

Kia Ora,

First, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the very sad loss of a passionate and inspiring leader, Fa'anānā Efeso Collins, with part of the message from Phil Wilson, CE, Auckland Council:

"We are reeling from the sad news of Fa'anānā Efeso Collins' passing – Tāmaki Makaurau has lost a passionate and inspiring leader, whose contribution to local government and connection to Auckland Council will forever be remembered. Our heartfelt condolences go to his wife Fia and young daughters, and their wider aiga. He will be remembered as a champion for Pasifika communities across – Tāmaki Makaurau and a fierce advocate for those he represented in south Auckland. He was truly a good person and a valued colleague..."

Now here is this week's news Round Up from me. Please share this with your community and networks.

1. Tāmaki Makaurau Recovery Plan:

The [Tāmaki Makaurau Recovery Plan](#) provides a framework for recovery and future resilience. It is now available to download from the council website, in both full and 'plan-on-a-page' formats. The plan formally documents the recovery activities required to respond to the extreme weather events of 2023, and identifies opportunities to support and improve our region's resilience and ability to recover from future events. It provides a framework for ongoing conversations with affected individuals, whānau and communities about their recovery and future resilience.

2. New Guide To Help Homeowners Read Geotechnical Assessment Reports:

- We have recently published a guide to reading geotechnical risk assessment reports to make it easier for homeowners to understand the report they receive about their property. We are sending the guide to homeowners alongside their geotechnical report and it is also available online.
- You can find this new guide under 'Terms and guidance documents' on the council website's [storm recovery documents page](#).

3. Upcoming Auckland Council Consultations:

- Making Space for Water
- Long Term Plan – from 28 Feb 2024
- Climate Adaptation
- Resilient Auckland
- Natural Hazards Plan
- Unitary Plan Changes
- Resilient Coastlines

4. Shoreline Adaption Plans (SAPs):

- Click on this link to the published Our Auckland story promoting three SAP areas - Whatipu to South Head, Tamaki River Inlet and Bucklands Beach to Pine Harbour <https://ourauckland.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/news/2023/12/have-your-say-on-the-whatipu-to-south-head-shoreline-adaptation-plans/>

- Also attached are a couple of flyers which point to the Ak Have Your Say project pages with all upcoming events and programme timeframes etc.

5. The Community Wellbeing Survey:

- This research is being conducted by The Mental Health Foundation. It is just one source of information to form TMRO wellbeing priorities for the Auckland community. The main aim of the Mental Health Foundation research is to gain insight into the wellbeing of communities affected by the North Island Weather Events.
- Hard copies of the wellbeing survey are available, please let me know if you need copies and I will get them out to you. The aim is for people to complete it individually, using the Freepost option to submit their responses.
- For the online survey, please share <https://www.research.net/r/wellbeing-2023> or the SIL Research facebook post can also be shared [SIL Research - 🌟 Opportunity to Contribute to Our... | Facebook](#).
- You have until 26 February to complete the online wellbeing survey.

6. “Weathering The Storm” Workshops

- Find out more about course content and register for upcoming dates in Māngere and Mt Roskill on the [Blueprint website](#).
- Funding has been allocated by Te Whatu Ora for 5 further workshops in Tāmaki Makaurau and they would like our advice on where to place them. Please send me your suggestions of any areas or community groups that would benefit from the workshop.
- If anyone requires access support (including transport) to attend these courses, we believe there is a limited flexi fund available, so please let me know.
- There are also free [MH101](#) and [Addiction101](#) courses for anyone who is interested.

7. Albert-Eden Local Board Grants:

- The Albert-Eden Local Board Accommodation fund opens 22 January - 22 March 2024. Please check the link below to find out more about the criteria and to see the funding application link.
<https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/grants-community-support-housing/grants/local-board-grants/albert-eden-local-board-grants/Pages/grant-details.aspx?itemID=5>

The Albert Eden Local Grant opens 29th January. This is for grants from \$3000 to \$8000. Please click here to see more details <https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/grants-community-support-housing/grants/local-board-grants/albert-eden-local-board-grants/Pages/grant-details.aspx?itemID=3>