



Papakura District News

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the first District News for 2009.

The year's already looking very busy and we have some exciting news to share with you on these pages.

I would like to draw your attention to Progress Papakura, the draft 2009-2019 Long-Term Council Community Plan.

Making decisions on behalf of the community is a huge responsibility.

Our District continues to grow rapidly, and we must plan and provide for that growth. At the same time, we have to recognise the economic situation we now find ourselves in and show common sense in our spending.

Your Council has worked hard to develop this draft ten year plan which focuses on delivering the services the district needs in a responsible and cost effective way.

Have we got the right balance between the cost of these plans and providing the services needed in this community? Consultation on the draft ten year plan starts on March 26. Remember, the decisions we make today are not only for ourselves but for our future generations.

On a lighter note, I am challenging all of Papakura's cyclists to get behind me in the



second annual Mayoral Challenge bike ride at Bruce Pulman Park in early March. There are great prizes to be won, fun to be had and wouldn't it be great if we could beat our neighbours in the challenge itself!

For those who prefer something a bit less physical, we are also inviting local people to come along to the series of three free Sounds at Sunset concerts at the Millennium Garden in Bruce Pulman Park in March. Grab a picnic, meet your friends and head along to enjoy some cool sounds.

Calum Penrose
Mayor of Papakura
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EVENTS

MARCH FUN IN PAPAKURA

March is a busy time for family fun events in Papakura.

Our people are a busy, active bunch if the coming month is any indication. From free concerts in Bruce Pulman Park through to canoe and cycle events, library events and art exhibitions, there is something likely to capture the attention of most people. Listed below are just some of the events and exhibitions happening in March:

Children's Day

28 February/1 March, various locations

A range of events and activities in Papakura to celebrate the children of New Zealand, including the Papakura Children's Day at Edmund Hillary School with sport, games, story-telling, music and much more. More information is available at www.childrensday.org.nz

Sounds at Sunset free concert series

March 1, 15 and 22, Bruce Pulman Park

Music lovers in Papakura are in for a treat next month when the District stages its first series of free "sunset" concerts to celebrate the closing days of a sensational summer.

The Sounds at Sunset series will feature concerts on March 1, 15 and 22. Presented by Papakura District Council, the three free Sunday afternoon concerts will cover a wide range of musical styles from pop-opera through cruise French café music to pop and jazz. The

WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE

Parks and Recreation Work

Completed in December, January and February

- Removal of four houses from Marybeth Reserve
- Amenity block renewals
- Installation of control of liquor in public places signage
- Ron Keat Drive toilets upgrade
- Resurfacing Recreation Centre floor
- Removal of aging pine trees at Youngs Beach Park
- Massey Park Aquatic Centre plant repairs

Currently underway

- Upgrades at Don Street Housing for the Elderly
- Tenders for playground renewals – Ray Small Park, Tironui Reserve, Drury Domain, Challen Reserve
- Smiths Reserve clubrooms upgrade
- Tenders for toilet upgrade at Drury Domain
- Tytus Place erosion mitigation
- Rebuilding boat ramp at Youngs Beach Park

Planned for March and April

- Replacement of air flow turbine at Massey Park Aquatic Centre
- Construction of playgrounds at Ray Small

Park, Tironui Reserve, Drury Domain and Challen Reserve

- Central Park Outdoor Events Facility construction
- Sports fields renovations
- Hawkins Centre renewals
- Recreation Centre renewals and accessibility improvements
- Resurfacing Drury Hall floors

Roading Work

Completed in December 2008 and January 2009

- Construction of new footpath (125 metres) on Norrie Road
- Footpath renewals at various roads – 400 metres
- Pre-seal repairs at various roads before reseals
- Chip seal resurfacing works on various roads
- Wood Street stormwater upgrades
- Replaced three bus shelters on Great South Road - north of Don Street, north of Norrie Road and north of Park Estate Road
- Interim road marking on arterial roads

In progress

- Balance chip seal resurfacing works for year 2008/2009 on various roads

- Area wide pavement treatment works on Oakland Road (Hingaia Road to Hayfield Way - 480 metres)
 - Railway Street West-Streetscape upgrade works
- Programmed for February and March 2009
- Footpath renewals at various roads – 350 metres
 - Permanent Slip repairs on Coalmine Road
 - Investigations and design for Permanent Slip repairs on Ponga Road, Hunua Road and Ardmore Quarry Road.
 - Area wide pavement treatment works on Porchester Road (north of Manuroa to Popes Road - 300 metres)
 - Hingaia Road Improvement works (600 metres west of Harbourside Drive)

Stormwater Work

Completed and underway December/January/February

- Replacement of undersized pipes in Wood Street (to Duke Street)
- Pipe upgrades giving additional capacity Wood Street (to Great South Road) as part of CBD streetscape upgrade
- Manuroa Road undersized pipe replacement – contract tendered.

