

28th October 2025

Approved by members at the 2025 AGM

It's hard to believe another year has passed, and another AGM is upon us. I have truly enjoyed my time as Chair, working alongside a dedicated team to serve our Northcote business community.

This year has been defined by our engagement with the ongoing redevelopment of the town centre. While this work presents a number of challenges for our businesses, it also brings exciting opportunities. We've been meeting monthly with the Auckland Urban Development Office (AUDO) to ensure the needs of our business community are heard and addressed. We also made our voices heard by writing a strongly worded letter to Auckland Council, advocating for fair treatment of our members.

A key highlight of the year was successfully hosting our Northcote Cultural Day, a fantastic event that brought thousands of people into the town centre to celebrate our diverse community. We also commissioned a comprehensive perception survey of both businesses and the public, providing us with invaluable insights that will shape our work programme for the coming year.

We continue to prioritise the safety and well-being of our members. We have made key upgrades to our CCTV network, including a move to remote AI monitoring technology that will provide a better response to any incidents.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to our Executive Committee of volunteers for their time and commitment this year: Niki Cowie, David Perano, Lucia Mataia, and Jay and Jasoda Patel who have now sold their business. I'd also like to extend a special thanks to Danielle Grant, who provides a crucial liaison role with the Kaipatiki Local Board, and Kate Cumberpatch from Auckland Council.

Finally, a huge thank you to our management team, our BID Manager Gary Holmes, and our Chinese Liaison Crystal Pan, who continue to work tirelessly to implement our initiatives and maintain positive relationships.

Thank you all for your support this past year. We look forward to another busy and productive year ahead.

Chuck Buckley –Chair