

Chairpersons Report

The past 12 months for the Association have been a time of change.

We have welcomed Corinne Cameron as additional support to Kate Adams who has dropped her hours and will now focus on Events, Service to the members and managing our service delivery clients. Corinne will take care of compliance to the council, the website which has been updated to meet Auckland Councils partnership requirements, meeting or reporting responsibilities and supporting Kate when required.

Developing additional income streams and opportunities will also be a key duty for both as we move into the new 24-25 budget year.

Cash flow for all our businesses has been very tight, and in this regard the Business Association has not been immune. Expected funding from the Local board of \$30,000 did not eventuate and this has had a direct impact on our financial accounts showing a loss to the association of around \$30,000. We are managing this, but funding is very tight and unless we can get support through this year's grants round with the council, we will have to look at other areas where we can get funding support. Both Kate and Corinne have been looking into this already. There is more work to be done.

Operating as a BID offers challenges going forward. We operate under the guidance of Auckland council with a contract as a partner to conduct the work we do each year enabling us to source funds through the Local Board and Auckland council along with other fund sourcing organisations.

In 2029 the council has determined that BIDs with income under \$120,000 may no longer be sustainable. This may mean either joining with another BID or removing the us from the BID programme. I raise this again as it is something we must think about and continue to be proactive on. Raising our income level to that level is surmountable I believe, but it will take some challenging work, some creative thinking, and a bit of generosity. Whatever needs to be done will be done and with the new team moving forward, there is a strong desire within the executive committee, and I believe business owners to maintain BID status with Auckland council.

As always, we would like to acknowledge and thank the Mangere/Otahuhu Local Board for their continued support in kind and with advice over the past 12 months. We enjoy a close relationship with the Local board with shared goals and visions for the local area. The BID Team at Auckland council who keep us on the straight and narrow and all those other local businesses who are not part of the BID area but offer great sponsorship for a number of events we hold each year.

Moving forward the Association is under good governance and control with dedicated support from the executive committee, business owners and the community.

As this is my last term as Chairperson I would like to thank all those I have worked with during the past ten years, I have enjoyed being part of the Mangere Bridge Community and I know it will move forward and continue to be the success it has been for well over 25 years. Thank you to Kate Adams, collaborating with you has been nothing but a pleasure for the whole time. Your passion,

commitment and dedication to the role is admirable and I know we will continue to be friends. Corinne is already a terrific addition to the team and brings a wealth of knowledge in the governance and funding areas of the role and I am sure fresh ideas.

To the new Chair thank you for taking on the role. You are in safe hands and bring your own wealth of knowledge to the team and I know your own history with and love for Mangere bridge will serve you and the Association well in the role.

Thank you everyone. All the best for the future.

Pauline Anderson

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