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Special Thank you to the Whau Local Board. A very **BIG Special Thank you** to The Trusts Community Foundation (Portage Trust) for their ongoing support of Avondale, through the ABA, as without you, this event would not have been possible. Special Thank you to our **'Give Back to the Community'** initiative... **Felice Hair Design** & for the **Avondale Appliance Centre** for the FREE giveaway prizes on the night. Thank you also to the Community Groups, Schools & Church groups for your support. What a turn out. Thank you also to the Community at large for the support, Stella Gibbons & Crew and our lovable Gordon Gibbons for always willing to do what you do best for the children. Thank you and God Bless & Keep you all Safe throughout the Festive Season.



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Whau Local Board Meetings

At the December 2014 meeting of the Whau Local Board, the following were among the items discussed.

Deputations

Sam Morrison of Whau the People reported back to the Board on the recent Whau Arts Festival.

Kirstin Howard and Ivan Lovich co-ordinators of the La Rosa Gardens Reserve Community Orchard Group gave a presentation on the potential for a walkway between La Rosa Gardens Reserve and Godley Road via 83B Godley Road.

Public Forum

Sandra Tesimale and Latu Fonua of New Lynn Tongan Methodist Church asked for funding to host a community event on 30 January to address family issues such as youth suicides, bullying and family violence.

Whau Local Board Chairman's Report

We have some very good news to share with Whau residents and in particular the Avondale community. Depending on an average 3.5% rates increase being supported through the Long Term Plan (LTP) consultation, Whau could benefit with funding for a replacement Avondale Community centre \$2.3 million 2016/2017 and \$2.2 million in 2017/2018, and also \$6 million for Whau recreation centre provision. These figures are in the draft LTP budget which will be finalised for consultation by the Governing Body on December 18.

The LTP public consultation period will then run from January to March 2015 and the rate increase will be one of many significant decisions to be finalised by the Governing Body in June 2015. We urge you to submit to the LTP consultation to help ensure that these major local projects go ahead.

We acknowledge that recent Avondale Community Actions' presentations to the Governing Body have helped to effectively put the Avondale Community Centre replacement and surrounding quality development to the forefront of the discussion.

With regards to development activity, a quality housing development is envisaged at the currently council owned 22-24 Racecourse Parade site in Avondale. Auckland Council Property Ltd, a council controlled organisation (CCO), will be seeking expressions of interest from developers in March next year. Quality development criteria will be included in the Expression of Interest document informed by the combined recommendations of our local board and the Avondale Community Action group.

Additionally a new CCO, called Development Auckland is proposed to be established. The proposed new CCO, a merger of ACPL and Waterfront Auckland, would enable delivery of public and private infrastructure, including housing across Auckland. Avondale would likely be an area of interest for Development Auckland.

By February next year we will have an exciting new technology enabled basketball court, "The Boroughs", provided through a partnership agreement between Spark and Auckland Council. Situated behind the Avondale Spider on the former Avondale netball courts, this youth facility will be complemented by other active spaces that the local board is also progressing.

Avondale Intermediate School is proposing to cover and heat its swimming pool with potential funding from both the Western Joint Funding Committee and the Central Facilities partnership committee. Both committees are looking favourably on the first stage of these applications and we will keep you updated on progress. Improved netball court surfaces, and tennis facilities at Avondale College is another area up for funding support that will add further to our residents' access to sporting and recreational activities, which is one of our local board plan priority outcomes.

Board Members reports

Board Member Duncan Macdonald advised around 800-1000 attended the Carols by Spiderlight on 7 December.

Board Member Susan Zhu spoke about youth initiatives in the

area, including those assisting youth into employment.

Auckland Transport Report

Footpath renewal

Auckland Transport is unable to progress a programme of new footpaths in 2014/15 due to budgetary constraints and a high volume of other schemes going to construction. It is hoped to restart the programme in 2015/16, subject to funding becoming available through the Long Term Plan.

New Lynn to Waterview shared path project process

The topographical surveys and processing of data has been completed for the route and the alternative alignments. All geotechnical testing has been completed including the logging of core samples, hand auger samples and contamination assessment samples. Auckland Transport has prepared the likely shared path route for media and consultation purposes and have started to discuss the proposal with Kiwirail property and Cycle Action Auckland.

