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Coffee-cup recycling scheme first in NZ

Giant coffee-cup-shaped bins will soon appear in the centre of Devonport, as the community moves to lead the country in recycling takeaway coffee cups.

The Devonport Community Recycling Centre is matching a \$28,000 Auckland Council waste-minimisation grant to invest around

\$50,000 into a hot-composting system for local businesses' food waste.

"In a first for New Zealand we will be recycling coffee cups," says Andrew Walters, director of Global Action Plan Oceania, the not-for-profit that runs the Devonport Community Recycling Centre.

Generally, people buy coffee in compostable cups thinking they are doing something good for the environment. But the cups go to landfill, where they break down and produce methane gas, Walters says.

"By us putting our infrastructure locally in Devonport, no matter what **To page 5**

Narrow Neck backdrop for sailing champs curtain-raiser



Kiwi champs OK for German sailor.... overall winner of the New Zealand OK Dinghy champs Jan Kurfeld (right) and New Zealand residential champion Luke O'Connell, after the racing off Narrow Neck's Wakatere Boating Club on Sunday. Story page 5.



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Residents moving in to Ryman village in April

The first stage of the independent apartments at Ryman's William Sanders Retirement Village is almost complete, and residents will start to move into the village in late April.

Only seven apartments are left to sell in the first stage.

"We are continuing to work on the main village centre, which will include rest-home, hospital and dementia-level care," a Ryman spokesman said.

"It will also include the main village amenities, including the indoor swimming pool, movie theatre, library, hair and beauty salons etc.

"We do not have a date for the official opening of the village yet," he said.

The retirement home is built on Ngati Whatua land that has been leased to Ryman.

• Ngati Whatua has no plans to lease any other blocks of its Devonport peninsula land for further rest-home developments.

"There's been no discussions with Ryman (or anyone else) about further retirement home developments on the peninsula," a Ngati Whatua spokesperson said.

Asked specifically about a 3.2 ha block Ngati Whatua owns on Vauxhall Rd, the spokesperson said: "The Vauxhall Road land is leased long-term to NZDF."

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Dennis Hale & Nathan Hale

Retiree Dave has big plans for Ngataringa Bay

Clad in hard-toed boots, working clothes and a distinctive fluorescent vest, a Devonport retiree is devoting his days to creating a “low-tide walkway” among the mangroves of Ngataringa Bay.

Dave Coker, 78, has been working on the project for the past year, moving rocks from nearby Ngataringa Park to build a path and raised-bed gardens on the mudflats.

“This will be one of the biggest walkways in the country,” he says, referring to his plan to link the low-tide walkway to nearby Polly’s Park or “Polly’s Folly”, as he likes to call it.

Coker helped local identity Mabel ‘Polly’ Pollock build Mary Barrett Glade, which is now closed off, along the coast below the Ryman development.

In addition, Coker says he is shoring up Lake Rd, where it crosses the reclaimed land.

He will strengthen the road bridge with concrete, perhaps a sheet of steel, and cover that over with rocks.

“That bridge is ready to go,” he says, waving towards Lake Rd, adding that he needs concrete and builders mix.

The plan is in his head. It’s a big plan. He wants to form a beach again. He wants to dry out Lake Rd.

Coker has started piling rocks under the bridge, drawing on a lifetime of labouring and boatbuilding for his vision.

Some of the plants in the raised beds – pittosporum, koromiko, pohutukawa, flax and other natives – are dying. Many are regularly submerged at high tide. Others are pulling through.

Coker has the look of an old sea dog, with a bushy white beard, tinted ginger, and a strong wiry frame.

He has lived in Devonport for around 30 years, but is originally from Beach Haven, where he was a friend of fellow beach-builder Frank Larking.

A dog walker passing by stops and remarks Coker is always ready for a chat.

“I love the way he [Coker] has been considering it all for ages. He keeps on going and slaving away for the benefit of everyone else. It’s a selfless act,” Neil Fitzgerald says.

However, some residents have concerns about the unregulated nature of Coker’s project.

Long-time champion for Ngataringa Bay Lyndsay Brock is unhappy he is reclaiming



A character of the bay... Dave Coker is one year into a project to build a walkway and shore up Lake Rd

land and has removed a number of mangroves.

Brock fought to have the bay recognised as a special ecological area, with several archaeological sites.

Brock also has serious concerns about the safety of the path, especially for children.

Devonport Peninsula Precincts Society chair Iain Rea worries about the “unschooled” nature of Coker’s project. Rea points out mangroves protect the land from the sea, and Coker has removed “a whole lot of them”. On the other hand, Coker has a long history with the bay. “He’s part of the character of the bay.”

North Shore councillor Chris Darby hopes council staff will help Coker channel his boundless energy in a useful way.

Darby says he can’t ignore concerned constituents, but also understands Coker is working selflessly for the community.

Auckland Council team manager for compliance investigations Kerri Ferguson said the council investigated a 12 November complaint about the removal of mangroves in Ngataringa Bay Reserve. Officers confirmed the alteration and removal of vegetation had occurred and a pathway had also been constructed using mainly concrete and volcanic rocks.

The removal of vegetation is a breach of the Auckland Unitary Plan; however, the construction of the path and replanting are not.

Council compliance officers spoke to the person undertaking the work, Ferguson says.

“A verbal warning for removal of vegetation was given at the time, along with education about the rules.”

However, as this is not council land and is in fact owned by the Crown, the council is unable to take the matter further.

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Investment in recycling locally

cafe people buy from, the cup will be composted.”

Walters is keen to see Devonport return to the days 40 years ago when it led the country with kerbside recycling.

The centre is working with the Devonport Business Improvement District group to get all of the around 20 cafes in Devonport on board with the scheme.

It is building the composting plant and purchasing a shredder for the cups, including lids, over the next month.

This is all part of a wider move to provide an efficient, cost-effective recycling service, taking cardboard, glass and food waste from local businesses.

In January, Global Action Plan Oceania got a separate \$20,500 grant from the Glass Packaging Forum, an industry group that supports packaging and promotes glass recycling.

It used this grant to buy a ‘hook bin’, which extends the recycling centre’s ability to recycle glass bottles and jars for local businesses.

