



The Onehunga Business Association team (L-R):
Laura Hulbert; Angela Corbett; Tevita Tu'ifua & Amanda Wellgreen.



Onehunga's team comes together

We caught up with Onehunga's BID programme team and find out who's who and who does what among the promotees and the newbies.

Amanda Wellgreen, Town Manager:

With a background in public relations and communications, Amanda has a good understanding of the issues and opportunities affecting Onehunga and is keen to strengthen its position as a great place to work and live. She was previously Events & Communications Coordinator before being promoted to Town Manager.

Laura Hulbert, Administration & Membership Manager:

Laura oversees office tasks, is the key liaison for members and for council service delivery. She is the records and systems guru and is transforming the office into a well-organised machine.

Angela Corbett, Events & Communications Coordinator:

Leaping straight into the 2019 Onehunga Festival, Angela is using her extensive background in marketing communications to deliver Onehunga's busy event and promotion schedule.

Tevita Tu'ifua, Community Liaison Officer:

Joining the team in May 2019, Tevita is the OBA's newest recruit and is focused on ensuring Onehunga's town centre is a safe and happy destination for visitors and the local community.

Priorities, achievements



This year's Onehunga Festival drew the crowds.

The establishment of Onehunga's new team, including the recruitment of Angela and Tevita, was Amanda's initial priority for 2019.

"We will deliver three signature events this year, starting with February's Onehunga Festival," she said. "Next up is our inaugural Onehunga Arts Festival in June, and the Christmas Parade in November. We'll support other community initiatives during the year." A new website is planned for late 2019, along with an 'extensive overhaul' of OBA's member systems. *"This year, we'll focus on better understanding our wider area including Onehunga's industrial sector."* Ongoing liaison with NZTA and Auckland Transport on the East-West link, light rail and the planning of the new pedestrian bridge across the Manukau Harbour, is also on the team's work programme. *"We'll keep working closely with Panuku as it continues its Transform Onehunga programme."* **SEE NEXT PAGE**



In late 2015, Onehunga was selected as one of Auckland’s flagship projects to undergo a transformation similar in scale to Wynyard Quarter.

First laneway opens, more to follow



Amanda Wellgreen (pictured above in red), is looking forward to similar treatment in the seven other laneway spaces, creating a town centre that Onehunga can be proud of.

The urban regeneration of Onehunga has taken a step forward with the completion and opening of an upgraded laneway, creating an improved welcome point into the town centre from the south and an attractive space for events.

Designs are currently being created for the next laneway upgrade being delivered by Panuku in conjunction with the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board. Construction is expected to start early next year.

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“The Transform Onehunga programme has great potential to support our thriving community to progress further,” Amanda Wellgreen said.

“The laneway and space outside the Onehunga Police Station that opened in April 2019 has been in planning for many years and it’s great to have something completed.

“This programme of work is moving slowly so (OBA) continues to ensure that momentum continues, and the business community is involved in planning and development for everyone’s future benefit.

“There has been a lot of planning and discussion in the Onehunga community and now we want more delivery on this programme.

“Onehunga is at the centre of a lot of Auckland’s key infrastructure and the community can be greatly affected by change out of our control. It’s great that with Panuku Development’s support we can create a strategic plan that benefits many.”

Amanda acknowledges the important role played by Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board member Debbie Burrows.

“Our local board liaison is Debbie Burrows and she’s very supportive of our business association and the work we are undertaking.”

