

NEWS

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	Auckland University open entry courses from August 2007 (advertisement)
1	Widespread backing for Council reform (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman, also straight answers in plain English requested by Bryan Rudman)
2	New measures increase protection for six Auckland volcanic features and land forms (New Zealand Herald Martha McKenzie Minifie) Greg Smith of Auckland Volcanic Cones Society says that protection should be extended to all volcanic cones in Auckland. Civic Trust Auckland agrees.
3	We've had one amalgamation (1989) and that led to big savings, right? (New Zealand Herald Rudman's city)
5	Public artworks (city scene) Auckland City Council encourages public space artworks. Examples on Queen Street include Inanga (whitebait) patterned pavers developed in conjunction with Ngati Whatua o Orakei, designer Humphrey Ikin's bench seats and artist John Edgar's stone seating. The latest is the pavement sculpture "source" by Elizabeth McClure. A number of glass blocks lit from below symbolise the now piped and filled Horotiu stream.
6	Plan to make building code more environment friendly (New Zealand Herald NZPA)
6	Car park plan for "public green strip" (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman) Wealthy developer Mark Wyborn is proposing to construct a car parking building on land earmarked for a possible reserve near the tank farm.
7	ARC asks judge to block house consent (New Zealand Herald Wayne Thompson) Normally local planners oppose development on sensitive ridge lines, but this design was passed by Rodney district Council. Opponents say that the house being built at Bethel beach mars the natural beauty of the area.
8	Crazy ARC move may cost film industry jobs (New Zealand Herald NZPA) Mayor Bob Harvey criticises the plan to limit filming in Waitakere ranges and beaches
8	Light rail back on the agenda (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman) In the waterfront master plan launched today there are proposals for a number of light rail options, for example from mission Bay to the city along Tamaki drive, an extension of that line to the tank farm and, in the more distant future a possible line up Queen Street. The Auckland regional Council's Mike lee feels somewhat put out that his Council was not consulted on the proposals.
8	Restoring the beauty of Hobson's Bay-removal of sewer line scheduled for 2007 to 2010 (East and Bay's Courier Melanie Allen)
8	\$23 million plan to open up Westhaven (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman) Auckland city mayor Hubbard's unilateral approach upsets chairman of regional Council
10	Historic Panmure stone cottage museum open to public (East and Bay's Courier) Grace Larsen of the Panmure historical Society advises that the historic cottage, which dates back to the 1850s is open to the public on the second Sunday of the month, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and admission is free. For further information phone 527 7818
10	Let there be light so we can get a look at the new art (New Zealand Herald Rudman city) Brian Rudman criticises the new Queen Street pavement sculpture.
15	Westfield set to show off New Zealand's biggest small company (New Zealand Herald Anne Gibson)
15	Parnell rail stop a priority says business (New Zealand Herald Melanie Allan)
15	Manukau's Mayor, Sir Barry Curtis hanging up chains (New Zealand Herald Wayne Thompson) In a distinguished career in public life, Sir Barry can look back upon a number of events, from his election to the Manukau City Council in 1968, his election to the Auckland regional authority from 1971 to 1983 and chairman of the Auckland regional authority planning committee from 1977 to 1983 and his election for mayor of Manukau city from 1983 to the present day. See also New Zealand Herald editorial August 16.
16	Rail freight studied for Onehunga (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley)

16	Drive is on to preserve Cornwell park's historic avenue of Puriri trees (New Zealand Herald Angela Gregory) Older ailing trees are being replaced at the rate of about a dozen per year.
17	Rail to Helensville (New Zealand Herald letter to the editor) a letter from Laurie McKentee chairman of the North West rail action group says that approval by the ARC 27 years after the commuter rail service ceased is long overdue.
22	Te Wero Bridge folly (New Zealand Herald Rudman's city) Why this bridge? Utility or grandeur? \$35 million. An existing historic bridge to be obscured.
22	Proposed plan change for Newmarket (East and Bay's Courier Justine Glucina) Submissions close September 10.
24	Residents see red (East and Bay's Courier Justine Glucina) The 1930s fire station on long drive is to be replaced by a modern box in typical current (air terminal) architectural style.
26	Wetland wins award (city scene) Waiatarua wetland restoration project was acknowledged in the sustainable public-sector category at the recent A R C sustainable environment awards.
27	A R C fails to get house consent quashed (New Zealand Herald Wayne Thompson) See article by the same author above dated August 8.
28	Pressure is on to bury power lines under roads (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley) Underground lines would prove their worth in the long run by being easier to maintain and less vulnerable to economic crippling supply disruption says Des Hughes, Council utilities manager.
28	Valuable volcanic wetland acquired (New Zealand Herald Angela Gregory) Two vacant properties at 36 Grotto Street and 29 Heretaunga as Ave totalling 10,000 square metres have been purchased by Auckland City Council as part of its program to enhance the city's volcanic landscape. Civic trust Auckland heartily applauds this effort. See also Central Leader August 29.
29	Power line builders failed communities (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley) Nationwide policy urged to avoid repeat of conflicts over pylons and land use. A government appointed board of enquiry is an Auckland to hear submissions on a proposed national policy statement to elevate the importance of electricity tank transmission in district and regional planning documents. The three-member board is chaired by retired High Court judge Peter Salmon.
29	Quarry Park takes shape (Central leader) Site owner Winstone has been told Council is interested in buying a significant amount of the site to achieve some of its objectives. The land has been a quarry for the last century and was the site of one of the three Kings. Civic trust Auckland wishes Council to acquire the whole of the land available, to link the existing three Kings reserve with big King, to allow the possibility in the future of a least one of the missing three Kings to be partly reinstated. See also Eastern Courier August 31
30	Power station project plans faces public airing (New Zealand Herald Wayne Thompson) A power station is proposed to be located between Helensville and Kaukapakapa. It is to be staged to grow from an initial 240 MW to 480 MW. It is to be fuelled by natural gas from Taranaki, or imported LNG.
31	Rodney district Council steps aside from power station ruling (New Zealand Herald Wayne Thompson) The local authority says that this is a matter for the government and refuses to process the application.