

**Name: Councillor Ann Court**

**Date: April/May 2024**

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### **Northland Road Safety**

No meetings this period

### **Northland Freight Group**

No meetings this period

### **Disability Action Group**

No meeting this period.

### **Te Puawaitanga**

No update this period. We are still waiting on a potential options paper for the utilization of the residual allotment.

The report hopefully will have some ideas for Council to reflect on which has the potential to realize funds to complete stage one and go somewhat towards stage two.

### **Liquor Licensing**

22 Applications processed last month before handing the reins to Commissioner Clearwater. I am registered to attend two training sessions which are set down for 20 and 28 May to cover changes in legislation.

### **Draft Regional Land Transport Plan**

Deliberations have been set down for Monday May 20. Same day as our extra-ordinary Council meeting. Diaries are getting a bit backed up so we might have to juggle who attends this one.

### **New Zealand Automobile Association**

The March meeting was held 16 April in Whangarei no actions to report.

### **Northland Corporate Group**

I attended the launch of the Northland Corporate Group Connecting Northland report by NZIER on the economic impact of four laning. Huge turnout of those who in Northland. I circulated a link to the report to all EM's.

Key Findings from the report:

- \$2.1b Annual increase in regional GDP by 2024
- \$562m Direct economic benefits delivered to the region annually by 2050
- \$3.7b Annual cost savings for Northland businesses
- \$40b Investment brought forward for Northland businesses
- \$4.1b Revenue growth for Northland businesses

### **Road Controlling Authorities Forum**

I joined Nick Leggat (CEO Infrastructure NZ) and David Gordon (Chief Capital Planning and Asset Development Officer for Kiwi Rail) as the panellists discussing what the transport challenges are heading into 2024/25.

We had excellent presentations from

- Minister of Transport Simeon Brown: Governments transport priorities and aspirations. I gave his assistant a hard copy of the Northland Corporate Group report.
- Nicole Rosie NZTA CEO: How NZTA is changing its focus to deliver the governments transport outcomes . Nicole confirmed she had read the Northland Corporate Group report.
- Hon Shane Jones: Minister for Regional Development on legislative levers to make it happen and do things quicker.
- Andrew Clark. National Manager Maintenance and Operations NZTA.
- Andrew McKenzie CEO Kainga Ora.

Couple of take homes:

- Government is looking to move all vehicles into a RUC based system. There are some technological challenges with our older fleet and how we get everyone captured. I'm not convinced this substantially changes the user pays methodology so I will be interested in watching this space.
- NZTA have an acknowledged resource and capacity challenge in delivering on the GPS. Revenue has been flatlined for 8-9 years whilst costs have increased (take that onboard). Revenue is very much a focus of the new Minister and we are very supportive of that conversation. NZTA are required to shave 7.5% of the base line, there will be job losses. Change is constant in this space. Nicole reported she had been in the role four years and that she has had four Ministers, four GPS and four Chairs in that time. In an entity that needs continuity and consistency this has been challenging.
- One speaker reported 25-28% of total costs are now going on temporary traffic management (TTM).

### **Ministers Jones and Reti Public Meeting**

I attended this meeting in Whangarei 12 April. Minister Jones spoke about the 'fast track consenting bill' and the projects he sees as being considered by the independent panel including four laning and the dry dock. Minister Reti spoke to the investment in Whangarei Hospital and the new radiotherapy unit. Both spoke to the demand coming in the work force and housing for the work force to accommodate rapid investment.

### **Kaikou Marae Pipiwai**

I attended the Kaikou Marae meeting Friday 19 April to hear the communities concerns re road dust and road safety. Manulife (formerly Hancock Forestry Management) were there also to talk to the impact of harvesting and some mitigation measures they are undertaking. RFS raised as the community had some photographs of a car vs forestry truck incident that had not been reported.

### **LTP Drop in Session**

Due to diary clashes I was only able to make one of these. Thank you to other members who managed to ensure we had elected member representation.

### **SHIP**

State Highway Investment Proposal was released 12 April. I read the document and send a link to all EM's highlighting the relevant Northland section as an FYI.

FYI: This is NZTA's application to the NLTF for funding.

### **Other Matters**

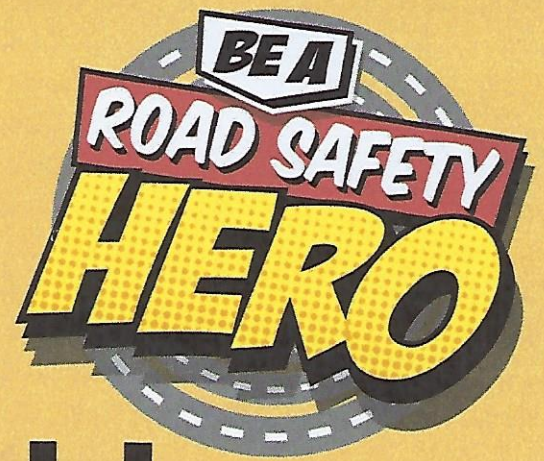
LGNZ is hosting an Infrastructure Symposium 14 June in Wellington. I have requested to attend.

### **Did You Know**

20-26 May is Road Safety Week. Anyone can be a Road Safety Hero. Dress up in your most creative hero costume and join the relay around the Hatea Loop to show your commitment to road safety. I will sadly miss this again this year as I will be in Wellington.



20-26 May 2024



# It's Road Safety Week!

Anyone can be a Road Safety Hero so join us on our Road Safety Hero RELAY around the Hatea Loop to show your commitment to road safety.

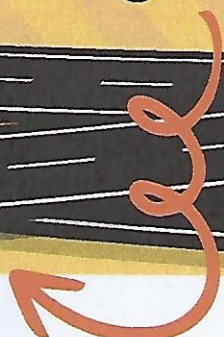
Organisations and individuals are invited to participate in the Road Safety Hero Relay to celebrate our heroes in road safety and raise awareness for the challenges we face in Northland.

**Friday 24 May at 1.00pm**  
**Canopy Bridge, Town Basin**

For more info on Road Safety Week, visit [roadsafetyweek.co.nz](http://roadsafetyweek.co.nz)

Followed by refreshments and prizes at Putahi Park, join us!

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**Dress up in your most creative hero costume and be in to win great prizes!**