



Shaping dreams and aspirations

There are ten thousand young people in our district between the age of five and eighteen. They are learning. They have energy to burn.

They may be bold. They may be shy. Some dream of great adventures, some set goals of other kinds. Whatever their aspirations, they will be influenced in their development by what they experience in our district.

We are shaping our district to be a place of great and memorable experiences for all young people. We are investing in programmes to support youth, perhaps more so than any other council in greater Auckland.

From the enjoyment of reading to the challenge of becoming a youth leader, this issue outlines a wide range of activities which we encourage young people to get involved in.

John Robertson
Mayor



A focus on our young people

Papakura is kicking off 2007 with a strong positive focus on young people.

With the return of the Papakura Youth Expo, more youth leadership courses, and a children's weekend that included a "Kids' Big Day Out" organised by the Papakura Parents' Centre, canoe and kayak fun and a children's concert the year has started with a roar.

In 2006, Papakura held its first youth leadership programme, funded by the Sustainable Communities project of the Auckland Sustainable Cities Programme of Action. The youth leadership programme focussed on personal goal setting, role modelling and team work through to civic responsibility. All 25 Rosehill College and Papakura High School students who took part have now gone on to apply what they learned at the course in school and in the community. One

is head boy at Papakura High School, another is deputy head girl, several have become prefects, helping guide their fellow students through a busy and challenging school year. Many have also become involved in community affairs, and have expressed an interest in how local government helps shape the future of Papakura.

This year youth leadership training will take the form of quarterly forums, meaning more young people can gain access to the leadership skills on offer.

Helping address the age-old complaint "there's nothing for us to do", Papakura's Youth Performance Cafe has begun again at the Elizabeth Campbell Centre.

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The cafe provides a safe, supervised, alcohol-free meeting place for young people, and gives young performers a chance to hone their skills in front of an audience.

They also provide training for a number of young volunteers in cafe work, event management, and sound technician skills. Two young people are employed on a part-time basis to run the cafe.

Volunteers from the cafe helped at the 2006 Fireworks and Carols in the Park and performers from the cafe played at these events as well as for the Prime Minister on her first visit to Papakura last year. In 2006, more than 1000 young people attended the youth cafe and more than 200 performed. The cafes are run in partnership with the Gateway Community Trust and managed by 2006 Young Aucklander of the Year Larry ("Laz") Tausaga. They are held every Friday evening.

In mid-February Bruce Pulman Park hosted its inaugural Max-Out 2007, a sporting expo that draws together a wide range of outdoor activities in one fun-filled family-friendly weekend. February also saw the annual Papakura Cycle Safety Carnival held at Bruce Pulman Park. This event is organised by Papakura District Council and aims to help school-aged children develop safe cycling skills in a fun environment.

Then in early March Papakura marked national Children's Day with a concert in Central Park and the Kids' Big Day Out at Papakura Parents' Centre

Community House off Settlement Road. There was also a chance to try out canoes and kayaks on the Pahurehure Inlet.

Throughout the year, Papakura District Council will continue its programme of upgrading and developing children's playgrounds and play areas. Building on the popularity of the new "Spaceball" and other apparatus at the Village Green, a major new playground will be developed at Central Park that aims to provide further opportunities for both able-bodied young people and those with disabilities. Its design will complement other developments planned for Central Park including the Arts and Culture Centre.

Another highlight of 2007 will be the Papakura Youth Expo. Held every two years, the expo focuses on young people as positive and talented members of our community and provides them with an opportunity to broaden their horizons in terms of health, creativity and career aspirations.

It starts with a gala opening night at the Hawkins Centre and includes an art competition, a health and physical activity day, a cultural day and a careers day at the Recreation Centre. Most local schools and training providers support the Expo and its events are attended by several thousand children and young people. This year the four day Expo will be held from 22 May - 25 May during national Youth Week.

Holiday reading a hit



Mayor, John Robertson pictured with some of the children who completed the programme.

Children from 5 to 12 years packed out the summer reading programme this year at the Sir Edmund Hillary Library.

The programme ran through December 2006 and January 2007 and is designed to encourage reading habits and help children develop reading skills. This year's theme was "Don't monkey around – read!"

The 60 children enrolled kept records of the books they read and enjoyed and there were incentive prizes including book bags, drink bottles and pens. Every child who completed the programme also received a certificate presented by the Mayor of Papakura, John Robertson.

The holiday reading program is open to all children in the Papakura district and beyond providing they are members of the library. Membership is free for all children up to 16 years.

WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE

The following sets out Papakura District Council's major roading, water and other work - recently completed, in progress and planned. It will be a regular feature of District News to help keep the residents of Papakura up to date with what the Council is doing.

