

Report Name: Board member report – Glenda Fryer, Deputy Chair

Work Programme Lead: Local Economic Development
Alternate Work Programme Lead: Parks; Sport, recreation and community leases;
Other: RMA Commissioner; Member Tupuna Maunga Authority Member Mt Albert Aquatic Trust

Report Period: February – April 2018

Work Programme Activities

Local Economic Development

Albert Eden Business Awards

The Third annual Albert Eden Business Awards are underway with voting now in process. There were 370 nominations for 240 individual businesses, which resulted in 56 finalists. Event organiser Mark Scherer and Angela McNoe are managing the process for the Board. The finalists were briefed 27 March and the Awards dinner where winners will be announced is 22 May.

The Awards are part of our strategy to celebrate business excellence and local, bringing a sense of pride in our local town centres and businesses in them. The winners of the Supreme Award 2017 were the Mt Albert YMCA.



Business Associations

The main local economic relationships Local Boards have are with their town centres and with their BIDS...or Business Improvement Districts, and Business Associations. Most Business Associations who apply also receive a small some of funds for 'capacity building' in our town centres, which can mean they employ on contract an administrator/communications person to activate the towncentres to bring more community members to 'shop local' as they put on events. We are in the process of allocating this funding in April with the assistance of Auckland Councils Economic Development advisor Sunita Kashap, which we hope will give certainty to our town centre businesses. We have active (non BID) Business Associations in Balmoral, Sandringham, Mt Albert, with Pt Chev and Greenwoods Corner still meeting and bringing businesses together.

Our Town Centre Redevelopments in Sandringham, Pt Chev and Greenwoods Crn over the next three years needs active Business Associations to voice local views and concerns.

I have undertaken to visit all BIDs and Business Associations at least twice a year (Peter Haynes attends Dominion Road and Lee Corrick Mt Eden BID each month), and for the Kingsland BID and Uptown BID which I attend each month.

In an exciting development we are looking at the possibility of the establishment of a new Epsom Central Business Association in the approximate area of Manukau and Greenlane Road. The new residential and business developments on Alexandra Park will be opening for business next year, adding more vitality and Greenfields redevelopment to the eastern side of Albert Eden.



A Local Economic Development Masterclass was held at Wynyard 22 March which I attended, with international experts speaking about supporting local economies. Members of our Business Associations, Council and ATEED staff members and other LB members attended.



The Mount Albert Business Association monthly meetings, expertly and efficiently Chaired by Catherine Goodwin, have been an important connection between Council, AT, contractors, the LB and businesses during the year of the upgrade. Day to day questions asked by businesses have mostly been answered in a timely manner. With the upgrade end in sight the Business Association is moving from strength to strength and looks forward to the 'next phase' of its development.



The highly successful Balmoral Chinese Business Award ceremony took place 28 March at the Balmoral Theatre. The Business Association has produced a wonderful bi-lingual promotional video. Here is a photo of all the recipients with their awards.



Other work programme and meetings

Margi Watson and I share the Leases work programme and one of our duties is to visit our historic Ferndale House in Mt Albert once a year to make sure Council are keeping it in the manner it deserves. We are joined by former Deputy Mayor of Mt Albert Mrs Alice Wylie who takes a very determined interest in its upkeep. Among items noticed for action were: more wallpaper maintenance, fireplace wooden varnishing where the wood has been knocked, cleaning/washing of the outside wooden verandah, and replacement of 'lace curtains' which we asked to be cleaned a year ago and have yet to be put back up. We have requested this be done. The iconic embroidered picture we asked to be repositioned in the main hall for better viewing of this magnificent piece. We have requested more careful work on the gardens and some white camellia bushes planted. Sue Gluskie the Senior Maintenance Delivery Coordinator for Community Facilities has been most helpful in getting action.



Mt Albert Inc the local website with many stories (partially funded by the Board through MARA) have also covered the story of the 'spruce up' of historic Council owned building 869 New North



Road which has a community leases occupying it. Margi and I identified all the aspects needed for attending to...like painting, removing rotten boards, mending and sanding the villa window frames.



