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Critical EFTPOS Upgrades

Statistics released today by Paymark, New Zealand's leading payments provider, reveal that crucial eftpos upgrades across the country are happening, but not nearly fast enough. In a statement released just over two months ago Paymark outlined that 60,000 EFTPOS terminals across the country needed technology upgrades that would enable them to process payments in accordance with new global security standards.

Without the upgrade, retailers will not only be in breach of these standards, but will also be unable to process certain types of local and international card types as well as

face disconnection from the Paymark network. The Auckland region has the greatest number of terminals requiring upgrades (27,243), followed by Canterbury (5,911), Wellington (5,199) and Waikato (4,004).

New Zealand has the highest level of eftpos usage in the world, and electronic payment provider Paymark, owned by the four big banks, accounts for 75 per cent of all electronic card transactions.

There are a number of upgrade options available, that provide different capabilities and technologies. Many of these technologies aren't suited for the majority of Kiwi businesses; most need a simple upgrade, not an entire makeover. To see whether your EFTPOS technology is ready, visit www.areyouready.co.nz and follow the simple online instructions. If your terminal is not up-to-date, contact your EFTPOS terminal provider as soon as possible and schedule a date for your upgrade.



Paul Lonsdale
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Our New Civic Building

I was lucky to be able to join Property Council members on a site tour of our new civic building. I have to say I was very impressed to view the transformation of what was once an ugly building. The building is very functional in appearance, internally and externally, while boasting a six green star rating and being very technologically advanced.

Christchurch's new civic offices will be the most sustainable building in the country, accord-

ing to a national environmental rating scheme.

Christchurch Mayor Bob Parker said, "It leads by example in terms of the city's philosophy and policy – if we can do it, it raises the bar for everyone else."

Parker said the building's tri-generation system, which will pipe in renewable biogas from the council's Burwood landfill to heat and provide electricity for the building was expected

to save the council about \$1.3m annually.

Ngai Tahu kaiwhakahaere Mark Solomon said the building fitted in well with where the world was going. "As a nation, we owe it to ourselves to take care of the planet."

There is an open day for the public to view this wonderful addition to our city centre and I encourage you to see it for yourself. Open day 9.30am – 4pm, September 4.



Tram Extension Project & Hereford Street - Update



Tram Extension work - Poplar Street

The tram extension project is progressing well with very few issues arising to date. Tram works started last week down Poplar Street with the first section from Lichfield Street almost through to Ash Street being prepped for the tram foundation. At this point, the impact is minimal but the intention is to maintain pedestrian access when

they reach the business precinct. This will understandably be difficult but doable the project team say.

A couple of issues arose in Hereford Street but were quickly resolved this week by the contractors City Care. A robust site meeting was held at the Boardroom on Wednesday proving that

good communication is the key to minimising issues. Site supervisor Mike Nevin encouraged businesses to talk to him about any issues that arise but businesses understood that the works had to be done and some compromises had to be made in order for the upgrade to move ahead quickly.



Poplar St

Hereford St