The 30-tonne hook bin has three large connected trays to separately collect green, brown and clear glass. A hook at the end allows a truck to pick up the three, already sorted, bins together and transfer them to glass recycling centres.

The capacious bin has the added advantage of reducing the number of truck trips along Lake Rd, from around 24 every two months to one trip.

On its return journey, the truck brings back a new sustainable landscaping product, a form of metal slag, sourced from Glenbrook in Auckland’s Franklin district. This previously went to landfill and is now on sale at the recycling centre.

In total, the Devonport Community Recycling Centre is investing around \$100,000 in recycling waste from local businesses, a goal that was identified by the Zero Waste Devonport Steering Group set up about a year ago.

World OK Dinghy champs kick off this week

German yachting Jan Kurfeld laid down the challenge to the rest of the World OK Dinghy championship field by winning the New Zealand residential championships hosted by Wakatere Boating Club at Narrow Neck last weekend.

Kurfeld topped the 83-strong field over six races held across two days. His two second-placings in racing on Saturday set the platform for his win.

Luke O’Connell was third overall and first Kiwi home to claim the New Zealand title.

Andrew Phillips was first Wakatere sailor, and fifth overall. Ben Morrison was first veteran and Sefton Powrie first legend (over 70).

This week the OK Dinghy world champs kicked off with 120 entrants and racing spread over five days.

Competitors have come from around the world, with five 13-metre containers of boats stored at the Navy’s Officer Training School just up the road from the boat club.



De-rigging...OK Dinghy boats off Narrow Neck beach after the NZ champs

AT Local ride-share carries just 2600 in two months

Less than one ride per hour has been logged for the six Auckland Transport (AT) ride-share vehicles taking part in a Devonport trial.

Just over 2600 rides were taken in December and January, after the year-long AT Local pilot started with a “soft launch” on 23 November.

AT believes the figures are on the low side due to the holiday season over Christmas and New Year, from 24 December to 13 January.

“Ridership is now increasing as people return from holidays,” a spokesman said.

AT figures show 132 rides were taken in November, with 1344 in December and 1286 in January. This equates to 40 rides per day, and less than seven rides per individual vehicle.

Morning trips account for 43 per cent of rides, with 57 per cent taken after midday.

The pilot has three electric vans and three electric cars travelling around the Devonport peninsula, picking up passengers and taking them to and from the Devonport, Bayswater or Stanley Bay ferry terminals. The vehicles operate within a 3km radius of the Devonport ferry terminal – roughly as far as Bardia St, Belmont.

Rides were to cost \$2.50 until February, then rise to \$3, but the cheaper fare offer has been extended until 31 March. The service can be used for other trips around Devonport for \$5.

A pilot for a similar scheme in Queenstown, ran for a year, with 30,000 trips taken by 10,000 passengers.

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Devonport 13 Buchanan Street



Central Devonport Cottage

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Proposed Gull station on Vauxhall Rd incredibly ill-conceived

In response to the article in the last issue (Flagstaff, 25 January) regarding Gull's application for consent to install a 24-hour unmanned petrol station at 66 Vauxhall Rd: It must be understood that any claims made that Gull will control traffic congestion is simply a myth. Their application to council only considers the control of the movements of the petrol delivery tankers.

I find their statement misleading and highly questionable, when you consider the traffic congestion created on major arterial roads such as at Gull's current stations at Roscommon Rd in Wiri and Mokoia Rd in Birkenhead. Gull's use of marketing ploys that offer short-term low-price petrol is a tactic that has created substantial backlogs in these commercial areas. Gull's marketing techniques have the potential to create major 'choke points' on the Devonport

peninsula and surrounding residential roads and streets.

It is foreseeable that queues from the forecourt onto the road, at any time, will obstruct the safe movement of traffic along Vauxhall Rd, where northbound and southbound lanes will become congested and effectively choked. Gull and the council are arguing that this is a less-than-minor effect. The Vauxhall Rd shops are currently a community hub for families with kids and dogs to gather. This has taken a long while to foster, and the safety of this meeting place is under threat.

I also find it greatly concerning that in the event of an emergency, services such as fire engines and ambulances couldn't operate in a timely and effective manner. Any ability for 'lane splitting' with larger emergency vehicles, due to the width of Vauxhall Rd and the numerous parked cars, would be

greatly compromised.

Having had a look at the Gull stations on the North Shore, they are all located on major roads with double yellow lines, with large shared forecourt complexes, with a mixture of various business that can accommodate a larger volume of traffic. Whereas the Vauxhall Rd proposal has entry/exit points within 20m of the intersection of Tainui Rd, creating opposing and accelerating arcs of north and southbound traffic within a very close proximity, all within 30m of a pedestrian crossing.

Our community needs to examine the Gull proposal closely. Gull's assertions and council's acceptance that petrochemicals will not spill into our storm-water facilities or our waterways needs to be scrutinised. No monitoring system is proposed.

The proposal is incredibly ill-conceived.
Matt Meikle

Service-station layout: brand vs streetscape

Gull's service-station application does not comply with the Auckland Unitary Plan's (AUP) rules and regulations, which is why council planners made the decision to notify. Essentially, Gull wants to install its unmanned 24-hour operation with six dispensers onto a site that doesn't quite fit.

It is apparent that the location of the three pumps are at the core of the issues of non-compliance. The placement of the pumps obstructs the "full extent of the required planting" adjacent to Tainui Rd and prohibits the landscape buffer along the Vauxhall Rd frontage from being realised. The result is that the concrete surface of the forecourt will be a vast open space.

The net effect of the absence of the landscaping along Vauxhall Rd is that the streetscape will

be significantly adversely affected. The Gull proposal is simply a replica of Gull's 'brand' design/layout, inclusive of the brand signage and winged canopies. Council's principal urban design specialist, correctly describes the proposed design as making no contribution to the special-character Devonport streetscape.

Gull has not considered the objectives and policies of the AUP. It has not understood the purpose of the previous North Shore District Plan nor the Devonport Borough Council District Plan, which endeavoured to ensure that all residents and businesses were cognisant of the guidelines and regulations that protect Devonport's heritage streetscapes and amenity.

