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## North Head transfer to Maunga Authority brought forward

The transfer of Mangauika/North Head from DoC to the Tupuna Maunga Authority could happen as early as 1 July 2018.

It had been anticipated the handover would occur in 2021/22, said a report to the authority tabled on Monday.

Following the Maunga Authority hui, a paper was to go to the Auckland Council Governing body on 27 June, recommending the transfer proceeds.

A letter from Auckland Council to Maunga Authority chair Paul Majury on 18 May says

agreement between council and DoC had been reached. It involves a payment by DoC in "recognition of deferred asset-maintenance costs, and a further two years of management

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## Paris-style puriri has Devonport roots



**Branching out... Artist Paris Kirby with her painting of a puriri tree, one of the works featured in Vauxhall School's fine-arts fundraiser this month. Story, page 20.**



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## Development races ahead while infrastructure projects remain unfunded

The cost of the Devonport Wharf refurbishment could hit more than \$12 million.

An extra \$6 million for stage three of the wharf project – the currently empty area from the toilets to the ferry gates – is included in the draft Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP).

Stage three is currently “unfunded”, meaning it is included in the plan, but there is no budget for it in the next 10 years.

The same applies to the Bayswater ferry terminal – in the plan with a cost of \$14 million but, as yet, no funding set aside for it.

The lack of money for the projects is “worrying”, Grant Gillon Devonport-Takapuna Local Board deputy chair said at the board’s May meeting.

Many development projects are underway on the Devonport peninsula, which would see the population swell, Gillon said.

“The Bayswater ferry terminal is integral [to offering more public transport options],” he said.

“The fact the Bayswater ferry terminal is

unfunded in the RLTP in the next 10 years is a bit of a concern to us,” Gillon said.

A business case for improvements to the congested Lake Rd is being developed over the next year, but there are no dates for when any works would start, Gillon said.

Councillor Chris Darby told the board a vital first step is the redevelopment of the downtown ferry terminal. It is at capacity now and it is pointless offering better ferry services around the city if boats have to wait outside downtown for a place to berth.

Even now, Darby had gone on an eight-minute ferry ride from Stanley Bay to downtown, only to “wait 12 minutes for a slot”.

An integrated plan to lessen Lake Rd traffic is needed, including better ferry options, more frequent buses and improved cycleways, Darby said. He was confident Devonport Wharf stage three and the Bayswater ferry terminal would be accelerated to the funded list over the next few years.

## Opera event proposed for Devonport

A spectacular opera show in Devonport is under investigation.

Devonport BID manager Toni van Tonder has been working on the concept and is applying for funding to investigate further.

Major corporate sponsors would be needed for the event as well as a huge amount of planning, Van Tonder told the May meeting of

the Devonport Business Association (DBA).

DBA chair Dianne Hale said initial grant money would be used to scope concepts and funding.

Windsor Reserve is being considered as a likely location. But Hale recalled decades ago, events were held on floating barges in the harbour.

## Purpose-built ferry fleet an option

A purpose-built fleet of Auckland Council-owned ferry boats to service Devonport and other areas is an option on the table at Auckland Transport (AT).

AT is developing a long-term ferry strategy.

Auckland Council buying and owning a purpose-built fleet was an option being considered, councillor Chris Darby told the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board at its May meeting.

Fullers currently operates a “mix of odd-bod ferries” on its Devonport route, said Darby.

The Kea (which was purpose-built for the route) is the only ferry that loads on and off properly, he said.

The option for the council to buy ferries is understood to be at a very early discussion stage.

Earlier, board members raised concerns about the standard of the ferry service, which

is considered vital in any plans to improve public transport.

Member Mike Cohen said most of the current ferries are a poor design for the route; it is difficult for more than one person to get on and off at a time, and problems were posed for cyclists, and those with pushchairs and wheelchairs.

“Ferry design is just as important as infrastructure design,” Cohen said.

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### Early transfer of mountain

by the Department” under the direction of the Authority to June 30, 2020.

This includes further contributions to maintenance costs and staff time.

No mention at this stage is made of any vehicle bans on the mountain.

## Patels carry on after thieves strike again

The second smash-and-grab raid on a Narrow Neck dairy in four years has left its owners shaken, but they have no plans to shut up shop.

Three or four hooded and masked robbers smashed the front window of Devon Superette on Old Lake Rd in the early hours of May 13, while Matt and Yogi Patel slept upstairs.

All the thieves took were a few Magnum ice creams and some sweets. They failed to break into a locked cigarette cabinet.

Matt said the alarm went off at around 1.30 am. "I went downstairs and was about to go into the shop, but my wife warned me because they may have had some weapons. So I started banging on the door."

He saw the offenders run off down Handley Ave, where they most likely had parked a car. Police have yet to catch the thieves.

"It was frightening," said Matt, "I never thought it would happen after the shop was ram-raided four years ago." On that occasion police caught the thieves at a road block.

The Patels have lived at the dairy for 17 years this July, and they plan to stay.

It is a great community, with a lot of concern for the their welfare, said Matt. "The neighbours were really helpful."

Given the nature of the goods stolen, it was likely teenagers were responsible. But "we do not know if they came from the other side of the bridge or are local people."

The large glass window was replaced after the robbery, and Matt is reluctant to erect a grille. He does not want to live like other dairy owners around Auckland and Hamilton, who have "so many bars it is like they live in a prison."

**Standing firm...**

**Matt and Yogi Patel**



### Police catch Bayswater Superette thief

A 20-year-old South Auckland man has appeared in North Shore District court charged with the burglary of Bayswater Superette.

The alleged offence happened on May 18 at around 4 am.

The owners of the superette declined an offer to be interviewed by the Flagstaff.

### Lucente wins Auckland title

Belmont Park squash player Matthew Lucente continued his stellar season with a win in the Auckland junior champs last weekend.

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# Guillotine no problem for health and safety



**Perfectly executed... Cameron Gore faces the chop, surrounded by (from left) Sofia Miernik, Helen Phillips, Isla Cousins and Emma Milnes**

A guillotine built for a Devonport Drama production of *The Scarlet Pimpernel* at the Rose Centre this month raised a few health-and-safety eyebrows.

The guillotine took Devonport Drama tutor Geoff Allen two days to build.

He asked his father-in-law, magician Stan Goudge, for some advice, as magicians use small guillotines to 'cut off' fingers.

Rose Centre manager John Davies wanted to know what sort of health-and-safety plan Allen had for the show.

Allen replied that the only props in the show were a guillotine, swords and poisons – so no problems there.

• The Devonport Drama Teen Show will be performed on 22 June at 7pm, and 23 June 23 at 2pm and 7 pm. Bookings 445 9900.

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# Feelings run hot as maunga bosses front up

A 1370-signature petition, in opposition to a vehicle ban on Takarunga/Mt Victoria and calling for greater local consultation, was presented to the Tupuna Maunga Authority chair Paul Majurey at a public meeting last week.

Majurey agreed to present the petition and convey the sentiments of the meeting to the Maunga Authority.

More than 100 people packed the Devonport Community House – easily filling the available seating and spilling out onto mats around the walls.

After Danny Watson welcomed the visitors, authority manager Nick Turoa's reply was interrupted by members of the crowd, with one one shouting the authority were enemies not friends. Others complained about the use of Te Reo Maori instead of English and one man stormed out saying he could not understand what was being said.

When the floor was opened to the public, Laura Martin said Te Reo is New Zealand's language and she was disgusted "to hear the racism" at the meeting.

Danny Watson encouraged the meeting to show "community spirit" in welcoming the authority.

Chair Chris Mullane counselled the audience to honour each others' cultural history in seeking a "positive and collaborative outcome".

Geoff Chapple, leader of the action group that organised the petition also called for calm, saying, "The interface between the Maori and Paheka world is what makes New Zealand what it is." That didn't mean issues couldn't be debated, he said.

The petitioning group was concerned the plan to ban vehicles from cone summits was not plainly stated in initial Maunga Authority strategic plans, which were open for submission. It was a rushed decision and should not have been considered until individual plans for each mountain were developed, Chapple said.

There had been "a chilling effect" on the numbers of people – particularly those over 65 – going up the mountain since the ban was introduced, he said.

Having to ring up to get access to the mountain was embarrassing and led to people not doing it. The "wonderful anarchy of the mountain", with lots of people coming and going had been lost.

Figures presented to the meeting showed mobility-access requests have fallen since access



**Face to face... organiser Geoff Chapple hands the petition to Maunga Authority chairperson Paul Majurey**

was closed.

In March, 167 'single visit' mobility-access codes were issued; in April this fell to 34; 17 had been issued by 24 May.

Maunga Authority chair Paul Majurey played down the significance of the figures, saying winter was influencing numbers.

Majurey said he did not agree with all of Chapple's points, and felt the authority had consulted locals. In addition to the submission process, the organisation's operations manager had attended a public meeting of the Devonport Community Network in February 2017, where he explained pedestrianisation.

The Maunga Authority co-governs Takarunga/Mt Victoria with Auckland Council, with representation from councillors and local-board members.

"We followed the process we thought was correct."

Majurey said a lot of feedback had been received from Devonport and many people supported the pedestrianisation of the mountain.

The authority had been involved in a Devonport-wide rat eradication plan, he said. From the authority's perspective, the "on trust" code system for limited vehicle access was working well. In the short to medium term, the authority would be working on improving tracks on the mountain, and controlling weeds and pests. Contractors and ambulances would always need to drive to the top, but a non-permeable road surface may be laid at some time, he said. There are no plans to commercialise the mountain.

Locals spoke of their love and passion for the mountain going back generations: Bill Rayner is descended from the Wynyard family who

have lived in Devonport for 150 years. Many locals regard themselves as mana whenua, just like Maori, Rayner said.

