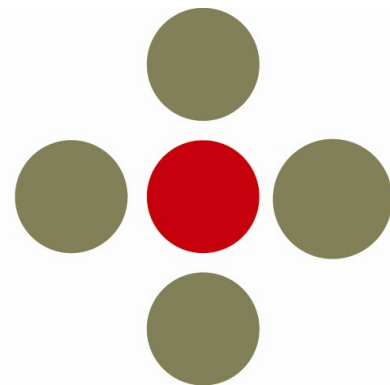


# heartbeat



February 2009

## Welcome back!

A new year, and lots of exciting projects already on the go.

## Charged Art

Historical murals about the town will be painted on the Vector power boxes situated in the village green and outside the art gallery in the town centre starting early February.

A renowned artist Louis Statham will start in the village green and will depict the Willis Brothers department store and others that were on Broadway. [nhayhow@papakura.govt.nz](mailto:nhayhow@papakura.govt.nz) for more details.

## Call for 2009 workshop topics

We are planning to hold two workshops for retailers later in the year –April and October. Any suggestions of what would be useful to you

the retailer, business owner or landlord please contact [nhayhow@papakura.govt.nz](mailto:nhayhow@papakura.govt.nz) or 09 295 2339 to discuss.

## Farmers building parking

Please remind your staff that there are 120 secure, patrolled car parks on the rooftop of the Farmers building for them to use. When your staff make use of this free parking, it means there is more parking available at street level for your customers.

## Town Centre parking map

The Town Centre Parking map has been updated and will soon be available for you to hand out to customers.

## Lighting competition

The Christmas Lighting competition was cancelled due to lack of support, prizes will be used in future competitions.



**STREETSCAPE**  
The heart of the district

The fourth and final major stage of the Town Centre upgrade is underway. The physical work contract for Rail Way Street West was awarded to Smith and Davies and work started on January 13 with an approximate completion date set for June 2009. Regular updates on the work progress will continue over the construction period, any queries that you may have can be emailed to [cbird@papakura.govt.nz](mailto:cbird@papakura.govt.nz). More detailed information will follow in the Streetscape information flyer series.

# Town Centre Security Update

## Our place—a safe and attractive place

Safer Papakura Trust has produced a simple, handy guide for graffiti removal and restoration. It covers identification of surfaces, removal method, protective coatings, paint out techniques, types of chemical removers, tips on pressure washing including alternative blasting media and the types of coatings. Best of all, it's free! If you would like a copy of this guide, please contact the Safer Papakura Trust. We are really short of volunteers in the town centre and would welcome help from business staff. If you or your staff are willing to adopt a spot, the Trust will supply the paint. Many thanks to those of you who filled in our survey about the service the trust provides. We'll be able to give you an update from this survey in the next edition of Heartbeat. If you missed out on the survey, please feel free to contact us and we'll provide you with one. We value your input! The Safer Papakura Trust can be contacted on 09 298 1828 or email [donna@saferpapakura.co.nz](mailto:donna@saferpapakura.co.nz)

## Sponsors wanted

What a great way to end 2008! The last first Wednesday Club of the year brought out the biggest crowd, and everyone was in the mood to unwind. Great food from the guys at Boodles, drinks courtesy Knight Frank and the Knight Frank guys also organised some \$50 prize vouchers. But we can't just leave it to the regulars to support

these networking events, and we are looking for new sponsors for 2009. Can you help? \$150 usually covers the first round of drinks that the sponsor pays for. Joseph and Taylor from Boodles have offered to provide nibbles when held in their premises.



## February events

### First Wednesday Club

Come along and unwind with other town centre retailers at the First Wednesday Club. Cash bar.  
Date: 4 February 2009  
Time: 5.30 pm start  
Venue: Boodles, Selwyn Centre, Great South Road  
Info: Nicky Hayhow, phone 295 2339

### Business breakfast

Join us for the first Business Breakfast of the year. Guest speaker is Wendy Nissen, well known author, broadcaster, journalist and New Zealand Herald Columnist.

Date: 5 February 2009  
Time: 7.30 am  
Venue: Papakura Club, Croskery Road  
Info: Nichola Maher, phone 295 1300

### On your bike!

During Bike Wise week in February, Papakura will celebrate national bike to work day with a breakfast on Wednesday 19th February in the Town Centre for all those who turn up on a bike. Breakfast will start from 7.30 to 8.30am and will offer a healthy choice of cereals, fruit and juices. So come along with your bike and join council staff for brekky!

*"if you can find something that every one agrees on, it's wrong"*  
**Nicky Hayhow [nhayhow@papakura.govt.nz](mailto:nhayhow@papakura.govt.nz) or 295 2339**