

Board Member Richard Northey's Report to September Waitemata Local Board Meeting

Events Portfolio Activities

Events applications responded to in this period:

4 August Farmers New Season Ad Photo Shoot, Viaduct Harbour

4 August Samsung TV Commercial, Halsey Wharf

11 August ATEED filming on Wynyard Point, High St, O'Connell St, and Fort Lane.

19 August ASB ads filming in Wynyard Quarter and Victoria Park

19-21 August other ads filming around Queen St and St Georges Bay Road

20-21 August ANZ TV commercial filming Shortland, Symonds, and Douglas Streets and Eden Crescent

24 or 25 August photoshoot by South Seas Photography School in Silo Park and Wynyard Quarter

31 August Filming by Popcorn Films for Context Architects in Albert Park, the Downtown Carpark and Halsey Wharf.

2 September AUT Live, AUT and St Paul's St

4 September, filming for Shortland St in the Auckland Domain

6 September Arch Hill Night Rider, Mountain Bike Event on the track.

8 and 9 September filming of "Rona", an AUT student production, at the western end of Western Springs.

9 September Cox's Bay Reserve Playground Official Opening.

12 September a Government TV Commercial for its anti-litter campaign filmed at the Western Springs lakeside.

13 September Filming for Married at First Sight New Zealand in Judges Bay.

13-14 September, filming video promotion for Married at First Sight overnight in Vulcan Lane

15 September Opening ceremony to reopen the Ellen Melville Centre and Freyberg Place using these areas and O'Connell Street

16 September 3/6 Battalion Charter Parade, the Domain.

17 September a TV Commercial for AMI in ST Kevin's Arcade and on 19th September another section of the AMI Commercial in Grey Lynn Park

19 September Suffrage Day Commemoration in Te Ta o Hine Place.

24 September, the Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride from Glover Park through Central Auckland

26 September University of Auckland Spring Graduation, walking Princes St to Queen St

30 September Holden 8 Bangers Feed the homeless event with 40 Holdens parked on the grass of Myers Park.

1 October Festival Italiano in Kent Street, Osborne St and Lumsden Green in Newmarket

2-13 October Conscious Kids ticketed school holiday programme in Western Springs Quarry

3 October and Weekly Auckland Fire Nights in Western Springs Quarry

6-15 October Art Week activities.

7 October 510 Vape Day involving closure of part of France St.

10 October KFC and the Edge for KFC Edgefest, commercial promotion and performance for 2 hours closing part of Fort Street

3 November Ponsonby Primary Guy Fawkes Spectacular at Pt Erin Park

18 November a Pump track opening Event at the track in Grey Lynn Park

19 November Beca Kids Charities Carnival Western Springs

19 and 26 November Epsom Girls Rowing Ergathon, Lumsden Green.

19 November, Parnell Festival of Roses, Dove Myer Robinson Park

22 November Fidelity Life Corporate Challenge, Auckland Domain

24/25 November or 1 to 2 December Vodafone Summer Christmas Party in Western Park or Albert Park- I had real doubts about this large ticketed event and it has been declined

25 November Wonderland 108 at Western Springs Lakeside

2 December NZ Fire Service Family Xmas Function, Western Springs.

10 December University of Auckland ITS Department Family Event Albert Park

10 December KFC Edgefest, using most of Fort Street for promotional activities for KFC supported by The Edge. I have real doubts about closing this street for 2 hours for a commercial promotion.

11 December Community Open Day for Ellen Melville centre

20 December Auckland University ITS family event in Albert Park.

31 December the Britomart Block Party, Galway Street, Britomart Precinct.

1-13 January ASB Classic tennis again seeking use of an area of the Domain

30 January to 4 February, Extravaganza Fair, Western Springs Lakeside-I have real doubts about people living on site for several days for a commercial activity and it is likely to be declined.

24 February, Chinese New Year in Parnell, Heard Park

15-18 March Under 17 Oceania Youth Football Tournament, Seddon Fields

24 March Global Peace Gathering, Auckland Domain Band Rotunda.

31 March Unite walk together and kids' entertainment for Mercy Hospital

31 December 2018 possible night event in Victoria Park.

Arts and Culture Portfolio Activities

On 3 August I attended the opening of the INK artists' exhibition at the Railway Street Studios, Newmarket.