Laurie Spinley, a Devonport resident of 80 years, said locals had always helped each other and did things for the community, a spirit the authority hadn't seemed to recognise.

"Just consult people and ask them before you barge in and upset them."

Devonport Folk Club's members were upset that the construction of the barrier arm made it more difficult to get to The Bunker, and someone had to stand at the gate in the rain to man it.

Jill Crow, a member since 1974, said it was "an affront" to the club and especially its president Roger Giles, who had been the unofficial caretaker on the mountain for 50 years.

Local-board member Mike Cohen was disappointed councillors had not been forceful enough in putting Devonport residents' views to the authority.

Devonport is different to Mt Eden, he said, and Maori do not have a monopoly on a spiritual connection to the mountain.

Miriam Beatson said Takarunga had been "looking down on me my whole life" and she regarded the barrier arm as "a stab into the flank of the mountain I love".

The meeting voted to continue its campaign for the Maunga Authority to be more consultative with Devonport people.

• Former minister of Treaty negotiations Chris Finlayson, who enacted the legislation to create the Maunga Authority, has agreed to meet with the action group to discuss future moves.

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## Intolerance mars showdown over maunga access

Intolerance and racist undertones simmered alongside parochial Devonport passion at the Takarunga/Mt Victoria public meeting last week.

One of the petition organisers, Danny Watson, gave an extended Maori welcome for the Tupuna Maunga Authority members and staff who had accepted the invitation to come and hear local grievances.

Maunga Authority manager Nick Turoa was half-way through his response when calls from the crowd such as “speak a language we can all understand” and “is this all going to be held in Maori?” echoed around the hall. One member of the audience left in protest.

Another attendee, Laura Martin, was so appalled she later used her speaking time to call the meeting to account for the racism she identified in what she had seen.

The behaviour of the crowd was poor – embarrassing even. Devonport should be thankful no national media were there to record it. At worst it was racism; at best it was very bad manners to visitors to our “Devonport home”. Why let Danny have his say and then shout down the authority?

I would have thought Maori welcomes and the consequent reply are now so much part of New Zealand society that they would have become an accepted way of starting a meeting.

Fortunately proceedings calmed down and the more generous heart of Devonport rose to the surface. Locals whose families had lived in the area for 150 years spoke of their love for the mountain. They are its guardians and protectors, just as Maori are. It is sacred to them as well. They wanted to have a say, from a grass-roots perspective, on plans for the mountain.

Here’s the rub. Over the last decade, locals have felt left out of decision-making. For example, huge numbers of Devonport people joined the fight to save land at Fort Takapuna from development. Some of it became park, but then the government disposed of some of it in a Treaty settlement, with no consultation locally.

Maunga petition organiser Geoff Chapple said working to the letter of the law, as the Maunga Authority has done, may be correct by statute, but it was not always right. It is a good point. Why didn’t the authority start off in a more traditional way and have a series of hui around Devonport to thrash out issues and concerns?

The fact the authority came to Devonport to hear locals’ concerns – albeit belatedly – is progress. However was it consultation? Maunga Authority chair Paul Majurey failed to mention accelerated moves for Maungauika/North Head to come under the authority were to be discussed this week.

There are opportunities when Maungauika/North Head comes under the auspices of the Maunga Authority. A ‘friends-of-the-mountains’ type of group, which could feed grass-roots ideas into the mix is likely. And with two mountains to look after in Devonport, it would be great if the authority set up a small management office in the town. It would be excellent for the welfare of the mountains, and a symbol of working with the community rather than above it, and as a place to take on local ideas and passion.

I stand by my stance that the mountain should be vehicle-free. But let’s hope in the future local views are better considered and, in a true partnership, authorities make use of the commitment to Devonport that we all share.

### The Takarunga/Mt Victoria story at a glance

- The summit of Takarunga/Mt Victoria became vehicle-free on 1 March, with a barrier erected on the mountain road.
- Vehicle access for those with limited mobility is available by calling the Maunga Authority to get a code. Mountain users such as the Michael King Writers’ Centre, The Devonport Folk Club and Devonport Tours have negotiated access rights.
- An action group of Devonport locals – Cam Calder, Geoff Chapple, Mike Cohen, Ian Free, John Retimana and Danny Watson – launched a petition opposing the barrier and what they saw as a lack of consultation with the local community.
- A public meeting, attended by the Maunga Authority and more than 100 people, was held at Devonport Community House last week.
- Authority chair Paul Majurey accepted the 1370-signature petition and agreed to take it and feedback back to the authority for discussion.
- The barrier arm and vehicle ban will stay.
- A ‘Friends of Mt Victoria’-style group is likely to set up to liaise with the Maunga Authority.

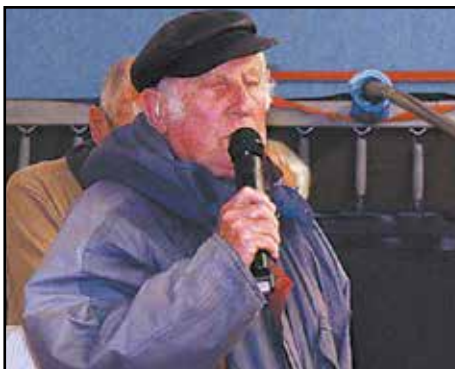


**In full flight... Danny Watson welcomes the Maunga Authority**



**Appalled at racism... Laura Martin**

**Locals make themselves heard... Laurie Spinley (left) was another who spoke. With all seats taken, the crowd spilled out onto the floor**





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**By Rob Drent**

An opera event for Devonport, under investigation by the business association, needs support from the community and wider afield. Devonport remains almost completely off the radar in terms of Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development (ATEED) funded events. It's a strange state of affairs, as over summer thousands of tourists, from overseas cruise-ship passengers to visiting New Zealanders, flock to Devonport to enjoy its many charms.

Over the past year, more than 21,000 people sought out the Devonport Visitor Centre – no thanks to ATEED, which has refused to pay a cent towards its costs. The number of events in Devonport has declined over the years since we were absorbed into Auckland Council.

The demise of the popular Devonport Food and Wine Festival, is a case in point; a victim of bureaucratic health-and-safety costs and a refusal by Auckland Council to recognise it as a regional event and sponsor it as such. The organisational burden and financial risks simply became too much for Devonport Rotary, a group of volunteers.

Major sponsorship will be needed for the opera event. But does it need to be completely stand-alone? What a great finale it would be to Sculpture OnShore 2020. Opera at Fort Takapuna among the sculptures – now that would be a spectacle to behold.

Two dairies – at Narrow Neck and Bayswater – were subject to callous criminal raids in recent weeks.

In the case of Devon Superette, just up from Narrow Neck beach, the thieves were so inept that fortunately they made off with only a few ice creams and packets of sweets.

The crimes have a profound effect on dairy owners. The Patels have owned Devon Superette for 17 years and are very much part of the community. Neighbours and others have been quick to offer their support.

At Bayswater Superette, the owners told the Flagstaff they were “new” and did not want to talk further. It's a great shame – they have just arrived and have had to go through something like this.

I'm sure I'm not alone in thinking both sets of owners should be able to live and work safely in our community.

It was incredible to see James Hincho back playing for North Shore Premiers. How many times has he retired, only to make a comeback when the top side is in dire need?

He's scored three tries in a couple of games this season as well. He's played many more than 100 games for Shore and is a throwback to the now seemingly distant

days when club stalwarts were commonplace and it was an honour to turn out every week for your team.

Further to the difficulties North Shore Rugby Club is having with special liquor licences (liquor-licensing authorities issued permits to the club in error for decades, it seems), I hope the issue is sorted out soon.

The club has become a focal point for funerals and other community events, and it is also missing out on substantial fundraising opportunities. A recent Seagulls old-boys function prior to a match with Takapuna – an event which can raise up to \$40,000 – had to be cancelled.

When I first started at the Flagstaff two decades ago, there was the odd complaint around town about parties (usually 21sts and the like) at the rugby club. But nothing for years. In reality, drink-driving crackdowns have put paid to a lot of the old-style revelry.

Auckland Council is moving to amend the Vauxhall Reserve management plan to allow the club to have a number of special licences a year.

Wouldn't it have been fairer to allow the rugby club to continue business as usual until the changes were made?

How many people are really opposed to the vehicle ban on Takarunga/Mt Victoria? Impossible to know in absolute terms but a quick Flagstaff facebook poll last week showed 55% were in favour of no cars.



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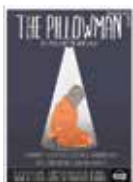
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## Devonport Pink Ribbon Breakfast



**Happy to help a good cause... Carol and Bill Macky**



**Café catch-up (from left to right)... Dianne Hale, Christine Russell, Diana Russell and Trish Sweetman**



A Devonport Pink Ribbon Breakfast held at Correlli's raised almost \$2000 for the Breast Cancer Foundation.

Around 50 people attended the breakfast, an annual event organised in recent years by Lynda Betts.

Money was raised through a silent auction, with goods donated by artist Diana Poor, Sustainabag, Correlli's, Paradox Books, Cosi Fan Tutte, Skin Sense, Toti, Yartons, S'Pacific, Devonport Chocolates and The Natural Health Company.

Correlli's also contributed \$500 and the Flagstaff donated advertising for the event.

