

Dec 2017 – Feb 2018 Local Board Member Report – A Smithson

This report covers my Kaipatiki Local Board activities for Dec-Feb. Consultation on council's 10-year budget 2018-28 has begun, leading to the delivery of our local board plan outcomes. This includes our one key advocacy project: budget for redeveloping Birkenhead War Memorial Park.

Our Key Advocacy Project: Birkenhead War Memorial Park

Last year we had the opportunity to present one local initiative to the governing body: budget for redeveloping Birkenhead War Memorial Park.

The current grandstand is at the end of its natural life. We don't have sufficient resources to deliver certain aspects of the masterplan, hence why we have advocated for additional funds from the Governing Body to complete the upgrade. The park is home to numerous sport and recreational clubs and council-run facilities, who are concerned about the degradation.

The masterplan is now underway to help guide our decisions and ensure a new grandstand or other replacement facility is 'fit for purpose' for the next 50 years

Local board members took part in a walk-through and audit of the park with council officers before Christmas. There have also been workshops made up of user groups and other stakeholders, collaborating with the project team to discuss ideas for the park. We have a good canvas to work from, with the potential to bring better walking and cycling connections, cultural and heritage elements, sport, recreation and restoration in an altogether improved space.



Walk-through of Birkenhead War Memorial Park



User groups discussing ideas for the park at a workshop

Northcote Town Centre Regeneration

Another significant project for the board is the redevelopment of the Northcote town centre and surrounding area.

I'd like to see that funding in the Mayor's 10-year budget matches the work that we, and residents want to see in a revitalised Northcote town centre. This includes a greenway; enhanced public spaces such as a new town square, pedestrian-friendly boulevard incorporating cycle lanes and fit-for-purpose community facilities.



The Northcote Chinese and Korean New Year festival was a hit despite the pouring rain. Congratulations to the Northcote Town Centre Association for the wonderful celebrations, and special thanks to the organiser Harbour Sport Events.

Other significant projects

Uruamo Marae: The Kaipatiki local board voted at our February business meeting to support the Uruamo Maranga Ake marae development project progressing to the resource consent stage. It is inspiring to see this dream become a reality. The next stage is for staff to work with the Uruamo Maranga Ake Marae Committee to investigate the preferred site option of Shepherds Park in Beach Haven for building the marae.



Out and About Dec 2017-Feb 2018

- Birkenhead Santa Parade
- Birkdale Beach Haven Christmas Fiesta
- Birkenhead War Memorial walk-through
- Rawene Landslip public meeting, Birkenhead
- Chinese and Korean New Year celebrations, Northcote
- Middle Eastern Open Day with Babylon Charitable Trust, Marlborough
- Birkenhead War Memorial User Group workshop
- Meet the Neighbours picnic, Bayview
- Day of the Chilli Fiesta, Birkenhead
- Te Onewa Pa Upgrade dawn blessing, Northcote Point