

## Board Member Richard Northey's Report to 17 July 2018 Waitematā Local Board Meeting

### Events Portfolio Activities

29 June - With local board member Adriana Avendano Christie we represented the Waitematā Local Board at the opening and naming of Tiramarama Way. See me eating the local Hangi Food and drinking the mulled wine in her photo (right).

5 July - I took part in the Karangahape Road Business Association's First Thursday's event where I could enjoy the street choir at St Kevin's Arcade, the new Matariki Market on the ground floor of George Court's, the first anniversary of the Cross Street Market, and the Auckland Transport pop up presentation on the Karangahape Road streetscape project to come.



### Applications for, and notice of, events for which applications or requests made during this period

19 June Bauer Media Photoshoot for Women's Day magazine in the Domain Wintergarden.

19 June Filming for TV Programme "Only in Aotearoa" on Judges Bay Road and Reserve and Dove Myer Robinson Park.

19 June Filming for Molenberg Commercial on Cox's Bay Reserve.

20 June Filming for Samsung Online in Victoria Park.

23 June PB Tech Drone Experience and Training Event in the Auckland Domain.

23 June Mini-BMX Kids Day, Victoria Park Skate Park area - event organisers later cancelled this.

23 June Les Mills Saturday Sweat Session in Victoria Park, Passive Side.

24 June Filming for ad for MPI's Biosecurity Campaign among old pohutukawas in Dove-Myer Robinson Park

24 June to 7 July He Wiki Karaka Māori Light Boxes in Bledisloe Lane.

24 June to 16 July Wairoa Māori Film Festival several Light Poles in Freyberg Square and Bledisloe Lane.

28 June Tesla Auckland Showroom opening at 501 Karangahape Road. For some reason the bouncers would not admit me to the event just because I had no invite.

- 1 July Women's Half Marathon in Wynyard Point, Quay St and Tamaki Drive.
- 5 July First Thursday's event, emphasising music and arts, in Karangahape Road, Cross St and Beresford St.
- 7 July North Wharf and Harbour filming of TV Programme, Jono and Ben's Golf Challenge.
- 7 July Filming stills for NZMP branded milk beverage in Albert Park.
- 8 July NTLB Run Auckland Series including Half Marathon in Western Springs Lakeside Park.
- 12 July KFC Edgefest in Fort Street.
- 14 July Bastille Day at Le Chef Restaurant in Vulcan Lane.
- 18 July Skinny Mobile Launch Orange Carpet Event outside the Orange Coronation Hall, 147-9 Newton Road.
- 18-19 July H&M Downtown Store opening corner Customs St East and Queen St.
- 20 July Te Korakora Event on Federal in Federal Street.
- 2 and 3 August and 11-14 December AUT Graduation Procession Albert Park, Princes St to Aotea Square.
- 2-5 August University of Auckland Courses and Careers Day in Princes Street.
- 3 August SkyCity's Go for Gold Event in Federal Street.
- 5 August Hiroshima Nagasaki Commemoration in the Domain Wintergarden.
- 7 and 9 August Get2Go Challenge, Senior Schools Outdoor Activity Day on Arch Hill Mountain Bike Trail and Western Springs Park.
- 13 August Rail Safety Week Launch Event, Newmarket Station Square.
- 17 August Kings School Cross Country on the Domain.
- 8-19 August Carnival of Food in Vulcan Lane, High St, O'Connell St, Fort St, Jean Batten Place, and Shortland St.
- 24 and 25 August Tough Mudder New Zealand, Auckland awareness activation, Victoria Park passive area.
- 25 August AUT Live, showcasing the AUT in St Paul St and Governor Fitzroy Place
- 25 August Auckland University Courses and Careers Day in streets around the University.

