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## We meet with the Lincoln Rd Upgrade Project Management Team

Waitakere Netball's  
JobFest  
BA5 Etiquette

Te Pai Centre' an amazing space  
West Auckland a success  
(from a sponsor)

It was great to see such a large attendance at September's BA5, and catch up with some old and new faces alike. This event co-sponsored by Waitakere Netball and the NZ Flower and Garden Show, showed me that you often don't realize what facilities are in your own backyard. Waitakere Netball's 'Te Pai Centre' is amazing and the space upstairs can cater for a variety of functions.

Next month's BA5 will be at The Trusts "Good Home Gastropub" at 159 Lincoln Rd. This will be held on Tuesday 21 November. Just a little bit of BA5 etiquette:

- Please stay quiet when the sponsors speak,
- Sponsors, can we keep to time for an elevator pitch for your company, which means exactly 1 minute no longer, thank you.
- These events do have a waiting list, so if you can't make it, please let WABC know, it makes it easier for everyone.

On Tuesday 4 October, CPHB had a meeting with Auckland Transport (AT) regarding the Lincoln Rd upgrade. CPHB was represented by Tim Livingstone, Danielle Hancock, Garry Bates, and myself. AT, represented by Dia Bindoff and Zaid Essa who were invited to come and talk about the upgrade. There was some robust discussion around the Te Atatu Rd upgrade and the problems that ensued.

The meeting was facilitated by our recent board inductee, Danielle Hancock of Thomas Consulting. Our thanks go to Danielle, for organizing these constructive talks between the parties, we will continue to keep you informed.

We all agreed that of utmost importance is good communication going forward, and CPHB is wanting to take a lead role with Lincoln Rd Businesses. The upgrade will be done in 3 stages, businesses will be engaged to Q&A sessions for each sector. Our members and fellow business owners will be advised when and where these meetings will happen.


I have also had some businesses ring me in regard to the phasing of traffic lights on the Concourse, Lincoln Rd, and Central Park Dr intersections, this was also addressed in the meeting.

Jobfest West Auckland was held at the Trusts Stadium on Tuesday 11 October. There was a great turn out of youth looking for future employment and I'd like to thank Garry Bates, our Business Manager, for organizing our stand (CPHB) and involving several local member companies. We trust this excellent initiative by Youth Connections, will become a regular event serving our local and business communities looking to further future local employment.

Once again Garry and I had our monthly catch up with Shane Henderson (Chair, Henderson Massey Local Board) to learn what's happening in the area.

Stay safe over Labour weekend, and have an enjoyable one. Hopefully we will know who the next Government will be.

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## 'The Goods' from Garry

Garry Bates,  
Business Development Manager

### New to Lincoln Road

#### We welcome The GOOD HOME

Located on Lincoln Road at the site formerly known as Bar159, the newly renovated "Good Home" makes the most of its sunny position with a newly extended outdoor area.

The Good Home concept is one of several bar concepts developed by Lion Breweries.

The Trusts, Guy Randall, General Manager Hospitality, determined that The Good Home theme with its attractive home-from-home comfort was a good fit for the West.

"It will help to meet our objective of making the venue "the local" for patrons from outside the hotel as well as for our guests", says Guy

The space has undergone a huge transformation with the entire front of the building removed and extended to create a sun drenched "conservatory", complete with glass roof and eight metres of bi-folding doors. With several different zones, a mix of high leaners, tables and booth seating, provides a range of options for eating and drinking.

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## Job Fest - A Success

Central Park Henderson Business is the first and to date, the only Business Association in Auckland to take an Exhibitors Stand at any JobFest, as indicated by the organisers.

Several members were pro-active with this great initiative from Youth Connections and ATEED, Thomas Consultants Ltd & WestCity Waitakere shared our CPHBusiness stand. Fellow members with their own stands, were Douglas Pharmaceuticals, Hirepool Ltd, Tech 5 (as part of TDTC Group), also The Trusts and The Good Home Lincoln Road

The students were fabulous, the event was organised really well, the welcome and powhiri were very moving. It was great to see the Henderson-Massey Local Board members attend and hear how hard they had fought to get the event up and running, and how appreciative they were that the Business Association wanted to attend and support the event.

"What a great event, the first for the west and putting a real foot



JobFest floor

forward for local businesses, the opportunities they offer local youth, and that there is more than meets the eye to living and working in this area" Danielle Hancock from Thomas Consultants.

