

Final Draft Board Member Richard Northey's Report to October Waitemata Local Board Meeting

Events Portfolio Activities

15 September I enjoyed taking part in the grand opening event of the Ellen Melville Centre and Freyberg Place.



19 September Women's Suffrage Day Commemoration Event at Te Ho a Hine Place.

27 September I attended the Opening of Festival Italiano at Non Solo Pizza and then 1 October the Festival Italiano itself, including the Italian Movie "Festival of Life", about systematically feeding homeless people with chef cooked food otherwise thrown out, buying a chunk of cheese between the showers and enjoying lunch.

8 October with Pippa Coom and others informally opening the whole length of the Board's Heritage Foreshore Walk, through persistent rain to bright sunshine at Judges Bay.

Events applications responded to in this period:

14 Sept Auckland Transport video, corner St Luke's Road and Western Springs

15 Sept Film 360 TV Commercial Princes Wharf

18 and 19 Sept Filming for the Taika Waititi Film "The Breakeruppereres" Western Springs Park

19 Sept AMI TV commercial, Western Springs Lakeside

19 Sept Filming in Auckland Domain, Victoria Park and Albert Park

20 Sept Spark Social "Arena Family" TV Commercial Films, Quay Street.

24 Sept Videoing "Decades" Music Video in Cross St.

28 Sept Local Keno Online Ad at 170 Jervois Road.

29 Sept Filming TV Commercial for Tip Top Good to Shop on Herne Bay Beach

29 Sept Drone Filming for Education NZ above Victoria Park

29 Sept and monthly on last Friday of each month, Dancing in the Park, Albert Park

1 Oct and 1st Sunday of the months following, Paws in Parnell Market, Heard Park

3 Oct Filming Holden V commercial in Lorne St

7 Oct 510 Vape Day, Windsor Park Tavern and Frances St

7 Oct TV Commercial for Rebel Sport Mailer clothes, Auckland Domain and Wintergarden

7-15 Oct Bledisloe Lane and 10 Oct St Patrick's Square Artweek Late Night Art Boxes and Light Field

11 Oct Friday Night Bite Event on the Light Path

12 Oct Photoshoot for One Pure Water Mineral Water on the overbridges of Curran St and Westhaven Drive.

Oct 12 KFC Edgefest Store Opening in Fort St

14 Oct Handmade in Parnell Art in Heard Park

20 Oct and 3rd Friday of the months following, Bakers Market, Heard Park

20 and 27 Oct and 3, 10 and 17 Nov Amplified School Holiday programme, Albert Park Rotunda area.

28 Oct NZEI Kindergarten Rally, Myers Park

31 Oct College Sport Junior Kilikiti Day in the Domain

2 Nov Smith and Caughey's Christmas Window Lights Opening in Queen Street

4 Nov and 4 Feb Masters Harbour Swim, Masefield Beach and Point Erin Park

16 Nov, Beaujolais Nouveau, Upper Vulcan Lane that night.

26 Nov Farmers Santa Parade in Central City

2 Dec NZ Fire Service Family Xmas Function, Western Springs Lakeside Park

9 Dec Christmas in the Park, Auckland Domain.

17 Dec Hanukah in the Park, Albert Park

13 Feb, "Ripple" Web series filming by AUT film students, Howe St.

18 Feb Fitness Fun Day and Run Western Springs Lakeside.

26 Feb – 2 March AUSA Orientation Week in Albert Park

1 July Women's Half Marathon on Quay St, Tamaki Drive and around Viaduct Harbour

Arts and Culture Portfolio Activities

14 Sept Opening Night of ATC's "Last Legs" Performance at the Watershed.

17 Sept Special Performance of a prose poem about Auckland called "My Own Darling" at the Watershed Theatre.

20 Sept I took part in the Mapura Studios Exhibition opening at Studio One. Later that night I participated in the Auckland Philharmonia's Season Launch.

28 Sept I attended the opening of the intriguing Knot Touch Exhibition, with its physical accessibility for patrons, by Jae Kang, at the Maritime Museum.

30 September I attended the open day of Mapura Studios at their base at Rocky Nook Ave in Fowlds Park.

4 October I was one of the speakers in a panel discussion on disabled and outsider artist issues at Studio One organized by Margaret Feeney for Mapura Studios. About 60 were present. My presentation is attached, as well as a photo taken by Pippa.



On 5 October I went to the opening of LOOK@KRoad, the launch of Karangahape Road's extensive contribution to Artweek.

6 October, I went to the Auckland Theatre Company's Opening Night of "The Navigator" involving three intriguing diverse new plays currently in production, the Wild Seed Thief, Moon and The Haka Party Incident. Before this I met up with Hone Harawira and others involved in this seminal incident in our race relations from 1 May, 1979.

Community Portfolio Activities

15 Sept I participated in the judging panel for the Waitemata Good Citizens Awards

16 Sept and 17 Sept enjoyed three local markets: Britomart; Ponsonby Road; and Grey Lynn, and on 5 October the Cross Street Market.

