

## Shopping centre wins recognition

The Onerahi shopping centre has won national recognition after it was highlighted at the recent Towns and Cities Conference.

Urban designer Chris Butler of Harrison Grierson Consultants addressed the conference

and his presentation included photos of the shopping centre, specifically the centrally-

sited mosaic. He talked about recent improvements to the 'Seaside Suburb' and mentioned the footpath tiling, the bollards, the footpath mosaics and the planting and parking around the centre. It was, he said, a good example for other towns to follow.

John Clark, chair of the community association's Focus Group, which has liaised with Whangarei District Council to introduce the improvements, said it was good for the shopping centre and the council to be recognised nationally in this way.