



# NEW LYNN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

The NLBA executive are volunteers who are nominated on an annual basis to represent local business and their customers views to the appropriate decision making bodies. The NLBA advocates for betterment alongside our aim of 'Promoting New Lynn as a destination for shopping, work and living'.

Auckland Council and NLBA executive aim to develop New Lynn into a Metropolitan Centre. New Lynn is an area that hosts an Integrated Transport Centre, new housing developments and is progressing the goal of being a Metropolitan Centre. We have, as a business and community, had our share of challenges. Some of those recent challenges have been: traffic, changes to the 2010-2030 New Lynn Urban Plan, flooding and issues related to homelessness, rough sleeping and begging.

Recently, we worked with the TTCFL, the Whau Local Board and our manager to install additional CCTV's as this is an area of concern to members. \$25,000 has been spent recently on this project and we are pleased to say we are seeing the benefits of the project. CCTV's can also be helpful in an emergency, such as the recent New Lynn flooding, if located in the area as they can be used to identify and observe emergency situations.



Jo Kiro - NLBA Chairperson



Warren Piper - NLBA Deputy Chair

Last month our members were invited to join the Whau Local Board, Auckland Council and Auckland Transport to discuss the flooding situation that occurred on Great North Road. Over 110 NLBA members and other interested business people attended. As a result we were informed on the current situation, actions going forward and were notified of a 'Working Party' being established. More information on the working party is outlined in this Newsletter.

### New Lynn Business Association Executive Team

## WHAU LOCAL BOARD UPDATE

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the New Lynn business community for working closely with the Whau Local Board during this past difficult time. The flooding has been a major disruption to business continuity (in parts of New Lynn) and had a substantial effect on some of our community. Our team have been working together closely to ensure the best outcomes and that you are provided the necessary Civil Defence, Transport and Council support. We would like to acknowledge Jo Kiro and the team for information sharing, giving us your views and for being part of the team to work through this time.

Susan Zhu, the Whau Local Board Deputy Chairperson, Derek Battersby and the Board Chair have been conscious of the challenges people have faced in the past few weeks.

I would like to acknowledge Hon. MP Carmel Sepuloni who was on site for many days and hours to assist us with this emergency situation. Carmel attended board meetings with the working team and was a constant in being an advocate for your business area and for the community.

The Whau Local Board elected members have been working with the community on the Draft Annual Plan and budgets and we strongly recommend that you, as business people to provide feedback on local issues. A link to consultation and information sharing can be found on the Auckland Council website.



Hon. MP Carmel Sepuloni, New Lynn Business Association and Whau Local Board representative for New Lynn Derek Battersby, Auckland Transport Media Representative Dai Bindoff, New Lynn Business Association Manager and Whau Local Board Chairperson Tracy Mulholland

### Draft Local Board Plans 2017-2020

Local boards will be asking for your feedback about plans for your local community. You will be able to share your feedback on Shape Auckland or keep an eye for details in your letterbox from Monday 22 May 2017. You can also share your thoughts in person at your local meetings.

A full list of dates can be found on Shape Auckland ([www.shapeauckland.co.nz](http://www.shapeauckland.co.nz)) or by calling your local board office.

### Whau Local Board

Happy  
Mother's  
Day

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# Mother's Day

## RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS PROMOTION

### Shopping in New Lynn for Mother's Day?

Mother's Day is a celebration of motherhood, acknowledging your mother, a caregiver, or a wonderful woman in your life, whoever they may be, who you view as Mum. We decided it was time to talk to the shops in the New Lynn Business District for Mother's Day gift ideas so that we could share with you what's on offer in New Lynn.

There are many places in the New Lynn Business Improvement area that sell stunning chocolates, however we were also reminded by a recent news article that some Mums appreciate the simpler things in life like... the washing done, breakfast in bed, a quiet peaceful day that Mum has little to do but to appreciate all the fun and joy of the day with family, whanau, friends and loved ones. So, here goes our quirky but hopefully inspiring list:

- Take Mum to lunch or dinner in one of the great restaurants or cafés in New Lynn. Perhaps Mum has never tried Asian cuisine:

Musashi, Mix Moon and Lai Thai are some of our faves.

