

NEWS (Civic Trust Auckland archive)

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2	"Soggy Pork" brings lab grown meat closer (NZ Herald/Telegraph Nick Britten London)
3	Harbour bridge: Minister muses over new link (NZ Herald Mathew Dearnaley)
3	Bus way: Shore Councillors reject bus way parking fee (NZ Herald Wayne Thompson)
3	Promises to restore Onehunga lagoon ignored (The Aucklander Sally Webster)
3	Muriwai sand dunes in ruins (The Aucklander Joanna Davies)
4	Trams touted as tourist draw card for Viaduct and Tank farm waterfronts (NZ Herald Mathew Dearnaley). Note: Civic Trust Auckland strongly supports all initiatives to improve public transport within the CBD and elsewhere. It strongly supports this tramway proposal, except that it should be unnecessary to create an expensive link at Te Wero.
4	Two Auckland leaders urge delay in deciding on next harbour crossing (NZ Herald Mathew Dearnaley) Note: Civic Trust Auckland supports the obvious need for better cross harbour communication, probably by way of a larger two level replacement bridge. It agrees that it is far too early for decisions to be made.
7	Soho Ponsonby: Politicians seek ideas for future of hole after receivership of developer (NZ Herald Anne Gibson)
7	Super city boundaries and roles rile local leaders (NZ Herald Bernard Orsman)
7	Super City 3rd Bill will create CCO "quangos" and leave powers vague (NZ Herald editorial)
7	Bizarre development-Politicians seek ideas for Ponsonby's \$250m Soho hole (NZ Herald Anne Gibson)
8	Party Central \$10m spruce up the latest plan (NZ Herald Bernard Orsman)
9	Showdown at Auckland Museum-controversial Director versus Board (NZ Herald Bernard Orsman)
10	TVNZ charter axed- out goes education (NZ Herald Claire Trevett)
13	Learning Quarter CPD plan Modification 36 publicised (City Scene)
13	Social Heritage: Kate Sheppard sculpture for Town Hall (City Scene) The suffragist's bronze by Roderick Burgess has been gifted by Parisian Neckwear.
15	Masonic Tavern appeal case delayed by fears of judicial "bias" (NZ Herald Wayne Thompson) Note: the case is heard the next day.
17	New \$9.4m library for Birkenhead completed (NZ Herald Wayne Thompson)
17	Population woes off the Copenhagen agenda (NZ Herald letters Dr Peter Foreman)
17	NZ climate change offer downgraded from medium to inadequate (NZ Herald NZPA)
21	Copenhagen talks fail and end with limp accord (NZ Herald AP)
21	Round the clock railway upgrade works schedule over holiday break (NZ Herald Mathew Dearnaley) New stations for 2010 include Newmarket (Jan 18), New Lynn, Avondale and Grafton. Elsewhere there are numerous track and signalling upgrades and works in preparation for electrification.
21	Response from world leaders at Copenhagen sad and stilted (NZ Herald editorial)
22	Surprise change to Waterview motorway plan (NZ Herald Mathew Dearnaley) 2.4km tunnel proposed.
22	Airport criticises transit link delay (NZ Herald Mathew Dearnaley)

23	Site for \$8m walled Chinese garden a political headache (NZ Herald Bernard Orsman)
26	Sir Ed Hillary's house gifted to Hillary Collegiate in south Auckland (NZ Herald Estelle Sarney looks back on the year past)
28	St James Theatre in need of TLC (NZ Herald Bob Kerridge life member NZHPT) This splendid listed (cat 1 NZHPT, grade A ACC) building, designed for live shows, but also used as a cinema, is quietly decaying.
28	Marina waste to be dumped off Aotea/Great Barrier (NZ Herald Yvonne Tahana) Island hapu and green MP Catherine Delahunty appalled at cheap and nasty solution to manage dredge waste. Note: Civic Trust Auckland asks "has nothing been learned since a similar dumping took place some years ago, into one of the region's best fishing grounds off the Poor Knights?"
29	\$28m to rejuvenate Onehunga Bay (NZ Herald Mathew Dearnaley)
30	Runaway population (NZ Herald letters Jim Holdom) Jim makes the interesting point that if the World consumed at the rate of the USA it would need more than 5 planets, if at the rate of NZ, 4 planets and at the rate of Malawi 0.2 planets. The World average currently requires 1.4 planets. Civic Trust Auckland notes: somebody out there must be severely deprived and/or starving. What does this say about lifestyle sustainability and why was population left out of the recent failed Copenhagen talks?