



# PAPAKURA District News

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Every day I am reminded of what makes Papakura special. There are so many people in this community who care about the future of the place we live in. So many who take an active

role helping those less fortunate or young people who are having a tough time.

Council staff and councillors alike work very hard to help make Papakura a great place to live.

So it is gratifying to see 1,000 or more turn out to a public meeting on a cold Monday evening to have their say on the Supercity.

I also wish to once more thank the people of the District who turned out to make verbal submissions to the Select Committee on the Supercity proposal, and indeed the many who took time to come along and hear what was being said. Special mention must be made of the members of the savepapakura.com community group who made extra efforts to represent the community at the hearings.

The committee assured us they were listening, the Government has said the same. It's simply a matter of "wait and see" now – and we should know the first news on this just days after this District News is published.

Likewise it was great to get people coming along to our community forum on August 3 to talk about community issues, and even more encouraging that we had Police acting Area

Commander Gary Hill and acting Response Manager Stuart Stone come along to talk about Policing initiatives in the District.

Our relationship with the Papakura Police is very good. We are working closely together to keep the District's streets safe and there are a range of initiatives on the go right now or about to start including the Youth Action Team, which started work in July; the Police Safety Patrol which begins work on October 1; and the Genesis project which works with recidivist youth.

Likewise, we are making good progress with Housing New Zealand, which is the District's biggest landlord. New emphasis is being placed on the accountability of tenants and on HNZ managing tenants where problems occur and we are now seeing some positive results. More recently, Council helped the Police run a recruiting evening in Papakura. Eight months in the planning, the evening attracted 107 people, and the Police ran out of application forms. It was the best recruiting evening I have attended.

In the mean time, work continues at pace on the major projects we committed to in the ten year plan, and we are moving into a very exciting time of year for events.

Next up for the community is the Papakura Spring Carnival, the biggest event held in the town centre and a worthy successor to the previous Town and Country Day. It's a real family fun day, one I invite all Papakura residents to come and enjoy.

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**PAPAKURA COMMUNITY FORUM**  
7.00 pm 14 September 2009  
Function room, level four, Accent Point  
All welcome



## A Family Fun Day

The biggest event in Papakura is on again: the Spring Carnival celebrates the best of town and country lifestyles in the heart of Papakura on September 19.

The carnival will once more feature the New World Bake-Off, a competition for keen bakers of all ages. Cakes should be brought to the Town Square before 10am on the Saturday, and will be on display in Farmers' window during judging, which takes place from 10.00am to 12.30pm. Winners will be announced in the town square at 12.45pm. Entry forms are available at the Council offices, 35 Coles Crescent; and also at Papakura New World; 40-44 East Street, Papakura. More information is available from Ali Bain, telephone 295 2337.

Spectacular freestyle motocross action also returns to the town centre as Luke Smith returns with his MotoMayhem crew. Last year the aerobatic feats of these fearless riders drew a huge crowd to Broadway. This year his team of riders will perform stunts in three sessions at 10.30am, 12.30pm and 1.30pm.

Always a favourite of the younger set, a children's petting farm featuring Old MacDonald's farm animals will run from 9.00am until 12.30pm.

Along Great South Road in the town centre will be a range of children's fun activities from Funco including slides, bungee trampoline, a "mission impossible" obstacle course, drop tower, teacups, pirate ship and bouncy castles.

Local and community performers and musicians will provide live sounds on the Town Square's performance platform from 10.00am until the event finishes at 2.00pm. More information is available on the Council web site, [www.papakura.govt.nz](http://www.papakura.govt.nz)

## Face to Face on speeding



Papakura motorists who exceed the speed limit outside the district's schools are getting a face to face reminder this month from the school children they place at risk.

In an innovative road safety project, Papakura Police and road safety staff from Papakura

District Council are joining forces with the teachers and children of selected schools in the district to deliver a hard-hitting safety message.

A Police laser speed unit measures vehicle speeds of cars travelling along roads outside the school, and uniformed Police direct speeding motorists to the side of the road. If their speed is just above the speed limit, they are asked to listen to a specially-prepared safety message from year 7 and 8 pupils who highlight to each driver what they are placing at risk by speeding outside a school.

Motorists who exceed the speed limit by a greater amount or have vehicles that are not roadworthy receive infringement notices.

## SWIM RUN FUN

Papakura children get training: the fun starts next weekend at the Fresh Futures Duathlon, Saturday 12 September between 9.00am and 2.00pm.

A swim-run event with the emphasis on fun and participation, the duathlon is a fundraiser for the Fresh Future Children's Hospital appeal, and costs \$5 to enter.

Loads of prizes and giveaways await entrants, and there's plenty of family fun on-site at Massey Park Stadium.

