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## Shade sails and playgrounds

The Shore Action team has been upgrading our failing playgrounds and delivering a programme of shadesails.

Getting out into fresh air, climbing, exploring, discovering, challenging, interacting and making new friends. These are just some of the benefits of having playgrounds in our community.

### Modern Playgrounds

This term the Shore Action team have delivered new or upgraded playgrounds at Lancelot Reserve, Locket Reserve, Lysander Reserve, Manuka Reserve, Marlborough Park, Normanton Reserve, Tamahere Reserve and Tui Park. And funding is committed to deliver new playgrounds at Camelot Reserve, Elliott Reserve, Heath Reserve, Jean Sampson Reserve, Lynn Reserve, Nell Fisher Reserve (Birkenhead Library), Portsea Reserve, Vandeleur Reserve and Windy Ridge Reserve. We have upgraded the skatepark at Birkenhead War Memorial Park and are due to upgrade the Marlborough Park skatepark from November. We have also upgraded a number of basketball courts with more to come. We are incredibly excited that as part of the masterplan work at Birkenhead War Memorial Park, we will be installing Māra Hūpara traditional Māori play elements. These are great for all ages and help our young people to understand more about traditional Māori culture through play. Also secured for Birkenhead War Memorial Park will be Kaipātiki's first "SplashPad" water play.

### Shade sails

Shore Action members understand



that not only is melanoma a massive risk for all New Zealanders, but that many times our playground equipment is too hot to play on and that many children have scalded themselves.

For this reason, Shore Action has prioritised a programme of shade sail installations at our playgrounds. We have recently installed full-coverage shade sails at Little Shoal Bay Reserve, Inwards Reserve and Shepherds Park. And funding is confirmed for installations at Birkenhead War Memorial Park, Monarch Park and Rewi Alley Reserve over the coming year. We have also been installing shade sails as part of our playground upgrades where we can. Recent examples include 136 Birkdale Road, Lysander Reserve, Marlborough Park and Tamahere Reserve.

## A safe toddler playground

The Shore Action team has been working on delivering a safe, toddler-friendly playground in Kaipātiki. Investigation and design work is currently underway to upgrade the play equipment at Jean Sampson Reserve in Northcote Point into a local "Lake Town Green" toddler playground.

Jean Sampson Reserve has been identified as the best location as it already caters for pre-schoolers, has toilets, is flat and can easily be fenced off to stop runaway toddlers. "I think it's terrible that our parents, grandparents and caregivers travel all the way to Lake Town Green in Hauraki or to Mairangi Bay so that their little ones can have a safe play experience," said Paula Gillon. "We

received a number of submissions to our Local Board Plan asking for something specific for our youngest tamariki. We have nearly 90,000 people living in Kaipātiki and it's important that we try to cater to all of them."

The memorial fire engine will be retained, as will the basketball hoop that is popular with older kids in the neighbourhood. Some elements may be staged due to cost considerations, such as a small learn-to-ride circuit.

*Lake Town Green in Hauraki has one of the most well-used playgrounds on the North Shore. It is particularly popular with young parents and caregivers who have more than one child under five years.*

## Time to sort Onewa Road

Buses are carrying more passengers than ever to school and work, and yet congestion is rife on Onewa Road. Action is needed.



Onewa Road is our most significant arterial route, connecting Kaipātiki to the central city, Auckland Airport, Northland and State Highway 1.

Despite this, Auckland Transport have continued to allow parking along its upper two-thirds, causing frustration for all commuters.

"This major route, carrying thousands of public and private commuters every day, can grind to a halt by a right-turning vehicle if a vehicle is parked alongside in the left lane," said Adrian Tyler.

"As well as this, the parked cars cause buses and vehicles to

### Action needed on Onewa:

- ▶ Mon-Sat daytime clearway
- ▶ Restore 9am T3 finish time
- ▶ Shared cycling/pedestrian path

dangerously weave in and out, creating an unnecessary stop-start dynamic and decreasing road safety for all road users."