On 7 August I met with Basement Marketing Manager Kate Rylatt and attended the Launch of their Spring Season at the Basement Theatre.

On 10th August I attended the APO Concert in the Town Hall and heard both the New World Symphony and a fascinating percussion concerto from a modern Czech composer.

On 17th August I enjoyed the opening night of the ATC's play Nell Gwynn at the Waterfront Theatre.

On 18th August I was honoured to be at the farewell function at TAPAC for Margaret-Mary Hollins where a Who's Who of the Auckland performing arts scene paid tribute to her accomplishments.

On 23rd August I went to the fundraising film evening for Orakei School at the Berkeley Theatre.

On 24th August I attended the Auckland Philharmonia concert performance on the theme: "Defiance" with composition by Shostakovich and others.

On 30 August I attended the Karangahape Road Business Association Sponsored Auckland Fashion Week event, The Volcano Lovers, designed by Jimmy D, held in the Unity Hall on Queen Street.

On 31st August David Heberton and I met with Hiraani Himona, CEO of Te Tuhi Gallery, to discuss Te Tuhi's projected activities in the Waitemata Local Board area. They have submitted a proposal to Auckland Transport to enable about 20 visual artists to use the Parnell Railway Station for studios for a couple of years until the Station becomes fully utilized and accessible. They have made a joint application with Parnell Heritage and the Parnell Business Association who would subsequently set up a historical museum in and on the walls of the Parnell Station.

On 31st August Robyn and I took our children and grandchildren to a very professional performance of Matilda, the Musical.

On 1st September as a Waitemata Board Member with Pippa I was taken on a hosted tour of the Auckland Museum by their new Director and Communications Manager, to view their facilities for photographing and digitizing their exhibits, bringing in Pasifika community members to explain the exhibits use and cultural significance, their extensive storage facilities two basements down, and to

discuss their desire to make the Domain more pedestrian accessible including providing a path from Maunsell Street to the southern entrance.

On 2nd September I attended the official opening of the Auckland Art Gallery's Corsini Collection, artworks and domestic items from centuries from the formidable Florentine Corsini family, along with 530 other enthusiastic other Aucklanders.

On 7th September I attended a breakfast fundraiser at Ima Cuisine in Fort Street to hear Mary Kislner, Senior Curator at the Auckland Art Gallery on "the Role of the Arts in New Zealand Society".

Community Portfolio Activities

On 4 August I joined other housing workers in meeting Chloe Swarbrick and others about The Greens Housing policies for Auckland.

On 14th August I chaired a meeting of the Board of the Auckland Community Housing Trust

On 16th August I participated in a Meeting of the Living Wage Network; later on that day the meeting of the University of Auckland Society Executive; and then of City Vision.

On 17th August I took part in a meeting of the Board of Asian Family Services.

On 18th August I chaired a Board Meeting of the Problem Gambling Foundation of New Zealand

On 21st August I attended the launch of the PSA's new book: "Progressive Thinking on Housing" held at the St Colombo Centre in Vermont Street.

On 22nd August I participated in the Annual General Meeting of the Hereford Residences Body Corporate.

On 28th August I attended the University of Auckland Society sponsored election debate on Auckland Issues at the University involving Paul Goldsmith, Phil Twyford, Julie Ann Genter and 4 other Parties, and then went to the last part of the Ponsonby Community Centre Board meeting.

On 31st of August I participated in the Inner City Network Meeting on the issue of Homelessness and Rough Sleeping, hearing from the workers from Lifewise and the initial achievements in housing families using their Hosing first approach. I spoke to Helen Jacobi, the Minister at St Matthew about the proposed Federal Street development which she supported provided an option was chosen that did not place too great a financial burden on St Matthew.

Following this was a meeting of the Network Steering Committee, at Studio One organizing Inner City Network meetings at noon at the Ellen Melville Centre on 28 September, on issues generated by intensification and population growth in the central city; 19 October, which will be used to communicate key inner city aspects of our Local Board Plan; and 30 November, on connectivity, communication and networking.

