

Rodney Local Board Chair's Report

August 2018

The following report covers the activities of the Chair for the month July 2018, including meetings attended outside of regular workshops, business meetings, elected member training/induction, and administrative appointments with local board staff and members.

Meetings of the Governing Body, their Committees and Workshops

July 25 – Joint Governing Body/Local Board Chairs' meeting, Auckland Town Hall

July 31 – Joint Planning Committee/Local Board Chairs' workshop, Albert St (with Member Pirrie)

Chairs' Fora / LGNZ / Political Working Group meetings

July 9 – Local Board Chairs' Forum, Auckland Town Hall

July 15-17 – LGNZ Conference, Christchurch: my report below

I was fortunate to be selected from the local board to attend the annual Local Government NZ conference held in Christchurch over three days. The conference was attended by local body representatives from all over New Zealand. Auckland Council sent a strong delegation, and we mingled with local councillors, community board members, district councillors and chairs, and mayors, from all around the country.

The most valuable aspect of attending the LGNZ conference is always the networking and sharing of ideas with other elected representatives.

A strong and recurrent theme was 'localism', i.e. the devolving of decision making down to the most local base possible.

Among the programme there were a number of very relevant presentations, notably:

Sam Johnson, social entrepreneur (formerly Student Volunteer Army post Christchurch earthquake) – "Building resilience for a vibrant and prosperous future"; and the New Zealand Initiative.

Anyone who wants to listen to the presentations made at the conference can do so via the following link: <http://www.lgnz.co.nz/about-lgnz/lgnz-conference-2/2018-lgnz-conference/videos-conference-2018/>

Civic Ceremonies and Events

None this month

Subject matter / Project Lead meetings

July 31 – Joint Planning meeting re Wainui development (with Members Pirrie and Johnston)

Public consultations

None this month

Community group meetings

July 2 – Snells Beach Residents & Ratepayers Association (with Cr Sayers)
July 3 – Whangateau Harbourcare Group
July 4 – Omaha Beach Community Inc
July 4 – Warkworth Area Liaison Group
July 5 – Matakana Community Group
July 24 – Mahurangi Winter Festival of Lights Committee debrief
July 25 – Kawau Island Residents & Ratepayers Association, Ponsonby Cruising Club (with Cr Sayers)

Constituent, small group, and on-site meetings

July 24 – Meeting with Matakana School re proposed bus stop locations
July 26 – Puhoi Fire Station

Guest appearances / Event attendances on behalf of the Local Board

July 1 – TOSSI planting day, Tawharanui Regional Park (with Cr Sayers)
July 8 – Puhoi River Park planting day
July 12 – Warkworth Rotary Change of Officers' Dinner
July 13 – Mahurangi Winter Festival of Lights Gala Dinner (with Member Roe)*
July 14 – Mahurangi Winter Festival of Lights Laser Show

*own ticket purchased

Other

July 31 – Meeting with the Governance Director of Auckland Council re Local Government Commission recommendations follow-up (with Member Pirrie)

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