Last year the Auckland Transport board standardised transit lane hours across Auckland, rather than assessing the best times for each road. As a result, the morning T3 endtime for Onewa Road was extended from 9am to 10am, despite Auckland Transport's own data showing no significant benefit to public transport from the extended hours.

Before the new transit times took effect, the Shore Action team on the Kaipātiki Local Board requested that Auckland Transport consider alternative solutions to extending the T3 times. However it was later revealed through an official information request, that while Auckland Transport staff told the Local Board that they would consider other solutions, they never had any intention in doing so. Shore Action believe that Auckland Transport's decisions over local roads should be informed by local insight and the will of the community. After all, Auckland Transport is part of a democratic city council.

## Action for the environment

### Environmental Funding Boost

Last election, Shore Action campaigned on greater action for our environment and Shore Action has delivered on its promise. Thanks to a massive funding boost of \$400,000 towards environmental initiatives (up 38 per cent from the previous financial year) urban streams, ecosystems and threatened species are now benefiting from enhanced protection.

### Stopping Kauri Dieback

The Kaipātiki Local Board pre-emptively closed tracks to protect our kauri, making it the first local

board to take this necessary proactive measure. The Kaipātiki Local Board has now secured over 40% of the total kauri budget for local parks in Auckland. This will go towards bush track upgrades to protect kauri roots and eliminate muddy sections, and towards the installation of kauri dieback cleaning stations.

"It's important that we re-open tracks where possible, as the tracks link families and communities together and are great for our sense of community and well-being," said Anne-Elise Smithson. Parks to benefit from the funding include Chatswood Reserve,

Chelsea Estate Heritage Park, the Eskdale Reserve Network, Leigh Scenic Reserve, Kauri Glen Reserve and LeRoys Bush Reserve.

### Clean Streams

Shore Action secured new projects to help protect our streams from industry pollution and sedimentation impacts, including: a new water quality monitoring programme of Kaipātiki stream sites; an Industry Pollution Prevention programme of site inspections and education for business owners; a small building sites ambassador to reduce sedimentation entering our waterways from developments.



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# Meet the team

Shore Action is standing six strong candidates for the Kaipātiki Local Board.

## Adrian Tyler

Kia ora! I'm a local primary teacher who has, since 2016, also been privileged to serve you as a member of Shore Action on Kaipātiki's Local Board.

The Shore Action difference is that we aren't afraid to challenge council to get the best outcomes for our community. We are the team who have ensured that upkeep and upgrades of our parks, playgrounds and tracks have been moved into high-gear. By working to keep our community at the forefront of council thinking we have saved Frank Larking's Playboat (with savings!), rolled out Sun-Smart Playgrounds, resourced placemaking groups, championed the needs of all commuters with Auckland Transport and more.

We have achieved a ground breaking level of commitment, support and partnership for our ecological and community organisations whilst continuing to enhance Kaipātiki with support and recreational services for young and old. Help us continue our work.



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## Anne-Elise Smithson

Kia ora tātou. My focus on your Board has been driving greater protection of our natural environment. Kaipātiki is now leading the way for Auckland Council. I'm passionate about making Kaipātiki an even better place to live, work and play. I'm for vibrant town centres that reflect our heritage and our diversity, the development of a new coastal walkway to provide unparalleled access to our coastline, enhanced parks and pest-free reserves, and supporting local businesses.

I believe it is the small things that count - whether that's shade sails over our playgrounds to protect our children from the sun or listening to you and taking action locally.

I'm for involving people in the decisions that affect them most so that Auckland takes local knowledge into account.



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## Danielle Grant

A passionate advocate and leader of Kaipātiki, I have led the local board with a focus on bush track upgrades, town centre developments, crisis management of the Rawene slip, road safety, new shaded playgrounds and investment into sport, particularly the development of the Glenfield College netball courts.

We have many significant projects that require leadership and good governance. I am accountable to you. My greatest strength is connecting people and projects, to ensure strong community outcomes. I bring my leadership, team focus, business acumen, open and transparent decision making to the board table.

