

Chairman's Report – AGM November 4th 2016

It is with pleasure that I present my first report as Chairman for the Manukau Central Business Association.

The year was focussed around 2 key strategies, being Security and Advocacy.

Anton Welsh, our Crime Prevention Manager has done a fantastic job with increasing his presence in the business community to undertake security audits, his ongoing dedication to remove the window washers, and his perseverance for getting meaningful reporting from our security contractors.

This resulted in a change in our security partner, with Arrow Security now providing night time patrols on behalf of the Association.

This new partnership is enabling Anton to provide good feedback to property and business owners on any improvements that can be made to their security.

Remember you can follow Anton on Facebook and Twitter to get all the up to date information on crime in Manukau.

Manukau has always needed a strong voice since the amalgamation of all Councils. We have taken it upon ourselves to have this voice and to ensure we are heard; we knew we needed to represent a majority of Manukau.

83% of voters agreed.

There is a lot of good investment going into Manukau by Panuku Development Auckland (\$70m) and we need to ensure they are making these investments in the right areas.

I would like to thank the Otara-Papatoetoe local board for their financial support but also in believing in us. We look forward to their continual support moving forward.

To the team who worked tirelessly on our expansion, Janene, Anton and Kerry a big thank you.

I would also like to thank the Board for their passion and drive.

Rachel Darlington – Business Like

Didier Ferreol – Auto One

Emily May – Jaedon Enterprises

Neil Denny – Friendship House

Peter Lim – Lim Electronics

Stephen Grey – local Board Representative

However, all this would not have been achievable without the leadership of our General Manager – Kerry Burridge.

We are very lucky to have someone with Kerry's skills and passion to lead the Association and I look forward to continuing to work with her for the benefit of our members.

Manukau is an exciting place to be so let's make sure businesses and consumers want to be here.

Thank you for your attendance here today.