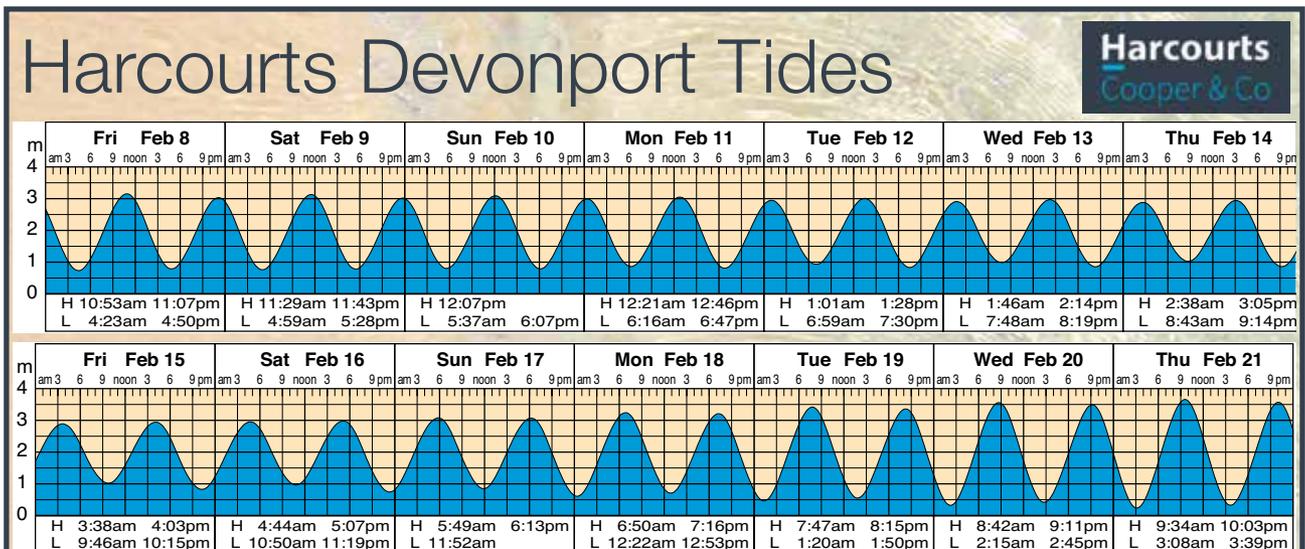
There appears to be a conflict: Gull's Brand vs Devonport Streetscape. The dominance of

Gull's brand layout and signage is not compatible with and will undermine the AUP's objectives, policies and regulation that protect Devonport's special-character zone.

The predicted higher traffic use, an increase that is six-fold, will dominate all other positive activities in this Vauxhall and Tainui Rds corner of Devonport. Gull's proposal aims to cram-in the facility, and to achieve this aim Gull aims to disregard the mandatory landscaping requirements.

There are environmental concerns that also need addressing. Gull needs to scale down this proposal, but that is not the job of the Independent Hearings Commissioners and Gull is unlikely to enter into mediation.

Trish Deans



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Better fisheries presence needed

I had a similar experience to Neil Raines at Cheltenham Beach (Flagstaff, 25 January). I spoke to two women with a large knife who were prising open shellfish attached to the rocks and putting the flesh in a container.

The rocks are at the Macky Avenue end of the beach and I had to run along to Cheltenham Road where the MPI sign is so that I could be sure that what I was telling the doubting poachers was the law. At the time I wondered why there is not also a sign at the North Head end of the beach, because anyone accessing the rocks from North Head or Macky Ave has the excuse that they did not see a sign.

It is also not uncommon to witness people taking undersized fish from the wharves and often

treating their catch inhumanely, leaving fish to flap around on the concrete. I once witnessed a large, live stingray being cruelly dragged across the concrete leaving a trail of skin behind. It is all very well leaving it to members of the public to approach those taking seafood illegally, or not killing their catch humanely, but it can become confrontational. Or you can be deliberately ignored or even humoured until you are out of sight and so, with no backup on hand, one has to walk away in despair.

There needs to be more active and present fisheries agents around our harbour. At the very least put informative signs on the wharves with a phone number to call.

J Leighton

Better ways to spend \$270K

I hope the critically endangered godwits, wrybills, oystercatchers and other seabirds enjoy flying over the maunga-inspired new Clarence St footpath and road design.

The cost of \$270,000 would have been better spent establishing the Belmont regional coastal park, linking to the Ngataranga Bay and Shoal Bay wildlife refuges, for present and future generations to enjoy. Sadly, for a variety of reasons this "once-in a-lifetime opportunity" seems to be floundering in bureaucracy.

Bruce Tubb

Nice spot, shame about the smokers

I was interested to see the story on the new maunga-inspired Clarence St footpath design. The area immediately outside the community centre is very bright and attractive. I walked past last night and thought what a wonderful area it was for families to stop. However, there were four guys drinking beer and smoking. Sad that it hasn't been made a smoke-free area for all to enjoy.

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Judy's jungle scanning skills help primate patients

An ultrasound expert with a wealth of experience, Judy Tee took on a new challenge in the Sumatran jungle, where her patients are delivered to the operating theatre by wheelbarrow. She tells Helen Vause about her volunteer work helping to treat endangered orangutans.

Judy Tee always thought she'd be a volunteer, somewhere at some time in her life. A few years back, recently widowed with near-grown kids, she was still in full-time work but had more time to add something new to her life.

As a sonographer at North Shore Hospital and in private practice, Hauraki resident Tee had already shared her expertise through teaching, and often wondered about using her ultrasound skills in a voluntary capacity. She hadn't found the opportunity until a social-media post popped up from a contact in the medical-equipment business. He was in Sumatra, in an operating theatre, all scrubbed up with vets who were working on an unconscious orangutan.

They were part of the Sumatran Orangutan Conservation Programme. In a heartbeat, Tee decided she wanted to get involved.

Some correspondence later, and after a lot of preparation, she was off to northern Sumatra, to teach vets how to operate a portable ultrasound machine.

Obviously there were going to be plenty of challenges – working in basic conditions, where there may be little experience of using ultrasound, spoken English might be patchy and the patients would be large, very hairy and often in need of great care.