I will tackle transport congestion, protect and maintain our environment, care for our most vulnerable, grow our businesses and develop a safe community for everyone.

A member of the Institute of Directors, School Board Trustee, RMA Hearings Commissioner and Justice of the Peace.



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## John Gillon

As Chair of the Kaipātiki Local Board, I opened workshops to the public, axed ratepayer-funded meals, held AT to account, and challenged council's crazy proposals (freedom camping at flooded Little Shoal Bay, dog rule changes, etc).

With my Shore Action team members, we've delivered a huge investment in the environment, pest-free initiatives and bush track upgrades. We've modernised playgrounds, installed shadesails, secured Northcote Wharf upgrade, brought back Movies in Parks, saved Frank Larking's boat, obtained funding to replace Birkenhead Grandstand, stopped parkland sales, retained Highbury Norfolk Pine.

I support completing Beach Haven Coastal Connection, extending clearway times on Onewa Road, improving ferry and bus services, better playgrounds, vibrant town centres, keeping developers within zoning rules. I am positive and passionate about our community. I'm a School Board Trustee and admin of three Facebook community groups, connecting 30,000+ members of the Kaipātiki community.



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## Melanie Kenrick

I was raised in Birkenhead, and I'm raising my family here. I love Kaipātiki and will work hard for this area. I worked for over a decade as a senior mental health nurse and team leader. I am now an education charity trustee and kids' sports coach. I have the skills and experience to work effectively with the wide range of people within Kaipātiki. I will push hard to get favourable outcomes for our community interests, with organisations like Auckland Transport.

I will advocate for Kaipātiki on: solutions to traffic congestion; improving our parks, sports and recreational facilities; promoting initiatives to get rid of pests or threats to our native bush; reducing the rubbish and wastewater polluting our streams and coastline; completing the walking and cycleway over the harbour bridge; and more!



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## Paula Gillon

Kia Ora, as a current member of the Kaipātiki Local Board, and having proudly served this community, I am seeking re-election.

Working as your Local Board representative I have: fought asset sales; supported and advocated for increased spending on our environment; obtained funding for a new toddler/pre-school playground; delivered shadesails over playgrounds; supported the Marae development at Shepherds Park; and, succeeded in having the Five Ways to Wellbeing included in our strategic plans.

I want to continue to work to: protect and enhance our communities assets; improve our bush tracks; expand pest-free initiatives; progress a beautiful coastal walkway; and, bring AT decision-making back to the Local Board.

I have an MPhil in Public Policy in Local Government and active recreation. I grew up in the area and live in Beach Haven with my husband and two boys.



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# The Shore Action Plan

## ACTION ON TRANSPORT

- ▶ Continue to hold Auckland Transport to account.
- ▶ Action on Onewa Road! Mon-Sat daytime clearway; restore 9am T3 finish time; shared cycling/pedestrian path.
- ▶ Rebuild Northcote Wharf; Improve ferry services and bus connections.
- ▶ Support Harbour Bridge cycling/pedestrian link and Seapath.
- ▶ Shared cycling/pedestrian loop connecting Birkenhead to Beach Haven to Glenfield.
- ▶ Safe school streets.

## ACTION ON PLAY

- ▶ Continue upgrading our tired playgrounds and basketball courts.
- ▶ More shadesails over playgrounds.
- ▶ Upgrade our sports facilities and leisure centres.
- ▶ Build new splashpad, toddler destination playground and Māra Hūpara Māori play.

## ACTION ON PARKS & ENVIRONMENT

- ▶ Protect and enhance our environment.
- ▶ Increase pest-free initiatives and protect our precious kauri from dieback disease.
- ▶ Continue bush track upgrades and create the Beach Haven Coastal Connection (Tui Park - Shepherds Park - Hellyers Creek Reserve).
- ▶ Clean streams, ponds and beaches.
- ▶ Action on Little Shoal Bay flooding.
- ▶ No park sales!

