

Report Name: Board member report – Member, Jessica Rose

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Report Period: September 2017 – July 2018

Work Programme Activities

Transport, Infrastructure and Environmental Services

We've had some great things happening in the ward for transport, sustainability and the environment. Some of the great things at a grass roots level have been supporting groups like Boomerang Bags. They are operating out of Gribblehurst Community Hub and the AELB recently approved a grant for them to deliver their exciting goal of making Dominion Road plastic bag free. Other grants we were helpful in delivering was an accommodation supplement for the Doc Edge Film Fest team, who spend the year busy curating real time stories from Aotearoa and internationally. This year's festival opened with the compelling tale of Kiribati and their struggle with the likelihood of being the first climate refugees on Earth. Stories like these are important in understanding how small steps like groups offering alternatives to plastic bag use, can have massive changes globally.

Speaking of STEPS, both them and Friends of Oakley Creek have recently had their 2018 AGMs and it was exciting to attend and see what these voluntary environmental groups are doing for our awa, flora and fauna. We support strong community leaders providing kaitiaki and facilitating education in our local environmental spaces. We were also lucky to have a guided tour of a huge lava cave sitting under a Mt Eden property, this is something that we'd love to be able to share with other people in the community.

Auckland Transport held their Open Day to celebrate the Waterview shared path early in the year. This was attended and enjoyed by over 300 local people and shows what a fabulous amenity it is for connecting Auckland but also for making travelling safe and easy for our local people. Other significant projects include the installation of the Owairaka footbridge, connecting the people of Owairaka to the people of Mt Roskill. It's all part of a larger multi board project that daylight the Te Auaunga/Oakley Creek, and gets people from A to B on foot, cycle, scooter and more. We want our places to be accessible to all ages and abilities, and these paths are integral to making these connections.

Eco-neighbourhoods are going strong with new streets joining up regularly, we're hoping to see a urban garden food swap initiative taking off this summer. This will be a project idea that I'll be working through over the second half of 2018 to see how we can, as a board, facilitate making this happen.

The big news of the first half of the year was announcing the opening of the Mt Albert Town Centre. Our people have been extremely patient while the works for this have been going on. It's been a huge inconvenience, and we acknowledge that, while being grateful to everyone for the duration. What we now have are wider pedestrian paths, and a pocket park, to compliment the bridge to the train that was opened last year. It would be great to see some shops enjoying the additional space over summer with some outdoor seating to really bring the new space to life.



Friends of Oakley Creek, AGM – 2018



Mt Albert Town Centre Opening



Owairaka Footbridge installation – With Puketapapa Local Board

Arts, Heritage and Events

The Annual YMCA facilitated and board supported Schools Cultural fest was a smashing success yet again, the weather was stunning, and we had representatives from all corners of the globe in traditional dress. Rocket Park was also the site of the 2018 Brazil day and it was another great day, with throngs coming in for the singing, dancing and delicious food. We look forward to working on both of these events in future.

Sandringham Village Street Festival was a great day, the weather held on that one, as rain threatened to derail the day. It's great work from the Sandringham Business Association in getting this event going every year. I'm looking forward to continuing to work with the Business Association in the coming year!

ANZAC Day in Pt Chev's RSA was a moving service, the parade is still one of the best in Auckland and local people lined the street to pay their respect to the fallen. The overwhelming sentiment was that we use the time not to glory warfare, but to learn compassion for a different future. A big thank you to Murray Hobson for all his hard work and dedication to both the RSA, and to Pt Chev community.

The kids music in parks was a hit with the littlies, especially good to see after the Big Gay Out was rained away this year. Also our movies series were well attended, both Valentine's day in Tahaki Reserve and Coyle Park respectively.

Another big day was the opening of Eric Armishaw Reserve playground! A great new amenity that is right on the end of a beautiful boardwalk for walking and cycling.



Schools Cultural Fest at YMCA Mt Albert



Kids music in the park – Coyle Park



Murray Hobson - ANZAC Day, Pt Chev RSA / Mt Albert War Memorial



Movies in Parks, Valentines Day – Tahaki Reserve

Other Business

It has again been a pleasure to attend some events in support of our adjoining boards and being involved in promoting the great things Auckland Council is doing across Auckland.

I attended the Urban Design Conference 2018 as a Local Board representative, and ran a presentation on Gender in our cities. This speaks to age and ability and making our spaces accessible for everyone. It's a topic close to my heart and one that I know is important to lots of our local people in Albert – Eden.

Attending several rounds of Citizenship Ceremonies at Auckland's Town Hall, I found, at one, I was shaking the hands of almost 500 new Residents from over 60 countries of origin. It is a joy to see so many people moving to our area only to fall in love with the place, and find a home there. I attended the RFA function celebrating the heritage of the Civic building, and also the opening of the Bug Lab with Waitemata Board members. Another of Auckland Councils facilities, providing education for our young people, across the board.

Being on the float of the Auckland Council's Pride Parade entry was also another great experience this year. Showing our support for the rainbow community and being inclusive is an important part of being on the Council for me. It was great sharing this experience with Local Board Members, staff and Councilors from all over the city.