Roading work completed between December 2006 and February 2007

- Hot mix resealing – 3.0 km
- Chip seal resealing – 22.5 km
- Footpath renewals – 2.0 km
- Strengthening and re-shaping of Settlement Road from the intersection with Great South Road to Opaheke Rd – 300 m
- Strengthening of Marne Rd from the intersection at Clevedon Road towards Arawa Street – 300 m
- Rehabilitation of Creightons Road extending from the work completed in the 05/06 financial year – 400 m
- Strengthening, drainage works and footpath improvements in Hunua Rd between Croskery Road and Boundary Road – 500 m
- Intersection improvements including installation and commissioning of traffic lights on Settlement Road/ Opaheke intersection
- Intersection improvements including installation and commissioning of traffic lights on Subway/ Great South Road intersection
- Intersection improvements including installation and commissioning of traffic lights on Subway/ Porchester Rd intersection

Roading work programmed for March and April 2007

- Hot mix resealing – 1.0 km
- Chip sealing – 1.5 km
- Footpath renewals – 1.0 km
- Construction of new footpath – 670 m
- Road surface smoothing work on Ponga Rd from the intersection of Harry Dreadon Road south east for approximately 1 km

Stormwater work completed between December 2006 and February 2007

- Kauri View Road stormwater pipe upgrade and extension addresses uncontrolled runoff from Kauri View Road. The project involved construction of an open channel along Kauri View Road and a pipe system discharging into a creek.
- Tironui Station Road West Reserve stormwater upgraded to address flooding issues

- Chichester Drive stormwater extension services a development in the corner of Beach Road and Chichester Drive. This project was completed in December 2006
- Kindergarten Drive Reserve stormwater upgrade was completed in January 2007. Additional work to improve spring water issues in the north side of the reserve will be undertaken in the near future
- Stormwater upgrade in Papakura town centre. This project, which began in February and is expected to be finished in mid April, will improve drainage in East Street, Elliot Street and Great South Road. Further town centre storm water work will follow as the town centre upgrade continues



Ground-penetrating radar is used to find underground services

Stormwater work programmed for March/April 2007 and beyond

- Waterview Road stormwater extension/upgrade: a design has now been completed to upgrade the stormwater network in and around Arimu Road and Waterview Road East intersection and connect properties in the area
- Takanini sewer stormwater trunkline: Watercare Services Ltd is building this new line which will meet the needs of population growth in the Takanini area. Target for completion is mid-2007

Waste water work programmed for March and April 2007

- Drury Pump Station upgrade – Watercare is converting the existing wastewater treatment plant (owned by Council) into a wastewater pump station servicing Drury and Papakura south. Watercare expects to have completed this work this month
- Takanini sewer waste water trunkline: alongside the storm water trunk line Watercare Services Ltd is building a new waste water connection to meet the needs of population growth in the Takanini area. Target for completion is mid-2007

Parks and recreation work completed between December 2006 and February 2007

- McIntosh Playground upgrade
- Rountree Playground upgrade
- Installation of swings at Smiths Reserve
- Installation of a boardwalk in Kirk's Bush
- Installation of a basketball hoop at Cross Reserve

LOCAL HERO: Carlaus Te Kawa

Choosing sport: young people in Papakura are being steered into sports and encouraged to make activity part of their lives – for life.



One of those doing the steering is 24 year old Carlaus Te Kawa. He is helping Papakura residents enjoy an active life, and in particular is supporting young people as they develop a love of sports. As one of many young success stories emerging from the

Leader Training Institute in downtown Papakura, Carlaus is employed by CLM as a recreation co-ordinator.

Among his busy work programme are whanau sports, organised through an involvement with Papakura Marae and run at the Papakura Rec Centre (known around the community simply as “the Rec”); “housewives” netball, which runs midweek for mothers with young children, and midweek basketball at the Rec, which runs as an after-school session for year 7 and 8 (Form 1 and 2) children before general mixed games start that evening.

The year 7/8 basketball has just been sponsored by Raukura Hauora o Tainui, which will develop health-related information displays at each event and make water stations and fresh fruit available for players. With general mixed games happening afterward, the younger players are able to see a clear pathway of involvement as their skills develop.

In every programme, the emphasis is on activity and enjoying sport. It’s fun with a message, helping people stay fit and active.

Whanau sports, for example, carries a strong theme around diabetes awareness, and behind the friendly inter-family rivalry there’s a theme of helping people avoid a range of lifestyle-related illnesses. “We are looking to start a new tradition, based around activity.”

Most of the sports programmes are organised around the Rec Centre, and Carlaus says CLM is keen to develop the sense that the facility is foremost an asset for the community. Carlaus says he is keen to highlight the work of all his CLM colleagues, whose dedication to helping people get active, stay active and enjoy life through these social and competitive sports programmes is making a real difference for many Papakura residents.

For his involvement in these programmes and his support of activity for young people, Carlaus is our Local Hero.

Work Programme continued

Parks and recreation work currently under way

- Walkway at Gills Ave Esplanade (Partnership with Rotary)
- Completion of landscaping at Keri Downs Skatepark

Parks and recreation work planned for the coming months

- Central Park Playground
- Chichester Reserve Playground
- Public toilets at Ray Small Park
- Margan’s Bush track - link to Brooke Road (in partnership with Lions)
- Basketball hoop at Keri Downs Park

PARKING BYLAW REVIEW

Papakura District Council is reviewing its parking bylaw. The new bylaw will replace one that has been in force since 1989, and responds to parking issues of concern to residents and to changes in traffic volumes and trends in business in the district.

Included in the proposal are:

- Restrictions on parking on planted areas, footpaths, median and traffic islands
- Provision of special vehicle lanes
- Restrictions on placing objects on the road
- Restrictions on heavy vehicle parking
- Provision of disabled parking and loading bays
- Restrictions on the display of vehicles for the purpose of sale, exhibition or demonstration
- Heavy traffic and stock restrictions
- Window washing restrictions

There will be public consultation on the proposed new bylaw between 12 March and 20 April 2007, with more information available from Papakura District Council offices and at www.papakura.govt.nz. Make your submission in writing to Council by 20 April 2007.

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