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## Lincoln Road - Upgrade

Tim Livingstone  
UHY Haines Norton Consultant  
CPHB Board member



**Board members of Central Park Henderson Business met with the project team from Auckland Transport to listen to an update on the upgrade of Lincoln Road that will commence in 2020.**

This was a positive meeting and the key points discussed were:

1. That work will commence next year on the motorway work and will impinge on Lincoln Road. This work will be completed by Transit New Zealand.



2. The Lincoln Road upgrade is planned to commence in 2020 subject to funding.

3. Auckland Transport have recognised the adverse feedback regarding the upgrade of Te Atatu Road including:

- A lack of regular communication to property owners and road users.
- The construction methodology resulting in the loss of one lane.

Auckland Transport want to support CPHB in providing regular communication on the Lincoln Road project development. CPHB are reviewing how they may best communicate with all affected Lincoln Road businesses to keep them updated on the project.

Auckland Transport are considering completing construction in sections along Lincoln Road rather than having one lane permanently closed.

Auckland Transport are considering the possibility of completing construction during the night to try and eliminate traffic congestion in peak hours.

Auckland Transport have commenced acquiring various residential properties and land from commercial tenants to widen Lincoln Road.

The addition of a T3 lane will carry 13% of traffic and this may increase if trucks and logistic vehicles can use the T3 lane in off peak periods.

While the centre of Lincoln Road will have a barrier, there will be three dedicated U-turn only lanes. These will be located at key intersections.

Currently there are 3 appeals in the Environment Court disputing certain aspects of the Lincoln Road upgrade.

Detail planning and resource consent is currently being undertaken by Auckland Transport.

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CPHB Member Auckland Vehicles takes out top honours in the 2017 Hyundai Skills Olympics

Auckland Vehicles can proudly state that they are now home to the top 5 Hyundai technicians in New Zealand following the gruelling Hyundai Skills Olympics held in Auckland on Friday, September 8.

Whittled down from 75 contestants in heats throughout the country, 6 technicians were selected to compete in the national final, including two from Auckland Hyundai, and Three from West Auckland Hyundai, both members of the Auckland Vehicles family. Finalists were tested in 6 tasks, both written and practical.

This year the competition was by far the most challenging to date. Each practical assessment was made up of real world faults which the 6 competitors had 45 mins for each task, to work through various fault-finding procedures.

For the practical assessments, the 6 competitors were scored on their diagnostic methods, skill, use of Hyundai diagnostic equipment (GDS-M, VMI etc) and even points were added or deducted for general work area housekeeping and vehicle protection.



For the written test, the competitors had to complete it based on their Hyundai product knowledge and had no access to a computer to research their answers.

Jeremy Riley from Auckland Hyundai was named the 2017 Hyundai NZ Skills Olympics winner, with James George and Mark Lancaster from West Auckland Hyundai taking out the second and third places respectively.

Jeremy will now travel to South Korea, the home of Hyundai, to compete against other winners from around the world for the 12th World Skills Olympics final on October 16-19.



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On Sunday 29th October they are holding 'Bash and BBQ' for Dads, Lads and other keen blokes, followed by 'Golf and Glam' for Ladies, Lassies and Girls on-the-go, on Sunday 5th November. Both events are from 3pm. Those who want to exercise in a beautiful parkland setting, and enjoy the company of others are encouraged to attend these FREE activities.

"It is more than just about the golf", says Warren Ogilvie, General Manager at the Golf Club. "Those who come along to either "Bash and BBQ" or "Golf and Glam" will not only participate in some simple fun golf activities, but will experience treats in the club rooms afterwards. Golf clubs are not required and playing in comfortable casual clothing is also ok".

For those who enjoy the fun, there will be an opportunity to participate in coaching clinics in the following weeks.

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## West Auckland in full bloom thanks to Kate Hillier

Last week we met with Kate Hillier, who is the English Rose that is bringing the New Zealand Flower and Garden show out West.

Over the course of her impressive career in horticulture, Kate Hillier has been both an award-winning exhibitor and a judge at the familiar Ellerslie Flower show. Many of the skills she brings to her job as Event Director today however, have their roots in the childhood trips she took to the Chelsea Flower Show in England.

Kate Hillier's great, great grandfather founded the Hillier chain of nurseries in the United Kingdom and her family still hold the world record for the most gold medals ever won at Chelsea. 73 in total.

