

# District News



## Togetherness and goodwill

Christmas is a time that brings people together. It is a time where we think about our families and community. We enjoy the season and take to heart its messages about togetherness and goodwill.

Papakura celebrates the festive season with its own events - Carols in the Park, the Santa Parade and the Christmas Movie in the Park.

Through this last year and coming up in the next year the Council continues to invest in the town and surrounding District. The \$6.1 million enhancement and revitalisation of the Town Centre began in earnest this year. This project responds to the community's wishes and will transform the public areas of our town centre, with new trees, seats, lights and upgraded road surfaces making the area truly the heart of our district.

In early 2008 we will move into the next phase of the work, with the town square, main street and northern gateway adding appeal and interest.

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It is great to be able to support events where members of the community are putting their time and energy into making Papakura a better place.

One such event was an open day with canoe and kayak activities that gave many local people a new perspective on the Pahurehure Inlet. The open day helped focus attention on the environment around us, and approval of the



*Christmas is not a time or a season but a state of mind.  
To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is  
to have the real Spirit of Christmas.*

Pahurehure Inlet Management Plan has enabled local people to begin a managed removal of mangrove plants from the inlet and allowed planning to begin for the protection and development of the inlet itself.

At another volunteer event, we partnered with Auckland Regional Council and local Wai Care supporters in a planting at Keri Downs. It filled the banks of the stream with native plants that will help to stabilise the stream surroundings and attract bird life.

Papakura was once more host to the annual Targa rally, with the start of the event in our main street giving local people and visitors the chance to see the cars up close.

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We have worked hard to create an environment that is beneficial to our children and young people.

During 2007, the Council hosted the Papakura Youth Leadership

forum, giving our future community and business leaders an insight into the power they have to help build the Papakura of ten and twenty years from now.

We also helped stage the bi-annual Papakura Youth Expo, a range of events that showcase options for young people in education and careers. The annual Children's Forest planting on Red Hill has allowed families to mark the arrival of children born in the district with a tree for them to cherish as they grow up. The Papakura Youth Performance Café ran throughout 2007.

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In all these areas and many others we are working with you to keep Papakura moving forward, and as the year draws to a close we take the time to thank every member of the Papakura community for their support and good will toward others.

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# Have your say on bylaws

Papakura District Council is now reviewing all of its bylaws as required by the Local Government Act 2002.

We will be consulting with the community in early 2008 on a total of nine bylaws: seven existing bylaws which are under review and two new proposals.

The existing bylaws cover a wide range of topics: keeping of animals, poultry and bees; water supply; waste water; public places; trading in public places; cemeteries; control of advertising signs.

New proposed bylaws cover liquor control in public places and storm water. Consultation on the bylaws will begin on January 14 and close on February 29.

Information about the review and submission forms will be available from January 14 at the Council's Customer Services reception area, 35 Coles Crescent; at the Sir Edmund Hillary Library and at [www.papakura.govt.nz](http://www.papakura.govt.nz)



Above, Ride Cycles' Logan McRae and Council staff member Courtney Hayhow show off the new bikes.

## More mobility

Papakura District Council staff are now much more mobile with the arrival of two mountain bikes on the Council's transport fleet.

Local bike shop Ride Cycles donated one of the bikes with the Council purchasing the other, along with the safety gear and panniers to keep documents clean and dry. The bikes are already a hit with staff, who say they are an ideal way to get around for site visits and meetings. Best of all, they use no fuel, are emissions free and great for the health.

## Underarm signals a fresh start for Hawkins Centre

Papakura's Hawkins Centre has a new manager and is about to embark on an exciting programme of community and professional performances.

Already popular for dance and school theatrical performances, the Centre will host the popular sports play *The Underarm* in February 2008.

New manager Graeme Bennett says the play, written by Justin Gregory and David Geary, appeals to all ages and interests and tells the story of two brothers torn apart by conflicting views of the infamous 1981 cricketing incident during a one-day test between Australia and New Zealand.

Kiwi World Series hopes were dashed at the last ball which was delivered by Trevor Chappell as an under-arm bowl, making it all but impossible to score the six runs required to draw the match let alone win it.

Past and present New Zealand and English cricket players and administrators along with the Beige Brigade and representatives from the Barmy Army are set to converge on Papakura for the Gala opening night on Saturday 16th February 2008, the day after New Zealand plays England in a one-day match, and throughout the seven show season.

As part of the Counties Manukau Cricket Jubilee year a portion of the value of all tickets sold throughout the Papakura season will be donated to Counties Manukau Cricket.

Tickets for *The Underarm* are now on sale and can be purchased by phoning 0800 4 TICKETS (0800 484253) or at [www.ticketdirect.co.nz](http://www.ticketdirect.co.nz). Graeme is urging local people to book early as the show sold out at Tauranga Arts Festival and received rave reviews.



Above, new Hawkins Centre Manager, Graeme Bennett

# Work programme update

This column sets out Papakura District Council's major roading, water and other work - recently completed, in progress and planned. A regular feature of District News, it helps keep the residents of Papakura up to date with what the Council is doing.