Fortunately, travelling and working in the jungle was not so much an issue for Tee, who has travelled extensively, and to remote places.

Before she took off on the first of her voluntary trips to work with the communities helping the endangered orangutans, Tee managed to get up close, with her ultrasound machine, to a large orangutan at Auckland zoo. With the support of the primate keepers there, she was able to begin scanning her volunteer project.

In the steamy jungle islands of Sumatra and



A happy patient



Beck to basics... Judy Tee taught Sumatran vets how to use an ultrasound machine to scan orangutans

Borneo, vets, local people and volunteers work tirelessly in operations dedicated to orangutan survival. Many of the animals under their watch are sick or injured, or have been orphaned. Deforestation, largely caused by the palm oil industry, has destroyed large areas of their habitat – and the destruction continues.

Countless mothers been slaughtered in front of their babies. Many of the young have fallen victim to the illegal pet business, and been carted off to live in caged and often squalid conditions. As a result of human contact, a lot are afflicted with health issues including diabetes, TB, hepatitis and encephalitis. Other animals have been blinded by gunshots or have machete wounds.

Some of the orangutan population will forever remain in care facilities; others are rehabilitated and prepared for release back into the wild.

Volunteer Tee's introduction to the Sumatran orangutans began at a quarantine centre in northern Sumatra, where about 50 live in specially built enclosures.

The vets there give each patient a full assessment on arrival, including blood tests, teeth checks, manicure and pedicure, chest x-ray and abdominal ultrasound. Some animals are fit enough to be taken to release sites into safer habitats, others will have a longer stay for treatment. The babies are given intensive 'parenting' and

education until they are about eight years old.

Tee met her first patient and started introducing the portable ultrasound equipment to vets with limited English and no hands-on experience of scanning.

Before they could get to work on their sedated patients, who would arrive by wheelbarrow for anaesthetising, Tee realised their was more basic teaching to be done. The group spent the afternoon scanning each other to learn how to work the machine.

"It was exhausting but it was a start and I began to understand a whole lot more about the challenges and what I would need to do to be effective. I'd need to simplify my approach."

Tee's first orangutan patients were small females. Right away, through the use of ultrasound, she found one had a hernia to be fixed before release to the wild.

Working together in the theatre, Tee gave guidance as the vets learned to scan. Conditions in the jungle theatres were basic: she was surprised that everyone was working barefoot and startled both by the appearance of a large centipede on the floor and the subsequent shower of brooms, books and gumboots aimed to chase the unwelcome, deadly interloper away. All in a day's work, she was to discover!

Soon her patients were bigger, weighing in

at over 80kg. They were males and females with a range of health issues and differing prognoses – much like people. For the limited time the patients could be kept anaesthetised, the portable ultrasound machine was pressed into service by Tee and those learning to use it in their diagnostic routines.

Like all who get close to them, Tee is totally enchanted with the orangutans and charmed by the babies she got to work with – and cuddle.

The young in the conservation projects are orphans, either found or rescued from the pet trade. Just like a human infant, they typically spend their early years clinging to mum and learning about their world. Without mothers they can't survive unless others look after them.

The orangutan schools for juniors have attracted international media interest as the 'kids' on their school day are taught about growing up into the big wide world. They have to learn to climb trees, where they would naturally live as grown-ups in the wild, to make nests, find food and shelter and to use natural tools that will ensure their survival once they are out in the jungle.

They start at preschool, often in nappies and drinking from bottles, until they're ready to be taken out to school every day – school being a protected area in the jungle from where the small students are brought back to the safety of home enclosures and a ready dinner at night.

At around eight years old, they're considered ready to graduate and join the others in the release process.

Releasing them successfully is heavily reliant on the extraordinary efforts and courage of volunteers, says Tee.



Hands-on care... Adult and baby orangutans alike enchant the volunteers

She tells of little groups setting out with their sedated charges by night in small canoes and making perilous journeys by water.

“One false move and they'd all be in the water. So much could go wrong. And if they make it, the next leg of their trip to new habitats is miles and miles of travel by road.”

Having the chance to be part of the orangutan projects has been an incredible privilege, says Tee who has now made two, three-week visits to a number of sites in Sumatra and Borneo. She's expecting to return later this year and hopefully often after that to spread competence in scanning the animals.

She estimates she's left behind her in the jungles around nine people who can now competently use ultrasound on the primates to make more accurate diagnoses.

“I was certainly well out of my comfort zone but it has been so exciting and so very fulfilling to be part of work like this.

She says she was delighted that one of the women she'd been teaching had emailed an image from a scan for Tee's scrutiny back at home on the North Shore.

“I needed more information to make useful comment, but I was so proud of the scan she'd been able to do,” says Tee.



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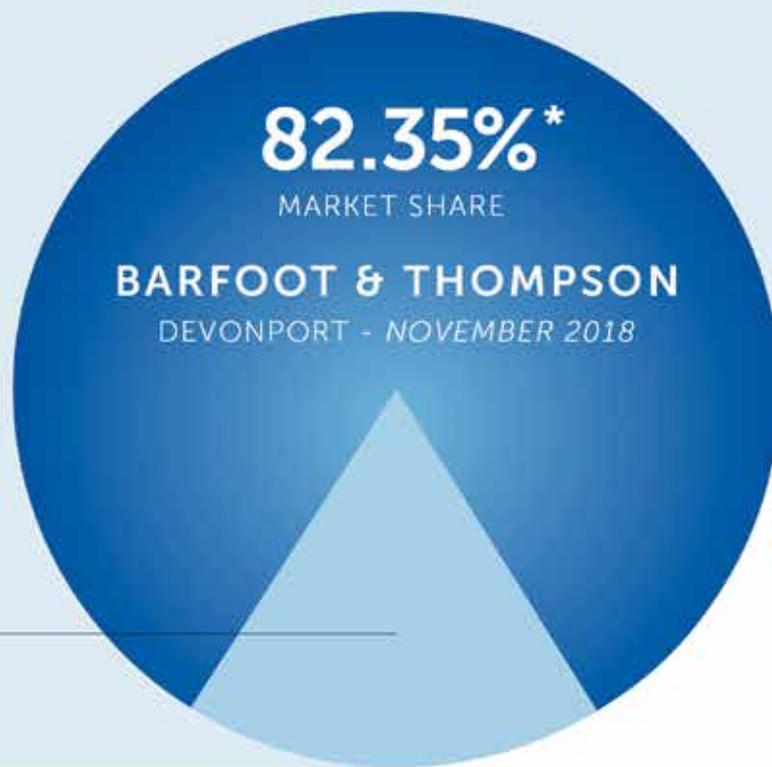


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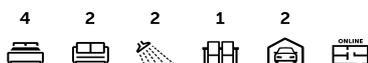


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21 HEMI STREET



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With the transfer of Maungauika/North Head out of DoC hands last month, I hope the new guardian, the Tūpuna Maunga Authority, learns from its previous mistakes at Takarunga/Mt Vic.

