



## IT'S SPRING CARNIVAL TIME! Saturday 19 September – come and join the fun!

Spring Carnival will return to the Papakura Town Centre on **Saturday 19 September**. Spring Carnival was a great day last year and we've worked really hard to ensure that this year's event is even bigger and better. MotoMayhem are returning and will be putting on three shows in Broadway. We also have some great acts booked for the town square stage as well as BJ the Clown and Old MacDonalds Farm to entertain young and old. The New World Bake Off will take place again with cakes displayed in Farmers window and winners announced at 12.45 pm from the town square stage.

You will have noticed the attractive flags up along Great South Road – we hope these will help draw a big crowd along to the day. Posters will be distributed to retailers and we'd be really grateful if you'd be prepared to put them up in your window.

For further information please contact Nicky Hayhow on [nhayhow@papakura.govt.nz](mailto:nhayhow@papakura.govt.nz) or 295 2339.

### Market Tables

To really maximise the Spring Carnival atmosphere we are hoping that all retailers will have a shop front table. We will provide all participating retailers with balloons and a table cloth which will tie in with the Spring Carnival theme. Please let Nicky Hayhow know by Friday 11 September if you intend on having a shop front table – email [nhayhow@papakura.govt.nz](mailto:nhayhow@papakura.govt.nz) or phone 295 2339.

### Sponsors

We are really delighted to have HEB on board as the principal sponsor of this year's Spring Carnival. We are also very grateful to the following businesses for their generous sponsorship of various Spring Carnival activities:

- Fountains Funeral Directors generous sponsors of the Face Painters
- Profarm, generous sponsors of Old McDonalds Farm
- New World generous sponsors of the Bake Off
- BNZ generous sponsors of the stage entertainment



### Road Closures

Roads in the town centre will be closed from 6.30am till 4.00pm. The following roads will be closed:

- Great South Road from Queen Street to Averill Street
- Broadway from Great South Road to O'Shannessey Street
- Elliot Street from Great South Road to Oilans Café

**On the move:** K 's Shoes have successfully completed their move into their new building (Steve Wadams Menswear). Well done to their team

Welcome to Specsavers who have moved into the old Geneva Finance building on the Great South Road in the town centre, but more about them in next month's business profile

# Town Centre Upgrade: Complete!

It began in 2005, and this month we are proud to announce the Town Centre upgrade is complete. 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.

## Events

<p>First Wednesday Club 2<sup>nd</sup> September 5.30pm</p> <p>It's a celebration!</p>	<p><b>Papakura Art Gallery:</b> Emma and the team are hosting September's First Wednesday Club function at the <b>Gallery, 10 Averill Street, Papakura</b>. This will be a celebration of the completion of the town centre upgrade. There will be a slide show featuring before and after photos of the work done – come along and see how things have changed. <b>Please confirm your attendance by emailing <a href="mailto:nhayhow@papakura.govt.nz">nhayhow@papakura.govt.nz</a> or phone 295 2339.</b></p>
<p>Business Breakfast Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</p>	<p><b>Murray Burton:</b> Currently Principal of Elim Christian College in Howick. He has also served as an Education Review Officer for the crown, Youth Pastor, a member of the World Vision Education Team of Influence, the Academic Advisory Board of Education faculty of Laidlaw College and is the current President of his local principals' association. He wants any school or organisation to be a place of excellence, with heart and positive attitude.</p>
<p>Papakura Gamble Free Day Family Festival Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 10am to 2pm</p>	<p><b>Town Centre</b> outside the Farmers building there will be free entertainment, free prizes and entertainment</p>
<p>Free window displays workshop</p>	<p><b>Vince Collins</b> This workshop on 13 October has now been filled. Thanks to those who confirmed - details will be forwarded to you nearer the date.</p>

## 2009 Stevenson Business Excellence Awards



Entries to the 2009 Stevenson Business Excellence Awards closed at the end of July and we were thrilled to receive so many quality entries. Judging is now underway and we are looking forward to celebrating the best of the best when the winners are announced at the Awards Dinner. Make sure you keep **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October** free for this event. It will be the social highlight of your business year. Ticket information will be in the next issue of Heartbeat and is also available from the Business Excellence Programme website [www.bestbiz.co.nz](http://www.bestbiz.co.nz).

We wish all the businesses that have entered the best of luck and we are looking forward to celebrating with you at the Awards Dinner.

### Thank you to our Sponsors

The Business Excellence Awards would not happen without the enthusiastic support from a number of high profile companies in the Papakura business community. A sincere thank you to the following businesses whose support enables this programme to go ahead:



Look out for Business Excellence Award ticket information in the next issue of Heartbeat or visit [www.bestbiz.co.nz](http://www.bestbiz.co.nz) for details