

Chairperson's Report – Kit Parkinson

Purpose of the report

1. To update the Ōrākei Local Board Members on projects, activities and issues.

Recommendation(s)

- a) That the report be received.

Portfolio Lead: Parks and Reserves (Joint); Events, Landowner Approvals & Leases; and Communications

Other Appointments (Lead): Friends of Madills Farm Incorporated, Friends of Tahuna Torea Michaels Avenue Reserve Community Liaison Committee, Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Reserves Board, Ōrākei Basin Advisory Group, Tāmaki Drive Protection Society, Tūpuna Maunga o Tāmaki Makaurau Authority

Other Appointments (Alternate): Mission Bay Business Association, Mission Bay-Kohimarama Residents Association Incorporated, East City Community Trust

Residents' concerns/issues

2. The Ōrākei Local Board office has fronted enquiries on tree maintenance, rates rebates, rubbish and recycling, drain issues, pest problems, footpath maintenance, parks maintenance, bus changes, grants and funding, speeding issues, berm mowing, dog registrations, tree maintenance.

Activities: 6 October 2018 – 2 November 2018

Date	Activities
8 October	Chairs' Forum
9 October	Chair / PA catchup Auckland Transport Update America's Cup discussion Arts and Culture Portfolio update Meadowbank St Johns Residents Association meeting
10 October	Te Reo Māori language training
11 October	Chair / Deputy Chair meeting Run through for the Hui to be held at Ōrākei Marae Outboard Boating Club Blue Flag accreditation ceremony Ōrākei Local Board workshop Ōrākei Community Association meeting
12 October	Auckland Transport Expo drop-in session Annual Passchendaele Commemoration Community feedback on wet overflows into the Purewa Stream
13 October	Mt Roskill Municipal Chambers open day
14 October	Presentation at Mission Bay Tennis Club – Rose Bowl
15 October	Agenda run through Regional/Sub-regional Cluster Workshop St Heliers Residents Association AGM

- Ellerslie Residents Association Administration meeting
- 16 October Parks Portfolio meetings – Facilities and Services
Carols on the Green meeting
Leases Portfolio
Ōrākei Business Awards – photos attached to this report
- 17 October Te Reo Māori language training
Meadowbank Community Centre redevelopment – meeting with community
St Heliers Village Association AGM
- 18 October Chair / RM catchup
Meeting at Auckland Transport offices
Run through for the Hui at Ōrākei Marae
Meeting with Oceania Health Care
Ōrākei Local Board business meeting
- 20 October Attended Diwali celebrations, Aotea Centre
- 23 October Chair / PA catchup
Onsite meeting with Parnell Cricket Club
- 24 October Te Reo Māori language training
Meet constituent in St Heliers Library
- 25 October Run through for the Hui at Ōrākei Marae
Ōrākei Local Board workshop
- 26 October Ellerslie Football Club catchup
Stonefields Community Centre catchup
- 27 October Auckland Transport public consultation at Sunhill Garden Centre, 317 St Johns Rd
Eastern Songbird trap handout at Ōrākei Domain



- 28 October Auckland Transport public consultation at Ōrākei Bay Village, Ōrākei Road
- 29 October Tūpuna Maunga o Tāmaki Makaurau Authority Hui – Whiringa-ā-nuku
Ellerslie Business Association AGM
- 30 October Board Report preparation with PA
Debrief and final report presentation - Ōrākei Business Awards
Tamaki Drive Protection Society AGM
- 31 October Te Reo Māori language training
Remuera Halloween celebrations
- 1 November Board Report finalisation with PA
Chair / RM catchup
Ōrākei Local Board workshop
- 2 November Remuera Bowling Club open evening

Parks and Reserves

Wairua Reserve playground

3. Works commenced mid-October on the renewal of the Wairua Reserve playground. Construction signs were attached to security fences on site, advising users of the construction activity, which includes demolition of the existing playground and installation of the new playground, including a selection of balancing items, a spinner, stepping logs and swings. This is expected to take six weeks, weather dependent, and progress updates will be provided to the board.

