

## Quarterly report (November 2016 to February 2017)

Deputy Chairperson Luke Cole

Since the inaugural meeting of the Great Barrier Local Board on Saturday 29 October 2016, I have attended all recorded local board workshops, agenda run through, business meetings as well as all The Kura Kāwana programme workshops. The only meeting missed was 7 February 2017 workshop.

The following list are meetings or engagements attended of relevance to the local board role.

### Scheduled meetings

#### *10<sup>th</sup> of November*

Meeting with Megan Jowsey - Ministry of Education (MoE) representative and Angela Yaktri - Te Kura / correspondence school representative. Also present were board member Shirley Johnson, Rendt Gorter from Aotea Family Support Group (AFSG), Hilde Hoven and Erica Archibald – both local parent and business owner and myself.

Various youth were also there, we discussed the obstacles facing young learning learners on the island, and possible ways to address this.

From this it was agreed to move in the direction of setting up the 'Aotea learning hub'

#### *15<sup>th</sup> of December*

Meeting with Patrick Thorp of Growing Edge Partnership, Brett O'Riley of Envirokiwi and Judy Gilbert of the previous local board to talk about the intended Mulberry Grove concept plan. Several items had to be removed from the original concept due to budget, the meeting was to determine which features were deemed more significant.

#### *18<sup>th</sup> of December*

Attended the AFSG meeting to listen to various details about their annual / trimester report. Impressed by the scope of the AFSG work within our community. Surprised at how many people they employ within the community, relative to skills registrar

#### *13<sup>th</sup> of January*

Brief meeting/lunch with Phil Goff. He was visiting Great Barrier Island as he had freed up some time from his schedule. We discussed concerns and the opportunities that Great Barrier had to offer.

#### *19<sup>st</sup> of January*

Meeting with Shirley Johnson and Rendt Gorter regarding the creation of the learning hub. The hub would be to accommodate on island youth MoE representative stated that that this would in no way jeopardise the boarding allowance for students studying off island. We discussed logistics, funding (Local Board/ Ministry of Education/ Community Organisation Grants Scheme (COGS)), possible employees, working on creating a funding model, pay rate. Also discussed the visit of MoE/Te Kura visit in February.

*2nd of February*

Meeting with Claire Stewart from Auckland Council whose specialty is youth. Claire is in charge of overseeing the election of representatives to the region-wide Youth Advisory Panel. We talked about how there is a position available for a Great Barrier Island representative, and that we should take advantage of this opportunity. We also discussed the importance of youth having a say in the democratic process, and how this can develop a more inclusive Auckland.

### Less formal meetings of note

*12<sup>th</sup> of January*

A visit to Orama has allowed me to see the great work they are doing there. I had the opportunity to talk to the management about future plans, about how busy they are yet despite that they seem eager to incorporate a program that accommodates on island youth (mainly secondary level as they have had the primary aged groups up multiple times last year), which I believe would be a good result for all.

*13th of January*

Informal discussion with Charlie Blackwell discussing the possible installation of a community water supply to provide safe and legal drinking water to island residents who need it. Discussed presence of existence bore that is located at the Medlands quarry that taps into a spring that comes out of the rock.

*21st of January*

Meet up with Ngaire Avery to work out the number of students on the island doing the National Certificates of Educational Achievement (NCEA), raised the interesting point that a few adults are keen to go back to school and finish NCEA credits they did not achieve. Made a good case for the development of adult learning environment to be incorporated into the hub in alternative hours that could also offer various course, aim to further develop this.

*2nd of February*

Informal discussion with Scott Macindoe about the Seachange document. There seemed to be some concern about the government wanting to cherry pick bits out of the document (essentially just half heartedly pick one or two bits out of it that would be easy to implement, and disregard the rest).