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# City Centre Snippets

## **THE MONTH OF MARCH**

*A few snippets of community information for people who call the city centre home*

Neighbours of the vertical inclination, March, the month of Neighbours Day (24/25 March – more info [here](#)) and a time to think about making some new or cementing some old connections, with those we share our buildings with. It's a piece of cake – quite literally in some cases. Being connected with neighbours unlocks the potential for new relationships. It will also, according to [this](#) article from the Guardian, ensure both you and they, live longer and with health. As always, plenty going on in the neighbourhood...

### **Snippets from the Agenda of the City Centre Advisory Board**

For those paying the city centre targeted rate this is the board of representatives (including two from CCRG the City Centre Residents Group) who advise on how the rate is used in the neighbourhood. To give you a sense of the information that passes through this Board here are some snippets from the 28 Feb agenda, some of the info' will have changed by the time the meeting was held, with minutes still to come out:

- Auckland Transport are progressing the project to change the status of Freyberg Place – hopefully this is the process of removing the road designation in front of the community centre
- New public artworks for Beach Rd and O'Connell St should start appearing in March
- The Albert Park band rotunda will start to get a much needed spruce up in March
- Resource consent for the queens Wharf "dolphin" to be lodged April 2018
- Work on ensuring all parties involved in homelessness are talking and working together to get the best possible outcomes
- Cycle Network updates, downtown public spaces and seawalls....

### **The Owls have landed**

If you haven't tripped over one of [these owls](#) yet it's only a matter of time. With a parliament totalling 47, a number are perching around the city centre until early May, raising money for the Child Cancer Foundation.

### **Don't forget the Census!**

For years it has been hard to get a solid number on just how many people are now living in our neighbourhood. Census stats help drive better decision-making and response to community need.

**K'Rd Chronicle** – is out with plenty of food for digestion, as the issue covers a lot on locally grown food; page 5 some Dad jokes; people in your neighbourhood on the back page etc. Well worth finding and supporting the third edition of this fledgling paper, written and supportive of those surviving on the street. If you want to support further, you can like the K'Rd Chronicle's facebook page and support with some funding via Airedale Property Trust BNZ 0208000701884 00. Please include this very important CODE: 10398148 (so it gets to the Chronicle coffers). Keep your eyes and ears open for a fundraising BBQ on 29 March for the Chronicle and Radio NFA (no fixed abode) with music.

### **Consultation Time – “Have Your Say” – it’s important. (Closes 28 March)**

On a similar vein to the census, Auckland Council and the Waitemata Local Board are out and about seeking your feedback on:

Waitemata Local Board Agreement 2018/19 – with the Local Board Plan consulted on in 2017, this is about how the Board distributes \$41.5 million. Priorities on - local parks, waterways, transport, city centre facilities, weed spraying and 245 Ponsonby Road.

Long Term Plan – the big budget, where council will prioritise spending over the next 10 years, including the regional fuel tax.

Auckland Plan 2050 – shaping the really big pic’.

Waste Management and Minimisation Plan - we can’t keep digging holes.

Regional Pest Management Plan – rural (?) possums, carp, dieback...

Sometimes it can seem difficult to feedback on the aspirational intent of these documents. A wise and engaged neighbour once said to me – worry less about where you say it, just make sure you do. Consultations are an opportunity to make a point and contribute. Follow [this link](#) which will set you on the pathway to providing your input, into the future of the neighbourhood.

### **The Hotel Cargen**

Built in Eden Crescent in the 1920s, with current plans drawn up for heritage apartments, this majestic building apparently has no heritage protection.



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Host to Empire Day dinners and balls, a nursing hostel during WWII and with its own share of leaky building issues (roof), Lisa Truttman of Timespanner fame, gives the full run down on this magnificent building, built in what was once known as Official Bay...[read here](#)

### **Active Citizens**

The global course out of the British Council that is getting people up, out of their seats and into community-led action. Weekend courses 23 March, 30 March and 6 July. Futurist Derek Handley has partnered via [Aera Foundation](#) with Splice, to ensure aspiring young leaders can be involved. Check out [Active Citizens here](#) if you, or someone you know, understands the power of active contribution.

### **Safer Pedestrian Environment – Victoria Quarter – PETITION to SIGN**

Speaking of active citizens, please support the work of CCRG (City Centre Residents Group) member and neighbour David, by signing the petition attached to [this link](#) . The western side of the city centre neighbourhood is going to explode with apartments over the coming years. The area is vehicle-heavy and greater consideration for pedestrians is sorely needed, as it develops.

### **WANTED: Neighbours Interested In...**

Retired, living in the city and looking for some meaningful and fun local activity to engage in? Check in with Sandy [sandy@splice.org.nz](mailto:sandy@splice.org.nz) and create the possibilities.

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