

Board Member Richard Northey's Report to November Waitematā Local Board Meeting

Events Portfolio Activities

Applications for, and notice of, events for which applications or requests made during this period

23 Oct Ahikaroa Webseries filming in Pitt Street

24 and 25 October Shortland Street TV series filming of boats from Halsey Street.

25 Oct Auckland Transport TV Commercial "Cycling Life" at Ferry Building, Westhaven and Herne Bay

26 Oct Les Mills commercial filming in Victoria Park and the Wynyard Quarter

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

4 Nov Filming of world record conga line attempt in Auckland Domain

11 Nov -6 Jan Christmas in the Central City events

12 Nov filming of TV drama about the Teino Paora case in Chancery St outside District Law Society offices

12 Nov Filming a Music video "the Tree" at Western Springs Park

15 Nov Filming Indonesian Travel TV Show at Te Wero and Karanga Plaza.

16- 19 Nov Taste Auckland at Western Springs. Regarding the Taste Auckland annual event proposed for November 2018, on 17 October I met with Robert Elliot of Taste Auckland to be briefed by him. Taste Auckland are upset about the non-availability of Victoria Park and they are desperately searching for an appropriate quite large flat land venue they need to have located for their 2018 event, preferably before Taste Auckland 2017 begins. I recommended that he investigate the Okahu Bay Domain for it.

16 Nov -30 Dec Newmarket Christmas Tree in Davis Crescent

18 Nov Grey Lynn Pump Track and Greenway Opening, Grey Lynn Park

18 Nov St Luke's staff Xmas barbecue in Western Springs Lakeside BBQ area. Do we have a view about these sorts of business staff events or does it depend on how much it disrupts others?

19 Nov Parnell Festival of Roses. I spoke at the Opening. See media statement attached

25 Nov White Ribbon We Care March, Fort St, Queen St and Myers Park

1 Dec Live Aid Australia testing for HIV and Hepatitis C in Freyberg Place 10am-2pm

1-3 Dec West End Cup in Cox's Bay Reserve and West End Tennis Club.

1-10 Dec Night Noodle market in the passive area of Victoria Park

3 Dec Paddington Station event at Newmarket Station Square

3 Dec -7 Jan High Street Christmas decorations

5 – 29 Dec Christmas Tree artwork installation in O’Connell St

10 Dec Save Our Unique Landscapes Hikoi re the Ihumatao Stonefields, in Karangahape Road.

15 Dec Mediaworks Staff Xmas Party involving the closure of Flower St in Eden Terrace

16 Dec Young Guns Skate Competition, Victoria Park passive area.

31 Dec-1 Jan Sky City New Year’s Eve event in Federal Street and corner of Victoria St.

31 Dec -1 Jan the Britomart Block Party, with some internal street closures.

31 Dec- 1 Jan the Wondergarden, music in Silo Park.

1 Jan, 11 Feb and 11 March Family Circus Sundays in the passive area of Victoria Park

14 January and other evenings Music in the Park in the Domain

20 January Dare to Explore Auckland Libraries Party in Newmarket Park in Parnell

21 January Arrow Tag Event in the Domain

23 January Triple 8 Quest, first of 8 marathons on different continents starting with Zealandia, held in the Domain.

29 January St Jerome’s Laneway Festival in Albert Park, Albert St and Princes Street.

9 Feb Rathee Yatra religion Chariot Event in Fort, Queen and Airedale Streets

15 Feb Media Works Client Event in Grey Lynn Park- after I expressed concerns about Albert or Victoria Park originally proposed for it

23 Feb Uniservices summer picnic Western Park

27 Feb to 18 May The Big Hoot Owl Sculptures in many Waitemata locations

3 March Auckland City Limits Music Festival in Western Springs which will need a surrounding alcohol ban and other careful controls, particularly of pedestrian movement by the audience.

