

15th October 2024

I stepped in as Chair at the end of last year when the previous chair Anthony stepped away for health reasons and have enjoyed chairing the committee this year.

Northcote has continued to thrive over the past year with several new businesses having filled previously empty shops which is encouraging.

We continue to work closely with Eke Panuku and the Kaipatiki Local Board on plans for the Northcote redevelopment. This year the focus has been on finalizing the design for the new Community Hub building and continuing finalizing the development plans and seeking a suitable partner for the overall development.

We are pleased that Eke Panuku have confirmed that Pearn Place will remain in place for an extended period of time when development starts in other parts of the Centre, including demolition of the Hearts and Minds building commencing early next year.

It was great for us to be able to support events such as the Chinese Movies Day and the very successful Lunar New Year celebration earlier this year. Events like these bring new people into the town centre and creates awareness of what we have to offer.

Going forward into 2025, we are planning on modernizing our outreach to the community through social media and improving our digital presence, along with continuing our diverse range of events at the town centre.

The Northcote Town Centre Committee met six times during the 2023-24 year. At each meeting, we receive updated reports from the management team and review upcoming activities and events. I want to thank our executive committee of volunteers and our management team, BID Manager Gary Holmes and Chinese Liaison Crystal Pan.

I also want to extend a thanks to Kate Cumberpatch and Danielle Grant who have played important liaison roles with Eke Panuku and the Local Board.

Thank you everyone for your support this past year. We look forward to another busy year ahead.

Chuck Buckley – Acting Chair

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Chuck Buckley (Acting Chair) – EC Cycles

Niki Cowie – Baptist Op Shop

Eric de Freitas – EC Cycles

Jay Patel – Mitchells Paper Power

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Kate Cumberpatch – Eke Panuku

Dave Perano – NorthArt

Lucia Mataia – Northcote Library

Danielle Grant – Kaipatiki Local Board