

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dear Members and Executive Board,

I extend a warm welcome to the Annual General Meeting of 2023. It is indeed an honour to present to you the annual report and financial statements for the year ending on June 30, 2023. Serving as the Chairperson of the Otara Business Association [OBA] over the past 7 years has been a privilege and a source of great pride.

I would like to express my gratitude to our dedicated committee members, local businesses, and the invaluable support we've received from various local stakeholders, including the Otara Papatoetoe Local Board, the Local Police, local businesses, and community groups. I also want to extend my appreciation to our OBA Manager, Rana Judge, whose contributions have made my tenure all the more enjoyable.

As I reflect on the past seven years, my journey as Chairman of the Otara Business Association has been marked by both challenges and accomplishments. Our town centre has been through its fair share of ups and downs. We've navigated political interference, addressed issues related to drug dealing, and faced the challenges of political alliances against our businesses, all of which have demanded significant time and resources. However, our resilience has seen us through.

I'm proud to report that our association has achieved remarkable success in the business sector. We consistently held the top position in growth for almost every month last year. This accomplishment stands as a testament to the unwavering dedication and collective efforts of our members and the executive board. It fills me with hope and optimism for a brighter future for our town centre.

As I stand before you today, I must acknowledge that my tenure as Chairman has ended, concluding my eighth year in this role. It is now time to pass on the responsibilities, and I do so with profound gratitude for the privilege of serving this community. I eagerly anticipate witnessing the future of the Otara Business Association and am confident that it holds great promise.

With the recent change in government, there is newfound hope for additional support to our business community and enhanced safety for our centre. Let us maintain our optimism and proactivity as we work collectively to make our town centre a safer and more prosperous place for all.

In closing, I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for your unwavering support and cooperation throughout my tenure as Chairman. I am profoundly grateful for the hard work and dedication of my colleagues and, especially, Rana Judge, whose steadfast support has been invaluable during my time as Chairman.

I extend my best wishes to all of you for the upcoming year and eagerly anticipate the continued growth and success of the Otara Business Association under the capable guidance of our future leaders. Together, we can achieve remarkable things for our town centre.

Thank you, and here's to a brighter future.

Sincerely,

Amandeep Parmar (Chairperson)

