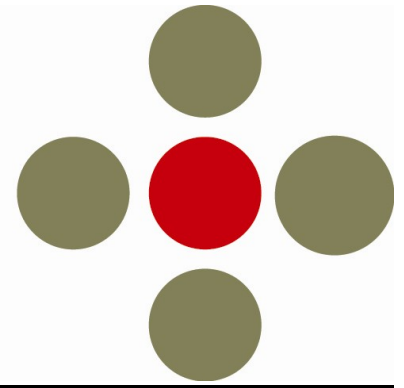


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March 2009

Project Town Centre

Throughout the past year, Papakura District Council has sponsored the cost of paint to help spruce up the buildings in the Town Centre. The most recent—and visible—building to undergo the Project Town Centre treatment is the Farmers building overlooking the Town Square. Painting of the Farmers building started at the end of February and should be completed mid March. Building and business owners wishing to be included in the project are urged to contact Nicky Hayhow on 295 2339.

Council rooftop parking in the Farmers building has also been given a new facelift with a layer or two of paint. New signs displaying parking times will be erected once the painting has been completed. Please remind staff of the secure car parking available.

New business

Welcome to Paulette Thompson at Baby Bug on the Great South Road across from the courthouse.

First Wednesday Club—sponsors wanted

Thank you to Westpac and Dental World that have offered to sponsor the First Wednesday Club for March and April, we are still looking for sponsors for the rest of the year.

Please contact me if you are interested in one of the other months.

Streetscape

The fourth and final stage of the Town Centre upgrade is underway. The physical work contract for Rail Way Street West was awarded to Smith and Davies, physical work started on schedule in mid-January 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.

Public holidays

Next public holidays are in April with Good Friday 10 April and Easter Monday 13 April.

Call for 2009 workshop topics

Council will hold two workshops later this year – April and October.

Any suggestions for specific training needs useful to retailers, business owners or landlords please contact nhayhow@papakura.govt.nz or 09 295 2339 to discuss.

Start your engines!

Targa Bambina hits Papakura March 7 and 8. The tarmac rally arrives in town on the Saturday afternoon after competitive stages in Franklin County and a run along Ardmore Quarry Road, with cars servicing in Central Park and parking overnight at Accent Point car park.

National Certificate in Security

The Safer Papakura Trust is hosting a uniquely tailored National Certificate in Security – Level 4 course. This course is being run for our ambassadors but there are up to six spaces available for retail staff.

The course is delivered by experienced senior professionals including licensed Professional Investigators, ex Police Officers and international security operators. The course is backed up with workplace assessment as well as one on one training if required.

The course covers law, legal issues, protective security, communication, incidents, breaches, suspects, first aid, CPR, managing violence, control, restraint, use of force and transfer of secure assignments.

When: 3 March and then every Tuesday thereafter

Time: 10am – 1pm or 1.30pm – 4.40

Duration: 20 weeks

Fees: \$100 per person per 20 week course

Call Donna or Catherine to find out more or to book your spot on the course now. Spaces are definitely limited.

Business Profiles

Papakura South Chiropractic Clinic **269 Great South Road** **Phone 299 9015**

Dr Len Brennan and Dr Marta Brennan have been in business in Papakura for 14 years and between them they have 32 years of chiropractic experience. It must be a great working environment — receptionist Ann Thompson has worked for the Brennans for 13 years. They have moved into new premises July 2008 only two doors down for bigger rooms and more space



“Mr Bones” (the skeleton in the window) is always a hit with the local children and provides people with a focal point for directions.

The couple also operate a small clinic in Manurewa

RDT Massage Therapy

Ann Cain moved from Taupo to Auckland five years ago and fulfilled a life time passion to become a massage therapist.

Her new business venture started in October 2008 and operates from a consultancy room in the Papakura South Chiropractic Clinic, offering complementary services at one handy location.

Rainbow Pet Foods **49 O’Shannessey Street** **Phone 298 5056**

Ann Miller and Alexandra Sutcliffe can rightly claim to be the one shop pet owners cannot pass by. Offering natural and healthy fresh and dry pet foods and pet remedies for all kinds of pets. The pair place emphasis on the quality of their products and will only use New Zealand-sourced meat in their fresh meat pet foods. The beef they use is all from dairy stock, chicken necks are used for the chicken mince, and much of the meat is off-cuts from meat graded suitable for human consumption. “So our fresh pet food might be a little more expensive, but pet owners get the assurance of knowing it’s all New Zealand meat and that it’s better quality.”

Particularly popular is their steak and kidney mix for pets.

Rainbow Pet Foods has been in O’Shannessey Street 25 years.

Ann and Alexandra are the third owners of the business, but have considerable experience in formulating and selling pet food and pet remedies.



March events

First Wednesday Club

This month is at Boodles and is sponsored by Dental World
Wednesday March 4
5.30 pm onward



Business breakfast

Annah Stretton
Papakura Club

Croskery Road
Thursday March 5
Breakfast: 7.30am
Presentation: 8.00 am - 8.45am

Targa Bambina

Central Park, Accent Point car park, Ardmore
Quarry Road
Saturday-Sunday March 7-8

"You can not assume you know what your customers want" Ian Brooks
Nicky Hayhow nhayhow@papakura.govt.nz or 295 2339