- 25 August Rugby Test Fantrail Activation and Zone in Takutai Square.
- 29 August Chicago the Musical Red Carpet opening outside the Civic Theatre in Queen Street.
- 29 and 30 August, H and M Downtown Store Opening Day on Customs Street.
- 31 August Skiing in Vulcan Lane outside Le Clef to celebrate La Raclette, a French traditional winter dish.
- 10 Sept Wahine Take Action Event Lightboxes in Freyberg Square.
- 16 Sept Battle of Britain Parade at the Cenotaph.
- 19 Sept Unitec Spring Graduation Procession from Albert Park through central city streets to Queen Street.
- 25 Sept University of Auckland Spring Graduation Procession from Princes St to Aotea Square.
- 27-30 Sept Auckland on Water Boat Show in Viaduct Harbour water space, Halsey Wharf and Karanga Plaza.
- 30 Sept The Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride charity motorcycle procession around inner city streets.
- 5 Oct Visible Invisible Primary arts and music activities Freyberg Square.
- 6-13 October Art Week activities in the Central City including 9 October pop up art projects by architecture students in O'Connell Street.
- 10 Oct-25 Nov Armistice Day Crosses on Auckland Domain.
- 20-21 Oct Diwali celebration in Aotea Square with partial closure of Queen, Wakefield, Airedale and Rutland Streets.
- 14 Oct Pink Ribbon Ride for NZ Breast Cancer Foundation, St Johns to Western Springs Stadium.
- 27 October Pink Star Walk for breast cancer in Parnell and the Domain.
- 27 October SUP Well Starboard Paddle for Hope Charity Open Day at Judges Bay Beach.
- 28 Oct Auckland Marathon and associated entertainment in Victoria Park, the Cloud and streets between the Harbour Bridge and Tamaki Drive.
- 28 Oct Festival Italiano in Lumsden Green and Osborne, Kent and Teed Streets.
- 11 Nov Armistice Day Memorial Service and Evening Service, Domain Cenotaph.

- 18 Nov “Ball is Life” youth basketball on Victoria Park Basketball Courts.
- 18 Nov Parnell Festival of Roses in Dove-Myer Robinson Park.
- 18 Nov Beca Kids Christmas Carnival at Western Springs Park Quarry.
- 21 Nov Corporate Challenge 5 km fun run in the Domain.
- 24 and 25 Nov, Walking Stars in the Auckland Domain and neighbouring Streets.
- 25 Nov Children’s Christmas Parade and Party in Aotea Square, Mayoral Drive, Queen Street and nearby streets.
- 28 Nov-2 Jan Parnell Business Assn’s giant Christmas bauble in Heard Park.
- 1 Dec NZ Yoga Day mass 2-hour yoga class in Western Springs Park.
- 8 Dec Coca-Cola Christmas in the Park in the Domain.
- 9 Dec Chariot dragging religious festival in Queen Street.

**In 2019**

- 31 Dec to 12 Jan ASB Classic tennis Fanzone in part of the Domain with closures of Tennis Lane, Grafton Mews and Lower Domain Drive.
- 8 January Triple Eight Quest Running Events in Auckland Domain.
- 17 January to 17 February, Open Air Cinemas music and film showing in Western Springs Quarry Reserve.
- 25-28 January International Buskers Festival, Karanga Plaza, Market Square, Eastern Viaduct, and Te Wero Island.
- 28 January St Jerome’s Laneway Festival in Albert park, Princes Street and Alfred Street.
- 31 Jan ACG Parnell College Annual Families Picnic in Auckland Domain.
- 4 Feb ACG College picnic near the band Rotunda in the Auckland Domain.
- 20 February Wotton and Kearney Company Cricket Day in Victoria Park.
- 4-8 March Auckland University Students’ Association Orientation Presentation Event in Albert Park.
- 7-10 March European Wander Festival of European Food and Drink in the passive area of Victoria Park. This is proposed as a major event so we need to be sure it can be accommodated in that confined space. They are seeking resource consent for use of the culturally significant southwestern corner of the park.

17 March St Patrick's Parade, Music and Dance Festival in Ponsonby Road and adjoining streets and Western Park.

23 March Rose wine tasting and lifestyle all day event in Albert Park. This would involve the ticketed closure of up to 4 days of a chunk of Albert Park, so I hope its duration can be reduced.

28-31 March Under 17 Football Tournament in the Seddon Fields.