On 1st September I briefly joined Splice workers in Karangahape Road in sharing Random Acts of Kindness and received a pot of honey from them. That afternoon I collected for the Multiple Sclerosis Society outside Countdown in 277 Broadway, Newmarket.

On 4th September I took part in the Housing Committee of the Auckland District Council of Social Services' discussion on pressing housing issues, particularly rental and homelessness policies, and the greater resources the Government is putting into transitional accommodation.

On 5 September I supplied an article for the September Auckland District Council of Social Services newsletter on the importance of participating in the General Election for community service providers and their clients. This article is attached.

On 6 September I attended the University Winter lecture by Professor Alan Gamlen about Emigration and Diaspora and then a Fabian Society meeting with Barry Coates and Michael Wood speaking about "A Progressive Economy".

On 7 September I chaired a meeting of the executive of the Problem Gambling Foundation. I then joined members of the Auckland City Centre Residents Group at an Auckland Central Parliamentary Candidates Debate at St Matthew which we sponsored and saw some excellent questions and responses on important issues facing the Central City including the candidates all agreeing on the importance of getting a primary and a secondary school in the City Centre.

On 8 September I participated in a seminar sponsored by the Child Poverty Action Group on: "Beyond Social Investment". This elaborated on the philosophy and practical issues about a social investment approach including practical problems and contradictions in the approach being used by the Government in New Zealand

On 11 September I joined Pippa and Adriana at the Official Opening of the West End Tennis Club's 2017/18 Season. They expressed gratitude for our support for the upgrade of their building and for their special annual tournament. I met some fellow Bayfield School Old Boys too.

Waitemata Local Board General Activities

On 7 August Pippa and I met with Peter Clark and others from NZTA about their projects in the Waitemata Board area.

On the morning of 8 August the Board workshop considered the Governance Framework Review issues and the fourth Quarterly Report. In the afternoon we heard from and questioned organisations who made informed and valuable submissions on our local Board Plan.

On 10th August we had a briefing and workshop on the official opening of the refurbished Ellen Melville Centre and Freyberg Square.

On 10th August I supplied an article for The Hobson, the first of a series of monthly articles they would like each board member to contribute. This article is attached.

On 15 August I participated in the Board's monthly business meeting.

On 23rd August the Local Board's workshop considered the Organisational Support Workstream of the Governance Review; City centre integration; the Youth Hub Feasibility Study; the Arts Projects Update; Domain Event Guidelines; and the Events Monthly Update.

On 24th August I participated in the meeting with the Board's Environment Portfolio Holders on current environment, emergency management and infrastructure issues; and later in a meeting with Kelmarna Gardens about their projected redevelopment.

On 29 August I took part in the Waitemata Local Board's Workshop dealing with the Newmarket Park Entrance; Parks, Sports and Recreation update; Management of the Fukuoka Garden; Community Facilities Update; Ellen Melville Centre; and the 254 Ponsonby Park proposal.

On 29 August I also supplied an article on my role for the Karangahape Road Business Association Newsletter, and this is attached.

On 4 September I participated in the Waitemata Board's day long workshop. This dealt with an update from Regional Facilities; residential parking changes in Grafton; a proposed footpath from Parnell Station to the former Carlaw Park; protocols for Auckland Transport for events opening facilities jointly funded with the local board; a briefing on the Long Term Plan process; and I and other Board Members improving our draft Local Board Plan in response to well-presented public submissions.

On 9 September I unexpectedly found myself introducing Ngatiwhatua kaumatua Bob Hawke to lead one of his inimitable blessings and MCing the Opening Event for the Cox's Bay playground. I also got the equipment designer Philippa and Project manager Helen to speak and the 15 or so children and the same number of adults present also enjoyed it until the rain came. I had checked my emails and texts when I set out at twenty to eleven that the event was still on and subsequently discouraged a cancellation email at 10.48am.

Auckland Council and National Activities

On 1 August I provided detailed feedback on proposed content for the Auckland Plan Refresh.

On 3 August I chaired a meeting of the Executive of the Problem Gambling Foundation.

On 4 August I attended Jacinda Ardern's launch of Labour's Rainbow policies at the Family Bar and Club on Karangahape Road.