## ACTION IN OUR COMMUNITY

- ▶ Vibrant and safer town centres.
- ▶ Support our sports clubs, volunteers, cultural groups and community houses.
- ▶ Support the Beach Haven marae proposal.
- ▶ Protect our heritage and keep developers within zoning rules.
- ▶ Listen to you and keep you informed.



"The Night Guide" sculpture in Birkenhead

# Delivering for our community

The Shore Action team has led the Kaipātiki Local Board for the last three years and has delivered an unprecedented number of projects, initiatives and events for our community.

## Birkenhead & Northcote

- ▶ Completed the Birkenhead Town Centre upgrade.
- ▶ Supported Northcote Town Centre redevelopment, Awataha Greenway connection, realignment of Cadness Reserve and new pocket parks.
- ▶ Completed the Birkenhead War Memorial Park Masterplan; secured funding for grandstand replacement.
- ▶ Led the response to the Rawene Carpark slip.
- ▶ Fought the unsuitable Zion Rd and Tizard Rd developments that were in breach of the Unitary Plan.
- ▶ Saved Rosie Bolt Reserve from being sold.
- ▶ Supported upgrade of Greenslade Reserve (2019/20).
- ▶ Installed full-coverage shade sail over playground at Little Shoal Bay Reserve.
- ▶ Built new heritage-themed toilet at Jean Sampson Reserve.
- ▶ Secured repair of Northcote Wharf (were willing to contribute up to \$2 million for upgrade to all-weather wharf, but AT chose like-for-like repair).
- ▶ Track upgrades at Chelsea Estate Heritage Park, Kauri Glen Reserve and Le Roys Bush Reserve, to help prevent kauri dieback.
- ▶ New path and bridge from Colonial Road to Chelsea Sugar (construction 2020).
- ▶ Track and path upgrades planned for Chatswood Reserve and Tuff Crater Reserve.
- ▶ Brought back Movies in Parks at Birkenhead War Memorial Park.
- ▶ Fought and prevented freedom camping at Little Shoal Bay Reserve.
- ▶ Industrial pollution prevention programme in Birkenhead Town Centre to help protect our waterways.
- ▶ Protested AT extending Onewa Road T3 endtime from 9am to 10am; Lobbied AT to increase time of Onewa Road clearway.
- ▶ New path at Halls Beach Reserve.
- ▶ Installing bicycle repair station at Onepoto Domain and Birkenhead War Memorial Park (October 2019).
- ▶ Funded heritage information panels and part-funded owl sculpture at Kaimataara ō Wai Manawa.
- ▶ Sealed the Rotary Grove (Northcote Tennis) carpark and renewed three carparks at Onewa Domain.
- ▶ Commissioned two plans for Little Shoal Bay - a coastal assessment and asset plan (due to flooding).
- ▶ New playgrounds at Birkenhead Library (funded), Heath Reserve (funded), Jean Sampson Reserve (funded) and Portsea Place (funded).
- ▶ Funded "SLOW" markings at pedestrian crossings outside Birkenhead School, Chelsea School and Northcote Intermediate School.

