



# Season's Greetings

from Papakura District Council

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Papakura has been through the grinder this year. Against the wishes of the majority of the community, and despite the efforts of residents and the Council throughout this year, a new region-wide Council will be imposed on us next year.

The change has united us in a way we have not seen before. Common purpose and a belief in the unique identity of our District will ensure Papakura's wishes are heard loud and clear when the new Council takes office. We have asked the Minister of Local Government to give consideration to making Papakura a unitary authority, recognising the spirit of community that exists here.

In the mean time, we continue to work hard for the people of our District. In the busiest weekend of December, I was proud to speak at the opening of the new Takanini Police Station, a joint effort by Papakura Police, the Council and the business community and people of Takanini.

Later the same day I was part of our annual Santa Parade through the Papakura Town Centre, accompanying around 40 floats, bands and community groups to celebrate the arrival of the end of year festive season.

On behalf of my fellow Councillors, I wish every member of our community a fun, safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

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## BIG BOOST FOR PAPAKURA

Everything is happening in Papakura as the Council, its staff and contractors work to sign off and complete a range of projects that will create lasting assets for the community as the new Auckland Council is established.

The heart of Papakura will receive a major boost in early 2010 when work begins to upgrade and revitalise the Accent Point complex.

Papakura District Council will relocate the Sir Edmund Hillary Public Library and the Ernest Clarke Memorial Museum down one floor, making both facilities easier to access from Great South Road and bringing new life to Accent Point.

The project will create a high quality, accessible, attractive facility with a new street frontage on Great South Road and new enhancements to the walkway leading into the building to create a welcoming entrance environment. The revamp will include skylight sections in the roof to allow more natural light into the walkway area.

Inside the street-level floor, the library will occupy space on the northern side, moving into a larger area than it currently uses. The new layout will include meeting rooms and improved operational facilities, providing better services for staff and the Library's current and future customers.

The museum will be on the southern side of the same level. The plan for the move down from their current location has been developed with the involvement of the Library and Museum managers.

Public toilets will also be upgraded as part of the enhancement project.

Council is also keen to include a modern, appealing café on this floor, a place where people can meet and enjoy coffee and a bite to eat as part of their trip to the museum or library.

Public car parking on the lower levels will be retained, with 155 car parking spaces available for public use.

The Library and Museum will remain open throughout almost all of the construction period, which is expected to commence in February-March next year and be completed by October 2010.

### Massey Park upgrade under way

Work has begun on the first stages of an upgrade for Massey Park sports ground with the lifting of the central turf to lay a new premier playing surface known as a "sand carpet". This first stage of the playing field work will be completed by March 2010.

The turf will be allowed to grow uninterrupted during winter, with work to finish off the field planned for summer 2010/2011.

The main part of the upgrade will start in spring 2010 and continue into 2011. For safety reasons the Park will be closed to general use from December 2009.

Clubs with buildings on the Park will be able to continue to use them from the Ron Keat Drive entrances during the construction period, although there will be occasional disruption while the landscaping and grandstand upgrades are carried out.

Access to the pool complex will not be affected until landscaping work starts in summer 2011. An alternative temporary entrance will be set up to minimise any impact on pool users during this phase of the project.

### New entrance expands Central Park

Central Park will soon have a new entrance leading from Wood Street and Railway Street West thanks to the Council's purchase of a 3372 square metre block of land at 69 Wood Street.

Work is under way to level and landscape the area and establish a new, welcoming entry way bringing people from Railway Street West into the popular park.

The new entrance will cross diagonally through the block of land at 69 Wood Street and follow an existing "informal" access track made by local residents walking between the park and Railway Street West. The project will foster better pedestrian links between the park, its facilities and the Papakura train station.



Left: Concept image of Accent Point level three interior

PAPAKURA SANTA PARADE 2009



**Central Park stage complete**

Papakura’s new Central Park stage is a work of art, a performance venue and an asset to the community, all wrapped into one facility.

