

## Local Board Member Jeff Cleave quarterly report: June – August 2017

- June 6: Local Board extraordinary meeting. Met to discuss Aotea Great Barrier Local Board Plan with northern stakeholder groups including Orama and Department of Conservation (DoC) areas of interest, and pests in general
- June 12: Have Your Say event with northern community groups. Great exchanges with local groups and general support, and wonderful feedback
- June 13: Local Board workshop
- June 20: Town session of local board monthly business meeting and Have Your Say event. Highlight was meeting Jack Warden. Extraordinary young man and gives such hope for the future
- June 21: Have Your Say event attended by Motu Kaikoura, Great Barrier Island Environmental Trust, and Glenfern
- June 26: Local Board Plan Have Your Say event. Excellent day once again, and the final community input for the draft document.
- June 27: Local Board workshop
- June 28: Accepted the local board invite for the Polar Plunge, in support of our wonderful health services. Amazing to see Aroha, Lillian, and Denise in full operating kit for the plunge. Stoked to be a part of it and especially the HOT milo afterwards. Felt like a kid again
- June 29: Hauraki Gulf Forum (HGF) extraordinary meeting. Well run meeting and good outcomes sort
- June 30: Returned to Aotea, and was Master of Ceremony for the Matariki celebration. Was amazing to see OUR beautiful island children, perform for the season of Matariki. Attended by huge numbers of our community, and especially kaumatua and kuia from North to South.
- July 3: Destination Great Barrier Island website discussion with Shaun. Well done and ideas captured
- July 4: Local Board workshop. Met with Jo O'Reilly re Okiwi Pest coordinator. Shanti and bio diversity and bio security
- July 5: Checked Puriri Bay Road and necessary repairs and timeline for completion as soon as surface and weather dry up..... unfortunately, that is a process but we will follow up the whole way
- July 11: Good to catch up with our Deputy Mayor, Bill Cashmere..... a no nonsense fella with an eye for the future, while minimising the wish-wash generally heard by consummate politicians. Nice person, whilst being a potent advocate, of not only our island, but also Auckland in its entirety
- July 15/16: Attended and supported the Dark Skies ambassador training, as both a local and mana whenua. A huge thanks to John Drummond, Nayalini and Gareth, and especially Richard and Gendie. Gendie was sadly missed while in hospital.
- July 17: Special meeting to discuss Auckland Transport (AT) and other issues. Key discussions around roading, and concerns expressed about the finish of several projects

- July 18: Agenda run through and local board monthly business meeting. Made it through the agenda run through but left before full meeting as unwell
- July 25: Local Board Workshop
- July 31: Local Board Plan discussions. All about "Have we got it right"..... I believe so with some minor twists
- Aug 1: Local Board Workshop. Local Board Plan and continuing discussions
- Aug 7: Te Tuwheratanga o te tohu mana whenua. Attended a wonderful celebration of mana whenua history on Aotea, with the unveiling of their interpretive signage outside our council building. Especially loved the words of my grandmother's sister Whetumarama McGregor, on the sign. Very well attended and supported and great to meet both Wally Thomas and Tipa Compain from AT
- Aug 8: Local Board Workshop. Good discussions around the dark skies and coastal erosion
- Aug 9: Meeting to discuss parking and safety options for Claris. Big thanks to Sean McCarthy, and Ben Sanderson for their invaluable input, knowledge, and historical background
- Aug 15: Local Board monthly meeting. Really nice to have Mike there and get his update and thoughts around future directions for our super city
- Aug 19: Opening of our International Dark Skies Sanctuary. He honore maku kit e mihi whakatau ki nga tangata kua tae ma ra. Beautiful day and proud to be an islander.
- Aug 21: HGF quarterly meeting. One of the better meetings I have attended. Cohesive approach and respectful behavior shown by all. Of interest was a split vote on the Support in Principle of a Marine Reserve around Motuketekete, being investigated by DoC (as result of Public Forum). As we are trying to empower marine protection on ANY level, I supported the investigation of its merits. If baby steps are what we need.....kei te pai
- Aug 22: Local Board Workshop

It has been a few very hectic and trying months, getting, digesting, and trying to encapsulate the aspirations of our community into a cohesive document for the future.

Do we have it right..... I think so.

As always, a massive thank you to our islands support crew.... John, Jacqui, Guia and Dileeka, and all the council family for their guidance through the quagmire of bureaucracy for the benefit of Aotea

Nga mihi nui kia koutou katoa

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