Date: Tuesday 5 June 2018  
Time: 5:00pm  
Meeting Room: Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Chamber  
Venue: Takapuna Service Centre  
Level 3  
1 The Strand  
Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

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Death of Councillor Dick Quax:

It is with sadness that I move that the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board acknowledge the passing of Cr Theodorus Jacobus Leonardus (Dick) Quax at Auckland on May 25, 2018. Cr Quax was born in the Netherlands on January 1, 1948. He immigrated to New Zealand with his parents in 1952, the family moving initially to a South Island sheep station.

The Quax family then moved to Hamilton where Dick attended Hamilton Boys High School. He found playing rugby didn’t fit his slight build so took up running where he found his niche. He was best known as one of the legendary trio of ‘Flying Kiwis’ - along with John Walker and Rod Dixon - through the 1970s. He won the silver medal in the Men’s 5000 metres final at the 1976 Montreal Summer Olympics.

In 2001 Cr Quax was elected to the Manukau City council in the Pakuranga ward. He served three terms on the Manukau City council. In 2011 following a by-election Cr Quax was elected to the Auckland Council as a Howick ward councillor. He was subsequently re-elected in 2013 and 2016.

He was Chair of the Auckland Council’s Tenders and Procurement Sub-Committee during the 2010-2013 term.

Cr Quax was an unstinting advocate for Howick, Pakuranga and the eastern suburbs. He is known for his strong positions on high-density housing, public transportation and Auckland’s Unitary Plan. Cr Quax was also known as a steward of ratepayer funds, which was a particular focus in his 2011 maiden speech.

"My platform for the Howick by-election was based around the need for council to focus on its core activities and spend our ratepayer’s money wisely and to make our region affordable so that everyone can enjoy living here," he said.

Having been a fellow councillor during the first two terms of Auckland Council I developed a close working relationship with Cr Quax. He certainly was a strong advocate for issues north of the Auckland Harbour Bridge. His strong and forthright advocacy on the issues will certainly be missed.

George Wood CNZM
Chairman, Devonport-Takapuna Local Board
5 June 2016