

NEWS

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	Streetscape and demolition criteria adopted by Auckland City Council meets stiff opposition (Flair August)
1	John Banks-we need to balance heritage and property rights (New Zealand Herald)
1	Orakei development battler glad to gain support (East and Bays courier Melanie Verran) Orakei Residents Society president Warren Tuohey is heartened that more than a hundred people, including politicians turned up to a public meeting last week.
2	Spotlight on Lighthouse funding (New Zealand Herald Anne Gibson) Maintenance of the country's 23 most historic and precious lighthouses poses a significant problem which may require a change of ownership so that user pay charges are made fair. Modern lighthouses cost far less to maintain than older heritage lighthouses
2	The Greeks had it right-plans for Aotea Square are wrong (New Zealand Herald Dushko Bogunovich) The writer is associate professor of urban design at unitec's School of architecture and landscape architecture. Eight years ago he was part of a three-member team which won the design competition for Aotea Square. That plan has since been altered out of all recognition with the clarity and robustness of the original concept totally lost, leaving behind a diluted low-budget left over.
4	\$100 million Tauranga Tallow bio fuel plant plans scrapped (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley)
4	Developer braces for Britomart hotel battle, even though economics are poor (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman)
4	Do us a favour Cooper and take the easy route-another Britomart hotel development comment (New Zealand Herald Rudmans city)
4	Old homes condemned in residential 2 zone on verbal advice only (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman)
4	Residents fight picnic spot subdivision at Gulf Harbour (New Zealand Herald Wayne Thompson)
4	Planned hearings under way for Wynyard quarter (property investor weekly)
6	Longer tourism leases for DoC land (New Zealand Herald Tamsyn Parker)
6	Going native right for Aotea Square, claims landscaper (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman)
6	Onehunga calls for new motorway to be shifted westward (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley)
6	Motorists hit hard again with fuel taxes for public transport (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley)
6	ARC confirms it is to pay \$4.75 million for proposed 49.85 ha regional Park at Te Arai Pt New Zealand Herald Wayne Thompson
7	Hearn Bay locals win their \$50,000 Gables pub site battle (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman)
9	Railways have a bright future (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley)
11	150 year old Masonic hotel at Devonport faces demolition (New Zealand Herald letters Sam Mojel)
12	Mayor in search of heritage agreement over residential 2 (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman)
13	Tunnel vision over public and private partnerships is wrong (New Zealand Herald Brian Rudman)
13	Danish water quality expert says intensive farming time bomb is threatening our lakes (New Zealand Herald Juliette Rowan)
13	Alarm over loss of city's heritage grows (New Zealand Herald Angela Gregory)
14	Britomart hotel tower goes against heritage vision (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman) Mario Madayag, the architect behind the master plan for Britomart wants to know how 21 storey hotel fits the vision for the heritage precinct.
15	Auckland heritage deserves better champion than DoC

	(New Zealand Herald Rudmans city) What is needed for DoC is not Brand refreshment, as proposed, but brand creation.
15	Council out to make protection of trees easier (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman)
16	Historic city Palace Tavern in mortgagee sale (New Zealand Herald Colin Taylor)
18	Births: to Mouila and Kibabu a son, Mahale Taronga zoo Sydney Endangered lowland gorillas increase in number.
20	\$48 million contract by Auckland's construction for Newmarket station under way East and Bays courier Melanie Verran
20	High-rise plan for Milford (New Zealand Herald Wayne Thompson) The district plan contains a height limit of 20 m. property developers New Zealand retail property group are seeking a plan change for three buildings with between six and 15 residential floors. The private planned changes to be notified in October
21	Tackling conservation. Sean Goddard responds to Brian Rudman (New Zealand Herald letters)
21	Te Wero folly - Viaduct Bridge price soars from \$35 million to over \$51 million and rising (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman)
21	Long and winding road of defending the district plan (New Zealand Herald Glenda Fryer, Auckland City Councillor and planning commissioner)
23	Te Wero folly - don't dash Bridge dream (New Zealand Herald John Roughan)
23	Unitec photographers are documenting the tank farm (New Zealand Herald)
24	Judge suggests fresh approach on residential 2 demolitions (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman)
24	Parties warming up on hearing for gas-fired power station near Helensville (New Zealand Herald Wayne Thompson)
24	Te Wero folly - costly unnecessary icon too much (New Zealand Herald Rudmans city) see also letter in support of this article from Harry Julian on the 25 th and against from J. B. Gibbs on the 26 th .
24	Thieves steal city's bronze artworks (city scene) \$500,000 bill and growing.
24	Te Wero folly - winning bridge design details (city scene)
25	Dozens of properties at risk from arterial road plan (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley) Three options are being considered for the 14 km route between flat bush and Drury.
26	Road tolls a hot potato (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley and John Armstrong) MP Maurice Williamson foolishly suggests that motorists would be happy to pay up to \$50 per week in road tolls in Auckland. He has been rapped heavily over the knuckles by his party leader. Floods of letters to the editor continue over the next week or so and the resort Brian Rudman article on the 27 th .
27	200 submissions oppose Britomart high-rise, including New Zealand Historic Places Trust (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman) This proposal now has the firm opposition of virtually all the major players, including the Auckland City Council's own design champion, Civic Trust Auckland, New Zealand Historic Places Trust and the architect behind the original master plan.
27	Government considering imposing "gas gobbler" sales tax on cars (New Zealand Herald David Eames)
27	Toll looks likely on Waterview link (New Zealand Herald Paula Oliver)
28	Greens say Waterview project a financial drain (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley)
28	Going private (PPP) just highway robbery (New Zealand Herald David Morris Auckland transport operator and travel writer)
28	Pressure grows over siting a railway station in Parnell (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley)
28	\$8.9 million spruce up for St Patrick's Square - cutbacks under way (New Zealand Herald Alanah May Eriksen)
28	No to Nikaus in Aotea Square (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman)
28	Equipment beneath Eden Park to measure city's tiny tremors (New Zealand Herald Craig Borley)
29	Funding bill a victory for fairness (New Zealand Herald Rudmans city)