The level of local engagement on planned changes at Takarunga was poor, particularly over pedestrianisation.

The Maunga Authority failed to clearly spell out clearly early on that cars would be banned from the summit, leaving locals feeling left out of the loop.

While pedestrianisation isn't a key issue at Maungauika (the summit road is already closed to traffic), development – a café and a Maori cultural centre have been mooted in the past – and the pressures posed by hosting the America's Cup, are of concern.

Meaningful local engagement from the start is the key. While Maunga Authority members and officers would probably baulk at another public meeting, after the feisty exchanges and accusations of racist comments by some residents at the previous one held at the Community House last year, I would encourage another one for North Head be organised soon.

The authority could simply ask residents for their visions for the mountain and incorporate them into management plans, rather than what appears to be the new way of consultation: local authority comes up with plans, puts them out for public submissions and then largely ignores residents' views in the final outcomes.

Two decades ago, a Friends of North Head group – formed by walkers and dog owners who loved the mountain – was active.

Locals have been keenly involved with DoC in a pest-control programme on Maungauika over the past 18 months or so. The Maunga Authority could use this as the nucleus for a similar local group.

Moreover, with two Devonport mountains now within the Maunga Authority orbit, the occasional authority hui could also be held here, especially when items of local interest are on the agenda. Largely symbolic, but again it would engender a sense of collaboration.

It will be interesting to see if the Maunga Authority makes any progress on the completion of a walkway around the foot of North Head. The public can walk around the coastal path of the mountain, but at high tide the final section close to the Navy Museum is sometimes impassable and more than often slippery and hazardous. Last weekend, I watched a couple attempt the crossing in jandals and go for several skates. The stumbling block for a full walkway is the fact a number of houses at this part of the cliff have riparian rights – which means their boundaries go to the water's edge at high tide.

Local authorities over the last couple of decades – particularly the North Shore City Council and Devonport Community Board – put in a lot of work to resolve this issue, but the talks always ended in stalemate.

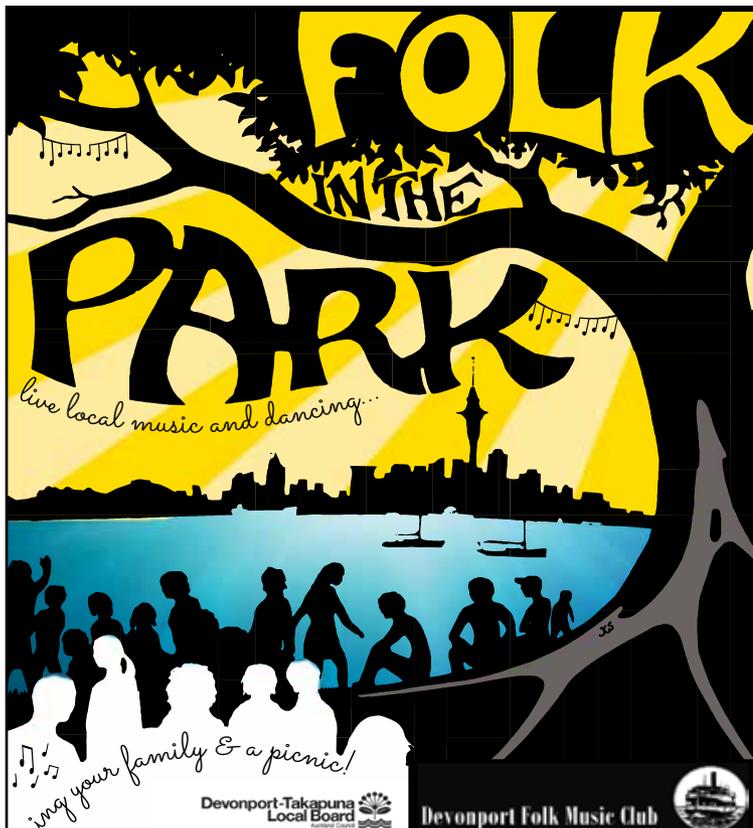
News that the cost of the Auckland City Rail Link (CRL) is likely to blow out by more than \$500 million is going to have seismic repercussions in election year. Most transport observers agree the CRL is vital to rail

improvements in the city. It will allow a direct rail line from West Auckland to the city without having to travel through Newmarket. Many more trains will be able to travel to the CBD and travel times from New Lynn to the city will be cut from around 45 minutes to 30 minutes.

"It's the first step towards Auckland becoming a real city in terms of public transport," a source close to the project told me last weekend. Apparently, one of the key reasons for the cost increase is the lack of tenders coming in for the stations, which means the pricing hasn't been quite as sharp as expected. God knows where the extra money is going to come from and where this now leaves Lake Rd improvements – for which \$41 million was set aside in Auckland Transport's 10-year budget. Budgets change, and money earmarked for Lake Rd has disappeared before.

Lake Rd congestion is a major bane in the life of anyone who lives on the Devonport peninsula. But can it really be fixed without a total change in car usage and multiple public transport options? Improved bus links and dedicated bus lanes will help, but the reality is too many Devonport people own too many cars per household and spend too much time in them on Lake Rd. I've often advocated to hold off on a major spend until the grand solution is budgeted for: trams up Lake Rd to Takapuna and Akoranga Station, which will eventually be serviced by trains.