- We are big DIY fans so maybe a quick visit to one of New Lynn's building or DIY outlets will find her something quirky, interesting and useful. Perhaps a voucher so that Mum can stroll the isles for something of her choice.
- Something else interesting we found in this quest for a gift was a fab egg cooker, a quirky little product from The Warehouse, that cooks eggs in under 2 minutes. Guess what my Mum is getting!
- New Lynn has a few really fantastic second hand stores where you can always spend an hour or so going through the huge range of interesting used items. They are a great place for those who don't have a lot of spare cash.
- Another favourite store is New Lynn Photos. Bobby and the team never fail to bring a smile, are always helpful and have some great photo frames and gift ideas. They are professional photographers so perhaps you'd like a lifelong memory for Mum.

- There is a great selection of beauty products and gifts at the pharmacies in New Lynn. They have a great range of ideas for gifts of skin or beauty care products for Mum. We are always impressed by the interested and kind staff at PharmCare Pharmacy. Long is always helpful and takes time to assist his customers.
- Travel is always a great gift. Kathy and the team at You Travel can assist if travel is your gift.
- How about making up a gift basket? New Lynn New World, The Warehouse and other stores have a great selection of goodies to make up your own basket.
- And finally, for the best Yum Cha, how about a visit to Elegant Restaurant.

We'd like to hear about your Mother's Day ideas too so please contact us via the Facebook page. If you are shopping in the New Lynn Business Area on Saturday the 13th May, the NLBA is hosting a Random Act of Kindness where we have over 200 boxes of chocolates to give away for the Mum in your life. Have a wonderful day with your Mum.

## NEW LYNN FLOODING UPDATE



This has been a challenging time, our executives understand the many affects and occurrences that were a result of the flooding. Only last week our contract manager talked with a Western Tattoo staff member who's work has been affected. We strongly recommend you share your stories with us and give us input when we call for consultation regarding the future of the culvert. If you meet or are located near a new or established business, remind them of the importance of insurance and good business planning.

### Our thanks go to the following:

Derek Battersby, Susan Zhu and elected members of the Whau Local Board (Derek is the NLBA representative) for their tireless work, encouragement and support of the business community.

Tracy for her continued work on the Whau Local Board and as our contracted Manager.

To Barry Potter, Craig Mcilroy and Craig Mountjoy for their tireless work in managing this emergency on the ground and for their support of the funding toward the working party and NLBA to promote 'New Lynn is Open for Business'.

Whau Local Board – for their \$5,000 contribution to the NLBA for the networking, information sharing, 'New Lynn is Open for Business' campaign and for their contribution to the Kelston hub of \$5,000 to assist community (staff resourcing).

To the team at Civil Defence, thank you for your response to this emergency – John Dragecivich continues his high level of professionalism and support to ensure the best outcomes are achieved in New Lynn.

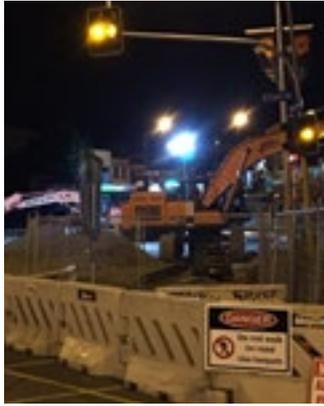
To our wonderful Police and Fire Services staff, thank you for your assistance on the day and following days. Clay and Juls from the New Lynn Policing team have contributed much to support our community. When the dramatic events are over and the flooding recedes, the traffic and behaviour issues do not stop!

The NLBA executive acknowledge all the services who have supported our community and give our thoughts to those who have and continue to suffer as a consequence of the flooding.

