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Another multimillion-dollar land claim in Devonport

A multimillion-dollar settlement of a Maori land claim includes Takapuna Grammar, Torpedo Bay land, around 40 Navy houses and governance rights over coastal land at Fort Takapuna.

While not yet formally enshrined in law, a deed of agreement has been signed by the Crown and the Marutuahu Iwi Collective over the transfer of the properties, most of which have been under the control of the Ministry

of Defence.

The properties to be offered to the collective include:

- nine houses and sections in Corrella Rd

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Dance, style and fun at TGS Fashion Show



Onesies on the catwalk... dancers at the TGS Fashion Show held at the Bruce Mason Theatre last week. Story and more pictures, pages 8-11.



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Properties to be transferred to iwi



Torpedo Bay land

- five properties in Egremont St
- 12 houses and sections in Tennyson Ave
- 15 properties in Alamein Ave
- 13 houses and sections in Montgomery Ave
- three cliff-top properties (two houses and one vacant section) on Calliope Rd with a total value put at \$3,387,690
- several houses and land on Lake Rd
- land at Torpedo Bay (where the Navy Museum is located), which is valued at \$2.3 million and will be leased back.

As part of the settlement, the land at Takapuna Grammar – valued at more than \$18 million – will be sold to the collective, but leased back to the Ministry of Education.

The guardhouse at Fort Takapuna will also be vested with the Marutuahu iwi as part of a cultural redress package offered by the Crown.

The settlement redress between the Crown and the iwi includes a “statutory acknowledgement” to the Marutuahu Collective over the Fort Takapuna area. It recognises the association between the iwi and the area and the ability of the iwi to collectively participate in “specified resource management processes”.

As far as the Fort Takapuna reserve goes, nothing will change for the public.

“Public access, recreational use, reserve status and existing third-party rights are maintained,” say documents attached to the settlement.

Legislation to ratify the settlement is expected in the next few months.

The settlement follows the massive Ngati Whatua settlement a decade ago, which saw 28.7ha of Navy landholdings sold to the iwi. A number of developments are now taking place across the Devonport peninsula as a result.



The old guardhouse at Fort Takapuna



49 Calliope Rd

Racial-abuse incident during North Shore’s final match

An investigation has been launched into allegations a North Shore United football player was racially abused and assaulted by a spectator during the side’s final game of the season.

North Shore United was playing Forrester Hill Milford last Saturday at Becroft Park, Milford. An incident report has been prepared by North Shore United chairman Darryl Petherick and will be forwarded to the football administrators.

North Shore United manager Bill Lissington said: “This matter is something we are taking very seriously. However, we respect the process Auckland Football has in place to investigate the matter and will not be making any further comment until it is completed.

“However, as there has been some mainstream and social media commentary since the incident, North Shore United wishes to make it clear that the offender is not a NSU supporter or member of the club.”

Devonport loop propels Murdoch to world stage



Running and relaxing... Murdoch McIntyre on the track and at home with family dog Archie

Devonport athlete Murdoch McIntyre is in top form leading into the Youth Olympics in Argentina next month, having just won an international cross-country event in Australia.

Murdoch (16) took out the combined Australian and Oceania under-18 cross-country championships on the Sunshine Coast in late August. In a commanding performance, he completed the hilly 6km course in 20.14 minutes.

“It was really hot – 25 degrees – the type of weather when you want to head to the beach. In New Zealand, the cross-country races are usually in the freezing cold and are muddy.”

Murdoch did much better than he expected.

“I had food poisoning the week before so I was not in the best shape – I was just going for the best place I could.”

The result was a massive improvement for Murdoch, who finished 9th in the race last year, when it was held in Tasmania.

He is single-minded about his goal at the Youth Olympics in Buenos Aires next month: he wants to break the New Zealand under-17 steeplechase record.

Murdoch hopes to do well in the race, but has little knowledge of half the field. Selection of the 18 competitors was based on the finalists at the last Olympics.

Eight of the entrants are from Europe, seven from Africa and the rest from around the world. Murdoch is the sole competitor from Oceania.

While he has watched videos of the European competitors (they have good steeplechasing technique, he says), the African runners are a mystery, including their ages. Many don't have birth certificates and for years there have been allegations of over-age runners at junior events.

Murdoch is a relative novice in steeplechasing, but has enjoyed the technical aspects of learning to hurdle. He is also keen to follow in the

footsteps of his grandfather, Alex Shaw, who was a keen steeplechaser.

When he met the Flagstaff last week, the day after he returned from Australia, Murdoch was looking forward to some solid training leading into the Youth Olympics.

There's nothing particularly fancy about it – Murdoch simply runs around the streets of Devonport.

He does, however, follow a strict routine, getting up at 5am, seven days a week, to set off on the same route: from his home in Aramoana Ave, through Ngataringa Park around the Navy grounds, along the waterfront, through Cheltenham and Narrow Neck, along Sealcliffe Ave, then back home to get ready for school at Westlake Boys. It's a 10km route. If he needs to do 20 km, Murdoch backtracks and runs the same route in the opposite direction.

He loves the lack of cars on the quiet early-morning Devonport streets, and especially likes the section through the Navy sports grounds. “I must know every crack of the road through there.”

He does additional training at AUT Millennium in Mairangi Bay and on the track at Mt Smart.

A promising rugby player at a younger age, Murdoch gave up the sport for athletics. He says he was “100 per cent happy” with the 18-18 draw between Westlake and Takapuna Grammar in the North Harbour Secondary Schools final.

“My brother and friends were in the TGS 1st XV and I had friends in the Westlake team, so the draw represented my feelings towards the game.

“If I had carried on with rugby I think I could have become a pretty good player,” he says, matter-of-factly. But equally realistically, he adds: “Look at my wrists

– they are small. Someone with my sort of body is suited to running.”

He weighs in at around 56kg, maybe a kilogram or two less on race days. He eats pretty much what he wants, as his training burns everything off. “I just eat until I'm full.”

2019 will be Murdoch's final year at school. After that, he hopes to go to an American university on an athletics scholarship.

His long-term aim is to represent New Zealand in athletics at world championships, the Commonwealth Games and the 2024 Olympics.

Time in the American university system allows athletes to mature, as well as attain a degree.

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Twin set and pupils – St Leo’s breaks own record



Seeing double... (left to right) back row: Lily Sharplin, Ivy Sharplin, Edward Coomber, Sebastian Coomber. Front row: Julia Wilson, Melissa Wilson, Parker Weekes and Poppy Weekes.

The twins just keep coming at St Leo’s primary school. The Flagstaff carried a story in 2007 on three sets of twins at the school. Now St Leo’s has bettered that mark, with four pairs of twins currently enrolled.

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Signature Devonport restaurant Dixie Browns has closed suddenly after just over two years in business.

The restaurant ceased trading at its prominent Victoria Rd site on 26 August.

It had been a difficult decision as “we loved Devonport and loved the site,” a Dixie Browns spokesperson told the Flagstaff.

However, it had become “very logistically difficult” operating with four restaurants in the group. The company had decided to retrench back to its Dixie Browns in Taupo and Mt Maunganui and the Oyster and Chop restaurant in the Viaduct Basin, the spokesperson said.

At this stage, it is not known what will happen to the vacant space and the spokesperson did not have any details on how long Dixie Browns had to run on its lease.

“But it is such a beautiful spot, I’m sure it will open again pretty soon with something else,” the spokesperson said.

