Kaipātiki Local Board

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Members report February 2020

Kainga Ora – Northcote Development – 1 to 3 Cadness St

Sixteen new one-bedroom apartments have been recently completed in Northcote and were open for a viewing on 31 January 2020. The tenants will be moving into their new homes in the coming weeks. Previously there were two units located on this site. Each of the new single bed apartments are 52sqm and have a balcony and separate living area.

The viewing was attended by local board members, Danielle Grant, Paula Gillon and Andrew Shaw, pictured with our Northcote Librarians Karen Walters and Marie Sullivan.

The Northcote Development is a significant urban development for Auckland, providing around 1500 new homes over the next five years – as well as public and community amenity, including greenway and parks, located beside the Northcote town centre. (Northcote Development Fact Sheet).
Business North Harbour – Bridge to the Future – Stage one discussion document

Northern Local Board Chairs and Deputy Chairs were invited to meet with Business North Harbour for a presentation on an economic plan for the greater North Shore. The meeting was held on 31 January 2020. Significant growth is expected in the North Shore over a 25-year period, with the population suggested to increase from 413,000 citizens across the five Northern local boards to 640,000 by 2043.

Business North Harbour are facilitating several conversations with a variety of stakeholders to identify the economic opportunities for the North. An innovative discussion on transportation, employment, business growth, education and housing are some of the themes being considered. I look forward to being part of the ongoing work to highlight the economic opportunities for the greater North Shore.

Road safety improvements continue for our schools

It is pleasing to see the new 'Slow' road safety markings which have been installed at schools in the Kaipatiki area over the last few months. There are 14 sets of these markings. Our aim is to improve road safety at all our schools. This project was funded from the Kaipatiki Local Board Transport Capital Fund. It is even more pleasing to see the community’s positive response to the new signage and the slowing down of drivers around our schools.

DANIELLE GRANT (KAIPATIKI LOCAL BOARD DEPUTY CHAIR)
Kainga Ora - Urban Development Bill Local Board Submission

Local Board members, who are certified as RMA Hearing commissioners were invited to lodge their interest to participate in the Political Working Party for the Auckland Council submission to the Kainga Ora – Urban Development Bill. I expressed my interest and was appointed as one of three local board representatives and three governing body representatives.

I attended the working party on 20 January 2020 and shared various comments which were incorporated into the Auckland Council submission. I also prepared a submission on behalf of the Kaipatiki Local Board based on the draft submission. This appears on Item 19 of the 19 February 2020 agenda.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Auckland Council staff in reflected the feedback of the political working party and noting the various concerns raised by Council officers, in preparing a detailed submission. I also acknowledge the responses of my fellow Kaipatiki Local Board members to the Board’s submission, noting the very tight timeframes.

Manuka Reserve – playground renewal

The playground upgrade for Bayview’s Manuka Reserve, which was completed in December 2019, has been popular over the summer with local residents. As the work continues at Lynn Reserve - the main playground area for the community, having this new play space has been appreciated.

Manuka Reserve now provides a variety of facilities including the shaded playground suitable for a variety of ages, new basketball half court, Manuka dog park, toilet, water fountain and access to the boat ramp and the Hellyer’s Creek inlet. Located at the end of Manuka Road, Bayview – well worth a visit.

DANIELLE GRANT (KAIPATIKI LOCAL BOARD DEPUTY CHAIR)
**Northcote Tongan Methodist Church – Queen St Parade and Mo’unga Heamoni Youth Brass Band**

Northcote was entertained by the annual brass band parade along Queen Street on 21 December 2019. Joined by fellow board member Melanie Kenrick, the spirits were high as local residents enjoyed the performances of the Mo’unga Heamoni Youth Brass Band. Many thanks to the Northcote Tongan Methodist Church for creating such a special event.

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**Music in the Parks – Kids Music**

Local Board members attended the Music in the Parks event on 1 February 2020. This was also the first opportunity for elected members to hear from the community as part of our pre-engagement on the Kaipatiki Local Board Plan. This event was well attended and was targeted at a young child and family’s audience, something which is unique to the Auckland regional summer events programme.
LOCAL BOARD MEMBER MELANIE KENRICKS MONTHLY REPORT

Happy new year and happy year of the Rat.

I am not a prolific social media user however, I will be posting my reports. One small way to remain accountable to Kaipātiki locals. I hope it can keep you informed about some of the fantastic things going on, as well as highlighting some of the local issues.

Last year was a busy one for my family. Over the summer break we had a staycation. This gave me a chance to do many of the places in kaipātiki. Despite growing up locally, there were many places I did not know about. If you stay in Auckland over summer, we are blessed living in this area, beautiful bush, great spots for swimming, lovely parks and playgrounds.

