

# NEWS (Civic Trust Auckland archive)

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1	<b>Promised electric trains derailed by misguided enthusiasm</b> (New Zealand Herald Rudmans city)
1	<b>Decision on Waitemata Harbour tunnels option this year</b> (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley)
2	<b>Opportunity missed-Sir Dove Myer Robinson backed wrong horse</b> (New Zealand Herald's letters Dr GWA Bush) Well-known historian Dr Bush points out that until the early 1950s plans were well on track to make an electric rail network the backbone of Auckland's future transport facilities. The government backed a must of transportation plan given motorway's priority and this plan was backed in turn buy the Auckland City council leadership and then by Dove Myer Robinson's United independents, which then held the balance of power. Thus Auckland got its motorways, lost its tramways, eventually had its Railways asset stripped and emasculated and is unlikely to achieve any form of effective public transport system any time soon.
2	<b>More money to complete rail stations says transport Minister Steven Joyce</b> (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley)
3	<b>Future of major Council office buildings looked at in the light of merger</b> (New Zealand Herald Wayne Thompson)
3	<b>Final piece of regional Park slots in to place</b> (New Zealand Herald Isaac Davidson) A 27 ha block has been purchased for \$1,050,000 linking two adjoining reserves at Tapapakanga an hour from central Auckland. The first block of 120 ha was bought from the King family in 1979 and the balance from the Ashby and Hicks families in 1990 and 1991. The park, opened in 1995 now contains 197 ha and has a coastal strip of Pohutukawa trees.
3	<b>Waterview - transport agency public consultation process cynical, manipulative and deeply undemocratic</b> (New Zealand Herald letters Norma de Langen)
4	<b>Auckland's worst kept secrets -the shame of our decaying heritage</b> (New Zealand Herald Aucklander special feature)
5	<b>Ellerslie racecourse plan irks</b> (East and Bays Courier Melanie Verran)
8	<b>Matariki's cultural somersault</b> (New Zealand Herald special feature Dr Paul Moon AUT University) This is a particularly thought-provoking article suggesting that the present form and portrayal of the Matariki Festival is a reasonably modern concoction.
8	<b>Auckland City Council wants Aotea Square fountain moved to another site</b> (New Zealand Herald Rudmans city) Brian Rudman suggests public input into the proposal to move Terry Stringer's <i>mountain fountain</i> , winner of a 1979 prize for the Aotea Centre, but blamed by engineers for leaks into the car park which are costing \$34 million to fix.
10	<b>Ellerslie racecourse bosses produced new proposal for site development</b> (New Zealand Herald Michael Guerin)
10	<b>Full steam ahead for \$9 million rail interchange at Wiri</b> (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley)
10	<b>Archaeology goes online</b> (New Zealand archaeological Society news item) A record of New Zealand's archaeological sites is to go online at <a href="http://www.ArchSite.org.nz">www.ArchSite .org.nz</a> , following the digitisation of 61,000 paper records.
10	<b>Ecologist Alistair Jamieson's sea lion documentaries a roaring success</b> (East and Bays Courier Karen Kotze)
10	<b>Pupils dig in to create native wetlands at Churchill Park</b> (East and Bays Courier Louise Sangster)
10	<b>Pig cruelty - getting it back into the closet</b> (East and Bays Courier Pat Booth)
11	<b>Super city - Hides blunt Council plan flawed model</b> (New Zealand Herald editorial)
12	<b>Queens wharf party central (Govt) Aotea square to be party central (ACC) - a chance to pick</b> (New Zealand Herald Rudmans city) And what about vector arena?
15	<b>Another delay for Clevedon canal case</b> (New Zealand Herald Eloise Gibson)
15	<b>Worms recruited in war on waste – Westies adopt worm farming</b> (New Zealand Herald Eloise Gibson)

15	<b>Queens wharf party central - seize the chance</b> (New Zealand Herald editorial)
15	<b>City streets earmarked as footpath free zones</b> (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley)
15	Queens wharf party central - hope notwithstanding last week's funding block (New Zealand Herald)
16	<b>Queens wharf party central - buyback a done deal</b> (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman) The Government and Auckland Regional Council yesterday announced that they had each paid \$20 million to buy the wharf from ports of Auckland. This is strange as Ports of Auckland is a subsidiary of the Auckland Regional Council. Is the purchase freehold, including the Harbour bed, (supposedly already government owned under the existing foreshore and seabed act) and does it include rights over adjoining waterways? It would be interesting to know what \$40 million has actually paid for. The buyback is subject to Auckland Transitional Authority approval.
17	<b>Single professional transport agency is critical for Auckland</b> (New Zealand Herald Stephen Selwood as New Zealand Council for infrastructure development)
17	<b>Station Square named for Newmarket. New station to open next year.</b> (East and Bays Courier)
17	<b>Have a say on racecourse plan</b> (East and Bays Courier Melanie Verran)
18	<b>Transport spending policies stuck in '50s time warp</b> (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley)
19	<b>Orakei basin waterfront village plan taking time to finalise</b> (East and Bays Courier)
19	<b>Heritage is priority for Grafton group trying to save Bentley building at 11 to 23 Park Rd</b> (East and Bays Courier Melanie Verran)
20	<b>Queens wharf party central idea given the bird - reservations from ARC</b> (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley)
20	<b>Queens wharf party central - get rid of those ugly old sheds</b> (New Zealand Herald editorial)
20	<b>ARC ditching seabed fees at various yacht clubs</b> (New Zealand Herald Wayne Thompson)
22	<b>Real resource consent issues lost amid threats and rhetoric</b> (New Zealand property investor Chris Hutching)
22	<b>Queens wharf party central - a chance to define Auckland</b> (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman)
23	<b>Queens wharf party central - wharf needs more than a tart up</b> (New Zealand Herald letters section - several letters with similar themes)
24	<b>Queens wharf party central - is plan off the deep end?</b> (East and Bays Courier Pat Booth)
24	<b>Month long celebrations begin with rising of Matariki today</b> (East and Bays Courier)
24	<b>Queens wharf party central - magic spaces or just two old sheds?</b> (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman)
24	<b>Waterview viaduct option - 520 m viaduct has been considered by engineers</b> (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley)
24	<b>Queens wharf party central - think of the morning after and plan for the long term</b> (New Zealand Herald Alex Swney Heart of the city)
25	<b>Installation project to create 2000 jobs but government cycle scheme left punctured</b> (New Zealand Herald Claire Trevett)
26	<b>Make vector arena party central</b> (New Zealand Herald Rudmans city)
27	<b>Queens wharf party central - Auckland City Council and Auckland regional Council at loggerheads</b> (New Zealand Herald Geoff Cumming)
27	<b>Tank farm improvements underway</b> (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman) It is reported that architects Fearon Hay have won a design competition for a \$75 million building on North wharf. The purpose of this building is unclear. Other proposed works include a temporary bridge (where?) for \$2 million and a Marine events Centre for \$32 million. Plans for the \$51 million plus Te Whero Bridge have been put back to 2016. Meanwhile back at party central the original estimate of \$84 million to flash up two old sheds remains the current plan, although an army of architects, landscape designers and others are contemplating alternative proposals.
27	<b>Auckland Museum deputy quits after six months in a further controversy</b> (New Zealand Herald Jared Savage)
29	<b>Green party Bill wants to ensure sustainability of biofuel</b> (New Zealand Herald Eloise Gibson)
29	<b>Fringe dwellers may be taxed - suburb tax proposal rather late in the silly season</b> (New Zealand Herald Eloise Gibson)
29	<b>Congratulations due as DoC gets act together on Gulf islands</b> (New Zealand Herald Rudmans city)