Auckland Transport has made a slightly limp attempt to get traffic off the road with its AT Local service to the ferry. I wonder if rather than spending \$41 million on Lake Rd, AT might be better off buying everyone on the peninsula an electric scooter – in one stroke all our transport woes would be solved.



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School rejects tree-felling 'vandalism' claim



Macrocarpas at the edge of Bayswater School's playing fields in January after (above), and (below) before being felled. Neighbour Keith Sharp described the trees as "magnificent".

Bayswater School is defending the felling of mature macrocarpa trees beside its sports fields, which one neighbour describes as "organised vandalism".

Bayswater resident Keith Sharp was dismayed in late January to see the last seven or eight of a row of "magnificent" macrocarpa trees being felled and chipped.

"I'm not an eco-warrior, but I like seeing mature trees. My kids went to that school and I never had any fear about the trees falling. It's health and safety gone mad," Sharp says.

The trees were not in an area where students played and the children would not be out there in a storm anyway, Sharp says.

He enjoyed hearing the birds and says the school's felling flies in the face of the government's plan to plant a billion trees by 2028. Plus, they kept the playing fields dry, Sharp says.

"To add insult to injury, it appears that much, if not all of the timber is being chipped. This is a shocking waste of a fine resource," he says.

However, Bayswater School principal Lindsay Child says the school board has had increasing concerns over the past 10 years, as a number of large limbs had fallen off the trees.

"Every time there has been a storm in recent years, whole trees have fallen down.

"Luckily, in the last two big storms, the seven trees which fell did so at night-time and landed on the field, not the road. So no one was injured."

Though the area has been out of bounds for children at the school, she says members of the public often cut the tape around the trees to take a short cut through the school. "This put lives in danger whilst we waited for an arborist to be free to attend to the failed limbs, which were hanging from the large tree right over the pathway."

The board of trustees has spent many thousands of dollars trying to prolong the life of the trees safely, she says. "We have had an arborist check and prune them regularly. In spite of this, limbs have continued to fail and fall from the trees regularly.

"In the end, professional advice was that the only safe solution was to remove them, permis-

sion not required.

"Whilst doing so, over the holidays, the arborist has confirmed that most of the trees' trunks were rotten inside."

Child says suitable wood was left for the community to collect and use for free, with the rest being used as mulch.

Meanwhile, the 'Enviroschool', has planted native trees in the south-east corner of the field and native plants along its eastern boundary. Last year, it completed the planting of a new orchard along Bayswater Ave and is already planning how to use the space left by the macrocarpa.

"I am sure an area that will encourage and support native wildlife and be visually pleasing for our neighbours will be created," Child says.

The school did its best to inform the community and neighbours of its "reluctant decision" to take down the trees. "I am sorry if it came as a disappointment to some of our neighbours, but the safety of the children and general public, who are welcome to continue to enjoy using our beautiful grounds and pathway, have to come first," Child says.





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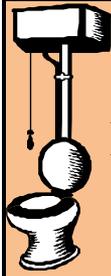
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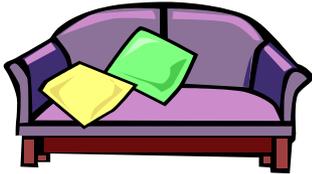
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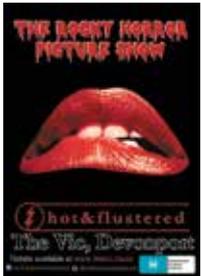
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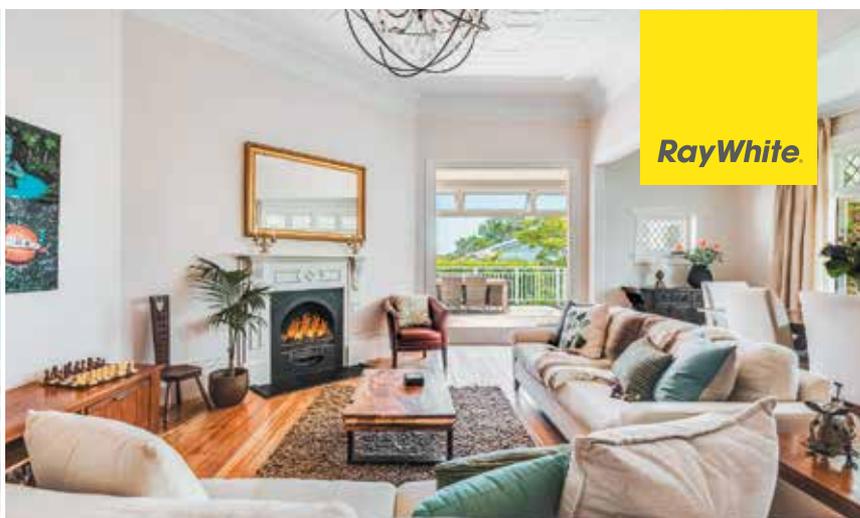
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44 Kiwi Road **Stanley Point**

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Set Date of Sale

4:00pm, Thursday 28 February
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Yachtie works magic on beached Alibaba

A Devonport sailor took it upon himself to save a yacht that ran aground on the beach at Torpedo Bay.

On 22 January, in strong south-westerlies, Alibaba (pictured), broke from its mooring close to Devonport Yacht Club and ran aground in Torpedo Bay.

Fortunately, it finished up on the sandy beach, just short of the rock breakwater, and little damage was done, says club sailor Mike Hall.

Many locals saw the yacht during the day at low tide and were worried about what would happen at high tide, with her being so close to the rocks.

The club contacted the Auckland Harbourmaster, who reached the owner, who was in Taupo, then reported that the owner would return to the boat.

Meanwhile, club member Bas Gundry saw what was unfolding and took it upon himself to do something about it. As high tide was approaching, Gundry skilfully set two anchors in deeper water then winched the bow into the waves, with the help of bystanders.

He then rushed home to get his own motor to replace the vessel's, which was in poor condition. The motor was replaced and at high tide a group pushed Alibaba out to where she floated. By this time, the owner had arrived. He and Gundry took the yacht to another mooring.