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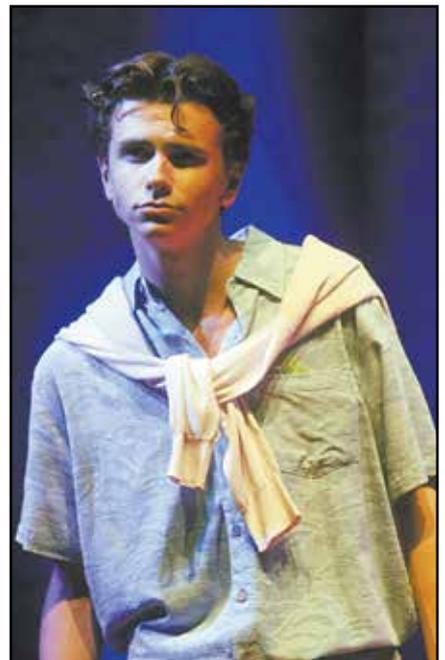
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The Bruce Mason Theatre in Takapuna was filled to capacity last week for the 14th annual Takapuna Grammar Fashion Show. Students modelled both their own designs and garments from local fashion outlets, such as Caroline Sills and Yarntons. The audience was also treated to dance, music and a stirring welcome from the Belmont Intermediate School kapa haka group.



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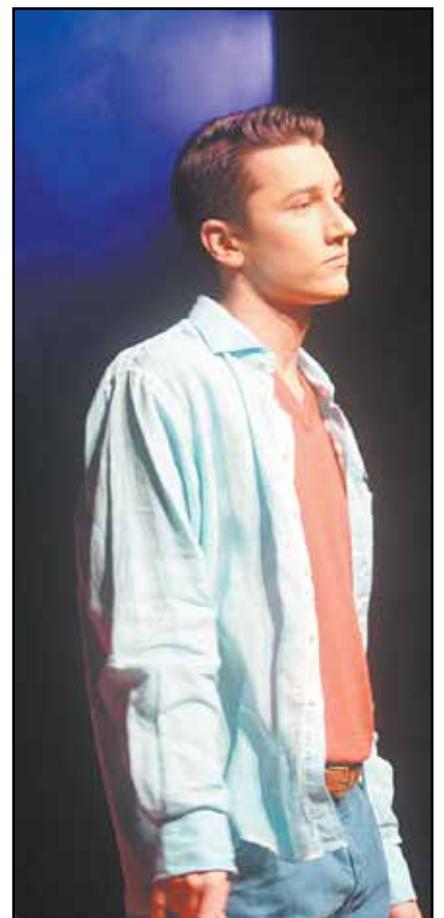
In a striking fashion... TGS students on the catwalk



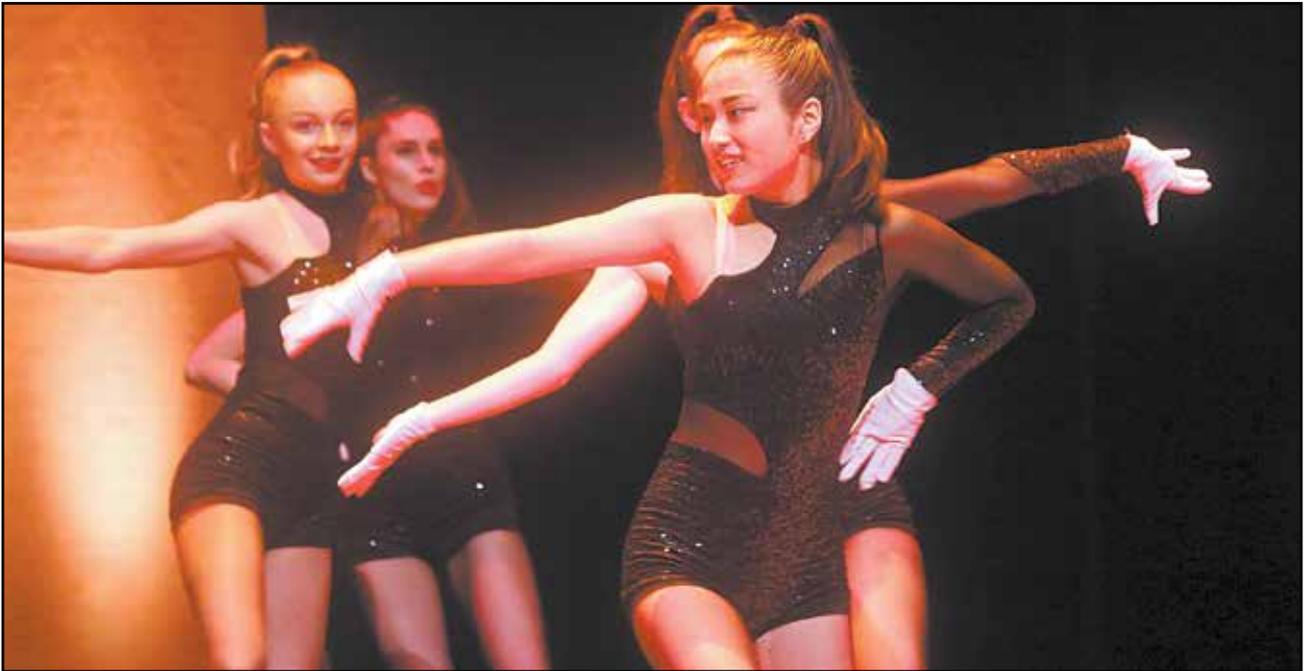


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TGS show mixes fashion, dance and colour



The Takapuna Grammar Fashion Show may expand next year to include other schools.

TGS teacher Deb Woodward, the backbone of the event for the last 14 years, said while the fashion show had gone from strength to strength, she hoped 2019 would be even bigger and better.

“We might invite some other schools next year.”

A representative from Starship Hospital said the show had raised \$70,000 for the Starship Foundation over the years.

Awards presented on the night included: most improved in construction, Skye Deaves; walkway wardrobe sustainable award, Abbie McGarvey; creative excellence (junior), Emma Milnes. Two students won Bernina sewing machines: Up-and-coming designer Nadia Shaw-Bell and creative excellence (senior) winner Maddy Byrne.

Event coordinator student Tessa Wishart presented Woodward with flowers and thanked her for running the show for so many years.

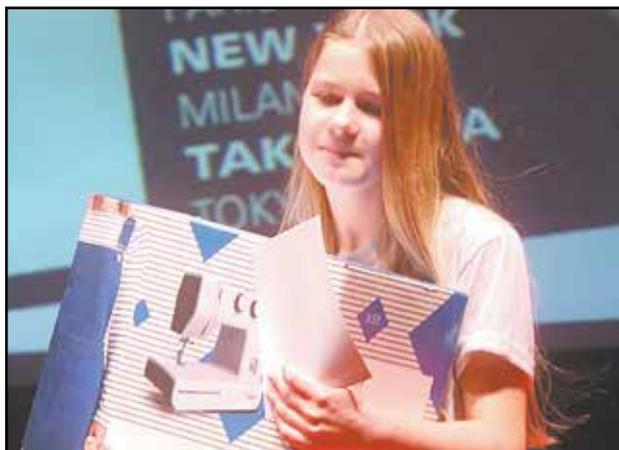
“We love you Ms Woodward,” she said.



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TGS succumbs to Mt Albert in Auckland co-ed final

From the first scrum, it was going to be a tough day at the office for Takapuna Grammar (TGS) against Mt Albert in the Auckland schools co-ed rugby final.

And so it transpired, with the Mt Albert pack – which must have weighed more than 5 kg per man over TGS – dominating the home side throughout to set the platform for the 36–3 win.

TGS had some sizeable forwards in the North Harbour secondary schools competition. But players like number eight Bill Halo were dwarfed by their opposites from Mt Albert.

And the TGS pick-and-go style of play simply ran into a brick wall last Saturday. In a largely defensive game, Evan Williams stood out making close to 30 tackles, while many of his teammates were going too high against bigger opponents. Hunter Rice defended brilliantly when he came on in the second half – an example of how a slighter player with proper technique can take down larger opponents.

TGS were in the game for most of the first half though, and at 7–3 down captain Lockie McNair almost managed to burrow over. But two Mt Albert tries in the last five minutes of the first spell put the visitors up 17–3 and the match was effectively over. They ran in three more tries in the second half.

But TGS never gave up with Lockie exalting his team to greater efforts right to the end. “Heads up, let’s stick together and finish it with pride,” he said after one of the Mt Albert tries.

And finish it well they did. Hot on attack and unlucky not to score in the final minutes.