Pending Issues

Roading Corridor Weed Control in the Whau Ward.

The Local Board has requested information on weed control in the road corridor. Auckland Transport will arrange a workshop with the Local Board February 2015 to discuss weed control in the Whau Ward.

Antisocial use of cars in Lansford Crescent.

Auckland Transport is processing a Bylaw "Car Curfew" which will assist the police to undertake enforcement in the commercial areas to mitigate the antisocial use of cars.

Avondale Town Centre Parking Assessment.

A request from the Local Board that they be part of the assessment process in regards to the Avondale Parking Plan.

Converting the St George's Road, St Jude Street & Great North Road, Avondale, Roundabout to traffic lights.

Auckland Transport has added the potential signalisation of this roundabout onto our Signals Programme, however due to the significant costs associated with this proposal, the priority of this intersection is low and unlikely to go ahead, when compared to other intersections with more serious safety issues that are waiting for signalisation.

Victor Street speed table.

Auckland Transport has received the counts from the surveyor and has assessed these against the warrant. The numbers are insufficient to justify converting the facility into a zebra crossing. However, pedestrian numbers meet a warrant for the refuge island and side islands which are currently there. Based on the survey results Auckland Transport will not be making any further changes.

Community Centre hire charges

The local board has been concerned for some time with the impact of the new hire fees and charges introduced at 1 July 2014 on local community group use of the New Lynn and Avondale Community Centres. Its particular concern was the anomalies between fees charged for similar or larger spaces at the New Lynn Community Centre and Avondale Community Centre. Local board members were fielding complaints from the local community about the increased costs for their group and not being able to afford to hire these spaces anymore.

In response to workshops with the local board, council staff were asked to propose adjustments that would rationalise the fees charged for peak and off peak standard hire for the three largest spaces at New Lynn and Avondale Community Centres. The recommended increase at New Lynn Community Centre to the current standard peak and off peak hire fee rates varies between \$8 to \$20 per hour. At Avondale Community Centre the recommended adjustment to rationalise the hire fees for standard peak and off peak rates is a recommended decrease of \$10 per hour peak, \$8 per hour off peak.

Board resolved to retain the charges at New Lynn Community Centre at the current rates, but agreed with the recommended decreases at Avondale.



the Chairman's Chat



Duncan Macdonald
JP
Chairman
Avondale Business
Association and
Avondale Community
Society Inc.

New Café ..

With the opening of the New Bistro Café, Woodworx, 1786 Great North Road, this means Avondale can boast more Café's on its Mainstreet than are at New Lynn, including the Mall. So there is definitely no shortage of a decent coffee in Avondale.

It is quite interesting watching Avondale change over the years, Big Retailers and Banks all gone to be replaced by Café's and service providers, that is the way of Mainstreet World wide. 20-years ago Avondale was choka with 2nd hand shops, now its \$2 Shops, which resemble the McKenzies on Queen Street in the 60's.

Laundromats...

Laundromats also seem to be the latest fashion. I can count between Waterview and St. Georges Road, 7 of them now. I can't be doing my job really well selling Washing Machines? or is it the change in Society that says, 'take it all to the Laundromat and lets go to the beach'..?

Christmas is a great time for musing about the past and meeting up with family. I like nothing better than a quiet read under my old Lemon Tree.
I hope you all have a Peaceful Holiday.

Duncan Macdonald.



JUST FOR A LAUGH...



MISSING WIFE

A husband went to police station to report his missing wife:
Husband : I've lost my wife, she went shopping yesterday and has still not come home.

Sergeant : What is her height ?

Husband : Oh, 5 something . . .

Sergeant : Build?

Husband : Not slim, not really fat.

Sergeant : Colour of eyes?

Husband : Never noticed.

Sergeant : Colour of hair?

Husband : Changes according to season.

Sergeant : What was she wearing?

Husband : Dress/suit/blue jeans -- I don't remember exactly.

Sergeant : Did she go in a car?

Husband : yes.

Sergeant : What kind of car was it?

