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Commercial interest in TGS pool

The possibility of Takapuna Grammar School's pool being used by the community, all year, is increasing with the school partnering with a commercial operator.

"The private sector is interested in utilising

school-based assets," says an Auckland Council document seen by the Flagstaff.

"Takapuna Grammar is about to partner with a commercial provider to enclose their swimming pool to enable year-round use."

Takapuna Grammar principal Mary Nixon confirmed progress on the pool.

"We are currently in discussions with a company and will let you know when an agreement is signed," she said.

North Shore Cricket Club wins promotion



Champagne flows... North Shore cricket premiers won promotion to the top Auckland division last weekend after an absence of seven years. Story and more pictures page 7.



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Local board irked by slow progress on Lake Rd upgrade

Urgent action on Lake Rd improvements is being sought by the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board.

News that any structural work on Lake Rd is two to three years away, has stunned members of the board, which had set improving Lake Rd congestion as its top priority.

“There seems to be no urgency on this [from Auckland Transport (AT)]. It’s our number-one priority and we want it to happen,” member Mike Sheehy said at a board meeting last week.

“Two to three years is a long way off – we want it to happen now, to start now.”

However, AT’s local-board liaison officer Marilyn Nicholls said a two- to three-year time frame was “quite realistic”.

The Lake Rd project team had only formed at the start of 2019, a detailed business case was still to be developed, designs produced and feedback from the local board and wider community was still to come in, she said.

“It’s a multimillion-dollar project, not a raised pedestrian crossing,” Nicholls told the board.

More than \$30 million has been budgeted for Lake Rd improvements.

Board chair George Wood called for an “action path” from AT so the local board could have an idea of when the project would start.

“I was very surprised when I read it was two to three years away.”

Nicholls said she would pass on the board’s request for a timeline.

Authority eyes land adjacent to maunga

Land around Auckland mountains could be added to the territory administered by the Tupuna Maunga Authority.

However, it is unclear if land around Takarunga/Mt Victoria or at Maungauika/North Head would be included, Devonport-Takapuna Local Board deputy chair Grant Gillon told the board’s February meeting, following a Tupuna Maunga Authority (TMA) briefing to local board chairs.

“The TMA will talk to some local boards about adding contiguous land to the maunga – ie, transfer some council – or Crown-owned land to the relevant maunga.

“It was unclear if it affected our board area,” Gillon said.

However, Devonport Primary School, situated on Crown land on the slopes of Takarunga, is an obvious area that may be considered.

Pest trees will be removed extensively on maunga and replaced by natives, Gillon said, although some trees would remain as taking them out could damage archaeological sites.

More fire-resistant grass is also being investigated for the volcanic cones, he said.

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Devonport rallies to support Christchurch

People in Devonport are joining forces to offer a helping hand to grieving friends and families of victims of Christchurch's mosque shootings.

Hundreds of Devonport families have filled up boxes with food and other specified items, plus gifts and notes of love and support for delivery to those affected by the mass shooting.

The initiative is coordinated by 500 friends, a charity set up in response to the Christchurch earthquakes, which has gone on to respond to other disasters.

The boxes, which children decorated, were dropped back to Vauxhall School on the evening of 30 March for distribution.

In another initiative, family-run natural cosmetics company Zeosoft, helping distribute t-shirts printed with a motif of a kiwi bird holding hands with a Muslim girl.

A group of businesses are involved in the project, sparked when accountant David Steele was feeling glum on 16 March and wondering what he could do to help. His daughter sent him a heart-warming design by her friend Sam Baker. Steele had the idea of printing 1000 t-shirts and selling them as a fundraiser.

Zeosoft chief executive Phil Connolly said helping with distribution "seemed like the least we could do to help. David [Steele] mentioned it and we distribute our products already, so it seemed like a no-brainer for us."

T-shirts are on sale for \$30, of which \$10 will cover costs and the \$20 profit will be donated to the Islamic Information Centre in Christchurch, which is assisting grieving families after the 15 March tragedy.

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Devonport making a difference...Phil Connolly with the fundraising t-shirts



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Lime squeezed out of Devonport

The symbol of urban cool, the Lime electric scooter, has failed to reappear in Devonport in any numbers following a recent suspension of the company's licence.

A quick glance at the Lime app at press time showed just one in Devonport and another in Takapuna.

Prior to the suspension, scooters were usually easy to find on the Devonport peninsula.

Lime says the scarcity is an operational decision based on a review of usage prior to the temporary ban.

It says its fleet of 1000 scooters is only just able to meet demand in the Auckland CBD, so has not been redeployed to other areas where they were not used in such great numbers.

