



The [Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board](#) covers the south-eastern part of the isthmus, including One Tree Hill, Onehunga, Oranga, Penrose, Mt Wellington, Panmure and Glen Innes.

It is home to three business improvement districts and generates GDP second only to the CBD.



## Chris puts the local in LED

Chris Makoare, *pictured*, has represented the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board in its dealings with the Glen Innes Business Association for the past six years, and brings great personal experience to the task.



The long-time Glen Innes (GI) resident and community leader has chaired the local board after the former chair, Josephine Bartley, was elected as a ward councillor.

- We spoke with Chris about his passionate ambitions for GI, a place he's called home for 35 years (see page 2,3)



**In its 2017 Local Board Plan, “a thriving economy” is among the key objectives.**

**Maungakiekie-Tāmaki is the economic engine room of Auckland.** Our massive industrial area generates GDP second only to the central business district. We will support our business community, encourage investment and promote our area as an excellent place to do business. We will do this by leveraging development opportunities and **large infrastructure projects to transform our town centres, which are essential to a thriving local economy.**

We will enhance the streetscape and provide better connections, to ensure they are accessible to residents and visitors. **We want our town centres and business areas to be well served by ultra-fast broadband and other infrastructure.**

### 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.

The local board strongly supports the Tāmaki Employment Precinct Strategy, which aims to support business growth and improved employment outcomes with residents of GI and beyond.

“As chair of the board, I have been a member of the advisory group (along with ATEED and the Tāmaki Regeneration Company (TRC).

“I look forward to seeing the finalization of this strategy and how the board can support the key moves,” Chris said.

“With Panuku delivering both the Unlock Panmure and Transform Onehunga programmes in our local board area, we are excited to see how they transform our town centres and make them a great place to live, work and play.

“We expect there to be a lot of quality employment opportunities from the housing and infrastructure projects in the local area.

“For example, Homes, Land, Community (HLC) is developing housing in the Oranga area and the local board has funded Youth Connections, through The Southern Initiative (TSI), to engage with HLC and work with them to identify young people from the community to place into construction and infrastructure projects.

“Through Youth Connections, TSI has also engaged with TOLL New Zealand to place some youth people into its cadet programme and upskill them with training to become a valuable employee.

“In the next financial year (2019/20), we are considering funding a pop-up business school which will provide the local community with access to a free course to help them develop business skills and confidence to start their own business.”

Chris and his fellow board members have worked closely with TRC since its establishment.

“We’re there to represent the community’s views and align what we are doing to create shared outcomes for GI and the wider Tāmaki area.

“A recent example of this was the ‘Discover Maybury’ event on 4 May in GI. The event was co-ordinated by TRC and we shared a tent to inform the community about the open space network plan and proposed future development of the reserve.

“The event was a great community day for the people of Glen Innes and activation of a space for which the local board and TRC have a shared vision.

**Tāmaki is highlighted as one of the development areas in the Auckland Plan 2050. These are areas targeted for investment as they’re expected to undergo significant housing and business growth in the next 30 years.**

The Tāmaki regeneration will have particular impact on housing and economic aspirations in both the Auckland Plan and the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan.





**Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board** (along with the neighbouring Ōrākei Local Board) recently approved the extension of the GI BID boundary.

**We asked Chris what benefits he hoped this expansion west of the railway tracks would bring.**

“We know that (approximately 70) businesses within the expansion area have expressed an interest in joining the BID, so we want to support them to do that.

“The area hasn’t been looked at in decades and we believe that the expansion will better reflect what the business community is now and, therefore, better represent the BID.

“The extra (BID targeted rate) funding should also enable more business-to-business opportunities,” he said.

**Like many local boards, Maungakiekie-Tāmaki utilises BID-operating business associations to help deliver both economic and social outcomes.**

**We asked Chris for a few examples, from GI and nearby, of his local board-funded, BID-partnered projects.**

“Funded by our local board, the Tāmaki Community Expo was co-ordinated by the Panmure Business Association, Panmure library and community hall and the (council’s) Arts, Community and Events (ACE) team.

“The purpose of the event was for the community to get to know the services and opportunities available in the local community. As a result, this event enabled over 30 Panmure-based community providers to connect with over 700 attendees.

Ka uru mai a Matariki ki runga  
ka tohu ia kua timata te Tau Hōu.  
Tau mai te mauri  
Haumi e...Hui e... Taiki e.

Matariki rises high into view  
signalling the New Year has begun.  
Welcome great essence of life,  
Join together, and exclaim; It is done!

**“Glen Innes Business Association also delivers the Matariki Light Trail event in Glen Innes, which is an important event to our Tāmaki community with a Māori population of 24.5 per cent.”**

“Onehunga Business Association was represented in the collective of local groups that put together the Auckland Heritage Festival last October in Onehunga. The festival had approximately 500 participants across 15 Onehunga events and exhibitions,” said Chris proudly.

- Chris Makoare has served on the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board since Auckland Council’s inception in 2010 and was elected Chair by his fellow board members in 2018.
- He has also managed the Glen Innes Family Centre for 12 years.
- He has lived in GI for the past 35 years and, for the 24 years before that, he resided in neighbouring Glendowie.