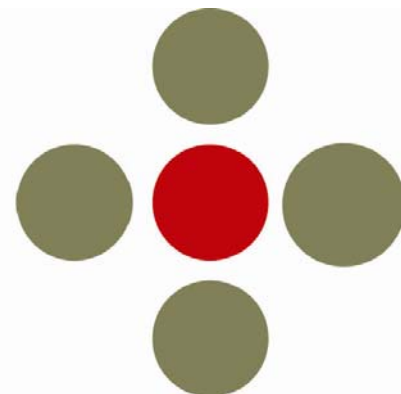


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November 2009

Papakura and Franklin District Councils congratulate the following winning businesses in the 2009 Stevenson Business Excellence Awards:

Stevenson Supreme Excellence Award – Electro Ease T/A WETiT Teat Sprayers (pic below left)

Papakura Courier Customer Choice Award - Chiropractic & Sport Takanini

ACC Excellence in Workplace Safety - Safer Papakura Trust

Opus International Consultants Excellence in Innovation – Electro Ease T/A WETiT Teat Sprayers

HEB Construction Excellence in Service Delivery - Autobahn Café

New Zealand Steel Excellence in Manufacturing - S.A.F.E. Engineering

Franklin Foods Best Emerging Business – OHUG Power Equipment

KiwiPrint Best Small Business - Wee Wisdom Montessori School (Drury)

Judges Commendation Award - Daniel Fulton of Fulton Swim School

Judges Commendation for Excellence in Tourism – Spookers and Castaways



## Empty shops - here's an idea!

Empty Shops Network "An ingenious way of bringing art to the people" Alan Yentob

A network of people are using empty shops and void spaces across the UK to create temporary pop-up shops, community spaces and arts galleries which support local business by bringing people back to town centres.

In February 2009, it's estimated that about 10% of the UK's shops are sitting empty and the figure is rising to one in six shops by the end of the year, with over 1000 high street businesses closing every week. Landlords letting artists, arts organisations and community groups use their empty spaces see the property looking great and kept in good order, and their business getting some great publicity.

Existing local traders benefit from a revived town centre, with more visitors and a brighter environment. The users benefit from low-cost space on short and easy-to-manage leases, meaning they can take a bigger risk on bolder, more innovative and experimental projects.

**Whether it is art or extra display space that you want, if you are interested contact Nicky to discuss further!**

## News in brief

- Alan from Trend Décor sent in a reminder to all businesses, the ad/publication scam business is still trying it on unsuspecting companies with false invoicing for renewals! So stay tuned and be aware!
- Keep an eye out in the town centre, Christmas decorations will be installed mid November and taken down early January. **Retailers wanting to borrow decorations for their Christmas shop window displays please contact Nicky 09 2952339**
- Town Centre Christmas shopping hours (these are usually Farmers Christmas trading hours) and council hours over the holiday period will be out in the December issue.
- The property at 69 Wood Street has been acquired by Council and will be transformed with trees and shrubs. This will create an accessway from Railway Street West and the train station to Central Park. Work is due to commence mid November and expected to take six months.

## Business Profile

New Farmers Papakura store manager Sandy Burnett feels privileged to be in the role. Farmers Papakura opened in 1921 and has been serving the people of the district ever since. Sandy (right) has lived in Papakura for approximately 14 years. She has always shopped locally and believes in supporting our town. Sandy says being with Farmers to help celebrate their 100 year anniversary is also an honour.

“Providing a great customer journey for all customers that visit the store is important to me and will help keep Farmers around for another 100 years!”



As part of its 100 year birthday celebration. Farmers chose to fundraise locally for Papakura Blue Light.

“To aid us with this campaign, the local council and police helped fundraise with us by attending our cultural lunch, staffing our garage sales and putting on a great disco for local schools.” Farmers fundraised in store with a successful fashion show where the community were able to view the new fashion coming into Farmers, along with various raffles and auctions. The result: more than \$13,000 raised for Papakura Blue Light!

Left: Papakura Mayor Calum Penrose, Farmers’ Melissa Harris and Constable Grant Gamlen.



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**First Wednesday Club** Sponsored by Michael Hill Jewellers Great South Road, Papakura. 4 November 5.30pm until 7.30pm.  
Drinks and nibbles sponsored by Michael Hill Jewellers Papakura



**Papakura Blue Light Trolley Derby**

The 2009 Trolley Derby will once more happen on Elliot Street, with categories for racers of all ages. This great family fun day also has a class for businesses and organisations, so if you fancy a race down Elliot Street, start building your trolley. More information is available from Nichola Maher at the Council, phone 295 1300.



**Business Breakfast:** Rosanne Meo has held directorships with a range of major New Zealand and Australian companies for almost 20 years and was the first woman to chair a State Owned Enterprise, heading Forestry Corporation and TVNZ. Her directorships cover both public and private companies as well as extensive work in the voluntary sector, particularly in the arts and community support. She is currently Chairman of Briscoes Group and the Auckland Philharmonia, Director of AMP Life and of Overland Footwear, and a trustee of the Kelliher Trust, South Auckland Health Foundation and the AMP NZ Staff Superannuation Trust. **Rosanne will offer her take on “What the Super City means to us as individuals”**  
Where: Papakura Club 5 November starting at 8am.  
Contact [nmaher@papakura.govt.nz](mailto:nmaher@papakura.govt.nz) to book your seat



**Christmas dates:**

**Fireworks 6 November**

**Santa Parade 5 December**

**Carols in the Park 4 December**

**Movies in the Park 5 December**

For more information on any of these events please contact Nichola Maher [nmaher@papakura.govt.nz](mailto:nmaher@papakura.govt.nz) or 2951348

Got something to say? Contact Nicky at: [nhayhow@papakura.govt.nz](mailto:nhayhow@papakura.govt.nz)