

Glenfield Community Centre
1st Quarterly Summary (July—September 2017)
Due 15 September 2017



What activities/programmes have been started/run within this quarter?

- **Glenfield Rotary – Repair Café**

We are working with the Rotary Club of Glenfield and ANCAD's Stephen McLuckie to host a Repair Café at the Centre early 2018. There have also been recent discussions with the Kaipātiki Community Facilities Network and the Kaipatiki Project to support this as a ward-wide initiative that can be advertised to the greater community as part of a calendar.

- **Memorial Tablet Rededication – 9 September**

A marble tablet listing the names of eleven infantrymen who died during World War 1 was returned to the Centre by St. Barnabas Anglican Church at the time of the centenary celebrations around the restoration of our Mission Hall. All were apparently members of a Sunday school together and the tablet was purchased by their families and gifted to the Mission Hall in 1919. How it came to rest with St. Barnabas, we have not been able to confirm, but the decision was taken to mount the stone on the outside of the Mission Hall and organise for a service to bless and rededicate the memorial, returning it to the community as part of WW 100 commemorations. Although the work was completed in 2016, it took a further year for the arrangements to be completed.

Representatives from the NZ Defence Force, Birkenhead RSA, Centre Governance, the Kaipātiki Local Board, descendants of the families, and the public were invited to the blessing with a brief ceremony held in the carpark adjoining the building followed by the reading of the names of the fallen, and the playing of Last Post and Reveille. A speech outlining the individual history of each man was researched over several months and given on the day by Sandie Gorst, the Centre's Office Administrator and general historian, followed by morning tea. The event ran from 10.00am until just after noon with between 30 and 40 persons present. The weather precluded much happening outside as strong gale-force winds and rain affected proceedings, but the day was still a success.

What activities/programmes/events were not successful within this quarter? Give an explanation why:

Not applicable.

Highlights for this quarter?

- **Community Centre AT Signage**

Auckland Transport agreed and erected two “Community Centre” signs at the top and bottom of Bentley Avenue advertising the location of the Centre.

- **Weather-tightness Presentation to Kaipātiki Local Board – 29 August**

A presentation was made to the combined Governance, Kaipātiki Local Board members and Councillor Richard Hill around the background and proposed path forwards for resolving the Centre’s cladding issue. This gave those present the opportunity to understand the background, steps taken, and options available to address the issue, as well as give both groups the opportunity to meet and talk for the first time in years. This is only the first step towards what will hopefully be a positive joint outcome, with future meetings planned to advance this problem with KLB’s support.

- **Re-clad Legal Class Action**

The Supreme Court has ruled in favour of allowing interested parties to join a class action being taken against Hardies around their ‘Harditex’ monolithic cladding system (the cladding material on the Centre). Centre Governance has already approved advancing with this option if it became available and we have until January 2018 to complete the application.

During this quarter, did you have any issues, concerns, complications?

- **Car Accident – 4 September**

The mother of a child attending ESL classes accidentally drove her car into the Centre. Thankfully, no one was harmed, but due to cost and consent issues, repairing the damage may not be possible because of the fore mentioned leaky building problem. Critical building systems like the fire sprinkler pump and fire monitoring alarm system were not compromised, but the internet fibre connection was cut to the building inconveniencing one of our tenants. An insurance claim is now being pursued.

- **Early Learning Centre Sound Insulation Grant**

Pub Charity rejected our application on the basis that they don’t have a local

Did you have anything start, or new opportunities come up this quarter, not expected on the work-plan?

- **Community Recycling Meeting – 14 September**

A meeting was called by the Manager of the Birkdale/ Beach haven Community Project, Kaipātiki Community Facilities Trust, Kaipātiki Project and Envision NZ to discuss Community Recycling programme and zero waste initiatives for the various Community Centres. This is hopefully the start of ongoing discussions about ways to reduce, re-use, and recycle at each of the various Community Houses and involving our stakeholders. It will work alongside other initiatives such as the previously mentioned Repair Café.

- **Tree planting for Mental Health Awareness Week – 14 October)**

We are in the process of liaising with the Rotary Club of Glenfield and the Kaipātiki Project to purchase and plant 100 native trees and shrubs at the Eskdale Reserve on Saturday 14 October as part of Mental Health Awareness Week’s theme of “Nature is Key”.

- **Five Ways to Wellbeing Toolkit**

We have provided feedback to the Mental Health Foundation around their new organisation resource – a “Five Ways to Wellbeing Toolkit” that is in development. We are also looking at ways to integrate an Employee Assistance Programme (EAP) that could support the mental health of staff but cost remains a factor.

- **Sustainability Audit**

We are close to completing our Sustainability Audit. This has been supported by the Kaipātiki Project who provided a template for the work and are working alongside us to improve our environmental impact and workplace best practice.

Below the line activities not funded by Council:

- **Polling Station for General Elections – 23 September**

The Centre will be acting as a polling station in the upcoming General Election and we are assisting the Northcote Electorate office to promote voter enrolment, early voting and voting to our Early Learning Centre families and other stakeholders.