

Board Member Richard Northey's report to 21 August 2018 Waitemata Local Board Meeting

Events Portfolio Activities

19 July

Formal official opening ceremony of the Teed Street Laneway revamp, which was well supported by our staff and by local retailers (photo right).

1 August

I spoke on behalf of the Board at the Launch of the Light Weight O artwork tethered high above O'Connell Street. (Attachment 1)



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

14 July Bastille Day at Le Chef Restaurant in Vulcan Lane.

16 July Filming in Myers Park, Karangahape Road, Pitt St and Poynton Terrace

18 July Skinny Mobile Launch Orange Carpet Event outside the Orange Coronation Hall, 147-9 Newton Road. They must have used another Richard Northey for it.

19 July Filming of Skybus online commercial at Masefield Beach and the Harbour.

20 July Te Korakora on Federal event in Federal Street.

27 July Filming a student film in Western Park.

2 August KFC Edgefest in Fort Street

2 and 3 August and 11-14 December AUT Graduation Procession Albert Park, Princes Street 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, with its closure from Victoria to Wellesley Street.

5 August Hiroshima / Nagasaki Commemoration in the Domain Wintergarden which I spoke at (Attachment 2).

7 August Lumino the Dentist TV Commercial Filming in Western Springs Lakeside Park and in Beaumont Street.

7-9 August Short Film Filming for the Westfield, Newmarket Development in Ponsonby Road, Victoria/ Hobson St and Brigham St and Viaduct Harbour.

7 and 9 August Get2Go Challenge, Senior Schools Outdoor Activity Day on Arch Hill Mountain Bike Trail and Western Springs Park.

12 August Filming in Karanga Plaza and the viaduct Events centre for the Ps NZFI Website.

13 August Rail Safety Week Launch Event, Newmarket Station Square.

13 August Filming Flybuys New Zealand TV Commercial in Summer St and in Grey Lynn Park off Dryden St

13 August Filming Countdown TV Commercial in Grey Lynn Park off Elgin St.

14 August Filming Flybuys New Zealand TV Commercial in Beach Road.

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 Street.

24 and 25 August Tough Mudder New Zealand, Auckland awareness activation with a mini obstacle course, in 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 on the corner of Queen Street.

31 August Skiing in Vulcan Lane outside Le Clef to celebrate La Raclette, a French traditional winter dish.

10 September Wahine Take Action Event in Freyberg Place

13 September Hikoi for Te Reo, taking place in Albert St and Princes St.

14-16 Sept MECCA Cosmetics Store opening with a giant sized MECCA shopping bag in Queen St.

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.

28 Sept-14 Oct Light Boxes to display artists' works to be set up in Freyberg place, Freyberg Square and Bledisloe Lane for Art Week.

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.

10 Nov to 11 Jan Christmas in the Central City involving large baubles, lights in Freyberg Place and Lower Vulcan Lane, cut out Doves, Angels, Fairy Lights and Santa and Reindeer.

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.

21 Nov to 5 Jan Heard Park Christmas Lights and Baubles Display.

23 Nov-2 Dec Night Noodle Market in the passive area of Victoria Park.

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.

9 Dec Free public boot camp in Victoria Park

16 Dec, 26 Jan, 16 Feb, and 16 March Bands in Basque in the Basque reserve.

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, the Oceania¹ Section of the 8 Continents Marathon Events in Auckland Domain, including Football Road closure.

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 James Laneway Festival in Albert Park, Princes St and Alfred St.

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 Wonder Festival of European Food and Drink, held 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 south-western corner of the park.

14-17 March Under 17 Football Tournament at Seddon Fields

16-18 March. A renewed proposal for an urban polo game event on Victoria Park has been applied for. This will be considered on its merits. Past applications have been turned down because of their potential impact on the cricket fields and irrigation system.

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.

Arts and Culture Portfolio

12 July Basement Theatre Patron Night; and then Beethoven's 7th Symphony by the APO at the Town Hall.

19 July Opening of the International Film Festival with the grim Columbian Film: "Birds of Passage".

21 July International Film Festival Films "A Kid Like Jake"; 22 July: "Woman at War"; 25 July: 3 Faces; 27 July: Leave No Trace and Wings of Desire; 31 July Happy as Lazzaro: 1 August: Disobedience; 2 August: Cold War; 3 August: Zama.