Parks and recreation work completed in November and December

- Central Park Toilet replacement
- Central Park Planting improvements
- Waimana Reserve walkway
- Reinstatement and improvements to Gills Esplanade Reserve

Parks and recreation work currently under way

- Upgrades at Don Street Housing for the Elderly
- Wharf Street-Coles Crescent walkway
- Raising the canopies of trees in Central Park to improve sight lines

Parks and recreation work planned for January and February

- New park signs design and construction
- Works start on upgrade to Great South Road end of Village Green
- Bollards in Ray Small Car Park

Roading work completed in November and December 2007

- Footpath renewals - 400 metres
- Pre-seal repairs
- Resealing works: 7000 metres
- Interim line marking on arterial roads
- Great South Road: Beach Road to Butterworth Road surface reconstruction

Roading work in progress

- Hingaia Road/Hinau Road intersection improvements
- O'Shannessey Street upgrade

Roading work programmed for January and February 2008

- Ron Keat Drive - pedestrian improvement works
- Rosehill Drive - pavement rehabilitation works
- Papakura Clevedon Rd - pavement rehabilitation works
- Papakura mainstreet upgrade
- Footpath renewals - 300 metres
- Road resealing works -10,000 metres

Stormwater work completed in October and November 2007 - Pipe renewals and upgrades:

- Service lane for Farmers car park
- Culvert outlet improvement in Fielding Road
- Stormwater upgrade in Coulthard Terrace
- Cleaning of open drain in Greenhaven Drive
- Pipe upgrade in Fitzgerald Road

Stormwater work currently under way - Pipe renewals and upgrades:

- Intersection of Great South Road and O'Shannessey Street
- Open drain bank restoration in Bremner Road
- Culvert outlet improvement in Fitzgerald Road
- Stormwater upgrade in Scott Road and George Street

Stormwater work programmed for December / January / February:

- Stormwater upgrade in Arimu Road
- Completion of pipeworks in central business area
- Stormwater improvement in Fitzgerald Road
- Redhill Road stormwater outfall to Dominion Road
- Open channel improvement in Tironui Station Road East
- Debris trap for creek in Flanagan Road

## STREETSCAPE

The heart of the district

The Streetscape enhancement project continues.

With major work now complete in Broadway and the main roading work in O'Shannessey Street almost done, attention now turns to the main street, town square and northern gateway (Village Green reserve at Coles Crescent). These major parts of the project will be undertaken in 2008, with design and detail planning for each remaining part of the project almost finished.

The new intersections at Broadway-O'Shannessey Street and Broadway - Railway Street West are now complete, and the traffic signal system will be synchronised by early January to improve traffic flows. Contractors are working to ensure disruption during the project is kept to a minimum.



## Christmas & New Year Holidays

### Papakura District Council opening hours

Monday 24th December	8.00am to 12.30pm
Tuesday 25th December	Closed
Wednesday 26th December	Closed
Thursday 27th December	8.00am to 5.00pm
Friday 28th December	8.00am to 5.00pm
Monday 31st December	8.00am to 5.00pm
Tuesday 1st January	Closed
Wednesday 2nd January	Closed
Thursday 3rd January	8.00am to 5.00pm
Friday 4th January	8.00am to 5.00pm

### Sir Edmund Hillary Library opening hours

Friday 21st December	9.00am to 8.00pm
Saturday 22nd December	9.30am to 4.00pm
Sunday 23rd December	Closed
Monday 24th December	9.00am to 5.00pm
Tuesday 25th December	Closed
Wednesday 26th December	Closed
Thursday 27th December	9.00am to 5.00pm
Friday 28th December	9.00am to 5.00pm
Saturday 29th December	9.30am to 4.00pm
Sunday 30th December	Closed
Monday 31st December	9.00am to 5.00pm
Tuesday 1st January	Closed
Wednesday 2nd January	Closed
Thursday 3rd January	9.00am to 5.00pm
Friday 4th January	9.00am to 5.00pm
Saturday 5th January	9.30am to 4.00pm
Sunday 6th January	Closed

### Massey Park Aquatic Centre opening hours

Tuesday 25th December	Closed
All other public holidays	10.00am to 7.00pm
Monday 31st December	5.30am to 6.30pm
All other weekdays	5.30am to 7.45pm
Weekends	6.30am to 7.45pm

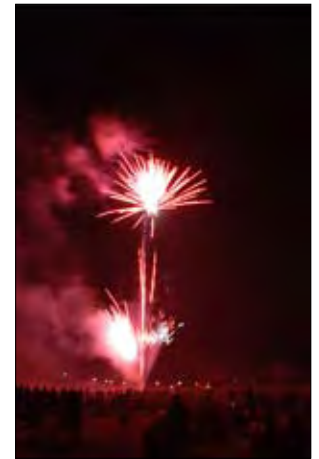
### Collection of Refuse and Recycling

The collection day for both domestic refuse bags and recycling will be varied due to the public holidays:

<i>Normal Rubbish Day</i>	<i>Changes to</i>
Monday 24th December	No Change
Tuesday 25th December	Wednesday 26th December
Wednesday 26th December	Thursday 27th December
Thursday 27th December	Friday 28th December
Friday 28th December	Saturday 29th December
Monday 31st January	No Change
Tuesday 1st January	Wednesday 2nd January
Wednesday 2nd January	Thursday 3rd January
Thursday 3rd January	Friday 4th January
Friday 4th January	Saturday 5th January

Collection will resume on normal days from Monday 7 January 2008. When there is a statutory holiday, unless advertised otherwise, collections are deferred by one day.

### Fireworks



### Carols in the Park



### Christmas Parade



### Movies under the Stars



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