The new outdoor stage at Central Park was officially opened with a blessing and karakia by local kaumatua on December 1.

The stage is also an outdoor installation of an art work by acclaimed Auckland artist Sara Hughes. She told the gathering at the blessing the work responds to changing light and climate conditions.



Above: Auckland artist Sara Hughes and Central Park stage

**Work Programme Update**

**ROADING WORK**

**Currently under way**

- The summer roading reseal programme has started – about 23 kilometres of roads to be completed before the end of March. The programme addresses about eight per cent of the District’s total roading length
- Construction of a retaining wall and guard rail on Hingaia Road.

**Programmed for January and February**

- Beginning between Christmas and New Year, annual roading rehabilitation and reconstruction work on Settlement Road
- Improvement of the existing stormwater drainage on Princess Street and Station Road in Takanini
- Safety improvements at the Spartan/Great South Road intersection to prohibit right turns out of Spartan Road
- Footpath renewal works for the northern section of the Papakura District
- Temporary footpath construction works on Great South Road and Porchester Road.

**PARKS AND RECREATION WORK**

**Completed in November and December**

- Central Park Stage Art Work
- Repairs to boiler at Massey Park Aquatic Centre
- Toilet upgrade at Drury Domain

- Tree planting on reserve adjacent to Chichester Drive
- Toilet and change facilities renovation at Papakura Recreation Centre
- Installation of grille doors to Hingaia Toilets to support locking at night
- Removal of 80 swamp cypress (taxodium sp.) trees in Redcrest Link Reserve. Swamp cypress trees pose safety issues as they get older, due to their branches becoming brittle
- Installation of 370 metres of footpath in Redcrest Link Reserve after removal of the swamp cypress trees
- Removal of gorse growing at the Childrens’ Forest at Red Hill
- Removal of privet in Tanah Merah Drive (Pukekiwiriki).

**Currently under way**

- Fertiliser will be applied to primary sports fields to strengthen the turf ahead of the summer sports season
- Removal of Cargill Scout Den.

**Programmed for January and February**

- Construction of “sand carpet” playing surface at Massey Park
- Red Cross accommodation reinstatement/ replacement
- Park Check survey of park users
- Reding Reserve reinstatement.

**Papakura Christmas Holiday office hours**

Hours for Papakura District Council are:  
 Thursday 24 December 8.00 am - 12.30 pm  
 Friday 25 December closed  
 Monday 28 December closed  
 Tuesday 29 December 8.00 am - 5.00 pm  
 Wednesday 30 December 8.00 am - 5.00 pm  
 Thursday 31 January 8.00 am - 5.00 pm  
 Friday 1 January closed  
 Monday 4 January closed  
 Normal hours resume Tuesday 5 January.

Holiday period rubbish collection information, hours for the Massey Park Aquatic Centre, Papakura Recreation Centre and Papakura Library are on the Council web site, www.papakura.govt.nz and available from the Council reception, 35 Coles Crescent, or the Sir Edmund Hillary Library, Accent Point, 28 East Street.

**PAPAKURA EMERGENCY AND AFTER-HOUR CONTACTS**

**For service during after-hours outages and emergencies:**

For water supply, sewerage and water quality issues: contact United Water International on 295 0515 or www.uwi.co.nz

For after hours noise or parking issues and after hours dog emergencies: contact ACSL Group Ltd 360 0750

To report street light or traffic light issues, illegal dumping of rubbish and for all Civil Defence emergencies: contact Papakura District Council on 295 1300

For all air pollution issues including outdoor burning: contact Auckland Regional Council pollution hotline on 377 3107 or www.arc.govt.nz

**Note: for all other emergencies that require the involvement of Police, Fire or Ambulance services, telephone 111.**

For non-urgent enquiries and requests about services provided by Papakura District Council, please contact Council during normal office hours: 8.00 am – 5.00 pm Monday to Friday (excludes public holidays) by phoning 295 1300.