1 August re-joined as a Member of the Auckland Art Gallery

5 August Official opening on the Stella Brennan Exhibition at the Trish Clark Gallery in Bowen Street.

8 August A busy official opening of a number of art exhibitions at Studio One

9 August APO performance of Rachmaninov Piano concerto number 2 at the Town Hall.

Community Portfolio Activities

4 July I spoke at the at the First Anniversary celebrations held at Harmony Pensioner Village for the establishment of Haumaru Pensioner Housing, the new partnership between the Auckland Council and the Selwyn Foundation (Attachment 3)

10, 11, 18, 19, 20, 24, 26, 27 July and 1, 2, 3, 7 and 9 August fitness workouts at Pitt St YMCA. On 3 August I won their Pickle Ball Competition.

11 July with Vernon Tava I met Ross Moffatt re progressing the Parnell Plan

18 July Chaired a meeting of the Problem Gambling Foundation Executive and then took part in a meeting of City Vision.

21 July For the Love of Bees Volunteer planting at Highwic.

22 July Tour of Laura Ferguson Trust Premises and presentation of their proposed urban polo fundraising event for March in Victoria Park. They will ask to present at our August Board meeting. Also “Everyone Eats” event of dinner with homeless people and others in St Kevin’s Arcade.

25 July YMCA Gold Midwinter Luncheon at Four Seasons restaurant, AUT and later the Child Poverty Action Group AGM at the St Columba Centre, Vermont Street.

30 July Parnell Plan Working group meeting and, later, Ponsonby Community Centre meeting.

31 July Meeting with Doctoral candidate Sho Ishigai re homelessness, housing and gambling issues.

1 August Housing Call to Action meeting where Auckland Council staff briefed us on Council’s homelessness initiatives.

3 August I delivered clothes to the City Mission in response to an appeal from them.

4 August 80th Birthday Celebrations for former Auckland City and Auckland Regional Councillor Lorraine Wilson, attended by Cath Tizard and Jonathan Hunt.

5 August. I spoke at the Hiroshima/ Nagasaki Commemoration at the Domain Wintergarden (speech attached).

6 August. I chaired the teleconference of the International Affairs and Disarmament Committee of the Peace Foundation; and participated in the University of Auckland Society Salon on: “Is New Zealand Still a Great Place to Bring Up Children”.

8 August Chaired a meeting of the Executive of the Problem Gambling Foundation

Waitematā Local Board General Activities

15 July I handed back my acting-chair’s role to Pippa Coom on her return from overseas.

17 July Waitematā Board Business Meeting

20 July Climate Change Action planning at the Board office.

24 July Waitematā Local Board Workshop re responsibility for Health, Safety and Wellbeing; West Lynn Auckland Transport project update; Downtown Transport Improvement Programme; draft facility partnerships policy; Community Grants Accountability Presentation; and Development Programme Office report on Midtown and City Centre Integration. Also completed my Declaration of Interests as a Waitematā Board Member.

26 July City Centre Network (formerly Inner City Network) meeting where Denise and I presented the Local Board update; then I and other Board members met Housing New Zealand representatives re HNZ developments in Surrey Crescent, Upper Queen Street and 139 Greys Avenue.

31 Waitematā Local Board Workshop; City Centre masterplan refresh; Community Facilities Monthly Update; Process of naming of two local parks; and Francis Reserve parking restrictions.

7 August: Waitematā Local Board Workshop. Discussed possible advocacy for Auckland to become a UN Women's Convention City; Project Streetscapes, the planned transfer of Auckland Transport and Water Solution services to Council's Community Facilities; an update on John Street parking and traffic issues; City Rail Link Update; Development Programme Office Update; Public Art; Pop Programme; and Quarter Four reporting. Then I met Adam Parkinson of the City Centre Residents Group regarding the representation review, where they are likely to make a submission asking to create a city centre electoral subdivision with 3 Members for election of our Local Board.

8 August Introductory meeting with Auckland Cricket and the Grafton Cricket Club

9 August Heard an impressive Parnell Business Association presentation to Board members

Auckland Council and National Activities

11 July Labour Policy Council meeting

23 July Local Boards Cluster Workshop at Devonport-Takapuna Board office re the Alcohol Bylaw and also NZTA and Auckland Transport issues.

25 July Chaired Labour's Infrastructure and Environment Policy Committee teleconference.

26 July Presented, and answered questions on, the Representation Review recommendations of the Governance Working Party to the Governing Body, which adopted all our recommendations.

30 July Diversity and Inclusion Workshop: Drop-In Session on Council Submission on Government's Seniors' Strategy where I added some comments; and Labour's Justice Policy Committee teleconference.

2 August Labour Local Government Sector Council teleconference.

8 August went to the Upper Harbour Board Office for a briefing on Panuku's Strategic Approach to Marina Assets; then chaired a meeting of the Council's Governance Working Party regarding the public consultation on the Representation Review and the Waiheke Board governance pilot; then participated in a teleconference of Labour's Policy Council.

