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Navy-base neighbours urged to push for contamination tests

Testing for toxic firefighting substances is necessary on properties surrounding Devonport naval base, says a firm of lawyers acting for homeowners affected by the pollution around other defence sites.

"As Devonport has been identified as a key site of contamination, it is imperative that homeowners around Devonport naval base are aware of this issue," Tim Gunn of Shine Lawyers New Zealand said.

The firefighting foams containing per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) were highly soluble and could travel great distances

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Young Devonport pays its respects



Solemn occasion... Hettie Read (Devonport Guides) and brother George (Hauraki-Belmont Cubs) listen to the Anzac Day speeches while they prepare to lay a wreath. More pictures pages 6-9.



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Devonport a big winner in transport spend

A budget of \$14 million for a new Bayswater ferry terminal and \$47 million earmarked for Lake Rd improvements are included in Auckland's transport plan for the next ten years.

The draft regional land transport plan has been released by Auckland Transport, coinciding with the Government and Auckland Council's planned \$28 billion spend in Auckland.

The money is not set in stone for Devonport – \$56 million had been set aside for Lake Rd in recent years but was siphoned off elsewhere. Bayswater Ferry Terminal has also been planned and mothballed before,

However new Devonport-Takapuna Local

Board chair George Wood said the amounts were "much better" than the board expected.

It was now time for Devonport locals, who had been disgruntled for years, to submit on the plan "and put their hooks in to get that sort of money," Wood said.

"Hopefully we can expedite the spend on Lake Rd."

In the plan \$423 million was set aside for bus service improvements, and significant sums for cycleways. With some of this money likely to spent on services in Devonport, the amount heading Devonport's way could be more than \$7 million.

CCTV surveillance for bike-parking area

A CCTV camera system will soon be installed at Devonport Wharf to help prevent bike thefts.

A revamp of bike parking is part of the wharf refurbishment, which is drawing to a close, Auckland Transport (AT) said in a report to the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board.

"Within the next six weeks, the project is expected to be near completion and a new covered bike parking facility will be available, including camera surveillance coverage," the report said.

In recent years, a significant number of bikes have been stolen from outside the wharf.

Parking will be provided for 120 bikes (including 56 under cover) in an area that had been used for scooter parking.

"Scooter parking will be moved to the roadside car-parking spaces outside the ferry terminal, and will replace three parallel vehicle-parking spaces."

Board member Mike Cohen said it was important AT considered bikes and scooter parking alongside each other "as they all work in together".

Falling through the net

The seven months it took Auckland Council to replace a volleyball net at Narrow Neck had a local board member wondering if he should pay for a new one himself.

Mike Cohen told board members he had raised concerns last year, hoping the net would be replaced by spring, but the season came and went. Eventually, a new net arrived this month – after the end of summer.

Board services manager Maureen Buchanan said to be fair on council staff the net had been put up recently so it could be used in the school holidays.

Cycle-parking improvements

Improved cycle parking for the Devonport peninsula is being investigated by Auckland Transport (AT).

The Auckland Cycling Programme has identified Devonport as "a priority area for early investment in improved cycle infrastructure, which includes cycle parking," AT said in a report to the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board.

Early investigations for the project have begun, the report said.

From page 1 Base neighbours should push for testing

in groundwater and surface water that has escaped from the contamination site, Gunn said. "Landowners living near the base should be pressing NZDF for soil testing."

In Devonport, the PFAS could have escaped into any aquifer beneath the Navy land, or in seawater that could have swept over neighbouring properties, Gunn said.

It could sit in the soil for years, but then get into the food chain through vegetable growing, for example.

Shine Lawyers New Zealand is acting for around 10 homeowners in the Manawatu affected by foam from Defence Force land.

And Shine Lawyers in Australia is acting

for 450 people in four class actions against the Australian Defence Force.

Gunn said it was disappointing the way the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) seemed to be handling the issue. In Australia, all reports on the toxic foam were posted online for a full analysis. But in New Zealand, it was a different story – so far.

In the Ohakea air-base case, NZDF had known of the contamination for two years before making it public, Gunn said.

Tests for toxic substances have been conducted near the naval base in Ngataranga Bay, but the inquiry has not been extended to private properties.

Local artist flying the flag at The Vic



Sending a signal... Jessica Peerless in her Belmont studio

Artist Jessica Peerless's new work for the facade of the Victoria Theatre features abstract paintings of naval flags.

Together, the three flags spell 'VIC'.

The concept reflects the Navy's association with Devonport and The Vic's location at the base of Takarunga/Mt Victoria – the summit of which was once used as flag-based signal station.

"It's a really nice historical tie-in," she says.

The art-deco design of The Vic building also allowed for some ideas "bouncing off" its architectural features.

Peerless and partner Jonathan Organ developed the flag theme at the recent Splore festival, and will be furthering it at the next Sculpture on the Shore exhibition.

She hopes to have the work installed at The Vic by May 11 as part of the Devonport Arts Trail.

The trail is set to be extended to five new walls this month.

After the new additions, the trail developed by the Devonport Arts Festival will cover 22 public walls.

The trail began in 2014. Walls were painted on the Devonport Community House by local street artist Component, and on the side of the Firefly Light and Design building

by Cinzah, another local artist.

This year, the featured artists include Peerless, Amane Cardenas, Organ and Component.

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Board David takes on council Goliath

Disputes over decision-making authority have seen the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board take a form of legal action against its own council.

The board voted unanimously last month to lodge a dispute with council's governing body under section 48R of the Local Government Act 2002.

The dispute centres over the board's frustration that council has been making decisions on the future of central Takapuna that it feels it should be in control of.

The action highlights widespread dissatisfaction among board members that the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board is being sidelined in a variety of important decisions that affect the area.

The board has also been affronted at its treatment by council-controlled organisations such as Panuku Development Auckland, again over proposed Takapuna property sales, but also over the future of the old council chambers at 3 Victoria Rd, Devonport.

The board's action is believed to be the first of its type since Auckland Council was formed in 2010.

It has been taken despite recommendations from board advisor Eric Perry advocating a more cautious approach including, as a first step-meetings with council staff to find a way forward.

The way the dispute between the board and council is handled is moving into uncharted waters. But if the board is not satisfied, it can take the case to the Local Government Commission. This too would be a first.

In putting forward the motion to take action, board chair Grant Gillon said he was not prepared to use his casting vote if the board was



United they stand... the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board. Back row from left: Grant Gillon, George Wood, Mike Sheehy; front row from left: Jennifer McKenzie, Jan O'Connor, Mike Cohen.

split. He got total support from all members: Jan O'Connor, Mike Cohen, George Wood, Mike Sheehy and Jennifer McKenzie.

The board's centre plan, "The Takapuna Strategic Framework – 2014 to 2044", had been adopted by council. This supported some private development but emphasised the need to retain the Sunday market and substantial car parking.

"The Devonport-Takapuna Local Board should have been delegated the decision-making powers over the Takapuna Centre plan," Gillon said in a report to the board.

"If the plan was to be amended, removing a major aspect of it... the board should have decision-making powers."

In fact what had happened was that the plan was amended against the wishes of the board, he said. The board's wish to retain car parks and strengthen community involvement in the process had been "consistently discarded by both Panuku and the Governing Body".

Over time, the board had not been treated with the respect it and the community it represents deserved, Gillon said. The dispute process was the board attempting to be "masters of our own destiny, and taking a positive step to shape it."

Board member Wood said the way Auckland local authorities were structured there should be co-governance, but this had not always happened. Auckland Council governance needed to be looked at closely as the local board was being sidelined, he said.

Board member O'Connor said community surveys and petitions on Takapuna were being largely ignored by council. "People are very worried about what is happening."

Board member Cohen said the dispute notice sent a clear message from the board and the

public.

Cohen said while the board was part of Auckland Council, he had signed an oath to serve the local people not the council.

Board member McKenzie supported the sentiments of Gillon's report, but was worried the dispute notice "could be chucked out".

Perry said he had "sat in the board chamber" for five years and had become increasingly concerned about the adversarial stance the board had taken with council staff, such as those from Panuku.

At times staff had been "attacked at meetings, slated in meetings and used as political pawns," Perry said. He resented implications that he had not given impartial advice to the local board.

Gillon said his report reflected general concerns on council governance and "did not reflect on the staff".

The Devonport-Takapuna Local Board, while not always totally united, has pushed back against Auckland Council before. In a nod to open democracy, it was for some years the only board in the city that made its board briefings public and open to the media.



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Young Belmont squash gun keeps hitting his targets

Matthew Lucente's glittering squash career has continued with a win in the New Zealand Junior Open held in Invercargill.

The Belmont Park player's victory was followed by selection to play in the World Junior Olympics in October, where he and fellow Junior Open winner Kaitlyn Watts will also be New Zealand Squash Ambassadors.

Matthew (17) played five matches in the open tournament, beating Lwamba Chileshe 3-1 in the final.

The competition was slightly easier because his clubmate, training partner and rival, Gabe Yam, was unable to play due to an ankle injury.

Matthew's win continues his meteoric rise up the squash rankings. He won the New Zealand under-19 title last year and has competed in professional tournaments. He is currently ranked number 11 on the senior men's list.

The New Zealand Senior Nationals at Henderson from 15-17 June are his next major tournament.

"I'm hoping to do well at those," he said.

Then the world juniors in Chennai, India, are in July, for which Matthew will almost certainly be selected.

"I'm training pretty hard for everything at the moment," he said.

Matthew is in his last year at Westlake Boys' High School and next year hopes to go to university in the United States on a squash scholarship.

- A 'Squash the Champs' fundraiser for Matthew and Gabe will be held at Belmont Park Racquets Club on May 5 from midday to midnight, where people can book half-hour slots to play them.

On the rise... Matthew Lucente with the cup he won as Under-19 national champion last year



Public meeting on Takarunga/ Mt Victoria

A public meeting on the future of Takarunga/Mt Victoria and the perceived lack of consultation on decisions concerning the mountain will be held this month.

The meeting will be held at Devonport Community House on May 24, at 7.30 pm, with the chair still to be confirmed.

A 700-signature petition collected around Devonport and online will be submitted to Maunga Authority representatives, including chair Paul Majurey, who will be at the

meeting.

A group of locals formed to challenge the authority after it decided to close the summit of the mountain to vehicles.

Top results for Devonport sailors in World Cup yachting

Local sailors Logan Dunning Beck and Paul Snow-Hansen collected silver and bronze medals at the World Cup Series raced in Hyeres, France over the last week.

Dunning Beck and Oscar Gunn placed second in the 49er division, while Snow-Hansen and Daniel Wilcox came third in the 470 class.

