

## **Board Member Richard Northey's Report to 18 September 2018 Waitemata Local Board Meeting**

### **Events Portfolio Activities**

21 August Celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Maritime Museum with the Governor-General.

3 Sept Living Wage Employers Celebration at the Ellen Melville Hall.

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

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 Street 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.

28 August Filming of TV Commercial for Tip Top Bread in Grey Lynn Park.

29 August Chicago the Musical Red Carpet opening outside the Civic Theatre in Queen Street.

29 and 30 August, H&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.

3 Sept Filming for Baby Mama's Club Website in Western Springs Park.

5 Sept "Moet" TV Commercial Filming at the Birdcage, Franklin Road.

5 Sept Pure Dance Danceweb Photoshoot Wintergarden and Rotunda, Auckland Domain.

9 Sept Filming for TV Programme, "The Wilds", Melrose and Roxburgh Streets, Newmarket.

10 September Wahine Take Action Event in Freyberg Place.

12 Sept "Baby Mamas Club" Web-series filming in Sackville Street and Reserve.

12 Sept and 9 Dec F45 Track fitness event at Victoria Park passive area.

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

13 Sept Filming for pilot TV Show "The Wilds" in Jellicoe Street, Silo Park, Brigham Street and Hamer Street.

14-16 Sept MECCA Cosmetics Store opening with a giant sized MECCA shopping bag in Queen Street on corner of Victoria Street.

16 Sept Battle of Britain Parade at the Cenotaph.

17 Sept Epsom Girls' Grammar Rowing Ergathon on Lumsden Green.

19 Sept Unitec Spring Graduation Procession from Albert Park through central city streets to Queen Street.

19 Sept Suffrage Day in Te Ha o Hine Place

21 Sept World Park(ing) Day architects building small parklets in car parking spaces around the city.

25 Sept University of Auckland Spring Graduation Procession from Princes St to Aotea Square.

27-29 Sept Air New Zealand Grab a Seat Whirl Win Machine in Freyberg 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.

29 Sept Moths and Butterflies Trust Family Day organised by 5 AUT students to raise consciousness about declining butterfly numbers, to be held in the Auckland Domain but then cancelled.

30 Sept The Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride charity motorcycle procession around inner city streets.

4 Oct Britomart's Street Kai on Takutai on Takutai Square and Gore Street.

4 Oct Tempo Dance Festival Opening: Aboriginal Kotahi flame and sand circle Ceremony in Lower Greys Ave prior to Q theatre performance.

6-13 Oct Art Week activities in the Central City including 6 Oct Changing Lanes Durham Street East and Vulcan Lane and 9 October Urban Village pop up art projects by architecture students in O'Connell Street and others in Te Ha O Hine Place.

7 Oct Pink Ribbon Ride for the NZ Breast Cancer Foundation from 10.50am along The Strand, Grafton Road, K Road and Great North Road to Western Springs Road.

9 and 5 Oct Visible Invisible Primary arts and musical activities in Freyberg Square.

10 Oct-25 Nov Armistice Day Crosses on Auckland Domain.

14 Oct Pink Ribbon Ride for NZ Breast Cancer Foundation, St.Johns to Western Springs Stadium

16 and 17 Oct Filming for "A Reason to Rhyme" about Hip Hop Culture in the Pacific in Grey Lynn Park.

20-21 Oct Diwali Festival celebration in Aotea Square with partial closure of Queen, Wakefield, Airedale and Rutland Streets.

27 October Pink Star Walk for breast cancer in Central City, Parnell and the Domain with Football Road closure.

27 October SUP Well Starboard Paddle for Hope Charity Open Day at Judges Bay Beach and Road.

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.

2 Nov Ponsonby Primary School Fireworks at Point Erin Park- with prior notice provided over a wider area.

2-3 Nov SkyCity Carnival including the closure of much of Federal Street.

10 Nov Powerhoop NZ Charity Walking Event on Quay St and Tamaki Drive.

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.

17 Nov and 24 Feb ACH Harbour Swim Series beginning or ending at Herne bay Beach or Masfield Beach and Point Erin Park.

18 Nov – 21 April “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 Association’s giant Christmas Bauble in Heard Park.

1 Dec NZ Yoga Day mass 2-hour yoga class in Western Springs Park.

1 Dec Lightpath festival organised by Bike Auckland on the Lightpath and Canada Street.

1 Dec 3/6 Battalion Handover Military Parade, the Domain.

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

11 Jan Street Talk 2010 08-Park Jam Exhibition Day Freyberg Place.

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. I discussed this with Kit Parkinson on 7 September and Colin Davis on 9 September of the Orakei Local Board re their experience with this event at Shore Road Reserve and Ellerslie Racecourse.

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.

25 April ANZAC Day Events, Auckland Domain.

4 May J Day in Albert Park.

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

### **Arts and Culture Portfolio**

16 August APO performance of jazz with James Morrison's celebration of Louis Armstrong and Ella Fitzgerald at the Aotea Centre.