"If the local Devonport community would like to have more Limes, we suggest they write to their local councillor to request an increase in the fleet numbers," the company's public affairs manager Lauren Mentjox said.

Lime does have a few 'juicers' – people who collect and recharge the scooters overnight – in the area, but would need to recruit more if demand lifted.

Auckland Council suspended Lime's licence on 22 February, as a result of a fault that saw some of the scooters' wheels seizing up while in motion.

The temporary ban was lifted on 1 March, but the company took a further week to test its scooters before returning them to CBD streets.

Meanwhile, the country's first shared electric mopeds are being piloted in Devonport and Takapuna, where tourists and locals have been using them to zip around silently.

Kwikli launched its fleet of 10 mopeds in mid-November and by mid-March they had clocked up 530 rides, or around 30 per week, with 4200km travelled in total.



Quickly by Kwikli... a rider on a shared e-moped in Devonport

"We have a number of regular users, as well as groups of friends, who like to explore the North Shore on our mopeds," Kwikli chief executive Rushabh Trivedy says.

So far, there have been no injuries reported to ACC, nor have any scooters been stolen or vandalised.

The e-mopeds have a top speed of 50 km/h and riders must have a driver's licence.

If you want to use a Kwikli scooter, you need to sign up for the app and pay a \$1 joining fee. After that it's \$2 per ride and 35 cents per minute.

They can be used in the transit lanes, but not on footpaths or motorways.

A volunteer who tried out the scooter for the *Flagstaff* found the app a bit clunky, but then enjoyed the 6.9km ride, which at 14 minutes, cost \$6.90.

The rider, who didn't wish to be named, would consider using it again if traffic congestion was particularly bad.

The scooters need to be parked in motor-cycle bays and the Kwikli app shows five green zones between Devonport and Takapuna where its scooters can be parked without incurring an \$80 charge.

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Tearing up the weeds at maunga open day



**Moving mountains...
Gail Carran (above)
and Sheila Byrne and
Belinda Cooke (at left)**

Several dozen people converged on Maungaukika/North Head last weekend for a community day organised by the Tupuna Maunga Authority.

Volunteers took part in a health and safety briefing, ecological demonstrations, planted trees and grubbed out weeds. Free rat traps were also handed out by organisers.

Photos India Worsnop

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Call for individual plans for devonport mountains

Individual management plans for both Maungaukika/North Head and Takarunga/Mt Victoria should be put in place, says the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board.

The plans should be developed as quickly as possible in accordance with the Reserves Act, the board voted unanimously at its March meeting.

Earlier at the board's public forum,

Geoff Chapple, a spokesperson for a loosely associated group concerned about the way public consultation was being handled for the maunga, said individual management plans were vital.

General management plans are not specific enough, which could lead to changes such as pedestrianisation gaining momentum without public input, he said.

North Shore cricketers win promotion to top division

The North Shore Premier cricket side has gained promotion to Auckland's top league after seven years in the lower division.

But as are the vagaries of cricket it all came down to the last match.

North Shore edged out Eden Roskill by six points to win the Tom Hellaby Championship last weekend. Although Shore had a handy lead at the tail end of the season, Eden Roskill threw everything into its last match against Ellerslie, making Shore fight all the way for the championship win.

At Te Atatu Park against Waitakere, North Shore made the runs they needed to pick up a first-innings win and immediately declared at lunch. Then Waitakere went out and, in a session, clocked up 192/4. They then declared ahead of the final session, looking for an upset.

North Shore's Stephen Baard wasn't going to let a chance like that get away. Along with Graeme Beghin, the pair went after the total hammer and tongs.

They needed to. When Baard was caught off Tony Wannan for 90, North Shore needed 31 more runs and could not afford to slow down.

Beghin stepped up his scoring rate, and in the 32nd over, he sent the ball to the boundary for four runs, an eight-wicket win, and the Tom Hellaby Championship.

North Shore's Tom Hellaby Championship winning team

Stephen Baard	Ben Wall
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Carl Brungar	Simon Keene
Ronnie Hira	Tendai Chitongo
Sam Hinds	Tim Duncraft
Asiri Wickramanayake	

Coach: Chris Reid



Congratulations all round after Shore win



Top knock...Stephen Baard (left) and Graeme Beghin acknowledge Baard's 50 last weekend

Good starts for Devonport sports teams

The North Shore United soccer team and North Shore premiers rugby side both kicked off their seasons with wins last weekend.

In its first season in the Northern League in more than a decade, North Shore United beat Glenfield 3-1.

North Shore premiers outclassed Kumeu 40-17. This was a good result for Shore as it had several top players away or yet to return for 2019.

North Shore United plays Manukau City away this week, while North Shore premiers are away to East Coast Bays.

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Local board wants more toxin tests for Ngataringa Bay

Further toxin-testing for fire-foam contaminants at the former Ngataringa test site has been requested by the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board.

Defence Force testing of Ngataringa Bay for the fire-foam residue PFAs has found it in molluscs and crabs – important food sources for endangered and migratory birds.

The Defence report found little risk to humans, but the local board has raised

concerns about “anecdotal evidence” that concrete foam drums were dumped at the Ngataringa tip site.

The board recommended council’s landfill officer test the old tip site for contaminants; wants further testing carried out on other food sources for Ngataringa Bay birds; and further tests made to check if any such contaminants are entering council’s trade waste system.

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Later this year, it returns and is being held on Friday 1st November. (Save the date!) Tickets will go on sale soon.

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Laid-back Devonport a target for counter theft

A mini crime spree is raising questions that Devonport cafes are being targeted as 'a soft touch'.

On 29 March, a man was captured on CCTV apparently stealing the tip jar from Devo cafe. Two other cafes reported having their tip jars stolen by a similar-looking man.

At a fourth cafe, the man is said to have stolen a coffee card and to obtain a free drink.

Devo owner Bronwyn Williams says it seems Devonport has been targeted in recent months, with car break-ins and other crimes.

"I'm not the only one who doesn't lock my door. We feel a bit safe and removed from the big bad world. Maybe it's changing and maybe we need to be a bit more worldly now."

The tip-jar theft was disappointing, she says, because so many people had kindly left their change, so the staff could go out for drinks together.

"If someone had said, I need 20 bucks to go to the ferry, I would have given it to them. I try to be a nice person, so it's disappointing when people are mean," says Williams.

By Monday, a customer had brought in a new tip jar, and tied it down, and many customers had donated generously to replenish the "wine fund".

Similarly, at The Living Room cafe, where they lost a tip jar containing \$100 at opening time, owner Lucy Colmar-Jones felt disappointed, because the customer had seemed so friendly.

Cafe manager Katja Hartman says other



Time to up security... Devo owner Bronwyn Williams is thinking it could be time to be more vigilant, after having her tip-jar stolen

cafe staff affected had discussed the thefts and the idea Devonport could be an easy target. "We were talking about the way no-one locks their car. It's what's so nice. It's a laid-back community," says Hartman, adding

it's still not like places where this sort of thing happens every day.

A third cafe, the Twisted Tomato, lost \$150 from a till jar that is generally used for a year-end staff lunch or get-together.

Devonport Arts Festival highlights

The Devonport Arts Festival this year runs from 5-7 April. Highlights include:

Friday after Five Twilight Party: Food trucks, live music, art activities, large roaming puppets, sketch classes and more. From 5pm, Friday 5 April, at Windsor Reserve Band Rotunda.

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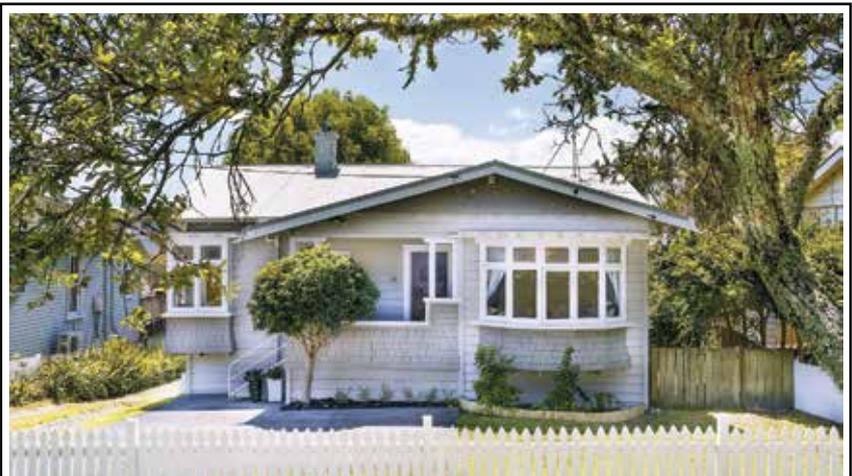
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By Rob Drent

The Devonport-Takapuna Local Board seems to be having a bob both ways in its relationship with the Tupuna Maunga Authority. On the one side, some members of the board – particularly Mike Cohen – are encouraging the authority to be totally open with the public with early consultation on the compilation of management plans for each mountain under authority control. On the other hand, the board is having private briefings behind closed doors – update meetings with the authority. Readers may recall the *Flagstaff* was shown the door last year when we tried to cover one of these. News of an upcoming briefing “soon” emerged at the board’s last meeting.

