

NEWS

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2	Sleepy hollow Orewa to grow up (NZH Brian Rudman) Comment on possible growth plans to be unveiled next month
2	Residents furious over aerial spraying of Te Henga wetland, Bethells (NZH Lee Rowberry) Have the masters of the west's "eco city" lost the plot?
2	Street design bad for health (NZH Errol Klong) AUT PhD candidate Hannah Badland to study eight countries under a post doctorate fellowship award by the heart foundation.
2	Tree top walkway battle (NZH Jarrod Booker) Interesting battle between developers and conservation group over sky walkway in Hokitika Scenic reserve.
2	Shadbolt home to be a writer's retreat (NZH Wayne Thompson) The Arapito Road Titirangi home of Maurice Shadbolt purchased by Council.
3	Landslips threaten homes (NZH Elizabeth Manning and James Ihaka) Problems at little Shoal Bay.
3	Grafton bridge revamp (NZH) Proposed \$7.3m upgrade for next year follows successful weekend test of main beams.
3	Landslip Little Shoal Bay (NZH Elizabeth Maning and James Ihaka) Faulty drains to blame? See further Herald article October 5.
3	Cycleway blow-out (NZH Mathew Dearnaley) Difficult ex landfill conditions blamed for increased cost \$1.7m to \$2.5m of Southdown/New Windsor cycleway.
3	Refined Long Bay plans (NZH Wayne Thompson) A further redesign is produced by Landco on its 335 ha development site adjoining Long Bay park..
3	Auckland a war zone for cyclists (NZH Mathew Dearnaley) Bad road design and driving styles highlighted.
3	Navy museum option (NZH Grant Howerd) Devonport wharf an option?
4	Heards building revamp (E&B Nicholas Moody) Historic Parnell building upgrade details
4	Glen Innes 4 storey intensification plans (E&B Alexandra Bremner) Council approves plan opposed by locals.
4	Heritage buildings protected (New Zealand property investor) The former Mt Eden Borough Council building and fire station in Valley Road and the former Carlton club hotel (now Penny Black) in Khyber pass road are among several that the Auckland City Council is moving to protect with heritage status.
5	Westpac bank to relocate 1500 staff to Britomart (NZH Anne Gibson) in a deal worth \$100 million the bank is to move to Britomart to two new buildings to be constructed by developer Bluewater, linking through to the historic Charter House and totalling 16,000 square metres. Staff will be moved from as far away as Wellington.
5	Legionnaires found in seaside suburbs beachlands and Maraetai (NZ H. Maggie McNaughton)
7	Landslips threatened as illegal storm water pipes riddle coastal areas (NZH. Anne Beston)
9	Puketutu Island compost proposal objection rubbished (NZH. Anne Beston)
9	\$7 million Ponsonby site purchased to provide civic square (NZH. Bernard Orsman)

	the site of 2347 square metres is located on the corner of Ponsonby Road and O'Neill Street.
9	\$233 million motorway extension past Hobsonville in preparation (NZH Mathew Dearnaley) this 6 km long project in some months away from calling design and construction tenders, six to nine months process, with construction likely to start late next year.
10	Businessman's group Metro Projects seeks big Auckland expenditure (NZH Wayne Thompson) this proposal suggests billion dollars over the next four years and \$100 million per year afterwards, on Auckland transport infrastructure. See also NZH article by Michael Barnett, chairman of the Auckland regional economic development forum. The metro plan of action can be seen at www.arc.govt.nz/metroproject .
11	Puketutu Island options (NZH Rudman's city)
11	Downtown rugby arena plans flawed (NZH) Barry Rae, a director of Transurban, consultant on urban development, and adjunct professor of urban design at the University of Auckland, comments that the stadium plan is a short-sighted goal. See also commentary NZH Rudman's city October 13. And NZH Bernard Orsman October 13.
12	Historic Glen Eden railway station canopy at risk (NZH Mathew Dearnaley) Station veranda likely to be hacked away by government agency Ontrack
13	Waitakere Council to prosecute itself (NZH Wayne Thompson) The wild West lives up to its name again in this saga of building removal without consent.
14	Stonefields to be the new name for the ex-quarry site subdivision at Mt Wellington (NZH Bernard Orsman)
14	Seaside houses falsely tagged as flood risks (NZH Anne Beston) Omaha Beach homeowners expose Council's faulty calculations at Omaha and point Wells.
16	Industrial world losing sight of targets for Kyoto (NZH AP) The world's big industrialised nations are struggling to meet the greenhouse gas reductions they were committed to achieve
16	Illegal earthworks lead to fines of \$72,500 (NZH) Erosion prone land at Mangawhai is the subject of this prosecution
16	Transit seeks public input on proposed tolling of existing and proposed roads (NZH Rudman's city) This article makes comment upon the proposal to adopt tolls from both existing and proposed roads in Auckland. See also major article NZH. Matthew Dearnaley October 12. This
17	Population of USA hits 300 million (NZH AP) The population probably reached this level some months ago (only longer), as a result of illegal immigration. The USA is the fastest growing of the industrialised nations and increases by about 2.8 million people a year. About 40% of population growth comes from immigration, both legal and illegal.
17	Matapouri residents object to sand spit modification (NZH Imran Ali) Locals are aghast at proposals to extract sand from the estuary, pile it on the adjoining sand spit and remove mangroves
17	Art Gallery upgrade obstacle (NZH Bernard Orsman) Coralie Van Camp has appealed against the proposed modern addition alongside the 1887 French colonial Art Gallery building and the sacrifice of mature trees in Albert Park, Chris Van Ryn, an interior architect, labelled the project "an insipid and mediocre effort" and will join in this appeal. Civic Trust Auckland also initially objected to the proposal, but withdrew after discussions with the project architects, having been convinced on a number of matters, but still retaining strong reservations over the apparent unsympathetic choice of architectural style, in comparison with an existing French colonial gem.
18	Auckland City councillors back wharf Stadium in secret meeting (E & B) This proposal is for Marsden, Captain Cook and Queens wharves, one of many alternatives under public discussion.
18	Suburb gains new name: Stonefields (E & B Alexandra Bremner) Land co-, developer of the ex-quarry site revealed the name of the new suburb over the weekend.
23	Oyster farmers in Northland fail to prove contamination case against local authority (NZH Tony Gee)
23	\$5.5 million pedestrian over bridge with piped music opens at Henderson (NZ H. Matthew Dearnaley) access no longer possible to the old platform or Henderson's original 1881 station building.
24	Commentary on Governorship of Auckland city (NZH) Jeff Chapman, public policy specialist at Massey University's Auckland School of social and cultural studies comments on the current debate over whether Auckland should be governed by a single city organisation.
26	Manukau Harbour sports bowl proposal

