



Whau Local Board member **Warren Piper**, *pictured*, has a deep understanding of the BID programme, working with the west's [New Lynn](#), [Blockhouse Bay](#), [Avondale](#) and [Rosebank](#) BIDs.

The property director chaired the New Lynn Business Association between 2017-2019 and is the local board's lead representative appointed to liaise with the Blockhouse Bay BID. A busy man, Warren is also an alternate representative with the other three BIDs.



## Learning governance skills on the job

**First-term local board member, Warren Piper lives and works in New Lynn alongside his father and grandfather in the family business.**

As a BID targeted ratepayer in his own right, Warren is certainly invested in the local BID programme and has contributed much to its success, supporting the great work of (former BID manager) **Tracy Mulholland** (now the Whau ward's city councillor) and **Amelda Tasila**, the current manager.

"I was Chair of the New Lynn Business Association for two terms and on the executive committee for a few years before becoming Chair," he said.

**"I was taken under the wings of previous Chairs and taught the skills and governance experience throughout my role as a committee member."**

"I was voted in as Chair in 2017 and worked with an amazing bunch of business owners that dedicated their time and energy into supporting New Lynn businesses and working together to grow our local economy.

"It was an awesome experience, and I am really proud of what we achieved for our membership and the wider business community."

New Lynn's annual business awards celebrate that success.



L-R: Tracy and Amelda.



Warren chaired New Lynn's 2019 AGM.



New Lynn Business Award winners.



We asked Warren how he saw the BID programme benefitting the Blockhouse Bay business community.



“The BID programme unites Blockhouse Bay’s businesses in the village in a supportive and productive community,” he said.

“An example of this would be the **Blockhouse Bay Santa Parade**, *pictured*, which is the largest and most attended in the Whau each year and always garners a huge amount of support.”

Whau Local Board co-sponsors the event



*“The (Blockhouse Bay) BID provides an opportunity for the businesses to work together and build a business network for supporting growth and economic development to create a thriving business community and town centre.”*

“I have enjoyed working with the Blockhouse Bay Business Association over the past year, hearing about the issues that matter to them, helping them resolve issues that arise in the town centre, and supporting them through my role on the local board and my previous business association experience.



Whau Local Board also appointed Warren Piper as an alternate representative in support of the New Lynn, Avondale and Rosebank BIDs.

***We asked Warren to describe that role.***

“As an alternate, I follow the same representative responsibilities - stepping in for the BID lead when they are unavailable and assisting where and when I can.”



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The Whau Local Board Plan 2020 promotes ‘thriving town centres and a strong local economy’ and, specifically, a key initiative “Partner with our business associations to realise shared aspirations around town centre improvement, and support those associations seeking to expand Business Improvement Districts”.

Warren says those shared aspirations involve creating vibrant and thriving town centres with businesses buzzing from the local activity with a strong local economy.