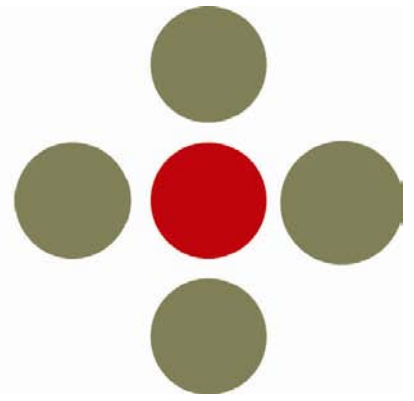


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December 2009

First Wednesday Club!



It's Christmas! Come along and have a drink with fellow retailers for the last First Wednesday Club for 2009. It was packed last year with people enjoying themselves and networking over a few nibbles and glass of wine, juice or beer. Once again David Sylvester from Knight Frank has offered to sponsor the first drink with Boodles sponsoring the food. The lucky door prizes for the evening have been donated by several businesses within the town centre. Make sure you get a number from Nicky on entry to go into the draw for one of the prizes offered on the night.

Date: 2nd December time: 5.30 until 7.30 pm,

Venue: Boodles, Selwyn Arcade Great South Road.

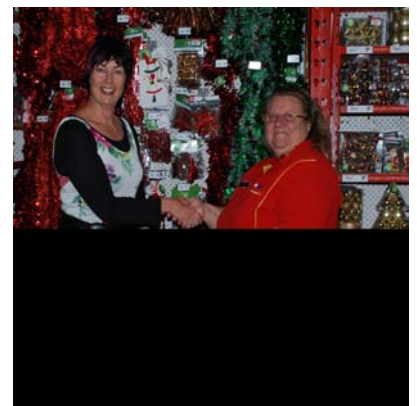
A big thank you goes out to all those companies that sponsored one of the First Wednesday Clubs during the year, they are: **Michael Hill Jeweller, Harvey World**

Travel, Self Incorporated, Papakura Sea Eagles, Boodles, Knight Franks Real Estate, One Red Chilli, Papakura District Council, Coumat Ltd

Businesses giving back to the community

Twice a year **The Warehouse** donates funds from the sale of their plastic carry bags to community groups and trusts. This month's beneficiary is the Safer Papakura Trust. The Trust will be using the funds to buy new jackets for the Town Centre Ambassadors. Keep an eye out for their new blue look.

Right, Manager of Safer Papakura Trust Donna Brooke and The Warehouse Assistant Manager Anne Jenkins



BNZ branches nationwide had the opportunity to close for the day and go out into the community to help. Counties Manukau Badminton put in a request along with many others for work to be done around their organisation and was chosen by the staff at BNZ. The day started with 18 BNZ staff members



arriving at the badminton hall to commence work which consisted of painting and rubbish clean up. The end result for Counties Manukau Badminton is they have a newly painted kitchen and foyer and fresh paint on the exterior of most of the building and a tidy outside with all the rubbish collected. BNZ staff are given 2 volunteer days each per year and this year was the first time they have gone out together to help the community.

Left, cleaning up the exterior of the badminton courts are BNZ staff members Tania Karam (left) and Cheryl Pointon.

Christmas retail trading hours (based on Farmers trading hours)

Fri 18 Dec 9 am – 9 pm Sat 19 Dec 9 am - 7 pm Sun 20 Dec 9 am – 7 pm
Mon 21 Dec 9 am - 9 pm Tue 22 Dec 9 am – 9 pm Wed 23 Dec 9 am – 9 pm
Thu 24 Dec 9 am - 6 pm **Fri 25 December closed** Sat 26 Dec 9 am – 7 pm
Sun 27 Dec 10 am – 4 pm Mon 28 Dec 10 am - 4pm Tue 29 Dec 9 am - 5.30 pm
Wed 30 Dec 9 am - 5.30 pm Thu 31 Dec 9 am - 5.30pm

January 2010

Fri 1 Jan 10am- 4pm Sat 2 Jan 10am-4pm Sun 3 Jan 10am-4pm Mon 4 Jan 10am-4pm
Tues 5 Jan 9am-5.30pm

Papakura District Council Office hours

Wed 23 Dec 8 am – 5.00 pm Thu 24 Dec 8am – 12.30 pm Fri 25 Dec closed
Mon 28 Dec 8 am – 5 pm Tue 29 Dec 8 am -5.00 pm Wed 30 Dec 8 am- 5 pm
Thu 31 Dec 8 am – 5 pm **Fri 1st Jan 2010 closed** **Mon 4th Jan 2010 closed**

Normal hours (8am-5pm weekdays) resume from Tuesday 5 January 2010.

For emergencies during this time, please phone the Council's after-hours service on 295 1300

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Christmas decorations are up in the town centre - Christmas flags with reflector candles on the poles, decorations around the town clock with gold bells hanging underneath - then last but not least - we have Santa and his reindeer on top of the AMI building. The plan is to build on Santa having more friends year after year!

Welcome to two new businesses that opened recently in the town centre:-
Body n Sol a Fitvibe, sun

tanning and spray tan clinic and a new hairdresser Erazee Hair Studio all at the back of Farmers (opposite Beans and Leaves cafe) on O'Shannessey Street.

The town centre also has a temporary retail shop selling end of line cosmetics and toiletries. **Another store opening on the corner of the Selwyn Arcade will be selling handbags and will be a great addition to the town centre!**

Selwyn Arcade will be having their regular Santa who will also be available for photos with children early December.

Please remind your staff and shoppers about the availability of secure parking on the top of the Farmers, those stores wanting free parking maps for their customers of the town centre are to contact Nicky Hayhow 09 295 2339.

Christmas Events

Make sure you have your shelves filled as we have a lot happening in the town centre in December. Starting with **Carols in the Park on Friday 4th December** in Central Park. Children from Papakura schools will be singing and Nesian Mystik will also be giving their rendition of Christmas carols.

The annual **Santa Parade** through the town on Saturday 5th December has approximately 33 floats that are coming your way! Santa will also be there on his float waving to the children. There will be road closures for a short period on the day - for more information please contact Nicola Maher 09 295 1348

We then finish the day off with **Movies in the Park** a free family movie in Central Park. This year's movie is Wall-E Starting at 8.30 so bring a cushion and soak up the atmosphere!

What's happening in the first quarter of 2010?

The first **First Wednesday Club** for 2010 will be hosted by Dodd Civil on Wednesday 3rd February at 58 Broadway, Papakura. So come long along and network with like minded people. The evening starts at 5.30pm until 7pm.

The first **Business Breakfast** for 2010 will be held at The Papakura Club on Croskery Road on Thursday 4th February. The speaker will be Stevensons CEO John Rae, and project director Richard Stilwell who will be talking about the proposed new Drury South Business project.

Bike to Breakfast Wednesday 17th February will be held down in the Village Green next to the council building. So bike to work and have a free breakfast in the Village Green - breakfast starts at 7.30am until 9am.

Summer Sounds 2010 is being held in Central Park (previously held in Bruce Pulman Park) dates for this event are Sunday 21st February, 7th March and the 21st March, more details next year, in the February 2010 edition of Heartbeat