24 and 25 March Pasifika Festival at Western Springs Park

Arts and Culture Portfolio Activities

12 Oct I visited 15 dealer art gallery exhibitions in and around Karangahape Road from Tim Melville Gallery to St Kevin’s Arcade as part of the Electric Night Event of Art Week.

18 October 10 Auckland poets reading their poems at the annual 58# Lounge event at Old Government House, Princes Street.

19 October Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra Performance: “Prokofiev 5”.

2 November attended the opening night of ATC's "Red Speedos" play.

4 November while in Melbourne went to a production of the musical: "The Book of Mormon"; on 5 November rode the heritage steam train "Puffing Billy" through the Dandenong Ranges; and on 6 November the Christian Dior Exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria.

9 November attended the opening night of the Ellerslie Theatrical Society's "39 Steps".

11 November attended the Orakei School Art Exhibition and the opening night of the Auckland Art Gallery's Exhibition of Michael Stevenson's "Serene Velocities in Practice."

Community Portfolio Activities

9 Oct Chaired the International Affairs and Disarmament Teleconference re current Peace City and disarmament issues and also that afternoon the Auckland Community Housing Trust Board Meeting.

10 Oct went to the World Mental Health Day event at the AUT.

10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 24, 26, 27, 31 October and 2, 7, 8, 9 and 10 November workouts at Pitt St YMCA

11 Oct Karangahape Road Business Association meeting.

12 October Asian Family Services Board meeting

12 October COMET Auckland AGM

13 October Chaired the Problem Gambling Foundation Board

14 October Ponsonby Business Association heritage walk of Ponsonby and St Mary's Bay guided by Edward Bennett

15 October Spring Deck Gathering for cleaning up the Newmarket Stream, held at Swinton Close

16 Oct meeting with David Seymour MP who felt Council provided too much tree protection and was concerned about how to activate vacant business premises where landlords were making no effort to tenant them.

17 October I acted as MC for a University of Auckland Society Salon discussion on "Making Sense of the General Election Result", admirably chaired by Vernon Tava.

19 October I took part in the Inner City Network Meeting at the Ellen Melville Centre, with its theme of Communication in the Inner City; and then was briefed by the Manager of Alcohol Licensing Rob Abbott on issues related to the issuing and renewal of alcohol licences, and summarized the information obtained, including venues apparently more dependent on pokie gambling than on selling food and drink.

24 October I took part in the University of Auckland Society Meeting and then the Fabian Society "Election 2017 and what's followed" debrief.

26 October I attended the Sustainable Business Network's 15th Birthday event in Grey Lynn; and then the Annual General Meeting of the Karangahape Road Business Association, of which I am an Executive Member, where they had a competitive election for their executive.

30 October Attended the public briefing on the Vector Lights on the Harbour Bridge proposal; then the Ponsonby Community Centre Committee; and then the Auckland Central Labour Party.

31 October met with Noelene Buckland about issues concerning the Central City Residents Group.

1 November attended Auckland University's Memorial Event for Professor Nicholas Tarling.

8 November Living Wage Public Meeting then Auckland Labour Local Body Committee Annual Meeting

9 November For the Love of Bees preparing ground and seed sowing with Newmarket School pupils and Sarah Smuts-Kennedy at Highwic. Sarah was really pleased I was there and explained progress on activities to attract bees and birds and more effective composting. Kazel Cass of the Hot Grass electrical weed control system kazel@hotgrass.co.nz demonstrated her system and should be considered by us as an alternative to spraying in some of our sensitive areas

10 November attended the Jack Lyon Memorial Lecture by Judge Dominique Cooreman of Belgium about the forgotten Basse- Ville Battle by the NZ Regiments prior to Passchendaele in 1917.

Waitematā Local Board General Activities

10 Oct Waitematā Local Board workshop. We considered remuneration review criteria; events update; Freemans Bay Community Centre vacant rooms leasing; a proposed Victoria Park Event; Watercare update; Emergency Management's community resilience building approach; conflict of interest- but I remain very concerned that no opportunity has been provided for me to complete my incomplete conflict of interest declaration; community empowerment monthly update.