On 6 August I attended Jacinda Ardern's launch of Labour's public transport policies at Jellicoe St, on the Viaduct. Later I went to the Grey Lynn Community Centre for the Women's' International League for Peace and Freedom.

On 7 August I chaired a meeting of the International Affairs and Disarmament Committee of the Peace Foundation, particularly about the Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty that some of the members had helped accomplish at the UN.

On 9th August I took part in a final meeting of the Labour Party's Policy Council, debating and signing off some key policies.

On 10th August I took part in the workshop refresh of the Auckland Plan.

On 11th I attended the opening evening of the Auckland Public Libraries' Family History Seminar and Conference at the Fickling Centre.

On 14 August I attended the Local Board Chair's Forum first part of their meeting and then the Planning Committee workshop on the future of the Waterfront.

On 17th August I enjoyed the opportunity to take part in the afternoon central citizenship ceremony with Pippa Coom and Josephine Bartley.

On 19th August I presented and had endorsed the full draft Labour Policy Manifesto by the Labour New Zealand Council.

On 20th August I attended Jacinda Ardern's launch of the Labour Party election campaign.

On 21st August I took part in the Local boards Subregional meeting in the Council Chamber that dealt with Facility Partnerships; Protecting and growing the Urban Forest; and the refresh of the Auckland Regional Land Transport Plan.

On 24th August before the Governing Body Meeting I joined other opponents of any extension of Easter Sunday Trading in a picket outside the Town Hall as that issue was on their agenda. The photo attached has me standing 3 to the left of the Easter Bunny.

On 29th August I took part in the Auckland Council Planning Committee's Central Auckland and Waterfront Projects Planning Workshop trying to set priorities for public realm and transport projects, particularly in the light of the big increases in people coming to, and living in, the central city.

On 30th August I participated in the Auckland Plan Refresh Workshop on the proposed document structure and process of consultation and compilation of it.

On 3 September I participated in drafting the media statement "Making renting secure and healthy" announcing Labour's policy on renting.

On 7 September I attended a presentation at the Medical School by Jorn Scherzer of EECA encouraging institutions to use electric vehicles. Representatives of the District Health Board and the Auckland Museum who were present were very keen to join with Auckland Council in accessing and leveraging EECA grants to extend both fast and slow electric vehicle charging stations as they are planning to do, e.g. two in the Med School's Carpark A.

On 8 September I joined other City Vision elected representatives in meeting the Mayor to update current Council issues.

Article for The Hobson

1. Why did you stand for this position?

I was concerned about some issues in the Waitemata Board area - including homelessness, waterfront development, glyphosate spraying, public transport, safer walking, cleaning up streams, polluted beaches, thriving town centres and strong arts organisations.

My wife, Robyn and I have recently moved back into the central city and want to contribute to improving our neighbourhood. I believe my skills and experience as chair of arts, community and health organisations and as a former Auckland City Councillor will help me make a difference.

2. What Board portfolios are you responsible for?

The portfolios that I lead or co-lead are: Arts, Culture and Events and Community Development. I also represent the board on the following: Ponsonby Community Centre Board, Karangahape Road Business Association BID, representative on the Auckland Plan Working Party, a Local Government NZ representative.

3. Since being elected what do you consider to be the top two things you have achieved in your role?

Getting the Parnell Residential Parking Review expanded from just the streets around Parnell Road to Include all of Parnell.

Helping ensure Council doesn't use glyphosphate sprays in the Inner Suburbs.

4. What top four things do you intend to achieve in the time remaining in your role and why are they important to you.

- By working with others, reducing the number of people living and sleeping on Auckland's streets.
- A commitment to an early start for light rail from the city centre.
- Have a decision made for guaranteed residents parking scheme to be implemented in Parnell.
- Get a hard copy report on the work and projects of the Board, delivered to residents.

5. Tell us something about yourself that will surprise your community.

I was the oldest player selected for the New Zealand Parliamentary Rugby Team that won the first Parliamentary World Cup.

6. If you were Prime Minister, what would you do to improve Auckland?

Get the government, private developers, builders and community organisations to build tens of thousands of healthy homes that all Aucklanders can afford to live in.

7. What is your favourite escape in Auckland?

The libraries- particularly the Central and Parnell Libraries.