North Shore loses narrowly to Massey

An injury-hit North Shore Premiers rugby side lost to Massey 10-0 last weekend.

Shore has won three matches out of five in the first round of the North Harbour championship.

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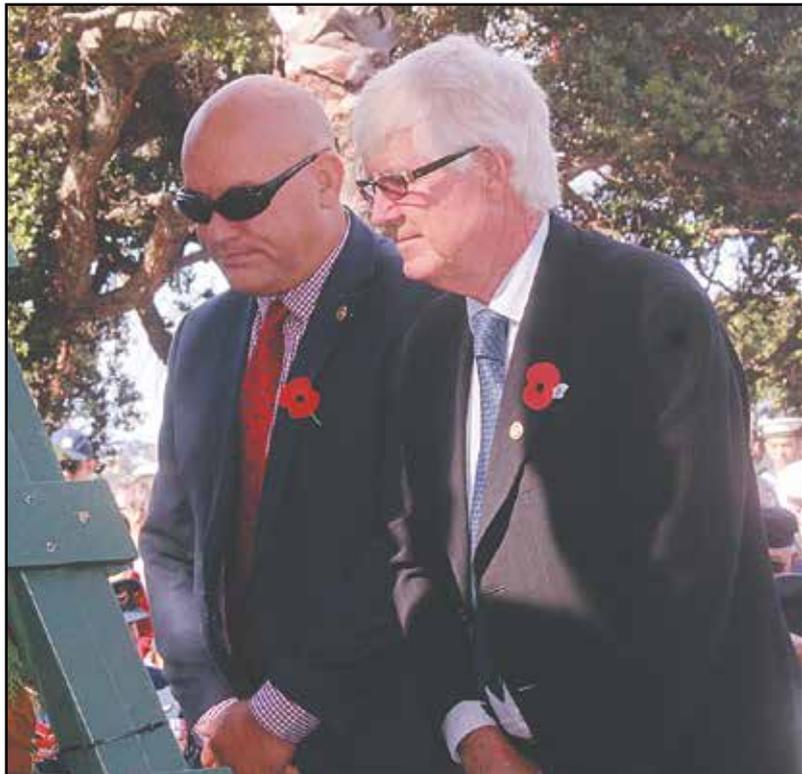
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Lest we forget... Fiona Startup of the Devonport Business Association (left), and Gavin Busch of Devonport Rotary (above left) and John O'Toole of Devonport Lions lay wreaths on Anzac Day

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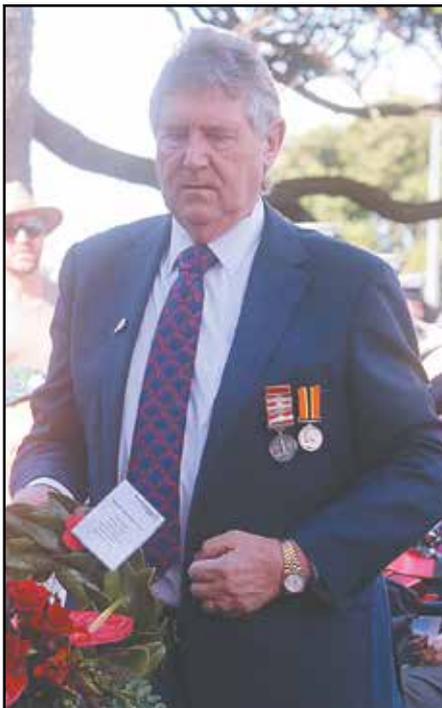
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Devonport-Takapuna Local Board chair Grant Gillon lays a wreath



St Leo's School pupils...Molly Claxton and Anthony Angelo

Anzac Day: A time for reflection



A fly-by over the parade (above left) while North Shore MP Maggie Barry and husband Grant Kerr lay a wreath (above), and Neil Butt (below) laid a wreath on behalf of veterans of the Korean conflict.



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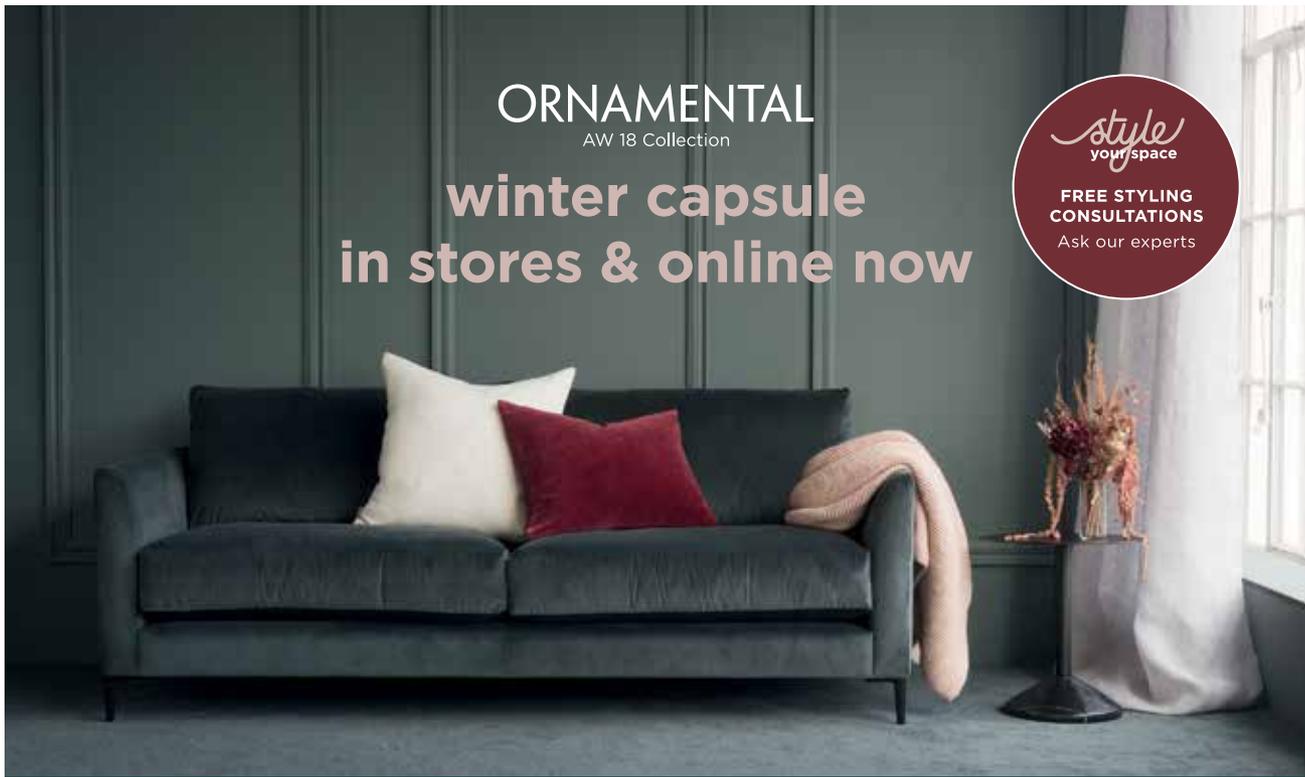
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Scouts honour the fallen... Sage Austin (left) and Nina Sinclair place a wreath on behalf of the Calliope Sea Scouts group, who made it in the week prior to Anzac Day



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By Rob Drent

The unanimous move by The Devonport-Takapuna Local Board to lodge a dispute against Auckland Council over decision-making abilities warrants Auckland-wide coverage.

It strikes at the heart of the democratic process, which is that local residents can have some representation and say in Auckland affairs through the members of their local board.

The board, frustrated with the way Auckland Council and its council-controlled organisations, such as Panuku and Auckland Transport, are treating it has clearly had enough.

The current proposals by Panuku to sell off land (including a car park) in Takapuna for development has prompted the move. But resentment by the board with its position has been growing for years.

Speaking rights at council meetings have been denied on occasion; at other times board members have been forced to lodge official information requests for what seems to be basic information from council

officials. Board resolutions and viewpoints have regularly been ignored over the years, or at best given token acknowledgement.

In summary, the dispute about Takapuna centres on the board developing a management plan for the area, which was adopted by council. Now the board claims the council is working from a different page: implementing initiatives for the area that are different to the agreed plan, and not allowing any decision-making from the board at all.

From the press bench, the board has a solid point. It has fairly few decision-making spheres and for council to ride roughshod over the ones it has is an affront to grass-roots input.

Good on the board for taking a stance. It's a bit murky what will happen next: it's a first for the council to deal with. But it's a step forward for local views being given a fairer hearing in what is a large, centralised bureaucracy.

Older residents will feel a glimmer of the 1970s and 1980s Independent Devonport movement in the board's bucking against authority.

An update on one of the most enthralling local sporting championships or rivalries – the B & D challenge between Devonport and Belmont Squash Clubs. Last week, Belmont posted its first win.

The result was a closely fought 18-16. The

shell trophy is now at the Belmont clubrooms – and Barbara the sheep is now recovering at Devonport, until the next challenge.

Progress is progress I suppose, and the newish electronic scoreboard at North Shore Rugby club looks a million dollars. However, I always enjoyed watching the young lads on the roof testing out their maths and their balance as they swapped and changed the scorecards for the home side and visiting teams. It was all nicely un-PC.

Devonport musician and long-term local Rikki Morris has decided to leave the area after more than two decades and has written a few well-crafted thoughts on his time in Devonport and the state of the suburb. He made a great contribution to the area.

His tenure at The Bus (a recording studio at the Depot) provided a meeting place for young musicians. Some – the Checks, the Electric Confectionaires and Gin Wigmore – became well-known names, mentored and guided by Rikki. At the same time, the Masonic got behind them and ran all-ages gigs in the daytime and second sessions in the evenings.

It was indeed a golden era of Devonport music. Ricky was also involved in doing the sound at countless music events at the Victoria Theatre. I hear he was a handy social soccer player as well.



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Michael says, "and I went to meet with them. What they do is inspiring, it's touching people's hearts and they go above and beyond. There's no doubt that we formed a partnership right away."

Michael, and all the staff at The Taste, feel at home in Devonport and are excited for what the future holds. "What we love about Devonport are the people and our customers" says Michael. "They're honest and we get consistent feed back. I love that Devonport is community driven and filled with really positive people. We are really focusing on building a strong foundation, and are looking toward online ordering and delivery. In addition to our current Uber Eats delivery, pickup & small dine in options."