Silence from Mike Cohen on making that public.

The lack of Lime scooters on Devonport streets made me smile. In Lime’s limited re-release of scooters post safety scares, we seem to have missed the cut due to higher patronage in the city. Even though one of Lime’s cheerleaders, councillor Chris Darby, lives at Stanley Point, is it too long a bow to draw to say Devonport is not as cool as the inner city suburbs?

With the flurry surrounding the launch of our sister publication *The Rangitoto Observer*, I’ve been in the strange position (as a journalist of 35 years in 2019) of being the subject of media interviews. It has been educational, not

only for the questions journalists asked, but for that slightly uneasy feeling at the end of each conversation: “I wonder what they are going to use from that?”

A *North & South* magazine contributor, doing a feature on the resurgence of local community papers across the country, asked how Devonport had changed in the 22 years I’ve had the *Flagstaff*. Two prime changes sprung to mind, both driven primarily by property prices.

When I first moved to Devonport there were more grass-roots writers, artists and musicians living here. I say grass-roots, but probably mean impoverished. There are still many creatives living in Devonport, but most either bought property when it was cheap or have “other means”: an academic career, a high-earning partner or independent money.

In my early years as *Flagstaff* editor, we covered a story about the numbers of solo parent families who were living in Devonport: unit (and house) rentals were comparatively affordable and children had access to some of the best schools and one of the most kid-friendly environments in Auckland. Now, market rents are prohibitive to all but the highest earners.

The changes aren’t necessarily all bad for Devonport. While there has been a significant influx of lawyers and bankers, there have also been many entrepreneurs and innovators settling in Devonport from overseas; people who are successful, some wildly so, in their fields and have chosen to live in Devonport.

So an intellectual and racial diversity remains. Go to a local school and there are nationalities from all round the world represented. We are a

country of many peoples, not just Pakeha, but Maori, Pacific Island, Asian and “other”, as demographic studies seem to put it.

The biggest real change in Devonport has been in local government, with control of virtually everything now in the hands of a very bureaucratic city hall. Day to day, it shows in the inability to get things done – broken footpaths, weed removal, and the years it took to fix the leaky wall on Victoria Rd, are prime examples.

I get the impression people feel they are more isolated from planning and decision-making as well. The Devonport Community Board meetings a couple of decades ago were packed to the gunwales when a hotly contested local issue was to be debated. This never happens with Devonport issues at Devonport-Takapuna Local Board meetings.



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And then there was one: postboxes disappear

Postboxes have been quietly disappearing from the streets of the Devonport peninsula, a change labelled a “disaster” by an older people’s advocacy group.

There’s one last neighbourhood postal box standing, on Bayswater Rd, outside Bayswater Superette; otherwise people need to travel to Hauraki or the Devonport PostShop.

“It’s a real issue for seniors,” Grey Power North Shore president Bill Rayner says.

“I know Auckland Transport works on the basis of a 400-metre maximum walk to a bus stop for seniors, and even that can be difficult for some. The same should apply to postboxes.”

The population is ageing, he says, so New Zealand Post should reinstate the boxes.

Rayner can’t understand why New Zealand Post can’t collect mail from the boxes, as it already has to send a van to Devonport Post Shop to collect mail. .

New Zealand Post said it constantly monitors postbox usage and the six it has removed over the past two years – from Calliope Rd, Victoria Rd, Albert Rd, Old Lake Rd, Jutland St, and Lake Rd – were not getting enough use.

“When we consider removing a box, we undertake a month-long review to establish if it is being used regularly enough to be financially sustainable.

“We also place a public notice on the box saying we are monitoring it due to low volumes, which invites public response,” a spokesperson said in a statement.

“There is a cost in maintaining and clearing the boxes, which we need to consider in the face of mail decline (60 million fewer letters were sent through our



Last post... The last remaining neighbourhood postbox between Hauraki and Devonport is on Bayswater Rd outside the superette

network in the last financial year.”

The trend started in December 2011. The Flagstaff reported an outcry over a decision to close five neighbourhood postboxes around Devonport, without any notification.

On behalf of Grey Power, Rayner lodged

a formal complaint when the post boxes disappeared from Albert Rd, Kind Edward Parade and Vauxhall Rd.

Changes like this, and the loss of the council’s desk in Devonport Library, are driving older people out of Devonport, he says.

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Wrong to credit Darby for busway future-proofing

Your editorial statement concerning the future-proofing for trains running along the Northern Busway (Flagstaff, 22 March) is incorrect.