Ellerslie Recreation Centre

4. Further investigation is underway into the roofing options at the Ellerslie Recreation Centre. Options and associated costings will be presented to the Ōrākei Local Board.

Stonefields Heritage Trail

5. The planting proposal for the Stonefields Heritage Trail received support from the Ōrākei Local Board and project delivery will proceed.

Waiatarua Reserve car park

6. Works to upgrade Waiatarua Reserve car park are on track for expected completion at the end of October. The sealing, asphaltting and fencing works were scheduled for mid-October, weather permitting. Signage will be updated at completion of the works.

Repairs and maintenance in various reserves in the Ōrākei Local Board area

7. Fencing has been completed at Liston Park, to block off the rear of the building to stop intruders.
8. The bollards and fence at Anderson's Beach Reserve have been repaired after it sustained damage.
9. New weatherboards have replaced rotten cladding on the Men's Shed at Waiatarua Reserve.
10. Mission Bay beach and St Heliers Bay beach have been cleared of grass growing through the sand and mechanically raked.
11. Pothole repairs have been undertaken in the car parks at Ellerslie Domain and Madills Farm.
12. Non-slip mesh is being installed along the Hobson Bay walkway to prevent slipping.

Parks Award

13. The Ian Galloway cup for excellence and outstanding contribution to the parks industry was awarded to Jane Aickin, Manager, Te Waka Tai-ranga-whenua, Parks Sports and Recreation, on Thursday 18 October 2018.

Landowner Approval and Leases

14. Two land owner approval applications were received during September for the Ōrākei Local Board area. The first application was to operate a human gyroscope commercial venture at Selwyn Recreation Reserve in Mission Bay and was declined. The second application was from a private developer to install stormwater and wastewater infrastructure at Michaels Avenue Reserve to service a multi-lot subdivision and this application is being assessed by council staff.
15. Leases matters from the previous month/s are still being progressed by way of site visits, reports on new leases and lease renewals. The following area few being worked on:
 - (i) Tamaki Yacht Club (Atkins Avenue)
 - (ii) Tamaki Yacht Club (28 Tamaki Drive)
 - (iii) Eastern Suburbs Football Club (Madills Farm)

Community Awareness

Road Closures

16. Sunday, 25 November 2018 – Auckland Central Masters 'Bays Swim'. Swimmers leave the beaches from 10am to approximately 12.30pm in the area from Glendowie Boat Club to St Heliers Bay.

Michaels Avenue Reserve Community Liaison Committee

17. A Public Consultation Meeting is being held at 6pm on 20th November 2018 to present the plans for new changing rooms and sports club room on the Reserve, to meet management plan objectives.

Ward and local board subdivision boundaries

18. Auckland's first review following amalgamation, is designed to ensure the public interest is fairly represented on the council as ward populations grow or change over time.
19. Public Consultation meetings were held regarding a change in Ward boundaries for Waitematā, Ōrākei and Maungakiekie-Tāmaki.
20. Legislation dictates that Ward size is calculated in relation to the size of the electoral role (not population) in; and number of councillor/s for, each area. Research shows that Waitematā has 69,700 electors and Ōrākei 65,339, each with 1 ward councillor.
21. Moving the Ward boundary between Waitematā and Ōrākei by shifting Parnell and Grafton areas into Ōrākei will add 65,339 electors to this Ward and increase the ratio of councillor to electors.
22. To provide fair representation to electors in the Ōrākei Ward, parts of its southern areas will be included in the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Ward, bringing the ratio of electors to councillor aligned with other wards in the city.
23. Local Board areas will remain as they are, however the Governing Body Councillors will adopt the new boundaries shown in the maps attached to this report.

