

NEWS

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1	Insects being imported to curb spread of thistle radio three news
1	Art and fashion leaders unite to fight "ugly" Soho Square mall (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman)
1	Housing affordability crisis (New Zealand Herald Anne Gibson, John Armstrong)
3	Leaders stand by as city is desecrated (New Zealand Herald Michael Stevens) Michael Stevens is a resident of Freeman's Bay and lambastes Council for its ineffectiveness in standing up to those "maestros of aesthetic nullity", the developers.
3	Brushing in details for arts Park (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman) Proposals for an arts centre and sculpture Park are being mooted for Pah homestead in Hillsborough.
4	Restored land brings back the birds (New Zealand Herald Angela Gregory) Bird numbers are flourishing on Watercare land adjoining Ambury Park in Mangere.
4	Trunk ban on bridge clip on (New Zealand Herald Patrick Gower) Restrictions on big vehicles prompt call to consider new Harbour Crossing.
4	Building code change requires homes in cold areas to have more installation (New Zealand Herald Angela Gregory)
5	Flak flies over treaty secrets (New Zealand Herald Chris Barton) This is one of a large number of articles in the press criticising the government for its failure to involve all parties in its treaty settlement proceedings for the Auckland area.
6	Highbrook Park trust to develop parkland adjoining Highbrook business Park (Manukau matters) A new trust under chairman David Hosking will oversee the construction of 12 km of walking and cycling tracks through 40 ha of land along the Tamaki river and Otara Creek. The park contains environmentally sensitive and geologically important areas. The remnant of a small explosion crater is thought to be 50,000 to 100,000 years old. Manukau City Council is contributing \$3 million to landscaping of which about half has so far been committed. Note: Civic Trust Auckland is grateful that most of the volcanic remnant has been saved. Pukekiwiri (hill of the small kiwi), the interim name of the volcano is open to some question, which requires resolving.
6	Manukau City Council Civic building to get \$10.4 million upgrade (Manukau matters)
6	Manukau memorial gardens to get landscaped area designed by landscape architects Chow Hill (Manukau matters).
7	Alarm over bridge cracks. Tunnel is favoured crossing option (New Zealand Herald editorial, Matthew Dearnaley, Brian Rudman)
7	Dame Anne Salmond returns to varsity lecturing (New Zealand Herald Martha McKenzie-Minifie) This remarkable lady is chairwoman of the New Zealand Historic Places Trust; author of the Montano award-winning <i>the trial of the cannibal dog</i> and keen supporter of Maori heritage, with passionate interest in Maori navigation techniques. Her husband Jeremy Salmond is an architect and well-known author and expert in New Zealand architectural history.
9	Goat Island, near Cape Rodney, New Zealand's first marine reserve now 30 years old (New Zealand Herald Jenny and Tony Enderby)
12	Tumbledown mansion no castle (New Zealand Herald Wayne Thompson) Dan Holloway's house in Devonport is falling apart. This 1885 Villa known as Woodlands in Devonport has been in three flats. It is designated category B under the District Plan.
12	Beatrix Potter-a life in nature (New Zealand Herald book reviews Jim Eagles) This biography describes the life of a remarkable author and heritage campaigner, whose efforts to save the countryside within the Lakes District in northern England led to the establishment of Britain's National trust. The book coincides with a recent film <i>Miss Potter</i> .
14	National party leader John Key sets goals for climate change (New Zealand Herald NZPA)
14	Straight talking from environment Commissioner (New Zealand property investor)

