

NEWS (Civic Trust Auckland archive)

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1	Newmarket Kingdon Street station demolition – an outrageous scandal (NZ Herald letters Stephen Greenfield)
1	ARC leader Lee fumes as station is demolished – mean spirited vandalism (NZ Herald Mathew Dearnaley) The Kingdon St station was built in 2007 for \$750,000. Kiwirail says mothballing would have cost \$500,000 to \$1m, which seems absurd. It also estimates that a permanent station would cost up to \$13m, which Civic Trust Auckland considers is even more absurd, compared with \$35M for the main Newmarket station, one of the most expensive non CBD stations ever built. The new station was of course built in the wrong place as it could not provide a link for passengers on southern and western lines at the same point. Is this fundamental design error to be repeated at Penrose?
5	We need to do more to protect our clean and green brand (NZ Herald Dave Feickert, Wanganui- mining safety consultant)
6	\$25m Tennis centre deal approved for Stanley St (NZ Herald Beck Vass)
9	Chemicals such as BPA in the manufacture of plastic bottles is poisoning us (NZ Herald) University of Canterbury toxicology Professor Ian Shaw says there is a problem. The Canadian Government agrees. A study is being done in the USA. The NZ Food and Safety (NZFSA) toxicology advisor John Reeve says the problems are largely theoretical. NZFSA is sitting on its hands until the USA report is available, whenever that might be.
9	Fight against Bishpenol-A (BPA) a matter for consumer alertness (NZ Herald Tracey Barnett) The science is not yet proven, but it would be wise to take precautions in the meantime.
11	Lost Newmarket rail track raises connection questions (NZ Herald Mathew Dearnaley) The \$35m new station paid for by ARTA is due to open next week. The re-configured \$65m rail track layout, paid for by Kiwi Rail contains a missing link which may prove critical in the future.
11	Kaipara north head tidal power station given go ahead (NZ Herald Wayne Thompson)
11	Conservation makes good business sense (NZ Herald Al Morrison, director general DoC-in answer to recent criticism)
12	Party Central-\$100m plan B the strangest idea to date (NZ Herald Bernard Orsman)
13	Party Central-double dipping on the waterfront (NZ Herald letters Hamish Keith)
13	Party Central-wharf revamp a knee jerk reaction (NZ Herald Bernard Orsman)
13	Party Central-grand designs can wait till cup is over (NZ Herald editorial)
13	Send Hyne's water bill down plug hole (NZ Herald Maria McMillan member of right to water group)
14	Party Central-Flawed design- is \$100m budget a hidden subsidy to Port Co? (NZ Herald letters John Yates)
14	Party Central-doubts cast on strange \$100m McCully idea (NZ Herald Bernard Orsman)
15	Auckland could be a maritime jewel (NZ Herald Han Myers Delft University-Netherlands)
15	Party Central-Promenade wins some support (NZ Herald Bernard Orsman)
15	Second stage Lorne street upgrade published-submissions close Feb 8 (Bob Dey)
15	New Newmarket station opened yesterday and will be in service from the 18th (Bob Dey)
17	Orakei development-plan change 260 - submissions close 1 March (City Scene), see also Bob Dey
17	Hobsonville land marine area out for consultation (Bob Dey)
17	Waiuku town centre redevelopment stage 2 starts (Bob Dey)
18	Party Central: Just get on with first stage of wharf

	(NZ Herald Sir Ron Carter-chair Committee for Auckland)
18	\$18m to upgrade streets near library (NZ Herald Bernard Orsman)
18	Building 5 at Green Lane saved "for now" (NZ Herald Bernard Orsman)
18	Matakana estuary sandspit marina hearing opens (Bob Dey)
21	Cost of ARC Beckham flop Dec 08 Mt Smart \$1.88bl (NZ Herald Wayne Thompson)
21	Waterview motorway and Lincoln Rd intersection: Use of new fast track system draws criticism (NZ Herald Mathew Dearnaley) See also Bob Dey and David Shearer 22 nd .
22	Environment: Cost of sea slug study can't find cash (NZ Herald Eloise Gibson)
22	Save St James Theatre first (NZ Herald Rudman's City)
22	Capital's Supreme Court Pohutukawa façade tag on draws criticism (NZ Herald Jim Hopkins-and many others)
22	Orakei development-residents disappointed with plan (NZ Herald Melanie Warren)
24	Standards NZ puts new subdivision draft out for comment (Bob Dey)
24	Beachlands village structure plan out for comment (Bob Dey)
25	Waterview: Long twisted road to tunnel back-flip (NZ Herald Rudman's City)
26	Water fit to swim in around Auckland, but not to drink or recycle (NZ Herald Wayne Thompson)
29	Victoria Theatre a burden (NZ Herald letters John Kania) Civic Trust Auckland has supported the campaign to save this heritage building, but this letter is a wake up call in terms of long term financial viability and the need for ongoing financial support via ratepayers for saved heritage buildings in general. What is the best use for an ex theatre with no carparking? Yet note the apparent success of the refurbished cinema on Dominion Rd, also with no carparking.
29	Kelly Tarlton's Marine Wildlife Trust launched on January 25 (E & B Courier)