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Youngsters put beach rubbish on ice

A Devonport cafe is offering a cool incentive for youngsters to clear beach rubbish.

Narrow Neck Beach cafe has made three buckets available for children to pick up litter from the nearby beach. And when they bring

back the bucketful of rubbish, they get a kiddie cone.

Last weekend, the cafe gave away 10 ice creams.

Cafe owner Josie Xu said the cafe was

doing "whatever we need to make this sustainable and positive, and so far the response has been great."

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Cool rewards... (from left) Timothy Ford (6) , Georgina Scovell (7) and Annabell Scovell (6) with rubbish buckets and ice creams



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Bean Rock on course for Windsor Reserve

The \$1,050,000 Bean Rock lighthouse-inspired playground earmarked for Windsor Reserve has been approved by the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board.

Detailed designs are expected by the end of 2018, with resource consent sought in January and construction starting around June 2019.

Council staff will progress the project, and local board chair George Wood and member Mike Cohen will oversee aspects of the final design.

The new playground will include:

- a play tower resembling Bean Rock lighthouse.
- rock pool hides
- stepping stones.
- net crawl
- rope climb
- sandpits
- climbing structures

An earlier proposal was modified to retain an existing oak tree on the site. Photo images provided to the board show minimal obstruction to views from the Devonport Library.

Heritage walks around cemetery

Devonport Museum has curated a founding-families display and is organising walks through Mt Victoria cemetery as part of Auckland Heritage Festival.

The museum has chosen some of the headstones in the cemetery and compiled biographies of the early settlers.

It hopes the heritage events will inform the public about the families who founded

Devonport, encourage descendants to take a renewed interest in the preservation of family graves, and add to the museum's list of names on its genealogical database.

The festival runs until 14 October. The event opening hours are Monday to Friday, 10am-noon, and Saturday and Sunday noon-4pm. The next cemetery walk is on Saturday 6 October, 3pm-4pm.

William Sanders Village

Ryman Healthcare's Devonport village has been named in honour of New Zealand's most highly decorated naval hero - William Sanders.

The only New Zealander to win a Victoria Cross in a naval battle, Sanders died after his ship was torpedoed by a German submarine in 1917.

Pharmacy still under suspension

Devonport 7 day Pharmacy's licence to dispense drugs remains suspended, says regulatory authority Medsafe.

The pharmacy was shut down by regulators in July over alleged fridge-storage breaches. It had until August 10 to put its case to Medsafe, or risk the licence being cancelled.

Medsafe said last week that it is assessing information provided by the operator.

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Allen's family fairies help out at book launch



Fairy Godfather... Geoff Allen's illustrations on display at the launch of his new book at the Depot

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Ice cream on bucket list at Narrow Neck

Xu says the scheme has no formal terms and conditions.

"I'm hoping that people will use their common sense; beach rubbish only not house rubbish or leaves and twigs, filled up to the top, nicely packed (i.e. not just crumpled newspaper), in exchange for a small kids scoop ice cream in a regular cone."

The buckets were first trialed last summer after storms dumped rubbish on the beach.

The waste will be sorted by the Devonport Community Recycling Centre.

The cafe has become increasingly progressive about the sustainability message.

This year, it entered into an arrangement with nearby Wakatere Boating Club to have reusable cups instead of disposable ones on hand for members.

Torpedo Bay jumping returns

Jumping from Torpedo Bay Wharf is back after a U-turn by Auckland Council.

A council sign, banning jumping, will be amended after public outcry.

The launch of Geoff Allen's book *Fairies of Down Under and Other Pakeha Fairy Tales* brought friends and families together to celebrate local literature.

The opening was held at The Depot Artspace last Friday as part of the BiblioHub exhibition.

The event was a true family affair, with Allen's son Morgan DJing for the first hour of

the opening, and wife Robin playing the harp for the audience of around 80. Allen performed a mihi and a waiata, and gave thanks to friends, family and his publisher.

Also on display were stalls by Paradox Books, Devonport Library Associates, BookMark, Depot Press and The Devonport Flagstaff.

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Landscaping-supplies outlet goes green

Devonport's first sustainable, 100 per cent recycled landscaping-supplies shop has opened.

Andrew Walters and his team at the Devonport Community Recycling Centre decided to take over the lease of 27 Lake Road – previously Central Landscaping – and make a positive change to the way locals landscape. "Everything we sell is made from waste material," says Walters.

Concrete and steel is sourced from demolished buildings and brought from places like Albany and Penrose, instead of farther away. "This way we don't have to quarry natural resources. We're really passionate about finding these products."

An old building could end up becoming someone's garden path, Walters adds.

Sustainable Landscapes will also be recycling old pavers and bricks, as well as doing their part to eradicate the plastic bag.

Free trailers and wheelie bins will be provided to every customer to take their materials home in. "If people do want to use plastic bags, we will take them back and reuse them" says Walters. "We really want to minimise plastic, so will be offering a discount to those who bring their own bags."

He hopes that Sustainable Landscapes will help put Devonport on the map as one of the most sustainable communities. It will also provide employment opportunities for locals "We are increasing sustainable jobs and increasing local opportunity," says Walters, who hopes to take on a school-leaver and train them up.

More than 1000 complete Devonport Half Marathon



Going through the pain barrier... Ben Thompson finishes the half-marathon in a time of 1.28.40

A field of 1045 completed the Devonport Half-Marathon race on Sunday, finishing at Windsor Reserve. Robert Tang was the first male home in a time of 1.20.04. Hannah Oldroyd was the first woman to finish, in a time of 1.21.27.

Other events included a 15km and a 10km run, a 5 km run and walk and a 2km kids dash.

Non-Bank Lenders

We are seeing more and more deals being done by non-bank lenders as main banks continue to tighten credit and servicing criteria. In Australia, non-bank lenders account for about 30% of mortgage lending vs only about 1% in New Zealand, so there is certainly growth potential. Bear in mind in Australia many non-bank lenders are securitisation vehicles that can compete much more closely with main banks on price.

Non-bank lenders in New Zealand are similarly regulated for loan-to-value ratios (LVR) and servicing to main banks, but they seem to have more flexibility and a more pragmatic approach. They vary from near bank lenders, charging a bit more than main banks, to second- and even third-tier peer-to-peer lenders that may charge up to 6%-8%.

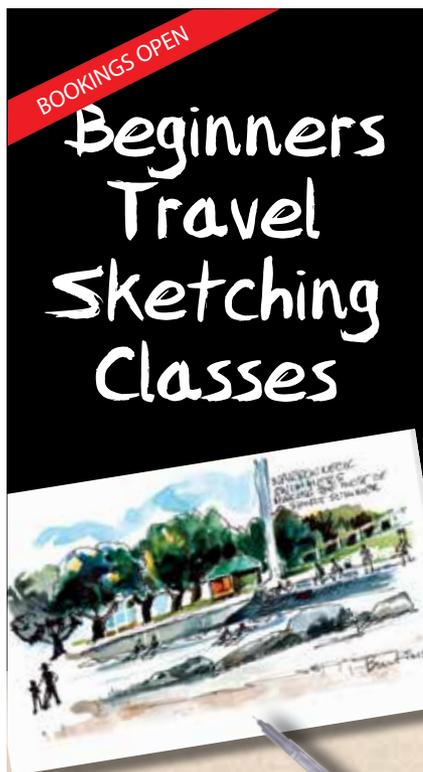
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Diversity and improvements at the Vic

Attendances at the Victoria Theatre are up 14 per cent, with 65,000 customers in the last year.

Of those patrons, 9000 attended community and performing-arts events, according to figures supplied for the Victoria Theatre Trust (VTT) annual general meeting last week.

“We had 43 live events over the year, ranging from jazz, soft rock and solo performances, to comedy shows,” said VTT co-chair Margot McRae.