	<p>Jan Wright is the recently appointed Parliamentary Commissioner for the environment and sees the role of her office as an alignment between economic and environmental well-being. She spoke at the recent green building seminar hosted by the Department of property at The University of Auckland business School it is to be noted that more than a dozen organisations the architecture, engineering, product manufacture, construction and quantities survey in sectors are taking part in a closed two-month pilot run of a new green build website. The site should come online in July at www.green_build.co.nz. It will provide comparisons of the environmental and technical characteristics of building materials.</p>
14	<p>Climate change report shines hope in darkness (New Zealand Herald/Economist) the intergovernmental panel on climate change (IPCC), the body set up under the auspices of the United Nations to produce a global consensus on the signs and economics of climate change, reports wants each six years. It has now published the third tranche of its fourth report, which indicates that future problems can be averted that action must take place sooner rather than later.</p>
15	<p>Cape Reinga wins in a \$6.5 million makeover (New Zealand Herald Tony Gee)</p>
16	<p>\$44 million revamp of motorway interchange at Akoranga/Esmonde Road (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley)</p>
16	<p>Public transport to swell road upgrade to \$2.2 billion (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley)</p>
16	<p>Move to clean energy must be started soon (New Zealand Herald Vanessa Atkinson)</p>
18	<p>Grafton Bridge strength testing (New Zealand Herald Heather McCracken) underpinning of foundations is required</p>
18	<p>The cabinet has finally agreed to Auckland rail electrification, but funding still in doubt (New Zealand Herald NZPA)</p>
20	<p>Public input sought on Auckland's open spaces (city scene)</p>
21	<p>Neighbour fighting bid for runway cafe in Waimauku rural haven (New Zealand Herald Wayne Thompson)</p>
21	<p>Kyoto target is out of reach for New Zealand (New Zealand Herald John Blakeley, research fellow, School of the built environment, Unitec, Auckland)</p>
21	<p>\$1 billion Auckland rail upgrade powers ahead (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley) Rail electrification gets underway this coming summer with network cabling.</p>
23	<p>Fire guts Cutty Sark. \$27 million fund for restoration to be opened (New Zealand Herald/telegraph group)</p>
23	<p>Working out real value of wetlands (New Zealand Herald NZPA) A new DOC report indicates that the Whangamarino wetland in Waikato and other wetlands throughout New Zealand provide a very wide range of benefits. More than 90% of wetlands and New Zealand have been drained or converted to other land uses in the last 150 years.</p>
23	<p>Prime opportunity for political author (East and Bay's Courier Michelle Lotter) Margaret Hayward, writer has recently completed a doctor of philosophy and political science and has now been granted four months of free writing time in the Michael King writers Centre. The centre is located in the old subnormal and is home on Mt Victoria overlooking Devonport and Auckland. It opened in 2005</p>
23	<p>Auckland's green image up in the air (East and Bay's Courier) Auckland regional Council is launching a campaign to highlight the downside of household fires which are responsible in winter for 65% of harmful emissions.</p>
23	<p>Dredging funds diverted from Orakei basin to other storm water projects (bays and Remuera times)</p>
23	<p>Mosaics tell tale of Ellerslie's heritage (midweek) Mosaic artist Meiling lee is adding to local heritage. There is an Ellerslie heritage trial pamphlet available from Auckland City and various Auckland city libraries.</p>
24	<p>Developers told to redraw quarry plan (New Zealand Herald Angela Gregory) The environment Court has asked for a rethink on plans for the last stage of the stone fields development at Mt Wellington.</p>
24	<p>Weiti Station forest subdivision battle on again (New Zealand Herald Wayne Thompson)</p>
25	<p>Panmure historical Society AGM on June 11 (East and Bays Courier) for information phone 527 8139</p>
26	<p>Heritage buildings for sale (New Zealand Herald) levels one to four in the Strand Arcade are for sale together with the Drake tavern in Freemans Bay, both through Bayley's.</p>
26	<p>Deforestation in New Zealand doubles and threatens to blow out carbon debt</p>

	(New Zealand Herald Brian fallow)
26	Volcanic cones society volunteers gain judgement support in saving volcanic features (New Zealand Herald Rudman's city) Environment Court judge Craig Thompson wrapped Council over the knuckles for its support of developer Landco in its proposals for Mt Wellington, which had also been backed by that other Guardian of landscape the Auckland regional Council.
28	Auckland water bills to soar by 140% in 10 years (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman, Rudman's city) Auckland City Council owned Watercare services is to pay a dividend to its owner and will be used as a cash cow in the future.
29	Future of Takapuna doubtful as a business centre (New Zealand Herald Wayne Thompson) Land previously zoned for commercial is being lost to residential development in the Takapuna CBD.
30	Beach, water cleanup put back six years (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman) Sewage will pour into Auckland's harbours and waterways for six years longer than necessary after Auckland City Council decided to put profits from its water company before the environment.
30	Toxic mine time bomb to get \$9.8 million cleanup (New Zealand Herald Simon O'Rourke) A poisonous pool of waste abandoned for 34 years is to be made safe at the tui mine near Te Aroha.
31	City urged to protect pedestrians from buses (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley)
31	Lee tells Hucker to back off on water rises (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman)