



SUPERCITY: PAPA KURA VOICES ITS CONCERN

More than 1000 Papakura residents flocked to a public meeting on a cold Monday evening to voice their concerns about the Government's proposals for the future of Auckland. Attending the meeting were MPs Judith Collins, Nanaia Mahuta and John Carter. Mr Carter answered a number of questions from the floor but clearly did not convince the meeting that the Government had got it right. On a show of hands there was almost unanimous rejection of the Government's proposal. A number of residents volunteered to form an action committee in Papakura to ensure that the local community's voice continues to be heard.

Earth Hour ...

Papakura was part of the global Earth Hour awareness-raising event for the first time this year.

The Council did its part by turning off its non-essential lighting for the weekend. The town centre "tulips" went dark and town centre restaurants took up an offer of soy-based candles for romantic dimmed dining.

Up to 5000 energy efficient eco-bulbs were given away, saving Papakura residents around \$80.00 in electricity costs over each bulb's life.

PDC also supported the Auckland Astronomical Society which organised a public star gazing evening.



10 year old Navi Sandhu (above) won the Council's Earth Hour Art Competition winning a \$500.00 voucher for a bike with special thanks to Ride Cycles.

Business Profile

Welcome to "The Bed Shop"

56 O'Shannessey Street

Papakura

phone 298 9506

(next to Hell's Pizza)

Local man Tony Goldsmith saw a niche in the market for beds that are affordable to all. The shop has been opened for a month and sells beds that are designed and made for the New Zealand market. Not only are they good for your back, but they are also great on the wallet say's Tony.

The Bed Shop sells good quality beds at competitive prices. Tony says he has had people say to him.... "I wish I had bought my bed from you I would have saved myself a lot of money."

Tony stocks a full range of sizes from "Single" to "King Size" beds and also the very popular Trundler Bed. If you are looking for a new bed or just a mattress for you and your partner, kids room, bach, sleep out or teenagers room, please make "The Bed Shop" your first and last visit, you will not need to travel all over town looking for a better price. The Bed Shop also sells mattress protectors, furniture, pillows and mirrors. Prices for beds start from \$199.00.

Is anyone asking "What's happening at Postie Plus?" Local store manager Judy Knight has been up to her ears in paint! Postie Plus has had a makeover but more on that in next month's Heartbeat!

Another website of interest ...

Local Business Directory and Local Events.

www.buypapakura.co.nz

Our Place – A Safe and Attractive Place

The Charged Art Project has come to an end. The Safer Papakura Trust has been asked about the content of the murals on the traffic signal boxes in the town centre. The box beside the Methodist Church is the Papakura Hotel. The hotel pictured in the mural was from a photograph taken early in the 20th century. This was not the original building as the first Papakura Hotel was levelled by fire in 1882 just days before an important meeting the commissioner planned for the 20th of September.

Being a wooden building and no close fire brigades, it suffered the fate that many buildings of the time did.



Beside the Hearing Centre you'll see murals of The Papakura Railway Station and a young soldier.

The railway station was the terminus of the suburban line; the Papakura station had locomotive housing and a turntable. There also were postal facilities at the station. The young recruit was one of the many that trained at the Papakura camp. The photograph was taken in 1956 when there was compulsory military training in New Zealand.

This young eighteen year old is on the steps of the quartermaster's store and seems happy with his new uniform.

Events

First Wednesday Club: Sponsored first drink this month is by David Sylvester from Knight Frank. Come and unwind with fellow retailers on the 3rd of June at 5.30pm, Where? Boodles of course! Nibbles sponsored by Boodles.

Business breakfast: Russell Sinclair – Northern Regional Manager of Retailers Association. His presentation "None of us is as good as all of us?" will be on the changing retail environment and change in consumer buying, and their expectation with the influence of technology and on-line retailing. He will also be talking about what local community centres can do to counter the changes and build a sustainable local destination retail precinct and a brand with recall. This will emphasise the collective responsibility of the whole local business community to share in building a destination business centre for mutual benefit.

Business Awards: Has your business got what it takes to participate in this year's business awards? Entries close 31st July so register now! Our business mentor is available to answer questions and to guide you through the entry process. For information, please call: Emma Rahui erahui@papakura.govt.nz or phone 09 295 1300

Spring Carnival: Plans are well underway for the 2009 Spring Carnival on Saturday 19th September. Moto Mayhem, fun rides, street entertainers and the famous New World Bake Off are just a few things confirmed for the day. Purple will be the theme again this year and to encourage you to join in the fun, we will provide you with purple decorations if you have a street stall!

Visual Workshop: A free visual workshop is to be held in Accent Point on the 9th September. Class size is limited so register your interest early by contacting: Nicky Hayhow nhayhow@papakura.govt.nz or phone 09 295 2339

A big thank you goes out to Mr & Mrs Arjun & Hemiata Lal for the free use of their premises on the Great South Road in Papakura for public consultation. Many people called into the old Gem Time jewellery store to have their say on the LTCCP.

Have something to say? Your feedback is always welcome!
Phone 09 295 2339 or email nhayhow@papakura.govt.nz

Change is inevitable except from a vending machine!