Despite the loss, it was a great season for the team: joint winners of the North Harbour Championship and losing only two matches.



Determined... Sam Lidgard charges down the line while fending off the opposition



Nearly over... Lockie McNair almost scored after this drive

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TGS fifth-grade rugby side wins Harbour title



Healthy rugby future at TGS... most of this fifth-grade winning side will filter through to the 1st XV in the next couple of years

Takapuna Grammar has had one of its most successful years on the rugby field with a second team winning a North Harbour secondary schools championship.

Its fifth-grade side beat Rosmini 27-22 in the final to take out the grade championship.

The win followed on from the title victory by the TGS 1st XV, who shared the North

Harbour championship after drawing 18-18 with Westlake Boys High School in the 1st XV final.

Rugby pundits have rated the TGS fifth-grade side highly. Most of the team will progress through into the school's first XV over the next couple of years.

The players in the squad were: Joe Benson,

Tai Blair, Elijah Blanchette-Mathews, Shea Bratton, Ben Broatch, Max Clarke, Jacob Davey, Noah Eakin, Kodi Enoka, James Fairbairn, Quinn Godsolve, Zac Gray, Jack Hayde, Adam Little, Hayden McKay, Patrick Papera, Eli Pettitt, Jasper Shanahan, Taine Walker-Blanchette, Charles Wilson. Coaches were: Leef Blair, Mark Fairbairn, Stu MacKay.



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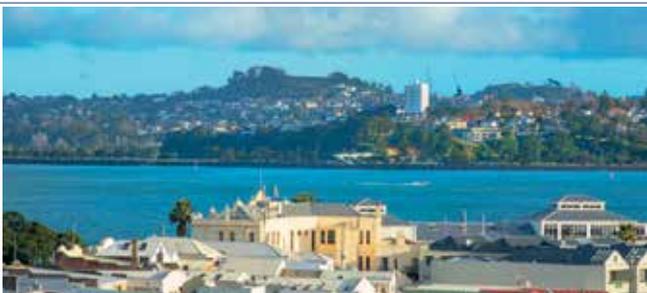


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Cheltenham Beach debris needs can-do council response

Further to the report re monitoring seaweed at Takapuna and Cheltenham beaches (Flagstaff, 27 July): It would appear that this report refers to Takapuna Beach and not Cheltenham Beach. The situation at Cheltenham Beach is very different. Over and above the seaweed problem on Cheltenham Beach there is a large amount of other debris, consisting of large tree branches, logs up to 30cm in diameter, gorse branches full of thorns, leaves and twigs. All of these have drastically reduced the pleasure of walking on the beach. A real health-and-safety issue has developed. Furthermore, as Auckland Council has increased the rates charged on many local properties as they cater for tourists, it surely behoves the council to keep the beach in pristine condition. There is a very good sand depth, which would allow raking, thus clearing the rubbish without removing sand. Time for a 'can do' and positive attitude from Auckland Council.

John Caird

• The report and subsequent council-officer discussion referred to both Takapuna and Cheltenham beaches. But obviously we focused on Cheltenham as it is in our coverage area. **Editor**

Fish begets Albatross

If the people of Devonport can live happily with the fish fountain, the Greer Twiss albatross should lift them to new heights.

M. Thomson

'Guilty plea' on memorial signs

I plead guilty to the second of the signs left on cars in Memorial Drive, which you commented on in The Flagstaff Notes (10 August).

The story behind Memorial Drive arose last century, about the 1950s, when the government of the day decided to give some money to communities to build a memorial to those that gave their lives in World War II and World War I. Many built the memorial halls that dot our country. But Devonport, being Devonport and unique in many ways, decided to build a Memorial Drive. Children from the local schools helped plant the trees. (We have a member of the Devonport RSA who was one of those children.) A wall was also planned but wasn't built and dedicated until a few years ago. The plaques at the base of the trees are for some of the members of the Devonport community who paid the ultimate sacrifice, which is why my sign reads "Respect our Memorial". It was put into the by-laws of Devonport Borough then into the by-laws of North Shore City Council. It is in the Auckland Council by-laws as well.

During general and local elections, no signs are ever erected in Memorial Drive. They are on the approaches, stopping at Seabreeze Rd and resuming after the "Welcome to Devonport" sign. Memorial Drive is one of only two memorial thoroughfares in the country with the other being in Christchurch, where Memorial Ave runs from Fendalton to the airport.

We don't mind cars parking there to enjoy the golf course, the maze, soccer at Dacre Park or just taking time out in the shade and, for some, to check out the plaques and the wall.

We object to people selling products, including vehicles, and advertising their products on Memorial Drive. I am writing on behalf of many members of the Devonport RSA, of which I am proud to be a member. I did serve overseas during one of the many conflicts and wars New Zealand has been involved in, and was wounded. Two of my grandfather's brothers paid the ultimate sacrifice during WWI as did one of his sons (my uncle) during WWII. That is why at the end of my sign I said "We will Remember Them, Lest We Forget".

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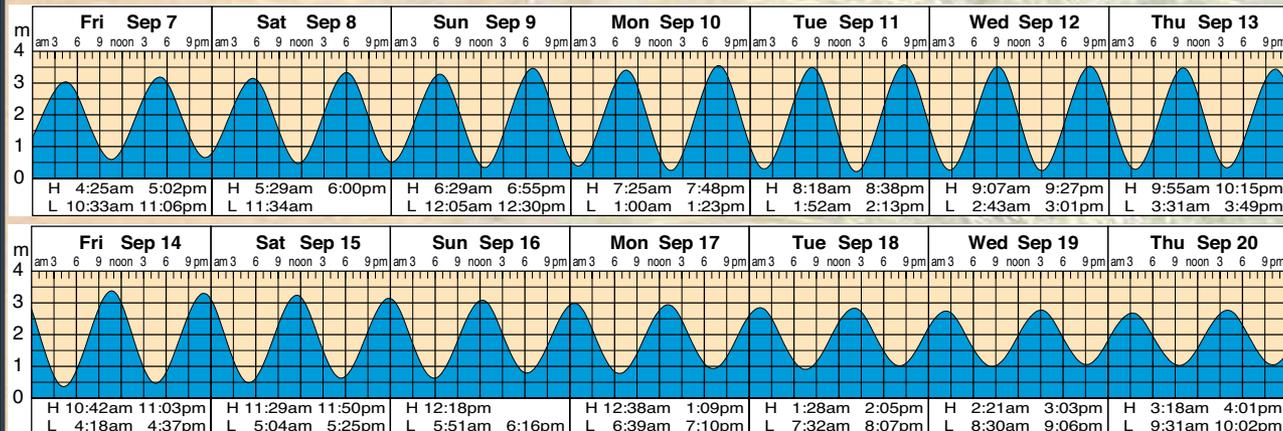


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Lack of recognition of gridlock

What a debacle on Lake Rd on Saturday 18 August. The congestion was right back to Albert Rd and it was impossible to get out of Devonport or Bayswater. This demonstrates how vulnerable our peninsula road is to any event that attracts traffic down Lake Rd. It simply cannot cope! It seems the local rugby match tipped us over the edge, with a single lane of traffic at Hauraki Corner dealing the death blow.

In my discussions with the Manager of Temporary Traffic Issues at Auckland Transport, worryingly, there appears not to be a single person in charge of Lake Rd, and all works are carried out in silos. He stated that he was unaware that on Saturdays there are busy times on Lake Rd.

What was clear was the lack of knowledge of local logistics and issues. Of even more concern is that the management summary (as delivered at the recent North Shore United Football Club development submissions) states that in 2004 (in the last such study of Lake Rd?) there were 18,000 daily vehicle movements on Lake Road, concluding that it has not changed since then and that the capacity is 50,000 movements per day, and therefore there is plenty of excess capacity.

