

## Chairs' Report December 2016 -January 2017

Greetings, for the first Report of the new year 2017.

A quick recap of December 2016 activities, a number of Christmas Event invitations, as well as the final Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board Public Business Meeting. It also provided the opportunity for Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board with supporting staff, to host the various Stakeholders - Community Groups, Businesses and Committees, partners and friends to our annual Christmas Morning Tea.

Our Board Members were very pleased a number of you, took the time out of your very busy calendars to come along to attend the Christmas Morning Tea invitation. It has been a long and fruitful year. We recognize a number of challenges however acknowledge this is a great time of the year to pause, and look at the progress throughout this year.

All Board Members took the opportunity to thank Mangere-Otahuhu Community Leaders for the enduring relationship and ongoing work throughout - but also maintain the momentum of work with Auckland Council elected Members and staff. We reaffirmed the Commitment to assist our Communities in navigating through Auckland Council processes and procedures of important issues, viewpoints and as local governors thanked the generosity and support of many local Community, Business and Church Leaders.

We noted those in our Community, whom still go without the basic necessities, the homelessness of some families and individuals; importance of not losing sight of the constant work many Community Services, local Government Departments and Businesses who provide support where they are able to. Thank you to the many School Principals and Management/Staff for the 2016 education year of thousands of school students and other educational bodies for the year's successes; and to the thousands of Mangere-Otahuhu families for their work in 2016. We said farewell to a number of staff from different areas: Police etc staff who were moving to other areas, and other staff who had contributed successfully to our Local Board Plan outcomes. Sometimes these are not easy tasks and Perseverance is to be admired.

We thanked Mangere-Otahuhu local Members of Parliaments, Aupito Su'a W Sio Member of Parliament for Mangere and Jenny Salesa, Member of Parliament Manukau East, who took time to join our Christmas Morning Tea. It was a good time for them also to catch up with many Community Leaders

We remembered with much aroha and sadness, Matua Joe Wilson, whose untimely passing was very difficult for the Wilson Whanau, Te Akitai and Makaurau Whanau, and from friends afar our Local Board was extremely grateful we had gained respect, friendship, wisdom, comradeship and much knowledge of Te Reo Maori and Tikanga from Matua Joe Wilson. Rest in Peace Matua Joe. Manuia lou Malaga. We paid tribute to those who have taken their eternal Journey throughout 2016.

Elected Members and Auckland Council Staff will be taking well deserved leave throughout returning to normal duties by the end of January 2017. It was important to extend our thanks for this year, and wish all a safe and Merry Festive season.



**2017**

At the beginning of this year, the opportunity arose for Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board to join as a partner, Homecoming of son of Mangere, Boxing Heavyweight Champion, Lupesoliai Joseph Parker and his family. The Heavyweight Champion was being welcomed home on Saturday 14 January 2017. What a celebration hosted in the Mangere Town Centre. There are a number of videos and many pictures available on YouTube and on the Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board Facebook Page.



Heavyweight WBO World Champion – Lupesoliai La’auli Joseph Parker, holding his WBO title belt  
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Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board Members I-r Togatolu Walter Togramua, Lemauga Lydia Sosene, Aupito Su’a W Sio - Member of Parliament for Mangere; Tafafunai Tasi Lauese, Tauanu’u Nick Bakulich. MOLB Office.  
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## Annual Plan 2016/2017

Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board Business has commenced with weekly Workshops – Discussion of Work Programmes continued to be reviewed with advice received from Auckland Council Officers.

The Auckland Council Quarterly Performance Report Quarter Two measure results, which outline levels of Service and associated performance measures to guide and monitor the delivery of local services. It is the tracking tool providing information for the second quarter of FY17.

### Community

Through the Festive season we have experienced throughout Mangere-Otahuhu various weather patterns, with heavy rain and wind causing a number of Auckland Council callouts due to large Trees breaking, large branches becoming hazards. If you have issues in your area contact 09-3010101 to log the call of the issue, or contact our Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board Office open Monday to Friday, 8.30am-5pm.

### Rubbish Dumping

This problem continues throughout. If you see a problem in your area, contact 09-3010101. You are welcome to contact Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board Office also.

### Other

The Regional Chairs' Forum will be held this month, with a number of topics on the Agenda.

Tupuna Maunga Authority Forum – I have been successful in being appointed as one of the three Local Board Members to the Tupuna Maunga Authority. I am very pleased of being notified. The TM Authority will convene with the Chair and rest of Committee later this month.

### Governance Framework Review

The Report was released August 2016. The Governance Framework Review Working Party has been established; seven Governing Body Members to the Working Party have been appointed and seven Local Board Members will also be appointed later this month.

### Manuia

***Lemauga Lydia Sosene***

***Chair***

***Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board***