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Devonport 6/93 Vauxhall Road

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Devonport 26b Seabreeze Road



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Devonport 22 Abbotsford Terrace



Classic Devonport Do-Up
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FINAL WEEK



Devonport 18 Ewen Alison Ave

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Family Villa Set In A Paradise Garden
Surrounded by the very best examples of original Devonport villas, 18 Ewen Alison is itself a fabulous early villa which has undergone a number of transformations over the years but still retains the features of a grand family home that would suit the busiest of families. Four bedrooms and two bathrooms in the house with a stylish self contained one bedroom studio.

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Devonport 22a Summer Street

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Perfect Picture In Stanley Point
This charming villa on a freehold site in Summer Street oozes charm and character while still offering the living space and flow desired in modern times.
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Devonport 32a Albert Road

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Deceased Estate - Must Sell
This deceased estate will be sold, it is well under the current rating value (\$1,600,000), come and see for yourself. It is the first time on the market since 1994. This will be great buying, don't miss out, live the easy life now.

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Dogs need to be kept on lead

When are we going to see dog owners be responsible and walk their dogs on a lead?

The latest event where a young dog was attacked by a bigger dog off-lead (Flagstaff, 20 April), and the owners being abusive – what is going on here?

Do the people of Devonport think they have a law that can be ignored?

Let's get this sorted now. Where are our

councillors following through on these things?

Dogs off lead are accidents waiting to happen. People riding bikes with their dog in tow are another no-no. I'm surprised they are not texting at the same time.

This is like a circus. As dog owners, we all need to be more responsible.

George Rigg

Pedestrian-crossing deaths

I was saddened to read the article in the local newspaper about the lady who was struck and killed by a vehicle in Oteha Valley Rd, and equally saddened to hear of the two young blokes who were killed recently by a bus while crossing a pedestrian crossing in South Auckland at night.

I am closing in on 60, born in South Africa, and have been in this wonderful country for 15 years. What struck me on my arrival is how oblivious pedestrians wanting to cross at a pedestrian crossing are to other road users.

How many times do you see a pedestrian on a sidewalk, suddenly turn and enter a pedestrian crossing, oblivious to a vehicle approaching at 40 or 50km/h?

Add to this the new generation who have gadgets plugged into the ears, and their eyes are looking down at their phone. They get annoyed that a driver was unable to predict their sudden turn onto the pedestrian crossing.

As a kid, I was taught that you wait on the sidewalk before entering a crossing until you are confident that traffic from both sides has seen your intention to cross the road, and are slowing down or stopped, before you proceed to cross.

Schools and parents need to change the way they teach the children road sense related to pedestrian crossings.

Ian Cunningham

TITCHENER, Barbara Lillian (nee Fish)

Died peacefully on 16 April 2018 at Lady Allum Village, aged 92. Dearly loved wife of the late WD (Jim) Titchener. Loved mother of Blair, Frances, Graham and the late Martin. Loved grandma to her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

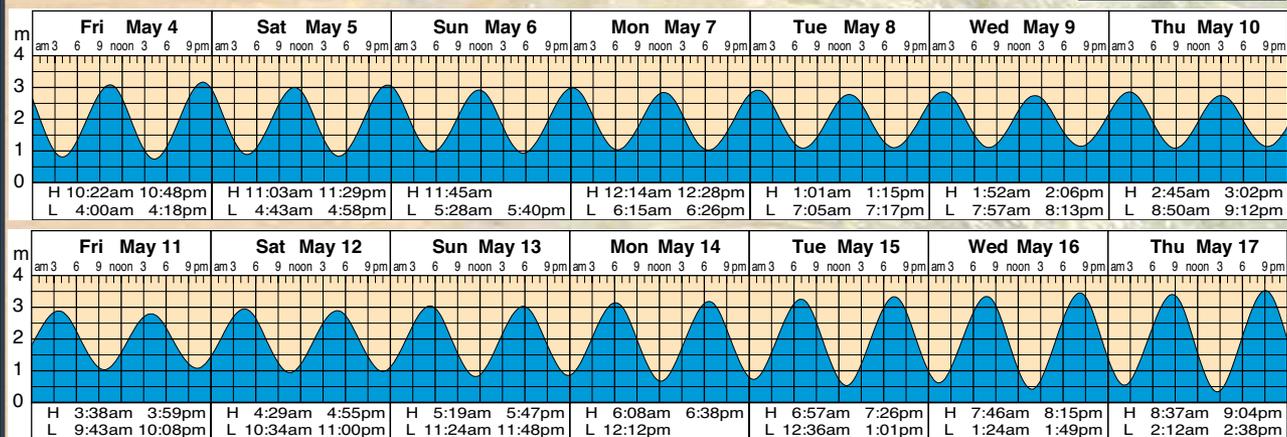
A service will be held at The North Harbour Chapel of Dil's Funeral Services, 185 Schnapper Rock Road, Albany on Monday 7 May at 12.30pm; followed by interment at North Shore Memorial Park Cemetery.



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Disappointed folk club member

I have been a member of the Devonport Folk Music Club for more than 35 years and I am saddened that we are unable to drive up as we have done all these years. We are a quiet caring group, who enjoy sharing music together.

Roger Giles, who is an icon in Devonport, should have several medals for his contribution to live music and over 50 years of his dedication to the mountain – he has cared for it every day, collecting and recycling rubbish, pulling weeds, collecting wood and catching rats. An amazing

human being. It hurts to see him standing in all weathers two or three times a week to let the folk music people through the gate, standing for one and a half hours at the gate. I think it's so disrespectful, rude and unfair, after all his efforts and he is no longer 15 any more.

Who wins? What's it all about? Why can't we share? Respecting each other? The buses go up still, what's the difference?

M R Trembath

Mt Vic walkers not dead yet

This morning, a group of residents was seen performing an experiment to see if their combined weight on the pressure pad would be enough to raise the bar that is the new gate on Takarunga/Mount Victoria. The experiment failed and they missed out on promised life membership of the Not Dead Yet Club as well as the shout of scones next Tuesday. Some disappointment was evident.

Graham Pettersen



Marina reclamation apartment plans a concern

My understanding is that the original approvals for the reclamation of our pristine Waitemata Harbour to allow the Bayswater, Westpark, Gulf Harbour, Pine Harbour and other marinas to be built were crystal clear that the justification for the reclamations was that they were to be used for marine-related activities only, certainly not waterfront apartments, which can be built anywhere. It's a disappointing result from the negotiations

between Simon Herbert and the previous government and Auckland Council that this will shortly be allowed to occur.

The anti-reclamation champions of our Waitemata Harbour, like the late Darcy O'Brien, former Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Department of Lands and Survey and a Devonport resident, would be very concerned that this appears to have been allowed to happen. An independent inquiry by a High Court judge is required. As a layman, the old saying, "money talks" does spring to mind.

Bruce Tubb

No cars on Takarunga/Mt Victoria wonderful

During the school holidays, we took our small grandsons for one of our regular walks on the tracks to the summit of Takarunga/Mt Victoria. This time was a very different experience. There are no cars at the top! It was wonderful.

The walk down the road was relaxed and we were able to enjoy the lovely bush through which it winds.

We look forward to the new track network.

Cecily Wheeler

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Sunday 6th May, 3:30pm-6pm
McHughs, 46 Cheltenham Rd, Devonport
Hear from speaker Dr Michelle Dickinson (NANOGIRL), be in for a chance to win a Kitchenaid Platinum Mixer plus there will be luxury goodie bags, spot prizes and more. **Tickets cost \$50, email: stleoshightea@gmail.com**

DEVONPORT COMMUNITY NETWORK MEETING

Thursday 10th May, 10am-12pm
Devonport Yacht Club, 25 King Edward Parade
The purpose of the meeting is to promote networking among residents and local community groups. Included will be guest speakers on topical matters. All are welcome and morning tea provided. The building is also wheelchair accessible.
For more information contact Maria ph: 445 9533 or email: maria@devonportpeninsulatrust.nz

COMPANY THEATRE PRESENTS BEN ELTON'S 'POPCORN'

12th May to 26th May;
Wednesday to Saturday 8pm, Sunday at 4pm
The Rose Centre, School Rd, Belmont.
Directed by Suzy Sampson, the themes in Ben Elton's R16 black comedy *Popcorn* are as relevant today as they were when the play was written in 1996.
Tickets cost \$27 adults and \$22 concessions.
For further information please email suzysampson@mac.com or call 021 061 3808.

DEVONPORT SEASONAL CEILIDH

Saturday 19th May, 7:30pm-10:30pm
Holy Trinity Hall, Church Street, Devonport
Dance to live Irish and Scottish music with the Gaidhealtachd band. Please bring a plate for a shared supper and a bottle of water is recommended to keep hydrated.
Tickets cost \$10 for adults, \$20 per family and under 16s are free – cash only.

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To the island and back: a wine man's journey

Backing a hunch about Waiheke's suitability for grape growing gave Paul Dunleavy his start in the wine business. And confidence in the international potential for New Zealand sauvignon blanc has propelled him to much bigger things. He talks to Geoff Chapple.

Paul Dunleavy is standing on Onetangi Beach one summer's day in 1985. He sees the heat shimmer off the sand, and is struck by it.

He's young – not yet 30, a self-confessed numbers maven who actually likes columns of figures, graphs, trends, forecasts and financial modelling. He's already had financial jobs out in the regions, risen to area manager for Broadlands in Hawkes Bay, then shifted back to Auckland as business intelligence manager at Fisher and Paykel.

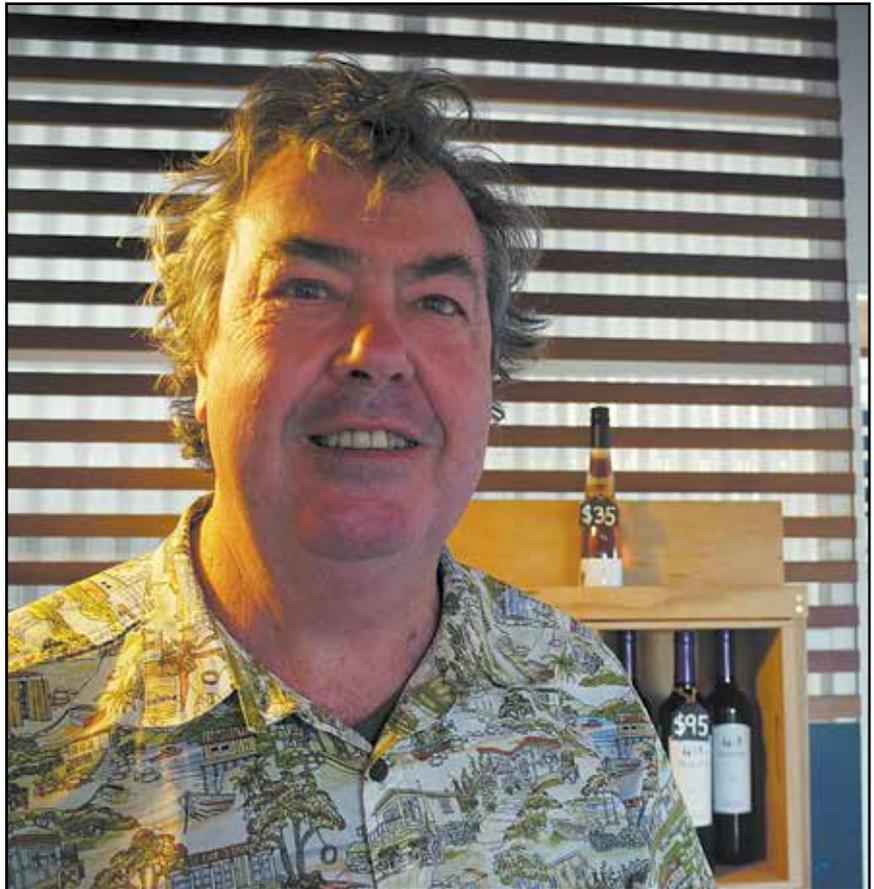
But on this day, at Onetangi, he's simply sunstruck by two simple ideas.

