

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board

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Your Local Board – Maungakiekie-Tamaki Area



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Highlights and Achievements for the Year 2018

It's been a fast-paced year with multiple projects in the Maungakiekie-Tamaki area and I would like to thank my fellow Local Board members for their support and time in delivering the many projects we have had throughout the year. I would also like to thank the deputy Chair Debbie Burrows for her support and leadership.

In June 2018 we welcomed a new Tamaki sub-division member Maria Meredith to the board. She has handled the transition into the role like she has done the job before and has fitted into the team very well.

Achievements and challenges in 2018

The biggest issue coming out of 2018 would have to be the Open Space Network plan. This has been very controversial for the community and the Board has tried its best to get the feedback it needs to make good informed decisions around its parks and reserves. We have done engagement to the best of our ability and hopefully the decisions we make moving forward will please the majority of the community. Any land disposals will follow a process where community and local Board could object too, which should give some peace of mind to community.

Tamaki Pathway (a name for this path has not been finalized) - the new path is due to be finished in March 2018. It will be an asset for our community and we will continue to extend this path beyond the Panmure wharf to the new Mokoia Park that will be built in line with the Ameti project. We will also look to complete the nature walk in Wai-o-taiki Bay and look to complete the path in this area as well if it has the current community support which is being presented to us. Another connection for this path will be new wider paths coming from the Glen Innes Town Centre through Maybury reserve.



A new Marae for Ruapotaka Marae in Maybury reserve will transform this, once unsafe reserve, into a parkland rich in culture, and we are confident that with redesign we will have a new marae and space within the reserve which will include a wetland and a destination park.



A new Ngati Paoa Relationship Agreement was signed in 2018 which sees a new pathway for strengthening our relationship with this iwi.

A new Panmure Wharf sees an asset that will be used by all within the community including water sport users. We will continue to develop in this area of the ward to align new paths and access that will improve safety for all users in this space.

The Mt Wellington War Memorial Destination Playground was completed in 2018 and almost immediately families have utilized these facilities. We will continue to invest in our playgrounds and a new playground is due in 2019 for Commissariat Park in Mt Wellington.



A change of direction was delivered at Hamlin Park by this Board in Oct 2018 when a decision was made to house Mt Wellington Softball at this park for the 2018-2019 season. This will see the club have a permanent home, and we will continue to work with other users of this park in 2019 to address the need for facilities to support sports codes in this area. We will also work with community in this area on what they need in their parks and facilities.

Ameti continues to progress and works near the Pakuranga bridge has enabled archaeologists to uncover artifacts and information from the Mokoia Pa. The Board was privileged to visit the site and to see an amazing discovery of culture which has been recorded and saved and will no doubt be visible for community in the future. There will be a new park designed for this particular area which will have a very cultural and spiritual benefit for all who visit it. Ngati Paoa will lead this work and the Board will support where needed.



Two new Town Centre developments will see new and improved services in Onehunga and Panmure which will see underutilized spaces being transformed into active community places for all to enjoy.

The purchase of the Onehunga wharf will see community having input into how this space is utilized in the future. There are exciting times ahead for both sub-divisions and the Local Board will demand that we have good community engagement while progressing these projects.



Two graves at Waikaraka park have been identified by the Belgium Embassy as being of historic significance to wartime history and recognize these two women for their contribution to fundraising for the Belgium Relief Fund during the First World War. In 1920 they both received the Queen Elisabeth Medal from Belgium as part of a nationwide group of 14 women in New Zealand who received this honour. The Belgium government would like to honour them again by recognition 100 years later at their gravesites. The project is to refurbish and place interpretive signage telling the story at each recipient's grave.

The Waikaraka park Stockcars development and grandstand issue has been the hot topic for Onehunga in 2018. From a possibility of speedway moving to the site to a change where they were moving to Colin Dale park, this has left the Board with a grandstand that is designated heritage and is proving a challenge on how best to deal with the issue. We will continue to work with Stockcars to enable this activity to deliver its yearly program and await Governing Body support to deal with the issue of the grandstand.

On behalf of the Maungakiekie Tamaki Local Board I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday season. Get out and visit some of our beautiful parks and waterways over the summer.