

# Anne-Marie Coury's monthly report 2018

1<sup>st</sup> October – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018

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## Auckland Council workshops, meetings and briefings

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| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct  | Community Forum – unable to attend |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct  | Board Workshop                     |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct | Board Workshop                     |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct | Regional Cluster Workshop          |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct | Treaty Workshop meeting            |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct | Community Cluster                  |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct | Board Business Meeting             |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct | Green Cluster                      |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct | Board Workshop                     |

## Other meetings

26<sup>th</sup> Oct Pedal Puketapapa cycle ride with Bike Kitchen

## Other issues/challenges

16<sup>th</sup> Oct Attended the Bay Connections monthly meeting to discuss issues and developments within Blockhouse Bay, Hillsborough, Lynfield and surrounding areas. Food pantries are being set up by locals.

26<sup>th</sup> Oct Wise Women Collective at the Wesley Market informal catch up.

Concerns about e-scooters from older folk unsteady on their feet, being easily unbalanced by the sudden, swift and silent movement beside them. Helmet wearing requirements written on the scooters are universally ignored, so enforcement of any safety regulations brought in will become a key issue.

Through emails and phone conversations, I am following the Seniors' Panel's deliberations with Dame Peggy Koopman Boyd, policy leader and chair of the Seniors' Forum Hamilton leading the changes as Hamilton progresses the Age Friendly City agenda there. Major changes with staff who have supported the Seniors' Panel and the retirement of Penny Hulse, will herald a new era in the development process. Local Boards have an important role in recognising the needs of a rapidly growing senior population, especially one where fewer seniors' will own their own homes and those renting will find almost 100% of their pension income is needed to service rental payments. Seniors in Auckland are at greater risk of income poverty than elsewhere in NZ.

Diwali events this month have been numerous and widespread throughout our area.

I attended one evening at Mahatma Ghandi Hall on behalf of Auckland Grey Power.

## **Disclosures**

My on-going focus when I am advocating on behalf of seniors in community forums representing Auckland Grey Power members, is reflecting the evidence that has been used to develop current Grey Power policies. I make sure to clarify I am not representing the Board.

## **Recommendation/s**

a) That the report be received.

## **Signatories**

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