"I was a surf lifesaver back at Hawke's Bay, and you'd see the haze, the heat that just shimmers off the sand? That's what I saw, at Onetangi, and I thought, 'This is just like Hawke's Bay!' And the next thought was, 'You must be able to grow grapes here.'"

That revelatory moment seems, in retrospect, not entirely a surprise. Dunleavy grew up in Hawke's Bay, and recalls sitting with mates under vines near Bluff Hill, eating grapes and calling across the valley to the girls at Sacred Heart College. He made mandarin wine too, under the family's house, and even ran a teenage whisky still.

In 1976, his father Terry became the first boss of the New Zealand Wine Institute. The family was in Milford by then, and the 20-year-old Paul Dunleavy, a law student, would turn up at the Mon Desir Hotel, Takapuna, to keep various international Wine Institute guests company over breakfast. He met luminaries like Helmut Becker, head of Germany's Geisenheim Grape Breeding Institute, who'd later gift to the New Zealand government the entire German vineyard root stock, and Napa Valley vintner Robert Mondavi who led the crusade to adopt 'New World' production techniques, and to drop such old-world generic classifications as 'claret' and name wine by variety instead.

In those early years of New Zealand



Grape expectations... when others were getting out of the business, Paul Dunleavy made a major investment in a vineyard in Marlborough.

winemaking, Dunleavy also hung out at industry field days, rubbing shoulders with the country's intimate coterie of mainly Yugoslav winemakers, the same ones who'd show up for card sessions at the Dunleavy house.

"Paul is thinking of starting a vineyard on Waiheke," said Terry Dunleavy at one of the card sessions. "Tell him it's a silly idea."

At the time, Waiheke had just one established vineyard, Goldwater Estate, and one other, Stonyridge, then unknown but soon to have a world reputation.

"If it's what Paul wants to do," said Mate Brajkovich of Kumeu River Wines, "then it's not silly..."

We take the ferry to Waiheke, boarding at 11.10 am at Devonport. Dunleavy and his brother John, who joined as vineyard manager, named the vineyard Te Motu, and began learning on the job.

Devonport should perhaps be grateful to this early Te Motu, for it brought the local stopover to what was otherwise an Auckland ferry service. During Te Motu's

first commercial harvest of 1993, Dunleavy commuted often, and became friendly with the ferry owner and fellow Waihekean, George Hudson. When Hudson was aboard, he'd give his skipper permission to back the vessel against the Devonport wharf, and Dunleavy would make the jump. In 1994, with 20 family members and relatives wanting to get to the vineyard for a Christmas party, Dunleavy rang Hudson to suggest a more formal stopover. On the day, about 80 people were waiting on Devonport Wharf for that first link service, and it became regular soon after.

"The first time I was here, 40 years ago, you were really somewhere else," says Dunleavy as we catch a cab at Matiatia Wharf and head up to the vineyard. "Dirt roads and bush, and the only espresso machine was at Rocky Bay. Now it doesn't feel like somewhere else. It's almost an extension of Devonport. That's a village, and this is a village too. There's lots of similarities, and crossover."

The taxi pulls up at Te Motu's 'The Shed' and first sight of the land Dunleavy chose for

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the venture – 30 acres, just inland of Onetangi.

“It’s north-facing, sloped well for growing things,” he says. “It’s also an interior bowl, so it stays warm at night, ideal for the Bordeaux varieties that we grow – cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc, merlot.”

“The blends,” says Dunleavy, as he pours tasting glasses of 2015 vintage cabernet-merlot for the two of us, “have what’s called a long palate, so you get flavours in your mouth that endure after you sip it, and they change. You can get quite a fruit cake. So you could start with cherries and go through, really, the black fruit, to plum at the end. What flavours do you get from this?”

Put on his mettle suddenly, the Flagstaff journalist, who’d be the first to admit to a fairly indiscriminate palate, rises uncertainly to the occasion.

“Perhaps a bit of apricot in there?”

Silence. Dunleavy hooks an eyebrow of genuine surprise, before offering a generous reprieve.

“Hmm. Okay. Each to his own. Apricot is a flavour that’s more commonly associated with sauvignon blanc, but that’s the great thing about wine. There’s such wide interpretation. The Bordeaux varieties are multi-dimensional and often surprising.

“But look, the only thing you need to know about wine, is what you like. Then you can take it from there. You can say well, do I like varieties? Do I prefer them from different areas? Or does this winemaker handle his variety well? For me, right now, one of my faves is at the Vic Road Kitchen, and it’s a Seresin sauvignon blanc, which is wild-fermented and it’s a little bit older than most sauvignon blancs, and has quite different flavours.”

So to “The Shed”, Te Motu’s restaurant, and a menu that even in its starting ‘Bites’ section promises such haute cuisine as chicken liver parfait with elderflower jelly, peach mostarda, and rye herb and onion soda bread.

The conversation flows, as it always does with good food, and a sommelier-style host to advise on wine.

The right wine, suggests Dunleavy for my chosen main of Lee line-caught tarakihi, with manuka-smoked-eel tonnato, capers, cucumber, cherry tomato, wakame and potato,

“We went from 30 acres, to 750 acres... I saw the momentum was already there. It was clear that once New Zealand got that capacity, there was a market for its wines.”

is sauvignon blanc. Te Motu doesn’t grow that grape, but it’s the one that most recently utilised Dunleavy’s other talent: financial analysis and forecasting.

In the years through to 2008, New Zealand winemaking was trending towards oversupply, and the Global Financial Crisis of that year aggravated it further, to a crisis.

“Vineyard production had increased from 15,000 hectares in 2004 to 35,000 hectares in 2008,” says Dunleavy. “There were suddenly massive amounts of stuff coming off the farm gate and the wineries didn’t have the facilities, the tanks. They couldn’t handle it.”

The price of wine plunged to \$12 a bottle. Small wineries went to the wall or were taken over by the larger enterprises, and in the years that followed, everyone was backing off wine.

Except for those entrepreneurs who didn’t.

In 2011, in what he calls, “an emotional decision” Dunleavy sold Te Motu to a group associated with Richard Yan, then director of Mainzeal. Dunleavy had secured a forward contract with Villa Maria for sauvignon blanc grapes and with Te Motu sale money to hand, he set out, with a group of investors, to buy Marlborough land that might supply the requisite tonnages to Villa Maria – a quantity 50 times greater than Te Motu’s boutique harvest. He found the vineyard he wanted in the Awatere Valley, at development stage, unloved, with \$20 million owing.

“We went from 30 acres, to 750 acres. And why did I buy in at that stage? Because I saw the momentum was already there. The downturn of those years was just because they couldn’t facilitate getting the grapes into bottles. It was clear that once New Zealand got that capacity, there was a market for its wines.”

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Then in 2013, just before the Mainzeal group collapsed into receivership, but without knowing that was going to happen, Dunleavy and an investor group bought back Te Motu.

“We paid a fair market price, and it was not a mortgagee or liquidator sale,” says Dunleavy. It was good to be back.

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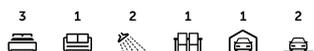
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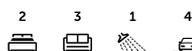
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Architect David Mitchell leaves a legacy of achievement

Distinguished architect and Narrow Neck resident David Mitchell has died.

One of New Zealand's foremost architects, Mitchell's work ranged from tertiary education buildings and secondary schools to art galleries, office buildings and numerous residential buildings – including the eye-catching Old Lake Rd house he shared with his partner in both life and work, Julie Stout.

Recent works of their firm include the Lopdell House refurbishment and the Te Uru regional art gallery in Tiritangi.

Along with his architecture practice, Mitchell was known as a teacher, writer and commentator. He taught design and environmental control at the University of Auckland's School of Architecture for 15 years from 1972–1987; was an adjunct professor at Unitec's School of Architecture; and wrote two books on New Zealand architecture. He also presented a six-part TV series *The Elegant Shed, NZ Architecture since 1945*, which was accompanied by his book of the same name.

Mitchell received the New Zealand Institute of Architects (NZIA) Gold Medal in 2005 and was named a Distinguished Alumni by the University of Auckland in 2016. He curated New Zealand's first exhibition at the Venice Biennale of Architecture in 2014.

A Flagstaff story in 2015 described how Mitchell and Stout came to the Devonport peninsula, following in the footsteps of Mitchell's son Julian – also an architect – about 14 years ago.

While working on a house on Old Lake Rd, they spotted an empty lot two doors down, bought it, and slowly started building a contemporary home with concrete walls

and corrugated plastic roofs.

In 2007, they built a small studio and lived in it for 18 months while the house was built.

Stout recalled: "Everyone would stand out on the street and stare at us and say 'What the hell is going on there?'"

The architecture community loved the house. In 2009, it won the NZIA Auckland Award, and a year later it was a finalist for the NZIA Home of the Year.

The Flagstaff story also told of Mitchell & Stout Architects' key role in protests against a Ports of Auckland plan to expand Bledisloe Wharf into the Waitemata Harbour.

Mitchell had worked in and around the Waitemata Harbour since 1960, when, straight after architecture school, he joined the Group Architects office in the Ferry building. When the then Auckland Harbour Board proposed to sell the city block between Quay, Customs, Albert and Queen Streets, Mitchell objected to what he called the "shemozzle of Queen Elizabeth Square, the creation of uninhabitable public space."