“This year, we took part in New Zealand Theatre Month, with a series of New Zealand play-readings that attracted strong audiences, including one sell-out performance.

“Our fourth event space (previously a bar/restaurant) has added to the diversity, with small live events, film screenings and

birthday parties.”

The trust spent \$98,000 on building improvements, which included:

- a flexible space for wheelchairs in the downstairs cinema
- aisle handrails in the upper cinema
- improved ventilation in the Benwell cinemas
- general improvements to the male toilets
- improved sound insulation between cinema.

“We have had no disasters this year – no flooding or plaster falling off,” said McRae.

As part of the arrangement for the operation of the theatre, the trust received \$55,000 generated by a \$1 donation from each ticket sale.

Theatre operator Philipp Jaser appreciated the great support he had received from the community and the VTT over the past year.

Earthquake-strengthening put on back burner at the Vic

A major community fundraising drive to pay towards earthquake-strengthening of the Victoria Theatre has been put on hold – partly because the public would have no stomach for it.

Last year, earthquake-strengthening of the council-owned building was set as a priority for the Victoria Theatre Trust.

The costs of a lift addition and the first stage of restoration were surveyed at \$2.9 million.

However, the trust decided to engage Giving Architects to carry out a community-response assessment before embarking on the project.

Giving Architects found that if funding grant applications were to succeed, one third of the money would need to come from the community.

Those surveyed provided positive feedback

on the operation of theatre by manager Philipp Jaser and valued the theatre as a community asset with live events. But there was negativity towards fundraising for earthquake-strengthening for a council building.

As a result, the trust is looking at progressively improving the building rather than launching into a complete restrengthening project, which might close the theatre for nine months.

The trust has more than 30 years to complete strengthening of the building.

Part of the difficulty is that council ownership of the building precludes the trust from applying for council funds for privately owned heritage upgrades.

It also means the trust cannot apply to two independent grants funders.



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Chance of America's Cup events for Devonport

The likelihood of America's Cup events in Devonport in 2021 have been boosted with Councillor Chris Darby promising to go into bat for the suburb when venues are handed out.

Devonport Business Association chair Dianne Hale said in previous years Devonport had missed out on events coinciding with the World Masters games and the Rugby World Cup, as the council focus for venues had centred on the city side of the harbour.

She hoped this would change for the America's Cup – especially as racing would be off Maungauika/North Head.

Darby said Auckland Tourism would be developing an events programme around the cup and that Devonport would be on it.

The Maunga Authority, which is set to take over administering Maungauika/North Head, would have some ideas for events too, Darby said.

Ferry-management changes on the horizon

The Devonport to Auckland ferry run has been included in Auckland Transport's rapid transit network.

The move is an indication of how important the service is in Auckland's transport planning, said Councillor Chris Darby, the guest speaker at the Devonport Business Association annual general meeting last week.

Moves for Auckland Transport (AT) to control the ferry services are getting closer, he said.

Currently, the Waiheke and Devonport services are exempt from local-authority control.

But Darby has written to transport minister Phil Twyford asking for the exemption to be removed. Twyford responded positively, asking for a business case to be put forward, Darby said.

One future option is AT ownership of the boats and contracting an operator to run them, he said.

Clash over viability of visitor information centre

The viability of a visitor information centre in Devonport sparked a clash between Devonport Business Association (DBA) members and Councillor Chris Darby at the DBA's annual general meeting last week.

Darby, who had attended as a guest speaker, rubbed the association up the wrong way when he questioned DBA funding of the centre, which is located in The Arcade, just off Victoria Rd.

Auckland Tourism has closed all its visitor centres based on recommendations from many reports.

Darby said when he was overseas he never went to visitor centres. He used his phone to navigate tourism offerings.

"I'm not convinced bricks-and-mortar visitor information centres are a good investment of your funding."

DBA chair Dianne Hale disagreed, saying she had just returned from a seven-week trip to Europe and visitor information centres were

very well patronised. Many people did not use phones when travelling due to high charges.

Information centre volunteer Lynn Dawson told Darby the 22,000 people who had visited the centre in one year, when it was located at 3 Victoria Rd, was "hard data" that spoke for itself.

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board member Mike Cohen said the Devonport information centre offered visitors a personal introduction to the suburb and recommendations

Lake Rd project manager appointed

The \$41 million Lake Rd upgrade will likely gain pace with the appointment of a project manager.

Jacobs Project Management has been appointed to oversee the project, Councillor Chris Darby told the Devonport Business Association last week.

A detailed business case would be developed to be put to the New Zealand Transport Agency, which would be co-funding the project.

While no time frame has been set for the project, it is likely to start from the northern end of Lake Rd.



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By Rob Drent

Lake Rd has been resealed over the last couple of weeks, as part of an ongoing road-maintenance programme. I do wonder if this should have been put on hold for a year or so, until final decisions have been made on the future of Lake Rd. A works programme will no doubt result and, at the very least, the current works will be reshaped.

The Flagstaff took a bit of stick in the letters column recently for too much coverage of Takapuna Grammar (TGS) – the first such criticism in 25 years of Flagstaff publication.

I make no apologies for giving full coverage of our local high school. Yes, we have had a few TGS stories lately – newsworthy ones. Among them, the TGS first XV had its best run in a decade – all the way to a joint North Harbour secondary school championship.

Of course, we cover stories on local students who attend other schools as well. In fact a couple of issues ago we featured students from Westlake Boys and Carmel College.

I don't know who how many students in Devonport go to schools other than TGS. But we have infrequent contact from these schools. Parents, relatives and the schools themselves need to provide news tips about student achievements, otherwise we have no way of knowing about them.

And just to clarify, the TGS pages are a paid-for space we provide at cost to give TGS journalism students the opportunity to showcase their work.

I was in Devonport New World a couple of times over the last week – and what a great sight to see no single-use plastic bags on offer. I arrived once without a permanent shopping bag and was more than happy to fork out 20 cents for a paper bag.

New World's progressive attitude towards zero waste is to be encouraged, and needs to cover other forms of plastic packaging and the phasing out of plastic bags in the fruit-and-vegetable section.

With Waiheke being earmarked as a pest-free island, I'd still like to see Devonport used as a prototype for a suburban pest-free area. Given it is a peninsula, so mostly surrounded by water, it would

make an interesting project – something our community would embrace. We've put the idea to Conservation Minister Eugenie Sage.

I went to the Victoria Theatre Trust AGM last week and was pleased to hear the theatre is in good health.

Patron numbers are up and the trust is taking the pragmatic approach of putting aside immediate earthquake-restructuring work until it can be properly funded. It's a complicated exercise as the building is council-owned, but the trust's lease clearly says the lessee needs to pay for earthquake-strengthening upgrades. The lease was signed prior to the Christchurch and Kaikoura earthquakes, a very different era for building standards indeed.

The theatre is still seeking donations to renew the final two rows of its seating.

Amongst the positive improvements to the Devonport bus service – with the 814 now linking from the ferry terminal through the peninsula to Akoranga Station and a mostly half-hourly Sky Bus to the airport – the local 815 has been axed.

It was an infrequent service, but its route took it along Ngataringa Rd, site of the Ryman retirement village taking shape there. With the service removal, there is no handy bus stop for village residents or their neighbours.

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North Shore United appoints new coach

Malcolm McPherson has been appointed as North Shore United's new men's first team head coach and Director of Football.

The appointment comes after North Shore United gained promotion this season to the Northern Regional Football League (NRFL) Premier Division.

McPherson has coached at both National League and NRFL Premier Division levels, having won the League and Chatham Cup double with Eastern Suburbs. He has also had stints with Waitakere Utd U20s,

Waitakere City and Birkenhead United.

"The opportunity to coach North Shore United in the top winter league was too good to turn down. It's an exciting project and the club has genuine ambitions to be successful at this level," McPherson says.

He lives locally, and returns to the club where his coaching career began almost 15 years ago.

