

# NEWS

## November 2008

1	<p><b>Britomart Hotel plan falls victim to credit crisis</b> (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman) The weekend Herald says that it has learned that the Council was on the verge of formally opposing the private plan change. The council's urban design champion Ludo-Campbell Reid said the hotel was alien in scale to the heritage needs of the precinct. The proposal was opposed by <b>Civic Trust Auckland</b>, as well as the Historic Places Trust and the council's urban design panel. Why then is the plan to be placed on hold and not rejected?</p>
3	<p><b>Harbour Bridge cycling proposal-decision delayed</b> (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley)</p>
3	<p><b>Closer scope for building number 5, but it could still get nasty</b> (New Zealand Herald Rudmans city)</p>
3	<p><b>Put super city proposal to the vote says Peters</b> (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman)</p>
4	<p><b>Public to have a say on scaled back plans for Orakei</b> (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman) Comments to close on 17 November.</p>
4	<p><b>Students provide design proposals for Onehunga's grand rail future</b> (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley) The proposals deal with development of an 8000 square metre block of land, which Auckland Regional Council purchased for \$8 million at 109-111 Onehunga Mall. Proposals were to be future proofed, that is to allow for future connections to be made to Hillsborough and to the airport via Mangere Bridge township.</p>
4	<p><b>Planning knock back casts doubt over the future of Marlin group's Soho development</b> (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman)</p>
5	<p><b>Antarctic ozone hole the size of North America-fifth largest recorded in nearly 30 years</b> (New Zealand Herald Angela Gregory)</p>
8	<p><b>Historic viaduct Harbour Bridge needs power, not \$51 million Te Wero replacement</b> (New Zealand Herald Rudmans city)</p>
8	<p><b>"Earnscliff" Historic 1882 Victorian Gothic home at 44 Williamson Ave Devonport for sale</b> (New Zealand Herald-Herald homes feature)</p>
9	<p><b>Second chance for historic building five</b> (city scene) An independent architects report says the former Greenlane hospital's 100-year-old building five could be adapted for modern use. The health board is now seeking proposals from developers who would renovate the building in exchange for a long-term lease at a normal rental. The closing date for proposals is 19 December 2008. A mere six weeks is an absurdly narrow timescale in the circumstances.</p>
10	<p><b>Regional Council wants input on rail</b> (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman) The regional Council is days away from making a major decision to order a fleet of 35 electric trains. <b>Civic Trust Auckland</b> believes such a decision to be hasty in the extreme, as the time line for completing electrification infrastructure is not accurately known. The Trust however is very supportive of the electrification proposals.</p>
12	<p><b>\$5 million study of city's volcanoes starts a seven-year exercise</b> (New Zealand Herald Angela Gregory)</p>
12	<p><b>Keep away from our Waitakeres, Mr Key</b> (New Zealand Herald Brian Rudman)</p>
12	<p><b>Appeal begins for proposed cafe at Piha</b> (New Zealand Herald Wayne Thompson)</p>
12	<p><b>Waitakere Mayor of Harvey receives UN endorsed environment management award</b> (New Zealand Herald)</p>
12	<p><b>Auckland City Council proposes huge budget cuts over the next 10 years</b> (New Zealand Herald special feature) The Auckland Manukau eastern transport initiative remains by far the biggest item and is reduced by \$405 million to \$343 million. Expenditure on future parks and reserves is reduced to a trickle.</p>
13	<p><b>Provision of future parks now rests almost solely with developers and their levies</b> (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman)</p>
14	<p><b>Big peninsular plans - deadline looms for feedback on master plan options at Orakei</b> (East and Bay's courier Melanie Verran)</p>
14	<p><b>Cuts bring people prices down to July 2007 levels</b> (New Zealand Herald NZPA) Petrol is down \$.65 from its peak of \$2.189 in July.</p>

14	<b>Google Earth an excellent way to roam back in time</b> (New Zealand Herald special feature)
14	<b>Mixed use idea for Queens wharf rocks boat</b> (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley) A mishmash of jumbled thinking says Auckland city Mayor John Banks.
14	<b>Mayor Banks lays waste to transport budgets</b> (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman)
14	<b>Dramatic way to bring Auckland's waterfront gateway to life</b> (New Zealand Herald Rudmans city) Brian Rudman proposes an iconic mixed-use cruise ship and drama Centre.
15	<b>Filling big hole at Wiri for industrial use</b> (New Zealand Herald Colin Taylor) Fletcher building is putting a million cubic metres of fill into its disused North Wiri quarry, to create nearly 40 ha of industrial land.
16	<b>Archive maps history</b> (city scene) Digital maps can be seen at <a href="http://www.aucklandcity.Govt.nz/archives">www.aucklandcity.Govt.nz/archives</a> .
19	<b>Weighty issue for Navy's new ship</b> (New Zealand Herald Hamish McNeillie and Debbie Porteous) The Navy's new \$90 million offshore patrol vessel HMNZS Otago is a year overdue and appears to have a serious weight problem, another of a long-running saga of incompetent military purchase decisions by government in the last decade or so.
19	<b>Key reviews carbon tax as New Zealand gets dirty rating</b> (New Zealand Herald Paula Oliver)
20	<b>Budget cuts delay completion of parks in the Stonefields development</b> (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman)
20	<b>Developer to unveil \$120 million Carlaw Park Village plan</b> (New Zealand Herald Anne Gibson) The development by Vision Senior Living is to comprise a major retirement village with 200 apartments of one to three bedrooms. Asking prices will range from \$489,000 to \$1.1 million.
22	<b>St Helliars dress circle unravels</b> (New Zealand Herald Anne Gibson) Gregg Olliver's BBG trust Ltd owns properties at 14 to 32 Waimarie St and 27 to 39 Glover Rd, situated on the edge of the tuff ring of an adjoining volcanic crater. The Glover Rd properties are all currently up for Westpac mortgagee sale, by tender.
22	<b>Loose public finance typically plans a Bridge too far</b> (New Zealand Herald John Roughan) This journalist looks long and hard at the latest estimate of over \$400,000 to build a small foot bridge across a narrow stream on the North Shore. Why the incredible largess? How much of the cost so far has been spent paying experts to produce reports to satisfy the RMA? What exactly is wrong here and how can it be fixed?
24	<b>Airport road heading for cup kick-off - duplicate Mangere Bridge foundations well under way</b> (New Zealand Herald)
24	<b>Super capacitors a quicker and more modern way to electrify Auckland's rail system</b> (New Zealand Herald David Clemow)
24	<b>Giant Borer makes light work of \$118.6 million sewer pipe line beneath Hobson Bay</b> (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman)
25	<b>Leaky woes spread to 36 schools so far, two thirds in Auckland</b> (New Zealand Herald Martha McKenzie-Minifie)
25	<b>Gulf islanders want transfer away from Auckland City Council jurisdiction</b> (New Zealand Herald Brooke Donovan)
25	<b>Why emissions law should be scrapped</b> (New Zealand Herald Owen McShane - director of the Centre for resource management studies) We should remember that carbon credit trading was invented by Enron.
26	<b>Ocean acidity threatening coral and mussel survival</b> (New Zealand Herald Steve Connor)
26	<b>Iwi Te Arai Coastal Lands Trust scales down plans for beach and forest resort at mangawhai</b> (New Zealand Herald/Northern Advocate)
28	<b>Full steam ahead -pictorial shows double tracking under way near Boston road</b> (New Zealand Herald Greg Bowker)
28	<b>Bureaucrats squeeze Tank Farm waterfront lemon through the system</b> (New Zealand Herald Rudmans city)