

NEWS (Civic Trust Auckland archive)

October 2009

1	Auckland city tree trimming guidelines without the need for consent take effect (City Scene 27 September)
2	Let's get rail right-government stalling unacceptable (New Zealand Herald Rudmans city)
2	Home found for ex Aotea Centre mountain fountain sculpture at Mission Bay or Parnell (East and Bay's Courier Michelle Cooke)
2	Orakei point development plan meeting October 5 to be open to the public (East and Bays Courier)
3	Monumental losses to Auckland's cityscape (New Zealand Herald special feature Alan Perrott) Tragic losses over the years include Victoria Arcade (1978), his Majesty's Theatre (1987), Partington's mill (1950) and the Chapel of the Little sisters of the Poor (1997).
5	Sort out airport buses before talking about a rail link (New Zealand Herald Rudmans city)
5	The Grafton bridge reopens after 7 million-dollar refurbishment (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley)
6	Work begins on \$18 million motorway lane (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley) This is an extra southbound lane 2.4 km long from Newmarket to Greenlane, to be completed by early 2011. Replacement of the Newmarket viaduct which no longer satisfies earthquake requirements is taking place at the same time and will cost \$215 million. See also East and Bay's Courier (Rhiannon Horrell) October 7.
6	Party central-upset at makeup of wharf judging panel-no specific Maori and Pacific leader input. (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman)
7	Fortescue metals group obtains prospecting rights between Nelson and Karamea (New Zealand Herald Grant Bradley)
7	Extra rail plans of two Auckland mayors worries transport Minister (New Zealand Herald Matthew Dearnaley)
7	Tamaki drive confirmed as Auckland city's most dangerous road for cyclists (East and base Courier Michelle Cook)
8	Eastern beaches covered in rubbish (New Zealand Herald Vicki Watson-general manager of Sir Peter Blake trust)
8	Fitzroy hotel finally given category a heritage status by Auckland city (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman) The Fitzroy hotel, located in Wakefield Street was built in 1855 and is the oldest surviving hotel building in the CBD. Heritage campaigner Alan Matson, also a board member and now Vice President of Civic Trust Auckland has been fighting Council since April 2004. Originally the developers did not disclose that this was a heritage building and following disclosure, Council's heritage team gave it a score of only 57 (category B). Over the years Alan Matson has negotiated with Council planners and a final agreement has been reached on 98 points, making the building category A, as approved by the environment Court in August. The City Council has approved bizarre plans for the development of high-rise apartments on the site, mutilating the historic hotel by having pillars driven through it to support apartments above. The status of this approval is now unclear, but it appears that Council may consider purchase of the property following resolution of ownership and mortgage issues.
9	Puhoi motorway toll collection charges, as predicted take most of toll cost (New Zealand Herald Rudmans city)
10	Party central-Wharf designs miss the boat - public disapproval of a potential waterfront planning flop (New Zealand Herald Chris Barton tells why)
11	St Patrick's Square upgrade complete (City Scene)
12	Rail loop to unlock the potential of Auckland (New Zealand Herald John Banks, Mayor of Auckland) Civic Trust Auckland supports the Mayor in his proposal to make rail transport more workable.
	Boundary battle to keep Auckland intact- loss of regional reserves and water supply opposed (ARA Region Wide October)
	Timetable for Auckland rail upgrade (ARA Region Wide October)
15	Public update on Orakei development (Civic Trust Auckland) President Munroe Graham joined a vociferous group of over 200 invited to a public meeting to see the latest plan, criticised for height, lack of roofline variation, poor access and egress (requiring 3 traffic lights within a few hundred

	meters), misleading in terms of possible water access, lack of publicity over future effects of the eastern corridor (not shown on the traffic plan) and overall bland, typical developer architectural design. It was not made obvious that the developer group includes the Council itself as a partner, which is to also pass the scheme (which it naturally supported strongly).
17	Fletcher Building 100 years old next month (NZ Herald Anne Gibson)
19	Residents unhappy with modern box design of St Heliers fire station (NZ Herald Alanah May Eriksen)
19	St Pat's Square and ailing Nikau palms could do with a watchdog (NZ Herald Brian Rudman)
21	Historic Kinder House garden being revamped to Unitec student's design (NZ Herald Rhiannon Horrell)
23	Shoddy replica near Eden Park would tarnish Taj (NZ Herald Brian Rudman)
24	Historic 1911 Ponsonby corner building for sale for redevelopment at 132 Ponsonby Rd (NZ Herald Colin Taylor)
26	Auckland's planning must be simplified (NZ Herald Gary Taylor EDS)
26	Doubts over plan for Taj Mahal copy (NZ Herald Lincoln Tan)
27	Bright future for old Parnell railway workshop say ARC and Parnell leaders (NZ Herald Mathew Dearnaley)
27	Party Central-Ramshackle contest for Queens Wharf in need of redesign (NZ Herald Kevin Clarke architect of stage 1 entry)
28	Party Central-Design contest for Queens Wharf fails to win over public (NZ Herald Bernard Orsman)
28	Party Central-No excuse for second rate Queens Wharf (NZ Herald editorial)
28	Thoughts on the CBD rail loop (NZ Herald letters-Merv Smith, rail commentator and enthusiast)
30	Party central- short term approach rather than long term vision (NZ Herald Brian Rudman)
30	Party central-Wharf contest flop-entries mediocre and lacklustre say Banks and Lee (New Zealand Herald Brian Rudman)
30	Government debt to reach 223% of GDP and \$100bn pa interest by 2050 (NZ Herald Brian Fallow)