Club chair Darryl Petherick said: "After success in 2018, and with (coach) Paul Harkness returning to the UK, we sought a replacement head coach who has the pedigree

to achieve at the Premier-grade level but also the credentials to lead a coaching team that will continue to provide first-class player-development pathways for boys and girls of all ages.

"We're proud of the progress we've made with player development over the last five years, including having both boys and girls go on to New Zealand representative age-group honours. With these and the first team's success in 2018, we are excited and looking forward to the 2019 season at all levels of the club."

Claystore survey

A seismic survey is being carried out at the Claystore premises at 27 Lake Rd.

The Claystore is a council-owned building and the survey is part of a council earthquake-strengthening programme.

Auckland Council Head of Asset Management Intelligence Raymond Tan said: "As this survey is not yet completed, we are unable to release the interim results. However, they will be presented to the local board in late October."

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Allen Hill notification a board decision

Steve Browning of North Shore United (Flagstaff, 21 September) needs to know that it was the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board, not just Mike Cohen, who recommended public notification (of the plan to upgrade Dacre Park, the home of North Shore United).

I like to think that it was because they

democratically thought it was an important issue for the community to consider, particularly when over \$2 million is involved.

If it was just an upgraded pitch the club wanted, like the excellent one at North Shore Rugby, then they could already have had it in operation. But they wanted so much more.

That's why, in 2014, the Sports Field Capacity Development programme was persuaded to relocate the \$1,050,000 that was earmarked for a 2018 Stanley Bay ground upgrade, to the club's development. Just think, there could have been two good playing surfaces in use by now!

Susan Beaumont

Unpolluted beach would be enhanced by cleaning

I have missed most of the letters in the Flagstaff regarding the state of Cheltenham Beach, but I offer the following comments. We live about 50 metres from the beach in Vauxhall Road and walk on the beach most days (we have a dog).

About five years ago, I realised that our beach was the only one on the Shore that did not get groomed several times a year and rang the council. The council advised me that the residents did not want their beach groomed.

I then did a very crude survey, asked people on the beach their views and they, without exception, considered that the beach should be groomed.

I then advised the council and they sent the appropriate equipment and staff to our beach. When they started the operation, apparently one person stood in front of the tractor and refused to move. The council then packed up and left.

I note in the latest Flagstaff a letter extolling

the benefit of seaweed on the beach. I would agree that seaweed is a natural phenomenon and to be expected on a beach. Incidentally, on our walk today there was no seaweed.

However the beach has plenty of twigs and pieces of wood that detract from the beauty of our beach. From Browns Bay to Narrow Neck – all very attractive beaches – none have the same amount of rubbish as ours. It's ironic that ours is the only unpolluted beach on the Shore.

Ian Brown

Takapuna Grammar deserves Flagstaff coverage

The letter from Rosie France (Flagstaff, 21 September) about Takapuna Grammar School (TGS) is obviously tongue-in-cheek.

But hey, TGS is a decile-10 state school and Devonport is one of the areas within its zoning. As such, it is an integral part of the Devonport community and therefore deserves the coverage it gets in the Flagstaff. The double-page TGS spread is created by students, and funded by TGS.

With a roll of over 1700 pupils, TGS can cater for the education of most students.

Many Devonport children can walk or cycle

to TGS and there is a regular before- and after-school bus service.

Because we have choice in New Zealand, some may exercise their right to opt out of attendance at TGS. Residents do choose other state schools or private schools, and long may this continue.

The closest alternatives are Westlake Boys and Westlake Girls, and the car-travel time there can vary from 20 to 30 minutes, depending on the Lake Rd and Esmonde Rd traffic.

The Kristin school bus passes adjacent to our street and over the years I have observed a

steady increase in the number of students on it. Nevertheless, they are still a minority, with most families preferring their children's education to be provided within the community.

Our family carefully considered where we wanted our children to be educated. We thought about proximity, co-education, a full academic curriculum, a proud sports, arts, and music history, and the opportunity to be part of the community.

One shoe doesn't fit all, but for us TGS was a good fit.

David McAlister

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Uncomfortable issues over soccer ground development need addressing

Your last issue (Flagstaff, September 21) featured a lengthy letter from Steve Browning, secretary of North Shore United Football Club. I have to say I was a wee bit taken aback by both the personal attack on a local board member, plus the rancour shown toward those who have concerns about the proposed upgrade to the football grounds.

It seems the issue causing Mr Browning the most upset is the fact a notified resource consent will delay the start of work; also that the cost of this will be borne by ratepayers.

Considering the potential impacts the upgrade could cause to a quiet residential neighbourhood, I am surprised anyone would expect less than the same due, notified process others would have to follow. Also, \$3 million of ratepayer's money is being given to the project, and a full hearing should help avert future problems.

To be clear, I generally support the upgrade. However, as a close-ish neighbour to the football club, I know there are real issues that need addressing – one being the aforementioned traffic, noise and installation of spotlights. (As to the latter, I am reassured that modern spotlights can be very effectively

hooded, so I'm comfortable about that aspect).

In spite of statements to the contrary, the impacts of traffic on Lake Rd and overflow parking in surrounding streets needs to be addressed. This is especially important as most of the streets are not wide enough to retain two-way traffic when fully parked on both sides. There must be up-to-date analysis of this, something which has been sadly lacking until now.

Re noise: Mr Browning is scathing about this, so let me explain. I live close to the sports club, so fully expect to have some pretty rowdy Saturday afternoons. I am okay with that, as well as the all-day activity most weekends.

What I am not okay with is what happens on weeknight training, when we are regularly treated to not only a lot of yelling, but also expletives. I'm no prig, but hearing the 'f' word repeatedly hollered at a volume audible inside my house is just not on. Add in the seven-day, very liberal liquor licence, and there also can be noisy cavorting until late. The club needs to be realistic about this, and accept that gaining the support of neighbours means tackling a few uncomfortable issues.

Lyndsay Brock

Clarification needed on marginal strips

Can Auckland Council or Ngati Whatua o Orakei confirm that by the former Minister of Conservation, Maggie Barry, agreeing to Ngati Whatua o Orakei retaining ownership of the 20-metre-wide marginal strip (but leased to the Department of Conservation) it allowed the iwi to increase the density of the retirement village on their adjoining property at Ngataranga Bay?

I understand this was the first time in New Zealand this decision was made without any public consultation and goes against the spirit and intent of the Conservation Act 1987. Was

a similar decision by the minister made when later reducing the marginal strip at Torpedo Bay from 20 metres to 6 to 12 metres?

With apparently many new coastal areas in Devonport and Belmont being shortly transferred to iwi, this matter should be clarified. The spirit of the legislation should not be able to be circumvented. As intended by the legislation, the Crown should always retain ownership of marginal strips in perpetuity because leases can be altered or cancelled at any time, without any public consultation.

Bruce Tubb

TGS is our school

Re the letter from Rosie France about Takapuna Grammar School (Flagstaff, 21 September).

This school is in our zone and most of the local scholars attend it. Maybe she needs to be around before school and after school to witness the volume of students coming and going home locally.

All the friends of our two granddaughters are attending or have attended TGS. Our family spend an abundance of time at the school, for various reasons, so knows she is not correct, and I am yet to see Kristin School uniforms floating around Devonport. Not too many can afford to send their children to Kristin.

Lorraine Louw

My boys are actually at Kristin?

I was delighted to read Rosie France's letter ('Why so much TGS?', Flagstaff, 21 September). For the past four years, I have been under the impression that my sons were going to Takapuna Grammar School every day. Now I find out that they – and all their friends – are actually attending Kristin. I wonder when the bill will arrive?

Jacki Fortune

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Out of Devonport: following an African passion

Armed with just camera gear, Julian Braatvedt spends his days getting up close with and personal with lions, elephants and gorillas. The former Takapuna Grammar head boy talks to Helen Vause.



