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Napier City Council Chief Executive Wayne Jack, Napier City Business Manager Inc Zoe Barnes, and the Napier Mayor, Bill Dalton on the City's Christmas Sleigh Float

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## Word from the Mayor

Bill Dalton



I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas and a safe festive season.

2015 has been a big year, with the amalgamation issue taking up a great deal of time and energy. It was great to finally have a result in September; a result which showed overwhelmingly that the majority of residents not only in Napier, but also in the wider region, did not think amalgamation of our councils was the right way forward.

Since the vote, there's a sense of rejuvenation – we can now get on and do our jobs. Namely, to continue to ensure Napier's place as one of the best cities in New Zealand.

The papers are full of stories about how our economy is on the up – houses are selling, the job market is growing.

I have always said the best thing Napier can do for Hawke's Bay is to be a strong, prosperous, vibrant Napier. And we are doing that.

Among the many exciting projects in the pipeline is the \$16m Marine Parade redevelopment. The plans look fantastic and it will enhance the area hugely.

Hawke's Bay is on a roll and, more particularly, Napier is on a roll. It's a great way to end the year.

So the future looks good and I'm proud to be Mayor of Napier. See you in 2016.



# Viewing Platform

*on Marine Parade*

The new stormwater outfall and viewing platform on Marine Parade is nearly complete.

The platform, which covers the outfall for the CBD stormwater system, grew out of a commitment to upgrade the system.

Napier City Council has set aside funding since 1995 to meet current design standards and to address deficiencies in the stormwater network. These had been highlighted by flooding problems in the CBD resulting from heavy rainfall events, such as that experienced in January 2002.

The platform and outfall is on the Marine Parade Reserve close to the Marine Parade/Tennyson Street intersection and directly east of MTG Hawke's Bay.

The outfall extends from the completed portion of the pipeline, which was laid in 2013/14 from the intersection of Hastings and Tennyson Streets to the Rotary Pathway, to a point close to the high tide mark.

The viewing platform will connect to the foreshore Pathway and provide the public with a unique view of Hawke Bay and the city.

Upgrading the CBD stormwater network is continuing in conjunction with the CBD redevelopment program. These works will also provide for future stages of the pipeline to continue

from the Hastings/Tennyson Streets intersection further along Hastings Street towards Shakespeare Road, and down Tennyson Street towards Milton Road.



*Work continues on the viewing platform, pictured*

# Introducing

*Scott Estcourt*

Ask Scott Estcourt's colleagues how they'd describe him and they'd almost certainly say he's a "level-headed, unassuming kiwi bloke".

The Napier City Council Stormwater Asset Manager is responsible for both the short and long term planning of Napier's stormwater network, including the on-going development and update of renewal programs and operational strategies.

Scott is part of a team that has some pretty big projects underway, including the Taradale and CBD stormwater upgrades and the Marine Parade outfall and viewing platform, the latter of which will be ticked off the "to do" list this month.

Scott, who is a keen cyclist, was also part of the team that delivered the biological trickling filter wastewater treatment plant in Awatoto.

"I have found it particularly rewarding to have been involved in a number of projects from their implementation through to completion," Scott says.

"My work is always challenging and interesting as I deal with diverse issues with a wide range of people including the public, developers, other interested groups, NCC staff and consultants and contractors with different specialities.

"The move to a more environmental focus to the way stormwater is managed coupled with the effects of climate change is one of the key challenges we face. This will involve increasing levels of collaboration with multiple stakeholders and community engagement and education."

So, how does one unwind in the weekends with so much going on at work?

"I enjoy lying around on the grass at Te Awanga Sunday Sessions hanging out with family and friends."



*Napier City Council Stormwater Asset Manager Scott Estcourt*

# Major Upgrade

## War Memorial Conference Centre

Next year work will begin on the upgrade of the Napier War Memorial Conference Centre, attracting the all-important local and international conference market.

Napier based Citrus Studio Architecture, in association with Graham Weaver Architecture, have worked together with Stratagroup engineers to enhance the current centre, both in style and strength.

“The refurbishment work was brought forward after it was discovered the building required earthquake strengthening earlier this year,” Napier City Council Venues Manager Glenys Fraser says.

“It made sense that these strengthening works be carried out at the same time as the refurbishment and expansion.”

Along with an expansion to the iconic ballroom, the Marine Parade side of the centre will be given greater street presence. A new exhibition hall to provide increased trade exhibitor space will be built next to Ocean Spa, and the War Memorial, currently inside the foyer, will be moved to a new position of prominence with views down the lawn to the Soundshell.