## Getting it done in Glenfield Bayview, Hillcrest, Totara Vale, Windy Ridge

- ▶ New toilets at Monarch Park and Rewi Alley Reserve.
- ▶ Supported traffic management trial around Willow Park School.
- ▶ New junior playground with shadesails and youth equipment at Marlborough Park, with expanded skatepark coming soon (work starting November 2019).
- ▶ New bike pump track at Glenfield Intermediate School.
- ▶ Industrial pollution prevention programme in Wairau Valley industrial area to help protect our waterways.
- ▶ Temporarily closed part of Leigh Scenic Reserve to protect 800-year old kauri from dieback disease.
- ▶ New netball courts at Glenfield College.
- ▶ Funded artwork for Oruamo Domain (Horton's Hill) in partnership with Kaipātiki Public Arts Trust.
- ▶ Commissioned nature trail and trial of meadow naturalisation at Monarch Park (2019/20).
- ▶ New natural play equipment and improved bike track at Normanton Reserve.
- ▶ New playgrounds at Camelot Reserve (funded), Elliott Reserve (funded), Lancelot Reserve, Locket Reserve, Manuka Reserve, Tamahere Reserve, Windy Ridge Reserve (funded).
- ▶ New sports floor at Eventfinda Stadium.
- ▶ Installing street-to-street walkway signage throughout Bayview, Glenfield, Hillcrest, Totara Vale, Wairau Valley (Sept/Oct 2019).
- ▶ Extended Downing St Domain liquor ban to 24/7.
- ▶ New handrail on dangerously steep part of Peach Road.
- ▶ Negotiated public access to Glenfield tennis courts.
- ▶ Commissioned Lynn Road pedestrian crossing outside Lynn Reserve (March 2020).
- ▶ Funded upgrade of the dangerous Coronation Road/Archers Road intersection.
- ▶ Funded new path and stormwater improvements at the end of Glendhu Road.
- ▶ Daylighting of underground stream at Normanton Reserve (starting October 2019).
- ▶ Funded road safety improvements, including Bayview pedestrian refuges (underway), and "SLOW" markings at pedestrian crossings outside Bayview Primary, Target Road School and Windy Ridge School.

## Movies in Parks returns with Toy Story 4

Movie: Toy Story 4  
When: Sat 25 January 2020  
Where: Harvey Wright Sportsfield, Birkenhead War Memorial Park



After two summers of no local screenings, Shore Action brought back Movies in Parks and we've enjoyed the most successful events yet. The 2019 Summer screening of "Small Foot" at Birkenhead War Memorial Park was one of the highest attended across Auckland.

We can now announce that we have secured another family-friendly movie for 2020 - "Toy Story 4" - complete with pre-movie activities for the family.

## Workshops made public; Meals axed

The Shore Action team ended secret meetings by opening Kaipātiki Local Board workshops to the public, ensuring a greater level of transparency than when discussions were held behind closed doors. Members of the public are now free to attend weekly workshops and listen to Local Board members discussing issues.

Ratepayer-funded catered lunches were scrapped by the Shore Action team, saving up to \$220 per workshop session. "It was a waste of public money, paying to feed a group of adults who are quite capable of arranging their own lunch," said John Gillon.

**Neither of these decisions were unanimous, with only Shore Action Local Board members supporting them.**

## At last some investment in Birkdale and Beach Haven

- ▶ Planning for building a connection between Shepherds Park and Tui Park, as part of a wider Beach Haven coastal walkway connecting to both the Bayview Coastal Walkway and Eskdale Reserve Network (consultation from September 2019).
- ▶ Full coverage shade sails installed over playgrounds at Shepherds Park and Inwards Reserve.
- ▶ Saved Frank Larking's playboat from being scrapped, and repurposed it as a land-based play item at Larking's Landing Reserve.
- ▶ Closed Kauri Park and Muriel Fisher Reserve to prevent spread of kauri dieback disease to other parks.
- ▶ New playground at Lysander Reserve, with design chosen after consulting with the community.
- ▶ Approved funding and design for rebuilding the Beach Haven recreational wharf.
- ▶ Endorsed the Beach Haven Marae proposal for Shepherds Park to proceed to resource consent stage.
- ▶ Began long-overdue programme of track upgrades in Eskdale Reserve Network.
- ▶ Committed to rebuilding the hall and Kauri Kids building at 134/136 Birkdale Road (scope and designs underway).
- ▶ Funded a replacement "green benchmark" building for Kaipātiki Project at
- ▶ Lauderdale Reserve (detailed design underway).
- ▶ Track, path and bridge upgrades at Ridgewood Reserve and Rangatira Reserve.
- ▶ Installed new playground equipment at Tui Park.
- ▶ Funded bleacher seating in partnership with Birkenhead United Football (2019/20).
- ▶ Installing bicycle repair station at Shepherds Park (October 2019).
- ▶ New entrance signage installed at Shepherds Park and Opaketai Beach Haven Garden.
- ▶ Industrial pollution prevention programme in Bay Park industrial area to help protect our waterways.
- ▶ Installed street-to-street walkway signage throughout Birkdale.
- ▶ New playground with shadesails at 136 Birkdale Road.
- ▶ Funded upgrade of Kauri Park School crossing on Rangatira Rd.
- ▶ Funded road safety improvements, including pedestrian refuge crossing on Rangatira Road outside Lysander Reserve, safety improvements around pony club on Eskdale Road, and "SLOW" markings at pedestrian crossings outside Beach Haven School, Birkdale Intermediate School, Birkdale North School and Birkdale Primary School.
- ▶ New seawalls at Island Bay Reserve and Rosecamp Foreshore Reserve.