11 Oct Ponsonby Park workshop elaborating on the preferred option for presentation to a Governing Body workshop.

12 Oct Cox's Bay playground opening

12 Oct Waitematā Local Board Good Citizen Awards Ceremony at the Reception Lounge

16 October Board agenda run through

17 October Waitematā Local Board Meeting where we signed off our Local Board Plan; and considered reports from Auckland Transport, Regional Facilities Auckland and on the Auckland Plan Refresh among other things.

19 October, met Dean Martin to discuss my mihi for our Board's forthcoming visit to Ngatiwhatua o Orakei.

24 October Waitematā Local Board Workshop being briefed by Dean Martin about our visit to Ngatiwhatua; the design of the central park in the Wynyard quarter; the Hunua 4 watermain being extended to the Khyber Pass reservoir; the regional Citizens Advice Bureaux review; the ATEED

update; the public art update; the DPO city centre update; Pest Free Auckland, a Communications Update and the Proposed Revised Standing Orders.

25 October we discussed proposed interpretive signage on site at Te Ha o Hine Place.

26 October I was the lead Waitematā Board speaker when the local board met Ngatiwhatua o Orakei on their marae. I was honoured to be granted taumata status by Ngatiwhatua. We had a look at their horticultural and environmental projects and look forward to advancing a formal agreement with them.

27 October I attended the City Centre Public Amenities Review about ensuring we have sufficient numbers of, and signage for, public toilets and showers in particular.

30 October I participated in a meeting to progress the Ponsonby Park project, leading up to a presentation about it to Governing Body members.

31 October I participated in the Waitematā Local Board workshop that dealt with regional issues in the Long Term Plan; Community Facilities Projects including the underperformance of Council's new contractor for Council parks and facilities and the Meola Reef Reserve Development Plan consultation.

1 November I was at the Board office to be briefed by the Karangahape Road Business Association about their plans; and by AT and the CRL Company about levels of service and safety for pedestrians in the City Centre.

2 November I was present to support Chair Pippa Coom and Deputy-Chair Shale Chambers in their presentation to governing body members seeking funding for the Ponsonby Park Project.

7 November I participated in the Waitemata Local Board's all day workshop. This dealt with our Quarterly Report; Parnell and Park Road busways; parking issues in the Strand; making Albert Street truly pedestrianized; lower Nelson Street development; our proposal to ban the marketing and sale of current weapons of war in Council facilities; Waste Management and Minimisation; Western Springs Park Plan Consultation and the POP programme Update.

Auckland Council and National Activities

9 October participated in two Auckland Plan Refresh workshops regarding the proposed measures, development strategy, and the implantation approach.

11 October Auckland Plan Refresh workshop re summary section and accompanying maps.

11 October Labour Party Policy Council Teleconference, 19 October of the Labour Local Government Sector Council and 24 October of Labour's New Zealand Council re draft coalition agreements.

12 October What Next for our Supercity Seminar at Ellen Melville Centre.

16 October Local Boards Subregional briefing on diversity research and policy and the review of health bylaws. That night I participated in a Public Briefing by Healthy Waters and Watercare about western isthmus Wastewater and Stormwater Issues, held at Western Springs Garden Community Hall.

25 October Local Boards briefing on budgetary policy issues; and a farewell afternoon tea function for former Deputy-Mayoral Assistant Claire Richardson.

30 October I participated in an Auckland Plan refresh workshop which considered the proposed digital presentation and also the updated text for the sections on Belonging and Participation; Access and Connectivity; and the Development Strategy. I also took part in a workshop for local board representatives on regional Long Term Plan issues.

2 November Labour Policy Council and 7 November NZ Council discussion on Trade Policy.

8 November I participated in the Regulatory Committee's session on the Public Safety and Nuisance Bylaw on issues such as begging and the requirement for premises to have visual street numbers among other issues.



9 November at Highwic House for a For the Love of Bees event