

NEWS

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3	Plan for Park on Western CBD fringe (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman) Auckland City Council has purchased the Placemakers hardware and timber yard in Cook Street for \$19.35 million
5	Miniature steam boat SS Puke and scow Ted Ashby available for outings at the Maritime Museum (East and Bay's Courier)
5	Fossil fuel ban (New Zealand Herald Brian fallow) The government has placed a ban on constructing base load fossil fuel power stations. It hopes to raise the proportion of electricity produced from renewable sources to 90% by the year 2025.
5	All congestion charging will do is favour the rich (New Zealand Herald Brian Rudman)
5	North shore bosses want tunnel link (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley)
5	Saving a sanctuary at Tahuna Torea reserve (East and Bay's Courier Karen Kotze) <i>Tahuna Torea: Tip site to nature reserve.</i> This book by Chris Barfoot tells the story of how a superb sanctuary has been preserved and developed, instead of being used as a tip site.
7	35 of 40 submissions oppose demolition of historic Bentley buildings on Park Road (New Zealand Herald Justine Glucina)
7	Public-private partnerships a recipe for urban transport anarchy (New Zealand Herald Brian Rudman)
7	Bush isolated by Australian defection to join Kyoto protocol (New Zealand Herald Joseph Coleman) anti-global warming legislation has also passed a crucial test in the United States Senate
7	New Zealand tourism was worth \$429 million to central government in 2003/4 (New Zealand Herald Tamsyn Parker) Research over three years by Lincoln University shows that in 2003/4 the government spent \$103 million on culture, recreation, conservation and heritage access and a further \$81 million on tourism marketing, research and policy and regional initiatives. This was more than made up for in tourist tax revenues. GST alone brought in \$481 million. The basic finding is that tourism produces a clear financial benefit to government.
10	Note to Mr Banks: new prison or Mt Eden least of our worries (New Zealand Herald Rudman's city) Mayor John Banks comments upon proposed visual blight
11	ARC puts spanner in Stadium works (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman) Auckland regional Council is refusing to back a \$270 million funding package for Eden Park
12	Memorial to aviators under fire (East and Bays Courier Justine Glucina) An aerodynamic bird made of titanium rods has been erected at Selwyn reserve. Not everybody is happy with the result.
17	Storage looms for historic Newmarket trainer station (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley)
19	First steps towards a global agreement (New Zealand Herald Gwynne Dyer) Talks at Bali may not have achieved much, but it least the politicians are thinking about the subject. In this matter the USA is now almost totally isolated.
19	Locals fear truck influx from quarry at Buckland, near Pukekohe (New Zealand Herald James Ihaka)
20	Newmarket viaduct to be replaced in 2008 (New Zealand Herald Phoebe) The 2 three lane viaducts will be replaced by a new three lane viaduct and a four lane viaduct. An amazing amount of expenditure for so little gain. Once again major Auckland infrastructure built on the cheap with little thought to the future. However, the new viaducts will be more earthquake resistant.
21	Government may think again on Whenuapai options (New Zealand Herald Wayne Thompson)
21	Art Gallery extensions gain environmental court approval-one dissenting commissioner (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman)
21	Ohakea to get passenger terminal in \$129 million upgrade (New Zealand Herald Wayne Thompson) This airport is intended to be used in an emergency if Auckland airport is out of action.

