

## Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board

### Chair's Report

May 2019

#### Acknowledgements

- A shorter month due to Easter break, public school holidays, Anzac Day.
- Easter break allowed some officers to utilise annual leave to enjoy last days of summer.
- Public school holidays, meant a number of students involved in the cast of the 'Sinarella' practice to prepare for the soldout performances.
- NZTA have provided more information regarding the Old Māngere Bridge replacement - will conduct community consultation once the Tender process has been completed. Watch this space.
- Acknowledge the many church services and community events in Māngere-Ōtāhuhu during the Easter break 2019.
- Acknowledge the organisers Māngere Connect, local Police and other sponsors who organised the Vine St Māngere East rain date for the local community event. A number of locals from Vine St attended the 3-hour event as helpful many free giveaways enjoyed by local families' especially young children.
- Anzac Services 2019. Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board disappointed the Māngere Bridge Anzac Service 2919 was combined with the Ōtāhuhu Anzac Civic Service, however Members met 8am in the morning to lay our wreath and have a private small service. Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board Members then travelled to Ōtāhuhu by the Monument horse and cenotaph to join the community in the Anzac Service. The audience of all ages (300+) joined Returned Services Association in a short parade, and the new President Nita Ruru and outgoing president Murray Guptill who has service RSA Ōtāhuhu for many years. Murray and Angela Guptill are still involved with RSA Ōtāhuhu in a lesser capacity, acknowledge Murray Guptill for his extensive service with RSA Otahuhu. Well done to the Events Team for organising and assisting Ōtāhuhu RSA and those from the Māngere Community who joined the Anzac Civic Service. MC President Nita Ruru, Speeches by MP Hon Jenny Salesa (Manukau East), MP Hon Aupito W Sio (Māngere), Chair Lemauga LS, Kings College student leader Fa'afuhia Fia.



Pic: MOLB wreath Mangere Bridge cenotaph Pic: Members & Youth MP Ala Vailala



Pic: Otahuhu Anzac Civic Service flag being lowered Otahuhu RSA

- Acknowledge Anzac Service 2019 commemorate 500 Cook Island soldiers hosted by CIDANZ and Anzac Cook Island committee and members of the community attended this Civic Service.
- Acknowledge the Teine Toa Fiafia holiday inaugural programme held by the Samoa Women's Rugby team and Manager Tauanu'u Nick Bakulich.
- Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board congratulates cast and crew, Māngere Arts Centre staff for this excellent production 'Sinarella' based on the fairytale of Cinderella with a fusion of South Auckland talent and humour intertwined, local arts and musicians, with MAC staff bringing this together. Congratulations on the event and sellout shows on specific nights. A thriving performance hoping there is an opportunity to run the production again at a future date. Special mention lead actress Irene Folau and brother Saia Folau, director of Music.
- Attended the inaugural Pacific Pink Shirt Day at the Māngere Arts Centre supporting the Mental Health Foundation, launched by CIDANZ.

### **Meetings – Events**

- Auckland Play Forum hosted by AC Parks and Recreation and other partners at ASB Showgrounds Greenlane, a few members attended.
- Future Streets Bikeride event, hosted AC Auckland Design Office with Future streets leader, biking along all future streets investment in the original scoping area.
- Māngere Bridge Community Safety working group, are now meeting on a regular basis: Māngere Bridge Residence and Ratepayers chair and secretary, Police, AT, Mangere Bridge Business Association, AC officers LB CEU and LB members. The brief is to recognise the issues of noise, alcohol and anti-social behaviour with a draft plan and set of recommendations. Local Counties Manukau West Police members led by Snr Sgt Steve Smith and police members are now actively working in this space at the Māngere Bridge causeway on specific nights. Police continue to monitor those whom drive their cars parking in the clearway zones, 10pm-7am specifically Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings and take alcohol to consume openly or noisy boom boxes noisy. Watch this space as the MBCSWG continues to meet to sort Terms of Reference and action plan.

- Auckland Transport met with MOLB members to discuss their programmes of activation of cycling and walking in three specific locations in the Māngere area. This work continues from the Team in charge of the local project activation.
- Accompanied Mayor Phil Goff and introduced him to the Malaeola church service to say a short message, attendance 1000+.
- Attended Prime Minister Jacinda Adern short vigil service in Auckland with the Auckland Sri Lankan community and faith leaders, MPs and Sri Lankan community members.
- Attended Tupuna Maunga Authority monthly forum.
- Below is the NZTA concept drawing for approved consented old Mangere replacement bridge.



**(Artist's impression of old Mangere Bridge replacement – to delivered by NZTA)**

***Lemauga Lydia Sosene***

***Chair***

***Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board***

***8 May 201***