

NEWS (Civic Trust Auckland archive)

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2	Let's talk sense about finding new home for Michio Ihara's wind tree sculpture (New Zealand Herald Rudmans city)
2	Bronze statue memorial to aircrew finally allowed in War Memorial Museum (New Zealand Herald)
2	Don't trade the environment for short-term jobs (Environment and Conservation Organisations of NZ Inc)
3	KiwiRail to spend \$75 million on new trains from China (New Zealand Herald/NZPA)
3	Auckland zoo contemplates \$13.5 million bill for elephant succession (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman)
4	Call to purchase Sir Edmund Hillary's house for the nation (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman)
4	Busy Remuera rail over bridge closed after cracks found (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman) See also East and Bay's Courier Ted Calvert March 6.
4	The \$11 million planned to seal off toxic tips beneath parks (New Zealand Herald Eloise Gibson)
6	Auckland city councillors vote \$13.5 million for new elephant herd to roam Western Springs (New Zealand Herald Rudmans city)
6	Wellington national Library remodelling vital for future (New Zealand Herald Chris Szekely) The proposal to refurbish and extend the National library is essential according to library staff. Civic Trust Auckland however is shocked that one of the few examples of reasonably good commercial architecture in New Zealand of that era is to be given the glass box facelift treatment in current airport terminal style. Surely floor area additions can be made in such a way that the original architectural character of this building is retained.
7	Cathedral reeling over approval for 47 storey tower near St Patrick's Square (New Zealand Herald Anne Gibson) Civic Trust Auckland is also shocked that such an out of scale building should have been permitted within the Victorian quarter, adjoining and in the vicinity of a number of scheduled and non-scheduled historic buildings. This and other proposed high-rise buildings nearby will have negative impact on the amenity value of St Patrick's Square and the Victorian buildings around its southern and eastern sides. See also Bob Dey property report March 9. There is also a letter from Owen McShane (Herald March 17) defending the complex on the grounds of the employment it will create.
11	Environment Ministry jobs go in government shake-up (New Zealand Herald Claire Trevett)
11	Ports of Auckland board chairman Gary Judd considers port privatisation option-should he resign? (New Zealand Herald)
12	Religious vision threatens Madrid's parkland and historic skyline (New Zealand Herald/independent Elizabeth Nash) The city's Archbishop proposals a huge complex of five ecclesiastical buildings on public parklands on the city's west side.
12	Strong case to end road user charges for diesel vehicles-Civic Trust Auckland agrees (New Zealand Herald Adrian Blackburn New Zealand motoring writers Guild)
12	Moves to lift protection laws could mean open season on trees (New Zealand Herald Eloise Gibson)
13	Hunt for burial caves on Auckland Racing Club land at Ellerslie (East and Bay's Courier Justine Glucina)
16	Pakiri sand mining opponents take battle back to court (New Zealand Herald Wayne Thompson)
16	Kite boarders threat to godwit sanctuary (New Zealand Herald Cathy Marks)
16	Two decades on and aerosol guilf is justifiably alive and well (New Zealand Herald Lucy Siegle)
16	Covington group Gulf Harbour Development plans knocked on the head (New Zealand property investor)
17	It is pragmatism over excessive bureaucratic costs that condemns general tree protection out of hand (New Zealand Herald letters Denys Oldham)
17	Electric train decision by government makes sense (New Zealand Herald editorial)
18	Red letter day for Britomart plan with stage one of \$140 million office building for Westpac opened (New Zealand Herald Anne Gibson)

18	18 Apartments and 3 shops for heritage residential part of Birkenhead turned down (New Zealand Herald Wayne Thompson) It is noted that Milford residents Association is also battling high-rise apartments for Milford mall.
20	\$160 million rail trench worries New Lynn, if \$13.6 million funding gap for the station leaves gaping hole (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley)
20	Supporters of rail on the wrong road (New Zealand Herald Jim Hopkins)
20	\$71,000 bid for historic Bert Munro Velocette motorcycle keeps it in New Zealand for display in Parnell (New Zealand Herald/NZPA)
20	Government earmarks seven road projects, with three in Auckland region (New Zealand Herald Clair Trevet)
21	Scrapped fuel tax forces Auckland regional Council to give up its rail stations (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley)
21	Mystery buyer of Sir Ed's home paid more than expected (New Zealand Herald Anne Gibson)
21	North shore supermarket saga has been disgraceful (New Zealand Herald editorial)
23	Backers of \$200 million peninsula link look to tolls again (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley)
26	Marsden B power station sold by Mighty River Power (National business review Peter Gill) Civic Trust Auckland would be interested to know why this power station has been sold, apparently for dismantling and re-erection off shore, when another New Zealand Power Company is proposing a gas-fired power station North of Auckland in the vicinity of Helensville. Was Marsden B incapable of conversion to gas?
24	Auckland needs to have control over its own rail destiny (New Zealand Herald Dick Bellamy)
25	Big pineapple on heritage list (Xinhua) The big 16 m fibreglass pineapple in Queensland has been placed on the state register. The country has several other big items such as the big banana at Coffs Harbour, the big Marino at Goulburn, the big trout at Adaminaby and the big gumboot at Tully. Civic Trust Auckland notes that this is an example where a reasonably modern object can be given heritage status.
27	To many antennas above Kohimarama hair salon says Carl Knox (East and Bay's Courier Melanie Verran)
27	Auckland Regional Council swimming against the tide with its Port Holdings (New Zealand Herald Alasdair Thompson)
28	Commission recommends type rules to stop big pre-amalgamation Council Spend-ups (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley)
28	Trucks diverted from the clip-ons now causing damage to main Harbour bridge (New Zealand Herald Jared Savage)
28	Sand mining opponents at Pakiri lose dredging appeal (New Zealand Herald Wayne Thompson)
28	Proposed amalgamation recipe for power not unity (New Zealand Herald editorial)
28	City Art Gallery upgrade-Auckland City Council has got off lightly (New Zealand Herald letter rose Lovell-Smith) A further negative comment stressing how architecturally inappropriate the new edition is to the original and beautiful heritage structure.