**In the pink... Patricia Hinchey enjoys the morning**



**Supporting breast cancer education, advocacy and research...**

**(From left to right) Katherine Downs, Jo Blair, Hayley Law, Gillian Ferry and Tanya Gamman**



# Harcourts

**NEW LISTING**



**Belmont 9b Elderwood Lane**

4 3 1 3

### Short Notice Auction!

Here it is at last a fabulous big solid home! Four bedrooms, three with ensuites, two living areas, open plan kitchen dining with views. This spacious home is saturated in sun and perfect for extended family or teenagers wanting extra space and independence. All ages can walk to Primary, Intermediate and Grammar school. Low maintenance, weatherboard concrete block and tiles. Private outdoor barbeque area for all the family to enjoy. Garage with internal access with ample off-street parking and room for the boat. You will love living in this peaceful location, where you can easily walk to St Leonard's and Takapuna beaches all year round. This is an outstanding opportunity, don't miss out!

### Auction

In Rooms, 128 Hurstmere Road, Takapuna, 14th June at 6.30pm (unless sold prior)

**View** Sat & Sun 12.00 - 12.45pm  
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## Devonport 34 Roslyn Terrace

3 1 1 1

### Cracking Opportunity With A View

This affordable villa offers very comfortable living with huge future potential to expand if you need it. The ambience that only a villa offers awaits you, pressed steel ceilings, wide hallway, spacious rooms. A modern open plan kitchen family area has a beautiful uninterrupted view to Mount Victoria. This home represents a fantastic option if you are looking for character, village life and future potential. Get cracking, call Maria to view.

### Tender

Tender closes Tuesday 26 June at 4pm (unless sold prior)

**View** Saturday & Sunday 1.00 - 1.45pm  
[www.harcourts.co.nz/DP9778](http://www.harcourts.co.nz/DP9778)

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# Harcourts

## OPEN HOME



### Devonport 1a Owens Road

3 1 1 2

#### Secluded & Seriously For Sale!!!

A lovely charming standalone home. Secluded and special, tucked down a quiet leafy driveway, this home offers 3 double bedrooms and wrap around verandah. The open plan north facing living on the ground floor will be for many the heart of the home for everyday living and entertaining. A tropical oasis in central Devonport with everything close at hand.

#### Auction

On site, Sunday 10th June 2018 at 4.00pm (unless sold prior)

**View** Sat & Sun 1.00 - 1.45pm  
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## AUCTION SUNDAY



### Devonport 65 Old Lake Road

2 1 2 1

#### Charming Duplex - 440m2 Of Land

- Deceased estate - owned for 20+ years
- 1940s post war build oozing potential
- Handy studio at the rear
- Look at the location, so close to everything
- Perfect entry level buying with an outstanding lifestyle
- Flexible viewing, be quick to avoid disappointment!

#### Auction

On site, Sunday 3rd June at 1.00pm (unless sold prior)

**View** Sat & Sun 12.30-1pm  
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## OPEN HOME



### Devonport 6/93 Vauxhall Road

1 1 1

#### Cheltenham Beach Pad

Just metres from the sands of Cheltenham Beach, this cute one-bedroom apartment is the perfect pad for a single person. With a warm north-facing lounge and bedroom in a peaceful garden setting, it offers easy single-occupancy living - with bus, shops and cafes on the doorstep. Cheltenham living doesn't get more affordable than this, be quick to snap up this piece of paradise. View now!

#### For Sale \$495,000

**View** Sat & Sun 12.00pm-12.45pm  
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## AUCTION SUNDAY



### Bayswater 3/9 Roberts Ave

2 1 1 1

#### 110m<sup>2</sup> Unit With Plenty Of Sun

- Positioned at the rear of a small group of 3 units in a private & peaceful setting
- Recently renovated with internal access from the lock up garage
- 2 generous bedrooms both with wardrobes
- Open plan lounge with dining room
- Modern kitchen & bathroom with separate toilet

#### Auction

On site, Sunday 3rd June at 12.00pm (unless sold prior)

**View** Sat & Sun 12.00-12.30pm  
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## OPEN HOME



### Devonport 22a Summer Street

3 2 1 1 2

#### 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.

Having been re-piled, re-wired, both the interior and exterior painted and the kitchen modernised - just move in and enjoy this beautiful home in an excellent family focussed community.

#### For Sale

By Negotiation  
**View** As advertised or by appointment  
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### Devonport 6/7 Owens Road

2 1 1 1

#### Price Is Gone Urgent Action Required!

The owners are heading overseas and would like this apartment sold. If you have been looking for a great opportunity to buy in Devonport, don't delay...this apartment will be sold!

#### For Sale

Price By Negotiation  
**View** Sunday 11-11.30am  
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## OPEN HOME



### Devonport 24a Russell Street

4 3 2 2

- Unique, Unexpected, Exclusive
- Three bedrooms plus separate studio and en-suite
- Completely renovated throughout
- Fully landscaped grounds
- Private, sunny and secure
- Double garage

#### Tender

Tender closes Tues 5 June at 3pm (USP)  
**View** Sat & Sun 12.00 - 1.00pm. Wed 2.30-3.15 & 6-7pm  
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## OPEN HOME



### Takapuna 14 Northboro Road

3 2 2 2

#### Ticking All The Boxes

If you are looking for plenty of bang for your buck, then this property is it! Lovely new kitchen, heat pump for heating and cooling. Nice and large with great floor plan and on a substantial 683m2 section. There is so much on offer for so little, buyers will be amazed at all they will get with this property that is positioned well in the market offering affordable family buying.

#### Auction

On site, Sunday 10th June at 12.00pm (unless sold prior)  
**View** Sat & Sun 2-2.30pm  
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### Bayswater 10a Lansdowne Street

3 2 2 1 1

#### Capture The Sun In Bayswater

Nestled in a quiet family friendly, no-exit street in Bayswater, this stylish home has so much to offer.

With gorgeous water views over Shoal Bay and a sunny north facing aspect, this home is warm and homely and easy to fall in love with.

#### Auction

On site, Sat 9th June 2018 at 3.00pm (unless sold prior)  
**View** As advertised or by appointment  
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## NEW LISTING



### Devonport 17a Fraser Road

2 1 1 1

#### Deceased Estate Do-Up

- Very special opportunity seriously for sale by beneficiaries
- Duplex on 586m2 of fee simple freehold land in sought after location
- First time on the market ever, original condition throughout
- Large back yard with many fruiting trees, and several sheds, perfect for green thumbs

#### Auction

On site Sunday 17th June at 12.00pm (unless sold prior)  
**View** Sat & Sun 11.45-12.15pm  
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## FINAL WEEK



### Devonport 6/53 Vauxhall Road

2 1 1 1

#### Disregard All Previous Pricing!!

First home buyers and down sizers who don't just want a unit, then this low maintenance, freestanding 2 double bedroom town house is now available for the next lucky owner. Elevated with a sunny, fenced and private outdoor area.

Where else can you buy a stand alone property in this location at a price that will surprise you?

#### Tender

Tenders close Tuesday 5th June 2018 at 4.00pm (will not be sold prior)  
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## NEW LISTING



### Devonport 11/16 Queens Parade

2 1 1 1

#### Central Ground Floor Waterfront Unit

If safe and secure, ground floor living is what you're seeking for yourself, a relative or investment then look no further than this light and bright two bedroom ground floor unit in this well established central Devonport block. It's only a short stroll to the shops, library, public transport, cafes, cinema and all that Devonport village can offer.

#### Auction

On site Sunday 17 June at 5pm (unless sold prior)  
**View** Sat & Sun 1-1.30, Wed 12.30-1pm  
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## NEW LISTING



Devonport 13b Ariho Terrace

3 2 2 1 1

### Ariho On The Eleventh

- Overlooking Waitamata Golf course
- Built to capture all day sun
- Option for 4th bedroom downstairs
- Upstairs & downstairs bathroom
- Short stroll to Devonport village
- Ample storage options

### Tender

Tender closes 12th of June at 4pm (USP)  
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## OPEN HOME



Devonport 26b Seabreeze Road

3 2 1 2

### Views Over Golf Course

Elevated position opposite Golf Course,  
Narrow Neck Beach end!  
Solid reliable 1970s build in brick and  
concrete block.  
Refurbished in recent years, internal access  
double garaging.  
Excellent outdoor flow to entertaining area,  
and front verandah. Open plan living, master  
with ensuite, there is so much on offer here!

### For Sale \$1,398,000

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## OPEN HOME



Devonport 48 Ngataringa Road

3 2 2 1 3

### Perfection Personified

If you are seeking the perfect blend of a  
beautiful Devonport 1920s character  
bungalow that has retained its charming  
features including lovely bay windows, you  
will find yourself falling 'head over heels'  
when you step into the magnificent open  
plan renovation at the rear!

### Auction

On site, Sunday 10th June at 1.00pm  
(unless sold prior)  
View Sat & Sun 12.15 - 1.00pm  
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## NEW LISTING



Devonport 34 Roslyn Terrace

3 1 1 1

### Cracking Opportunity With A View!

Get cracking and view this affordable villa  
which offers very comfortable living with  
huge future potential to expand if you wish.  
The ambience that only a villa offers awaits  
you here, high pressed steel ceilings, gracious  
wide hallway, well-proportioned rooms. A  
modern open plan kitchen/family area has an  
uninterrupted view to majestic Mount  
Victoria.

### Tender

Tender closes Tuesday 26 June at 4pm  
(unless sold prior)  
View Saturday & Sunday 1 - 1.45pm  
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Devonport 30a Fraser Road

4 2 1 1 2

### Present Your Offer

Now is your chance to own this fantastic four  
bedroom, two bathroom home. Sitting at the  
end of Fraser Road just a short walk to  
popular Narrow Neck Beach. Close to public  
transport and local shops this is a very easy  
home to live in and to enjoy the lifestyle  
Devonport offers.  
Please call us for more details and a viewing.