6 April Swim the Bridge based at Curran Street and Park.

4 May J Day in Albert Park.

5 May Dutch War Memorial service, Dove-Myer Robinson Park.

A renewed proposal for a polo game event on Victoria Park is advised to be coming. This will be considered on its merits. Past applications have been turned down because of their impact on the cricket fields and irrigation system.

### **Arts and Culture Portfolio**

13 June Opening of exhibitions at Studio One by Gemishka Chetty, Matthew Hawke, Chervelle Athena, Gillian Green, and Nicholas Monks and Festival of Photography Exhibition "Into the Darkness" about the Waterview Tunnel Project.

14 June Attended the Opening Night of the ATC's Play the Cherry Orchard courtesy of the Auckland Theatre Company.

15 June Presentation of the Auckland Photo Map by Roy Davies and Julia Dirkin for the Festival of Photography at Ellen Melville Centre.

17 June Opening of the Marie Shannon photography and Video Exhibition as part of the Festival of Photography at The Trish Clark Gallery.

21 June APO Performance "Offensamer plays Weber" at the Town Hall.

23 June New York Museum of Modern Art Museum exhibition of modern art at the National Gallery of Victoria in Melbourne; and the Culture of the Vikings exhibition at the Melbourne Museum.

3 July Milan Mrkusich Exhibition Opening at the Exhibitions Gallery, Osborne Street.

6 July, I participated in the Powhiri for international Delegates; to the Māori Film Week, He Wiki Kiriata Māori, in Freyberg Square; then the Curatorial Talk about the Gordon Walters Exhibition; and then the formal opening of the Gordon Walters Exhibition at the Auckland Art Gallery.

## **Community Portfolio Activities**

11 June Chaired a meeting of the International Affairs and Disarmament Committee of the Peace Foundation; and chaired a meeting of the Board of the Auckland Community Housing Trust. Participated in a meeting of the City Centre Residents Group.

12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 26, 27, 28, 29 June and 4 and 5 July fitness workouts at Pitt St YMCA.

16 June participated for 3 hours at a Drop In session on the Parnell Plan at the Parnell Library and on 17 June at another at La Cigale in St Georges Bay Road.

18 June Auckland Central Labour Party meeting.

19 June Auckland University presentation on “Movers and Shakers in Science: Ernest Rutherford and Maria-Goeppert-Mayer”.

19 June Hereford Residences Annual General Meeting.

20 June Asian Family Services Board meeting.

20 June A Celebration of Giving event for donors to Auckland University at the Gus Fisher Gallery; and monthly City Vision meeting.

21 June Chaired the Problem Gambling Foundation of NZ Board Meeting.

27 June University of Auckland Society Executive Meeting. Discussed the possible use of the Waitematā Board Logo and Newsletter in association with the University’s “Raising The Bar” event in various central city pubs on 28<sup>th</sup> August.

28 June Took part in a meeting of the Karangahape Road Business Association Executive where they agreed on their budget and on their stance on the Karangahape Road Streetscape Project.

28 June I also met with Holly Foreman of the Smart Seeds Challenge Project on Homelessness Initiatives; took part in the Inner City Network Meeting on the topic of Addiction; and met with John Street residents about their traffic and parking issues.

29 June Collected for Dementia Auckland outside the Countdown supermarket in Richmond Road.

30 June Visited the Grey Lynn Market where Denise Roche spoke out against single use plastic bags.

2 July Meeting of Housing Committee of ADCOSS.

4 July I spoke on behalf of the Board at the Harmony Village pensioner housing village at an event to celebrate the first anniversary of the establishment of Haumarū, Council’s joint venture with the Selwyn Foundation to run our pensioner housing; and

also took part in a meeting of Housing call to Action where we were briefed by Amy Donovan about the Homelessness census being organized for a night in September.

5 July Participated in the Karangahape Road Business Association's First Thursday Event.

7 July I took part in the Annual Meeting of the Tenants Protection Association.

8 July I spoke on behalf of the Board at the Launch of the New Zealand Asia Society Incorporated, a large and somewhat chaotic event with lots of Chinese performing artists in magnificent costumes. They are keen on a working relationship with us. My short speech to the meeting is attached.

