



## Serving the community



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### In this issue:

Volunteers, helpers, support people, service clubs, those who love to help for the sake of helping are part of the “glue” that binds a community together.

For the most part, such people act out of a concern for others and many such people shun the spotlight altogether.

For this reason, it's important that the community itself have a chance to say thank you to the people who help make life easier and more rewarding for many here in Papakura.

In this issue of District News, a new Council is in the spotlight; the work of many of the district's volunteers is recognised in Papakura's annual volunteer awards; hard working Community Champions are named and there is a photo montage of recent community events to enjoy.

Left: the newly elected Papakura District Council members.

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# Papakura People

Among the many innovative and successful businesses recognised at the 2007 Papakura Business Excellence Awards there were also awards given out to Community Champions. These recognise people who make exceptional contributions to the well-being of the Papakura community. Each year, the Community Champions are named by Papakura District Council's elected members. This year, awards went to Papakura Town Centre Association stalwart Peter Dodd and Gateway Community Trust's Bruce and Theresa Bengé.



## Peter Dodd

A person who passionately believes in putting back into the local community, Peter consistently follows through for what he believes.

He will go out of his way to advocate shopping locally to support local business. Leading by

example, he has invested a huge amount into upgrading his own business through the reconstruction of his building.

Serving local business as chair of the Papakura Town Centre Association, he also volunteers his time to promote the Town Centre and is actively involved in improving the local business environment.

Through his business, Peter also sponsors local events such as the Trolley Derby, Dunlop Targa, and the Business Excellence Awards.

Chief instructor at Papakura Gym Club for 20 years, Peter has overseen the smooth running and grading of the children in the Club.



## Bruce and Theresa Bengé

Together with wife Theresa, Bruce Bengé founded the Gateway Community Church and Trust.

A strong focus on youth has seen the development of a wide range of programmes for young people including Planet Action, Team Xtreme,

and Straight Up. Gateway also developed the concept of the Papakura Youth Expo. The Youth Expo's events include the annual Jump Jam competition at Papakura's annual family Fireworks Show and the latest Expo also hosted a performance and workshop by Tommy the Clown, originator of the American "Krumping" dance craze.

Carols in the Park were initially established by Gateway before being run in partnership with Papakura District Council, and have gone from strength to strength to become a firm end of year family favourite.

Bruce and Theresa say the foundation for all their work in the community is their faith.



Above: Barbara Hills, Diane Allan and Tex Chapman were among the 33 people who received awards at the 2007 ceremony.

## 2007 Papakura Volunteer Awards

The Papakura community is supported in so many ways by those who provide help, advice and assistance for no reward. The work of Papakura's many volunteers are recognised by their groups and especially in the Council's annual Volunteer Recognition Awards ceremony.

Award recipients from a wide range of organisations were nominated by their groups and acknowledged at the 2007 Awards ceremony held recently at the Hawkins Entertainment Centre. The full list of 2007 award recipients is on the Council web site, [www.papakura.govt.nz](http://www.papakura.govt.nz)

This column sets out Papakura District Council's major roading, stormwater and other work - recently completed, in progress and planned.

### **Roadwork completed in September and October 2007**

- Traffic flow: as part of the Streetscape enhancement programme, the section of Broadway between Great South Road and O'Shannessey Street has been changed to a two-way flow to improve traffic circulation and access to town centre businesses
- Rail overbridge repairs at Broadway and Onslow Roads
- Great South Road/Beach Road intersection upgraded with work on road surfaces and a traffic signal upgrade to improve southbound traffic flows through the intersection
- Popes Road/Mill Road intersection improvements
- Footpath renewals – 650 metres
- Airfield Road – road surface smoothing
- Resealing works – 100 metres

### **Roadwork in progress**

- Hingaia Road/Hinau Road intersection improvements
- Pre-seal repairs
- O'Shannessey Street upgrade

### **Roadwork programmed for November and December 2007**

- Great South Road: Beach Road to Butterworth Road road surface reconstruction
- Footpath renewals – 400 metres
- Road resealing works – 2000 metres

### **Stormwater work completed in September and October 2007**

Pipe renewals and upgrades:

- In Great South Road/Elliot Street
- Service lane for Farmers car park
- Culverts entry improvement in Fitzgerald Road and Fielding Road
- Stormwater upgrade in Coulthard Terrace
- Alfriston Road flooding improvement near Alfriston Primary School

### **Stormwater work currently under way**

Pipe renewals and upgrades:

- Intersection of Great South Road/O'Shannessey Street
- Open drain bank restoration in Bremner Road
- Culvert outlet improvement in Fitzgerald Road and Fielding Road

### **Stormwater work programmed for November and December**

- Stormwater upgrade in Arimu Road
- Stormwater upgrade in Scott Road and George Street
- Stormwater improvement in Fitzgerald Road
- Redhill Road stormwater outfall to Dominion Road

### **Parks and recreation work completed in September and October**

- Street tree planting on Great South Road, Takanini from Tironui Road to Walters Road
- Re-contouring of land between Inlet Road and Longford Park to improve access
- Oaklands Road street tree planting
- Resource consent application for mangrove removal lodged with Auckland Regional Council

### **Parks and recreation work currently under way**

- Central Park toilet replacement
- Central Park planting improvements
- Waimana Reserve walkway
- Upgrades at Don Street Housing for the Elderly
- Wharf Street-Coles Crescent walkway
- Reinstatement and improvements to Gills Esplanade Reserve

### **Parks and recreation work planned for November and December**

- Upgrade at Village Green including new toilets as part of Streetscape enhancement of town centre
- New park signs design and construction



## Building leaders

The next generation of Papakura's volunteers and community leaders may well emerge from the ranks of a group of students who recently celebrated their involvement in the Papakura Youth Leadership forum.

The course aims to build civic awareness through a range of initiatives and discussion topics, and to help develop the skills of young people who have been identified by their schools as potential youth leaders.

Students of Papakura High School and Rosehill College take part in the forum.

The forum builds understanding among young people in a fun team environment. Among its initiatives was adoption of local work in support of the Kids Voting national awareness programme, which gave young people an authentic experience of the voting process.

Members also explored opportunities for involvement in other programmes and events such as the Papakura Youth Cafe, the proposed Youth Centre, the annual Papakura Fireworks and Carols in the Park.

The ceremony marking the end of the 2007 forum included an inspirational talk from Ryan and Betty-Anne Monga of the band Ardijah, who shared life experiences with a view to helping young people develop their leadership style and also played an "unplugged" set - Ryan on drums and Betty-Anne on ukulele - before presenting the participants with their certificates.

2007 Stevenson Papakura Business Excellence Awards



Blue Light Trolley Derby



Papakura Kiwi Made Market



2007 Dunlop Targa Rally



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