Husband : 2015 Corvette Stingray 3LT with the Z51 Performance Package, shark gray metallic paint, with the 6.2 litre V8 engine with Direct Injection generating 460 HP. 8-speed paddle-shift automatic transmission, and GT bucket seats, and has a very thin scratch on the front left door.

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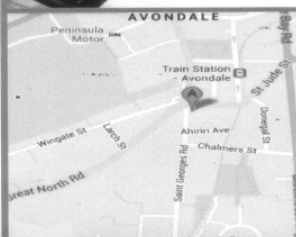
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Dr Tim Little (B.D.S. Otago)



Tim has been highly involved in the Auckland Dental Association. He was president for 2 years before handing this position over and still involves himself by continuing to support the new President and the executive. With Tim's experience he was also called on to help as a Chairman on the peer review committee. Tim is also a foundation member of the New Zealand Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry. He also has a keen interest to continue with further education on implant surgery. Tim's outside interests include spending time with his family and their three teenage children. He is a keen skier and in the summer months windsurfs, cycles and supports his kids with their sailing.

Dr Victor Young (B.D.S. Otago)



Victor graduated from the University of Otago in 1985 and has been a partner at Avondale Dental since 1990. He is an Auckland Dental Association Welfare Officer, helping his colleagues in times of need. Victor is also a Dental Mentor, helping other dentists with issues in the business and clinical aspects of dentistry. He is a Foundation Member of the New Zealand Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry. He enjoys delivering high quality dentistry with a caring, personal approach to all his patients. Victor loves to relax with a good game of tennis and is a keen skier and golfer. He is married to Liz and they have two teenage children.

Priya Associate Dentist Dr Priya Singh Reid (B.D.S. Otago)



After graduating from Otago University in 1997, Priya started her dental career in Hamilton before moving to Auckland in 2000. She has been in private practice in Auckland since. Priya is a member of the Auckland Dental Association and the Auckland Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry. She is passionate about providing high quality, long term, reliable and friendly care for her patients. Outside of work Priya loves spending time with her family. She also enjoys staying active and is a keen cook.

Hygienist Jelena Knezevic (BHSc Oral Health)



Jelena is a dual qualified Dental Hygienist and Therapist. She worked for 5 years as a registered nurse prior to moving to New Zealand in 2001. She has always enjoyed working in an environment where she can help people. She decided to explore a new avenue and qualified at AUT with a Bachelor Degree in Oral Health. Her ambition is to help people in achieving optimal oral health. Outside of work she loves to relax with a good book, and when the need arises to get a bit more active likes to get involved with a bit of DIY.

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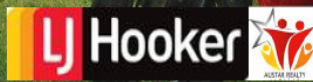
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Don't let presents be visible through windows.

If you are going away, check your vehicle to make sure it's all safe and working and up to a long trip.

Tell your neighbours and ask them to collect your mail, cancel the papers, install lights on timers, and don't close all the curtains - maybe get the neighbour to park one of their cars in your place. Common sense stuff, folks - Think Prevention!!



SIRENS & SOUNDS!

What an awesome day all the NPT and NSP members had, joining together with our community to put on this event for you!

Several thousand people turned up, the weather was pleasant, and there was some fantastic local talent on stage. The whole day had a really positive vibe, and we appreciated all the feedback from the attendees - it will no doubt return next year.

A huge "THANK-YOU" to the organising committee, who worked very hard over many months to pull everything together, and to the great support from many businesses, vendors, and Auckland Council.

The NPT and others will be out in the Wolverson/Miranda St areas in the second week of December, conducting street surveys as part of our final preparations for shifting the NPT boundary into that part of Avondale as well, so look out for us, engage with us, and have your voice heard about your neighbourhood. Let's work together!

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Lower alcohol limit for drivers 20 and over December 1



New Zealand Government

It would be wonderful to think we wouldn't catch any local residents or workers over the Christmas period with the new drink-driving limits coming into effect. Especially with the usual end-of-year work functions providing alcohol - host responsibility is very important as well - make sure there are non-alcoholic drinks and proper food available (nuts and chips don't cut it anymore).

The new limit is now only 250 mgms of alcohol per litre of breath, and so it won't take too much to be over.

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