Specifically, you stated councillor Chris Darby "was instrumental in making sure that bus lanes on the Northern Motorway were future-proofed so they could accommodate trains".

While no doubt Councillor Darby is a vocal advocate for trains to be extended to the Shore, it was during my tenure as Mayor of the former North Shore City that the Northern Busway from the Auckland Harbour Bridge to Constellation Drive was planned and much of the construction occurred. All of the North Shore City Councillors at the time put a significant amount of effort into ensuring that the route was to be future-proofed. Councillor Darby was not a party to these decisions, with him only being elected to council in 2004, after the Notice of Requirement to build the busway was signed off by the Environment Court at the end of 2003 and all major planning completed.

It is with a tremendous amount of pride for those who were involved that we had the foresight to ensure the Northern Busway was future-proofed to enable it to be converted to accommodate trains in the future.

However, there are I believe issues still to be resolved before trains can utilise the route. Transpower, the national electricity transmitting agency, subsequently requested to be able to install an underground conduit system for electric power cables. This was a \$415 million project to install a 220K-volt system to transmit electricity from South Auckland, over the Auckland Harbour Bridge and up to Albany via the Wairau substation.

The conduit system was duly laid in extremely thick concrete beneath the busway carriageway, with manhole access at various locations along the way. The electric cables were not installed until later.

It was a major operation of to join the electric cables together at various points along the busway. When this cable-laying occurred, the

buses were restricted to one-lane traffic past the cable-joining work stations. This may now make the laying of rail tracks on top of these cables problematic.

George Wood

Questions loaded with prejudice

Isaac Donaldson's two short questions (Flagstaff, 22 March) are loaded with so much prejudice and are as subtle as cutting butter with an axe.

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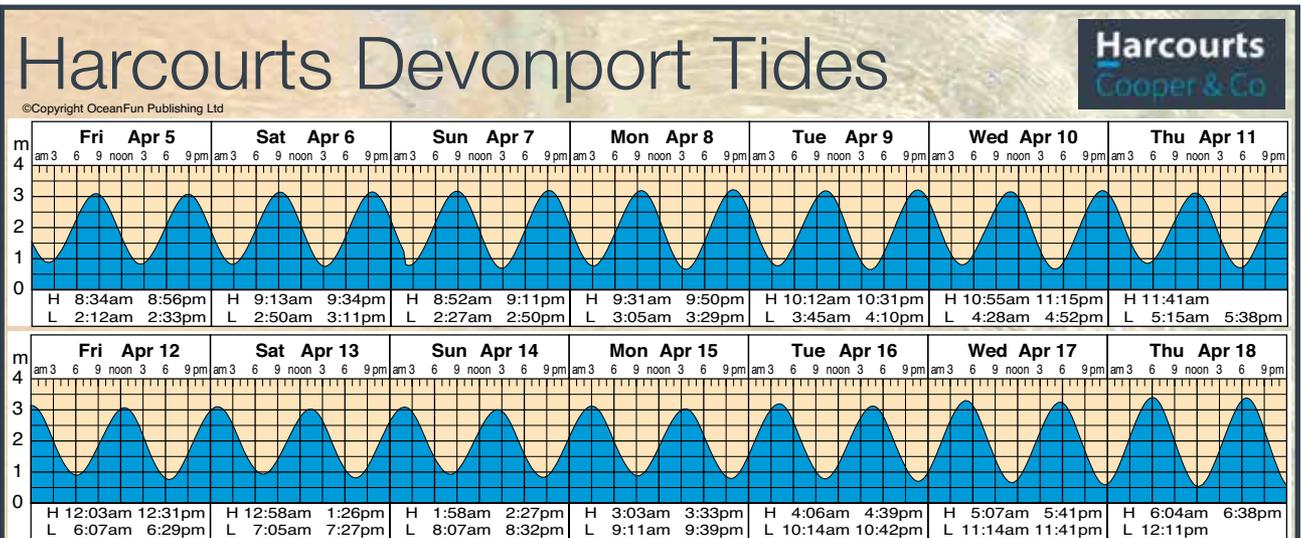
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Returning, I caught the SkyBus at the terminal exit. It drove to the International Terminal and then direct to Akoranga where I was picked up by a friend. I think it took about 35 minutes. Yes, my trips were off-peak and, on the return journey, I was the only passenger!

Just thinking a little publicity in your newspaper about riding the SkyBus might be informative and helpful for our community.

Mandy Dempsey

AT Local service a boon for Devonport

This is a very positive 'shout out' about the newish AT taxi service in Devonport (the white cars with Lime green signage) enabling us to leave our car at home when needing to get on the ferry, for example.