The current ballroom area will be extended to increase capacity for dining, while still retaining a curved form and panoramic views across Hawke Bay. Additional space in the foyer will allow an improved meet and greet area for guests as well as a better flow between key meeting rooms and the new exhibition hall.

The eternal flame and plaques will be housed in a space which will be able to be entered from Marine Parade as well as the centre foyer. A large window in its new curved wall, overlooking the lawn and gardens, will allow for 24-hour viewing of the Memorial from a path behind the floral clock – something which has been welcomed by both the Napier and Taradale RSAs.

The centre remains open for business until April 2016 when work will begin. It is expected to reopen in February 2017.

Staff will be available during the closure period to continue to take bookings for February 2017 and onwards.

The work is estimated to cost approximately \$5.4 million.



Concept drawings of the new look War Memorial Conference Centre

# New Year's Eve Celebrations

at the Soundshell

New Zealand X Factor finalists Brendon Thomas and the Vibes are the headline act at this year's free New Year's Eve community celebrations at the Soundshell, Marine Parade, Napier.

The talented three-piece has released an album of originals on iTunes, but for this big event their focus will be covers of classic hits such as April Sun in Cuba, Superstition, Brown Eyed Girl, Hotel California, I Shot the Sheriff, and Mustang Sally.

The support act is Gala and her band. Gala, the daughter of Kiwi music legends Debbie Harwood and Rikki Morris, has just returned from an acclaimed tour of the UK.

Organiser Peter Mooney from PM Event Management says both acts are exceptional. "I am excited to have Brendon Thomas and The Vibes here this year. They have really impressed me with their talent and many are picking them to be powerhouse entertainers on the New Zealand music scene for years to come."

Napier City Council and Hawke's Bay Today are the major sponsors of the 17th annual New Year's Eve free community event. It starts at 8.30pm and culminates in THE HITS fireworks display at midnight.

This is a safe community event with a liquor ban in place. There will be zero tolerance from police and security.

There will also be a gold coin collection on the night for a local charity.



Brendon Thomas and the Vibes performing on the X Factor stage

## Other News

### Closed for Christmas

This year Napier City Council will be closed to the public for the Christmas and New Year period.

The closed period will run from 12 noon on Christmas Eve to 8am Tuesday 5 January. However, there will be some staff on call during this time. As is usual, you can contact the Council 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by one of the following methods:

- **Phone (06) 835 7579**
- **Email [info@napier.govt.nz](mailto:info@napier.govt.nz)**
- **Website [www.napier.govt.nz/fix-it](http://www.napier.govt.nz/fix-it)**

### Other Facilities

**Napier and Taradale Libraries** - closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day, 28 December, and 1, 2 and 4 January.

**Napier Aquatic Centre** – closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day, open other statutory and public holidays 11am to 6pm. Closing Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve at 6pm.

**MTG Hawke's Bay & National Aquarium of NZ** – closed Christmas Day only.

**i-SITE** – closed Christmas Day, extended summer hours 9am to 6pm.

**Par2 MiniGolf** – closed Christmas Day, extended summer hours, 9am to 7.30pm (last tee off).

**Napier Municipal Theatre & Ticketek ticket office** – closed Christmas Day to Monday 28 December, open 10am to 3pm Tuesday 29 December to Thursday 31 December, then closed until Tuesday 5 January when normal hours resume.

**Kennedy Park** – open 365 days of the year.

### Fast Approaching

The Hawke's Bay Summer Cycling Carnival is heading your way 7-17 January 2016. This brand new 10 day event which includes the Big Save Elite Road National Championships is shaping up to be a cracker! There's something for everyone, whether you're a pro, a keen weekend cyclist or you and your family just love getting out and about on your bikes.

Check out [www.summerycyclingcarnival.co.nz](http://www.summerycyclingcarnival.co.nz) for the full programme of events.

[www.facebook.com/summerycyclingcarnival](http://www.facebook.com/summerycyclingcarnival)

A promotional banner for the Hawke's Bay Summer Cycling Carnival. It features two images: a male cyclist in a grey jersey and a female cyclist in a pink jersey. The banner is split into two sections: 'SERIOUS' on the left and 'FUN' on the right. Below the images, it says '10 days of seriously competitive racing' and '10 days of seriously fun events'. At the bottom, there are logos for 'Big Save ELITE ROAD NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS', 'SUMMER CYCLING CARNIVAL', and 'HAWKE'S BAY 7-17 JAN 2016'.



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