

Anne-Marie Coury's Monthly Report

For Period 1 January – 31 January 2018

Board workshops, meetings and briefings attended:

No scheduled meetings occurred this month

Other meetings/events/activities:

- 10 January dropped in on the Bhartiya Samaj summer camp to participate in the picnic with their children and young people at Cornwall Park
- 11 January dropped in on young people's art activities at summer camp
- 12 January attended the closing ceremony of the summer camp observing the presentations, and inspirational performances
- 16 January attended workshop on "Generations Project" by Innovate Change
- 17 January conducted "Generations" interviews with seniors - individuals and groups
- 18 January workshop sharing experiences from interviewing for "Generations Project."
- 27 January attended mentoring training session at Puketapapa Driving School.
- 28 January attended and spoke at the Bhartiya Samaj's celebration of India's Independence Day.
- 29 January spoke with members of the Afghan community to commiserate over their loss of such a remarkable leader, Hashem Slaimamkhel, Chairman of the Umma Trust.
- 30 January discussion with senior community leaders about the absence of an "age friendly" in the Auckland Plan refresh.

Other Issues/challenges

Met informally with constituents over the following issues; grass growth, lack of bus shelters on certain routes, e.g. 009 next to Penrose station, and lack of a clear pathway into electrical apprenticeships in Auckland area for those who have completed level 3.

Approaches have been made by several Auckland Council staff over catering for seniors' needs in community centre programming late last year and again this year.

Common themes have emerged in the knowledge gaps, and these have been replicated with similar requests from not for profit managers.

A positive discussion was held with Lou Reedy of the Peter Collective, at his initiation, centered on seniors' needs, and a possible interface between seniors' volunteering for Te Whangai Trust and getting back into the workforce. This will be followed up again in April.

Disclosures

Increasing interest and activities concerning the rapidly growing ageing population has seen my role in the community representing the evidence base around needs and rights of seniors growing.

I have clarified when I am speaking or organising events on behalf of Grey Power and when I am present in a Board capacity.

Recommendations:

- a) That the Board acknowledge the tragic death of Hashem Slaimankhel whose passionate advocacy for victims of family violence was recognized by Auckland Council, the NZ Police, and the Ministry of Social Development. As an inspired and inclusive leader for the refugee and migrant communities of different ethnicities and faiths, he will be greatly missed.

- b) That the report be received

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1 February – 28 February 2018

Auckland Council Workshops, meetings and briefings

- 1 February attended Board workshop
- 7 February facilitated community cluster session
- 7 February attended community Forum at Lynfield YWCA
- 8 February attended Board workshop
- 15 February attended Board workshop
- 19 February Regional Cluster meeting - visited display on community facilities
- 22 February attended Board meeting
- 28 February attended meeting of Green Cluster

Other Meetings

- 6 February attended Waitangi Day celebrations at Hoani Waititi marae
- 13 February facilitated Grey Power's regional leadership session on the Long Term Plan guest speaker Counsellor Wayne Walker
- 14 February participated in the "Generations Project" session processing feedback from participant researchers from January's interviews.
- 16 February attended Music in the Parks at Blockhouse Bay Reserve.
- 20 February attended Bay Connections meeting in Blockhouse Bay where community leaders from nearby areas exchange plans and ideas
- 28 February attended meeting of Green Cluster

Other Issues/challenges

Informal meetings with members of the muslim community at the time of the memorial service for Dr Hashem Slaimankhel, showed me how important recognition for the success and hard work of members of the refugee community is to members of the

refugee community. The Somalian Graduate magazine helps to highlight the successes of youth and it is pleasing to see one of our local youth, an ex Youth Caucus member, Mohamud Mohamed, being nominated and a finalist in the Kiwibank Hero awards.

Disclosures

My on-going focus when I am advocating on behalf of seniors in the community forums representing Auckland Grey Power members, is reflecting the evidence base that has been used to develop current policies. I make sure to clarify I am not representing the Board.

Recommendations

- a) That the Board acknowledge the success of Mohamud Mohamed in his success in being a finalist in the Kiwibank Hero awards.

- b) That the report be received

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