### For Sale \$1,195,000

View By Appointment  
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## OPEN HOME



Devonport 21 Lake Road

4 3 2 2 2

### Exceptional "As New" Home

Magnificent ex South Pacific Timber show  
home built in 2008 featuring the highest  
durability strength Vitex timber  
weatherboards and 19mm polished timber  
flooring. Solid Rosewood internal doors,  
newly renovated and freshly painted inside  
and out.

### For Sale \$1,895,000

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# A Super City welcome to historic Devonport

I thought it was time to post you an image of where Auckland Council's new Unitary Plan is leading us.

Anybody driving into Devonport during the last month will have seen the latest 'Blot on the Landscape' on the skyline at King's Store. This tilt slab monstrosity is the sort of travesty that the current town planning of the Super City now allows. Multiple storeys, on top of the ridgeline, and smack across the gateway into historic Devonport.

Maybe we should approach the new owners to see if the Council can relocate its 'Welcome to Devonport' sign and attach it to the side of this new edifice? It would certainly be an improvement and possibly cover up the visual outrage that has been perpetrated!

**Ian Goldingham**



## Wharf users go thirsty

The drinking fountain on the boardwalk of Devonport wharf was well used, but was removed months ago, when alterations began. Auckland Transport said in an early-April email to me that it was removed as part of Phase 2 and will be reinstalled as part of Phase 3. "The team is investigating the feasibility of re-installing the removed drinking fountain in the meantime."

I have heard nothing more.

**Liz Phillip**

## Music over sentry duty

There seems to be a lack of clarity about events that evoked interest in the Maunga Authority on the mountain.

Attempts were made for some to talk with them, without success.

Read Geoff Chapple's article in the 20 February *New Zealand Herald*.

The barrier arm was installed, quickly, without any input from the locals concerned. As for the so-called satisfactory arrangements with the folk club, this

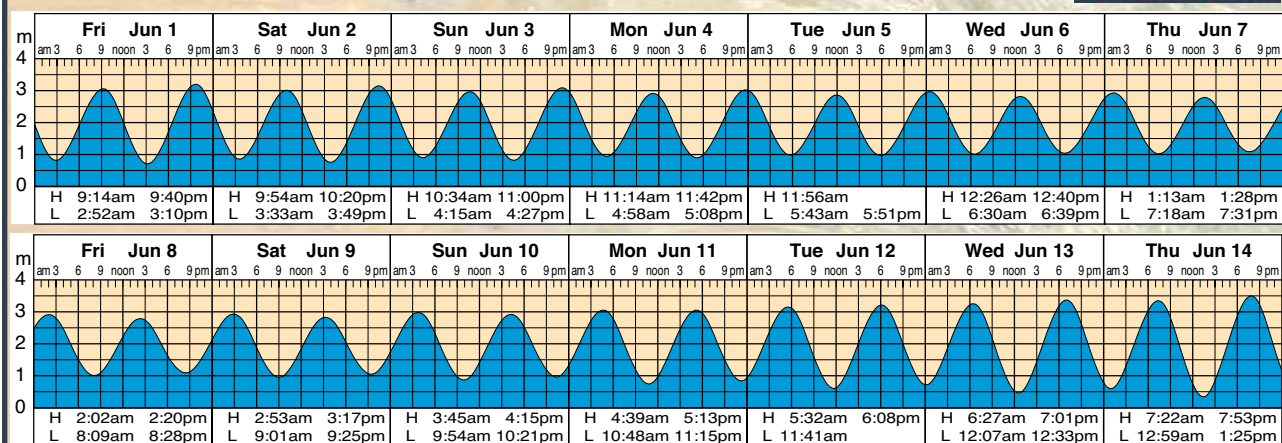
involves standing in the elements playing barrier-arm guard instead of listening to the local and overseas musicians.

Sentry duty has never been a popular occupation, but in the past we may have had enemies. We must explore ways of keeping the mountain sacred, and using our beautiful asset to the satisfaction of all. We should do this properly, because it could be a model for the other cones of Auckland.

**Alec Hill**

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## Whisky drinkers unite in welcome

What a sad moomful letter from Roger Giles ("No need for another bottle shop", Flagstaff 18 May). I'm hoping that other readers will accede that we need a "Liquourland" to vie with Glengarry Wines, especially for spirits.

Another good reason, for Flagstaff readers: we get Flybuys every time we shop with New World Clubcards.

Whoopee! For example, whisky drinkers with 310 points will be rewarded with a 700ml bottle of Chivas Regal, 12-year-old Scotch Whisky. Winter is on its way, and it was George Bernard Shaw who wrote, "Whisky is liquid sunshine".

Another well-known quotation worth sharing was written by Roy 'Chubby' Brown: "My favourite drink is a cocktail of carrot juice and whisky. I am always drunk, but I can see for miles."

Let's all welcome Liquorland. They will redeem your basic whisky needs when you are flying buy. Let's welcome them with open-minded arms.

It would be awful if we all do nothing. In the immortal words of Spike Milligan, "We can't stand around here doing nothing, people will think we are workmen."

**John Hipkins**

## Dog event organisers will 'reinforce rules'

I am writing in response to points made in the Flagstaff article "News hound attacked at Devonport Dog Parade" (Flagstaff, 20 April) and in subsequent articles and commentary.

We were surprised that no-one from the Dog Parade organising team was contacted for comment before this article went to print. If they had been, we could have explained that instructions requiring attendees to keep dogs on leads was included in all official Dog Parade event promotion, including in the advertisement in the Flagstaff.

This requirement was reinforced at the event on the day by the MC. The event manager also informed Auckland Council Animal Control of the event beforehand and invited them to attend. Unfortunately they were not there at the time of the incident between the two dogs.

We have subsequently talked with one of the stallholders who was nearby and witnessed the incident. The stallholder noted that both dogs were on leads at the time the incident occurred. She also witnessed your reporter's dog 'going for' the food that the other dog was eating at the time.

At any future Dog Parade events, our event organisers will reinforce the rules

of owner control of the dogs even more rigorously and they will ensure animal first-aiders are on site.

I would like to conclude by saying that the Devonport Dog Parade is a fantastic community event that has raised over \$20,000 for animal rescue charities, and this is the first time this kind of incident has occurred in the six occasions that the event has been run. The injury that Emelia's dog received was upsetting and we will try to ensure that anything similar is avoided in the future.

**Dave Veart**

**Chairperson, Devonport Peninsula Trust**

*The Flagstaff stands by its story - Editor.*

## Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome. They should be on Devonport-related topics. Nom-de-plumes or submissions without a name will not be printed.

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### DEVONPORT CRAFT & FINE FOOD MARKET

Sunday 10 June, 10:00am-2:00pm

Harmony Hall, 4 Wynyard St, Devonport

Devonport Craft & Fine Food Market brings together 40+ hand-picked stalls showcasing the best of Auckland's craft talent plus a delicious range of fine-food stalls.

### DEVONPORT MIDWINTER SWIM

Sunday 17 June, 11am,  
Windsor Reserve, Devonport  
Registration from 10:40am

Calling all midwinter swimmers! Come along in your best swimming costume and join us in celebrating Matariki and the midwinter solstice at this iconic Devonport event! The dip in the sea will be followed by a cup of hot soup for all swimmers and prizegiving.

For more info contact Amanda 021 184 7271.

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Tues-Thurs, 10am-12pm & Sat-Sun, 2pm-4pm  
Mt Cambria Reserve, Devonport

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Dennis Hale & Nathan Hale

# The man who choreographed cancer

**David Downs responded to his lymphoma diagnosis with optimism and a blog. Given six months to live after chemotherapy failed, he put his faith in a new treatment in America. Geoff Chapple reports.**



**Alive and flourishing... David Downs' experimental cancer treatment led to complete remission**

Within hours of his diagnosis, David Downs began a blog, and his insouciant approach to the disease was right there in the title: *A mild touch of the cancer*.

He'd once been on the stand-up comedy circuit, and his mates revelled in this jaunty raising of the middle finger to the big C. The news spread, and one of those mates texted back: "Well I've just filled my petrol car with diesel, so we've all got our problems Downsy."

That set the tone. The statistics for non-Hodgkin lymphoma showed a long-term remission, or cure rate of 80 per cent; as a

confirmed optimist, David Downs told himself 100 per cent. The cure was six cycles of chemo, three weeks at a time, eighteen weeks. "The columns will go on for about that long," he wrote. "Stop me if it gets boring."

Never boring. Selfies abound as he mugs his way through the procedures. The blog flinches not a whit from the farts and constipation of chemo. Pop-culture plot points and puns abound, and sometimes the writing lifts toward macabre brilliance... "Some of my bones, long hidden under layers of subcutaneous fat, are now making themselves appear. It's like draining a swamp and seeing all the tree stumps and shopping trolleys."

During visits home, he raids Ike's in Clarence St to theme his hospital room: French week – Mexican week – Irish week. His visitors begin to look like refugees from a carnival, North Shore Hospital's reception desk issuing directions without even asking who to: You must be looking for David Downs. He's up at Ward 10, room 4. The doctors too submit to the theme before entering the room. Downs has his own room because he's often toxic. Sometimes he's radioactive.

In hospital, you shuffle and shrug within long corridors, and your illness is "debilitating". That word is alluring, says Downs. He feels its power. It explains a lot, tweaks sympathy. Yet

any negative word, he recalls from research he's read, can cause the amygdala – that walnut-sized fear centre of the brain – to release stress hormones and neurotransmitters. These change the way the brain operates, towards passive acceptance.

So then, this disease, and the treatments that cause even your eyebrows to migrate south, are not "debilitating" but simply "a wee bit annoying." The amygdala goes back to sleep. Downs remains upright, alert, even on the days he feels bad. One of the 80 per cent who get the cure.

