

# Boutique cinema for new centre

Aim for residents to live, work and play in area



Carmen Hall

**P**APAMOA is set to get a boutique 135-seat cinema in a new multi-million dollar development.

Construction has already begun on the project — which received a \$2.3m building consent in May — on the corner of Golden Sands Drive and Papamoa Beach Rd.

Developers Bluehaven Management said it was the second stage of the Excelsa shopping centre.

The two-storeyed complex would open next year with a contemporary design and modern facilities, aimed at serving the area's booming catchment.

Confirmed tenants were a gastro restaurant and bar, a 135-seat upstairs boutique cinema, a Mediterranean grill and other various bespoke eateries.

Bluehaven Management chief executive Nathan York said Golden Sands had experienced very strong residential growth, and the Excelsa Centre would provide an invaluable amenity for the growing community.

Excelsa also underpins a number of other exciting commercial



CURTIN UP: A boutique cinema is part of the plan in a multimillion-dollar shopping centre at Papamoa.



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developments that it was planning for the future in Golden Sands," Mr York said.

High-quality housing stock and proximity to the beach had seen Golden Sands become one of the fastest-growing suburbs in New Zealand. New properties there typically sell for around \$720,000, he said.

The new Excelsa development would open in stages between March and August next year.

Priority One projects manager

Annie Hill said Smartgrowth's spatial plan was underpinned by the principle that people can "live, work and play" in their local neighbourhoods and communities.

"The new retail centre on Papamoa Beach Rd will provide an important facility for the community, enabling easy access to retail, hospitality and medical facilities, meaning people won't have to get in their cars and drive across the city to obtain these services."

The growth in residential building at Papamoa East was also a good indicator of economic growth and investor confidence, she said.

Tauranga Chamber of Commerce chief executive Stan Gregec

## Excelsa Centre Papamoa

- When completed, the total Excelsa Centre will offer 4400sq m of leased space.
- It will have more than 220 carparks and employ more than 100 people.
- The stage under development will include 117 carparks and 14 new tenants.
- Stage one opened last year — tenants were a medical centre, dentist, pharmacy, café, a Four Square supermarket and two childcare facilities.
- Established in the mid-1990s, Bluehaven is one of the largest land developers in the Bay of Plenty, and in particular in the Golden Sands area.

said Papamoa had been growing at a breakneck speed for some years now. "The need for another shopping centre to service the newer

residential areas makes a lot of sense, especially when you consider future growth which shows no sign of easing."

The Chamber had been active in Papamoa... "so yes, we do see the potential of the area — and we welcome new businesses and business people moving there".

Golden Sands resident Kristy Hamlett said the plans for a cinema and eateries were "a great idea".

"Golden Sands needs more considering the rapid growth in the area, and it will be nice to have something closer for us locals to enjoy without having to go to the Mount or Tauranga."

## Briefly

### Money pours in for mum

Contributions to the Givealittle page set up for Tauranga cancer sufferer Tracey Pay have soared to reach nearly \$67,000 after being at less than \$10,000 a week ago. The money will buy last-resort drug treatments not funded by Pharmac and hopefully give her more time to enjoy life with her talented young sons, Charlie and George. Monday's edition of the Bay of Plenty Times featured her fight for life.

### Tilt at supermarket plan

Welcome Bay resident Alan Northcote is distributing community submission forms asking that the Tauranga City Council remove Waitaha Reserve as a potential supermarket site from the Welcome Bay and Ohauti Planning Study. The first draft of the study is due out later this year.

### Fishing big haul for Bay

A report into the economic contribution of commercial fishing to New Zealand has shown processing alone is worth \$194 million to the Bay of Plenty region. Nationally, the seafood industry has a total value of \$4.18 billion. Chief executive of Fisheries Inshore New Zealand Dr Jeremy Helson said the report confirmed the importance of commercial fishing to New Zealand.

### DMS posts record profit

Western Bay of Plenty kiwifruit management company DMS Progrowers has announced a record profit. The company's financial result showed a record net profit, before tax and distributions of \$9.7 million, up from \$6.95 million the previous financial year. Director Craig Greenlees said managing growth carefully was essential, with the kiwifruit industry booming post-Psa recovery.

### Man arrested after raid

A man has been arrested following a raid in Welcome Bay which resulted in the road being closed to traffic. Police blocked off the section of road near Ngapeke Rd on Thursday afternoon as part of a search warrant of a house in the area.

### UFB rollout for towns

Three Bay towns will have ultrafast fibre internet installed

# 'Mrs P' retires from beloved Pongakawa School after 36 years

