

Anne-Marie Coury 's monthly report

1st June – 30th June 2018

Auckland Council workshops, meetings and briefings

6 th June	attended Community cluster
7 th June	attended Board Workshop
13 th June	attended Infrastructure cluster
14 th June	attended Board Workshop
21 st June	attended Board Business Meeting
28 th June	attended Board workshop

Other meetings

8 th June	attended Wise Women's gathering
9 th June	attended and spoke at Bhartiya Samaj event, marking World Elder Abuse Day with other Local Board members and the Maori Elder Helene Crowne, of Te Auaunga Community Advisory Group and Mila Baker, Community Wellbeing spokesperson for Auckland Grey Power
13 th June	supported a restricted driver to attend Driving Test through Puketapapa Community Driving School
13 th June	attended Cluster meeting until 2.30 pm
19 th June	shared information with the Tani network to Asian communities
16 th June	attended and spoke at Shanti Niwas event for World Elder Abuse Day
17 th June	attended the silver anniversary of Bharatiya Mandir (temple) in Balmoral Road with Mayor Goff, Local MPO Michael Wood and other Local Board members from Puketapapa and Albert Eden Boards.
29 th June	facilitated a meeting with representatives from over a dozen seniors' organisations to hear the Minister of Seniors announce her plans and priorities and release the new draft Positive Ageing Strategy consultation document
30 th June	attended Bhartiya Samaj's Seniors' meeting
30 th June	attended Matariki celebrations in the South and West.

Other issues/challenges

Spoke to a variety of seniors' groups inside and outside the Board area on elder abuse and going "age-friendly" during the month. Requests to speak have increased dramatically over the past two months.

Several concerns about the bus route changes have been raised in meetings and informal discussions with constituents. Mainly people in Lynfield unable to reach Blockhouse Bay easily on foot because of the steep hill.

Many calls about the clean up after the storm have kept me busy, some from out west even.

Less illegal dumping within the northern part of the Board area.

Strong interest in A.T.'s walking and cycling plans for Carr Road.

Ensuring seniors' groups are aware of the consultation period 29th June – 24th August for the Positive Ageing Strategy and have access to information either on-line or in libraries.

Linking people and groups to the value and opportunities available through the Energy Tool Kit available for loan at the Mt Roskill Library and the Healthy Homes programme to improve the uptake of the programme and ensure people are able to live in warmer and drier homes.

Disclosures

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

I have been consulted by leaders of several community groups working in our Board area with a view to planning for ways to reduce social isolation amongst seniors. Again I have clarified I am not speaking for the Board and they are wanting to draw on my experience gained over the ten years prior to my joining the Board.

Recommendation/s

a) That the report be received.

Signatories

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