Animal instincts... Julian Braatvedt relies on his knowledge of wildlife behaviour to capture good footage

A spider weaving a web in Julian Braatvedt's Devonport backyard was probably his first wildlife subject, filmed with the family video camera. But little Julian had grander plans, as he'd tell his buddies at Vauxhall School; one day he was going to shoot pictures of mountain

gorillas in faraway Rwanda.

And those local kids who grew up with Braatvedt and his cameras, through Belmont Intermediate and Takapuna Grammar (TGS), know that's pretty much what he went on to do. The childhood dream became his reality and Braatvedt did indeed go off to Africa to shoot fabulous footage of animals in the wild, including those mountain gorillas.

The Flagstaff catches up with him while he's home in Devonport to see family and friends.

On a cold, early-spring afternoon, he's taking time out from working on footage, and planning the next period in his career as a wildlife cameraman, including a couple of months filming in Malawi next year.

Braatvedt's parents originate from South Africa, and although Julian grew up in Devonport he always had an affinity with all things African and the creatures there.

He hung onto his dream of taking photos in Africa, but he wasn't sure it could be a career. In 2006, in his first year at AUT doing a Bachelor of Communication Studies, the plan was to be a journalist, perhaps a war correspondent. Photography was probably going to be his hobby.

But as he progressed through the degree, notions of becoming a wildlife cameraman shooting moving footage of those wonderful

wild animals, came into sharper focus.

Braatvedt's a confident, outgoing guy (a former head boy of TGS), with an energy for making things happen. When an unlikely opportunity cropped up to take a step towards the career he wanted, he grabbed it – where a lot of other kids might not have gone in pursuit.

The lucky story goes like this: his mother Charmaine, who is vicar of Holy Trinity Church, was about to officiate in the marriage of a wildlife filmmaker from the UK who'd come to Auckland for her special day. Mum managed to slip into their meetings something along the lines of, "My boy wants to be a wildlife cameraman". And her boy was able to make an appearance in a heartbeat to pursue the lead.

The kind filmmaker said she'd be happy to hear from him sometime, and that perhaps he could be of help. A while later, he made that call to her, she made more calls to her many connections, and so Braatvedt went to the UK and his career began.

Braatvedt had been given an entree to his career pathway with wildlife filmmakers based in Bristol. Based there in the office for months, he made coffee, logged footage, and rubbed shoulders with professionals from the field.

"Pretty soon I was wondering a lot of the time about how I would ever actually get into the field and get started as a camera operator," he



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says. "From that office in Bristol it still seemed quite a leap to actually be getting out there and shooting pictures anywhere in Africa."

He made the decision to leave the security of the Bristol job and to go away to train as a safari guide, a decision he feels gave him an edge that's been key to his success in the wildlife-filmmaking business.

"I figured anyone planning to film wildlife would need a guide; someone who knew what they were doing in the environment but could also understand the business and all the elements

and he was in his element. He spent a couple of years guiding, walking, tracking, and sometimes approaching animals on foot, helping camera crews get what they'd come for.

"It was an amazing start and it sure cemented the passion. It was where I wanted to be and what I wanted to be doing. Looking back at those days of working with those people, I realise that the best of the best of them were incredibly helpful and supportive to a guy starting out like me."

Now in his early 30s, Braatvedt is a freelance wildlife and documentary cameraman/cinematographer who has shot footage for the BBC, Discovery, National Geographic, ITV, Channel 5 and more. He's got his own shooting kit and a rugged-looking red Land Rover that is his office, camp and sometimes his place to kip.

His website tells stories from many locations in Africa – of lions and leopards, elephants, wild dogs, buffalos, gorillas, cheetahs and more.

In addition to shooting for work, he also took on a conservation project for the Lilongwe Wildlife Trust in Malawi, where poaching could see elephants wiped out within a decade. His short film on YouTube, *Elephant I Miss You*, is now screening at national parks and wildlife centres across Malawi. The film's message to Malawians is to look after their elephants for future generations.

Braatvedt says he's learned to be a generalist and to be able to do whatever needs doing on the day. When things break, the parts might be flown in but he has to fix the vehicle himself. Nevertheless, he says, he probably has an easier life than those before him, because modern communications mean he could call or Skype home from the cab of the Land Rover if he wanted to.

"It's an all-encompassing life and when you are out there you are totally immersed in that environment and what the animals are doing. You pick up their rhythms. You soon know where they are moving, which ones are dominating the waterhole, which tree the wild dogs are sleeping under.

"The more you know about animal behaviour, the more effectively you can work in the environment and get good footage. You're relying on your knowledge of their behaviour and anticipating actions and reactions.

"The lions, for example, are easy enough to find because they like to hang around in the same place. They're incredibly lazy and sleep up to 20 hours a day in the same spots. Once they've made a kill and fed off it, they'll be lying around in the same place some more.

"Hyenas are a constant and they're always around you. I once woke up with one chewing my boot.

"Mostly we shoot from the vehicle, but when you are on foot filming there's lots to be aware of – the way the wind is blowing, where the cover is. For example, elephants and buffalo rely on scents, but the prey animals are geared to see every movement."

Sometimes it does get scary. "When elephants come at you, it's best to stand still and make yourself big, maybe start clapping. That can make them unsure and they'll probably pause and veer away. But if they keep coming, you might have to make a lot more noise.

"When you're working with the gorillas – although they are very used to people around – you might need to be thinking about making affirming noises to the big silverbacks and making sure to let them know that they are the boss."

Although it's both his job and his passion, Braatvedt says it can be a hard way to make a living. Seasons for filming are short, there's plenty of rain and a lot to juggle.

"It's a wonderful life and there's great camaraderie out in the field. Really special moments when you're all together, catching up in the shade of a 'sausage tree'." And that can be risky too. The 'sausages' are 15kg pods that regularly fall off the trees.

"But we know to keep an eye on that."

"The more you know about animal behaviour, the more effectively you can work in the environment and get good footage."

of filmmaking in these remote locations."

"To make it in this business, you have to be a point of difference to get the work. For me, becoming something of an Africa specialist has been a very good move. When filmmakers are looking at investing in a production in that part of the world, they're putting a lot of trust in you, taking a chance on you."

As a freshly minted safari guide, he got another lucky break through his then small networks, when he was recommended to a group who would be working in Botswana. His brief was to get in there, set up camp in a trackless wilderness, and take care of all sorts of set-up requirements for the BBC crews coming through.

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Walking-tour podcasts for tourists and locals

Heritage walking podcasts are being developed by the Devonport Business Association (DBA).

“Working alongside local historian and writer David Verran, I am planning some self-led walking tour podcasts that our visitors and local schools can download,” Devonport BID manager Toni van Tonder said in her report to the association AGM last week.

The podcasts will talk about the buildings in Devonport’s main streets, the Maori heritage around Torpedo Bay, the maunga and the tunnels in North Head.

Other works in the pipeline for the DBA include:

- an improved website
- a fashion event next winter
- work on the feasibility of a major opera event on Windsor Reserve with the Auckland Symphony Orchestra
- a street-enhancement plan for the Devonport

business area, which would include better signage, a small sculpture and a lighting strategy.

Van Tonder said events were one of the most successful initiatives to bring money into Devonport.

Over the past year, the *Glow* weekend, the Village Market Day (to coincide with the Naval Base open day), and the Matariki Dish and Progressive Dinner in winter all brought a significant upturn in spending with local businesses, she told the AGM.

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Village welcome sign planned

A large ‘Welcome to Devonport Village’ sign is planned near the Victoria Theatre.

The Devonport Business Association has applied to Auckland Council to place the sign in a garden on the corner of Kerr St and Victoria Rd.

DBA board members

The Devonport Business Association board members elected last week are: Dianne Hale (Chair), Sue Johnson (Treasurer), Harriet Byrnes (secretary), and committee members: Laura Foote, Trevor Lawson, Ken Davis, Fiona Startup, Ian Cunliffe, Doug Cochrane and Prem Chandnani.

