
Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Workshop

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Minutes of a meeting of the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Workshop held in the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Office, 1 The Strand, Takapuna on Tuesday, 8 April 2025 at 9.30am.

TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

Chairperson	Melissa Powell
Deputy Chairperson	Terence Harpur
Members	Peter Allen
	Gavin Busch
	George Wood, CNZM

TE HUNGA KĀORE I TAE MAI | ABSENT

TE HUNGA ĀPITI KUA TAE MAI | ALSO PRESENT

HE HUNGA ATU ANŌ I TAE MAI | IN ATTENDANCE

1 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Te Whakapuaki i te Whai Pānga | Declaration of Interest

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

There were no declarations of interest.

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Item 1 – 9.30 – 11.00

Community monthly Updates

Presenter/s: **Deb Doyle**, Community Broker
Michael Alofa, Specialist Advisor
Gustavo Ferreira, Specialist Advisor
Ruth Moloney, Community Activator Raki
Jo Holsted, Community Activator Taitonga

Governance role: Work programme updates

Proposed Outcome/s: Receive update on progress

The local board was provided with an update on the April 2025 Community delivery work programme

- The presentation included the ethnic community plan and an update of the Activators

The local board raised the following points and questions in response to the presentation for the:

ethnic community plan:

- Sought clarity around member turnover, Ethnic Leader Circle staff confirmed there has been no turnover, with one new member added. The local board inquired whether any support was required; staff advised they are working alongside Auckland Council staff.

Activator Taitonga:

- The local board questioned if a larger funding allocation to the Activators could be made available for community-led events (e.g., street parties), and whether the administrative burden would be manageable. Staff advised that this would depend on the outcome of the current review, and noted that limited admin capacity may

restrict fund distribution. Even small grants can lead to increased administrative tasks.

- Raised concerns about the Navigators terms ending in December 2025, and questioned how this would affect the activators' workload. Ethnic Leasers Circle staff indicated a follow-up meeting with the Navigators is planned to review what remains to be done
- Expressed concern about overall workload and the number of community groups requiring support. The board looks forward to the findings of the upcoming review.
- Inquired whether a lack of resources is leading to reduced attention in certain geographic areas. Activators agreed that even with more funding, impact remains uncertain. They emphasised that support cannot be forced if community readiness is lacking.

Item 2 – 11.00 – 1.00

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Item 3 – 1.00 – 1.30

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