9 August Council's Regulatory Committee Workshop on the Public Safety and Nuisance Bylaw including to ensure the wording of the public obstruction bylaw does not threaten the possessions of homeless people, a ban on scattering ashes in Regional Parks and the Rose Garden; and the Official Launch of the Auckland Plan.

Local Government New Zealand Conference in Christchurch

14 July I went on a walking tour around the still devastated central area of Christchurch. Went to the Canterbury Rugby stadium as one of just three bearers of Blues banners to

watch the Canterbury Crusaders eventually comfortably beat the Auckland Blues Rugby team.

15 July Local Government New Zealand Conference. Early in the morning I joined a very informative tour of the community-led earthquake recovery in Lyttelton where a number of major parks, recreation centre and some redevelopment projects are led and run by local community organisations. I was an observer at the LGNZ AGM which made Penny Webster a life member and had lots of interesting remits and voting. They narrowly rejected a call for Councils to call on their banks to disinvest in fossil fuels but those remits passed included endorsing creating a Climate Change Adaptation Fund; strengthening the Sale of Alcohol Act; eliminating single use plastic bags and straws; eliminating copper in vehicle brake pads; reducing the waste stream; and product stewardship for tyres. I attended the annual Mayors Task Force for Jobs Meeting which has renewed energy and contract work from MBIE on providing support for young school leavers. There was a speech by Grant Robertson – Minister of Finance, on the new review of local government finance among other issues; another by Dave Cull urging a greater emphasis on Localism in this country and an expanded governance role for Councils and communities; and a presentation on creating resilience from Sam Johnson of the Student Volunteer Army; I went to the Simpson Grierson Welcome Reception; and then had a very useful dinner with Labour Elected Representatives.

16 July LGNZ Conference. Kylie Legge made a very informative presentation about Place-making. Spokespeople for a range of Christchurch agencies presented on building new life. identity and opportunities in Christchurch. Spokespeople from the New Zealand Initiative and from Acumen Republic spoke on building strong local economic prosperity. Professor Te Maire Tau put forward the case that rates on Maori and other land should be returned to runanga to build their infrastructure and communities. James Shaw and Dave Cull spoke on leading our response to climate change and adaptation. Minister Nanaia Mahuta presented a Local Government Excellence award to Trevor Stewart from Rotorua- who has had 41 years elected in local government. I took part in an interactive session on building excellence in locally delivered infrastructure and services while Pippa Coom led the parallel session on climate change. The Conference Awards Dinner and dance was a highlight as usual even though Auckland won no awards- although Rotorua and Palmerston North each won several.

17 July LGNZ Conference. The Minister of Local Government spoke on restoring the four wellbeings as the purpose of local government and on the current Three Waters Review and the local government funding and financing reviews. Deidre Otene spoke on community building initiatives in Northland. A panel spoke on harnessing localism and empowering communities to succeed. Pippa and I then left for our July Waitematā Board Meeting.

Attachment 1 – Richard Northey’s speech at the launch of the Light Weight O, 1 August 2018

Tena Kotou Katoa.

Thank you for the introduction, welcome to you all, particularly my Waitematā Local Board colleague Adriana Christie.

My name is Richard Northey and I am the Arts and Events Portfolio Holder as an elected member of the Waitematā Local Board,

The Waitematā Board area of the city centre and inner suburbs is home to many high-quality public spaces, which remain the heart of our local areas, often defining their history and character and providing great places for people to come together.

Public art work such as Light Weight O helps to integrate art into our everyday lives and make art accessible to all.

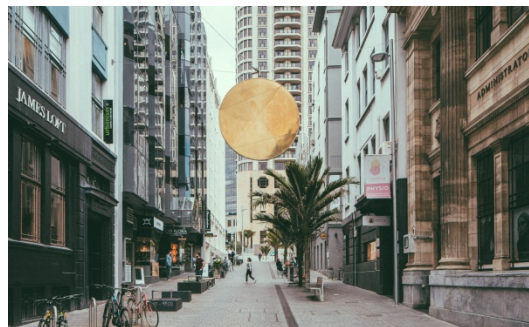
This fine completed Light Weight O artwork by artist Catherine Griffiths is the final component of the O’Connell Street upgrade and encourages those who walk through to look upwards and in its reflecting mirror appreciate the heritage architecture and surrounding environment. City businesses and residents

After Auckland became the capital of New Zealand in 1841, Shortland Crescent developed as a commercial area; service lanes grew to accommodate workers and industrial and craft workshops in what is now High, O’Connell and Chancery Streets.