To end, last week we had the unfortunate situation of a sinkhole opening in New Lynn in the area of the flooding. Barry Potter, Auckland council's director of environmental and infrastructure, said the sinkhole was discovered by contractors on the evening of May 4th near to the damaged footpath on Great North Road. The team were immediately working on managing the issue and communicated the situation. One part of the road was closed and has now had an interim remedy. The working party will be discussing this matter following an urgent meeting. More information and communications will follow. The NLBA website is being updated with new information.

# NEW LYNN FLOODING MEETING

As a follow up on last month's flooding meeting for the New Lynn business community, we are pleased to share with you that the working party that was announced on the night will be soon meeting. The team will have an objective of understanding what occurred, how the situation occurred, what is currently being done to mitigate risk, what are the future opportunities and to ensure that the message of New Lynn is OPEN FOR BUSINESS is shared. The working party will update via the NLBA executive, the website and via the NLBA newsletter. Our aim is to work collaboratively with all of the parties involved so that we get a good outcome in the area of the flooding.



The New Lynn Business Association would like to thank David Cunliffe, the outgoing Member of Parliament for New Lynn, for his contribution to the local community and for his support of the TOD project and the New Lynn Business Association. We wish him the very best for the future.



## NEW LYNN FLOODING WORKING PARTY

A meeting to communicate the status, discuss the future plans, information share and input on consultation will soon take place

**WORKING PARTY** Jo Kiro, Warren Piper, Derek Battersby, Tracy Mulholland, Auckland Council Communications, Whau Local Board, Healthy Waters and Auckland Transport

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## ANZAC DAY AT THE NEW LYNN RSA



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## HOMELESSNESS AND BEGGARS

The NLBA has received complaints regarding issues related to some of the beggars that have been coming into the town centre. We have also received some feedback and complaints regarding the homeless people who have been sleeping by the community centre. The people who are known to Police and have been 'sleeping, using' the area by the community centre/by the rail bridge and the Chinese Garden have been lingering in the area and in some cases are causing some level of concern to the public and the business community. Whilst the NLBA has a full understanding of the current housing crisis, the situation of homelessness in the City (evident in the Auckland Council governing body committee reports), the concerns related to the behaviour, the dog (owned by one homeless person) and the intimidation, behaviour of the begging is at a point where further discussions and some solutions need to be found. We ask you to share with the NLBA any concerns you have. The NLBA will be approaching the Whau Local Board and Auckland Council to try to work through some solutions. We will keep you informed however, in the first instance if there are issues of real concern please contact the New Lynn Police station or if it is out of their opening hours, the Henderson Police station. The New Lynn Policing team are aware of these issues and working with us and the community to also seek some resolution.

## NLBA MANAGEMENT UPDATE

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the New Lynn business community because, as our executive have outlined, we have had a very busy period in the past two months. The New Lynn Business Association continues with the approved AGM plans for the 2016-2017 plans (to 30 June). In the next two months the plans are:

- To participate in the working party, to communicate and update on matters of the New Lynn flooding/sinkhole
- Social media and website updates
- Mother's Day – A Random Act of Kindness
- Food Fiesta 2017 – one of our favourite campaigns
- New fairy lighting and upgrades of current town centre fairy lights
- Newsletters
- We will soon be starting discussion regarding Christmas 2017

I am especially pleased to see the release of the new 'Invest New Lynn' video. Please have a look at this on the NLBA website and via YouTube. We will share the new video at the next networking event. Thank you to all who contributed to the promotional video.

Tracy Mulholland



## JORDAN'S DESK

Jordan has been very busy assisting the NLBA team with accounting, New Lynn flooding issues and is assisting as the secretary for the NLBA. Jordan is out and about in our business community and will keep the NLBA database up and running so that we have good record keeping. Jordan will soon be coming to visit those businesses involved in the Food Fiesta, another great NLBA promotion.



## WANT TO KNOW MORE

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