

# NEWS

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	<b>Piha Tramway</b> (New Zealand Railway Observer No 277 June/July 2006) For those with an interest in industrial heritage, an interesting history of the Piha Tramway is produced in a two part story. Part 1 was the history of the tramway by David Lowe and Part 2 a study of the working cables system for lifting logs up the steeper inclines by *.
1	<b>Devonport Ferry Wharf</b> (New Zealand Herald Wayne Thompson) North Shore City Council has paid \$2.9m to take over ownership of the run down Devonport Ferry Wharf, which has had a chequered financial history in recent years.
1	<b>Eden Park upgrade proposals</b> (New Zealand Herald Wayne Thompson) Proposals to revamp the Park for the Rugby World Cup in 2011 and for co-hosting with Australia the cricket World Cup in 2015 are announced. The price has gone up to \$320 million and the trust board is not sure where the money will come from. <b>Note:</b> These simple facts will result in planning chaos in Auckland over the next few months.
5	<b>Eden Park Stadium</b> (New Zealand Herald Rudman's City) Reflects the concerns of New Zealand Herald readers with the \$320m, 60,000 seat stadium upgrade, which is being strongly objected to by ratepayers in Auckland City and elsewhere.
5	<b>Eden Park Stadium</b> (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman) This article suggests that Auckland city ratepayers might be asked to fund much of the Eden Park upgrade. This will probably prove unacceptable to ratepayers who have recently paid \$68 million towards vector an arena and will be paying \$25 million plus for Gallery upgrade \$20.4 million in new swimming pools \$5 million for the restoration of pah homestead \$3 million for a town Hall organ upgrade and \$2 million for the Blake memorial.
12	<b>Soaring rates</b> (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman) Big-ticket items of expenditure throughout Auckland noted as contributing towards rates increases well beyond the level of inflation. Examples of ratepayer contributions Include the new Council building in Henderson \$38.5 million Eden Park redevelopment \$60 million North shore park-and-ride bus service \$8 million and the new motorway interchange at Otahuhu \$22 million.
25	<b>Auckland International airfield assets valued at \$2.7 billion</b> (New Zealand Herald Owen Hembry) on Although half the increase is due to accounting changes, many airport charges are based on a presumed return on capital and are therefore set to increase. Airlines are nervous.
29	<b>Lack of land is holding Manukau back</b> (New Zealand Herald Colin Taylor) Mayor Sir Barry Curtis wants more land available for development