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Auction

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Windsor Reserve Glows for Artweek

Electric cars will be used to power the *Glow* light installations at Windsor Reserve on 12 and 13 October.

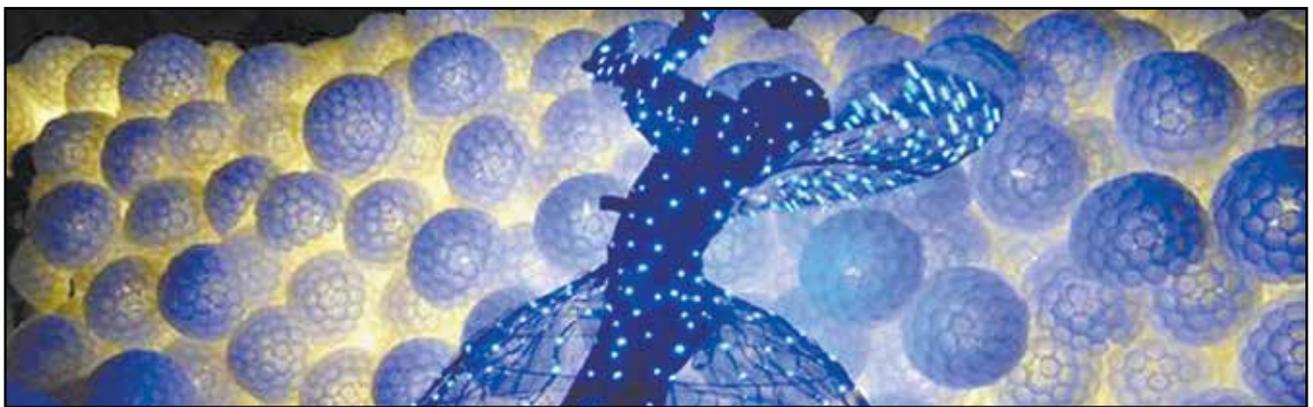
The exhibition of installations by 65 Unitec architecture students, working in nine teams, is staged as part of Artweek Auckland, in conjunction with the Devonport Business Association.

Working to a zero-waste, zero-budget brief, the students are partnering with Vector to use two Nissan Leaf G2 electric cars to power the installations. The cars will act as a rechargeable and mobile renewable energy source

As part of the *Glow* event, a street party will be held in Clarence St on 12 October from 5pm to 9pm.



All lit up... *Glow* at Windsor Reserve in 2017



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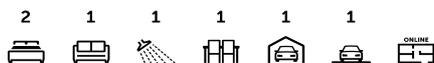
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2/7 CHELTENHAM ROAD



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TENDER
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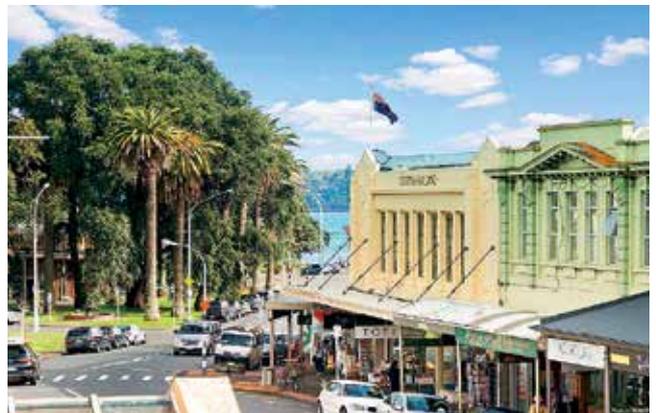


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AUCTION THURSDAY



DEVONPORT

1/36 VICTORIA ROAD



AUCTION

10:00am 11 Oct 2018 at Bruce Mason Centre, Takapuna (unless sold prior)

VIEWING

Saturday/Sunday 1:00-1:30pm
www.barfoot.co.nz/763636

After 10 years of watching the world go by from this stylish two bedroom apartment, John is reluctantly offering the opportunity for someone else to "live the Devonport dream" as he has, and loved every minute.

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Both bedrooms enjoy views to the West, and the last of the days sunshine, from the balconies off the living room and master bedroom you can sit and watch "the parade passing by".

An office and large separate laundry - an additional bonus to this already highly coveted home.



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VIEWING
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AUCTION

10:00am 25th Oct 2018 at Bruce Mason Centre, Takapuna (unless sold prior)

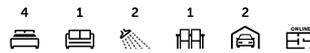
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Allen Hill Stadium notification 'democratic thing to do'

Allen Hill Neighbours would like to thank the local board for supporting the request for the proposed development at Dacre Park to be publicly notified. It is the democratic thing to do, it should be transparent and, after all, it is funded by the ratepayers.

There are a number of changes to usage and items that will be of interest to all residents on the peninsula as follows:

- The site will no longer be exclusively for football – North Shore United will relinquish the lease.

- Operation will no longer be limited to winter sports season (1 March – 30 October).

- The venue will be bookable, on the Auckland Council website, by any organisation or individual.

- Multiple sports and events will be hosted at Allen Hill throughout the year.

- Installation of floodlights will extend operational hours and concentrate football training for all age groups – older youth and adult-male training has far greater noise impact.

- Evening operations will generate vehicle movements, overlapping with peak evening traffic in autumn and winter.

- All spring and summer visitors – weekends and evenings – will be additional to current traffic volumes, noise and disruption.

- There are no restrictions proposed on the type of sports or events that can be booked outside of the football season, or the number of visitors or vehicles attending.

- Due to the noise impact potentially breaching the liberal noise limits under the Unitary Plan, only training lights were to be installed for football, with no competitive matches during the football season but with an exception proposed for pre-season games and summer tournaments.

- There are no like restrictions on other sports or events outside of the football season

- Noise from the site during warmer months is far more invasive as residents' windows and doors are open and/or they will be outside.

- There has been no analysis of traffic movements post the development, except parking overflow – detailed as 162 cars, with assumptions that 30 per cent of attendees will walk or cycle and around car pooling.

- More than 50 per cent of club members live north of the site and 15 per cent live north of Esmonde Rd. It is doubtful it will be practical or attractive for 30 per cent to walk or cycle in winter after dark.

- The only analysis of Lake Rd was out-of-date traffic numbers. There has been no assessment of the impact on current bottlenecks on Lake Rd.

- The comment in the recent letter (Flagstaff, 21 September) by Steve Browning that noise from the sports field is less than that made by the cicadas, is an example of our local experience not being taken seriously, even

belittled; everyone knows that noise from sports fields is far more intrusive.

Residents of Devonport are only too familiar with how fragile the infrastructure is. Small events can trigger virtual gridlock. We need to take a holistic view of all developments on the peninsula: Ryman, new intensive housing along Bayswater Ave, Philomel Cres and other precinct developments. Logic dictates that one day all these "less than minor" traffic impacts will add up to a "more than minor" impact.

Lake Rd is a sensitive topic. Increased usage, year round, will add to the traffic crawling through the current bottlenecks. This is not scaremongering, and cannot be deemed factually incorrect as it has not been assessed.

We are seeking a robust analysis of the impacts, with reasonable restriction on noise levels in habitable rooms and sleeping rooms as required under the Resource Management Act. We need more details about the proposed summer usage and would also like the mitigation steps and protection afforded to other residents close to sports parks detailed in the operational plans. We need an honest and detailed appraisal of vehicle movements, and the implications for congested junctions. The public would expect due diligence and the local board should demand it.

In due course, we are going to experience significant roadworks when Lake Rd improvements commence. Is this the time to propose an all-year-round, floodlit sports venue at the tip of the peninsula? Would it not make sense to refresh the tired sand turf to provide a better playing surface immediately, increasing the quality and hours it can accommodate, and once our infrastructure is suitably sized, consider the provision of lighting to offer extended hours and properly examine the impact of opening up Allen Hill to other sports throughout the year?