A fresh make-over is turning Mt Albert's 100-year-old "community house" on the edge of the village into a more inviting base for local groups.

Our Council Long Term Plan consultation meetings in Mt Albert and Mt Eden went well with locals coming to 'have your say'.



A bridge connecting the suburbs of Owairaka and Wesley across the Albert Eden and Puketepapa border has long been in the making. Finally it was put into place in March and welcomed by members of both boards. It will make walking and cycling easier across the stream between Underwood and Owairaka Parks.



The planning of the CRL new station in Mt Eden, and Dominion Road and the 'Airport to City Mass Transit' route planning are exciting projects to be given the 'heads up' on.



It was very gratifying to see the re-turfing of the Windmill Road recreational area in Mt Eden which Netball Auckland uses in winter and where 'public' tennis is played in summer. It will be a welcome new facility for families in Albert Eden who will not have to drive across to Glen Innes in rush hours to take their children to sport.



Meeting attended 22 January -6 April 2018

- 22 January Meeting with ATEED
- 31 January Local Board Workshop

- 7 February Local Board Workshop
- 8 February Meeting Dominique Dowding CEO Alexandra Park
- 9 February Tupuna Maunga Authority meeting
- 12 February Mt Albert Business Association
Chairs Forum
- 13 February Monthly Finance Meeting
- 14 February Local Board Workshop
- 15 February Local Board briefing on Consultation/Engagement
- 19 February HLC Aspirations for Murray Halberg Park
- 20 February Phyllis Reserve site meeting with Clubs and staff
Kingsland Business Association
- 21 February Local Board Workshop



- 22 February Gribblehirst Action Plan site meeting
- 23 February Alberton afternoon tea
- 26 February Agenda run through for Business Meeting
Consultation pre-briefing for LB members
- 27 February RMA Commissioners quarterly meeting
- 28 February LGNZ Roadshow
Albert Eden Business Meeting

- 2 March Mt Albert Pool Trust Meeting
- 5 March Leadership for LB leaders
- 6 March Earthquake Prone Buildings in Albert Eden
Civil Defence and Emergency
- 7 March Placing down of Owairaka Footbridge
LB Workshop
- 8 March Meeting with ALT group for Mt Eden rail station model and CRL details
- 9 March Meeting re Greenlane Business Development
LB Briefing on 35 Year Stormwater Discharge development
- 12 March Mt Albert Business Association meeting
Chairs Forum
Mt Albert Have Your Say Public event
- 13 March Weekly catch up with LB Manager and Chair
Kingsland Business Assoc monthly
Mt Albert Residents Assoc monthly meeting
- 14 March LB Workshop
- 15 March Monthly Finance Meeting
- 16 March Catch up with Shane Ellison AT
- 19 March Tupuna Maunga Authority Meeting
- 20 March LB Workshop
Mt Eden Have Your Say Public event
- 21 March LB Workshop
Windmill Park Opening
- 22 March Economic Development Masterclass
- 26 March Pre-dawn karakia for Maungakeikei pedestrianisation works
Agenda run through for LB Business meeting
Public hearing for submitters of draft operational plan of Maunga Authority
- 27 March Uptown Business Association monthly meeting
Finalists briefing for Albert Eden Business Awards
- 28 March 2018 Dominion Star Chinese Business Awards ceremony
Local Board Workshop
Albert Eden LB Business meeting
- 29 March Working together with Alexandra Park meeting

- 3 April Appearance with AELB Chair at AC Planning Committee re tree protection
Weekly catchup with LB manager and LB Chair
Visit to Sandringham town centre re place making
- 4 April LB Workshop
- 5 April Annual meeting to view service levels at Ferndale House
- 6 April Greenlane Rail station site visit
- 9 April Mt Albert Business Association Meeting
Airport to City Mass Transit Spatial Planning programme visit



10 April weekly catch up with LB Chair and LB manager
Site visit to Greenwoods Crn re place making
Kingsland Business Association meeting
Mt Albert Residents Association meeting

Signatories

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