He and wife Katherine are in a taxi, headed for the airport. They've just dumped the New Zealand medical system. Thirty-six weeks on from first diagnosis, he's now done three separate courses of chemo, and they've all failed. He's ingested the radioactive sugar solutions so MRI scans can check the chemo's effects, and the cancer loves that stuff. Soaks it up, for there it still is in the MRI imaging, amongst the organs. The new tumour. Small but ferocious. Glowing.

They're pulling out of Devonport, and they're late to leave. The Lake Rd choke point looms ahead. That's bad enough, but then the phone vibrates in Downs' pocket. It's the Harvard University Teaching Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts. The one that's running the trial that could save his life. The hospital wants a 50

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per cent deposit on the cost of the treatment – \$750,000.

Well bite me! A forgotten voice shrills out of the Downs limbic system. If nothing else, Boston has achieved immediate cut-through to the amygdala.

“There’s no way I can arrange a payment of \$750,000 today,” says Downs, keeping his voice steady. The villas of Devonport are slipping past the taxi window. It’s already occurred to him he’s going to have to sell their property, but you can’t do that quickly.

“Well, we have to cancel the appointment,” says Boston, and Downs admits to a stab of panic right then. The amygdala is pouring out stress hormones and neurotransmitters. He digs wildly for his cards, and gives the numbers.

“There was a pause at their end,” recalls Downs, “and muffled talking while I guess they hurriedly talked to their boss. Then they ask, ‘What’s your credit limit?’ ‘No idea,’ I told them. ‘But fill your boots – whatever you can get away with.’”

In New Zealand, he’s just been told by doctors: “David, you might have to curb your optimism a little and think about the worst-case scenario.” He’s been given six months to live. But now he’s on his way to Boston, for within a day or two of that fatal prognosis, the man who’s choreographed his own cancer with such intimate flair is being uplifted and carried along by some vaster choreography. A Pfizer doctor in New York holidays in New Zealand, keeps an eye on the place, has picked up the blog, and recommends Downs to the Harvard hospital. The researchers there show interest. But trialists pay their way, and it’s expensive.

Downs doesn’t have the dollars, but he has advice from friends who know the American system. Forget that you’re fighting death, they’ve told him. Pretend you’re buying a used car, and negotiate with the salesman, downwards. The negotiation starts right then, in the taxi.

“The hospital agreed finally that they’d charge me \$10,000,” says Downs, “which was pretty steep for just a one-hour appointment with the doctor. But I wasn’t going to argue any more.”

They arrive in Boston. The doctors see a fit, youngish, and personable male, good for their statistics. They’re bankrolled by companies seeking patents for the new treatment, and the results of this, only the second US lymphoma trial, will affect stock prices.

With that much in their favour, David and Katherine negotiate. They go through the charges line by line. They win outpatient status. The doctor who okays Downs as an outpatient warns Katherine about temporary “neurological toxicity”. Some of the trialists end up in la-la land. And he says to Katherine, who’s little more than half Downs’ size, ‘If he collapses bring him in.’ Back in their apartment, Katherine will be eyeing the blankets and washing basket she’s going have to roll her husband onto, drag him to the lift, call to the doorman – Give us a hand here?

Those are the risks, but they take them all, and cut huge swathes off the bill. The charge finally

will be \$300,000, manageable, particularly with the hugely generous donations that a ‘Givealittle’ campaign has brought in.

Downs sits outside the Esplanade Hotel, pinot noir to hand. A big guy, with the quick wit, charm, and competence that powered his youthful stand-up comedy sketches, then an international career in IT, then his books on New Zealand inventions and, most recently, his job as General Manager, Projects, for New Zealand Trade and Enterprise.

*“Forget that you’re fighting death, they’ve told him. Pretend you’re buying a used car, and negotiate with the salesman, downwards.”*

He’s alive and well, and he’s recalling the treatment. They harvested his T cells, the body’s hunter-killer cells, altered them genetically in a lab to recognise the cancer in Downs’ body, then squirted them back through the chemo portal in his chest. In that moment, Downs tasted creamed corn. Just 3.7 mls of GMO blood, a tiny amount, but the cells were alive, and if they detected the cancer, they’d rapidly replicate. If they do that, said the doctors, you’ll experience

flu-like symptoms.

Four days later he starts to feel fluey and he’s overtaken by zen-like calm. Whatever the result, he’ll handle it. By now it’s March 2018, and there have been 57 blog postings so far. They’ve hugged the physical and emotional contours of the disease as close as an escaped ski. Now the readers that download blog 58 get to hear that the experimental treatment doesn’t work well on everyone, and that blog readership waits, in real time, for the PET scan results. They wait, and they suddenly see the ski leap off that cold landscape, hotdogging into the air, with twists, twirls, backward flips, forward somersaults, whatever you like. Complete remission.

“There was huge serendipity around the timing,” says Downs in recall, “because what I had was exactly the cancer that Martin Crowe had, and died of in 2016. The same ‘double-hit’ lymphoma. Even a year ago, when I was diagnosed, the treatment wouldn’t have been available. And my New Zealand doctors told me they’d never have managed to get me onto that trial.”

So was it all just blind luck? Downs takes a sip of pinot, and watches a lighted bus of early evening negotiate the tight turn out of Queens Parade, and head up Victoria Road.

“I love that question, because it’s about your perception of the universe. I don’t necessarily believe there’s an intrinsic thing called luck, but there is a thing about how you perceive what happens to you, so I feel very lucky. Throughout the whole thing, all of it. So I did the treatment, and I got the completely best-case scenario.”

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## Fundraiser artists drawn back to their Devonport roots

Ties to Devonport remain strong for former Vauxhall School students Glenn Jones, Paris Kirby and Emma McIntyre, artists who will all be exhibiting at the school's fine-arts fundraiser this month.

All three artists have a strong connection to Devonport and its people, and are delighted to be a part of the fundraiser.

"I'm just so glad to be asked," says Jones. "It's really great having my art here. It's very much because of my former tie to the school."

Jones created three Devonport-inspired pieces for the exhibition. "I grew up on Tainui Rd until my early 20s. I still come back and drive past my old house," he says.

"I wanted to create something that was just for Devonport. I will always feel that sense of connection."

Jones (43) and his wife run an art business selling Kiwiana prints from their home in Westmere.

Kirby (27) also grew up in Devonport, and really admires its strong artistic scene.

"All the kids that come from here are creatives" she says.

Kirby's art focuses on native New Zealand trees. One of her paintings, 'Puriri', has a significant connection to her Devonport childhood.

"I went through a hard time where lots of stuff was happening in my life, and I saw the lady from First Light Flower Essences in Devonport. She said, 'You really need to connect with the puriri tree. It has strong feminine connections and it will really support you.' This brought me back to my time at Vauxhall School. My favourite tree was the puriri tree in the field. I spent every lunchtime in that tree."

For McIntyre (28), family history helps her keep a strong connection with Devonport. McIntyre's grandfather was popular New



**Where the art is... Artists Glenn Jones and Paris Kirby with works up for sale in the Vauxhall School fine-arts fundraiser**

Zealand artist Peter McIntyre, and her father is artist and AUT visual arts lecturer Simon McIntyre. Her mother Sarah McIntyre is a founder of the Vauxhall Exhibition of Fine Arts (VEFA) and a teacher at the school. VEFA 2018 showcases artworks from over 150 artists, including Rob Tucker, Greer Clayton and Jessica Pearlless.

The event, which runs from 8-10 June, includes a gala night, art workshops for both

children and adults, and a family day.

In 2016, the event raised \$120,000 for the school and this year it seems to be gaining even more traction.

"The gala evening sold out in record time – two or three days," says event organiser Kyra Holland.

"It just goes to show the merit of the exhibition. We're really lucky to be supported by so many amazing artists."

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## Morning walks lead to photo exhibition at The Depot

Local abstract photographer, Linda Jarrett, hopes to show Devonport's true colours in her debut solo exhibition.

*Walk: An Antithesis to the Decisive Moment*, is shown held at The Depot Artspace as part of the 2018 Auckland Festival of Photography. "I want to show people a side of Devonport they have never seen," she says.

Jarrett uses a slow shutter speed while moving around, to create a different kind of photo. Instead of capturing one frozen moment, she captures many moments in one. "Everyone is living life in the fast lane, going from A to B too quickly. I tried to slow life down."

The photographs were captured on Jarrett's morning walks around Devonport, which she says is the perfect place for her art. "The light in Devonport is good, the architecture is nice and it's open and very inspiring."

Jarrett has been overwhelmed by the amount of support she has received locally. "It's taken me a long time to pluck up the courage to do an exhibition" she says. "I have felt really supported by the community, and by The Depot."

The Depot Artspace is hosting a second photography exhibition alongside Jarrett's. Creative director Linda Blincko and her team have taken this year's photography festival theme of 'Control' and flipped it on its head to create *Out of Control*, an exhibition where anything and everything goes. "We live in a world where our lives are so regulated, and we are constantly being told what to do," Blincko says.

The Depot put a call out to the public for photography submissions and received a great response. "We really wanted the community to be involved. Devonport has a positive reputation for being activist and standing up for what we believe." The exhibition accepted submissions from all ages, something that is uncommon for most galleries.

"The sky is the limit," Blincko says. "It's so nice to be able to say

yes to everything, it's really the ethos of this whole exhibition." *Walk: An Antithesis to the Decisive Moment* and *Out of Control*, at The Depot, 1-20 June.



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## Devonport could become a no-Glow zone

The long-term future of the popular Artweek Glow event in Devonport is uncertain.

This is partly due to the Devonport Business Association (DBA) being forced to vacate the former council offices building at 3 Victoria Rd.