Elaine Sawyer, Allen Hill Neighbours

Thank you for purse return

My most sincere 'thank you' to the person who found my coin purse and handed it into the Devonport Post Shop.

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Lynn Williams



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in wardrobe and dressing room. The other two share a generously sized family bathroom. And the balcony on this level gives you another chance to relax and drink in those panoramic views. They span from Rangitoto on your right across to Little Barrier and Tiritiri Matangi and further round. Up the stairway to the top floor and you find what is now an artist's studio stretching the full width of the house. It could just as easily become another bedroom, an office or whatever suits your lifestyle. Whatever that may be, you have everything you need to make it easy here. Everything from gas central heating to built-in vacuum cleaning and plenty of storage space. On a more relaxing note, you can lounge around the heated pool on the private terrace whenever you like, or stroll along the beach and enjoy brunch at the Takapuna Beach Café, then make use of everything Takapuna itself has to offer. This location isn't just about the beach either. Being close to Hauraki Corner you have shops, the medical centre and restaurants just up the road. And having a set of traffic lights at the end of Hauraki Road, means you'll never have any problems getting out onto the main road. Very handy if you're dropping the children off at Jutland Road Primary or Takapuna grammar nearby. You really do have to see this place for yourself to truly understand everything it has to offer.

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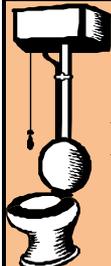
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Dig it! Bayswater School pupils plant new orchard

The pupils in Room 4 at Bayswater primary worked hard this term researching, planning, designing and planting a fruit orchard for the benefit of the whole school.

The orchard replaces trees that had to make way for Wilson School satellite classrooms last year.

Many of the trees were sponsored by local people.

The big dig at Bayswater School



Belmont food outlets offer own-container option

Food outlets in Belmont are introducing a bring-your-own-container programme as a zero-waste initiative.

Archers Sushi and Cuisine India are the first to sign up. This follows a meeting of Belmont businesses at the Rose Centre on 4 September to discuss ways of reducing waste and introduce ideas for making the centre a more vibrant community hub.

Archers Sushi also have cardboard containers that can be purchased if the customer does not want a plastic one.

Customers of Belmont Pharmacy have the option to reuse their glass bottles if they are refilling the same prescription. Allan Pollock from the pharmacy recalls how bottles were previously recycled: "We used to hire a boy whose job was to rinse and sterilise all the glass bottles, but that's illegal now."

The meeting also celebrated local businesses that are inherently sustainable due to the nature of their work, including Bruce the Cobbler and Gabrielle at Royal Design and Drapes, who pointed out that many people don't know that broken blinds can be repaired, or that they can bring damaged clothes to her for mending. Sarah from the Rose Centre Community Preschool shared their efforts to reduce lunchbox waste, and engage the children in composting food scraps.

The week prior to the meeting, representatives from Belmont Zero Waste conducted a survey with local people regarding waste. The results showed residents are supportive of zero-waste initiatives in the Belmont area. A Zero Waste goodie bag was won by Takako Kambayashi.

For more information, contact Janelle Taege at belmontzerowaste@gmail.com.

**Zero Waste winner...
Takako Kambayashi with her goodie-bag prize**



Car parks make way for Park(ing) Day creativity



Man at work... Architect Ken Davis at his drawing board behind a fortress of road cones

Sixteen car parks were repurposed by local businesses for human design as part of International Park(ing) Day last month.

A sculpture made of crushed cars, an outdoor fitness area and a pop-up boardroom were just a few of the things that took over Devonport's car parks.

"Park(ing) Day Devonport was mobilised by a group of enthusiastic business owners and

was really a playful temporary exploration in urban design. It was fantastic to see passers-by interacting with the diverse range of new 'parks'," says Devonport BID manager Toni Van Tonder. "Devonport is known as an arts hub and Park(ing) Day gave some of our businesses the chance to flex their creative muscles and show innovation."

This was Devonport's first year participating

in International Park(ing) Day, which aims to promote the rethinking of public space. Around 20 businesses took part, and Van Tonder hopes that next year the day will be even bigger.

"I thought it was brilliant and am keen to develop the event next year, and perhaps add a bit more of a festive vibe on the streets, especially into the night."

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Crunch time... demolished cars in Wynyard St



Outside the box... sparring in Victoria Rd



'Shroom with a view... Samuel Walsh relaxes on a mushroom stool at BookMark's 'BookPark'



Open plan... Salmond Reed's Candida Rolla in the firm's enclosure built from recycled materials



Haere mai... Rachel Dodd (left) of Mitchell Stout Dodd shares a cuppa with friend Katy Bullianf under a Maori-architecture-themed shelter



The business of staying dry... Kirsten Newton (left) and Ruth Findlay from Space Inbtwn avoid the rain at their pop-up boardroom table

Compostable-cup bins mooted

Around 80 per cent of takeaway coffee sellers in Devonport are willing to change to compostable cups.

Devonport BID manager Toni Van Tonder is working with the Devonport

Community Recycling Centre, Innocent Packaging and Auckland Transport on a way to have public 'compostable' bins, the contents of which could be collected and processed at the recycling centre.



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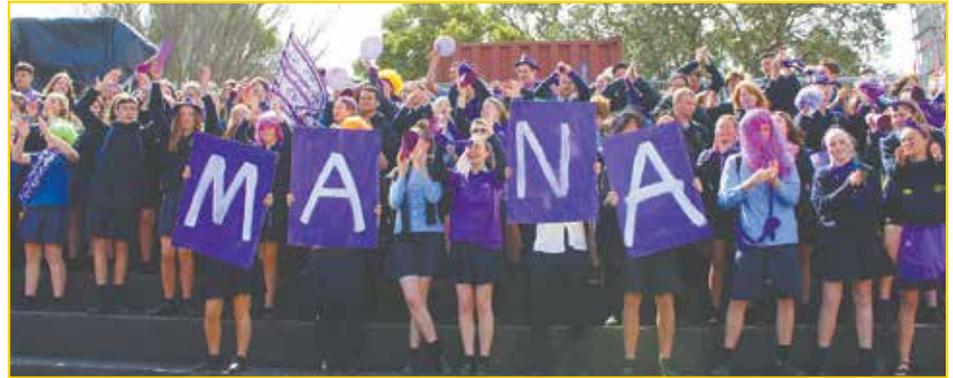
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House Song

On the final Wednesday of term, the whole school gathered on the tennis courts to compete in the House Song Challenge.

The event had been postponed a couple of times due to weather, meaning everyone was very well prepared and waiting when the day finally arrived. The area became a sea of house colours, signs, costumes and painted faces.

The House Song is becoming part of the tradition of the school. House leaders write a song/chant or change the lyrics of an existing song, in order to create an original chant. It is the leaders' duty to teach it to their



houses, along with some actions, and get it up to scratch to perform for the judges.

The judges deliberated while everyone anxiously awaited the results. Wehi, the house in green, won the competition. In second place was Kaha, and Ihi and Mana came in third equal. The other two places were taken by the houses Wana and Maia.

BY MELISSA EVERETT



Singing their way to success

For the first time since 2002, the TGS senior girls choir, Leonessa, travelled to Wellington to perform at the Michael Fowler Centre for the Big Sing National Finale. Along with 23 other choirs, Leonessa gave two competition performances over the three days and a final presentation at the Gala Concert.

This is the second consecutive year a TGS choir has been selected for the finale, after Chorale's success last year. Leonessa, conducted by Jacob Moore, and accompanied by Gemma Lee, spent long hours rehearsing in the months before.

From the National Finale they brought home a Silver Award and The Big Sing Youth Ambassadors Award. This outstanding result astounded the girls, particularly the Youth Ambassadors Award, which is a prestigious commendation.

