

Auckland City Council

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Business is booming for an Albany company as city councils in New Zealand and Australia switch to meters that accept parking charges by text messaging, credit cards - and cash.

In the past six months, CHS Parking Systems has won contracts in Sydney, Melbourne, Wellington, and now Auckland City for its EZiPark Global pay-and-display parking meter.

Rather than scrambling for change, motorists can pay by mobile and the fee is charged to their monthly phone bill. The telecommunications companies then pay the fees to the council in a lump sum. Motorists can also swipe their credit card for the payment - and the machine will still accept coins.

Aucklanders now have over * 500 of the sleek, silver, solar-powered meters in the central city after CHS won the contract from the city council. This follows the successful trial of a dozen EZiPark meters on Princes St near the University of Auckland.

EZiPark meters offer a "walk-up-start" which means cellphones do not need to be pre-registered for the service. Credit card payments are pre-authorised for transaction security, which means the city councils will not get ripped off.

* Additional orders for GLOBAL meters received in 2006 - (Fleet now totals **784** units)

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going up
going down
up

Coke Zero
The new low-calorie Coke really does taste like the full-sugar version. Vastly superior to Diet Coke.

The L Word
Terrible time slot. Fantastic show. Mondays, 11.30pm, TV2.

Text and credit card parking
Auckland City Council has ended the nightmare of parking meters. No more begging shopkeepers for change - you can now pay by text or credit card in the inner city. May this fabulous invention spread swiftly through the land.

Autumn sojourns
Now is the time to head for Europe or book an island holiday. It's low season in the travel industry and that means bargain prices.

Tom Ford eyewear
The former Gucci god's new sunglasses range is gorgeous, but we're protesting against the pricing. Cough up \$500 and you can start browsing the bottom of his range.

Peggy Bourne
No more magazine covers. Please

**NO COIN?
NO SWEAT.**

Now more ways to pay for parking
TXT - CREDIT CARD - COIN

Auckland City PRINCES STREET TRIAL



CHS NZ General Manager Mr David Gould (at left) says that in a cashless society councils were looking to provide other means of paying for street parking, a revenue source that earns Auckland City \$25 million a year.

Increases in charges meant fewer people had the right amount of change.

Gould says the new method also makes it easier for sales reps to keep track of work expenses as the tariff was charged direct to the company credit card or mobile phone account.