If my recent first experience is anything to go by, we have a winner!

I was not only picked up, but also learned from the driver how to set the 'pin' correctly on the map on my mobile. And the trip cost

the set price of \$2.50 each way.

This service is a boon for ferry trips when leaving a car by the ferry is dicey.

Another passenger picked up had used the service many times and was full of praise. A big plus was being texted the driver's licence plate, as with Uber. And if any hiccup, the driver's phone number is also texted.

Thank you AT!

Ros Capper

Maunga Authority 'jumped the gun'

On March 17, the Devonport Group's submission to the Tupuna Maunga Authority (TMA) on the TMA's 2019/20 Operational Plan queried the \$500,000 capital item listed there, to "repurpose or remove redundant parking" on the Takarunga/Mt Victoria summit.

We took this to mean the top car park, or most of it, would be removed, and asked that this allocation – from Auckland Council budgets – be put on hold until the TMA produces an individual management plan for Takarunga. The Reserves Act 1977 directs any new administrator of a reserve, such as Takarunga, to produce such a plan for each reserve it manages. That plan then sits in the local library and other public places, is clear as to the dimensions of the administrator's management intentions, and invites public comments by written and oral submissions. It's called democracy.

The TMA hasn't followed this route. It claimed in a recent letter to the group that it has met its Reserves Act requirements for a management plan by way of its Integrated Management Plan of 2016. That document, though, was a general one, that laid out only values and pathways that would guide policy across all of its 14 maunga, and did not detail policy.

We've maintained therefore that the TMA jumped the gun in March 2018 by installing a barrier arm on the summit road – a policy decision to ban vehicles, without having gone through a submissions process. Our opposition to the removal of the car park – in effect a second irremediable step to enforce the vehicle-free tihi – therefore continues to channel the mood of the public meeting we called in May last year, and the

accompanying petition to the TMA "that in all future interactions the Devonport community expects the Authority to consult widely, and not simply impose its will, in an authoritarian manner."

We respect the fact that ownership of the maunga now rests with a Maori trustee. We respect Maori tikanga also, and its belief that the tihi must be healed – an appeal reaching back both to the natural form of the maunga, and its modification by Maori occupation.

But quite aside from its apparent responsibility under the Reserves Act, the TMA's establishment Collective Redress Act called for it to administer its reserves not just for the tribes, but also for "the other people of Auckland". It'd be interesting and educative for everyone for a proper submissions process to gauge Auckland's attitude on proposed changes – on barrier arms and car parks, but also what sacred summits imply for public use, eating, playing, kite-flying, taking selfies, etc.

In that spirit, two days after submitting to the TMA, we tabled our TMA submission to the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board meeting of March 19, and spoke to it.

The board later did pass, unanimously, a resolution asking that the board "advocate to the Tupuna Maunga Authority that individual management plans for Takarunga/Mt Victoria and Maungauika/North Head be developed as quickly as possible in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977".

Our submission is available in the Open Minutes Item Attachments section of the local board's 19 March meeting, now online, at <http://infocouncil.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz>

Geoff Chapple

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The Bunker, Takarunga/Mt Victoria

