

 THAMES COMMUNITY BOARD	TO	Thames Community Board
	FROM	Diane Connors
	DATE	24/03/2015
	SUBJECT	Elected Member Report

Purpose of the Report:

To keep the Community Board informed of the meetings attended and significant issues that have arisen since the last meeting.

Date	Meeting/Event/Issue	Comments
17/02/15	Thames High School International Students welcome dinner	Good variety of new students this year from Japan, China, Germany, Columbia and Switzerland
18/02/15	Thames i-SITE changes	Worked through key questions with DC and Thames i-SITE to enable 'Next step' decisions to be made
18/02/15	TCDC Youth Awards meeting (23 May)	Planning going well and most sponsors secured. Nominations called for shortly.
19-20/02/15	Cultural Community Development Summit - Hamilton	Emphasised how the arts can bring together and strengthen communities and has many social and economical benefits.
21/02/15 (Sat)	Coromandel Peninsula Youth Collective Leadership Camp - Miranda	Along with Marlene Perry I ran a workshop to consult with our youth about the key initiatives that should come out of the TCDC Youth Strategy.
25/02/15	Business Network Breakfast meeting	Free live business coach session using Skype with Hamish Carnie
01/03/15(Sun)	Children's Day – Victoria Park	Aroha in Action encouraged the public to write messages about healthy relationships to put into helium balloons
03/03/15	Charities Services workshop - Hamilton	Learned more about the new financial reporting requirements for not for profit groups – starts 1/4/15

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05/03/15	Thames Arts Festival public meeting	Thames Society of Arts wished to .separate the arts festival group It was decided to focus on the new theme and start a new group 'Steampunk the Thames'. A new festival will run from Labour weekend this year.
13-22/03/15	Heritage Festival	Some good events included however there were issues with the marketing. Organisers did collate information on how many attended from out of town.
14/03/15	Surf to Firth volunteer	A great event (152 entrants from far and wide) – would like to see more entertainment offered at end to keep people overnight in Thames.
16/03/15	LTP Public Meeting	Only a handful of Thames people were present but new faces and good questions raised.
17/03/15	TCDC Art Strategy Workshop	More than 70 artists from around the peninsula shared their ideas around the value that an Arts Strategy could offer.
23/03/15	Future Action Network meeting	A good number of responses so far for attendees to the 29 April workshop for employers, trainers and youth. Follow up needed to secure key players.
25/03/15	Business Network Breakfast meeting	Mayor Glenn Leach on how to grow your business in a competitive market
25/03/15	Business After 5 – Heather Moore Pharmacy	To promote the FAN workshop in April
26/03/15	Hauraki Heritage Collective	
30/03/15	Thames Information Centre Inc Special General Meeting	For members to make decisions about the future of the organisation after funding changes in July 2015
2/04/15	Coro Peninsula Youth Collective hui - Whangamata	

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