In 2015, he acknowledged the progress made since then, including in the growing appreciation of pedestrian areas. Mitchell played an important part in that progress. In the 1990s, he and Stout worked from afar on the redevelopment of the Viaduct Basin, while sailing around Asia and Europe.

His career since then cemented his standing as a leading figure in New Zealand architecture.

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Not just ducks under threat from development

The recently reported (Flagstaff, 23 March) dead ducks in the pond at Northboro Reserve is disturbing as this wetland habitat is also frequented by other wildlife. Some years ago, the council agency Healthy Waters planted out this site to create a valuable wetland habitat following a major reconfiguring with caged rocks to manage storm-water inflows from nearby roads.

It's a popular spot at the weekends for mums, dads and their children to feed the ducks and pukeko. Competing for the bread thrown in are some very large eels that are often seen here. Some of them are nearly a metre long. They could be at least 60 years old. Some of these eels, as they approach the end of their life span, will head off out of the Shoal Bay estuary to breed in waters far north of New Zealand. Eels can be sensitive to the quality of the water they inhabit. I haven't seen them recently.

The black shag (great cormorant) occasionally visits this pond, sometimes perched at the top of the large damaged pine tree nearby. A little shag, a more frequent visitor, swims submerged for short bursts as it hunts for food. White-faced heron have nested here. In the early summer, many welcome swallows fly fast skimming the surface of the pond as they catch insects, occasionally stopping for a breather on the pipe that crosses the pond.

It has been suggested by Healthy Waters that botulism is responsible for the death of the ducks and that E.coli is present as well as an oily film. Water temperatures have been higher than average this summer, and with relatively little rainfall until recently to flush out the pond, this may have contributed to the stagnation.

Other factors that could be contributing to degradation of this precious wetland and the Shoal estuary are that part of this pond is fed from storm-water run-off from local roads where infill housing is happening. Contractors wash mud from footpaths and roads into the gutters and within 10 minutes this water is flowing into this area. Upgrading of the access road from Northboro Rd to the old sewerage pumping station nearby allowed silt to contaminate the water too and this is an ongoing issue around the estuaries. Very recently, at Ngataranga Bay, silt-containment fences were not installed to contain a slip under repair by the authorities.

It took an expert contracted from overseas some years back to inform us that most rainfall on the North Shore ends up in the Gulf within 20 minutes, with no filtration due to lack of permeable surfaces. It's unlikely that the results of water testing by Healthy Waters will be made public, but the community needs to know in advance of some large intensive housing projects planned for around the wildlife-rich estuaries of Shoal and Ngataranga bays. If compliance to protect streams and water areas is not followed, we can expect further pollution as they continue to use our estuaries and beaches as a large convenient drain.

Philip Moll



Environment concerns... a variety of birds are under threat from silt and development run-off



Devonport Chamber Orchestra and Cornfield in brilliant form

A larger than usual Devonport Chamber Orchestra (DCO) revelled in the rousing melodies and brass fanfares when it opened with the *Prelude to the Mastersingers* by Wagner at a concert in Holy Trinity Church on March 25.

The strings played with precision and warmth of tone and the large woodwind and brass sections added majesty and richness. Beautifully blended woodwind and horn melodies were highlights.

Paddy Cornfield has performed at least one piano concerto with the DCO in each of the last 15 seasons. This time, it was Rachmaninov's *Piano Concerto No 3*, regarded as one of the piano repertoire's most challenging works. Cornfield scaled its most difficult passages with aplomb. His immaculate technique and passion for the work were fully displayed.

Capably led by Helen Crook, and conducted by the impressive Peter Thomas, the orchestra was fully supportive. The orchestra was of

symphonic proportions with four horns, tuba, timpani and percussion. With only a two-bar orchestral introduction, the piano begins what is a real tour de force with few breaks for the pianist. Lush romanticism built with increasing intensity. Towards the end of the cadenza there was a beautiful flute-and-piano duet, followed by a lovely cello theme accompanied by pizzicato from the double basses.

Peter Thomas's total familiarity with the score ensured soloist and orchestra were as one – the blending of solos within the orchestra and the piano were highlights. Cornfield's rapid and intricate fingerwork in the second movement was accompanied by broad themes in the strings, with immaculate horn playing.

The third movement, with its piano gymnastics and variations on themes from the first movement, seemed a contest between the orchestral forces and the piano. The

musical tension remained throughout the climax – even a wandering dog who ventured into the church and joined the orchestra could not break it.

Cornfield acknowledged the very ecstatic applause but in turn recognised that none of this wonderful music-making would have been possible without the great efforts of Roger Booth, who arranges players and the venue, distributes music, organises front of house, writes the programme notes and performs in the orchestra either as a clarinettist or violinist.

A really thrilling concert – congratulations to Cornfield and the orchestra for a brilliant start to the 2018 season for the DCO. The next concert is on Sunday 27 May at 2pm and includes Beethoven's *Coriolan Overture* and wonderful *Violin Concerto* featuring young Christchurch violinist Benedict Lim. Peter Thomas will again be conducting.

Rogan Falla

Cost of renovation paves way for demolition

The decision to approve the demolition of a dilapidated Devonport villa, rebuffed the concerns of Devonport Heritage 2017 and Auckland Council's heritage advisor.

The cost of renovating 19 Mozeley Ave would have been too expensive, Auckland Council duty commissioner Ian Munro said, agreeing with property owner Patrick Walsh.

Council's heritage advisor Stephen Curham considered the demolition would have significant effects and Devonport Heritage 2017 opposed the proposal, seeking public notification.

However, consultants for the applicant and a council planner submitted that the effects of the demolition would be "less than minor," Munro said in his report.

"Having visited the site, I also agree with the applicant's characterisation of the dwelling as dilapidated.

"I find that a dilapidated, uninhabited dwelling detracts from streetscape amenity

and character.

"It will detract more so as the dwelling continues to decay."

Notwithstanding Mr Curham's opinion that the building may be reasonably repairable, I find that the overall weight and balance of evidence that the building is in an effectively irreparable state is very convincing," Munro said.

Curham said that the building was part of the special character of Devonport.

But Munro disagreed. "I find it does so in a highly comp'romised state and in a way that does not at all enjoy the integrity Mr Curham has identified. The dwelling exhibits the visual qualities of a poorly maintained, decaying and derelict building."

Munro conceded that the houses around 19 Mozeley Ave were in a well-maintained and tidy condition.

"Significant and unreasonable structural and cosmetic works would be required for

necessary rehabilitation of the dwelling and the ability to achieve reasonable amenity for the occupants and reasonable compliance with any requirement of the Building Act 2004.

It is not practicable to do so as it would involve substantial cost and in any event be likely to require removal or substantial change to much of the original fabric of the building," Munro said.

In his application for demolition, Walsh said the 133 sqm two-bedroom house on a 369 sqm site, would cost nearly \$1 million to renovate, making it "cost prohibitive".



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The times they are a changing

Musician Rikki Morris had a number one hit with *Nobody Else* in 1988. He made his home in Devonport for 25 years, raising a family and helping foster a local music scene when running a recording studio at The Depot. He reflects on why he is leaving the suburb he grew to love.

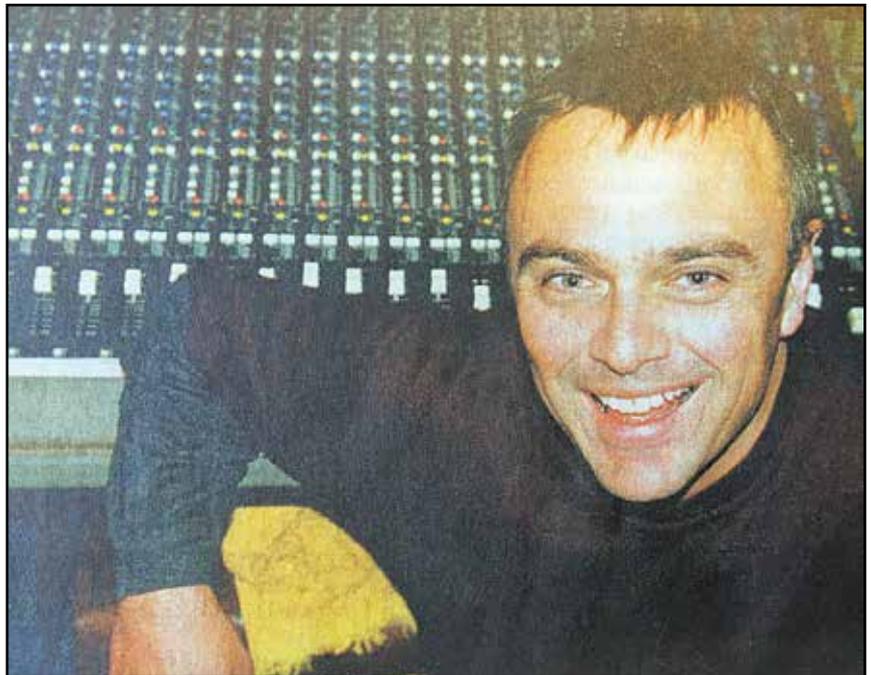
Devonport sure has changed...

I grew up in Glendowie in the late 1960s and 1970s. The North Shore seemed like another country back then. Everything I ever needed lay within a two-mile radius. A bus ride to the city on a Friday night to buy the latest Eagles or Status Quo album from Direction Records in Vulcan Lane was the highlight of the week...yep, back then 'town' was about as far as you needed to travel.

Why on earth would anyone wish to live in Devonport? Unless you were in the Navy, of course. No, for me Devonport was some sleepy little village that you could see off in the distance when you were jumping off the cliffs at Ladies Bay. Occasionally, my soccer team (Eastern Suburbs) would venture across the four-lane Harbour Bridge to meet our fierce rivals North Shore United. Them and Mt Wellington, Blockhouse Bay and those ponces from Howick were our arch-enemies. We'd kick lumps out of each other, shake hands, buy Coca-Cola and doughnuts and drive back to our patch out east. Glendowie was a great place to grow up in.

I frequented Devonport a lot in the late 80s, mostly to the old 'Splade' Lounge Bar to see a band perform to a sold-out crowd, or to play with my band The Rocking Love Gods. Those were the days.

Fast forward to 1993. My first wife was expecting our second child. Having spent two years in Melbourne pursuing my flagging music career, living in Ellerslie



Busman's holiday... Rikki Morris at his recording studio, The Bus, in 2002

was not doing it for us. 'Let's go and live in Devonport' turned from a pipe dream to a reality when the lovely old couple in Rutland Rd shaved 45K off their asking price and we somehow managed to 'get into Devonport' for 200 grand. Yes, 200 grand! A small fortune at the time. Today you couldn't buy a garden shed for that price in Devonport.