Tūpuna Maunga o Tāmaki Makaurau Authority Hui – Whiringa-ā-nuku

24. At the Hui held on 24 September 2018 the following items were resolved:
 - (i) Matukutūruru entranceway concept
 - (ii) Registers which were updated since Hui 39 held on 27 August 2018.
25. At the Hui held on 29 October 2018 the following agenda items were considered:
 - (i) Maungawhau kiosk
 - (ii) Stardome Trustee
 - (iii) Draft Operational Plan 2019-20
 - (iv) Registers for:
 - A. Health and Safety Register
 - B. Events
 - C. Media
26. Hui agenda and minutes between 2014 to 2016 can be requested by email to MaungaAuthority@aklc.govt.nz

Sediment - Hauraki Gulf Forum meeting – 20 August 2018 – Item 12

27. The 2017 State of the Gulf report noted the following in relation to sediment:
 - Sediment is a serious environmental contaminant that degrades coastal habitats and is toxic to many marine organisms (Airoldi 2003; Thrush et al. 2004)

- The environmental significance of increasing sediment loads has led to it being ranked the third highest¹ of 65 identified threats to marine habitats in New Zealand respectively (MacDiarmid et al. 2012)
 - Deposited sediments accumulate in sheltered estuaries or deep coastal areas where the energy from waves and currents is too weak to remobilise them. In estuaries, thick (> 2cm deep) deposits of land-derived sediment rapidly kill most animals buried beneath them (Norkko et al. 2002)
 - Thin deposits (1-7mm) also lead to a reduction in species' diversity and abundance, even in muddy areas where animals are expected to be adapted to high sediment loads (Berkenbusch et al. 2001)
 - Recovery tends to occur slowly after depositional events and can take in excess of a year (Norkko et al. 2002)
 - Sediments suspended in the water column also affect marine plants and animals by reducing water clarity, light levels, food quality and the feeding ability of animals
 - Consequently, the condition and survival of marine species frequently declines as suspended sediment concentrations increase (e.g. Hewitt et al. 2001; Ellis et al. 2002; Nicholls et al. 2003; Morrison et al. 2009).
28. SeaChange Tai Timu Tai Pari includes a theme on sediment, which states that the overall goal is to reduce sediment entering the coastal marine area to levels which support healthy marine habitats. This will, in turn, support more abundant marine life and fish stocks and provide greater opportunities for people and communities to enjoy the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park (page 130).
29. To support improved integrated planning and management, Forum members have been asked to contribute an issue-specific constituent party report on the topic of sediment.
30. It was suggested that constituent parties report on sediment if relevant, the following:
- a) How they will set and measure sediment load limits for the waters in their area.
 - b) The key issues to be tackled to achieve reductions of sediment entering the coastal marine area and any targets that have been developed.
 - c) Whether there are means available to stabilise sediment already in the marine environment and, if so, what is planned.
 - d) What research and policy work is underway that is of relevant to sedimentation.
 - e) Whether policy work includes examining the effectiveness of relevant legislation and/or regulatory tools in this context.
 - f) However approximate, any information on the budget provisioning for work, staffing etc for activities relevant to sedimentation control may help to begin the process of exploring the development of a system for "coordinated financial planning by the constituent parties".
31. Members were also urged to signal issues they want reported on in respect of sediment in the future.

Auckland Council's draft submission on the Residential Tenancies Act 1986 discussion document - Environment and Community Committee – 16 October 2018 – Item 9

25. The Auckland Plan 2050, recognises that security of tenure, particularly for those who are most vulnerable. It is an important determinant of social, educational, health, employment and income outcomes.
26. As housing affordability and home ownership have declined, more Aucklanders are renting. In 2013, Auckland had the highest percentage of households who rented their home of any region in New Zealand at 35 per cent - an increase of 18 per cent since 2006. Māori and Pacific peoples had the lowest levels of home ownership at 40 per cent and 32 per cent respectively, and by implication, were most likely to be renting.