These streets and the connecting lanes have passed through many stages. They have a rich and varied architectural history, evident through a fascinating range of Victorian, Edwardian, Arts and Crafts, Art Deco and modern buildings in the area.

The permanent artwork suspended between the two heritage buildings – 5 and 10 O’Connell Street, and funded by the Council’s regional public art budget and the city centre targeted rate, paid for by central city businesses and residents will now be held as part of the Auckland Council Art Collection.

Waitematā Local Board continues to be committed to supporting our creative community and are proud to be home to these significant art works such as Light Weight O that are both loved by locals and admired by visitors.



"Light Weight O" by Catherine Griffiths

Attachment 2 – Richard Northey’s speech for Hiroshima / Nagasaki Commemoration, Auckland Domain Wintergarden, 4 August 2018

My name is Richard Northey and I am a Patron of the Peace Foundation and an elected member of the Waitematā Local Board.

On my way here I went to the opening of an exhibition by artist Stella Brennan at the Trish Clark Gallery in Bowen Street. Stella has made a video which starts with a vista of verdant green land around the Kaipara Harbour. The commentary states that the National Government of the 1960s planned to build a huge nuclear power plant on the Kaipara, claiming that the power would be modern, clean and sustainable. The video ends with a Ukrainian fire-fighter who had fought the blaze at Chernobyl. He claimed he could smell the radiation, and that it had a distinctive metallic smell and taste, but in fact it was the smell of his body organs being torn apart and rotting from that radiation.

Nuclear power remains dangerous, not only because Chernobyl and Fukushima have shown it to be unsafe but also because its waste products remain radioactive for hundreds of thousands of years and particularly because its source of fuel remains integrally connected with, and is a by-product of nuclear weapons production.

Nuclear weapons need to be eliminated because they threaten the survival of human civilisation, they can indiscriminately kill millions at a time, and the radiation they produce creates a lingering death for survivors and horribly mutated children for generation after generation after generation.

In 1964 the French were forced out of Algeria and announced they would move their nuclear testing site to French Polynesia. I, and others in the Auckland Youth Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, immediately organised the world’s first demonstration against this. American and British nuclear testing in the South Pacific had already killed the people of Bikini and Rongelap and fishermen on the lucky Dragon. Now our region was to be indefinitely an integral part of the development of the nuclear war machine. Protests continued, we sent boats into the testing Zone from 1972, we declared our local Councils to be nuclear free, we passed the Nuclear Free Zone Act in 1987, and finally the French stopped testing in 1995, only 31 years after our first protest.

The campaign to eliminate nuclear weapons will require continuing vigilance and persistence. Many of us here will not live to see its successful conclusion. New Zealand’s ratification of the Nuclear Weapons ban treaty must be followed by a sustained campaign for a nuclear Weapons Convention which would see the nuclear weapons states steadily destroying all their nuclear weapons.

All of us can play a part in creating a just, peaceful and nuclear free world in our families, our communities and our Councils. One of the first decisions of the new Auckland Council was to declare Auckland a Peace City. Mayor Phil Goff, who has sent his apologies today, has acted in that spirit by banning two Canadians, who hate and fear ethnic and racial diversity from using the public venues owned by the Council. The Waitematā Local Board, along with other local Boards, is taking action to make the Peace City a reality locally. In response to the Defence Industry Convention held in the Council’s Regional Facilities CCO Waterfront

Events Centre the Waitemātā Local Board has resolved to ban events that promote, market or sell weapons of war from any of its venues. We have formally advocated to the Council's Governing Body that it, and its CCOs, adopt the same policy universally.

Attachment 3 – Richard Northey’s speech at the First Anniversary Event of Haumaru Housing at Harmony Village, Glen Eden, 4 July 2018

Thank you for inviting a representative of our Local Board to attend and speak at this auspicious event.

Clearly the residents here are enjoying and appreciating the work of Haumaru Housing and the improvements already made and planned for the future here.

This partnership between Council and a committed and knowledgeable community housing provider, is already proving its worth.

Research by the Salvation Army and others shows that a growing number of older adults will not have been able to buy their own home and will need healthy, affordable and appropriate bespoke pensioner housing.

I hope that the resources and policy can be developed to expand your amount of pensioner housing significantly to meet this need.

In particular, a growing number of less well-off older adults are coming to our Waitemata Board area to be close to their health facilities also to central recreational and arts activities. Our Board very much hopes that in future you can provide some of your good quality pensioner housing in the Waitemata Board area.

Thanks again for your welcome, your hospitality and for your very nice morning tea spread.
