

NEWS

October 2007

1	<p>Let's Recreate Volcanic Landscape (New Zealand Herald Rodman's city) It will be recalled that in April Watercare services announced a \$25 million project to re-recreate Puketutu, that island jewel in the Manukau Harbour. Auckland University dean of science Dick Bellamy is now promoting a similar reconstruction of the cluster of cones that once formed the three Kings group. This has been made possible by a change of focus by the Winstone group, which is proposing to close its three Kings quarry earlier than expected. Auckland City Council has expressed interest in purchasing part of the site as a reserve. Civic Trust Auckland is very much behind the proposal by Dick Bellamy, which will go some way towards the restoration of Auckland's volcanic landscape.</p>
1	<p>Manukau Buddhist temple formally opens tomorrow (New Zealand Herald Lincoln Tan) This magnificent building has cost more than \$20 million and is located on a 3.6 ha site. It is the largest Buddhist temple in New Zealand.</p>
3	<p>Aviation treasure gets the full works-maintenance continues on Jean Batten's historic Percival Gull (East and base Courier Tammy Buckley)</p>
3	<p>Blue bins make way for a bigger model (East and Bays Courier) The present poorly engineered, sky blue recycle bins are too small and will be replaced by larger wheelie type bins early next year.</p>
3	<p>School land row erupts-another problem for embattled Selwyn College (East and Bays Courier Justine Glucina, see also article October 5) Objections to land sale and school carve up. Many letters to the editor appear during the following week.</p>
3	<p>Banks: tank farm a high rise lemon. Mayoral candidate opposes high rise plans. (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman)</p>
5	<p>First steps towards electric rail-works commence in new market (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley)</p>
5	<p>Stage one begins the second runway to be ready by early 2011 (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley)</p>
5	<p>Hotel's ray of hope-Loombs hotel in Panmure might yet be saved (East and Bays Courier Karen Kotze) Civic Trust Auckland applauds the efforts by the Panmure historical Society to save this timber building constructed in 1862.</p>
6	<p>Unearthed-first supermarket (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley) Archaeologists have unearthed remains an Auckland's Carl Park of the house of a Chinese market gardener, believed to be an ancestor Foodtown supermarket co-founder, Tom Ah Chee.</p>
8	<p>The land transport management(transport services licensing act) Bill was tabled in Parliament last week (New Zealand property investor)</p>
9	<p>Okura ratepayers Association takes offence at a 400 m rural fence (New Zealand Herald Wayne Thompson) This is an interesting case of an apparently acceptable and compliant white road frontage fence causing complaint within a rural environment. Notwithstanding that it appears to comply, it is to be painted green to better merge into the background. This is a complaint raised entirely on aesthetic lines.</p>
9	<p>\$45 million quick fix for bridge clip ons (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley)</p>
9	<p>Groups in dispute over path of flights from Whenuapai (New Zealand Herald Wayne Thompson) A Herald graphic shows that the northern runway will affect Albany, East Coast Bays, Milford and Greenhithe. The southern runway will extend the affected area to Beachhaven, Northcote and Devonport.</p>
10	<p>Possible rail tunnel at Sarawia Street (East and Bays Courier Melanie Alan)</p>
10	<p>Green's call for overhaul of food authority-concern over A1 milk safety investigation (New Zealand Herald Jarrod Booker)</p>
11	<p>Emissions trade bite deepens-\$1 billion bill possible (New Zealand Herald Brian Fallow)</p>
11	<p>Architecture week is 14 to 19 October (www.architectureweek.co.nz)</p>
12	<p>Lobby group New Era Energy brands pylon consent illegal (New Zealand Herald Simon O'Rourke)</p>
12	<p>Landco's Long Bay subdivision opposed by A R C on environmental grounds (New Zealand Herald)</p>

17	Monster \$2 billion wind farm on Port Waikato Coast would be one of world's biggest. (New Zealand Herald Maggie McNaughton and NZPA)
22	Electric bicycles all the rage in China. Lead prices increase (New Zealand Herald Lucy Hornby)
23	Bikers plan protests over deadly cheap option "cheese cutter" motorway median barriers (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley)
23	\$91 million project to flush treated sewage into the sea at Mairangi Bay to start in January (New Zealand Herald)
23	Peak oil-has it been reached. Experts divided with opinions ranging from 2005 to " in the near future" (New Zealand Herald David Haywood)
26	NZI national sustainable business network awards given for 2007 (www.sustainable.org.nz)
29	The inexplicable shape of things to come for Auckland city. A strange new logo is unveiled (New Zealand Herald Rodman's city) Triangle TV's logo appears to have been copied and not particularly well. See also Bernard Orsman October 30.
30	Ports of Auckland lifts debt to \$362 million-apparently in large part to finance a \$120 million special dividend (New Zealand Herald Owen Hembry) Another infrastructure cash cow joins Watercare in feeding local and regional authority consolidated funds.
31	The Auckland Royal Commission-region's heart under review (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman and Paula Oliver see also editorial this day)