17 August Art Gallery Members Curator Talk on the Walters Prize Exhibition and then the Official Opening of the Exhibition.

23 August performance of "Beautiful Thing" by the Ellerslie Theatrical Society.

29 August Performance of ATC Play "Filthy Business" at the Waterfront Theatre.

30 August Fashion Week Events in Karangahape Road at 460 K Road for Courtney Pellow and for Mimaforte and at Tur for woodturning and fashion (photo attached). Later that night I was at the Town Hall for the APO playing "The Prodigal Son". (Photograph below).

6 Sept Meeting with Artist Kirsty Black at opening of her exhibition "Effervescent" at Railway Street Studios.



(L-R) Richard Northey ONZM - Waitematā Local Board Member with Michael Richardson - Manager of K'Road Business Association, Cheryl Adamson – Manager of Parnell Business Association, Pippa Coom - Waitematā Local Board Chair, Lauren Kumerich - Marketing, Social Media and Communications Manager of K'Road Business Association and Adriana Avendaño Christie - Waitematā Local Board Member.

## **Community Portfolio Activities**

16 August Karangahape Road Business Association Meeting

16, 17, 21, 22, 27, 28, 30 August and 4, 5, 6, 7 Sept fitness workouts at Pitt St YMCA.

20 August Auckland Central Labour Meeting.

22 August Meetings of the Asian Family Services Board and of the Pasifika Advisory Board of the Problem Gambling Foundation.

23 August Chaired the Meeting of the Problem Gambling Foundation Board and participated in the meetings of its Committees.

23 August RSM Auditors Training Seminar on Reporting by Voluntary Agencies.

27 August Housing Committee of the Auckland District Council of Social Service; the Ponsonby Community Centre Committee and the Locally Left Meeting at the Grey Lynn RSC.

28 August Auckland University Alumni Relations Raising the Bar Seminars with Suranya Nanayakka re Humanity and The Machine at The Birdcage and Maria Arrandia re Donald Trump and Political Somersaults at Everybody's.

29 August NZ Fabian Society AGM.

30 August Funeral of notable botanist and environmental activist Trixie Harvey in Henderson.

31 August Random Acts of Kindness Day, St Kevin's Arcade.

3 Sept Central City Residents Group, Ellen Melville Centre.

4 Sept Meeting about progressing the Ponsonby Park / Plaza Proposal.

5 Sept University of Auckland Society Committee Meeting.

8 Sept Collect for Multiple Sclerosis Auckland at New World, Victoria Park.

9 Sept Participated in public meeting at St Columba Hall in Grey Lynn concerning the Representation Review.

10 Sept Chaired a meeting of the Auckland Community Housing Trust Board; attended a meeting of the Auckland Astronomical Society.

## Waitematā Local Board General Activities

18 August On site consultation and Open Day on the Western Springs Lakeside Plan where I met Peter Hudders (pictured right) who worked at Auckland City Council from 1951 - late 70's. He was one of the original designers of the park.

20 August Pre-meeting on the Board Meeting Agenda and other activities that week.

21 August Monthly Waitematā Local Board Meeting.

27 August Parnell Plan Working Group Meeting.

28 August Waitematā Local Board weekly day long workshop then meeting with Councillor Mike Lee.

4 Sept Waitematā Local Board weekly workshop.

5 Sept Meeting of the Community Liaison Group with Auckland Transport about the Richmond Road streetscape improvement project.

6 Sept Auckland Zoo Staff hosted tour of Auckland Zoo and presentation on zoo and Western Springs issues. A photo of me stroking a friendly 23-year-old tuatara is attached.

7 Sept Meeting about Boatshed and Helipad consents on Sentinel Beach.



## Auckland Council and National Activities

13-15 August Participated in the Victorian Responsible Gambling Association Conference held at Geelong. The attached photo shows me in my usual position on the extreme right.

17 August Meeting of the Association of Former MPs with a briefing from Councillor Penny Hulse on upcoming Auckland Council Issues.

20 August Regional Workshop for Local Boards and Auckland Transport briefing; then public briefing by CRL Limited on issues with the Central Rail Link Project

22 August Teleconference of Labour's Policy Council.

24 August Participated in Local Government New Zealand Zone 1 Meeting at the Manukau Office of the Council.

27 August Council's Chief Economist's presentation on the NZ Economy "Where Are We Headed Now?"

29 August Consultations by the Ministry of Health and the DIA re their proposed six-year gambling harm strategy with general communities and on 30 August with Asian communities.

5 Sept Chaired a meeting of Labour's infrastructure and Environment Policy Committee.

6 Sept Drop-In Session on Freedom Camping Bylaw.

7 Sept Quarterly Task Force on Alcohol and Safety in the Inner City meeting; Joint Governance Working Party Meeting run through.



Richard Northey ONZM – Waitemata Local Board member pictured (extreme right) at Victorian Responsible Gambling Association Conference in Geelong, Australia.