

Board Member's Quarterly Report

Deputy Chairperson Luke Coles

Attended all recorded local board workshops, agenda run through, business meetings.

The following list are a selection of meetings or engagements which I have attended that are of relevance to the local board.

Scheduled meetings

20th of February

Aotea Learning Hub steering group meeting. General discussions on how to get greater engagement for the Aotea Learning Hub.

24th of February.

Symposium in Auckland at Crown Plaza on delivering for Auckland. The all-day symposium gave local board members an overview of the latest developments and problems facing Auckland City.

6th of March

Learning Hub steering group meeting. Refinement of governance documents for the steering group.

20th of March

Aotea Learning Hub steering group meeting. General Aotea Learning Hub Developments.

3rd of April

Learning Hub steering group meeting. Funding applications and general discussions

21st of April

Attended Aotea Family Support Group (AFSG) monthly AGM. Listened to developments and projects that AFSG is already doing and what they have planned for the community.

1st of May

Learning Hub steering committee fortnightly meeting. Update on selection of Aotea Learning Hub coordinator.

9th of May

Learning Hub interview panel meetup to process submitted applications and select short list of candidates for interview process.

12th of May

Interview panel for Aotea Learning Hub came together. This consisted of Ann Sprauge (Awana Rural Women), Hope Munro (manua whenua), Robert Blucher (Regional Manager Northern -Te Kura), Megan Jowsey (Ministry of Education), and myself. This panel was created to oversee a fair selection of the Learning Hub coordinator.

15th of May

Meeting between Aotea Learning Hub and AFSG to discuss contents of the Memorandum of understanding with Ministry of Education and AFSG for the creation of the Aotea Learning Hub.

17th of May

Aotea Learning hub steering committee meeting.

Meeting with Judy Gilbert from AoteaOra Trust do discuss the development of online skills data base for Great Barrier Island.

22nd May

DGBI information center meeting. Discussion on the future direction and potential for the current island information center.

Meeting with the Coastal erosion team at Motairehe and Mulberry Grove. Looked at areas of concern for coastal erosion on Great Barrier Island.

27th of May

Learning Hub Open day, meeting with the community.

Meeting with Orama to discuss them taking on role of umbrella trust of Aotea Learning Hub.

29th of May

First of the community group workshops. Discussions with the Great Barrier Island History Research Group, Aotea Family Support Group, Great Barrier Island Community Trust, Aotea Conservation Park Advisory Committee, Windy Hill Rosalie Bay Catchment Trust and AoteaOra Trust.

Progress worth noting

Discussions with Paul McArthur from Department of Conservation regarding emergency water supply were positive and the department of civil defence have shown interest in becoming the department that fosters the project.

Long months of work on the Aotea Learning Hub have paid off. Orama has agreed to act as the guarantor for Aotea Education Ltd the non-profit company that will umbrella the Learning Hub. This has been a lot of hard work and it seems MoE will release the funds which will allow us to pay the coordinators to run the Learning Hub, creating an amazing learning environment for our youth.

AoteaOra have agreed to take the information from the skills survey done earlier this year on the need for businesses to be able to connect with employees, and use this to work towards developing an online skills register to connect employees and employers.