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Eco-warrior's new crusade against plastic packaging

A Devonport woman on a mission to live a zero-waste lifestyle is setting a new goal of plastic-free shopping for 2019.

Nicky Fraser, a keen surfer and swimmer, was shocked to find in late December, the country's soft-plastic recycling scheme had been suspended until at least April.

"It felt like a crisis and I thought, 'I have got to do something differently.'"

It can feel overwhelming, she says, but her approach is to set achievable goals. A big part of her motivation is reading New Zealand is currently storing 400 tonnes of soft plastics and it's starting to go mouldy.

New Zealand had been paying Australia to take the waste, but Australia was overwhelmed and stopped accepting it.

Earlier, China had closed its doors, so now, Fraser says, the responsibility comes back to the producer and consumer.

"The Government does have to legislate, but we don't have time." Fraser and her family have been living according to the 'five Rs' of zero-waste: refuse, reduce, reuse, rot (composting) and recycle.

However, her main focus now is 'refuse', and she has come up with a number of ways to avoid plastic packaging altogether.

She has done the awkward thing of removing packaging and giving it back to the retailer to return to the producer. But her focus is on buying products without packaging.

Fraser recently set out on a plastic-free shopping expedition for research purposes and has shared her findings so far.

She packed 10 clean glass jars and found Bin Inn in Glenfield was happy for her to use her jars, weighing them when she came in and again at the checkout.

The Takapuna market solved the problem of fruit and vegetables for the week.

The next stop was packaging-free store GoodFor on Lake Rd, which bills itself as a "Wholefoods Refillery".

Fraser has found she has to be adaptable and can't always get the products she wants.

She has started making more food at home, such as, muesli,



Taking responsibility... Niccy Fraser has started making her own muesli and crackers as part of her goal to refuse plastic packaging

crackers, yogurt and kombucha. As well as reducing packaging, it means she knows what has gone into her family's food.

The Devonport Recycling Centre is an important part of plastic-free shopping, Fraser says.

It refills household detergent and laundry products, as well as accepting and repurposing second-hand goods.

Second-hand shopping needs to become valued, she says.

Fraser is planning to share her ideas in a free presentation on plastic-free shopping at Devonport Library, at 7.30pm on 27 February.

CARING FOR OUR DEVONPORT PENINSULA

A vision... and plans

Restoring Takarunga Hauraki (RTH) has a vision of friends and neighbours working step-by-step towards a Devonport peninsula flourishing with native plant and animal species and major pest species no longer a threat. Our efforts and strategic plan are part of regional and national efforts such as the Northwest Wildlink and Pestfree 2050.

We are continuing to develop many local plans that will be highlighted here in the coming months.

Our aims include building a thriving and diverse community of RTH contributors and supporters, ensuring the safety of shorebirds breeding and nesting along our important shelly beach ecosystems, attracting native birds from our wilderness islands in the Hauraki Gulf, growing populations of weta and other native insects and reptiles, broad recognition of the ecological values of trees and natural ecosystems, a network of backyards that supports native biodiversity across our beautiful peninsula, cooperation across the region for effective conservation...and more!

Many hands, hearts and heads...

There are many opportunities to be involved with RTH. You and your efforts, enthusiasm, and skills are needed and welcome! This is immensely rewarding and satisfying community work.

Whether you want to join one of our numerous project groups protecting and enhancing local reserves and natural areas, start your own group, join our network of backyard native biodiversity

builders, or support our efforts in some other ways... becoming part of RTH means you will join an amazing network of local people and cooperating professionals.

RTH is a community-based initiative, responsive to the needs and concerns of local people.

How might you contribute?

- Become part of our network to gain knowledge and skills to enhance the ecological value of our backyards and help rid Devonport of rats. [Join our Facebook group or sign up for quarterly emailed newsletter]
- Join or start a new team to protect and enhance our local ecosystems and native species, trapping rats, weeding, planting, and monitoring success.
- Engage with biodiversity conservation education, outreach, organisational, and capacity-building activities.

Perhaps you have some additional ideas about the ways you want to contribute? If you are keen to get started or perhaps even still unsure where to begin, contact RTH coordinator Lance Cabl (pestfreedevonport@gmail.com)

Summer trapping pulse

If you are already part of our backyard trapping and neighbourhood restoration efforts, please set your traps and report your results (norats.org). If you have any problems or concerns, or if you would like your own free rat trap, please contact Lance (pestfreedevonport@gmail.com).



Moth plant seed pod alert!

Moth plant (also known as cruel vine, pictured above) is a fast-growing and native-plant smothering vine that may be lurking in your garden. Often this aggressive weed will be along a back fence or a tight space along a footpath. You can help to prevent the spread of moth plant.

The pretty white flowers will soon be replaced by developing seed pods which, when mature, will spread their seeds by wind across neighbourhoods. Please pull any moth plant vines you find to prevent the pods from ripening. Hilary Miller, a passionate RTH volunteer, warns, "moth plant pods are forming early this season." If you can't pull a vine, cut it near the ground and - if possible - paste the cut end with herbicide gel as the root can survive and will resprout if not killed. Contact us for help or further information.

Coming soon...

Plans are developing for a community conservation day in March on Maungauika!

Look for more details of this and other events soon.

More traps on hand to support pest-free goals

Free rat traps are still available from Pest-Free Devonport Peninsula as it works to eradicate pests and increase bird numbers on the peninsula.

Lance Cablk has been the pest-free co-ordinator since late last year, taking over from Celia Walker.

He's been meeting with schools and volunteers, spreading the pest-free message.

Currently there are 130 people on the Devonport pest-free mailing list, and nine volunteer groups across the peninsula, trapping rats, pulling weeds, and planting trees.

Cablk's work centres on encouraging individuals and groups to look after the peninsula – "from their own backyard" to reserves, beaches and coastline.

He's looking to bolster key areas – such as Ngatarunga Bay, Shoal Bay, and around Takarunga/Mt Victoria and Maungauika/ North Head – with trapping buffer zones around each.

Cablk says there is a gap in pest control around Fort Takapuna.

He sees schools as a key growth area, with the possibility of them adopting a local reserve. "There's so much enthusiasm in Devonport – and there's so much we can do.

"I'm really hoping to include all ages and people."