The event is open to children aged 8-14, entrants need to register before the event. More information is available from Willie losia on 295 2358.

# OUR DISTRICT

## Time to get out in the garden



There were four categories in the garden competition:

- Best garden from the road (Great South Road)
- Best residential garden (Longford Park)
- Best rural or lifestyle garden (Atarangi)
- Best smart garden (Porchester Road)

Spring is here, and it's time to whip that garden into shape. Entries for Papakura's annual spring garden and neat street competitions open on Monday 5 October.

In the Spring Garden competition there are categories to suit all gardeners, and clever thinking can win the day without costing the world. There are prizes for each category too.

The neat street competition offers an opportunity for those who are passionate about where they live to join together and compete with others to be judged one of Papakura's best kept streets. A Neat Street sign has even been known to have a positive effect on property values!

The winners of the Neat Street competition last year were:

- Fairview
- Westholm Way
- Graham Tagg
- Le Havre Place
- Viola Place

## Cycle Papakura!

Papakura District Council is setting up cycle lanes to help make cycling safer and more enjoyable in the District.

The latest project is to connect the town centre with Drury. On-road cycle lanes will be marked on both sides of Great South Road. Similar cycle lanes have been marked on Great South Road at Takanini and are now in use.

The lanes provide a dedicated road space for cyclists to encourage more residents to take up this active, sustainable mode of transport.

Existing road space will be reallocated to include cycle lanes and existing traffic lanes. No on-street car parking will be allowed along the route except in recessed car parking bays. The project will not require road widening, and extra parking bays can be provided along parts of the route where feedback from residents indicate



Papakura District Councillor, cycling enthusiast and advocate Caroline Conroy with her copy of the feedback form on Great South Road

these are needed.

Cycling groups and residents of the area are being asked for feedback on the project. Submissions are now open and close 22 September 2009.

An information brochure has been produced and distributed in the area, and additional copies are available from the Council offices. More information is also available on the Council's website, or by email request to: [cycling@papakura.govt.nz](mailto:cycling@papakura.govt.nz).

### PARKS AND RECREATION WORK

#### Completed in July and August

- Playground renewals – Ray Small Park, Tironui Reserve, Challen Reserve and Drury Domain
- Bottle Top Bay community planting
- Massey Park Aquatic Centre community consultation
- Taka Reserve community consultation
- Street tree planting – Conifer Grove
- Repairs to hydroslide, staircase, air-handling system and chlorine dosing system at Massey Park Aquatics Centre.

#### Currently under way

- Central Park Outdoor Events Facility construction
- Consents are being sought for a toilet upgrade at Drury Domain, stage two of boat ramp at Youngs Beach Park and mangrove removals in Pahurehure Inlet
- A tender has been issued for access improvements at the Papakura Recreation Centre
- Massey Park stakeholder consultation and developed design
- Planning is under way for the Art Gallery upgrade, Hawkins Theatre upgrade and repairs, Massey Park Aquatic Centre upgrade and removal of Cargill Scout

Den and shed at 109 Settlement Road

- Assessment of fields at Ray Small Park and Prince Edward Park.

#### Programmed for September and October

- Drury Domain public toilet upgrade
- Sports fields seasonal renovations
- Design for Waimana Older Person's housing upgrades
- Challen Reserve and Drury Domain further improvements.

### ROADING WORK

#### Completed in July and August

- Streetscape upgrades in Railway Street West
- Replacement of Gobi block paving in one section of Manuroa Road
- Right turn bays and cycle lane installation on Great South Road between the Park Estate Road and Parkhaven Drive intersections.

#### Currently under way

- Replacement of Gobi block paving from Le Havre Place. Target completion date is 4 September.
- Roading improvements on Hingaia Road from approximately 600m west of the Hinau Road intersection. Target timing for completion is mid October.

- Great South Road-The Furlong-Glenora Road intersection upgrade and cycle lane installation. Target completion date 4 September.

#### Programmed for September and October

- A tender for the 2009-2010 road rehabilitation and reconstruction contract is due for release
- A tender for stage 1 of the Porchester Road improvement contract is due for release.

### STORMWATER WORK

#### Completed in July and August

- District-wide manhole and inlet/outlet structure repair work.

#### Currently under way

- Manholes and inlet/outlet structure repairs continue
- The tender for the additional storm water pipe under the motorway at Chichester Drive has been issued
- A tender has been issued for pipe rehabilitation and additional pipe work from Wood Street to Ray Small Drive.

#### Programmed for September and October

- Replanting work on the Tironui open drain upgrade alongside railway – to be co-ordinated with OnTrack's rail corridor improvements and electrification planning.