	(NZH) Pete Bossley, chair of the Auckland branch of the New Zealand Institute of architects and Barry Copeland, architect explain a possible alternative rugby stadium idea.
26	Auckland city – ARC tank farm joint-venture talks fail (NZH Bernard Orsman)
26	Low-tech filter turns muck to drinking water (Jarrod Booker) Christchurch inventor Russell Kelly develops interesting water purification devices suitable for Third World countries
26	ARC names hedgehog magpie and mynah to list of ecological villains (NZH Wayne Thompson)
26	Historic Birdcage Tavern near Victoria Park to be moved to make way for tunnel (NZH Mathew Dearnaley)
28	Architecture awards (NZH Anne Gibson) A Devonport Jubilee Avenue house, in 2004 the subject of a furore, when neighbours and Devonport Heritage protested against the loss of a 1920s arts and crafts building, when consent had been given only for alterations, was given an award, with judges stating that the new house adeptly met the challenge of the heritage context (RTA studio). Other awards were for refurbishment of the Rialto cinema complex in Newmarket (Walker Architects), renovation of the Winter Garden Pavilion in the Domain (Salmond Reed Architects), former Central Post Office upgrade (Jasmax and Salmond Reed Architects), Auckland central city library redevelopment (GHD), New Lynn War Memorial library (Craig Craig Moller), Waitakere Central library and Unitec facilities (Architectus), Manurewa aquatic and leisure centre, West Lake boys high school project and Te Matariki Cl in endon community centre and library (Jasmax), Foodtown supermarket at Sylvia Park (interior design, Woodhams Meihle Zhan) Newmarket Andrew Simms Mitsubishi (Bull O'Sullivan Architecture), Remuera, Arney Road Dunn house Fearon Hay Architects). For more details see www.nzia.co.nz
30	North Shore Heritage week commences
30	Historic facade defaced by painting job (New Zealand Herald, Bernard Orsman) Category A historic buildings at 456 to 486 Queen St (Historic Places Trust category 1) have been repainted, but the paint job is considered to be inadequate for the heritage status of these buildings.
30	70 trees to be axed in Queen Street (New Zealand Herald, Bernard Orsman) non notified consent is granted to Council and deemed to be a victory from Mayor Dick Hubbard and senior staff who have wanted to exclude the public, fearing further costly delays. Meanwhile some of the original kerb stones quarried by prisoners in the 19th century are to be retained.
30	Joined airfield plan for WHENUAPAI New Zealand Herald (editorial) Today's editorial suggests the possibility of a joint military and civilian airfield at WHENUAPAI
31	Mangatawhiri earthworks to begin within weeks (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley) The \$46 million bypass of Mangatawhiri is to begin shortly after years of accidents and multiple deaths.
31	Transit tolls to reap \$75 million per year (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley) Proposed tolls from the Western Ring route are likely to produce \$75 million per year by 2021.
31	Random growth worries Waimauku residents (New Zealand Herald, Wayne Thompson) Developer the cornerstone group is proposing to construct a European style village up to 6000 people which would approximately double the current total population of Kumeu and Waimauku.
31	Auckland's central roadblock (New Zealand Herald, article by Joel Cayford, Auckland regional Council transport policy chairman) In a hard-hitting article Joel Cayford notes that many ways that Government in Wellington could improve the Auckland transport situation, but lacks the political will to proceed.