Over the last few weekends I attended movies in the park and music in the park as they were funded through the local board. Holidays can become expensive for families; it was great to see how popular these events were. Thank you to the kids’ favorite local Suay Cato, I still have some of your songs being sung to me by my seven-year-old. (I often need a blast of guns and roses afterwards). Unfortunately, Chinese New Year which is another major event supported by the local board was cancelled due to concern about coronavirus.

LITTLE SHOAL BAY

One of my favorite morning walks with children over the holidays has been walking to Little Shoal Bay. Late last year at our last business meeting I raised the issue of freedom campers at LSB. There were evenings that the car park resembled a camping ground, with in excess of 18 cars/trucks/campervans. Following the erection of several signs regarding no camping at LSB, there has been a massive reduction, possibly one or two campers a night.

Many locals I have spoken with have made comment regarding the wetland smelling. This is unfortunately from the water going rancid, due to a lack of rainfall. A king tide is due next week that should flush out the rotten water.

There has been plenty of correspondence regarding other ongoing issues at LSB. Many thanks to some of the proactive locals who value this park and foreshore and ensure its protection. There are going to be difficult future decisions needed relating to Little Shoal Bay, so I will be keeping it as a regular topic for my members report.

TRANSPORT

Yay for funding the Skypath! (although it’s now known as Northern Pathway). Geotech work is beginning around Northcote. Construction hopefully to start early next year and to be completed 2023/24. Many have asked why the cost seems to have escalated, this is due to the much larger scope. It now includes delivery of the shared path from Esmond rd. interchange, plus connections to Northcote and Takapuna.

Northcote Wharf

Local Board were updated about this in December. Frustrating delays, this is due to more complex repairs being required than initially thought and opportunity to make some improvements to reduce weather related closures. Due to reopen midway through 2020.

Onewa rd.

Decision to trial making T3 a clear way is fantastic news; Shore Action have been pushing hard for this over recent years. This will not be the silver bullet to solving Onewa rd. congestion, however it will prevent many minor accidents caused by cars/buses needing to change lanes.

Ferry Service

Thank you, Chris Darby, for meeting with Fullers, and Harbor masters regarding delayed services.

I would like to support the work of Paula Gillon in advocating for reduction in the cost of fare price when travelling from Beach Havens.

MINEMOA PARK

I meet with Mere Roberts, who has been coordinating the Minemoa Park Plan with the locals in close vicinity to park. I have been impressed with her proactive engagement with many of the locals. The overwhelming feedback is the huge potential for improvements within the area.
I also spent some time talking to Rachel who works in the ferry terminal café. I was unaware of the number of tourists who are arriving in Birkenhead by ferry. (20 plus per day). The ferry terminal has no local maps, no information regarding Birkenhead, local walks, location of shops or how to get there. I will be asking Adrian Tyler who meets with the Birkenhead Business Association to raise this. I also left several Kaipatiki explorer booklets for her to use when talking to tourists. Birkenhead Wharf has an interesting maritime history, that I believe would be worth highlighting before next years America Cup is hosted in Auckland.

There has been significant correspondence from locals and clubs about the pontoon. Lack of a pontoon is significantly affecting locals recreational use of the wharf. It is also becoming a safety, practically in the weekend. I will continue to advocate for a solution and will be discussing this with Richard Hills.

CORONAVIRUS

Northcote has a large Chinese community. With widespread travel bans I am aware it is already affecting local families and businesses. I would like to acknowledge the concern many in our community are experiencing.

MILFORD WEEPS (WAIRAU ESTURY ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION)

I attended this meeting with member Danielle Grant and Cindy Schmidt. Milford Beach is deemed unsafe to swim most days. There are a multitude of reasons for this. Many of the problems originate in the Wairau Estuary which is within Kaipatiki. Both Takapuna/Devenport and Kaipatiki are keen to develop a joint approach. The beaches on the Shore are important to us all.

EVENTS ATTENDED

- Tizard rd. Resource Consent Hearing
- North Art Christmas party.
- Little Shoal Bay and Hinemoa Park Beach Cleanup.
- Chelsea Heritage estate summer picnic.
- Movies in the Parks
- Music in the Parks
- North art children’s art morning
- Le Roy’s Bushtrack Inspection
- Visit to Lynn Reserve tomo.
- Training at the council ‘being a good governor’
- Training at the council ‘standing orders’
- Milford Weeps (water quality issues relating to Wairau estuary)

I would like to thank my team, particularly John Gillon and Danielle Grant for the support they have given me over recent months settling into this job. I would also like to thank the staff who work at Kaipatiki office and Paul Edwards for your assistance.

I will be looking forward to next few months becoming more involved and getting to know other local board members better.

Melanie Kennick
Kaipatiki Local Board Member.