



Angela Dalton
Chair

The [Manurewa Local Board](#) area includes the Wiri industrial estate, Manurewa East, Homai, Clendon Park, Hill Park, Randwick Park, The Gardens, Rata-Vine, Totara Heights, Manukau Heights and the coastal suburbs of Weymouth and Wattle Downs.

It is home to two business improvement districts:



Steering economic development

Angela Dalton, *pictured*, has been in local government for a decade, half of which has been spent chairing the Manurewa Local Board and representing it on the [Wiri](#) BID's governance committee.

Under Auckland Council's co-governance arrangements, local boards have the allocated responsibility for local economic development.

Angela said the relationships between BIDs and local boards are "critical to ensuring we are all optimizing investment into economic development.

"It would be difficult for a local board to achieve the outcomes of their plans if they did not have the BIDs to perform the operational side of the equation," she said.

"The Manurewa Local Board is a solid supporter of the Wiri BID.

"We have ensured our Local Board Plan aligns with the BID to enable business growth, employment opportunities and strategic partnerships with central and local government," she said.

How local boards impact BIDs

- The local board approves the establishment and expansion of all BID programmes
- Local boards are delegated the authority to recommend to the governing body to strike the BID targeted rate in its area as part of the Annual Plan process
- Local boards maintain regular contact with the business association operating the BID programme to keep their local economic development and other interests aligned
- The board may appoint a local board BID representative to the executive committee of each BID/business association to serve as a conduit of information to and from council.



“We financially supported Wiri’s expansion process and its Southern Business Market.

“In return, we look to Wiri to provide us with data and advice on issues that require advocacy to the governing body, for example regarding illegal dumping, and Auckland Transport on the bus network.

“We have been involved with Wiri’s Strategic Plan, which has been developed through the Local Board Plan (2017) refresh.”

Angela believes that BIDs, in addition to their economic development imperative, also have a social and environmental responsibility.

“This is where they (BIDs) could show leadership across the business communities in which they operate,” she said.

The local board also works closely with the Manurewa BID, which was managed by Angela between 2010-12.

Manurewa’s current manager Neil Punja also sits on the local board’s Town Centre Steering Group.

Another member of that steering group is ATEED’s LED Strategic Planner John Norman.

Of John, Angela said: “Our local board has been very well served by his ambition for our town centre. He is a valued member of our steering group; his knowledge and connections have steered us well over the past couple of years.”

- Angela was invited to deliver the opening address at ATEED’s second Local Economic Development Masterclass in March (2017). [WATCH IT HERE.](#)

