

SHORE JUNCTION

WHERE IDEAS COLLIDE AND FUTURE PATHS FORGE



A NOTE FROM OUR COMMUNITY DIRECTOR - MELANIE BARR

As expected, the year is already in full swing, and some exciting activities are on the horizon. I am meeting daily with talented young people of the North Shore and engaging with local organisations who want to hear the Shore Junction story. We have a great cohort of supporters to help us through the various stages of getting Shore Junction off the ground.

I am thrilled to be working with some great minds from Smales Farm, Massey University, Takapuna Beach Business Association, Grow North and the eCentre to showcase a number of amazing tech companies and individuals based on the North Shore. These will all be featured in our own TechWeek event at the B:Hive on Thursday 24 May 2018. TechWeek also falls the same week as Youth Week 2018 which means the Shore Junction team will be busy as we create an inaugural event to invite the North Shore youth to participate in the co-design of the Shore Junction programmes.

If you know any young people who wish to be involved in the development of the Shore Junction programmes please have them contact me as we are wanting to co-design the programmes with Shore youth and the community.

BUILDING UPDATE

WE HAVE BEEN GRANTED RESOURCE AND BUILDING CONSENT!

Get your hard hats and steel cap boots ready! We are so excited to announce that we have been granted both Resource and Building consent.

The process has been long and arduous, thank you everyone for your support to help us through this stage of the project. Many thanks to those who have also invested financially to get us to this point.

We can now celebrate this milestone and move on to the actual build project! During the build period, Mel will be hosting tours through the Shore Junction building to keep the momentum of the project top of mind throughout the community. We want to ensure that the Shore Junction community are involved right through the project.

If you would like to join us on one of the tours, contact Mel to find out available dates.



WHAT IS SHORE JUNCTION

Shore Junction is a youth innovation hub in Takapuna designed to provide a safe space for young people to connect, belong, collaborate, learn and innovate.

It will provide opportunities for young people to connect socially outside of school, and to access a range of facilities, programmes and events that are designed to support their wellbeing and accelerate their potential.

Shore Junction will support young people to prepare for their future pathways by supporting them to develop key skills and by connecting them to business and enterprise.

The Shore Junction building offers "two floors of amazing" - flexible, shared spaces for young people to convene and collaborate. The use of space can be continuously refined in response to the needs and ideas of young people.

MY SUPPORT FOR SHORE JUNCTION

Henry Pivac

Currently studying at Rosmini College

Co-Chair of the Devonport Takapuna Youth Board (Younite)

Youth Advisor, Shore Junction.

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THE TARGET
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FROM HENRY...

My involvement in Shore Junction starts in year nine at age thirteen; I joined the Devonport Takapuna Youth Board not knowing what I was getting myself into. What was initially a fun after-school activity eventually flourished into significant involvement in a project that will shape the Youth of the North Shore. As soon as I heard about the ambitious goals of the members on my board relentlessly pitching to the council for a youth-oriented space, I knew I wanted to take part. Two years later with the help of YES Disability, the 'Shore Junction Steering Committee' was underway, and I was elected one of the three youth representatives to take place in a groundbreaking, once in a lifetime opportunity.

So far the planning stage for me has been an exciting and eye-opening experience demonstrating how an idea that was originally so simple can snowball into a much bigger plan. It is this snowball effect that initially hooked me to the premise of Shore Junction. Out of the three youth representatives, I'm the only one currently attending high school; regularly I find myself connecting with the target audience for Shore Junction. Because of this, I see how this project is going to impact their lives. After being surrounded by the constant complaints such as "I wish the school had better facilities," and "I just want a place to relax and enjoy myself" it became clear that Shore Junction is on track to becoming a staple in the lives of the youth on the Shore.

Throughout the planning phase, we spoke for hours determining what we want the result of Shore Junction to be. Personally, my primary goal is to see the facilities utilised and becoming part of the youth's routine. A keyword of this project has been 'innovation,' but we don't use it lightly. The main purpose of Shore Junction is to allow the youth to innovate, explore and pursue their interests, to discover what they excel in. Shore Junction will unlock the potential of our youth.

The community is what makes Shore Junction work, and this project spans far greater than just supporting the youth. By giving them a platform to excel, over time they will give back to the community developing the Shore furthermore.

Hopefully, the youth take full advantage of this opportunity and use it as a way to broaden their horizons and connect with people that share their same interests. Achieving results like these will make Shore Junction a success, and I am genuinely grateful that I have had the opportunity to take part in such a fantastic project.

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