



Business Manukau is busy designing and building a leading edge, integrated CCTV network to cover the entire, expanded business improvement district.

General Manager Kerry Burrige, *pictured*, and her team are working closely with the Police, Auckland Council, Auckland Transport and Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board on the ambitious project.

Existing cameras owned by the business association's members and partners will be integrated and cameras added to create the new CCTV system.

We spoke with Kerry, who explained that the comprehensive, highly visible CCTV system is designed to deter crime and provide evidence should a crime be committed.



CCTV: Manukau BID has it covered

Business Manukau will have it covered – all 11 entry points to the commercial precinct.

Said Kerry Burrige, “We’re now conducting an audit of CCTV cameras, with an external security firm helping us to visit all businesses and property owners to find out the location, type and capability of existing cameras – and to identify gaps in our coverage.

“Our Crime Prevention Managers, Tess Maunsell and Anton Welsh (*pictured below*), oversaw the audit and we’re now waiting on tenders to come in for the full system.

“By eliminating our blindspots and targeting criminal hotspots, we’re sending out a strong message that criminal activity will not be tolerated in Manukau.”





Thieves, taggers and professional beggars will all be captured by the gaze of more than 50 Wi-Fi-linked cameras located prominently throughout the retail hub, including the Manukau Supa Centre.

“We will invest in new and upgraded cameras with the enhanced capability to recognise and record (vehicle) licence plates.

“This will allow us to alert Police in real time to the movements of stolen vehicles within our area, and to alert businesses to vehicles known to be involved in anti-social behaviour,” said Kerry.

“Our primary goal is to prevent crime in the first place and, failing that, help Police successfully prosecute those who break the law.

“We’re here to create a safer Manukau for all.”

- Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board contributed \$5,000 towards the costs of the audit.

CRIME PREVENTION: A SAFER MANUKAU FOR ALL

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A major focus for Business Manukau is the need to ensure that the local business district is a safe environment for all who work, shop and do business here.



In response to our members’ needs and priorities, we maintain a strong focus on crime prevention, largely through our two dedicated Crime Prevention Managers: Anton Welsh - who has an extensive background in the security industry, and Teresa (Tess) Maunsell - who has experience as both a NZ Police Sergeant and within the security industry. This has equipped them both extremely well for the task:

- Regular night time security patrols of your street every night, seven days per week by our Security Provider.
- Emergency call-out assistance from Anton Welsh, Crime Prevention Manager, between the hours of 9am – 5pm Mon - Fri.
- Emergency call-out assistance from Tess Maunsell, Crime Prevention Manager, between the hours of 12 - 8pm Wed - Fri, and 9am - 5pm Sat & Sun.
- Free security audits of your business premises using the NZ Police-endorsed audit system.
- Logging of crimes or suspicious persons or vehicles onto the Auror-Police electronic system on your behalf.
- Removal of Graffiti and Tagging for free within 24 hours of it being reported.
- Monitoring and control of window washers to keep members and customers safe.
- Regular Crime Alert emails in response to current offending.
- Instigation of CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design) measures to decrease crime in your area.
- Liaison with NZ Police and local security firms on your behalf.
- Installation of CCTV cameras in Manukau hotspots to decrease crime and increase safety.
- After-crime support and advice.

In addition, Anton and Tess have noted a number of other security areas in which Business Manukau can play an effective role, protecting its members and their interests. Some ongoing issues include walk-in thefts of handbags, cash and tools, and the presence of undesirable and suspicious characters on the streets both during the day and at night.

They are also aware of the many traffic and parking issues that need to be addressed, in order to make Manukau less of a vehicle-dominated space, and more pedestrian-friendly.