All developments, including those at Allen Hill Stadium, need to be publicly notified and properly examined. My understanding is that the

resource consent decision on the football park, for instance, is imminent, yet Auckland Council is proposing it is not to be publicly notified. Clearly these earmarked developments on the peninsula should not progress until such time as the Lake Rd improvements are delivered. If we do not do so, we can look forward to every weekend being trapped in our homes.

Simplistically, one can say recreation-facility developments will reduce localised traffic. However, the opposition will also need to travel along Lake Rd (the entire length in the case of Allen Hill), attracting many more visitors and supporters on a regular basis. We can expect event traffic coming further down Lake Rd and trying to get through the bottleneck at Bayswater and Hauraki every weekend.

What is the local board doing to ensure we do not further compromise our appalling traffic infrastructure? The impacts have to be properly understood and openly discussed before we just bulldoze on blindly with the "less than minor" mantra.

When I called the first line of defence at Auckland Transport regarding the gridlock, they claimed that I was the first call lodged. Residents of the peninsula, get in there, lodge your calls and let yourself be heard! To quote Dr Seuss: "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not".

Rixt Brownlow

• A decision on the resource consent for the upgrade of Allen Hill stadium has yet to be made. The fact there is no up-to-date traffic count for Lake Rd has been raised by the Flagstaff on a number of occasions and, yes, it does beggar belief. **Editor**

Thanks for the honesty

I would like to express my thanks to the kind person who found and handed in to the librarian the small silver package which had fallen from my bag in the Devonport library. It contained a gift for a granddaughter and I was amazed and delighted to recover it.

Very many thanks.
Vivienne Woodruffe

Seaweed makes swimming impossible

I write to support the letter by Garry Horne (Flagstaff, 10 August) regarding the council holding a meeting, on the management of Cheltenham Beach, without inviting submissions from local residents.

We have lived close to the beach for 48 years, but have never seen an inundation of seaweed as bad as occurred the past summer. These storms are rare events and the council must show some flexibility as to when a clean-up is necessary. This summer was certainly one time, as the seaweed extended several metres into the water and made swimming impossible.

Rex Paddy

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A philosopher's thoughts turn to gardening

Rosalind Hursthouse looks back on her career as a professor of philosophy. It's not a subject that will ever stop exercising her. But right now, she tells Helen Vause, finding fellow gardeners in Devonport is at the front of her mind.



Going by the books... Rosalind Hursthouse is getting serious about her semi-retirement

A love affair with philosophy, and in particular with the teachings of Aristotle, has taken Rosalind Hursthouse all over the world in an international academic career spanning five decades.

She's not long retired as a professor of philosophy from the University of Auckland,

and as a professor emeritus she's still very much part of the university. There are still research projects she is working on, and most mornings she's at the computer early by her living room window looking out over Narrow Neck

Coming up to 75, she's at an age where most people are already well settled into retirement and into the local community. Hursthouse has a bit of catching up to do in leisure pursuits, not least of all a lot of gardening. "Gardening is my other great love", she says, waving an arm at a large back section.

Hursthouse saw the pathway to Oxford University, and to working with some of the brightest stars in her field of philosophy, when she was a schoolgirl in Wellington.

Born in England, she had come to New Zealand as an infant, and although her parents were not academic, their house was full of books and vigorous debate around the dinner table.

Hursthouse recalls riding home on the outside seats of the cable car, up from the city as a fourth former at Wellington Girls' College. She'd watch the student passengers getting off at the stop for Victoria University and think to herself 'that's where I'm going: to university'. Not just that to that university but into the world of academia.

Just a couple of years later, the dreams of being in a university world firmed up when her Aunt Mary, an academic, came to the family home for a sherry, recalls Hursthouse.

"Dad asked her 'What's all this philosophy stuff then Mary?'

"My aunt leaned forward and rubbed the table and said, 'Do you realise that we don't really know this is a table in front of us? All we have to go on are our sensations.'

"My father thought it was the silliest thing he'd heard and promptly suggested another sherry. But I thought it was fantastic. I fell in love with philosophy at first sight and I enrolled at university the next year to start studying it."

Hursthouse started at Victoria, but finished her first degree and her masters at the University of Auckland. She went to Oxford University on a scholarship as a graduate student, then on to 25 years of teaching philosophy in Britain.

Oxford was a stimulating, exciting place for a young student seeking an academic life and she says she felt pretty fortunate to be doing her doctorate there.

But back in the 60s, Oxford was still very much a male-dominated institution and typically its students were the privileged offspring of the upper classes and Britain's private schools. Looking for work to supplement her income, Hursthouse

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successfully applied for a job at the university, and became the first woman to teach in an all-men's college.

Hursthouse laughs a lot and her highly entertaining dialogue is embellished with gestures. Memories of trying to crack the code to get alongside the chaps at Oxford bring on gales of laughter.

"They were difficult times for women there, and the men were pretty ghastly to us really. Mostly they were not welcoming to me at all, and often they were so very boring. But the women were tough and I had the luck to be mentored by two women who were leading academics."

But in the end, Hurstmere decided that being part of Oxford University at that stage of her career was not so important that she had to battle on into those bastions of the blokes. She realised there could be more fun and a better fit for her to be found somewhere else.

She stayed living in Oxford, happy in the culture and buzz of the place. Her opportunity for change came in the late 1960s, when the Labour government of the day signalled plans for an Open University. Hursthouse got a job in the ranks of founding staff of the new institution, which is now one of the biggest in the UK for undergraduate education. The Open University is hailed as a world pioneer in distance learning, and with something like two million students having passed through its courses, it is said to have changed the face of higher education in Britain.

Hursthouse is very proud to have been part of that change and to have taught there for many years.

"The establishment of the Open University was just so overdue. At the time it felt quite disgraceful to me that no one seemed to have got around to considering education for those who were outside the private schools and the upper classes; the people who had to work and who didn't have the opportunity to take years out to study or couldn't afford to.

"Until then, university education had been

for those in a certain social position who could afford it, but that left out thousands and thousands of intelligent people who would want to pursue higher education if they were given the opportunity."

The Open University had some wobbly early years, facing scepticism among some politicians and parties. Nevertheless, the students came by the tens of thousands.

"It certainly was what people were looking

"Everyone has to think about the person they want to be and how they want to live, what they'll stand up for and what they'll let go."

for," says Hursthouse. "And they were so different from the students of established universities. Our distance-learning courses brought enrolments from the most incredible diversity of students – from those in far-flung places or in busy jobs to those in jail, or people who were bedridden.

"They were of all ages and of greatly varying ability. But of course it was both very rewarding and challenging to be teaching them. You certainly couldn't presuppose anything with these students. In my field, for example, you couldn't be sure they'd know about Aristotle. You'd have to tell them first that he was a Greek philosopher."

Hursthouse's speciality is in moral

philosophy; Aristotle is her inspiration and she is noted for her work on virtue ethics.

"It's common sense really, and doesn't belong locked up in academia. The idea is to acquire and exercise virtues in order to live a life worth living.

"Everyone has to think about the person they want to be and how they want to live, what they'll stand up for and what they'll let go."

Virtue she says, means excellence, and connotes the character traits that enable us to live and act well. Those traits include courage, temperance, generosity, honesty, mildness and being able to manage anger.

It's not about perfection, but about what we aspire to, she says, and adds that deep down we all know what's right and what is wrong.

Hursthouse never tired of teaching at the Open University. But the pull of home was getting stronger and her father was rapidly aging in Auckland. She was appointed Head of the Department of Philosophy at the University of Auckland in 2001 and held that position until 2005.

She remained as a professor, but in her 60s life took a turn that drew her away from the entertaining and gardening she'd anticipated in her large Stanley Bay home. Duty called, and instead of hosting hordes of university friends from the UK, she moved into her father's home to take care of him for a decade, until he died last year at 102.

"It was at times overwhelming and it all rather bowled me over for a while," she says looking around the pretty bungalow that's now home.

Getting serious about semi-retirement includes lots of gardening hours, and hopefully some new gardening buddies.

"I had felt sure there'd be a gardening club to join in Devonport, where there are so many lovely traditional gardens. But I have yet to find one. Gardening clubs are a wonderful excuse to stand around nattering to people about all sorts of things. And that's one of the things I do love to do."