The Artweek Glow installations mounted in Windsor Reserve are made by Unitec students. Part of the attraction of the location for the students was being able to use the old council building as a base to keep an eye on their works – even sleeping there overnight for added security.

However, Devonport Business Improvement District (BID) manager Toni van Tonder told the DBA May meeting that while the event had been based in Devonport the last few years, and was planned to be in October 2018, there was no guarantee it would stay.

Organisers of Artweek Glow had made it plain to van Tonder that it was an "Artweek event, not a Devonport event."

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board member Mike Cohen said it would be a great shame if it moved. "When we get things up and running, they shift it to the other side."

## Sculpture OnShore gets \$8000 community grant

NZ Sculpture OnShore was granted \$8000 in the round of Devonport-Takapuna Local Board grants announced last month.

The money will go towards paying for fencing, electrics, ramps, toilets, security, waste management and other costs for the November 2018 event.

Other grants for Devonport included: \$2000 to the Devonport Business Association towards graphic design and promotion for Matariki Devonport and \$1500 towards general operating costs; \$2000 to the Depot

Artspace towards catalogue design and printing and promotion for *Wahine Taonga*: Two exhibitions celebrating kuia and older women across cultures; \$2500 to the Rose Centre towards the installation of a sound system in its community rooms; \$3800 to the Devonport Community House towards the installation of air conditioning in its art room; \$6000 to North Shore Croquet Club towards cost of the restoration of one of the club's lawns; and \$2000 to Stanley Bay Bowling Club towards the cost of a greenkeeper.

## Nearly 50 objections to bottle shop

An application for a proposed bottle store, close to established liquor outlets Glengarry Wines and New World, has received almost 50 objections.

BP Trading Company Ltd has applied to open a bottle shop in Clarence St, in premises previously occupied for many years by a video shop, which closed in 2017.

The name of the proposed bottle shop is Liquorland Boutique.

Its planned opening hours are 9am to 10pm daily.

Auckland Council manager of alcohol licensing, Peter Knight, said 43 public objections were received within the submission period and another five were received late.

The only support for the application had been via commentary on social media, he added.

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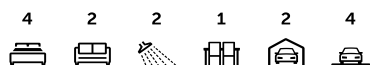
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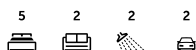
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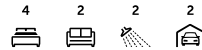


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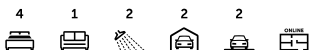


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## The 3 Victoria Rd council-building saga continues



**Last public meeting at historic building?... The Devonport Business Association (DBA) held its May board meeting in the former council chambers at 3 Victoria Rd.**

A stay of execution for the Devonport visitor information centre move from 3 Victoria Rd is being sought by the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board.

The visitor centre is set to shift to a small premises in The Arcade, where the Devonport Business Association (DBA) has signed a lease. Auckland Council's property arm, Panuku, has already said the DBA had to be out of the building by 31 May.

However, a business case to retain 3 Victoria Rd to provide for community uses has been delayed until June.

Board member Grant Gillon told a recent local board meeting that the report was due in May, but had been delayed.

He hoped Panuku would not force any

movement at the building until after the report had been completed.

Gillon said the sands were shifting on the 3 Victoria Rd building "every time we think we have resolved something".

At one stage there had been money set aside for the building to be used as a pilot for earthquake-strengthening work.

"I don't know what happened to that," said Gillon.

Panuku Portfolio Management Director Ian Wheeler said it has remained flexible and open to discussion about the timing of occupants leaving 3 Victoria Road.

Panuku has offered for the Devonport Peninsula Trust to stay in the building until the end of June. This allows time for the Devonport-Taka-

puna Local Board to agree the Trust's new lease at its next business meeting (19 June) and for them to relocate with minimal impact to their operations.

Wheeler said the results of the 'Future Use Assessment' will be considered "as part of the outcome of a process Panuku is undertaking to identify whether there is an alternate council service need for the site or if it is no longer required for council purposes and can potentially be sold (i.e. rationalisation), which is currently underway."

Once this process has been completed, potential options for the future of the property – including whether it will be leased again on a commercial basis – will be considered, Wheeler said.

## Visitor Centre a runaway success

Around 21,000 people had visited the Devonport visitor information centre in the year to 6 May.

Centre volunteer Lynn Dawson presented a petition of almost a thousand signatures to the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board at its May meeting, seeking to carry on using the building for public service.

The board voted to forward the petition to Panuku and to Auckland Council's heritage-advisory body.

The ground floor at 3 Victoria Rd could easily be turned into more community space, Dawson told the board in a presentation.

The visitor information centre only used around 45sqm of approximately 200sqm. The rest of the space had

been used for a World War I exhibition and U3A meetings.

Radio station The Flea had expressed interest in moving in, and other community groups would also be keen to utilise the building if they were charged peppercorn rents, Dawson said.

A disappointing reality for the building is that "nothing had happened along the lines" of a board resolution in 2016 to support 3 Victoria Rd as the preferred site to promote the area to visitors as part of A Shore Coast Tourism strategy, she said.

Board member Mike Sheehy praised the volunteer-run centre: "Three hundred and ninety-six people (visiting) per week is huge."

Dawson said the information centre is open seven days a week from 10am-4pm.

The new centre in The Arcade is small and tucked away off the street, and is far from ideal, Dawson said.

Board member Mike Cohen said there was no question the visitor centre was hugely successful and that it was a shame the "Auckland Council family" did not recognise the grass-roots provision of tourism advice.

Member Jan O'Connor said it might be possible to negotiate a month-by-month lease with Panuku.

Ideally, a modified shipping container could be a home for the centre, located away from the wharf, as not all visitors came from the ferry, Dawson said.



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# Santa's grotto suggested for Devonport

A Santa's grotto may be located in the Devonport shopping centre prior to Christmas.

The Devonport Business Association (DBA) is pondering where to position its large Christmas tree this year.

In the past, Devonport received regional attention when the tree was located outside on the end of Devonport Wharf. But an outside location has now been ruled out due to health-and-safety regulations.

DBA board member Ian Cunliffe said

an empty shop for "a Santa's grotto" was a good idea.

Another option for the tree is to locate it inside Devonport Wharf. But Devonport BID manager Toni van Tonder felt that might be wishing ferry users a merry Christmas rather than Devonport residents. Devonport Library is another possible site, but it had been reluctant to have large installations there in the past.

With the move out of the old council offices

at 3 Victoria Rd, the DBA board was faced with the difficult task of where to keep the tree. It has decided to pay \$850 for a firm to store it, put it up with lights and decorations, and then take it down.

To hire a tree every year would cost \$2600 each time, Van Tonder told the DBA's May meeting.

Local boatbuilder Kevin Johnson had previously used his extensive knot knowledge to put up the tree.

## Public seats removed

Four seats outside Devonport Post Office have been removed, but council can't do anything about it as the seats are private property.

The public is worse off without the seats, which had been there for around 50 years without a problem and appear to have been maintained by council over that time, Devonport-Takapuna Local Board member Mike Cohen said at the board's May meeting.

Streets are the responsibility of Auckland Transport (AT), and Cohen is annoyed if it had dropped maintaining the seats solely because they are on private land.

Board chair George Wood said there was little council could do if the seats are on private land.

Cohen wanted AT to be contacted about the possibility of a solution to the seats.

## Double-decker buses a long way off

Concerns have been raised about the possibility of double-decker buses operating around Devonport.

Auckland Transport plans to increase its use of double-decker buses around the city, as a way to increase passenger numbers.

Trees may have to be trimmed back if double-deckers were introduced to Devonport routes, Devonport-Takapuna Local Board member Mike Cohen told the May board meeting.

"The buses could have an impact on the verandas [of the commercial buildings] in the Devonport Heritage area," Cohen said.

Board chair George Wood said Devonport was unlikely to be a high priority area for double-decker buses, due to its comparatively low passenger numbers. "I don't think we will have to worry about double-decker buses in Devonport for a considerable time," he said.

## BID money confirmed

A \$120,000 Business Improvement District grant for Devonport has been ratified.

The money comes out of commercial rates levied on buildings in the centre of Devonport and was approved by the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board last month. The amount is the same as last year.

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# Local board gets behind rugby club's plight

Modifications to the Devonport Domain management plan will be needed to allow North Shore Rugby Club to apply for liquor licences for special events.

Changes to the plan – to allow the club to apply for four special licences per year – will be notified and a public hearing held. Devonport-Takapuna Local Board members George Wood, Jennifer McKenzie and Mike Cohen will sit on the hearings panel.

The management plan has been in operation since 1993, with the rugby club's licensed hours of 1 February-31 October, Monday to Friday, and Saturdays and public holidays, 7pm to 10pm; and 1 November-31 January, Tuesday to Friday, 7pm to 10 pm.

However, over several decades the club has applied for, and been granted, special licences for events such as luncheons and funerals.

It has now been discovered liquor licensing authorities issued these licences in error.

The rugby club was forced to cancel a recent Seagulls old-boys luncheon prior to a premiers game with Takapuna. These lunches can raise up to \$40,000 for the club, and without them its finances are precarious.

North Shore Rugby Club chair Max Webb told the local board that club costs are \$200,000 a year. It has sponsorship from Harcourts, Firth and small businesses, and subscriptions totalling around \$100,000, leaving "a \$100,000 shortfall."

The club has been located at Devonport Domain for 145 years and is an essential part of the wider community, he said.

As well as the Seagulls lunch, the club has had other lunches with proceeds helping the Wilson Home, Takapuna Grammar School and Wakatere Boating Club.

The club is hoping for eight special licences per year, Webb said.

The special licences were not for late-night parties but for events such as funerals.