Gribblehurst Parks Open Day was a hub of activity, with plans to develop a community garden to support all the goings on in the hub. I was also humbled to hear Lily Lee's story in Pt Chevalier Library, from Guangdong to Aotearoa. In fact the library has a great series of workshops, with knitting in session over these colder winter months.



Pt Chevalier – Food Trucks and Weekend in the Square



Denise Bijoux & Greer Rasmussen at the Open Day, Gribblehurst Community Hub



Albert-Eden Business awards



Urban Design Conference 2018



Auckland Central Citizenship ceremony



Meetings attended 19 September 2017 - 14 July 2018

20 September	AELB Workshop
25 September	AT Quarterly Update
27 September	LB Business meeting
29 September	Events workshop
11 October	AELB Workshop
18 October	AELB Workshop
25 October	LB Business meeting
28 October	Sandringham Street Festival
1 November	AELB Workshop
3 November	Opening of Eric Armishaw Reserve
4 November	AT - Waterview Family Fun Day
8 November	AELB Workshop
13 November	Sandringham Business Association Meeting
15 November	AELB Workshop
16 November	LB Traffic Calming Workshop
21 November	Events workshop
22 November	LB Business meeting
25 November	A-E Schools Cultural Festival
	Dominion Road Pre-Christmas Market Day
	Crave Café Market Day
	Pt Chev Library – From Guangdong to Aotearoa, Lily Lee
27 November	Norgrove Rock forest with STEPS
29 November	AELB Workshop
3 December	Christmas Carols Potters Park
6 December	AELB Workshop
11 December	AT Quarterly Workshop
	Round 8 – Citizenship Ceremony
13 December	AELB Workshop
19 December	Bug Lab - Opening
19 January	Dare to Explore
20 January	Kids Music in the Park – Coyle Park
21 January	Waterview Path to Soljack – YMCA
27 January	Brazil Day – Rocket Park
31 January	AELB Workshop
7 February	AELB Workshop
11 February	Big Gay Out – Coyle Park
14 February	AELB Workshop
	Movies in Parks – When Harry Met Sally, Tahaki Reserve
15 February	Planning Committee – Airport to City Mass transit workshop
17 February	Auckland Council – Pride Parade
21 February	AELB Workshop
22 February	Site Visit Gribblehurst Park
23 February	Presentation Skills for Elected Members
25 February	Tour – Lava Caves Landscape Road
28 February	LB Business meeting
2 March	Movies in Parks – Back to the Future, Coyle Park
7 March	Opening Owairaka Footbridge
	AELB Workshop
8 March	Design Concepts for CLG and Mt Eden Station
12 March	Have Your Say – LTP
14 March	AELB Workshop
20 March	Have Your Say – LTP
21 March	AELB Workshop
23 March	Weekend in the Square – Pt Chevalier
26 March	Airport to City Mass transit – Tour
28 March	AELB Workshop
	LB Business meeting
4 April	AELB Workshop
11 April	AELB Workshop
	RFA – Function CIVIC
April 18	AELB Workshop



	<i>LB Business meeting</i>
<i>April 22</i>	<i>Gribblehurst Park Open Day</i>
<i>April 25</i>	<i>ANZAC Day – Mt Albert War Memorial MC, ANZAC Day – Pt Chevalier RSA Last Post Bugle, Pt Chev, ANZAC Day</i>
<i>April 26</i>	<i>Sandringham Business Association Meeting</i>
<i>April 30</i>	<i>RLTP Workshop</i>
<i>May 2</i>	<i>AELB Workshop</i>
<i>7 May</i>	<i>RLTP informal hearing</i>
<i>8 May</i>	<i>Wayfinding Signage Waterview workshop</i>
<i>9 May</i>	<i>AELB Workshop LB Extraordinary Business Meeting</i>
<i>14 May</i>	<i>Urban Design Conference 2018</i>
<i>15 May</i>	<i>Urban Design Conference 2018</i>
<i>16 May</i>	<i>AELB Workshop</i>
<i>19 May</i>	<i>Opening – Mt Albert Town Centre</i>
<i>22 May</i>	<i>CLG – Pt Chev Cycleway Albert Eden Business Awards</i>
<i>23 May</i>	<i>LB Business meeting</i>
<i>30 May</i>	<i>AELB Workshop</i>
<i>5 June</i>	<i>Citizenship Ceremony – Central</i>
<i>6 June</i>	<i>AELB Workshop LB Extraordinary Business Meeting</i>
<i>11 June</i>	<i>AGM - Friends of Oakley Creek</i>
<i>13 June</i>	<i>AELB Workshop</i>
<i>14 June</i>	<i>AGM – STEPS</i>
<i>20 June</i>	<i>AELB Workshop</i>
<i>26 June</i>	<i>Greenways Review Meeting CLG – Pt Chev Cycleway</i>
<i>7 July</i>	<i>McGehan Close residents' engagement</i>

Signatories

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