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By Rob Drent

A possible downside to Devonport's reduction in single-use plastic bags has been pointed out by one reader: more dog poo on the streets. His theory – totally untested – is that dog owners who have a less-than-ready supply of plastic bags to hand are more likely to be caught short when walking Rover around Devonport.

One theory I have, equally untested, is that a lot of the pollution off Takapuna Beach is caused by dog effluent on the sand.

While visitor numbers to the new Devonport information centre (now tucked away off the main street) continue to fall, there's still no life – or movement towards life – at the old Devonport Borough Council offices at 3 Victoria Rd. This was the former home of the visitor information centre until its tenancy was made clearly untenable by Auckland Council development arm Panuku.

Panuku is reviewing the situation after a consultant's report. An update is likely sometime in September, but I'm not expecting anything to happen there quickly. Critics of Panuku believe it has always wanted to sell the

building. I agree, and would be surprised if the building was not in private hands within five years.

The general levels of suspicion and distrust of Panuku over this building, and other assets around the city, has however had a minor positive flow-on effect. Any movement on council land is seen as a potential threat to public ownership.

The closure of Devonport Bowling Club and the instant calls from the North Shore Rugby Club and North Shore Cricket Club to retain it for women's teams was a case in point. Likewise, the removal of skate ramps from a reserve (a former bowling green) off Achilles Crescent had locals scurrying to social-media accounts concerned about council plans for the land.

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board members are encouraging residents to be vigilant. Member Grant Gillon said at the board's August meeting the challenge for communities was to hang onto parks and buildings they had in the face of a "broke council" selling assets.

Changes are being made to bus services on the North Shore over the next few months. And while the bus service is generally good for Devonport residents, there are persistent pinch points that cause ongoing consternation. The fact that buses are not

always meeting night ferries is a safety concern for women as well as an annoyance. I hope that this is smoothed out as part of the revamped bus service.

Spring is definitely just around the corner. In our former home on the Narrow Neck side of the golf course, a pair of lorikeets used to arrive our Melia tree at the onset of spring, just prior to it starting to bud. At our current address about a kilometre away in Abbotsford Tce, we have a melia on the berm. A pair of lorikeets were happily feasting away in the canopy last week.





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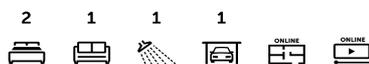


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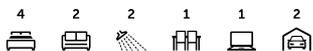
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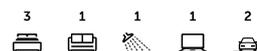
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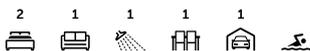
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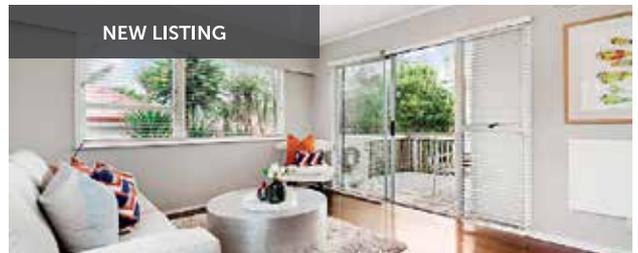
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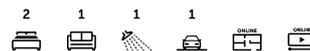
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Unfair car bans on all Auckland's scenic cones

Since the May public meeting, the Flagstaff has provided great feedback/opinions from residents re lack of communication and Mt Vic's hated road barrier. I wonder how many understand the details of the objectionable act that was introduced by the Key/Finlayson regime – Nga Mana Whenua o Tamaki Makaurau Collective Redress Act 2014. It's worthwhile reading, and the 158 pages are available free from the Parliamentary Library.

It's obvious that most North Shore residents don't know that Mt Victoria is only one of many maunga that are controlled by this Tupuna Maunga Authority (TMA). The list of other special places, loved by Aucklanders: Mt Smart, One Tree Hill, Mt Wellington, North Head (to be renamed Maungauika/North Head), Mt Eden, Mt Albert, Mt Roskill, Mt St John, Mt Hobson, Pigeon Mountain, Mt Richmond and Big King. Also to be controlled by the TMA are the "motu", the islands of Motuihi, Motutapu, Rangitoto, Tiritiri Matangi and Browns Island.

The Key Government based the act on "traditional breaches of the Treaty of Waitangi" and gifted mountains and gulf gems to a group of beneficiaries/iwi/hapu. All 14 are listed – Ngati Maru, Ngati Paoa, etc. As others point out, nowhere in the Treaty of Waitangi document states that

Maori should get special privileges.

The act, which is binding on the Crown, states it is "restoring ownership". More concerning to all Aucklanders, on page 11 is outlined: "...delineates the jurisdiction of a court, tribunal, or other judicial body... for the removal of certain memorials" and "...for the exclusion of the law against perpetuities." Yet on page 45 we read: "The maunga is held for the common benefit of Nga Mana Whenua o Tamaki Makaurau and the other people of Auckland".

Regarding North Head, on page 50 we are told that as it is Crown protected: "The official geographic name for North Head Historic Reserve is changed to Maungauika/North Head Historic Reserve, and the Geographic Board must amend the Gazette

accordingly."

The act, passed by National, with full support, confirms Auckland Council (ratepayers) is responsible for costs under the direction of the Maunga Authority.

Nowhere in the act is there reference to pedestrianising access to any of the mountains in Auckland. National voters last year may well cringe that this is the legacy of John Key's control. To many, it is obvious it was a bad mistake, and will complicate race relations for the future. It is an affront to our democratic rights.

In a sane world, this "Redress Act" should be repealed. Better, the self-serving Waitangi Tribunal should be closed. We are all New Zealanders.

John Hipkins

Questions on public-land protection remain unanswered

Under the Conservation Act 1987, and previous legislation, whenever any area of Crown land is disposed of adjacent to the coast, a lake or a stream wider than three metres, the Crown automatically takes a 20-metre-wide marginal strip for public access and environmental protection.

Some years ago, Nick Smith, the National Party Minister of Conservation – without any public discussion or explanation – reduced the marginal strip around the reclamation at Bayswater Marina from 20 metres to three metres. Over a reasonable distance, this is a large area of public land lost forever.

Of even more concern, our own National MP, Maggie Barry, while Minister of Conservation, sold the reclamation, without any public

consultation or any public tender, to a developer, Simon Herbert.

In a similar case last year, Barry, as Minister of Conservation, again without any public discussion or explanation, reduced the width of the mandatory marginal strip from 20 metres, to six to 10 metres, on an area of Crown land at Torpedo Bay.

In a more unusual case, and the only one in New Zealand to my knowledge, Barry, as Minister of Conservation, approved the marginal strip adjacent to the Ngati Whatua o Orakei Retirement Village at Ngataranga Road being owned by Ngati Whatua o Orakei, but managed by the Department of Conservation. I would ask why?

Despite numerous requests, Maggie Barry refuses to say why.

Bruce Tubb



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Ballot date (if required): 12 Nov 2018

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Taking plastic-waste concerns to the Belmont streets



Public feedback... Stephen McLuckie (right) surveys Alan Pang prior to meeting with businesses

A group of Bayswater and Belmont locals is aiming to reduce plastic use at their neighbourhood shops.

They have been out surveying shoppers on environmental concerns and practices, and have planned a meeting with business owners on 4 September (after the Flagstaff went to press).

"The people who stopped were interested and positive about the idea of less plastic waste coming from the shops," said one of the survey initiators, Ann Langis.

Many shared stories about their personal efforts to reduce waste, such as getting in the habit of bringing reusable

bags, coffee cups, and containers to the shops.

More than 120 responses to the survey have been received.

Langis said that as customers, group members are keen to support local businesses that are committed to reducing waste. "A good percentage of the shops at Belmont are takeaways or food-related which, does produce a lot of waste. We would love to work

with local businesses to brainstorm how the Belmont shops can lead the way in showing care for our beautiful environment. We thought it would be a great idea to get together, meet one another and work collaboratively about how we can reduce waste in our neighbourhood. We also understand there will be challenges in reducing waste, but we are certain together we could find some solutions."