¹ The threat posed by increasing sediment loads is ranked equal to the threat posed by bottom trawling. Ocean acidification and climate change were ranked greatest and second greatest threats.

27. Renting is no longer a short-term step towards homeownership. A growing proportion of the population will be lifelong renters, including families with children, seniors, and those living with disabilities.
28. Reform of the Residential Tenancies Act (the Act) provides an opportunity for the legislation to catch up with the changes that are occurring in the rental market. This will help to better meet the needs of tenants, and to contribute to the outcomes set out in the Auckland Plan.
29. The council supports the Ministry's intent to reform the Act and is submitting on the discussion document. Submissions will inform advice to the Government, which will lead to the introduction of a Bill to Parliament to change the law. There will be a second opportunity to comment on proposals when the Bill is considered by a Parliamentary Select Committee.
30. The Act is the main piece of legislation governing the contractual relationship and interactions between residential landlords and tenants in New Zealand. The Act:
 - states the law relating to residential tenancies
 - defines the rights and obligations of landlords and tenants of residential properties
 - establishes a tribunal to determine tenancy disputes; and
 - provides for a fund to hold tenants' bonds.
31. The aim of the reform is to:
 - improve tenants' security and stability while maintaining adequate protection of landlords' interests
 - ensure the appropriate balancing of the rights and responsibilities of tenants and landlords to promote good faith tenancy relationships and help renters feel at home
 - modernise the legislation to respond to the changing trends in rental markets; and to
 - improve quality standards of boarding houses and the accountability of boarding house operators.

Healthy Home Standards - Environment and Community Committee – 16 October 2018 – Item 10

Consultation on Healthy Homes Standards

32. In December 2017 the New Zealand Government passed the Healthy Homes Guarantee Act (no 2). This Act enables the government to create regulations that set minimum standards to create warmer, drier rental homes: the Healthy Homes Standards.
33. A discussion document on the proposed Healthy Homes Standards was available for feedback.
34. This consultation was originally released by the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment. However, during the consultation period this Ministry became part of the new Ministry of Housing and Urban Development.
35. Feedback on the consultation was due to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development by Monday 22 October 2018.
36. The document sought feedback on five healthy homes standards:
 - **Heating.** This includes questions such as 'what minimum achievable indoor temperature should heating devices be sized for in rental homes' and 'where should heating be located'?
 - **Insulation:** What is an appropriate level of insulation for rental homes and how should the condition of insulation be assessed?
 - **Ventilation:** What is the appropriate level of ventilation to ensure rental homes have adequate airflow in areas of high moisture?
 - **Moisture ingress and drainage:** Are existing laws for rental homes sufficient to protect against moisture and inadequate drainage or could regulations better protect against moisture entering the home?

- **Draught stopping:** What appropriate measures should landlords take to stop draughts in a rental home?

37. The discussion document also sought responses to two other questions:

- when and how should the healthy homes standards be implemented?
- when and how should the healthy homes standards be enforced?

Auckland Plan direction

38. Improving the health of Aucklanders and the quality of rental housing in the Auckland region is a priority for Auckland Council. This is clearly demonstrated through the Auckland Plan 2050, whose relevant key directions and focus areas include:

- ‘Improve health and wellbeing for all Aucklanders by reducing harm and disparities in opportunities.’
- ‘Aucklanders live in secure, healthy, and affordable homes, and have access to a range of inclusive public places.’
- ‘Advancing Māori wellbeing through improving the specific needs of vulnerable tamariki and whānau, particularly whānau who are experiencing substandard housing and homelessness.’

39. These statements provide a clear direction for Auckland Council’s input into central government initiatives to improve the quality of rental housing in Auckland.

Attachments

- Ōrākei Local Board Business Awards photos
- Local Board accomplishments by work programme
- Waitematā Ward changes – map
- Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Ward changes - map

Signatory

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