



**Spring Carnival is coming**

**Saturday 19 September**

**Look out for more information  
in next month's Heartbeat**

## **PAPAKURA TOWN CENTRE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME**

### **The upgrade is complete**

It began in 2005, and this month we are proud to announce the Town Centre upgrade will be complete this month. The final stage included Railway Street West, Wood Street to East Street and Great South Road from Wood Street to Wellington Street.

These key Town Centre streets now have the same look, feel and high quality infrastructure as the rest of the Town Centre. In addition, there is now an improved bus / rail interchange with new extended bus stops (complete with seats, bins and passenger information). A covered walkway to link the rail station and Averill Street provides shelter and additional pedestrian lighting.

This was the most ambitious enhancement of the Papakura Town Centre ever undertaken. It has transformed Papakura Town Centre in a manner befitting the 'heart of our district' and a future sub-regional centre.

### **Let's celebrate!**

A celebration function will be held in the Papakura Art Gallery for the completion of the upgrade as part of the September First Wednesday Club event on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September. The function will start at 5.30pm. There will be a Powerpoint "slide show" featuring before and after photos of the work done in the Town Centre. More details will be sent out closer to the date.

## **Parking in the town centre**

We are producing updated parking maps that highlight parking options throughout the Town Centre, including the Davis, Farmers and Accent Point car parks. The maps will be available from mid-August.

## **Our Place: a Safe and Attractive Place**

The Safer Papakura Trust has been working alongside OnTrack to initiate a rail corridor clean up trial, on an ongoing basis. The Department of Corrections has agreed to provide a work party of seven people, every Sunday to remove rubbish, vegetation and paint out graffiti. Two Ambassadors from the Safer Papakura Trust have been trained to be 'Protectors' to ensure the safety of everyone working on the track. The Papakura rail line is the third busiest on the Auckland network.

To begin with, the beautification will be a three month trial between the Takanini Station and the Papakura Station. It is expected that the trial will then be extended to cover the full area of track in the Papakura area. If your property backs onto the track and is accessible from the track, the graffiti will be removed.

We're looking forward to getting this project underway!

Farewell and thank you to **Steve Wadam** from Wadams Menswear who has served Papakura in menswear for the last 37 years. He has enjoyed his time in Papakura but is looking forward to having some time out and some well deserved rest, but watch this space - who knows where he will turn up next!

# Business Profile Papakura Postie Plus



Papakura Postie Plus has been well supported by the people of

the district since the store opened in 1993.

Postie Plus has had a number of minor makeovers during its time, but none as comprehensive as the latest. New carpet, paint and vinyl have been added along with a brand new cosmetics area. Customers will have noticed a change as the store is brighter and more vibrant. Staff have always gone the extra mile for

customers and they will be pleased to point out the changes.

Judy and her team have worked extremely hard to get the store working well and are a major part in its success. They invite other retailers to stop in and have a look, "maybe pick up a bargain or two and enjoy the great atmosphere of Postie Plus."

## Events

First Wednesday Club  
5<sup>th</sup> August

**One Red Chilli:** Wayne and Fiona Grayson have offered to hold August's First Wednesday Club function at their premises **31/1 Elliot Street, Papakura**. Phone: 299 7451. The sponsor for the first drink of either beer, wine or a juice is David Sylvester from **Knight Frank Papakura**.

Business Breakfast  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August

**Bernard Hickey**

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Window displays  
free workshop  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October

**Vince Collins**

A workshop on window displays will be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October. This will be Christmas-themed and will be held at the Accent Point building. Seats are filling fast so don't be disappointed book your seat today. Contact Nicky 09 295 2339 or by email [nhayhow@papakura.govt.nz](mailto:nhayhow@papakura.govt.nz).



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