The godwits are on their way

A group of local residents will celebrate the yearly arrival of the bar-tailed godwits after the birds' non-stop flight from western Alaska to the western shores of the Devonport peninsula.

At up to 12,000km, the migration is the longest non-stop flight of any non-seabird.

Professional photographer and bird lover, Philip Moll, has been urging greater protection for Shoal Bay's birdlife for many years.

"The godwits are one of 12 threatened or at-risk bird species that inhabit the bay," he says. "Usually we get 300 birds moving between Shoal Bay and Ngataranga Bay to feed and roost or nest. They arrive, exhausted, from mid-September and feed from the bay's shell banks and tidal flats. They have to build themselves up before heading back to the northern hemisphere in late March to breed. The shell banks provide a safe haven."

Ngataranga resident Iain Rea is helping Moll organise the celebration. "We're so lucky to have godwits on our doorstep," Rea says. The idea came after seeing a film crew discover the birds stop off on the Korean Peninsula during their journey north. "The birds are not our birds," he says. "The whole world is their home".

Moll worries about the effects of a changing environment on the godwits. "The birds' food sources, marine life on the tidal flats, can disappear if water quality deteriorates. Silt run-off from improperly controlled developments could mean godwits and other rare birds disappear from the bay".

• *Welcome to the Godwits*, a family event with a sausage sizzle and activities, will be held at 4pm on 20 October, at Birkley Rd-end reserve, Ngataranga Bay, Bayswater. It will be "a celebration everyone can join," says Rea.

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Taking back the streets – car parks to be transformed



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Car parks will be transformed into a library, a street-side gym, and a play area by architects and Devonport businesses later this month.

A group of Devonport architects has initiated Devonport's participation in International Park(ing) Day on Friday 21 September.

It is the first time Devonport has been part of the global event held around the world on the same day.

Up to 18 car parks are to be redesigned for human interaction around the Devonport village business area. Themes include: an outdoor children's storytelling area, live street cartooning, an exhibition of architecture, fitness testing, a street barbecue, a kids' play area, a car sculpture, a mini theatre and a heritage display.

International Park(ing) Day, which began in San Francisco in 2005, is an initiative intended to promote the rethinking of public space. The simple concept, to transform multiple car parks into shared areas redesigned for human interaction instead of a single motor vehicle, took off around the world. The event is now annual, taking place every third Friday in September.

This year it coincides with the New Zealand Institute of Architects Festival of Architecture (14-23 September), so Devonport's architects and surrounding

businesses (about 20 businesses in total) have decided to take part.

Local architect and organiser Ken Davis said, "It's a great little concept that lends itself to any type of creative function, whether it's a mini-golf course, outdoor reading 'room', art installation or barbecue street party. Turning car parks into parklets for the day will hopefully bring people together by enlivening and humanising the street, turning a car-centric town centre into small pocket parks and social spaces."

Devonport Business Improvement District manager Toni van Tonder is also excited about the event.

"With Ken's enthusiasm it came together really quickly. We all look to quality and inspiring urban design to invigorate our town centres and this is a chance to test some concepts out.

"Events such as this promote Devonport as a fun and lively destination and it's a fabulous opportunity for our wide range of creative businesses to work collaboratively in this playful and thoughtful way," she says.



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On Wednesday 26th September 2018 at 5.30pm for a 6.00pm start
The Esplanade Hotel
1 Victoria Rd, Devonport

AGM information, Agenda and Nomination Form is available on www.devonport.co.nz

Canvas bags sustain environment and hospice



Loving Devonport’s environment... Eva Dallimore with her new canvas bag, alongside Devonport Hospice Shop manager Tess McGregor

Environmentally conscious Takapuna Grammar School student Eva Dallimore has begun to distribute her reusable bags throughout Devonport.

The canvas bags, printed with

‘I love Devonport’, will be sold by retailers for \$8 each, with all proceeds going to Hospice North Shore.

Eva hopes to see canvas bags eventually replace plastic bags completely.



ZERO WASTE DEVONPORT

Andrew Walters, Director
Devonport Community
Recycling Centre

Look to the past to save the future

When Andrew Walters, Director at Devonport Recycling Centre, spoke at the Devonport Community Network meeting in May, he talked about zero waste and how our thinking needs to reflect on how things were in times gone by.

It got me into a conversation with my parents, who grew up in the 1940s/50s. They remember when, as small children, there weren't modern conveniences like fridges and freezers in the home. So there was no such thing as freezing vegetables and fruit to preserve them, or buying in bulk. People shopped more frequently for meat, fish and dairy products, and vegetables and fruits were often preserved by 'bottling' in preserving jars.

Shops tended to be handier too as there were no supermarkets. But as well as your corner dairy, you usually had a greengrocer and a butcher. It was common to not have a family car, so walking or catching the bus to get a few groceries was the norm. People usually tended

to have veggie gardens as well, so a lot of produce could be grown at home.

Throughout Plastic-Free July, we were challenged to give up a piece of plastic for the month. During the conversation with my parents, we talked about how so many staples, like bread, come in plastic nowadays. Mum pointed out that you can still buy unwrapped bread from the bakery, and the supermarket has it too.

So during July, I started buying unwrapped bread. I have bought bread from the supermarket and Baked@Devonport. For now, I'm sticking with the Baked@Devonport bread as they don't use emulsifiers in their bread recipe, which is something that matters to me — but that's another story. It's now September and I'm still enjoying getting my unwrapped bread. It's time to plan my next item of plastic to give up.

Takapuna

SCHOOL NEWS



Grammar

SEP 7, 2018

Academic quiz successes

It is not often that Classics students are given the chance to shine outside the classroom. However, at the Auckland Classics Quiz at St Cuthbert's College, students from Years 11-13 were given the chance to represent the school.

The quiz has been running for 13 years, and this was the largest ever turnout, of 50 Classics-loving teams. It was our eighth time attending and this year four teams competed, each using a fun name: *Alexanswer the Question*, *Ililads*, *The Optimarties*, and *Hera to Winna*.

The highlight was the second-placing of *Alexanswer the Question* – Rebecca Scholtz, Anya Fry and Shannon Pye. The overall winners were *Will Nerva Lose*, from Dilworth. The other

three TGS teams came fifth, 12th and 25th.

Year 13 student Alex Davey of *The Optimarties* said the students "all loved the cheeky nature of some of the questions," and that this year's quiz was "the best one yet!"

Our Year 11 Geography team came first in the Maatangi Whenua Competition for the North Shore region. They were worthy winners out of the 14 teams, winning by a good margin. Team members were: Oliver Arthur-Hunt, Silas Coles and Alex Blair.

Two weeks earlier, the Senior Geography Quiz Team came third in their annual contest, keeping up the reputation of the Geography department.

BY SIENNA NORMAN



Eight hours, one question

An ideal Saturday for most young teenagers isn't spending eight hours at school. But for 28 students it was the annual secondary school Engineering Science competition, organised by the University of Auckland Faculty of Engineering. Participants attempted the open-ended question: 'How many tonnes of carbon-dioxide emissions could be avoided in your lifetime if New Zealand transitions to a completely electric vehicle fleet?'

The question was released nationally at 9 am; the deadline, 6.00 p.m.

"It was a great learning experience and I feel it really challenged us as a team," says Libby Lord, a Year 12 student and first-time competitor.

Unlike previous years, the only Year 11 Boys team made it to the end of the day. They persevered through this competition, which is designed for older students with strong backgrounds in mathematics and science.

Cheers echoed through the science block when the clock struck six.

BY KATHLEEN SIBUEA

Great performances

After a week filled with dance, song and music, the school hall was packed with students ready to watch the annual talent show final. Five acts, from powerful voices to upbeat dances, entertained the audience.