Sir Harold Hillier, her father was knighted in 1983, five years after his remarkable arboretum had been gifted to Hampshire County Council. He had already been

awarded a C.B.E. (Companion of the British Empire) and some of the highest accolades of the plant world – the Victoria Medal of Honour, the Veitch Memorial Medal, Honorary Fellow and Vice President of the Royal Horticultural Society, and Fellow of the Linnean Society.

At his memorial service after his death in 1985, Lord Aberconway, President of the Royal Horticultural Society quoted the words on Christopher Wren's tomb in St. Paul's Cathedral when referring to Harold's Arboretum - 'If you seek his memorial, look around you'.

It must be genetic.

"That's where my love of flowers and gardens comes from. I was dragged along to the garden shows from a very young age," she recalls fondly.

New Zealand was lucky to welcome Kate

21 years ago and thankfully she fell in love with the country, a great man and thought she could blossom amongst us, on all levels.

And blossomed she has.

Now Kate has decided to set up her own spectacle back in Auckland but even bigger this time.

So big in fact, that all going well, she is planning to put the Henderson show on par with The Chelsea Flower Show which is still regarded as the best garden show in the world.

Kate has been very fortunate to be, in the last few years, a judge on the international scene and has witnessed some spectacular displays and collected the best ideas for her own show.

Kate Hillier says, "The New Zealand Flower & Garden Show in Henderson will be the



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"With more than 100 horticultural and floral art displays across 10 categories, I'm certain that local and international judges will find it difficult to choose the Best in Show winner. What's more, as the landscape of garden design has changed over the years, as well as the way we Kiwis live, the gardens



### Some of Kates favourite design and planting tips:

- Remember when designing a garden that the house is the picture and the garden the frame. Make sure they are complimentary rather than competing. For example, a country garden style on a modern, minimalist just doesn't suit.
- When selecting plants to go in your garden, walk your local neighbourhood. This lets you know what plants do well in the area, and if you walk regularly not only will you get fitter and have a garden that looks great all year round!
- When planting groups of plants always plan in odd numbers (3, 5, 7 etc) they always look more natural in groupings than even numbers do.
- Avoid sending rubbish to the landfill., vegetable scraps, eggshells, autumn leaves, lawn clippings and almost all leafy garden waste can easily be turned into rich compost.
- To protect your garden from yours or the neighbours cats rub citrus peel over the leaves of plants and scatter peel around the garden.
- You may not have time to regularly weed the garden but at the very least take all flower buds off, so that they won't seed and spread further.



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## FEATURE - Kate Hillier

and fabulous things on show will celebrate and inspire a whole new way of enjoying the outdoors."

"Kiwis love to roll up their sleeves, get their hands dirty and cultivate the land; so, the show is sure to appeal to home renovators and gardeners looking for landscaping inspiration to add style and value to their home. In recognition of our DIY culture, for the first time ever, members of the public can enter two of the categories; Balcony Gardens or the Upcycle Garden Challenge," says Kate.

The five-day event expects to welcome more than 70,000 visitors so Kate and her team have their work cut out.

Kate's entire team has been involved since inception, with Theresa, Samara, Tess and Trish and business partner Peter Shalfoon who used to be supplier for the Ellerslie show, all bringing great skills, experience and passion to the table.

The best part for West Auckland is the gains such a show will bring. As Kate has been working in partnership with the local business association and the trusts, and the local business community as well as local talent will also reap the benefits of the event. She greatly encourages all car parking initiatives as it will be a good money earning exercise for the surrounding businesses.

The show has signed up for 3 years at the Trusts arena and is looking forward to many more opportunities to partner with the whole community outside of the show.

Just in case you needed more good news after reading all that, we can also tell you that Kate and her team have put together an array of great hospitality opportunities and that might be the answer to end of year entertainment issues.

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NZFGS Team BA5 Theresa, Samara, Tess and Kate

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Putting Henderson, and New Zealand, back on the international garden and floral design stage, after a nine-year hiatus, the show will be running 29 November - 3 December 2017 at The Trusts Arena, Waitakere. Thank you Kate.



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## JobFest WEST - 11 October

Dominique Leauga  
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Youth Connections

Central Park Henderson Business, I really appreciate all your help in delivering JobFest, the largest youth employment expo in our backyard. JobFest WEST proved to be a huge success. CPHB was instrumental in activating local business; encouraging and facilitating their involvement; a successful outcome, thanks to your expert consulting services and network.

We had 70 employers and around 850 jobseekers at the event, of which just over 650 were from our target 16-24 age group. We're really pleased with this, as a key focus had been making sure we got the right people there (rather than just a lot of people).

