

## March/April 2018 Local Board Member Report – Anne-Elise Smithson

This report covers my Kaipātiki Local Board activities for March and April 2018.

### Open workshops

Kaipātiki Local Board workshops are now open to the public. In my view this is a great step forward for local democracy and helping further a culture of transparency.

Excluding the public means they may only see edited highlights of the decision-making process, but this change means residents can now hear debate before the decisions that are formalised at our monthly business meetings.

There may still be some items of workshops that will be discussed in closed session, as happens already with monthly business meetings, to protect individuals' privacy and commercial sensitivity.

We are only the second board in Auckland to take this step.

## Local board votes for democratic transparency on Auckland's North Shore

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The Kaipātiki Local Board will have open and public workshops from April 1, the second board in Auckland to do so. Supplied

### Pocket Parks

The Auckland Council-owned Rosie Bolt Reserve has been identified as 'potentially surplus to council requirements' through a review process. At our April business meeting, a majority of Kaipātiki Local Board members voted to oppose the sale. The final decision will rest with the Finance and Performance committee of the governing body.

Rosie Bolt reserve, around the size of a netball court, is just one green space on the North Shore that may be considered for disposal. It is my view that our green spaces belong not only to us, but to future generations who may not have backyards to play in. Once community open spaces are gone they can never be retrieved again. This also highlights issues around encroachment and general maintenance of our open spaces, as surrounding residents can't ask for reserves to be kept if they don't know they exist. I hope that the final decision is in favour of keeping Rosie Bolt reserve, which has wonderful pocket park potential.

# Auckland's tiny and unloved Rosie Bolt reserve is dividing opinions on the Shore

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Matthew Rosenberg

The reserve is named after resident Rosie Bole, who fought to keep the land for local children.

## Out and About March-April 2018

- 'Have Your Say' Event, Monarch Park, 4 March
- Northcote Town Centre Association meeting, 6 March
- 'Have Your Say' Beach Haven Fun Run/Walk, 11 March
- Bayview Governance meeting, 20 March
- Kauri Dieback public meeting, 26 March
- Place-making Workshop with David Engwicht, 13 April
- Korean Day at North Shore Events Centre, 14 April
- Northcote Town Centre Association meeting, 17 March
- Bayview Community Centre governance meeting, 17 March
- Bayview Kids Market, 21 April
- Anzac Day, Northcote War Memorial Hall, 25 April