After great deliberation, the judges from the Performing Arts department – Miss Alana Drake, Mr Andrew Murphy and Mrs Juliet Cryns – announced the winners. In third place was Ben Sawyer, who sang the *Famous* yodelling song and put on a great American accent. Chris Williams played a beautiful piece on the piano, winning him second place. And Year 9 student Janayah Wadsworth won first place, and \$100, singing *Hurt* by Christina Aguilera.

BY JESSICA HAMLIN

Takapuna

SCHOOL NEWS



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Cleaning up the community



Out-of-place trash is unwanted by all, so why are our public places and beaches full of them? To correct this wrong, Enviro Club members, along with other volunteers, headed out to Takapuna Beach after school recently. In groups of twos and threes, they used a rubbish bag and disposable gloves to clean the beach. "Even though there wasn't a lot of rubbish to pick up, members of the public noticed our initiative and

joined in. A woman picked up a can and asked to put it in our rubbish bag. It was a simple act, but it really warmed our hearts," said Ishbel Vergara, an Enviro Club member.

Overall, it was a very successful activity, and it was encouraging to see people in the community equally eager to help out.

BY LAIBA BATOOL



Support for Amnesty International

This year's Amnesty International theme, for their annual Freedom Challenge, was *Brave*. Our Amnesty Club took this on board and worked with it creatively. A yellow banner with 'BRAVE' stencilled in black was put out in the courtyard, every lunchtime in Week Five, for students to share their brave stories or simply write what being brave means to them.

Amnesty Club members supervised these activities,

selling badges and handing out stickers for students to show support.

Isabella Dunleavy, one of the co-leaders of the club says, "It's so Freedom Challenge. It's so important to project the message to our peers on how human rights are continually abused despite how forward-thinking and connected our world may be".

BY LAIBA BATOOL

from the Lion's Den



THE LATEST IN SPORT



ON THE FIELD: Fifth Grade Rugby team beat Rosmini 27 to 22, to become 2018 North Harbour champions.

AT THE COURTS: Netball Year 9 Team 1, beat Birkenhead 30-28 to win their grade. Senior Team 2, placed third, winning their play-off match 23-20 against Northcote.

ON THE PITCH: First XI Football boys won 2-1 against Kelston, to secure third place in the A1 league. The First XI Girls won 2-0 against Avondale, finishing seventh in the Premier Auckland Provincial Champs.

ON THE TURF: First XI Girls Hockey finished second in the North Harbour competition, going down 1-3 to Mahurangi in the finals. The Second XI final was a draw at full time and they narrowly lost 2-1 in a penalty shoot-out.

ON THE ROAD: Cycling: the Pukekohe TTT season concluded with series rankings (best five races) of second for the Junior Boys and third for the Senior Boys.

INDIVIDUAL SUCCESSES:

KARATE – **Chiemu lioka** secured seven gold and two silver medals at three separate championships this month.

WATERPOLO – **Andrei Soldatovic** selected to play for two teams: Pan Pacific Under-14 and Under 16. Their Under-14 team was the gold winner of the tournament. Andrei won the MVP title of the tournament.

TABLE TENNIS – **Jaden Meng** won both the singles and mMixed doubles at the Auckland Open Table Tennis Champs.

JIU-JITSU – **Nephi Carneiro de Brito** (Year 12) won a bronze medal in the national championships, in the 16-17-year-old category.

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Jumping banned at Torpedo Bay wharf

Jumping off Torpedo Bay wharf – popular for years with teenagers and families – has been abruptly banned by Auckland Council.

Signs went up at the wharf recently without any warning or consultation with the local community or the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board.

Several years ago, Auckland Council attempted to ban wharf-jumping at Stanley Bay wharf – a rite of passage for generations of Devonport teenagers. But it backed down after local opposition. In summers since then wharf jumpers have co-existed, sometimes uneasily, with ferries coming and going from Auckland.

No ferries berth at Torpedo Bay wharf and boat visits are rare. The new signs come after the death last year of a young boy who drowned in water off the wharf. The death did not appear to be as a result of jumping.

The signage says: Swimming not advised; Changing water depth; Strong rips/currents; Submerged rocks; No diving or jumping; Boating area.

The ban is yet another slap in the face for the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board, appearing to be increasingly ignored about many council decisions affecting the local community.



No jumping... the new sign



ENROLMENTS 2019

Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office.

Applications for 15 out-of-zone places in Year 1, 0 in Year 2, 2 in Year 3, 2 in Year 4, 2 in year 5 and 2 in Year 6 are now being invited for those students who will become eligible for enrolment in the 2019 school year.

The deadline for receipt of applications for out-of-zone places is 15 October 2018.

If a ballot for out-of-zone places is required, it will be held on 16 October. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days of the ballot being held. If you live in the home zone and have not yet signalled your intention to enrol your child later this year, please contact the school immediately to assist us to plan appropriately.



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The deadline for receipt of applications for out-of-zone places is 24 September 2018.

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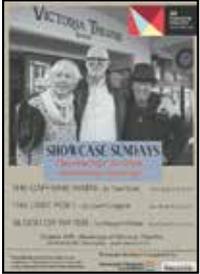
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Beghin secures Auckland Aces contract

Top North Shore cricketer Graeme Beghin has scored himself a representative contract with Auckland this season – but the star batsman hopes to be able to still turn out for his home club as much as possible.

Beghin started work with Auckland on 1 September. He has played for Auckland before and been a regular for the Auckland 2nd XI team for the past couple of seasons. But the pro contract means he will have to forego the player-coaching role at North Shore Cricket Club, and coaching and development roles at Takapuna Grammar School (TGS).

“As a batsman, I hope I can continue to play for Shore when my [Auckland] Aces duties allow – it will be exciting to get back amongst the guys at the club.”

While playing at the highest level is in Beghin’s sights at the moment, he has been developing “a career in cricket” over the last few years.

“The passion still burns for coaching and player development,” said Beghin, who wants to return to the coaching environment after his stint at the top playing level.

He’s always happy to mentor younger players and aims to keep up with the cricketers at TGS who he helped develop over the last couple of years through a cricket academy.

Even with Beghin full-time at the Aces, Shore is looking strong this season.

Ronnie Hira is coming back to the club and experienced players Mike Olsen and Tim Duncraft are backing up from strong seasons last year.

A big addition is Stephan Baard, the Namibian national captain, who has been secured as the club’s professional for the season.

Chris Read is the new senior coach. He comes from Takapuna Cricket Club, where he successfully coached its women’s premier side.

Mike Tillet is the new Director of Cricket at TGS, coming from Westlake Boys High School to join the TGS Social Science Faculty in 2019.

Beghin has established a solid cricket programme for the school, including the cricket academy, which Tillet will build on.

Tillet is a former premier cricket player for Grafton and Takapuna Cricket Clubs, a member of the coaching teams for Auckland U19s and U17s for several years, and former Head Coach of Westlake Boys High School 1st XI.

He will be responsible for leading and managing the entire cricket programme at the school, as well as coaching the 1st XI boys team.

Tillet takes up the cricket role in conjunction with a teaching position in geography.

In accepting the role at TGS, he said: “I am excited about the future of cricket at Takapuna Grammar School. It has a strong heritage in cricket and there is much cricket talent in the Devonport community, together with strong support from the North Shore Cricket Club.



One of the Aces... Graeme Beghin is giving up the player-coach role at North Shore Cricket Club

Belmont Primary School

OUT OF ZONE APPLICATIONS

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Twenty years ago from the Flagstaff files

- Proposals for a multimillion-dollar development on land alongside Bayswater Marina are to be put to the Devonport Community Board. Bayswater Marina developer Martin Jones tells the Flagstaff that plans for the \$50-\$100 million development are well advanced. Included in the proposal is a \$15 million underground car park offering around 800 parks.
- The Department of Conservation will establish its Auckland area office on North Head from October. The office will be the base for around 15 to 20 staff.
- A Category 1 historic-places listing is proposed for the fortifications at North Head.
- A slip of around 25m, which is restricting access around the foreshore walk at North Head, is expected to be repaired by summer.
- A Devonport Rotary-organised Cheltenham Garden Party planned for Mt Cambria is postponed until March, due to wet weather causing boggy ground.
- Congestion and problems with speeding traffic appear to be increasing, based on petitions and complaints to the Devonport Community Board. Bayswater Ave, Lake Rd and Church St are areas of key concern.
- The Famous Five café in Belmont is named one of *Metro* magazine's top 20 cafes in Auckland.
- Noise levels at Devonport bars are under investigation.
- Belmont Primary has raised \$100,000 towards



Interview subject... Peter Hosking fights human rights abuses

a new school hall and is hoping for Ministry of Education and other funding.