The feedback we've had from both youth and employers so far, is that both groups found the event really valuable, with a noticeable difference in how well-prepared young people were to make the most of the opportunities on offer. We did a lot of work in the lead-up with our community partners to run work-readiness activity for youth, so we're delighted this appears to have had a noticeable impact.

There was an observation and special mention from our team of the high level of coordination, presentation and engagement from our West Auckland stands - especially Central Park Henderson Business, Urban Maintenance Services, Douglas Pharmaceuticals and The Trusts (to name a few). The experienced and empathetic approach from Danielle (Thomas Consulting) and Donna Thomas (West City Waitakere) really showed on the day - from moving their table to create a more "inviting space" through to coming out of their booth to meet our young job seekers, providers and VIPs.

We heard anecdotally of at least 300 young people moving into the next stage of the recruitment process with employers, and we will capture the full results over the next couple of weeks which we will share with stakeholders.

Some quotes we captured: "Awesome event! My brother just



Local Board visit CPHB Stand, Tim Livingstone, Danielle Hancock, Paula Bold-Wilson, Matt Grey, Will Flavell, Garry Bates, Donna Thomas

got a job!" from Alice (Henderson Young Person) and Kaya "I've secured a few interviews and I feel a lot more confident after speaking to all the employers at JobFest, Awesome event". Youthline commented "Congratulations for JobFest- my peeps had an absolute blast"

While the day resulted in a great success, it also provided good learning for us moving forward; providing a greater experience in future for our young job seekers, local businesses and community.

As a "Westie" myself, I am quietly proud of OUR achievement - and excited for the potential of our collaboration. JobFest WEST has galvanised and proven the strong relationships and ability we have together with and for our community in West Auckland.




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### Business from the Local Board Chair

Shane Henderson BA. LLB  
Henderson-Massey Local Board

#### There is plenty to discuss around Henderson's current and future developments. I have good news.

Recently, the area formerly known as 'Wilsher Village' on Henderson Valley Rd has been consented for 40 new homes, with a further 50 expected in the pipeline. This is just the beginning of a plan to bring more residents to the centre. The village will be made up of one-bedroom units within a single four-storey building. All the homes will be wheelchair accessible and have a designated space for a mobility scooter within a floor area of 48sqm. Of course, this will mean more consumers, more workers, and more jobs right here in our backyard.

Our Board has identified 9 sites in Henderson for potential residential development, and work is progressing on the next stage, which will be next to the train station on the Council site. We are also discussing options to activate our public spaces and parks for community use, so old and new residents can enjoy their town centre to its maximum potential.

Of course, any impacts on parking will be addressed, and a parking study is crucial for the area even without the planned developments.

Panuku Development Auckland have made Henderson a focus, and recently there have been developments on the ground to try and spark a bit of interest in the centre. They have set up a satellite office with information boards, and a container is now sitting on the Council site with a huge piano inside it. There is a concept commercial kitchen being set up right now, which will mainly be used for cooking classes and community uses.

I am delighted that artwork is now adorning the Henderson rail bridge. We have also funded a heritage art project known as 'Outside the Square', where people can pick up works relating to our history in birdcages around the centre for free. We feel that our history has value for locals, and hopefully an attraction for non-locals over time.

Now, more than ever, a strong business community with one voice is crucial to make these developments a success for West Auckland



businesses. I wish to applaud the work of the Business Association on this, and I look forward to a positive and constructive working relationship as we progress this exciting new future.

Further north, now that Te Atatu Rd is completed, attention will turn rapidly toward the proposed Lincoln Rd roading upgrades. I have supported the local MP in seeking an independent review of the Te Atatu Rd project, so that we can learn more and ensure that Lincoln Rd is a smooth process which is completed within as short a timeframe as practicable. I do feel that upgrades can be a real opportunity to future-proof community and business activity.

At any rate, we hope that the business community has a strong voice in this as well, it really is where the project stands or falls. Your engagement is crucial, and on that note I am happy to discuss anything with you as a local representative. I'd also suggest having a good chat with your business association colleagues, and that you share any information or concerns, so that together we can get things done.

If I may add, I am always honoured to represent the community I love. I have always been motivated by a strong local economy, and I would love to hear any ideas you may have on how we can grow our local business activity.

If you'd like a chat, I'm on 0210440088 or [shane.henderson@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:shane.henderson@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz).



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