

Report for Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board: meeting on 4th June 2019

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Since the last meeting I have attended:

ANZAC DAY service at Tuakau, 25th April

Along with all other members of the Community Board I attended this annual service. It was pleasing to see the event go ahead with the support of local police and Maori wardens. I was very honoured to be able to read the words on behalf of the Prime Minister.

Joint Community Board Meeting, 8th May

I attended this meeting along with Board Chairperson Bruce Cameron. This was a very interesting meeting and very relevant for our local Community Board as the main topic was the Northern Corridor. From the main presentation the partnership between the government, various agencies (NZTA, neighbouring councils) and the Waikato District council was apparent. A good overview was provided of planned development between Auckland and Hamilton and the infrastructural projects that need to occur to support this development including the Auckland to Hamilton train service.

Sod turning ceremony at Port Waikato surf-life saving club 25th May

I attended this ceremony. Jacqui Church and I were the representatives from the Community Board. It was a beautiful afternoon at the Port for this event and it was good to see it was well supported by members of the local community and their dogs. From the speeches by Malcom Hood and the CEO of surf-life saving it was apparent that this is a large project for the organisation and due to Malcolm and the clubs efforts in fundraising will be a debt free project with all the required funding obtained prior to the build. Malcolm rightly so was acknowledged for the leadership and efforts that he has put into this project.

OTCB projects

One of my projects was the Tuakau swimming pool and the current charges which could be barrier to usage given Pukekohe pool is free for children. I have been trying to obtain information about the dollars obtained from admissions so that the Community Board can consider if they are able to support a project that would make entry free for children. I obtained some financial information thanks to Shaun but the level of detail needed was not provided. Given the management of the pool is 'contracted out' I will now see if I can obtain the information needed from the contractor. It is likely the contractor will consider this 'commercially sensitive' information but hopefully once they understand the purpose for seeking the information hopefully they will be able to provide some information that will be useful.

This month I plan to organise a time to have a discussion with Shaun about the proposed Tuakau Multi-function recreational centre – my other project that I were scheduled to work together on.

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