

## Board member quarterly report: Jeff Cleave

February 24: Governance Symposium: a must attend. This is an opportunity for new elected members to meet council's executive team and support staff. Relationships are everything and re-affirmation is an essential key. Also provides high level interaction for direction setting.

February 28: Local board workshop and my birthday

March 2: The executive leadership team came to Aotea for a retreat and invited the local board members to dinner...cooked by them, and it was beautiful. Also showed regardless of position, everyone loves OUR island and gave opportunity for all to relax and build relationships.

March 3: Local board workshop

March 14 - 17: Local board workshops in town, followed by collective (Waiheke, Waitakere and Aotea Great Barrier Local Boards) get together and a workshop on Waiheke Island. The three boards have a great relationship and the areas of advocacy can be aligned as have had in the past. Areas of interest, including Department of Conservation (DoC) input, appropriate tourism fit for purpose and the relationship to infrastructure. Also as tika, had a Powhiri with mana whenua, and was honoured as always to speak on our behalf. Good to catch up as always

March 21: Local board workshop. Dark Sky, Project 17, and the abundance sculpture thrown in board members discussions

March 23: Attended Office of Treaty Settlements meeting with mana whenua group, to find out new process. Annual General Meeting (AGM) set, and process on hold until after new board elected.

March 24: Auckland Transport (AT) meeting with Waiheke reps. Fantastic get together, meet, greet and listen to new integrated approach with local boards to design local access areas. So good my mate Paul from Waiheke, wanted to give them a hug. Shows an inclusive approach will garner support. Keeping an eye on this.

March 28: Local board meeting and organise mihi for Draft Aotea Local Board Plan. This Patere is an old one from a local kaumatua, and will wait until Te Waka Angamua, have finalised their process, Sorry for the delay due to difficulties with translation to English.

March 29: Local board meeting Nikki Kaye. Discussions around the learning hub, lifelong learning, and all options for secondary education for OUR children including social challenges, boarding allowances, educational challenges, and the long term vision of modular classroom. Also of interest multiple children, and differing island

wide culture, and the need to cater for these. Also Nikki supports the need in the North to expand these areas of support to isolated communities in isolated areas.

March 31: Accompanied Auckland Transport on roading inspection of Northern roads and investigated several culvert failures, to address multiple requests for service.

April 3: Dark Sky meeting.....we're just about there.

April 4: Local board meeting, a very full day. Also assisted with the Coastal erosion team to investigate the erosion at the urupa in Motairehe

April 11: Local board funding meeting. Always difficult to allocate limited funds to worthy causes. SLIPS, LIPS, LDI's, OPEX and CAPEX. Confused? Without clear direction from support staff, we would be too. Easy to advocate for the things we need....easy to achieve with the support we receive. As always, many thanks to John, Jacqui, Guia, and Dileeka

April 18: Local board meeting

April 25: ANZAC Day, no workshop scheduled.

May 2: Local board workshop. Community heritage, Dark Sky, and Kathy and her work on island wide skills and shortages. Also approved RMA resource consent course.

May 6: Attended the Ngati Rehua NgatiWai ki Aotea rescheduled AGM. Hoping for a positive outcome that did not materialise. Hoping for a brighter future moving forward with mana whenua, when the beneficiaries appoint new direction and leadership

May 9: Local board workshop

May 11: Coastal erosion team for Motairehe. Local board agreed to fund RC. Team decided on agreed appropriate approach. Why? In the 1970's the roading infrastructure, was supplied via creek beds, shorelines and wherever else could add value. To this end, 2000 cubic metres of medium shingle were removed from the coastal fringe. Imagine 4000 of our roading trucks fully laden, side by side. Impressive? Maybe then, but now we have the result of an ancient cemetery being slowly eroded, and bones being exposed. I will continue to advocate.

May 15: Hauraki Gulf Forum meeting. As per previous meeting, very emotive and challenging for the chair, and due to delays, an extraordinary meeting to be held in June to complete. Issues once again discussed around representation, attendance and duration commitments. Also raised was the need to concentrate on the environmental outcomes versus the governance of the Forum

May 16: Local board meeting.

May 22: Information Centre meeting to discuss opportunities for collaborative approach to improve this area. Great thoughts exchanged to progress initial discussions. This area can be beautiful if we think well outside the square. This was followed by trip to Motairehe to follow up above, coastal erosion. Thanks to Izzy and Luke for coming up North.

May 26: Local board resource consent lead training. It was great to revisit and want to continue in this arena for the benefit of OUR island.

May 27: Invited to attend the opening of a local board funded playground. Wonderful event, with a stunning outcome for a worthy group.

May 29: Draft Aotea Great Barrier Local Board Plan community engagement at the board office. A one-on-one session with community groups and Trusts to talk about their views of the draft plan. Three other sessions to run – one in Okiwi on 12 June, in central Auckland on 21 June and the last one on 26 June at the local board office again.

May 30: Local board Workshop. Discuss portfolios and any desirable outcomes/ changes. Of note on transport, I will take roading and all attached whilst Shirley Johnson will lead on infrastructure. This approach will work for the team.....different strengths and different approach.

Tenei te mihi nui kia koutou, nga whanau o Aotea Na Jeff Cleave