9 July. I participated in a Seminar about Karangahape Road: Smart City – Insights from Vancouver.

### **Waitematā Local Board General Activities**

11 June Waitematā Local Board Chair's briefing.

12 June Waitematā Local Board Workshop considering Arts, Community and Events; Climate Change Action Plan and Low Carbon Auckland; Regional Facilities Auckland; City Centre Public Arts Plan; Sustainability Initiatives; Development Programme Office Report and Local Board Work programme.

14 June Met Dirk Hudig and David Abbott about the St Mary's Bay/ Masefield Beach Project; the CRL Office about the CRL plans for development around stations; took part in a workshop about the City Fringe Economic Action Plan and then in its Official Launch.

18 June Waitematā Local Board Chairs' Meeting and Board Agenda Run Through.

18 June Wrote and submitted a Waitematā Board article for the July Edition of the Ponsonby News. This article is attached.

19 June Monthly Waitematā Local Board Meeting.

26 June Waitematā Local Board Workshop concerning Community Facilities monthly update; Francis Reserve parking restrictions; Symonds Street Cemetery monument conservation programme; College Hill paid parking; Cook Street redesign; Auckland Art Gallery; Auckland Zoo and Local Board Transport Capital Fund.

27 June I had a meeting with Peter Knight and Rob Abbott of Council Alcohol Compliance to discuss community appeals and evidence against inappropriate liquor licence renewals.

1 July, with Shale Chambers' leaving for overseas I became Acting-Chair of the Board.

2 July Waitematā Board Acting Chair's meeting with Board staff to plan for the week ahead.

3 July Chaired Waitematā Local Board workshop dealing with: Dog Management Bylaw and Policy review; Parnell Cycle Route; Point Chevalier- Meola Road streetscape project, where we put forward our views of where the cycleway should be extended to the east from Garnet Road; Ian McKinnon Drive cycleway; Parnell Festival of Roses Planning; Local Board Events Development Fund applications; Events Monthly update; LDI locations; and disposal of 35 Graham St and of 4-10 Mayoral Drive.

5 July Meeting with the Board's Communications Adviser re current issues.

9 July I met with staff for a run through of the forthcoming July 17 Board Business Meeting and other forthcoming meetings.

### **Auckland Council and National Activities**

13 June met with Linda Taylor and Phil Wilson about the Local Government Commission's recommendations to the Auckland Council and participated in the Governing Body workshop on the Representation Review considering Governing Body ward boundaries and related issues.

20 June Council Governance Working Party meeting re Response to the Local Government Commission Recommendations; Representation Review; and new Code of Conduct and compliance with it.

21 June Auckland Conversation Seminar regarding Auckland's Response to Climate Change.

27 June chaired a teleconference of the Infrastructure and Environment Policy Committee of the Labour Party.

30 June as a member of its Voting Assembly took part in the AGM of Greenpeace NZ.

5 July Attended the meeting of council's Community Development and Safety Committee dealing with Gender Issues and met up again with a person who spoke there, my former colleague of Council election campaigns, the University Political Studies Department and Parliament, Helen Clark-see photo (left). I then took part in the national teleconference of the Labour Local Government Sector Council.



9 July, as Acting-Chair I took part in the Local Board Chairs' Forum. This dealt with the Community Facilities Network Plan- including identifying priority actions and also governance issues regarding identifying, funding and maintaining service levels; Panuku's processes and definitions for service and non-



service assets - where concern was expressed that decisions to transfer particular assets from service to non-service classification were usually being made entirely by staff without involving their local boards; Marina Assets; Community Facilities Update regarding prioritising them, recovering from the recent major storm, and also seismic upgrades; Myrtle Rust; and Alcohol Control Bylaw Review.