"The club is the biggest hall in Devonport," he said. And it was currently in the awkward position of turning away approaches from people with deep connections to the club who wanted to have a funeral there.

Board member Mike Sheehy said: "It is a very important club in the area and people are very attached to it – when people die it is only natural they would want to have a funeral there."

The licensing situation was frustrating for the community as well as the club, Webb said.

"On twilight junior-playing nights, parents want to come along and watch and have a meal and a drink, but we can't do that either."

Board members are supportive of the club seeking changes to how its licence is applied.

Local board advisor Maureen Buchanan said four special licences were recommended – one per quarter – as they "should be special licences, not business as usual".

Council officials said changes to the management plan were an intermediate step, until the domain management plan as a whole is reviewed.

The club has 32 junior teams (including four girls teams), five senior teams and 1000 members.



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The incident happened during an under-85 kg match between North Shore and Helensville at Vauxhall Reserve.

A complaint from the match referee was investigated by a North Harbour Rugby judicial officer. While the complaint process was confidential, North Harbour Rugby was satisfied with the outcome, general manager David Gibson said. He would not say how long the ban was for.

North Shore Rugby Club had also acted quickly over the incident, he said.

The treatment of referees has been worsening over time and it was discussed at North Harbour Rugby's May board meeting.

A message was to be sent out to clubs and schools asking for better behaviour, Gibson said.

"We are watching this space with a heightened sense of awareness," he said.

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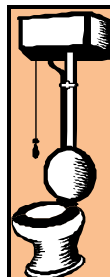
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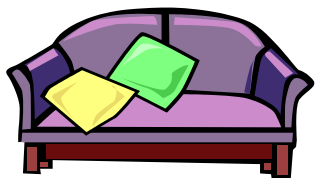
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Situated at 50 to 58 Roberts Avenue in Bayswater, the architecturally designed scheme features 33 new freehold homes, including 27 walk-up apartments built over three levels and six three-bedroom terraced houses. The terraced houses feature three bedrooms, two bathrooms and double garages, while each of the apartments has at least one car park and are a mix of one, two and three bedrooms.

Resource consent has been granted for the development and the 1950s houses that were on the site have now been removed and recycled. The land is currently being cleared to make way for the next stage, which will see the earthworks get underway ready for building to begin. This involves levelling the site, upgrading services and preparing the foundations.

You'll start to see building activity rising above ground in a few months and the apartments and houses should be

*Artist's impression of the Roberts Avenue development in Bayswater.*



complete and ready for their new owners by the end of 2019.

We won't start selling them until next year. However, we have been surprised with the level of interest from potential purchasers and are in the process of creating a database of interested people.

The upper floors of the apartments and houses have good views over the city and harbour and there are great recreational opportunities nearby, with the Belmont Bowling Club and Belmont Park Racquets

Club right next door. The development, designed by DKO Architecture, is also close to the ferry, bus links, schools and other facilities.

In the next couple of months, we will be hosting another community evening in the area to update local residents on both the Roberts Avenue project and our other housing developments on the North Shore. In the meantime, if you have any general queries, please email [wrl@ngatiwhataorakei.com](mailto:wrl@ngatiwhataorakei.com)

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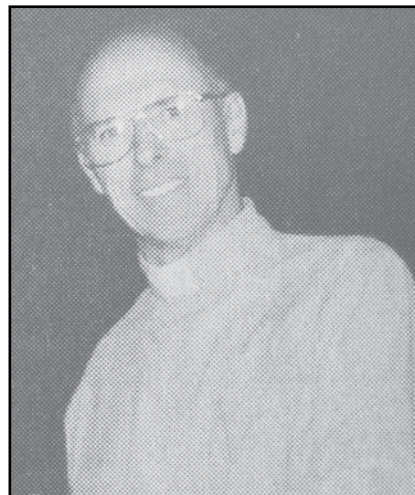
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## Twenty years ago: a selection from the Flagstaff files

- Heritage issues are to the fore, with moves to demolish a prominent villa on Church St. North Shore City Council planners recommended approval for demolition of the home – commonly known as old Joe's house (after the eccentric character who lived there for many years). It was a test of Devonport Heritage protection regulations. Developer Xeno Captain bought the house and the 2125sqm section about six months before for \$650,000 (the land valuation). Around 40 tonnes of rubbish were removed from the house.
- Site investigations at the old Devonport gasworks reveal widespread contamination. Remedial works are put at a cost of up to \$380,000.
- A Devonport Creche Black and White Ball sold out with attendees filling the Devonport Primary School Hall, dancing to the sounds of the Rikki Morris and Debbie Harwood Band.
- A 4000-sq-ft apartment in the old Devonport Power Station on Church St is up for sale for \$539,000.
- North Shore Rugby Club holds its 125th year celebrations. Life member Molly Eagles cuts the cake, while District Court judge Barry Morris is guest speaker. The premiers side loses to arch-rivals Takapuna 40-10 on the day of the anniversary dinner, with star first-five Frano Botica suffering a dislocated arm.
- Bruce Fearnley hits a hole in one at Waitemata Golf Club.
- The Toroa Preservation Society launches a campaign to get the ferry – which had served the Devonport-Auckland run from 1925 to 1981 – back to Devonport for restoration work.
- The venerable Murray Spackman, the minister at Holy Trinity for 17 years, speaks in the Flagstaff interview of his love of flying, and the church moving into the 21st century.



**Devonport minister Murray Spackman at Holy Trinity Church**

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# Devonport Flagstaff notches up 25 years of publication in 2018

The Devonport Flagstaff will celebrate 25 years of continuous publication this October.

In the fast-changing world of newspapers, publishing and the internet, two-and-a-half decades putting out a fortnightly paper is no mean feat.

That's around 600 papers, 25,000 pages, millions of words and numerous pictures – all about Devonport.

The Flagstaff interview started in 1997, when Rob Drent took over editorship. Since then, more than 500 local people have been profiled.

We are unashamedly parochial – we only write about the Devonport peninsula. We were hyper-local years before the term was first coined, and have kept to our knitting – local stories about local people and local issues.

But while we have celebrated the achievements of our community, the Flagstaff has been no shrinking violet either – we've covered controversial subjects like drugs, suicide and teen crime.

We've always been keen to take local authorities to task on their decision-making and how ratepayers' money is spent. And we've been part of campaigns to save the Narrow Neck headland from development, retain the Victoria Theatre and get rid of legal recreational drug Kronic from our town.

We are committed to print, but we are online as well and have just relaunched our website. Our online edition has around 3000 hits per issue – from within Devonport, across New Zealand and around the world. Devonport news being read by friends, family, former residents and visitors.



**Rob Drent, Editor (left)**  
**Peter Wilson, Publisher**  
**The Devonport Flagstaff**

The Flagstaff and its journalists have won more than 40 newspaper awards over the past 25 years, culminating in Rob Drent winning the Community Journalist of the Year at the New Zealand Voyager Media Awards last month.

We want to move with the times and provide even better coverage for our readers. We hope you will move with us as well and become a supporter of the paper – you can sign up and make a contribution online.

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# Kitchen Confidential

We take a look at what's hot in the kitchen through the eyes of Kitchens by Design's two Takapuna-based designers, Marianne Gailer and Jane Fergusson.

With over 70 design awards spread over 30 years, few would dispute that Kitchens By Design is New Zealand's most experienced and most awarded kitchen company – so who better to ask about the latest trends in kitchen design?

Simply by walking into their spectacular showroom at 3 Byron Ave, Takapuna, you know you're in for a treat. And once you start speaking with either of their two experienced designers – Marianne Gailer or Jane Fergusson – it becomes evident very quickly that you've come to the right place for a quality, well-designed kitchen.

On the subject of what's on trend in the kitchen right now, both designers agree that natural, organic materials and themes are definitely in...

"Bringing nature into the space and using natural tones is really big," says Marianne. "But it's not just the colours, but also textures, so natural wood grains are very popular, as are honed finishes on benchtops – even to the extent where you can feel the veins and irregularities in a piece of stone."

"Natural marbles and stones are still really popular because of their unique patterns," adds Jane. "These are premium products, however, so if your budget is tight, you can simply use them for highlights in splashbacks and upstands, like the one we have here – it's absolutely beautiful and a piece of art in itself."

Jane is referring to the large slab of Invisible Grey Marble that fronts the stunning contemporary-style kitchen in Kitchen By Design's showroom – one of three quite different styles they have on display.

"Although the traditional look has made a resurgence over the past few years, modern, contemporary kitchens continue to outsell the more classic designs," says Jane. "That said, the simple, traditional look is still extremely popular with my villa and bungalow clients – it's a style that fits right in, and you can still have the convenience of all the modern hardware and appliances."

"We have a perfect example of that style in our showroom, too – a classically elegant kitchen with all the modern trimmings," says Marianne, pointing to the beautiful white, traditional design that creates a perfect counterpoint to the modern kitchen it sits next to.



"I think our showroom really feeds the senses," she says. "When people first come in, you see them jumping from one display to another, touching the surfaces, pointing to the design features, and trying out the drawers and cupboards. It's great to watch."

From a technology viewpoint, Jane mentions the huge strides that have been made in drawer and cupboard hardware – not just soft-close, which is now pretty much standard in all kitchens, but electrically assisted drawers and lift-up mechanisms that make life easier around the kitchen.

"I will nearly always try to incorporate one or both of these technologies into my designs these days – particularly with waste bins, where your hands are often full, or you don't want to be touching a door panel with your dirty hands; and also for overhead cabinetry, where it's hard to open and close cupboards high above your head."

Jane goes on to say that handleless cabinetry is still the preference for modern kitchens, so servo-drive technology works really well in that situation, too.

