

## Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board

### Chair's Report

March 2019

#### Acknowledgements

- Acknowledgement to Counties Manukau West Police, relieving commander Jared Pirret and police officers including supporting Superintendent Jill Rodgers for heightened response to the Mangere Bridge Causeway noise and disorder issues. Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board and Auckland Transport continue to work with Police for a collaborative response, as the Mangere Bridge Community and MBRRA requests. The collaborative workshop involving the aforementioned groups will be held 28 March 2019, with objectives and recommendations sought.
- A recent fatality incident occurred in the Mangere East community of a young man, soon-to-be father Arthur Sililo Brown, 26 years old, who passed away in Vine Street, Mangere East last Saturday night 9 March 2019. I have conducted a number of media interviews TV1, TV3 News, Radio NZ, PMN Radio 531pi, Tagata Pasifika, and AC local communication on tv and radio, to encourage the public, the community to remain calm and encourage those to assist Police Crime Investigations on behalf of the Local Board. We also express our thoughts and sincere condolences and messages of support to Mr Brown's bereaved family at this time. The full Police investigation continues to focus on the circumstances leading up to the fatal incident and bring those responsible to Justice. I will also be speaking to concerned community leaders in the Mangere-Otahuhu area.
- Some Mangere Bridge residents are very upset at the Tupuna Maunga Authority program of Tree Restoration removing 150 exotic trees beginning 11 March 2019. All complaints received by elected members have been forwarded to the Tupuna Maunga Authority chair Paul Majurey and Operations team. The letter from Mr Paul Majurey has been sent out 11 March 2019 to the Residents who are concerned at the Mangere Mountain Restoration programme. A number of residents have complained to pause the Tree Removal programme. I also spoke of the concerns at the Local Board Chairs forum on Monday 11 March 2019 and supported a possible solution for the Chair and Tupuna Maunga Authority officers to consider, regarding early engagement and education with Local Boards and our communities who live around Maunga.
- Ethnic Food Festival Mangere Town Centre courtyard a success for the organisers, who want to continue in this format.
- Otahuhu Family Fun Day, well done to organisers, and for Members support of this occasion enjoyed by our Community.
- South Auckland Poets 10-year celebration, congratulations to the Founders for their decade long birthday, the celebration was enjoyed by many.
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) initiative organised by Mary Aue and partners supported by strategic management Microsoft and many others, opened by Hon Aupito S W Sio, MP for Mangere, very successful event congratulations to the organising team.
- Congratulations to Mary Aue, Managing Director of Coconut Wireless, winner of the Toloa Awards Scholarship 2019 on Monday 11 March 2019.

## Other:

- Submission by the Board to the Governing Body Regulatory Committee, Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board on Freedom Camping.
- NZTA video clip discussion Future Streets, Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board local transport project.
- Attended Councillors and Chairs workshop.
- Meetings with Police Auckland Transport Auckland Council officers regarding Mangere Bridge Causeway Community Safety Issues.
- Attended Councillors and Chairs quarterly forum with Counties Manukau Police Local Government agenda.
- Attended Mangere Rotary club meeting.
- Attended Pacific People's Advisory panel meeting, providing an update on progress of work of council officers Bylaws Review Team and community leaders regarding Tatau license and practice discussion.
- Attended Airport Connect breakfast, Auckland Transport NZTA presentation regarding the ongoing and future work on SH20A, SH20B and Auckland Airport precinct.
- Te Wanaga Taurira celebration study year 2019 welcoming all Taurira, whilst expecting a strong enrolled student attendance of 700, over 1000 attended the Powhiri and community whanau day.
- Attended the Soul Festival at Ihumatao, a number of musicians and artists donated their time and performances to the Soul group. Soul are presenting their petition to Parliament Tuesday 12 March 2019.
- Attended Tupuna Maunga Authority monthly hui.
- Annual Budget consultation drop in clinics by officers at Otahuhu township and Mangere Town Centre to inform community. Submissions required residents comments and thoughts Rating and fees issues. Attending the pasifika fono Manukau 15 March 2019.
- Attended NZTA briefing update on replacement of old Mangere bridge project – NZTA provided the Survey results captured December 2018 alternative route under the SH20 motorway providing the upgrade of the underpass: new lighting, handrail, graffiti removal and four 24/7 security guards at both ends, two at each end from south of Mangere Bridge to north side Onehunga. The Review of the alternate route December 2018 shows people feel generally safe on the route following the improvements. 80% are very happy with the level of safety and 78% are very happy with the level of upgrades (see attached). NZTA are planning an open day with the community to re-introduce the consented design and will be asking for our local board input into that day.
- Attended the Auckland Arts Festival Whanui Project Pepeha – this has been a collaboration between Auckland Arts staff, community facilitators and programme co-ordinators bringing Te Reo, Samoan and Chinese speakers together to learn their 'Pepeha'. The purpose of the project is to broaden and celebrate our Maori language throughout the communities in Auckland. An event was held Saturday 9 March 2019 at the Mangere Town Centre square to show case participants Pepeha.

## Survey results - December 2018

Level of happiness with the upgrade work	Not at all	2%
	Not Happy	2%
	Indifferent	4%
	Happy	13%
	Very Happy	78%
Level of safety	Not at all	2%
	Not Happy	0%
	Indifferent	4%
	Happy	11%
	Very Happy	80%

## Alternative route improvements