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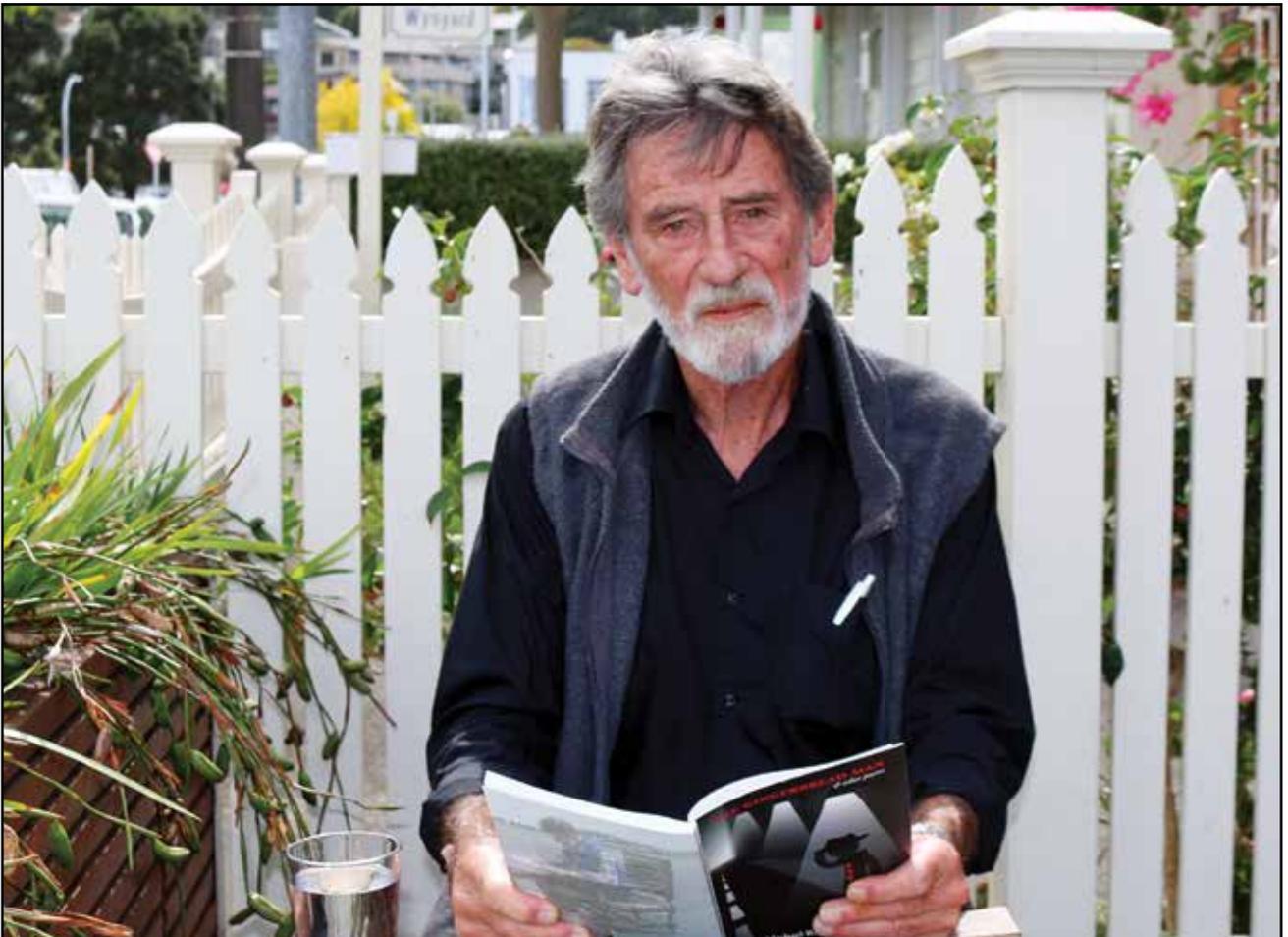


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Devonport looms large in poetry of a lifetime

A 1967 meeting with Sam Hunt helped inspire a young Mike Richards to take a new direction with his poetry, which more than 50 years later has been formed into a collection. The former musician and Takapuna Grammar School teacher talks to Jodi Yeats.



Ton of words... Former English teacher Mike Richards' first published collection features 100 poems, written over 50 years

A Maori chief reimagined as a bee, a doomed romance in Devonport and a storm hitting Takapuna Grammar School's playing fields inspired some of the poems in a new collection from a local writer.

At 74, Mike Richards has just had his first collection of poetry, *The Gingerbread Man & other poems*, published by Steele Roberts.

One of the early poems, *Patuone*, arose from a weekly meeting in Devonport with two friends and Richards' father (also a poet).

The idea evolved that each week someone would choose a topic, and the next week everyone would bring back a poem they had written on it.

"This mate who lived in Devonport said Patuone was a Maori chief who lived in Devonport and converted to Christianity.

"I used this image of him as a bee, getting what he could and making compromises."

Richards wasn't well acquainted with Maori activism, but he had the feeling tangata whenua had not been well treated, which is captured in the poem's last line: "... he gave an acre to gain a yard."

As a young man, growing up in Bayswater and attending Takapuna Grammar, Richards

played cricket and soccer, and taught himself guitar and drums, playing with a schoolboy band.

Music was a theme in his life and he was in a band inspired by the Shadows through his time at university, studying for a masters in English from 1963 to 1966.

In the 1970s, he played in the Doug Lomax Band and then a dance band, Wastecote, that went through several name changes.

He went on to join blues band Riverbed Slide, which frequently performed at the Masonic Tavern.

It was drinking alone at the Masonic, after being stood up by a woman, that inspired the poem *Church Street corner*, about the seaside clock over the road.

*I sit here killing time time till seven,
watch the clock in its concrete silo,
await a conjunction of hands.*

Sam Hunt was a strong influence on Richards' work and the pair became

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While at university, Richards taught himself motor mechanics, through working on his own V8, and became something of an expert.