Rat numbers on the peninsula are being monitored online at norats.org. The next step is to monitor birdlife to gauge the impact of trapping.

Cablk has lived in Devonport for 13 years and is well known as a parent at Takarunga Playcentre, followed by many years working at Devonport Community Creche. He is a violinist and has also taught music locally.

Prior to moving to Devonport, he worked in Michigan and Oregon, USA, as an ecological conservationist. An animal biologist, he also studied animal behavior in Costa Rica and California.



Spreading the word... Lance Cablk encourages locals to look after the peninsula

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Andrew Walters, Director
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Wage war on plastic

Whilst politicians kick the waste can further down the road, doing nothing of substance to change the dire state of recycling in New Zealand. A quiet revolution is happening at the domestic level. Realising that a lot of kiwi recycling is going abroad and ending up in far flung corners of the world where it may or may not be recycled. People are taking action themselves.

An increasing number of consumers across New Zealand are taking a very simple action in the plastic war. Simply don't buy it! Both practically and metaphorically, don't buy single use plastic packaged products, and don't buy into the myth that it's all good as it all gets recycled at no cost to us the consumer and ratepayer. The plastic manufacturers and packaging companies are getting a free ride at our expense and have failed to take care of their product's full lifecycle. Our politicians have failed to deliver any meaningful solutions. Whilst we continue to wait, we must manage it

at a local and individual level.

So next time you are out and about and need a drink, think about what the packaging is made of. If its plastic think again, choose a glass bottle, better still carry a reusable water bottle. When you go shopping ditch the plastic.

The plastic problem is international, national and local. We struggle with managing the cost of dealing with cheap, single use plastic problems at the Devonport community recycling centre, it costs a lot to recycle and we take it for free, its often unwashed and unsorted. If you can't avoid buying or using plastic, put it in your kerbside bin and Council will take care of it under its contracts with VISY. Bring us your clean glass, paper card and milk bottles that can be recycled here in New Zealand. Then put the single use, cheap hard to recycle plastics numbers 3-7 in the kerbside recycling bins ready for its long journey to a far-flung coastline.

Think global and act local!

20 years ago from the Flagstaff files

•A 22-bedroom, three-storey mansion sells in Stanley Pt for a staggering \$1.8 million. The Chad Court mansion is set in 4704 sqm of grounds, which include a swimming pool, pool house and sauna. It is one of Devonport's largest homes.

•The Devonport wharf complex is sold to a mysterious Devonport Wharf Trust, with undisclosed beneficiaries. Editor Rob Drent hopes the sale will offer a lifeline to the wharf, which has several vacant shops. It was previously owned for four years by Texas Developments.

•A startling innovation sees a Devonport pub, the Bankers Arms, ban smoking from its public bar. "It's a bit of a first – welcoming people into a bar then telling them they can't smoke," pub manager John Ingle says. Patrons can still smoke in the garden bar.

•Sir Peter Blake moves back home to Bayswater, to a house near the one he grew up in, as he prepares for Team New Zealand's America's Cup defence.

•A furniture and manchester store closes in Clarence St, marking the end of an era. North Shore Furniture had been operating for more than 40 years in Devonport.

•Around 60 vintage cars and 180 art-deco enthusiasts recreate the glory days of the 1920s with the Great Gatsby Gadabout picnic in Windsor Reserve.



Brett Adam at the Great Gatsby Gadabout picnic in Devonport

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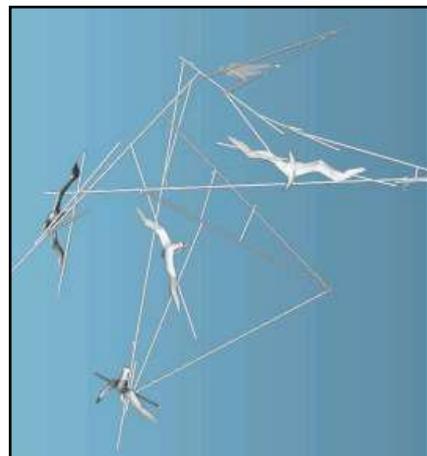
Albatross makes slow flight to Devonport

The Greer Twiss albatross sculpture bound for Victoria Wharf won't be there until June, Auckland Council has confirmed.

By the time the *Flight Trainer for Albatross* sculpture arrives, it will be the best part of a year since its siting on the wharf was approved.

Auckland Council could not come up with a cost to date for rehoming the albatross artwork.

The sculpture was originally located on the other side of the harbour.



No-see bird... the Greer Twiss sculpture that is being relocated to Victoria Wharf

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Stadium revamp supporters dominate submissions

Submissions in support of improvements to Allen Hill football stadium were four times those in opposition.

Auckland Council received 132 submissions: 103 in support, 27 in opposition and two neutral, according to a council spokesperson.

The consent for the changes at Allen Hill – including resurfacing of the pitch, a new entrance at the northern end of the ground

and the removal of perimeter fencing – was notified on 20 November, with submissions closing on 18 December.

Council is now in the process of compiling a summary report to go to a hearing, at a date yet to be decided.

Thirty-two submitters have said they want to be heard at the hearing. A number of others have indicated they want to make a joint submission.

NGĀTI WHĀTUA ŌRĀKEI



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As the new year gets underway, work on our Hillary Crescent development is ramping up.

The Stage One earthworks are now finished and we are in the process of stabilising various parts of the site in readiness for building to begin.

Building consents have been applied for and the construction contract is out for tender. Once awarded, the first sign of above-ground work will be the retaining walls going in. That should start happening later this month or early March.

As site coverage increases, any patches of dirt will reduce, lessening the risk of run-off or contamination issues occurring as we head into the

winter months.

All going well during the year, we'll be welcoming between 30 and 40 new families to the area in the next 12 months.

Stage Two of the Hillary development is also on track.

On 1 February, we took possession of another 40 former Navy houses, which form part of the next phase. Most of these have been sold for removal and we'll soon begin moving them off-site.

As with the first batch of houses, if any lead paint in the soil or asbestos material is found, it will be removed



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by professionals under national health and safety protocols. This is not unusual in any way, as many properties built around the middle of last century used these products as a matter of course.

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