

RDC making a positive difference

## Get involved in preparing Rodney for RWC 2011



Rodney District Council is working to prepare our district for the Rugby World Cup - and we want to hear your ideas about how we can celebrate and prepare for this global event.

At least 60,000 international visitors are expected to come to New Zealand for the 2011 Rugby World Cup with Auckland as the main entry point.

The Cup is expected to attract a television audience of more than four billion people and has the potential to generate \$267 million for the Auckland region. It is a fantastic opportunity to showcase Rodney to the world.

Together with other local councils in the Auckland region, Rodney District Council is working hard to make sure our district benefits from the World Cup.

The Council is asking local businesses and residents to share their ideas about how Rodney can prepare for, and

celebrate the World Cup. We also want to hear from sports clubs and the people who have been involved in planning for other big events.

An online survey has been posted on the Council website, [www.rodney.govt.nz](http://www.rodney.govt.nz) under 'Consultations,' which asks people for their thoughts on how to make sure people in Rodney can share in the excitement and benefits associated with the World Cup. Hard copies of the survey form are also available from Council service centres and libraries.

You can stay informed about how plans for the RWC are progressing by visiting [www.rodney.govt.nz](http://www.rodney.govt.nz) and following the 'events' link.

## Pedal Power Comes To Rodney

A new generation of cyclists are about to hit Rodney's roads. Although they may not be old enough to attend school yet, they're street smart and could teach older cyclists a thing or two about cycle safety.

They're pupils of the Pedal Power programme being run at The Leisure Centre in Whangaparaoa, which is designed to teach 3 - 5 year olds how to cycle safely in a car free environment.

The programme operates between

10am and 11am on Fridays during the school term.

It is sponsored by Rodney District Council which has provided five new training bikes for youngsters to practice on under the guidance of their parents. Scooters, tricycles, helmets and training wheels are also available to be used during the sessions.

The sessions are a great way for children to learn to cycle safely while having fun. Prior booking is recommended.



Pedal power enthusiasts on their bikes

## Community Grants Available

Community groups are being invited to apply to the Council for funding to support social, recreational and community activities.

A total of \$157,000 is available for activities which promote social, recreational or

community development in the district, or directly benefit any of the four wards in the district.

Last year over 60 community groups received grants from the Council to carry out a wide range of activities.

Applications should be completed by Wednesday 30 September and can be downloaded from the Council website, [www.rodney.govt.nz](http://www.rodney.govt.nz) or obtained from Council service centres.

## Auckland Super City Update

The future of Auckland is expected to be a little clearer in a few days time. The Select Committee on Auckland Governance - which has been sitting since July listening to submissions on the Super City proposal - is expected to report back to Parliament with recommendations on 4 September.

Rodney District Council made a submission recommending that the District be excluded from the Super City and instead become a unitary Council, taking on the functions currently undertaken by the Auckland Regional Council within Rodney.

In June, the Council commissioned an independent survey of 1,200 Rodney residents to be carried out to help inform

its submission. The survey found that only 22% of residents want to be included in an Auckland Super City. The survey was designed to be demographically representative of Rodney's population and carried out by Colmar Brunton.

Rodney residents will be able to find out more about the Select Committee's recommendations and what this means for Rodney by checking out the Council's website, [www.rodney.govt.nz](http://www.rodney.govt.nz) from 4 September.

## Upcoming Council meeting schedule

Month	Full Council	Infrastructure & Environment Committee	District Plan & Regulatory Committee	Strategy & Community Committee
Sept	24		9 & 23	10
Oct		8		

**Meeting starting times:** All meetings start at 9am unless otherwise notified.

**Meeting venues:** Meetings are normally held in the Council Chambers, Centreway Rd, Orewa.