- Former Human Rights Proceedings Commissioner Peter Hosking is the Flagstaff

interview subject and talks about his new role in fighting human rights abuses around the world.

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Devonport dancers win world hip-hop medal

Local dancers Montana Cooper (17) and Eilish McClure (18) have picked up a bronze medal at the world hip-hop champs held in the United States.

The pair, along with their dance crew Masque, travelled to Phoenix, Arizona, to perform in front of a crowd of around 8000. The event was also streamed worldwide. "Being up on stage was pretty surreal," says Montana.

"It was a 'didn't think you were there' kind of experience."

Montana, who goes to Takapuna Grammar, and Eilish, who attends Carmel College, have been dancing with Masque for two years, and have been national champions both years. The all-girl crew is made up of nine Year 13 students from all over Auckland. The group trained every day leading up to their two-week trip to the champs.

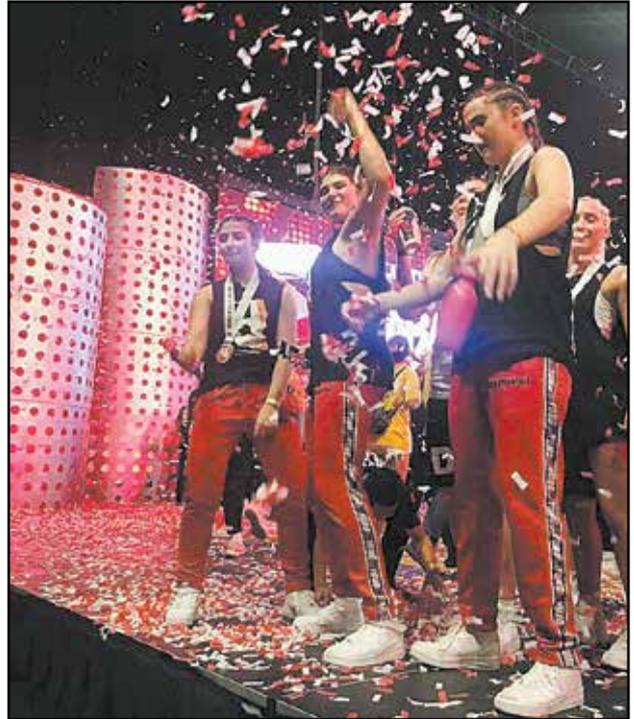
"We have been training together so long that we are all really close. We put our best team forward and it was awesome just to see everyone who shares the same passion" says Montana.

More than 4000 competitors from 50 different countries danced at the championships this year. Montana and Eilish were in one of eight dance crews that moved on to the final in their age group.

"To make the final alone is a big deal, and to win a medal is a total dream come true," says Montana. The pair and the Masque crew plan to continue dancing together, and are already training for some big gigs later in the year. "The world champs have opened up a lot of opportunities for us," says Montana.

"It would be awesome to go back again."

On the world stage... Montana Cooper (left) and Eilish McClure (right)



THE NAVY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

New Chief of Defence Force visits Devonport

Devonport Naval Base recently had its first visit from the new Chief of Defence Force, Air Marshal Kevin Short, since he took command of the NZ Defence Force.

During the visit last week, he was welcomed onto the Te Taua Moana Marae with a Wero Powhiri, followed by a discussion with senior naval leadership officers and senior rates.

Sailors from HMNZS MATATAUA gave an on-water demonstration around Stanley Bay Wharf and his tour of the Base included an outline of infrastructure plans for the Base.

Air Marshal Short took up his new position in July. He was Vice Chief of Defence Force since March 2014, having started his career in the Royal New Zealand Air Force in 1976 as a General Duties Navigator.

He has also filled a range of senior command and representational appointments here and overseas, including in 2003 when he took up the position of Officer Commanding No 485 Wing, RNZAF Base Auckland, with responsibility for the RNZAF Operational Force Elements.



The new Commander of the NZ Defence Force, Air Marshal Kevin Short, inspects sailors during his first visit to Devonport Naval Base last week.

In 2006, he served as Senior National Officer and Commander of the NZ Provincial Reconstruction Team (Rotation 9), Bamyán, Afghanistan.

"It's a privilege and honour to be appointed to this role. The stewardship of this organisation is an extremely important responsibility," he said.

"Living the values of the organisation is very

important. The Defence Force is a proud organisation with a long history of service to the country.

"The role of Chief of Defence Force is challenging, and I welcome that challenge, as well as working to ensure we continue to uphold our values of courage, commitment and comradeship as we go about our task of serving New Zealand."

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Road-sharing idea rejected

An attempt to have shared pedestrian spaces in the Devonport shopping centre considered as part of an investigation into limiting speeds to 30km/h has been rejected. The Devonport-Takapuna Local Board at

its August meeting voted to support Auckland Transport (AT) moves to limit speeds in the town centre.

However, a motion by board member Mike Cohen to extend the investigation to include shared pedestrian spaces on the streets was chucked out.

Cohen said if AT was looking at dropping the speed limit in the town centre for safety reasons, shared pedestrian spaces should also be considered.

The Devonport Business Association (DBA) was keen on the idea to make Devonport more "people-friendly", Cohen said.

Board chair George Wood said the DBA should be putting forward the proposed shared streets if it was keen on the concept.

Member Jan O'Connor opposed the move. "What are we trying to do to Devonport? It has great parking – it is a great place to park. Why can't we just leave it alone?" she said.

Outdoor movies likely to stay at Woodall Park

Movies in Parks are likely to be shown at Woodall Park again this summer, despite a push for them to be held at Windsor Reserve.

At Devonport-Takapuna Local Board workshops, Auckland Council staff have maintained a preference for Woodall Park.

However, board member Mike Cohen has been advocating for Windsor Reserve as it is more central and close to businesses and the ferry.

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Takapuna Grammar students go public with their art

A two-year art journey will come to an end for 19 Takapuna Grammar School International Baccalaureate (IB) students as they prepare for the opening of their exhibition at The Depot Artspace this weekend.

The group of Year 13 students, led by teacher Francis Potter, has been working towards the *The Eclectic Collective* exhibition, as part of their IB diploma, since 2017.

The students' artwork was installed at The Depot on Tuesday with the help of Robyn Gibson, the gallery's curator.

The work has strong cultural, political and personal connections to each of the artists.

"There's always a purpose and significance with the art. It's personal and intentional," says Potter, who has given the students complete creative freedom.

In mediums ranging from chalk on a suitcase, to plaster in a woman's shoe, and hand-sewn flowers, Potter always sourced new materials for the students to express their art.

"I can't afford to buy a lot, so I'm constantly down at the dump collecting items" he says.

This will be the school's first time exhibiting an IB show in a public gallery space, and both Potter and his students are extremely excited for the community to see the work.

"I don't think the community understands what we do in IB. I think they will be blown away. It will be a new way of seeing art. From a kid's perspective," Potter says.

"I'm going to allow the students to have a good day or so to just really think about it" says Gibson.

"Doing the work is very different to how it's displayed. It's learning what



Art work that challenges today's beauty standards... Rita Zhou (L) works on her final painting for the exhibition next to fellow visual arts student Arthur Xu.

complements one another."

All 200 works in the exhibition will be for sale. "Its exciting, chaotic and full on" says Gibson.

- *The Eclectic Collective* opens at The Depot Artspace on Saturday 8 September. It runs until 26 September.

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