## Supporting our sport clubs

By Melanie Kenrick

Here in Kaipātiki, we have an abundance of sporting and recreational opportunities. As a mother of three children, I currently have seven different local sports and recreational clubs that our family are involved with. What I love about our clubs is the social inclusion. I have seen children who experience many personal challenges be included and made part of a team. I have seen new families who have moved into the area with language barriers make friends through sports clubs. The sideline has a great way of bringing together parents who might not have usually mixed. Together they experience the good wins, frustrating games, and the

nail-biting losses. Our recreational, cultural and sports clubs are vital to giving us our community spirit; it is the reason so many families love this area. I want to see that our clubs are properly supported and valued by council. That means avoiding barriers that limit people joining, such as rundown facilities, lack of space and increased costs. Recently the Kaipātiki Local Board increased the netball courts available due to more people playing. There is great news for Birkenhead Tigers League Club, Birkenhead Scouts, Birkenhead Cricket and Northcote Rugby Club with the long overdue redevelopment and improvements coming to Birkenhead War

Memorial Park. Support for our local sports and recreational clubs is a priority for the Shore Action team.



Above: Benedict Kenrick

## Exciting Coastal Connection Proposed for Beach Haven



Artist visualisation of potential connection route. Copyright Stella Projects.

Shore Action has an exciting vision for an improved recreational route from the Beach Haven wharf, through Tui Park, across the water to Shepherds Park, around Hellyers Creek Reserve and then connecting to both the Bayview Coastal Walkway and the Eskdale Reserve Network. Not only will this be a fantastic asset and destination for all Kaipātiki residents, but Shore Action believes it will become an important *kauri-free* walk during a time when other tracks are being closed to protect kauri from dieback disease. Our aim is for this route to be as cycle, pram and wheelchair-friendly as possible. There have been discussions for the last 20 years on a coastal connection, and now is the time to deliver it. The project has \$1.5 million funding tagged to it, \$1.1 million of which comes from the Kaipātiki Connections Network Plan budget and can only be spent

on new or enhanced connections. The entire length of the project will be staged, and we will soon be consulting on several design options for the first "missing link" stage which is a coastal boardwalk between Tui Park and Shepherds Park. Other stages could include new bridges, walkways, roadside shared paths, upgrades of existing tracks, and connections to the proposed Marae. Some pre-consultation has already occurred with neighbours and stakeholders to help fine-tune the proposal. The full public consultation period will be confirmed at the 18 September meeting of the Kaipātiki Local Board, but is expected to occur over September-October 2019. When the consultation period is live, you will be able to have your say here:

▶ [www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/have-your-say/](http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/have-your-say/)

## Local facilities for local families

Sport must be affordable and accessible to all if we want our community to be active. For many years our Glenfield families were travelling to Albany to play junior netball each Saturday, however this year things changed with the partnership between Glenfield College (who provide free access to the school), Netball North Harbour (for the management of the competition), and the Kaipātiki Local Board (who contributed \$88,150 for the netball court upgrades). This project led by Danielle Grant and the Shore Action team, brought the opportunity to make local netball

accessible for local families and enhanced the College with new courts. "Partnerships can provide huge community benefits and we need to seek more of these types of sporting opportunities," said Danielle Grant.



Please support the **More For The Shore** team of **Danielle Grant** and **Grant Gillon** with your two votes for North Shore Ward councillors.



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