The early 90s was a lovely time to be living in Devonport. It was such a laid-back spot...a real village feel to it. Everyone seemed to know each other. Traffic was manageable in and out along Lake Road, the beaches weren't too crowded in summer, the local shops seemed to be doing a roaring trade, especially with the tourists, and some

nice cafes and restaurants were popping up.

It still had an underlying artiness to it too. Lots of hippies wandered about smelling of sandalwood and weed. Some real characters I can tell you. The Navy base always gave Devonport an orderly air though. Devonport was very safe. And dare I say it, a bit white. How very un-PC of me.

The kids loved it. They attended good schools, had lots of friends and took part in plenty of after-school activities. Devonport seemed like a great place to grow up in. We loved it.

Linda and Robyn took over the old vacant bus depot site in Clarence Street and called it The Depot. A place where the many local

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artistic types could meet and mingle and hang a few recently completed artworks on the newly painted walls. It was well funky back then. A few imaginative fellas even built a couple of practice rooms down the back of the building so local bands could rehearse. They soundproofed the walls with hay bales...real Kiwi 'number 8 wire' stuff! They ended up turning it into a recording studio, but interest dwindled rapidly. So when I took over the lease in 1998, it was really nothing more than a couple of storage rooms.

I spent eight wonderful years at 'The Bus' Recording Studio at The Depot, recording literally hundreds of bands, singers and songwriters. Graham Brazier, Hammond Gamble, When The Cat's Away and many other New Zealand legends graced that space. I was like a pig in poop.

Somehow, with the help of a myriad of amazingly talented schoolkids from Taka Grammar, who had grown up listening to their parents' Beatles, Stones, Kinks and Small Faces LPs, we created a phenomenon called 'The Devonport Sound'. Bands like The Checks, Electric Confectionaires, White Birds and Lemons and The Earlybirds sprang up out of nowhere and made a serious dent on the Auckland music scene.

The Bus, The Depot and The Masonic Tavern played a large part in their journey. Thanks Boyd! It truly was one big happy musical family. Finn Andrews went to London and formed The Veils. They remain a massive drawcard all around the globe. Gin Wigmore became a huge star. Ella must've been soaking up the vibes somehow too, though her time would come later. Fun times indeed. But outside our little studio bubble, Devonport was slowly changing,

as was my own personal journey...but that's another story.

House prices were skyrocketing. Those quaint, rundown villas were now highly sought after by Auckland's more wealthy and elite... in they came in their droves. And who can blame them? Four-wheel drives and

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people-movers became the car of choice. Builders and renovators had an absolute field day. Owners and property developers were subdividing, extending and demolishing left right and centre. Higher rents drove out the artists and the hippies.

The village appeared to be fragmenting. Its unique character was slowly fading. Sure, there were still a few polite 'hellos' when you went to New World or the post office, but more often than not I wouldn't recognise anyone I knew when I walked down the main street. Sadly, that feeling of familiarity, that 'us against the rest of the Shore' mentality had largely gone. The true soul of the place had all but vanished.

I've personally felt somewhat cut off recently, living in Devonport. I mean that literally. Lake Rd has become an absolute nightmare. Those damned bike lanes! Honestly, what were they thinking? The phrase 'I'm just nipping up to Takapuna' has been forever eliminated from our vocabulary.

Too many people living here now. Too many visitors, especially in summer, when the cars and buses come from across the bridge and deposit thousands of city folk onto Narrow Neck and Cheltenham beaches. Leave your mess behind, it's OK, someone else will pick it up.

My wife spends up to two hours a day getting to and from work in Royal Oak. When she first moved in with me six years ago, it wasn't anywhere near that bad. I guess now she is part of the problem. 'Catch a ferry and two buses then'. Yeah right. 'Buy a bike why don't ya?'. Mmm, no thanks. God knows what it will be like when the new Ryman complex is operating. Let's just say, it ain't gonna get better any time soon.

And what's happening to our retail centre? Every second shop is empty. Established businesses have closed at an alarming rate recently. But we have a lovely new library eh? The wharf remains a mystery. The Masonic has become apartments. Fair enough. Mt Victoria has (rightly) been closed to traffic. Thankfully, The Vic is thriving. What a wonderful success story that place is!

Yes indeed, Devonport has changed all right. And after nearly 25 years living in the greatest suburb on earth, my wife and I have decided, in the words of Phil Judd, it is now *Time for a Change*. Time to say goodbye to the old hood. Time to start another chapter.

Goodbye Devonport. We're heading back across the bridge. Thanks for a treasure chest of memories. I'm truly grateful and honoured to have been a part of your history and to have brought my three children up here. They will all be the better for it.

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Anzac exhibition opening draws a big crowd



Anzac art... Tony McNeight (above) tells the story of his giant poppy; Maggie Barry gives McNeight a rock from Anzac Cove, as Jermaine Reihana looks on; and Helen Pollock in front of her exhibition with the Honorary Consul of Belgium Lisbeth Jacobs

A crowd of around 170 spilled out onto the street at The Depot's Anzac exhibition opening event last Monday night.

The exhibition included Helen Pollock's photography display *A Moving Tribute*, and Tony McNeight's *The Giant Poppy Peace Project*. Bruce Anderson's *Peace Mandala* was also on display.

Locals aged from eight to 80 filled the gallery, writing special messages to fill the giant poppy and admiring the art installations.

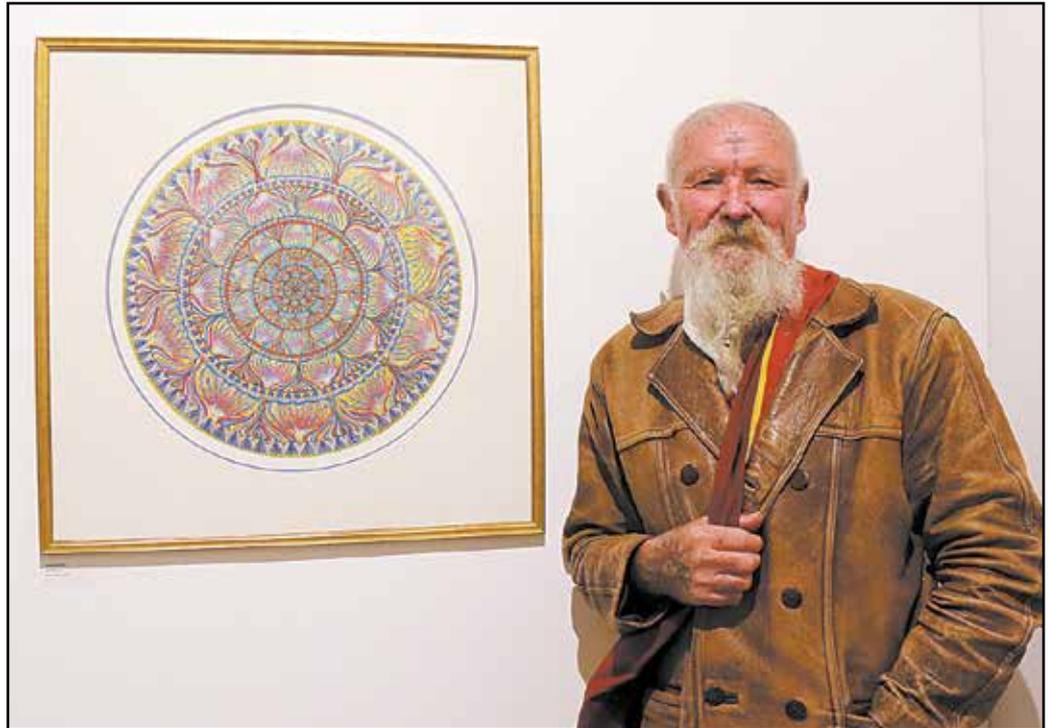
The event kicked off with a Maori prayer by The Depot's Maori Liaison, Jermaine Reihana.

North Shore MP Maggie Barry was next to speak, stressing the importance of paying tribute through art. Both McNeight and Pollock spoke about their exhibitions.

The Anzac exhibitions will be on display, and messages can be added to the giant poppy at The Depot, until 9 May.



Also promoting the theme of peace at the Depot... Bruce Anderson stands beside one of his mandalas. The hand-drawn symbols offer a universal perspective of peace, which assist in the realisation of what can be called 'higher consciousness' or peace within.



The Giant Poppy takes shape... Exhibition visitors are invited to write a personal message to honour those who gave their lives in wartime.



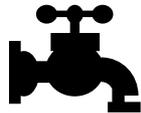
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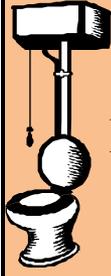
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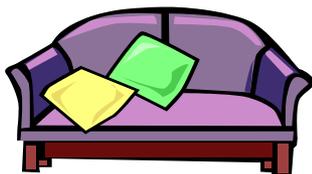
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Company Theatre's first production for 2018 is *Popcorn*, by UK author and comedian Ben Elton. It won the Laurence Olivier Award for Best New Comedy in 1998, and its serious themes, amidst the laughter, are just as relevant today.

The plot centres around Bruce Delamitri, a Hollywood film director, who makes Oscar-winning, violent Tarantino-like movies. He barely thinks of the effect his movies may have on the disaffected, and the problem of copy-cat crimes, but is made to consider his actions in the hostage drama that unfolds on stage.

Delamitri is played by North Shore resident Nick Brown, who is an award-winning director, actor and teacher, and the current head of drama and theatre arts at Westlake Boys' High School.

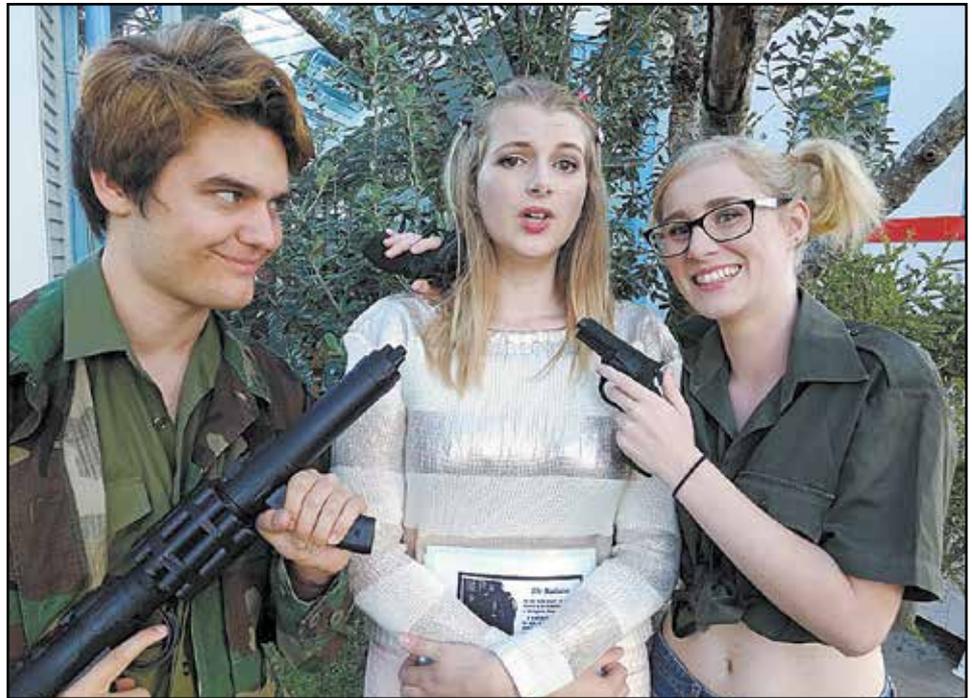
Elizabeth Swan returns to the Company stage as a *Playboy* centrefold/aspiring actress. Sexploitation in the film industry is one of the play's themes.