20 Sept I participated in the Meeting of the Executive of the Karangahape Road Business Association. 25 September I attended the Ponsonby Community Centre Committee, who were concerned about maintenance issues and when the renewal of the Leys Institute roof would commence; and the Auckland Central Labour Electorate Committee Meeting, who were excited about the potential of the Ellen Melville Centre for central city community use.

27 September I chaired a meeting of the Problem Gambling Foundation Board.

28 Sept I attended the Stop Sewage Overflows Coalition Annual and Public Meeting at Ponsonby School, which was a very constructive meeting, although the proposal that we start paying for stormwater and wastewater infrastructure by a targeted rate on Waitemata, Albert-Eden and Puketapapa Board areas, which reportedly would cost at least an additional \$2000 per year for 30 years, did not find favour.

29 Sept I met with lawyer, and fellow Hereford resident, Alison Cole re human rights, sex worker and homelessness issues; then I joined the Pitt Street YMCA to begin a weekly programme of classes to restore my fitness and flexibility which started for me on the mornings of the 3rd and the 5th of October; and later that day was present to hear presentations relating to the UN Day of Older Persons, held at the AUT.

On 30 Sept I observed, till it rained heavily, a working bee to restore the Waipapa Stream and participated in other Heritage Festival events including guided walks in Grey Lynn with Mua Strickson-Pua and also "Ghosts of Grafton Gully" through Symonds Street Cemetery; on 7 October the token male on the Lesbian Walk in Ponsonby and the City Centre guided by Miriam Sapphira; and then on Sunday 8 October along our Heritage Foreshore Trail from Point Erin Park to the Parnell Baths.

1 October I dropped in on the International Day of Older Persons Events at the Grey Lynn Community Centre and took part in the aerobics session involved.

As a Central City resident I joined the Central City Residents Group and participated in my first monthly meeting of the group on 2nd October, with their concerns about getting more provision of public spaces and more pedestrianisation.

5 October I participated in a Living Wage Network Meeting and then was a speaker on an Institute for Public Policy and Peace Foundation panel for Nuclear Weapon Abolition Day on what New Zealanders can do to progress nuclear disarmament. My contribution is attached.

On 7 October I attended the Auckland Astronomical Society's Annual Burbidge Memorial Dinner.

Waitemata Local Board General Activities

12 Sept Waitemata Board Workshop. We considered the Western Springs Waiorea development plan; the Local Board Plan draft; the Parnell Plan and Mass Transit; Ngatiwhatua o Orakei briefing; the Auckland Plan Refresh; and local grants.

14 Sept Guided Tour for Board members and staff of the revamped Ellen Melville Centre

19 Sept I took part in the Monthly Waitemata Local Board Meeting.

26 Sept I participated in the weekly Waitemata Local Board Workshop dealing with progress and issues of Community Facilities; Rec Centres Memberships; Parks, Sport and Recreation; Panuku Land Holdings; Food Waste and Low Carbon Lifestyles; the Waitemata Youth Collective; the City Centre Update and Albert Park Projects.

28 Sept I joined other Pippa and Adriana in an informative tour of Waitemata Board area projects and community facilities. See photo.



3 October I took part in the Waitemata Board Workshop – dealing with the next Long Term Plan: Symonds St Toilets; Great North Road/ Bond St intersection improvements; Daldy St upgrade; and St Georges Bay Road Streetscape.

Auckland Council and National Activities

11 Sept Local Board chairs forum

11 Sept Auckland Plan refresh workshop

11 Sept Karen Lyons farewell function after I had worked with her for 13 years at Council

11 Sept dinner with Jacinda Ardern

12 Sept training in taking special votes

12 Sept Auckland Plan Refresh Workshop where we discussed the Transport and Belonging section drafts.

18 Sept Auckland Plan Refresh Workshop where we discussed Maori Issues and Housing and Places, where I sought greater direct engagement by Council in ensuring the provision of secure, affordable healthy homes.

18 Sept The local Boards Sub-Regional Workshop about the Elected Members Survey, Open Space Management Framework and then Heritage Asset Management Planning.

21 Sept I signed off on Labour's policies on Health and on Maori Development.

22 Sept I went to the Auckland Conversation on Affordable Living.

23 Sept I was door knocking to remind voters and driving disabled people to the polls.

25 Sept Auckland Transport's Quarterly Briefing to Local Board Members.

27 Sept I participated in the Auckland Plan Refresh Meeting discussing the sections on Environment and Cultural Heritage; and Opportunity and Prosperity Sections, where I was making the point that achieving the strategic objective of having an environment that attracts and retains skilled people is largely dependent on what happens in the fields of arts, culture, leisure and diversity.

27 September and 4 October Labour NZ Council teleconferences preparing for coalition negotiations

2 October I participated in the Local Boards briefing on the Long Term Plan and Infrastructure Funding issues.