

## November 2017 Local Board Member Report

This report covers my Kaipatiki Local Board Activities during November, an eventful month with opening ceremonies, Christmas events and end of year celebrations.

### Predator Free Goals

On the environmental front, microchipping cats is a hot topic with Auckland Council proposing its new \$307 million pest eradication programme that cats will be defined as pests if they're not microchipped.

In my view, this is a step change in our approach to making Auckland pest and predator free. I also enjoyed the [stuff.co.nz](#) article below that showed there are other benefits to microchipping cats. One family was able to re-locate their beloved cat that had travelled from Botany to Takapuna, thanks to being micro-chipped.

## Ollie the cat found almost 30km from home on other side of Auckland Waitematā Harbour

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Ollie the 1-year-old cat went missing one rainy day earlier this year and wasn't seen for another five months.

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## Resource consents

Members of the public have at times expressed the need for more accessible information on resource consent applications affecting their neighbourhoods. We are given very basic information at the local board level initially, however, we can request further detail through the resource consents team. I trawl through the list, and if any applications spark my interest I request further information and will continue to publish it in my member's reports:

- TRE60310556, 47 Easton Park Parade, Glenfield. Removal of Norfolk Island Pine tree in excess of 20 metres in height and 1.5 metre girth. The tree is located far enough away from a coastal margin and is not sited on a steep gradient that would otherwise afford it protection under section E15 of the Operative Unitary Plan. The tree is not sited on property subject to a natural wetland, stream of lake management overlay, nor within a significant ecological area, (SEA) outstanding natural landscape (ONL) or feature (ONF). Therefore, a Resource Consent is not necessary as the subject tree is no longer protected by district plan rules. The application was therefore cancelled, and tree works may go ahead without any further authorisation from the Council.
- LUC60311047, 69E Waipa Street, Birkenhead. Proposed construction of 6 dwellings. The site has a total area of 1434m<sup>2</sup> and is zoned a mixture of Mixed Housing Suburban and Single House Residential zone. The site has previously been the subject of development with four household units being constructed in 2014. It has limited development potential due to topography, vegetation, site shape and access difficulties from Verrans Road. The bush areas all have a Significant Ecological Area (SEA) overlay. The proposal is to develop six new residential units in an apartment form. Parking will be provided for each dwelling at the rate of two spaces per dwelling and this provision is compliant with the requirements of the Unitary Plan. Erosion and sediment control is to be in accordance with the Auckland Council Guideline Document 2016/005 – "Erosion & Sediment Control Guide for Land Disturbing Activities in the Auckland Region". The site is located at the upper southwestern sector of the Eskdale Stream catchment. Rainfall on the site would naturally drain directly to the small watercourse below the site. However, as noted, the site has a Stormwater Management Area Control (ESKDALE, Flow 1) and the effects of stormwater are to be attenuated before leaving the site.
- TRE60311191, 138 Chivalry Road, Glenfield. Removal of two gum trees within the Glenfield Intermediate School grounds. The smaller tree has dieback and the school is worried about the second tree as it is over-hanging the classroom.
- TRE60311156, 17 Moller Street Beach Haven. Proposed retention of existing dwelling with 2 lot subdivision. Proposed removal of two wattle approx. 10-12m high and all Manuka (11, no more than 3m high) to enhance growing conditions for kahikatea and cabbage trees. There is a corner of the site measuring 20 x 15m classed as 'covenanted bush area'. The proposal is to enhance this bush area and the surrounding area through the removal of pest species and suppressed poorly developed native species.
- 14/14 Kauri Road, Birkenhead. Advice from the council indicates that the trees are within a significant ecological area. Wanting to completely remove two wattle trees and prune a mature pine tree.

## Out and About

Highlights this month included: the opening of an improved Birkenhead skate park, the Glenfield Santa Parade, Glenfield College prize-giving to congratulate students who were recipients of awards, Marlborough Park blessing ceremony, the Northcote Town Centre staff barbecue and one citizenship ceremony to welcome new Kiwis to the North Shore.



*Local board members at the blessing ceremony for Marlborough Park. Great shade sails!*



*Open! The improved Birkenhead Skate Park*

Anne-Elise Smithson

Kaipatiki Local Board Member