8. Tell us something about your family.

My wife Robyn, who is an elected Member of the Auckland District Health Board, and I now live in the Hereford Apartments on the corner of Hopetoun Street and Hereford Street.

Our son Andrew lives in Remuera with his daughters.

Our daughter Fiona lives in Parnell with her husband and their three sons who all went to Parnell District School. Our youngest daughter Miranda lives in Melbourne with her partner Adam and their 18 month old daughter Ingrid. Since 1959 I have enjoyed holidays at a family bach at Wyuna Bay on the Coromandel Harbour.

Waitemata - On Board

An attractive, vibrant space where people want to spend time shopping, walking, enjoying art and socializing is the goal for the Waitemata Local Board's upgrade of K' Road. At the same time the Board wants to support what is distinctive and appealing about each business district, says Richard Northey, Waitematā Local Board, Arts and Events Portfolio lead.

“For Karangahape Road that includes creative arts businesses, galleries, the creation of arts works and products, ICT, a diverse mix of good restaurants and heritage oriented retail businesses with a long history in the area. We want to retain these businesses and attract more.”

The changes for K' Road area are aimed at enhancing the area. Protected cycleways will be introduced on both sides of the street, and streetscape changes will improve safety and enjoyment for pedestrians, cyclists, commuters, shoppers and residents alike.

The Board wants to work with the Karangahape Road Business Association (KBA) and Auckland Transport (AT) to make the pedestrian and vehicle spaces between the businesses attractive to all, and to leverage maximum benefit for businesses.

“AC/AT will be working closely with the KBA to develop a plan to actively inform and engage with the community throughout the design and construction process. Earlier feedback from public consultation will inform the design development.”

In recent times Waitematā Local board funded the two stunning Misery artworks on K' Road and Pitt Street. The child-friendly artworks commissioned and funded by the Board were a hit with the young people of Auckland.

Other support for K' Road includes: financial grants to help the KBA and key businesses to take advantage of the World Masters Games and the Lions Rugby Tour; support for public art works and events in K' Road and nearby such as the Myers Park medley; investment in the Youth Employment Programme to assist low income, entrepreneurial, capable and creative young people into employment; and advice and joint promotion for the central city and city fringe business associations.

Election Participation Vital for ADCOSS Members and Clients

Early voting has already been available for some time for this month's General Election.

This year, for the first time, eligible voters who have not yet enrolled to vote can go to an early voting booth and both enrol and vote and their vote will be counted. This facility will not be available on the final Election Day, September 23rd.

All of us need to encourage people to vote, and preferably to vote before Election Day in case they find there is a problem with their enrolment that they can correct with a new enrolment at the voting place.

For both community service organisations and for our clients participation in the election is vital. Voting is the one place in our political, social and economic system where we all have real and equal power with everyone else, and we all need to exercise that powerful opportunity. It is also a real opportunity for anyone to go to joint candidate meetings, or to contact your main local candidates, and ask them what they and their Party will commit to doing if elected- an even more powerful opportunity.

For young people, those who are alienated, those who are vulnerable and those for whom decisions that the Government makes in terms of their services, income and opportunities are vital to their future lives, voting in the election represents a crucial chance to exercise real power.

People must not make the easy choice of believing that all the politicians and Parties are essentially the same, that they are venal and untrustworthy, that they do not listen and that they do not carry out their promises. For the great majority of the candidates standing these easy generalisations are simply untrue and they are actually seeking to do their best for the country and to be good servants of the public.

The other important thing to recognise is that although there are common policies there are also very important differences between the Parties, particularly on social policy. The National Government believes there are no basic ills in the social and economic structure and the needs of those who are disadvantaged or at risk can best be met by targeted social investment for the identified individuals and families concerned. Labour and the Greens believe that there are systematic inequities generated by relying principally on markets to deliver needs such as housing and that there needs to be universal and systematic policies designed to generate more real and equal opportunities, affordable housing, work and income for all.

The election provides everyone with an opportunity to choose between these options and between other important differences between the political parties. You, your friends, family and clients all need to take up this vital opportunity and vote for our future in this election.

Richard Northey, former ADCOSS Chair, 4 September 2017