The cast also includes three Takapuna Grammar School senior drama students – Francis Johnson and Grace Chisolm, who play the challenging roles of Wayne and Scout (also known as the Mall Murderers), and Jasmine Gray, who plays Delamitri's daughter, Velvet, who is held at gunpoint during the hostage drama.

As the gun debate continues in the US, the play gives voice to different viewpoints in an action-packed setting.

The play is directed by Suzy Sampson, who trained at the London Academy of Performing Arts and the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art (RADA) in the UK, TVI Actors Studio in Los Angeles and in the Stella Adler Studio of Acting in New York.

The season runs at the Rose Centre, Belmont, from 12-26 May, Wed-Sat at 8pm, with two Sunday matinees at 4pm. Tickets are available at iticket.co.nz or by calling 361 1000. The Company Theatre bar will be open before and after performances. Tickets \$27 and \$22.



Hostage drama... Takapuna Grammar School students (from left) Francis Johnson, Jasmine Gray and Grace Chisolm appear in Company Theatre's *Popcorn* at the Rose Centre. Johnson and Chisolm play the "Mall Murderers" Wayne and Scout, while Gray is the hostage, Velvet.



Welcome to Hollywood... Nick Brown, Westlake Boy's High School head of drama and theatre arts, plays movie director Bruce Delamitri. Elizabeth Swan takes the role of a magazine centrefold model and aspiring actress Brooke.

Video to vodka: new bottle shop planned

A bottle store is planned in central Devonport – just 50 metres away from established liquor outlets Glengarry Wines and New World.

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Opposition erupted several years ago to a bottle shop that attempted to locate nearby, in a vacant shop next to Clarry’s cafe, which had previously been a delicatessen.

The store didn’t eventuate and the premises are now home to Premium Real Estate’s Devonport branch.

BP Trading Company was incorporated on 23 February 2018. Its directors are Prem Chandnani and Biren Patel, who live in New Lynn and Mt Albert respectively.

The name of the proposed new shop is Liquorland Boutique.

The application can be inspected during office hours at Auckland Council offices in Orewa, Takapuna, Henderson, Manukau, Papakura, Pukekohe and 35 Graham Street, Auckland.

Any person wishing to object to the application must do so in writing to the District Licensing Committee.



Bottle shop planned... Liquorland Boutique proposed for Clarence St

Care urged over Cheltenham bus-stop rejig

Any changes to a bus stop at Cheltenham shops should be considered carefully, says local board member Mike Cohen.

Auckland Transport told the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board that buses were having difficulties picking up passengers at the shops due to cars parked nearby.

However, Cohen said given the historic value of the shops and the verandah over the footpath, it was a “sensitive area”.

Victoria Rd trees

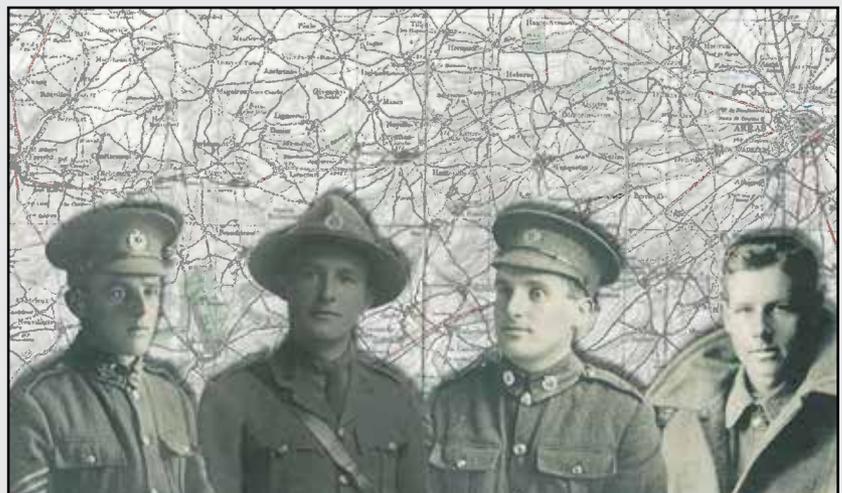
The Devonport-Takapua Local Board has passed a motion to be consulted on all street-tree removals where there is likely to be significant community interest,

Board Member Jan O’Connor said it was ridiculous the board was not told of this type of removal as “we are put up to the firing range” when local people started asking legitimate questions.

Member Mike Cohen said: “It makes us as a board look terrible.”

Board chair Grant Gillon said one or two of the row of ash trees removed from Victoria Rd recently looked dead, but the others “looked very healthy”.

Brothers in Arms exhibition



From Devonport to the trenches of France... Alban, Ernest and Gainor Jackson and Jack Parsons

The wartime stories of Alban, Ernest and Gainor Jackson, and Gainor’s brother-in-law Jack Parsons, are on display at Takapuna Library this month.

The Jacksons were a prominent Devonport family and many of the exhibition are from archives – many only found prior to the sale of the family

home at 1 Jubilee Ave in Cheltenham.

A film about the family, made with the help of Devonport Heritage, is also showing.

- Brothers in Arms runs until May 21, at the Angela Morton Art History Reading Room, Takapuna Library.

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A view of Mt Victoria from Harry Cobley's residence in Cheltenham Rd, 1873. Auckland Public Library.



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Twenty years ago: a selection from the Flagstaff files

- A student is expelled from Belmont Intermediate after bringing marijuana to school.
- Strong opposition emerges to a skateboard track at Torpedo Bay playground.
- Pie-in-the-sky second harbour crossings are put forward by Auckland Regional Council, which include:
 - a four-lane cable-stayed bridge crossing from Judges Bay over Devonport
 - a four-laned cable-stayed bridge from Beach Rd, Parnell over Devonport to Esmonde Rd, costing \$786 million
 - a four-lane tunnel from Beach Rd to Esmonde Rd, at a cost of \$1660 million
 - a tunnel from Judges Bay to Esmonde Rd at a cost of \$1727 million
- Former Navy commodore John Leonard is farewelled in a moving ceremony at the naval chapel.
- Dangerous driving by Devonport parents dropping off and picking up children from schools has become a problem.
- A proposal to erect a huge flag on the top of Mt Victoria is put to the Devonport Community Board.
- John Leonard, who served more than 35 years in the Navy, rising to the rank of Maritime Commander, dies suddenly aged 55.



- A rundown villa at 7 Burgess Rd sells at tender through the Public Trust office for \$389,000.
- Trish Joughin, former Devonport Borough Council Deputy Mayor and co-founder of Devonport Heritage, is the subject of the Flagstaff feature interview.

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SCHOOL NEWS



Grammar

MAY 4, 2018

Little Women – the musical

The 2018 Musical Theatre class brings you *Little Women*, based on the classic book by Louisa May Alcott, as their biennial class production. This well-loved story follows four poor sisters and their mother in the American Civil War era, and the struggles they face as women in this time.

The show has a challenging but beautiful score, skilfully performed by the cast of MUT students — mostly from the L2 and 3 senior class, but with some from the newly formed L1 class as well. The feisty, feminist protagonist, Jo, will be played by Francesca

Ramdhanie and Georgia Barron, both taking Musical Theatre at Level 3.

Little Women will be performed in the new hall, Te Poho o te Raiona, with live music. This follows 2016's *The Final Curtain* in the tradition of having class musicals on alternating years from the full-school show, like 2017's *Grease*. Typically, these class-run shows are chosen to have more complex content and less focus on chorus. The cast has been rehearsing in class and outside school hours to bring the show up to the high standard that TGS's performing-arts

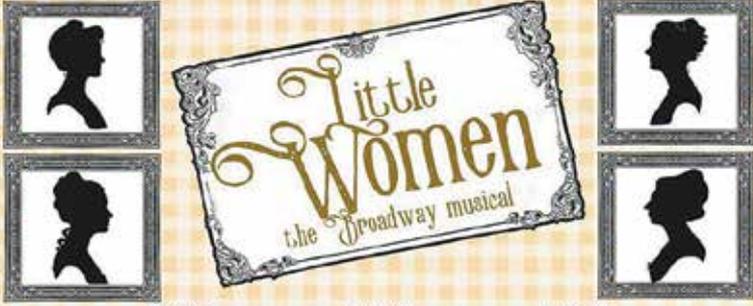
department is known for.

The show's run will also feature, for the first time, a sensory-friendly matinee, accommodating those with autism or other sensory sensitivities. This reflects the performing-arts department's progressive wish to make the arts available to the wider community. Each cast will have three shows each, including the matinee.

A heart-warming show for young and old, this uplifting, timeless story is not to be missed. Book your tickets now using the link on the Takapuna Grammar School Performing Arts Facebook page.

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Sheilah Winn Shakespeare win

Takapuna Grammar won the 15-minute category at the Auckland North regional Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival, held on the 6th and 7th of April. The winning scene was Act 1 Scene 2 of *As You Like It*, directed by HOD Drama Bruce De Grut. This was one of seven scenes entered by TGS drama students, including student-directed excerpts from *Macbeth*, *Titus Andronicus*, *Pericles*, and *All's Well That Ends Well*. The cast of the winning scene now qualifies to compete at national level in Wellington later in the year.

The competition has two categories: 5-minute scenes, which must be student-directed, and 15-minute scenes. TGS was one of two winners selected this year. The judges, Auckland Theatre Company director Colin McColl and ex-TGS student Harriett Maire, took over an hour and a half in deliberation. This year's regional competition had the most entries to date, with 51 performances over the two days.

The Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival is a good experience for drama students, since knowledge of Shakespeare and the skills required to perform it are considered essential in the theatre world. It is also currently the only opportunity for TGS students to compete and represent the school in acting. Other performing-arts competitions include the KBB Music Festival and The Big Sing.

"I really loved how the competition brought all the schools together. I got to meet some lovely new people!" said Rosie McGregor, a Level 2 Drama student and member of the winning team. "Watching all the different interpretations gave me some fantastic new insights into the world of Shakespeare. I will definitely be back next year!"

BY REBECCA SCHOLTZ

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SCHOOL NEWS



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Student well-being peer team workshop

Spirits were high as members of the Student Well-being Team began their first workshop of the year. Heidi, a counsellor at Takapuna Grammar School, organised a day of learning and team-building for the students, with organisation Live For Tomorrow. The Student Well-being Team is a newly-created peer team composed of 16 students, who focus on the mental health of students at Takapuna Grammar, and encourage a more positive school environment.

Live For Tomorrow is a youth mental health project created in 2013 by Zeal. They sent Project Assistant Janelle Collins to spend the day with

the 16 students, discussing aspects of mental health and ways to improve it at school. Year 12 student Libby Lord thoroughly enjoyed the day, saying: "It was an interesting and enlightening experience. I learnt so much about mental health and well-being, which is something we should focus more on."

Projects and activities for later in the year were also planned within groups of students. The Student Well-being Team has some exciting plans on the horizon, which they are looking forward to showing Takapuna Grammar.

BY SERINA MANSELL



Janelle Collins (right) who spent the day with the students

Another year, another YELFie

The first week of the school holidays saw avid Year 13 environmentalist Katja Neef, flying off to the sights of Mt Taranaki and the west coast waters. Little did she know she was in for five days of rigorous, adventurous learning and strategic planning.

The umbrella focus for The Sir Peter Blake Trust Youth EnviroLeader's Forum (YELF) 2018 was climate change, whether that be ocean acidification, liveable cities or adaptation. The days included leadership and team building at TSB Taranaki Outdoor Pursuits and Education Centre (TOPEC) through ropey challenge courses inland, above and on water to help break the ice. They embarked on another adventure to a local farm, Taranaki District Council and the Department of Conservation to gain insight.

Katja comments that "it was a worthwhile experience meeting like-minded people passionate about the environment and hearing many different perspectives."

On the way, the group stopped by the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, otherwise known as the Len Lye Centre, adorned in full-length mirrors from top to bottom, where they fittingly learnt about urban planning from an environmental perspective. A highlight was the time spent at the Sugar Loaf Islands, where they learnt about pH amongst plankton, gulls, snails and even seals. Other times were jam-packed with workshops and discussions among participants where many friendships were forged.

BY CHRISTINE ZHOU



Katja Neef at YELF

Crew makes the cut

Montana Cooper won the recent national hip hop champs in the varsity division, with her dance crew Masque, retaining their national title for the second year in a row. She also won the mega crew division, giving her two titles this year.

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Dance crew - Masque

August in Arizona. Montana will be very busy, keeping up with her school work, training and fundraising to get to the USA in a few months' time.

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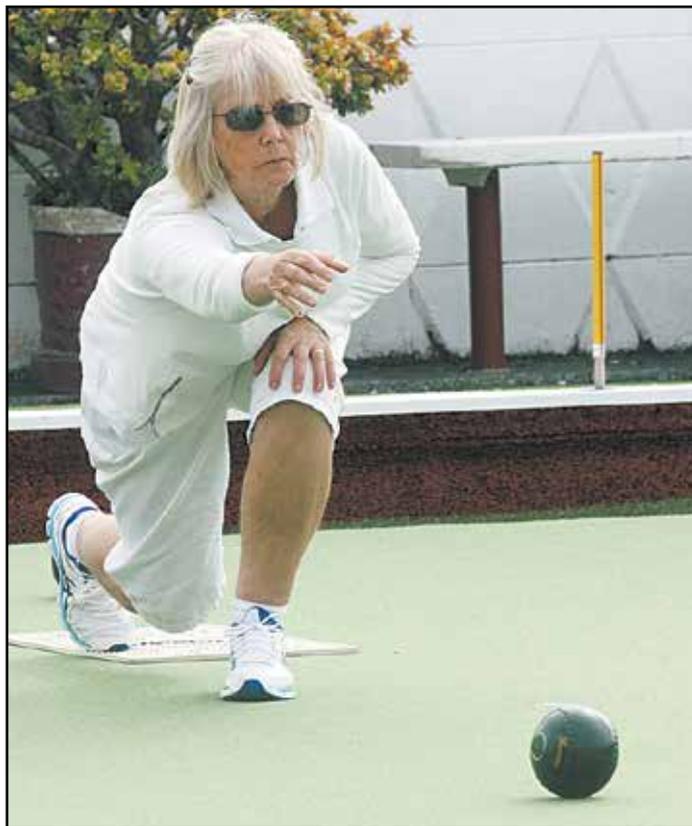
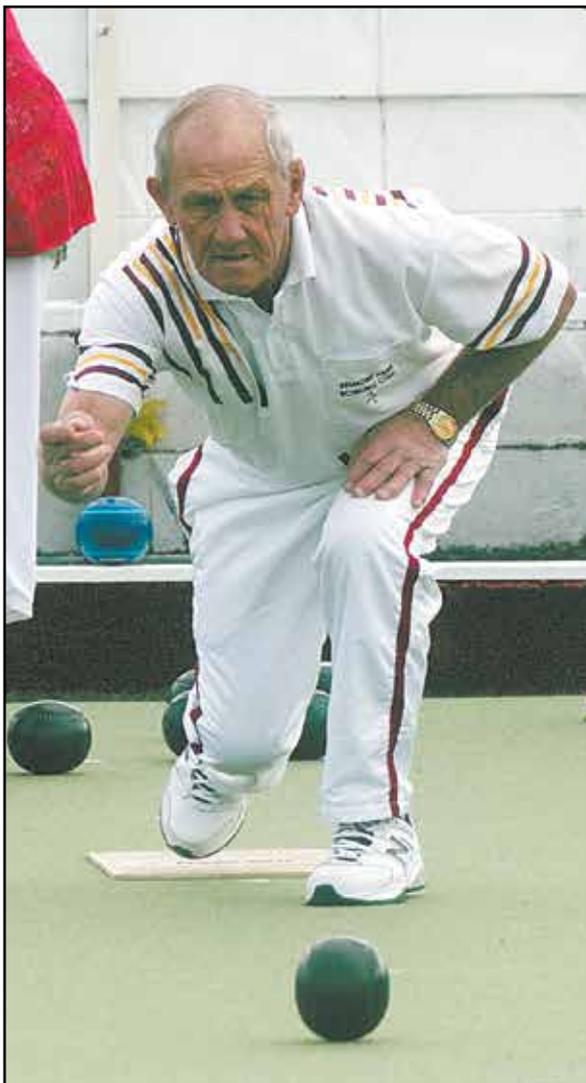
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Belmont Bowling Club opens new green



On a roll... Belmont Bowling Club life member Trevor Allen (above), Sheila Stevens (above right) and Rod MacKay (right) in action at the invitation tournament to mark the opening of the club's new green.

Belmont Bowling Club celebrated the opening of its new \$150,000 green last week with a triples tournament attended by more than 50 people.

The invitation tournament was attended by players from Stanley Bay, Devonport, Takapuna and Mairangi Bay bowling clubs, the Devonport Sportmen's Club and a variety of sponsors.

Belmont Bowling Club has been operating in its current form since 2000, when men's and women's bowling clubs were merged. It now has about 60 members.

Treasurer Brenda Gibson said it was an exciting time for the club as "the new green guarantees our longevity. It's a great surface and we can now retain members and attract new ones."

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August's winning cycle continues

August Elworthy continued his excellent form, winning two cycling titles at the Age Group Road National Championships held in the Wairarapa.

He won the boys Under-15 individual time trial and the boys Under-15 road race. Other Takapuna Grammar School placings included: Lucy Buckeridge, third, Under-17 girls road race and Joshua Kench, third Under-19 boys road race.

Barbara Dawson

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Pride runs in the genes



Like father, like son... from left to right: Fraser Conway, Sam Pierce, Donald Coleman, Keiran McBride, Campbell Chandler and Dan Hilton-Jones.

The saying that champions are born not made was ringing true when North Shore Rugby Club premiers played Silverdale recently.

Six of the team's fathers had played for the premiers a generation ago.

The players who took the field against

Silverdale were (with father's names in brackets): Fraser Conway (Mark Conway); Sam Pierce (Scott Pierce); Donald Coleman (Peter Coleman); Keiran McBride (David McBride); Campbell Chandler (Tom Chandler); Dan Hilton-Jones (Russell Hilton-Jones).

NGĀTI WHĀTUA ŌRĀKEI



Kāinga Pāho

Removal of ex-Defence houses is underway and one of them is about to become home to a family of five in the Bay of Plenty.

With three young children, Huia and JT Paul made the move from Auckland to JT's papa kāinga in Opotiki a few years ago, hoping to become homeowners and feel more connected to the land and whanau there.

"Auckland property had become way too expensive and homes in Opotiki had always been affordable," said Huia, who is a trained secondary school teacher.

But the couple soon realised Opotiki house prices had also skyrocketed and buying a family home there was out of reach too. After a lot of research, they realised the most affordable option was buying an empty section, at cost from whanau, and moving an existing house onto the land.

While staying with family, they began what Huia describes as a "desperately long" search for a relocatable house. The search took a year, but eventually Huia stumbled

across a TradeMe listing for a solid-looking house in Rutherford Street, Belmont (pictured).

"I honestly thought it was too good to be true," says Huia.

The house was a well-maintained, three-bedroom ex-Defence Force house, and the Pauls paid just \$2 for the actual building. The real expense, of about \$48,000, was the cost to transport the building from Auckland to the land in Opotiki. It was by far the cheapest relocatable house Huia had come across.

When she learned the house was being sold by Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, she knew she was in good hands. Both Huia and JT were recipients of a Rangatahi Maia scholarship from the hapu which paid for their first year of university.

"I was happy to be buying it from them because they are an iwi doing bloody great things," said Huia, who says the purchase process and arranging the logistics of the move was a totally positive experience.

"I felt completely respected and supported



and everyone did everything they said they would do. Both Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei and Karl Fenton from the moving company Easy Moves went above and beyond to help us."

The house is due to arrive in Opotiki in the next month. Huia says her five-year-old daughter is excited about the new house.

"She is of an age to really benefit from being exposed to the korero around mum and dad looking for a whare," says Huia.

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