to meet projected population growth, including the necessary developments and infrastructure.

At its most recent meeting, the Planning Committee resolved to receive the local board feedback to date on challenges, opportunities, strategic themes and focus areas of the proposed refreshed Auckland Plan. Devonport-Takapuna Local Board's feedback has been noted and received, and we encourage you to keep up the representation.

From Town Hall to Taipei – a quick trip to Taiwan



I was fortunate to be invited by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the Peoples Republic of China Taiwan) to attend the 2017 NiHao Study Camp for Future Leaders, along with 27 other delegates from Australia, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Singapore and Korea. MoFA funded the entirety of this trip (with the exception of extra accommodation, which I paid personally).

Between visits to various religious and cultural temples, and areas of cultural significance, we attended seminars on foreign policy, climate change and foreign aid. At the conclusion of the camp, I met with Councillor Chien, Shu Pei – one of 63 democratically elected councillors in Taipei. I also visited the organisation responsible for the city's amazing bike share scheme and Taipei Metro, who run the incredible public transport system (one train every 80 seconds!).

I'll be providing a full report back at the next Governing Body meeting, and am happy to answer any questions you may have.

-Cr Richard Hills

World War 1 Centenary Memorial update

The July Governing Body meeting featured heavy discussion on the World War one Centenary memorial for Auckland Domain.

Following much debate, Governing Body resolved to revoke any previous delegations and decisions regarding WW1 Centenary memorial made by Auckland Domain Committee, and confirmed Governing Body as responsible for delivery of the project.

The project will now proceed using the previously-approved design, *Te Takuahi – the Hearth*. Staff will continue to seek external funding to deliver and a Mayor's advisory group will oversee fundraising initiatives, stakeholder management and communications associated with the memorial. The next report back to Governing Body is due in March 2018.

Out and about in North Shore ward



It's been a busy month on the constituent front. We've met with a number of local groups, including Takapuna Business Association for a general chat and discussion about development, and with the Milford Business Association, who expressed an interest in walking and cycling improvements; and their desire to see Milford Square progressed.

At a recent Conversation with Councillor event, Chris met with Hilda Sherwood, an elderly resident who is a keen ambassador of the AT Metro app and catches "eight buses by lunchtime". Hilda has asked us to look into the establishment of a bus shelter on Onewa Road, which we are working with in conjunction with AT.

Chris Darby
Auckland Councillor
North Shore ward

Richard Hills
Auckland Councillor
North Shore ward

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Member's Report

Member J. McKenzie

15th August 2017

Over the last few weeks I have accompanied Grant to two playground openings within our area. These both had good turnouts which was pleasing to see. Both playgrounds have received very positive feedback. However, I note that as both of these playgrounds were renewals that sunshade, seating and water fountains have not been added.

Recommendation: Enquire as to how we can review these playspaces before they are completed to understand if we can add additional features as listed above.

I also have visited Lake Town Green Playspace and was met with complaints from parents due to the lack of sand in the sandpit. I have logged a call with Auckland Council and encouraged parents to do the same. I expect this to be resolved week commencing 14th August.

Recommendation: Enquire how we might be able to monitor sandpits within our playgrounds.

Regards,

J. S. McKenzie