

It was an honour to be re-elected onto the Albert-Eden Local Board in the 2016 Local Government elections. I was inaugurated on Monday 31 October and look forward to making a positive contribution to the communities that I represent over the next 3 years.

Board work, training and briefings have started with induction, legislative responsibilities, Local Board Plans, Governance structures and other workshops on a variety of topics. The Remuneration Authority determines that the role of Local Board Member is expected to be 24 hours per week.

November has been a busy month for events and I have attended several including:

Local Board events

- Opening of Stage 2 of Waterview Reserve (BMX and Skatepark). Over 1,000 people attended on the day and it was the culmination of more than 6 years' work on behalf of the Board. It was an honour to cut the ribbon and open the facilities with Ernst Zöllner, NZTA's Regional Director for Auckland and Northland and Iain Simmons, WCA's Alliance Project Manager.



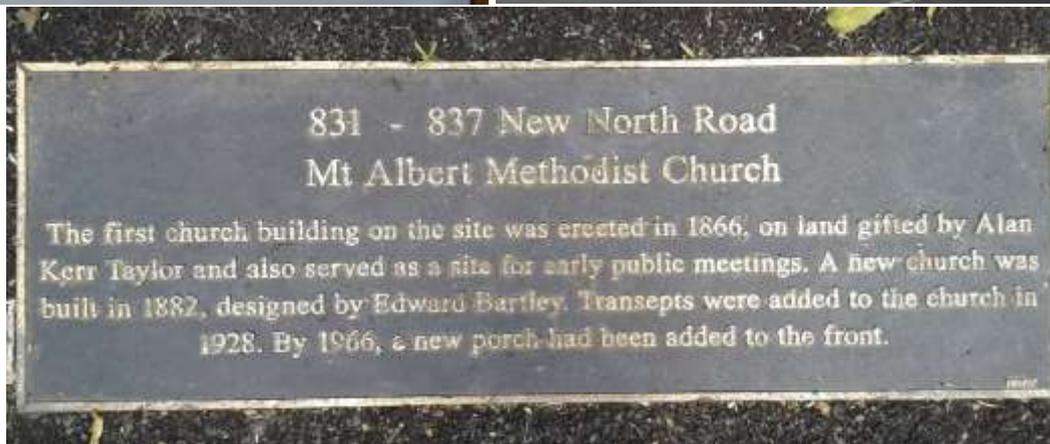
- The Albert-Eden Schools Cultural Festival where I gave the opening speech and opened the festival. 1600 students performed and 20 schools participated. The stalls were an improvement (with more schools having stalls) over previous years.



*Owairaka District School*

### Community events

- Armistice Day Commemorations at the Pt Chevalier RSA where I laid a wreath on behalf of the Board
- The Mt Albert Methodist Church celebrated 150 years of being present in the Mt Albert community with an inspiring church service.
- An open day held by the Gribblehirst Community Hub



*Mt Albert Methodist Church Heritage Plaque on New North Rd*

New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) events.

They celebrated:

- the completion of the SH16 Causeway project as part of the Waterview Connection project with a cake cutting by the Minister of Transport.



*Members Watson, Rose and Easte at the Causeway project event*

- A thank you to users of the NW cycleway disrupted by the Waterview Connection works which was held on Unitec grounds.



Other Council related events were:

- The Te Auaunga-Oakley Creek Awa launch day. This is a Puketapapa Local Board project with some small crossover into Albert-Eden to manage the flooding along the creek. A great community day celebrating the diversity of the area and the local community

- The Community Recycling Centre Open Day. It is hoped the centre will be operational in 2017 and there is another open day planned for early 2017. It is a joint initiative with 3 central isthmus boards



*Local Board Members Margi Watson (Albert-Eden). Julie Fairey (Puketapapa) and Pippa Coom (Waitemata) at the Open Day*

Recommendation:

That the Albert-Eden Local Board congratulates the Mt Albert Methodist Church on being part of the Mt Albert community for the last 150 years, acknowledges the significant work it has undertaken towards social justice, community spirit and cohesion and wishes the church well for a strong future.

Margi Watson

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