

# NEWS

## July 2007

2	<b>On again off again \$198 million Hobsonville bypass on again</b> (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley)
2	<b>Tank farm progress reports</b> (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman) This article notes that the original Auckland foreshore has been progressively reclaimed since 1840. The Western reclamation was finished in 1930. The area had been first used for the timber trade and in the 1930s for bulk petrochemicals storage leading to the informal name of "tank farm". Subsequently additional users have included bulk liquid fishing and marine industries. Bulk liquids produce \$1.2 billion and 4000 jobs for the Auckland economy. Current plans are to include a 4.25 ha Headland Park (compared with Victoria Park 9 ha) 2.4 km public walkways a landscaped Blvd connecting Victoria Park to the head land and about 2500 apartments plus office space for up to 8000 workers. The apartment blocks are to be up to 14 stories and developer contributions are supposed to fund the Auckland City Council share of development costs of over \$300 million. High buildings in this locality are opposed by many scheme critics.  See also related article in the Rudman's city column, also further detail by Bernard Orsman in the New Zealand Herald of July 3.
3	<b>Ancient Pukaki crater to become parkland</b> (New Zealand Herald James Ihaka) Manukau City Council announces the purchase of Pukaki crater, which is part Maori leasehold, for \$6.7 million to produce a reserve of over 60 ha.  See also an announcement in Manukau matters of July 8.
4	<b>Tank farm cost upgrade</b> (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman) Additional costs are announced for what is expected to be the largest waterfront development in the history of Auckland at about \$2 billion. It is estimated to cost ratepayers a mere \$43 million over the next 25 years, about the same as the Queen Street upgrade. Watch this space.  In other projects the Auckland City Council has paid ports of Auckland \$3.7 million for 1.1 ha of land just west of the Harbour Bridge for a new Park. It has paid \$4.5 million for Hobson wharf and water space rights where the Maritime Museum is located. \$3.05 million has been paid for 0.5 ha at Teal Park
5	<b>Transit re-thinks tank farm Harbour tunnel entrance proposal</b> (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman)
5	<b>Waterfront deserves waves of inspiration</b> (New Zealand Herald Joel Cayford of the Auckland regional Council)
5	<b>Fast tracking by government likely for Auckland pylon project to avoid resource consent hold-ups</b> (New Zealand Herald Paula Oliver)
6	<b>Saving volcanoes</b> (New Zealand Herald Rudman's city) This article notes the recent purchase of Pukaki crater but introduces a question of price by quoting \$6.07 million, previously \$6.7 million.  More importantly it notes that coincidentally, plans by transit New Zealand to build a motorway over the volcanic tuff ring at Onehunga have got the red light.  Furthermore, the proposal to grant world heritage status to the Auckland volcanoes has advanced a small step further. Chris Carter, Minister for conservation has written to Auckland leaders indicating the need to conserve these landmark features and indicating that the Auckland field is currently listed seventh of a possible 8 sites in New Zealand being considered for submission to UNESCO in the future for world heritage status.
6	<b>Green lane road widening cost overrun</b> (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley) There has been a cost blow-out, from \$12.2 million to \$26 million and the project will be nine months late.
10	<b>Tank farm route for 3 billion-dollar tunnel</b> (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley) Notwithstanding the supposed rethink by transit suggested by Bernard Orsman on July 5 it appears that a tunnel beneath the tank farm is still on the cards.
11	<b>Te Wero Bridge design competition commences with \$10,000 prize</b> (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman)
12	<b>\$17.4 million cost blow-out on Queen Street upgrade and 4 other central city projects</b> (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman)
13	<b>Queen Street upgrade fiasco-the possibility of bus lanes inadvertently overlooked</b> (New Zealand Herald Rudman's city)

16	<b>Council on shaky ground over plans for Mt Wellington volcano</b> (New Zealand Herald Rudman city)
17	<b>High-density town centre growth in Devonport and Bayswater gets thumbs down</b> (New Zealand Herald Wayne Thompson)
18	<b>Panmure Underground station a possibility for 1.3 billion-dollar scheme</b> (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley)
18	<b>Mt Eden transport plan eye watering expensive</b> (New Zealand Herald Rudman's city) This article quotes an interesting letter to the New Zealand Herald from 1929 a travel writer and long-time chairman of the one tree hill main board HB Morton. The writer had travelled to Wellington some years before and confirms the then Prime Minister to introduce the 1915 legislation which gave protection to Auckland's volcanic cones but would be largely ignored for the next 90 years. The letter deplored the continued vandalism of Auckland's volcanic cones. Do we yet have the vandals on the run?
23	<b>Worries over volcano cut stop work on luxury house on eastern Mt Eden slope</b> (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman)
25	<b>1850s cottage for sale</b> (New Zealand Herald Robyn Welsh) 31 Mt St John Avenue is for sale. The altered and modernised building was once a cottage located at 31 Owens Rd.
27	<b>Newmarket Brewery site sells for \$162 million to AMP</b> (New Zealand Herald Alanah May Eriksen)
27	<b>Dubai sheiks offer \$1.058 million for Auckland airport</b> (New Zealand Herald Rudman's city)
28	<b>Foreign ownership not always bad, but our track record is not good</b> (New Zealand Herald Bryan Gaynor) Speaking of possible foreign ownership of Auckland airport, Bryan Gaynor notes that the New Zealand stock exchange has the highest percentage of overseas ownership of any Western share market. Beware and learn from past fiascos, such as New Zealand steel, Air New Zealand, Telecom, Tranz rail, BNZ and the government printing office.
29	<b>Auckland City Council district plan review is underway</b> (city scene)
29	<b>Draft design for St Patrick's Square open for public comment</b> (city scene)
30	<b>The tank farm-have your say before it is too late. Possible consultation overload?</b> (New Zealand Herald Rudman's city)
31	<b>Royal commission called for sort out Auckland's local authority mess</b> (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman and Paula Oliver. Brian Rudman also has his say)
31	<b>Curtis will not sell Manukau cities airport shares</b> (New Zealand Herald Mike Houlihan)