"The quality, energy, and enthusiasm every individual brought to the competition really made it so special," comments chorister Tausala Faulalo. "I am so glad to have shared it all with such amazing girls."

This result was a great way to conclude a



successful year of singing for Leonessa, and an inspiring experience for many of the members, including student Isabella Bouwer.

"This was my first time at Big Sing Finale," she

says. "It was such an incredible experience. I learnt so much and am so proud of what Leonessa has achieved."

BY NELLY FARMILOE

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Student art on show



After two years of conscientious effort, students from the International Baccalaureate (IB) art programme showcased their skills at the Depot Artspace in Devonport. The exhibition, titled *The Eclectic Collective*, contained a great diversity of art from the 19 students who have undertaken this course, including work from a multitude of materials and art-making practices.

Visual art is one of six subjects that students may choose in the programme. Early on, students decide on a theme, which becomes the basis of their art in both research and art-making.

Katja Neef centred her exhibition around 'silent struggles,' which she depicts in portraiture. Her passion for fostering change for the disenfranchised drives her ideas. Katja aspires to create social change, beginning with her exhibition. She asserts: "My

favourite part about IB art is that we are in control and have the freedom to explore our own ideas." Each of her artworks portray the struggles of a particular group whose story she has heard after meeting them. She adds: "It's important to talk about disparities in travel and how different groups face different barriers."

All Katja's profits will go towards the marginalised group who are the subject matter of her works. Other students' work focuses on differing personal, cultural and political perspectives, diversifying the art on display.

For the high-school students, the experience of curating an exhibition, and having the works for sale, was an unforgettable one. Katja says: "Having our own gallery space and interacting with the community is extremely memorable."

BY CHRISTINE ZHOU

Re-elected by his peers

Volkan Ozyurteri has been re-elected by his peers onto the Board of Trustees as the student representative for 2019, after a successful term in 2018.

In a powerful speech presented to students earlier in the term, Volkan expressed how "The voice of the students is a very important part of decision-making on the board."

To improve on the stupendous job he has done as the student representative, Volkan aims to better his connection with more students over the next year and a half – the core purpose being to collect stronger and more robust feedback to help provide a better, well-rounded school for all students. Volkan has always had a passion for management and governance and was immediately drawn to the role "without any hesitation" in 2017. He is involved in numerous co-curricular activities such as bands, choirs, service groups and leadership roles, including being a House Leader for 2018 and recently being chosen by students and teachers as a prefect for 2019.

BY AMELIA PRICE

Inspiring our young leaders

On a quest to inspire youth in sport, a range of talented elite athletes gathered and spoke about their individual journeys, to a crowd of Year 12 students. Nine TGS sports captains were chosen to attend the Empower Me leadership course, held at the Vodafone Events Centre.

MC Peter Williams introduced lightweight rower Toby Cunliffe Steel, who spoke about his setbacks and how he overcame them through resilience. Another standout speaker was the newly appointed rugby league coach, Mike Maguire, who focused on the importance of team culture and expectations to build success. David Letele gave an inspirational talk about

his struggles in the past and how he was able to use sport to get him out of some very tough places in his life.

The speeches finished with the most awaited speaker, Richie McCaw, who covered some of the challenges he faced as captain and how he realised he was not alone in this role and the importance of working as a team.

Overall there were some key messages: the importance of aspirations and setting goals; commitment and making no excuses; and the idea of working together alongside a group. The day was hugely beneficial to the student captains.

BY JESSICA HAMLIN





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The 814 also marks the first time a connection has been provided between Devonport and the Northern Busway. This is a direct result of public feedback.

"By providing better links from homes to daily ferry services and the Northern Busway, there is even more reason to take the bus, avoid congested Lake Rd and dispense with parking woes at terminals," says Councillor Chris Darby.

"The new services will make it so much easier for Devonport peninsula residents to travel to and from work and education, throughout the week, in the evenings, and over weekends."

Services in Stanley Bay and Cheltenham have also increased in frequency.

These services are part of wider changes to Auckland's bus network, aimed at greater connectivity, frequency and simplicity.

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Consultation on the new North Shore network took place in 2015, with 2279 responses received. Route maps and timetables, are online: AT.govt.nz/newnetworknorth

Navy Museum hosts a palace of fun

Fun is the focus this Saturday 6 October at the Navy Museum's first ever 'Fun Palace'.

Fun Palaces is a campaign promoting "culture at the heart of community and community at the heart of culture", with an annual weekend of action created by, for and with local people. It was co-founded by New Zealand-raised author Stella Duffy in the UK in 2014.

This year, more than 360 Fun Palaces will take place in museums, libraries, galleries and other places in the UK, Australia, Germany, Norway and New Zealand.

Fun Palace at the Navy Museum runs from 10am to 3pm and is part of the Auckland Heritage Festival.

If you've ever wanted to have a go at playing the guitar, knitting, crochet or harakeke (traditional Māori flax weaving), this could be your opportunity.

Or you could also join the Touch Compass inclusive performance-art company for a drama or hip-hop dance class, or test your linguistic skills and learn a little te reo Māori, French or

Mandarin.

Among the other free activities on offer: Local archaeologist Dave Veart will lead a short behind-the-scenes tour of the museum site; artist Tony McNeight will share his sketching techniques; and Te Taua Moana Marae coordinator Chief Petty Officer Ngahiwi Walker will share his knowledge of traditional Māori musical instruments.

"Fun Palace is a great opportunity for people to spend quality time together with their family, get to know other people in their community and have a go at things they may never have tried before," says museum communications manager Jane Cotty.

A range of activities will run throughout the day, some for just half an hour, whilst others will be available all day. The timetable of activities for the day can be downloaded from the Museum's website: navymuseum.co.nz or copies are available from the museum. Each activity has a recommended age and children must be supervised by an adult at all times.

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BEAST (M) 107 min	4 OCT
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BAD TIMES AT THE EL ROYALE (tba) 120 min	11 OCT
FIRST MAN (tba) 138 min	11 OCT
A STAR IS BORN (M) 136 min	18 OCT
HALLOWEEN (tba) 109 min	18 OCT
THE SEAGULL (M) 98 min - Advance Screenings	19-22 OCT

LIVE SHOWS & SPECIAL EVENTS

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Belmont Park wins national E-Grade title



National champs... (from left) Manu Yam (coach), John Nico Alo, Jack Adams (captain), Hayden Adams (manager), Chris Laws, Ben Forde, Brendan Buckle, Shane Buckle and Glen Read (Quartz Wealth sponsor)

Belmont Park won the national E-Grade squash title in finals held at Burnside, Christchurch last weekend.

It is the first time in Belmont Park's history that one of its teams has won a national super champs title.

August takes gold in national points race



Takapuna Grammar cyclist August Elworthy won gold at the 2018 national schools road cycling champs in the under-15 points race held in Christchurch on Monday.