***Attachments***

Attachment 1 – Speaking notes for New Zealand Asian Society (NZAS) launch

Attachment 2 – July Ponsonby News, Waitematā Local Board Report

## Attachment 1 - Speaking notes for New Zealand Asian Society (NZAS) launch

- Tena koutou katoa, Nihau, Namaste and greetings to Melinda Ma, Ashnokbhai Darji, Deborah Russell, Susan Zhu and Asian Society Members and friends. I'm Richard Northey, the Acting Chair for the Waitematā Local Board and a Board member of Asian Family Services.
- Local Boards, like our Waitematā Board, are responsible for decisions on local issues, activities and the provision and use of local facilities.
- The Waitematā Local Board area covers the city centre and the surrounding suburbs. It includes Ponsonby, Westmere, Grey Lynn, Parnell, Newmarket, Newton and Eden terrace.
- In the Waitematā area, we have a large Asian population – 29% of our residents identify as Asian. In the city centre it is 53% and rising.
- We have had challenges engaging with our Asian community, because of both language and apartment living barriers. We want to build stronger relationships.
- Ellen Melville centre has become an asset to the city centre, and a number of programmes at Ellen Melville try to get the younger and older Asian community involved, such as Splice with a cup of tea and Tai Chi.
- We want to build connections.
- The local board can act as advocates or supporters for the community. We have public meetings once a month, where anyone can come to speak to the board about matters in their neighbourhood.
- You can contact any of the local board members to talk about what we do and how we can help. Or you can contact the local board office, and be added to our address list, so you can receive important updates.

## Attachment 2 – Ponsonby News, Waitematā Local Board Report



### RICHARD NORTHEY: WAITEMATĀ LOCAL BOARD REPORT

Waitematā Local Board chair Pippa Coom and deputy chair Shale Chambers are out of the country, so it falls to me to write this month's column.

The board has just formally adopted its 2018/19 Local Board Agreement, and for someone elected only 20 months ago, I find it an inspirational document.

While continuing to advocate to Government to subsidise footpaths on the same basis it does roads, the board is working with Auckland Transport to provide separated and safe paths for cyclists and pedestrians in Ponsonby, Karangahape Road and the city centre, and a greenway through Cox's Bay Reserve from West End Road to Jervois Road.

We have succeeded in persuading the governing body to steadily phase-out agricultural spray in parks. To meet public concern, this year we will eliminate it in Albert, Myers and hopefully Western Parks, and will seek to extend that to other parks where there is public concern.

Both the board and residents have strongly supported speeding up the cleansing of our waterways and harbour, and we are now working with neighbouring local boards on the streams that flow to it.

Our Housing First Policy supports agencies housing homeless people. We will also act on homelessness by making our facilities more available to them to help get on top of issues and find jobs and homes.

The Ponsonby community came up with an exciting plan to develop a public space at 254 Ponsonby Road and that was our top priority for council funding. With many competing demands, the governing body delayed a decision, asking for a business case, which we will work with the community to develop.

Because we believe in the value of our libraries for educational and community purposes, the board is going to fund the Central Library opening an extra hour until 5pm at weekends.

With our area known for its visual and performing arts, the board and community successfully lobbied for more money for the Auckland Art Gallery. We support the Basement Theatre, will do so for the operations of TAPAC in Western Springs and are looking at the case for enhancing 3 Ponsonby Road as a base for artists, adding value to next door's Studio One Toi Tu facility.



City fringe areas like Ponsonby, offer unique experiences. Marketing them more widely on the back of Auckland events is part of a plan agreed with business associations.

This year we worked with our local business associations to develop an Economic Development Action Plan for the city fringe - the area immediately outside the city centre. It was formally launched on 14 June at Studio One Toi Tu.

Working with the business associations, we workshoped and identified three priorities. The first is making sure the lessons learned from Auckland Transport failing to work closely with communities and businesses in Ponsonby Road and West Lynn are applied in areas to come, like Karangahape Road. That will keep the impact of disruption during construction to a minimum.

The second is to market the distinctive identities and heritage of the separate retail, hospitality and business town centres. We intend to do that jointly in the digital space, and by physically sign posting heritage walks.

And third, to reap benefits from major events like the next America's Cup, we will leverage them to bring visitors to the attractions the city fringe businesses offer. (RICHARD NORTHEY) [PN](#)

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Board members were on hand when a new Western Park playground opened and now we hope to see agricultural sprays soon end in the park, as in Albert and Myers Parks.