

NEWS

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1	<p>Fitzroy hotel saga a disgrace (New Zealand Herald Rudman's city) Lip service is paid to preserving Auckland's heritage. In October 2003 developers wished to knock the building down to build a high-rise block all shoebox apartments. Six months later the city agreed. The New Zealand historic places trust registered the long forgotten relic as category one. Later Auckland city dropped its earlier fail assessment of 47 points, giving it 72, just a few short of the 75 needed for top category A status. Note: Civic Trust Auckland is concerned that the integrity of the points system adopted by Auckland City Council has been placed in question. Furthermore, notwithstanding a Council edict that the smallest units within the CBD should be at least 35 square metres, approval has been granted for many units within this complex to be less than half that size. How and why did this occur? Why are additions being permitted to heritage structures in Auckland which dominate the original architecture? This is something which would never be permitted in a city with robust heritage rules. For example it would not be possible in either Sydney or Melbourne. Why is Auckland so far behind the times? Alan Matson, indefatigable heritage campaigner and member of the Civic Trust Auckland board, continues to fight for some effective form of heritage preservation for this plain but historic hotel building.</p>
1	<p>Making the high seas a greener place (New Zealand Herald Tony Gibson) The shipping industry is up to the challenge of combining global transportation with awareness of environmental issues.</p>
2	<p>\$250 million hole on the ground-controversial Soho Square project at a standstill (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman)</p>
2	<p>Government to attack graffiti from all sides (New Zealand Herald Chris Barton and Stuart dye)</p>
2	<p>Green: no longer just for hippies its the new building mainstream (New Zealand Herald Colin Taylor)</p>
4	<p>Controversial North Shore bus way open for business today (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley)</p>
4	<p>Plastic recycle collections-where does it go? (New Zealand Herald Errol Klong)</p>
4	<p>Answer to tagging it is to ban paint spray cans (New Zealand Herald Rudman's city)</p>
5	<p>Polluted waters kill-Omaru Creek in Glen Innes dubbed Auckland's most polluted-300 eels and fish dead (New Zealand Herald Karen Kotze)</p>
5	<p>Plastic trash big threat to the Pacific (New Zealand Herald AAP)</p>
6	<p>3000 new state homes proposed for troubled Tamaki area (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman)</p>
7	<p>Tunnel options costing up to \$2.3 billion to be considered for Waterview (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley)</p>
7	<p>Change of attitude to stop taggers (New Zealand Herald editorial)</p>
8	<p>Life without resource management act-there is hardly a clause that does not need some rewriting (the National business review Owen McShane)</p>
11	<p>Pollution study censored (New Zealand Herald NZPA)</p>
11	<p>Twin Tunnel project has some dark implications (New Zealand Herald Fran O'Sullivan) Auckland motorists are already facing a regional fuel tax to fund such projects as the Waterview Tunnel. Why should they pay twice (by way of tolls). See also other articles in this paper: motorway threat to beautiful community, by Matthew Dearnaley and tolls are almost inevitable the private sector gets tunnel role by Brian Rudman.</p>
11	<p>Uncertainty dogs old Newmarket station-to be removed for storage (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley)</p>
13	<p>Final push for rail airport link (East and Bays courier Melanie Allan)</p>
13	<p>Keep Queens wharf a people's place for passive recreation (New Zealand Herald Rudman's city)</p>
13	<p>Tank farm a potential cruise ship terminal (New Zealand Herald Wayne Thompson)</p>
13	<p>Keep it quiet: we're less than 100% pure (New Zealand Herald) Missing section of environment Ministry report tells how much pressure we're putting on our environment.</p>

14	The great green con: study reveals cost of bio fuels (New Zealand Herald/Independent Jimmie Powell)
15	Safeguards imperative for Waterview Tunnel (New Zealand Herald editorial)
15	ARC to seal deal on purchase of ex timber merchant potential Onehunga station site (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley)
15	Bizarre government list of sites "available" for affordable housing in Auckland (New Zealand Herald Yvonne Tahana) The list includes the ports of Auckland, Auckland zoo, Auckland University and Auckland library.
17	Auckland Art Gallery to close on 29 February for modifications and extensions (city scene)
19	Historic chapel finds new life (New Zealand Herald) St Michael's chapel in Henderson built in 1914 will be re-opened in March after a joint effort by the Henderson Heritage Trust and the Waitakere City Council. The Corban family had contributed to building the chapel and provided the land it has been moved to, opposite the Corban Estate Arts Centre in central Henderson.
20	Fears held that historic Newmarket station will be forgotten (East and Bays courier Melanie Allan)
20	Honey, they shrunk the domain (New Zealand Herald Jacqueline Smith) Bits and pieces, plus some large chunks have dropped off the Auckland Domain during the last 150 years.
21	Auckland's Mayor John Banks wants development objections under the RMA limited (New Zealand Herald: Alanah May Eriksen)
22	Graffiti move a first step-Government proposing to ban the sale of spray paint to under 18s (New Zealand Herald Melanie Allan)
22	Historic St James Theatre in Queen Street needs a rescue package quickly (New Zealand Herald Rudman's city)
22	Growing world aircraft fleet and increasing pollution (New Zealand Herald Michael Richardson)
23	Younger 10,000 year old Volcano hidden beneath 20,000 year old Panmure basin (New Zealand Herald Angela Gregory)
25	Additions to Auckland City Council heritage schedule-plan change 217 (City Scene) Scheduling is proposed for the following buildings; 123 Grafton Rd, house, 1218 to 1220 great North Road, Ambassador theatre, 465 to 475 Khyber pass road, Excelsior building, 210 Green lane West, building five, 24 Mountain Rd, nurses residential club, 537 Mt Eden road, Crystal Palace theatre, 243 to 249 Newton Rd, Orange ballroom, 118 to 226 Ponsonby Rd, commercial building.
28	Electric rail may extend all way to Hamilton (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley)
29	Where to put classic boats-proposal for place to show off old beauties (New Zealand Herald Rudman's city) In the numerous glossies produced in recent time for Auckland's waterfront, nobody appears to have allowed for a place to put the several dozen classic vessels restored or under restoration by their proud owners. Joined submissions were made in August and December 2007 by Tony Blake, chairman of the Classic Yacht Association of New Zealand and John Street, chairman of the Classic Yacht Charitable Trust. Watch this space.