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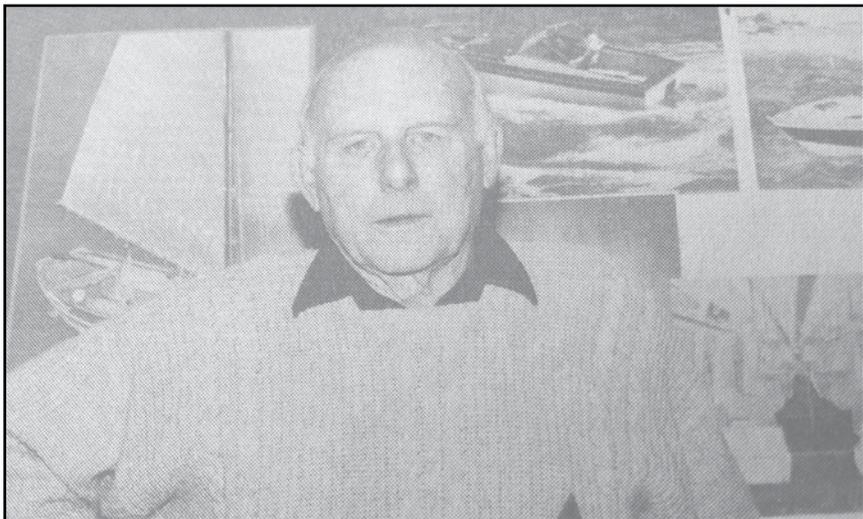
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20 years ago from the Flagstaff files

- America's Cup berths are investigated by Babcock at its Devonport boatyards.
- A white ensign rose, specially bred for the Navy over eight years, is planted by the Chief of Naval Staff Fred Wilson in the garden of the Naval Memorial Chapel of St Christopher, as part of Navy Week.
- A skateboard park for Devonport comes a step closer with Devonport Rotary pledging \$30,000 towards the project. The preferred location is Ngataranga Park.
- Power New Zealand is investigating restarting a decommissioned power station on Navy land at Ngataranga Bay.
- Georgia Cervin (9) places second in the New Zealand gymnastics champs.
- Suggestions to move Devonport Library from Windsor Reserve and build a one-storey car park near New World, as part of a revised Devonport centre plan, are thrown out by the Devonport Community Board.
- Flax and other native species are set to be planted along the cliff top at the Tamaki land by locals in a bid to stabilise erosion. Part of the area to be planted is disputed HMNZS Tamaki Reserve property, with the plantings seen as a way for the public to become



Interview subject... designer Gifford Jackson

- connected to the land.
- Mayor George Gair is surprised when opening the commercial building at 15-17 Clarence St, that the building, owned by former National MP Jack Scott, has no permit.
- A three-bedroom house in Church St is for sale for \$479,000.
- Internationally recognised designer Gifford Jackson is the Flagstaff interview subject.

THE NAVY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Sailors repatriated at Devonport

Devonport Naval Base hosted the repatriation of two Royal New Zealand Navy sailors from England recently.

The remains of Leading Engineering Mechanic William Goodwin and Engine Room Artificer Apprentice Philip Brian Short were returned to their families at an arrival ceremony at the Base.

The fallen personnel were received with a traditional Maori welcome as their caskets were carried past a guard of honour and formally handed over to their relatives.

A New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) chaplain led a private family service, before an NZDF haka was performed as the hearses departed the base.

Leading Engineering Mechanic Goodwin, 25, was posted with HMNZS Bellona when he died following a head knock while playing rugby in 1956. Engine Room Artificer Apprentice Short, 20, died in a motor vehicle accident in 1958 just after he completed three years training on HMS Caledonia and was awaiting return to New Zealand.

Their repatriation is part of project Te



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Auraki (The Return), under which the NZDF is bringing home personnel and dependents buried overseas after January 1955, following a change in government policy.

Te Auraki project manager Royal New Zealand Air Force Group Captain Carl

Nixon said it was important to return the remains of the fallen personnel in a dignified manner according to NZDF's contemporary cultural, religious and military protocols.

"Today we acknowledge the service of two sailors who died serving their country overseas and bring them home to their families, who have waited more than 60 years for this moment," Group Captain Nixon said.

"This project is about making sure the inequalities and inconsistencies of the past are put right and everyone is treated the same, regardless of wealth, rank or cause of death."

Families will reinter their relative at a place and time of their choosing in New Zealand.

This follows the repatriation of three NZDF personnel from Fiji and American Samoa in May, and 27 personnel and one dependent from Malaysia and Singapore in August.

Two more NZDF personnel will be repatriated from the Republic of Korea in early October.

**Congratulations? Thanks?
Problems? Complaints?**

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A Young Talent To Watch

After only a few years in the design industry, Sean Monk is already turning out kitchens that are the envy of designers many years his senior.

Kitchens By Design has long had a reputation for discovering and nurturing young designers, and its latest talent, Sean Monk, has already proven himself to have a flair and passion for design. He says that growing up in Europe certainly contributed to his design aesthetic and has helped give his kitchens a point of difference.

In what way is European design different to ours?

"Primarily, they have a lot less space available for their kitchens in comparison to us. Therefore they have to be a lot smarter with their space planning, and that's really evident when you look at some of their design concepts. I find there's lots of great ideas over there that can be scaled to work in our kitchens, here in NZ."

When did you know you wanted to be a designer?

"I drew a lot as a kid and I vaguely remember shifting furniture around the house with my mother and sketching the rooms. My grandmother has excellent taste in furniture and clothes, so some of that must have rubbed off on me.

Why kitchens?

"I gravitated towards kitchens whilst I was studying interior design. Every time I was asked to draw up a full interior, I found myself spending all my time on the kitchen – I was just drawn to them. I guess it's because I spent a lot of time in kitchens when I was a kid. Growing up, food was always a big part in both my mum and dad's family. I remember all these family gatherings, everyone crowded around the table digging into huge platters of food that my grandmothers had spent the day preparing. I've never felt more content than in those times, helping around the kitchen and seeing everyone so happy."

What do you enjoy most about being a kitchen designer?

"In part, it's about getting to know people and seeing a snapshot of who they are and how they live their lives – and kitchens are a huge part of that, because we spend so much of our time in the kitchen."

"The spatial-planning part of designing



kitchens is probably the most interesting for me, but, as a client, it's only when you begin to look at colours and materials that you really start getting excited about it. I love the feeling you get of introducing something new to a client and watching their faces light up. The kitchen is such a big part of the home these days, it's a real privilege to help craft a space that people will love to live in and can share with their friends and family."

Have you got any advice for young, would-be kitchen designers?

"It's hard work, really hard work, but if you

love what you do, stick with it. Kitchens are a delicate balance between the practical and the aesthetic, and you need to ensure you get the basics right before you even start to look at the materials and finishes.

"The NKBA (National Kitchen & Bathroom Association) is an invaluable place to start. I didn't know about the NKBA when I started out, but I wish I had because it would've made life a lot easier.

The people are just lovely and will always help where they can – they also know what's going on in the industry and if there are any jobs going for trainee designers."

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A drop of the soft stuff hits the spot



Full steam ahead...Will and Di Miller at their Calliope Rd distillery

When motherhood and illness put Di Miller off her favourite tippie, she resigned herself to becoming a teetotaler stuck with fizzy drinks.

Her husband Will had a better idea – make Di a non-alcoholic beverage that tasted like gin.

What began as a hobby has now turned into a business venture that is being lapped up by the drinks industry, with orders being shipped worldwide.

“A lot of people who don’t drink alcohol, for whatever reason, want to drink something with an ‘adult’ flavour,” says Di Miller. “They want something to enjoy at a party that isn’t sickly sweet.

“We were driving back from visiting friends

one day and I said to Will, ‘I really wish I could have more than just one gin’. Will started tinkering about in the kitchen for a few days and eventually presented me with a gin he had made himself.”

Will was a hobby distiller, and had learned the basics of the craft and done an advanced course at a Scottish distillery. Equipped with the technical know-how, the couple realised his alcohol-free gin could be a commercial winner and launched Ecology + Co earlier this year.

Will makes two variants at the Calliope Rd distillery: London Dry, which as its name suggests is a traditional gin flavour; and Asian Spice, developed for people who don’t like the

flavour of juniper, the classic gin taste.

The spirits sell for around \$67 a bottle – reflecting the complex craftsmanship and time it takes to create the unique tippie.

Production continues apace after Lion Breweries announced it wants to stock Ecology + Co in its 3000 bars and restaurants around the country. You can get a snifter locally at Vic Road Kitchen, which does a ‘G and tea’ mocktail.

The Millers also have plans to do off-sales from the distillery.

“We have been amazed about how well it has taken off, but sales reflect a global shift towards people choosing to drink less alcohol, especially millennials,” says Di.

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