

Date: Thursday 15 February 2018
Time: 6.00pm
Meeting Room: Manurewa Local Board Office
Venue: 7 Hill Road
Manurewa

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Wattle Downs Xmas Picnic 2017

Greetings to Manurewa Local Board from Wattle Downs residents.

We wanted to say **thank you** to the local board for allocating \$2,850 to the community last year. In Wattle Downs, this money paid for a big picnic at Christmas time for families and kids.

The picnic was a big success: lots of people came for the first time -including people who were new to the area. It is great to see a wider participation amongst our changing communities of Wattle Downs. One of the highlights was the good attendance from the Chinese community for the first time.

We organised all sorts of games and activities, especially for kids.

So many kids had a go sitting in the police car and realising that police are your friend.

The police said they were very pleased and that they'd like to come back.

The tugs of war with adults and kids was lots of fun.

We had the usual picnic things like sausages and raffles.

It turned out to be a lovely day for people to take some time out under the trees at the Wattle Downs golf course and chat with the neighbours and friends.

We learnt a few lessons: we need more face painters because that's so popular!

The jumping castle which we got for the bigger kids seemed like a good idea but just didn't work as parents didn't stay to supervise their kids.

For the committee as volunteers, there's a lot of work to do in making all the arrangements and publicity for the picnic. It was wonderful that we didn't have to raise the money for the picnic as well - instead we used the money the board had allocated to our community. Thank you very much to the local board for allocating the funds that enabled the picnic. We think we could possibly do it again this Xmas.

We've got some photos to show you snapshots of the day. Challenges for the future include how to encourage even more kids and families to come along and join in.

Thank you for supporting this community!

Photos attached