"Lighting is also huge," says Marianne, "especially with new, ultra-compact LED technology, where strip and spot lighting can be built in to the cabinetry or shelving. You don't even know it's there until it's switched on."

This conversation barely scratches the surface of the depth of knowledge these two kitchen designers have – but if you want to know more, they are usually both on hand to share their experience and know-how, all within the confines of such a wonderful showroom.

**Kitchens By Design showroom can be found at 3 Byron Ave, Takapuna, and is open Monday to Friday (10am–4.30pm) and Saturday (10am–2.30pm) or by appointment, phone 09 488 7201.**

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# Takapuna

SCHOOL NEWS



# Grammar

JUNE 1, 2018

## Space and astronomy

Intrigued by these ideas, 11 senior science students attended NASA Astronaut Mike Hopkins' talk, hosted by Westlake Girls High School. It was an amazing opportunity for students from around North Auckland to see first-hand what it's like to be an astronaut.

In September 2013, Hopkins embarked on his first space mission, on the Russian Soyuz. In his presentation he shows his journey to the moon, some of the experiments he conducted on the International Space Station (ISS), and his journey back.

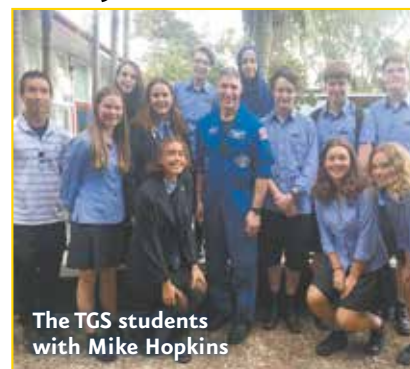
He recalled his first week on the ISS as challenging, due to the absence of gravity. Throughout the presentation, he kept referring back to the women who played a significant role in his career, and how

strong and empowered they all were.

After returning to Earth, he recalled how everyday tasks were nightmares. He said: "I remember trying to look out the window of our Soyuz, right after we landed, but just couldn't because my head felt like it weighed a ton."

It was an exciting experience for all who attended. The TGS students were also fortunate enough to be able to introduce themselves and grab a group picture just before Hopkins left. Afterwards, Anoushka Coulter (Year 11) said: "Mike Hopkins is so inspiring. His talk highlighted that anything is possible and we can follow our dreams successfully"

BY LAIBA BATOOL



The TGS students with Mike Hopkins

## The Haka Challenge gets more intense every year

The crowd started to get bigger and the chatter got louder as 1600 students filed onto the front rugby field, dressed in the colours of their houses – red, purple, yellow, green, orange and blue. The annual Haka Challenge for the six school houses was about to begin. This is an event that gets the whole school involved, in leading and performing our own haka.

Prior to the event, the house leaders held numerous practice

sessions, to teach the students the words and actions so they would be ready to perform at their best. After everyone had completed performing, the judges, including guest judge Mr Glen Denham, Principal of Massey High School, deliberated. It was almost too hard to call.

Kaha and Maia jointly took away the winning spot for this year's Haka Challenge, coming first equal due to their amazing performances.

BY MELISSA EVERETT



## A popular evening of performance

The recent winter cabaret evening, hosted by Performing Arts, was a collection of amazing performances by our talented students, including singing, piano solo, and drama reprise.

It included performances linked with the New York Broadway trip earlier in the year. The students who had attended the Broadway workshops performed songs from famous musicals.

This cabaret-style evening is very popular amongst TGS students, as it is a good opportunity for them to support their friends who are performing, while sipping a hot



Soloist Charlie Arnold

beverage and having a baked snack.

It is also a great opportunity to advertise the TGS Performing Arts department, which has been developing fast in recent years. It is incredible how so many merits can be compressed into a Tuesday night.

BY WENDY ZHENG

# Takapuna

SCHOOL NEWS



# Grammar

JUNE 1, 2018

## Lest we forget

This year's Dusk Service began with the national anthem, and a hymn accompanied by a brass ensemble, leading into a lesson by Principal Mary Nixon, who read verses from the Apocrypha of the Old Testament. Deputy Head Boy Lockie McNair read a prayer, and Commander Julie Simpkins of the Royal New Zealand Navy gave the address, to welcome the many guests who attended the service, which included all the school's prefects, and many ex-servicemen, wearing their medals with pride.

Deputy Principal Bryan Wynn read out the Roll of Honour, commending the ex-pupils who fought in the World Wars. This was followed by the laying of wreaths and poppies beneath the school's Memorial Window, including the Ex-Pupils' Wreath, and the School Wreath, laid by ex-pupil Mary Hutton, and Deputy Head Prefects Kate Lee and Lockie McNair. Head Girl Sinalei Faulalo, presented the 'Ode of Remembrance', and spoke fondly of the service: "It was a sombre time during the service, but as

a whole, the evening was a lovely and intimate commemoration for our fallen heroes".

Finally, to complete the ceremony, the Last Post was played by student Mollie Cornfield, while the descending sun shone through the Memorial Window.

Prefect Abigail McDonald was touched by this moment, and says: "The sunset shining through our Memorial Window was an incredibly special and connecting moment for everyone in the room, and made our commemoration that much sweeter".

The service was followed by tea, coffee and light snacks. Guests were able to mix and mingle for the remainder of the evening. "It was a really cool way to talk to those who are past pupils at TGS about their experience at the school and how it has changed," says Lockie McNair. "Overall the service was an awesome way to commemorate those who gave their lives for our freedom, and I felt honoured to be a part of it."

BY NELLY FARMIOLOE



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For more information have a look on our website or Facebook page, or contact us at [Club@TGSRowing.org.nz](mailto:Club@TGSRowing.org.nz)



## Historic buildings may lose protected status

Two Stanley Bay School buildings may be stripped of their heritage status.

The Ministry of Education has requested that Auckland Council removes the buildings from its schedule of historic buildings.

The two buildings were listed in the North Shore section of the District Plan in 2012.

They were noted for the importance of their 1909 and 1916 exteriors. According to conservation architect Jeremy Salmond, the Stanley Bay classroom blocks are part of the story of early childhood education in New Zealand.

Stanley Bay School was established initially as a side school to Devonport Primary.

Plan Change 38, which lists the Stanley Bay school buildings, was accepted and endorsed by the Auckland Council Unitary Plan commissioners.

Stanley Bay Primary and Takapuna Grammar Schools have both retained significant historic buildings that are part of the local area's cultural heritage.

However, the Ministry of Education seems to have come to a deal with Heritage New Zealand during the Unitary Plan process, identifying 24 school buildings throughout Auckland that should be listed. The Stanley Bay buildings were not among them.

Devonport Heritage 2017 is opposing the removal of the buildings from the list.

"In relation to the two classroom blocks at Stanley Bay, the Ministry of Education



**Off the list... Stanley Bay School's historic blocks might be removed from the council's register of heritage buildings**

must accept its role to foster, respect and acknowledge the importance of these historic buildings in its care," the group said in a submission.

"These buildings are capable of adaption to achieve a higher standard of amenity for users and become an invaluable asset for its school community and the wider Devonport community."

The Ministry of Education's proposal was "poorly conceived" and contravened the principles of heritage protection, the group said.

The Ministry of Education said Stanley Bay School was not included as a heritage

item in the Unitary Plan as notified, but was later sought to be added by Auckland Council.

Its inclusion would "impact significantly and adversely on the ability of people and communities to provide for their social, economic and cultural wellbeing," the Ministry of Education said in a report to council. The Ministry opposed any scheduling of Stanley Bay School.

Stanley Bay School is "engaging with the Ministry of Education and key stakeholders locally in order to understand their respective positions in relation to this matter", its Board chair Rachel Kean said.

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# Devonport houses win accolades

Two Devonport houses located just several hundred metres apart received citations at the New Zealand Institute of Architects Awards.

The Reserve House – designed by Geoff Richards Architects – is in Oxford Tce.

Judges said: “This project, whose success required overcoming onerous council requirements, is a quiet and understated modern dwelling overlooking a reserve.

“With its beachside informality, warm timber materiality and exceptional detailing it is an excellent complement to the surroundings.”

The Volcano House – designed by Rowe Baetens Architecture – is in Cheltenham Rd.

Judges said: “Tucked away down a discreet right of way, this comfortable courtyard house exhibits a profound calmness. Natural New Zealand materials – basalt from Mt Horrible and tōtara retrieved from rivers in Northland – have been beautifully composed within a clear schema of linked, stone-clad spaces.

“This is an elegant pavilion, perfectly suited to the clients and their collection of art.”

Geoff Richards Architects has previously won awards for homes in Devonport:

- 9 Stanley Point Rd won an NZIA National Award in 1998, when first built, and then a New Zealand Award in 2007 for a later addition to the house.
- 28A Stanley Point Rd won an NZIA New Zealand Award for a new house in 2008.
- 74 Seaview Rd won a an NZIA New Zealand Award for a new house in 2005.



**Elegant pavilion... the Volcano House (above)**  
**Beachside informality... the Reserve House (below)**



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# Stanley Bay School 2018 Waterwise champions



**Winners on the water...  
(from left to right) Sienna Hawkes,  
Enzo Haggitt, Skye MacRae and Leo  
Wilson. The team drags the boat  
ashore after the last race (below).**

Stanley Bay School has won the annual end-of-year Waterwise primary school sailing competition held at Narrow Neck Beach.

Teams from the six Devonport primary schools took part in the event. It was the culmination of the Waterwise season, a learn-to-sail programme that aims to teach students basic yachting skills.

It was a close-run thing – Stanley Bay came from third to first to take the last race. Due to light winds, the first four races were contested in kayaks, before the gusts got up enough to allow the final three races in Optimists.



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