

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Dear member,

Whilst most of us were preoccupied with the impacts of Covid-19 throughout 2020 in the first few months of 2021 we've already seen announcements concerning the well-heralded reform of the water sector, initial proposals for a substantial overhaul of the Health sector (with district health boards set to be abolished by the end of next year), and most recently, a fundamental review into the future of local government. These come against a backdrop of proposed reforms to the resource management system. Change is most certainly afoot!

The Committee is currently developing plans for the next tranche of CfA convened events and will continue to focus on topics most relevant to our members. The key workstreams that have emerged from consultation with members and key stakeholders are:

- The importance of reinvigorating the city centre and our town centres.
- Embedding working smarter in Auckland.
- Boosting the quality of life for Auckland's citizens.
- An empowered city: decision-making for the 21st Century.
- Maximising the current economic opportunity for Auckland in a Covid-19 world.

As has been our recent practice we tend to assign a member of the board to lead a particular workstream. In accordance with the maxim "many hands make light work" we are currently looking to expand the composition of the Committee for Auckland board and I welcome your suggestions for potential board members.

Sincerely,
Mark Spencer

COMMITTEE FOR AUCKLAND



UPCOMING EVENTS

Resource Management Act Proposed Changes

On the 27th May CfA will host a conversation with Amelia Linzey, member of the Resource Management Review Panel, to discuss the panel's findings and recommendations. Keep an eye out for your invitation or [Click Here](#) to RSVP.

RECENT EVENTS

Committees for Cities and Regions

The Committee for Auckland is a longstanding member of the Committees for Cities and Regions (C4) network which includes all the major cities in Australia.

The group meets bi-annually with the most recent virtual session focussed on cities' responses to Covid-19 which included examples of business financial and knowledge assistance programmes, new digital business toolkits, as well as "re-opening" marketing campaigns such as Let's Melbourne Again, for when the city emerged from its 112 day lockdown and detailed recovery strategies. Committee for Sydney's Recovery Strategy has eight recovery enabling strategies including: boosting infrastructure investment and capitalising internationally on their relative success handling Covid.

The upcoming meeting is looking at migration and workforce challenges and the changing relationship cities expect to be having with Asia.

We will keep members up to date with insights from the C4 network.

Lion Cyber-attack webinar

Luke Sawyer, Group Engineering and Operations Technology Director, and Kendall Nicholas, Digital Technology & Automation Director, from Lion spoke to members about the cyberattack Lion sustained in June 2020. The cyber-attack impacted Lion's business wide enterprise systems including customer call centres, production facilities, packaging, warehousing robotic systems and a variety of supply chain processes.

The attack was a ransomware attack and Lion were asked to pay significant ransoms, several times. Supply chains were severely impacted, causing a complete manufacturing shutdown for almost two weeks. It took a further six months to return to full production capacity.

Ransomware as a Service attack (RaaS) is when a vulnerability is exploited and sold on the dark web. Cyber criminals deploy ransomware into the enterprise system, take over passwords to the main active directory system and take control from there. The cyber criminals provide a date that a ransom payment is required and if the ransom is not paid, data will be sold to the highest bidder on the dark web.

Lion's major learnings included: the importance of identifying and defining control assets, the merits of engaging expert assistance, assigning separate teams to work on the problem such as those responsible for managing communications, the need to upweight cyber security and accelerate the associated implementation programme.

FUTURE AUCKLAND LEADERS

Background

The Future Auckland Leaders programme has monthly half day sessions spread over two years for a cohort of 20 selected future leaders for Auckland. A combination of topical information sessions, site visits, group and individual exercises and personal coaching.

Alumni message – Kenneth Leong

I completed the Future Auckland Leaders programme in 2008. It was a real eye-opener. I learnt things about Auckland that

I didn't previously know or appreciate. Some highlights include the overnight stays at Orakei Marae, the tailored leadership training, management

briefings/discussions at Auckland Airport, Ports of Auckland, Watercare and City Mission amongst others. I gained a much deeper appreciation of tangata whenua, and the cultural similarities between Maori and my own background as a Malaysian Chinese New Zealander.

I also learnt about how various organisations do their bit to make our city such an amazing place to live, work and play. The fact that I still remember these experiences vividly 13 years on goes to show the impact this programme had on my life. Most of all, I met some truly awesome people on the programme, who are passionate, driven, yet humble leaders who make such an amazing contribution to Auckland. The projects we worked on together helped us gain an even deeper appreciation for the difference we can make as individuals coming together with a common purpose. I applaud the work of the Committee for Auckland. The 2 years I spent on this programme was life-changing, and I still benefit from the insights and learnings gained today.

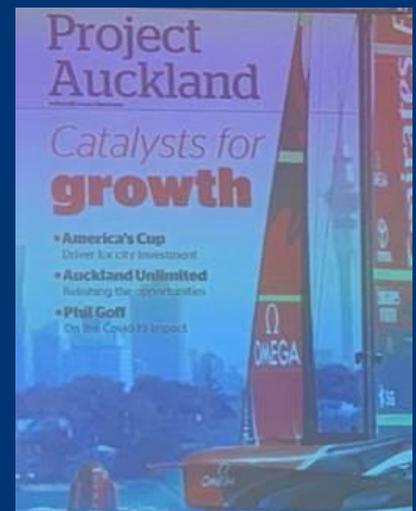


Image Above: Kenneth Leong, FAL Alumnus

UPDATE

Project Auckland Launch

Mark Spencer and Mark Thomas attended the Herald's launch of Project Auckland, the annual report on Auckland's progress, which was held two days after New Zealand retained the America's cup. The report highlights the key deliverables for Auckland in 2020, along with new opportunities and progress on challenges.



A key aspect of the report was that despite the Covid-induced lost opportunities for Auckland (much less economic gain from the Cup, no upcoming physical APEC meeting, lost sporting and cultural events), other development opportunities continued. All the core infrastructure for the Cup event was completed and the Wynyard Quarter transformation continues.

Finance and Infrastructure Minister Grant Robertson, who spoke at the event, said the \$115 million the government had invested into the projects associated with the event and the central city transformation was part of capturing legacy economic development value.

Housing and infrastructure challenges such as the harbour bridge and transport investment remain major issues the city still has to solve. The reactivated light rail project will be an early test of a new partnership approach the government wants to use to make more effective progress.

MEMBERSHIP

New members

Creating a Better Auckland: Renew your membership or join us to inform the Committee's advocacy with government and inform the broader public debate.

Contact us to discuss your membership options and prices.

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