Programmed March/April

- Tironui open drain upgrade alongside railway – replanting work now to be

concerts will be held in the Millennium Garden at Bruce Pulman Park. More information is at www.papakura.govt.nz

**Your challenge: get behind the Mayor!
Sunday March 8, Bruce Pulman Park**

Papakura Mayor Calum Penrose is getting into the spirit of Bikewise month and inviting local people to join him in the annual "Mayoral Challenge" on March 8.

The Papakura Mayoral Challenge is a fun ride for all ages that covers 2.5 kilometres in and around Bruce Pulman Park in Takanini. The city with the most people signed up and riding will get the title "Cycle Mad City" of New Zealand for 2009. There were 124 people involved last year in Papakura District.

Up for grabs are a wide range of spot prizes, and one lucky cyclist will take home the top prize - a brand new Avanti bike.

There will be free professional bike health checks from 3.00 pm; the Mayoral Challenge ride starts at 4.30 pm and there is a free sausage sizzle and spot prize draw at 5.00 pm.

**Tower Tutus on Tour
15 March, Hawkins Theatre**

The Royal New Zealand Ballet brings ballet and dance back to the community with its popular Tutus on Tour series. This year's programme includes Christopher Hampson's acclaimed

work, Saltarello, as well as the work that puts the tutu in the tour – Holberg Suite.

**Cycle City Safety Carnival
17 March, Massey Park**

Support the annual Cycle City Safety Carnival and help to keep your children safe when riding bicycles. Lots of fun activities for the children and family to enjoy.

**Canoe Day
29 March, Youngs Reserve**

Bring the family for a fun day at one of Papakura's best-loved coastal reserves and get to know the Pahurehure Inlet from a kayak or canoe.

Need to know more?

The What's Happening calendar on the front page of the Papakura District Council web site has more information about these events, and it's a great way to keep up with what's on in Papakura. There's also a web site catering specifically to people interested in the arts and cultural pursuits. Take a look at www.papakuraarts.govt.nz.

Community, sports, arts and cultural groups wanting to profile their events are invited to email customerservices@papakura.govt.nz for the Council web site or editor@papakuraarts.govt.nz for arts and cultural events and exhibitions.

OUR DISTRICT

Marybeth Reserve makes progress

Plans to enlarge and develop a community reserve at Marybeth Reserve in Rosehill are progressing, with houses purchased by the Council now being removed and the area cleared, levelled and re-grassed.

Concepts for the new enlarged "retrofit" park have been developed as examples to stimulate discussion about what might be installed in the area, and the Council will soon begin consulting with local people to gain ideas for how the park should be developed.

From this consultation a reserve management plan will be developed and residents and park users will then have an opportunity to comment on the plan before it is adopted by Council.

Below is one example of how the Marybeth Reserve might be developed.



Town Centre update

The last major part of the Streetscape project is happening in Railway Street West, Wood Street to East Street and Great South Road between Wood Street and Wellington Street with drainage works now underway. The Wood Street-Great South Road roundabout is being renewed, though **additional traffic lights are not planned for this intersection as part of this project.** For the remainder of February work will focus on replacing road surfaces and footpaths.

All businesses remain open while work goes on, and traffic management in the area will aim to maintain access to businesses. Access to the railway station will be maintained and bus services will also continue although bus stops may be temporarily relocated. There will be signs in place to advise of any such changes.

Priority access for emergency services, Police and vehicles servicing the Papakura District Court will be maintained at all times.



Charged Art

Papakura's Village Green is the location for the first in a series of murals reflecting aspects of the District's past.

The Charged Art series by Otahuhu artist Louis Statham will create evocative community-themed art on power junction boxes in public places. The first such work now under way on the power box in the Village Green at the northern end of the Town Centre has been developed from historic photographs held by the Ernest Clarke Memorial Museum.

Each mural has an anti-tagging top coat that enables graffiti removal crews to deal with any tagging.

Work programme continued:

- coordinated with OnTrack rail corridor improvements and electrification planning
- Chichester Drive additional pipe under motorway discharge flows on downstream land use
- Pipe rehabilitation and additional pipes Wood Street to Ray Small Drive

PAPAKURA EMERGENCY AND AFTER-HOURS CONTACTS

For service during after-hours outages and emergencies, please use the contacts in the following list.

For water supply, sewerage and water quality issues
United Water International 295 0515
www.uwi.co.nz

www.csltraffic.co.nz
For traffic light outages
Traffic Management Unit 481 0420
www.transit.govt.nz

For after hours noise or parking issues and after hours dog emergencies
ACSL Group Ltd 360 0750

To report illegal dumping of rubbish and for all Civil Defence emergencies
Papakura District Council 295 1300
www.papakura.govt.nz

For street light issues
CSL 477 0899

Note: for all other emergencies that require the involvement of Police, Fire or Ambulance services, telephone 111. For non-urgent enquiries and requests regarding services provided by Papakura District Council please contact Council during normal office hours: 8.00am – 5.00pm Monday to Friday (excludes public holidays)