

## Report Name: Anne-Marie Coury

Report covering the period 1 March – 31 March 2018

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### Auckland Council Workshops Meetings and Briefings

01 March	Attended Board workshop
07 March	Facilitated Community cluster session
07 March	Attended Community Forum at Lynfield YWCA
08 March	Attended Board Business workshop
15 March	Attended Board workshop
19 March	Regional Cluster meeting
22 March	Attended Board meeting
22 March	Attended Board's drop in "Have Your Say" evening session
28 March	Attended meeting of Green Cluster

### Other Meetings/events

02 March	Participated in Wise Women Food video session at Wesley Market
08 March	Attended International Women's Day celebration at PSA with Helen Clark On skype interview from Parliament, and Prof Judy MacGregor on addressing the equal pay gap through upcoming legislative changes
09 March	Co-facilitated and shared in discussions with ARMS at the Wise Women session on the Long Term Plan and Auckland Plan Refresh.
10 March	Participated in Molley Green Community Day networking on stalls from 12.30pm till pack up
12 March	Attended the session of ADCOSS/Roskill Together led "Seniors' Showcase for the whole programme, as it was a first of its type for our board.
13 March	Attended Wesley Market networking re "Have Your Say"
14 March	Dropped into Asian Leaders' Forum re "Have Your Say" early to encourage those I have already dialogued with in previous sessions
16 March	Participated at St Patrick's Day Wesley Market "Have Your Say" stall
16 March	Attended Seniors' Panel Forum on Seniors' Issues listening to Dr Dianne Turner from Office of Seniors, Sir Bob Harvey and the CE of Waipereira Trust. I did not engage in speaking from the floor.
17 March	Participated in Cycling Event led by PATH, cycling with Richard Barter, the Mayor Phil Goff, Member Fairey and Councillor Casey for 6 km on local off-road cycleways.
17 March	Dropped in on the Somali Kiwi Association folk as they celebrated their community centre opening in Stoddard Road

- 17 March      Attended NZ Ethnic Women’s Trust’s Fashion Showcase at Wesley Centre with members Fairey and Kumar. Assisted with “Have Your Say” stall.
- 24 March      Dropped in on Try a Craft session
- 24 March      Attended and spoke at Bhartiya Samaj’s seniors meeting

**Other Issues/challenges**

The additional meetings for “Have Your Say” have seen my workload expand over this past month. The informal meetings were an excellent way to engage with folk across our communities, and the interest was higher than at the time of consulting on the Local Board Plan.

Board members in other Board areas used libraries for drop in sessions which seemed to work effectively at engaging people in giving written and oral feedback.

Some of our “Have Your Say” sessions which were tacked onto social events were less useful than expected.

**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.

At a large gathering facilitated by the Seniors’ Panel, where staff from Auckland Council, Local Board members and managers of not for profits gathered, I stayed silent and made no comments so there would be no confusion about my roles.

**Recommendations**

- a) That the report be received.

**Signatories**

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### **Auckland Council workshops, meetings and briefings**

04 April	Facilitated Community Cluster Meeting
04 April	Participated in Citizenship Ceremony reading the welcome speech
05 April	Participated in the Taste of Puketāpapa food videos made around several participation outlets with members: Doig, Kumar and Kaishal and Holm.
05 April	Attended local board workshop
08 April	Attended International Cultural Festival networking, and on board stall and Taste of Puketāpapa stall
12 April	Attended local board workshop
19 April	Attended local board business meeting
25 April	Attended ANZAC Day commemorations Dawn Service at the Doman Mt Roskill War Memorial Park Service with MC – Local Board Chair and other board members laying a wreath on behalf of the board. Represented the board at the Ranfurly Veterans Home and Hospital Service, sharing conversations with residents over afternoon tea
26 April	Attended local board workshop
30 April	Attended dawn blessing of the former Mt Roskill Local Borough Council building with other board members, board staff and Auckland Council staff as well as members of the Mt Roskill Historical Society.

### **Other meetings/events**

28 April Attended Bhartiya Samaj's seniors programme.

### **Other issues/challenges**

Illegal dumping in Landscape Road, and Kings Road near Dominion Road  
Debris from the storm, cluttering roads and berms, brought many questions about who was responsible for cleaning up and when would branches be removed.  
Queries about funding from a Pacific Group involved in community gardening, and capacity building, looking for networking support and further resources.

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I attended the national gathering of representatives of the 75 Grey Power Associations and the AGM in Blenheim from Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> with financial assistance from Auckland Grey Power. In speaking before the assembly of representatives, I was rounded applauded for my comments on senior housing issues, especially the hidden homelessness within the senior community. As President of Auckland Grey Power, I continue to uphold the policies of Grey Power, to ensure the challenges of ageing positively are more widely understood.

My involvement with Generations Projects has been a continuing journey with many fresh opportunities arising to explore ways to combat seniors' negative ageing experiences.

I will continue to advocate wisely for the importance of planning for a rapidly growing ageing population, and the impact on communities, changes needed in provisions of services, but most of all the ethnicities most affected being Asian, Pacifica and Maori peoples.

In continuing my contribution to post graduate students' learning experiences within the Department of Architecture and Planning, I designed and delivered lectures on 19<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> April.

As a certified Laughter Yoga Teacher, (trained in April this year), I have enjoyed observing the many people with disabilities, who are opening up to discover the joy and new learning opportunities through participating in Laughter Yoga. Strengthening the immune system, and reducing blood pressure and cholesterol levels, the health benefits are widely researched around the globe.

In being a member of the Auckland Art Gallery, I am exposed to a wider range of art events, and facilitate others being exposed to art events through sharing my membership.

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