After study, in 1967, he went to teachers training college. That year, Richards was at home one morning at a rented cottage on the beach at Castor Bay, hanging out the washing, when Hunt loomed into view between the folded sheets.

He was coming to seek advice on buying a 1937 Ford, but was keen to drink beer. Talk soon turned to their shared interest in poetry.

“I had been studying English poems for four years and was writing like that.

“When I met Sam, he was reeling off poems. I thought there’s a whole new approach here.”

While Richards still enjoys the poets he discovered at university, such as W B Yeats, W H Auden and Jacobean poets, Hunt introduced him to New Zealand poets, including Denis Glover, Alistair Campbell and James K Baxter.

These poets used colloquial language, and were inspired by images, emotions and experiences, rather than ideas.

Hunt also quoted from the lyrics of pop artists: Rod Stewart, the Rolling Stones and, especially, Bob Dylan, which struck a chord with musician Richards.

One of Richards’ subsequent poems, *Carol’s Birthday*, about a renowned Stanley Pt clothing designer, ponders the Rolling Stones

song *Carol*, and riffs on band members’ personalities.

The meeting with Hunt was a turning point for Richards. They stayed in touch and, in 1987, Richards edited Hunt’s *Selected Poems*.

Over the years, Hunt gave Richards good “workman-like advice” on writing verse, including the suggestions of starting with a first

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Street corner*

line, rather than working towards a last line, and using the first three words as a title, if one doesn’t spring out of the poem.

Richards taught in two stints for 13 years at his former school, Takapuna Grammar, as well as teaching in England, Germany, Glenfield College and winding up teaching part-time at Westlake Boys for 11 years.

In 1975, *Prose and Cons*, a book he had co-written with author David Hill, was published for use as a teaching aid.

In his second time working at Takapuna Grammar, between 1977 and 1989, Richards mainly taught English. The weather out on the playing fields one day inspired his poem *August storm*.

*It seems as if the sea below
Were suddenly up here too,
Flowing finally over land.*

His poems variously capture difficult moments in Richards’ marriage and divorce, then the aforementioned doomed romance, which inspired another evocative composition, *North Head picnic*.

*I am glad you are not here,
Just the sense of you, a ghost at noon
In the blond, blowing head of the toetoe
Struck by wind, the serious slope
Of your nose, your eyes winter water,
Your body the ground where I rest.*

There’s a more joyous tone to poems about meeting his now partner, Sue, and spending time at her home in Cheltenham, where he confessed:

*I liked you. A risky statement at my age,
but one that wind and trees and you
made possible.*

Richards has finally gone public with his poetry, selecting 100 poems from a much larger body of work, with a little help and advice, as always, from writerly friends Hill and Hunt.

Richards will read from *The Gingerbread Man & other poems* at the book’s launch at Depot Artspace, 4.30pm on 14 April.



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TGS and family help Steph's music bloom into *Daffodils*

A musician who grew up in Devonport is returning home for a concert and special screening of new Kiwi musical film *Daffodils*, for which she was a music director.

Stephanie Brown is looking forward to her parents and aunts coming to the 7 April event at the Vic Theatre, where she will perform with her band that led to her work on the movie.

"[Writer] Rochelle [Bright] first brought us on board because she wanted the sound of our band, Lips, for the arrangements," Brown says.

Lips is essentially a pop band, but doesn't use guitar. Instead, Brown and her husband, Fen Ikner, play synthesisers and other keyboard instruments such as organ and accordion. Ikner also plays drums, bass and other instruments.

For the show at the Vic, they'll be joined by bass player Ruby Walsh.

Brown is a six-generation Devonport local and went to Takapuna Grammar School, where a "great music department" and a parent who started a blues band, all fostered her future career.

Brown and Ikner began working with Bright, arranging music for the stage version of *Daffodils*, when the pair were living in New York.

What started as a two-week stage show at Auckland's Q Theatre in 2014 went on to an extended run, tours of New Zealand and Australia, and an Edinburgh Festival Fringe award for a first play.

When Bright invited the pair to work on the movie as music directors, they moved back to the North Shore and got down to work in late 2016.



No strings attached... Stephanie Brown's electro-pop band Lips eschews guitars in favour of synthesisers and other instruments
(Photo: Amanda Senior)

Bright extended the stage script for film, which meant Brown and Ikner had to write three new songs, as well as arrange the music for the movie.

They wrote the film's score and arranged the iconic Kiwi songs the film features, so the actors could move seamlessly from playing their characters to singing.

Bright writes the songs into the script, so they express what is going on for the characters and blend seamlessly with dialogue,

Brown explains.

Directed by David Stubbs, *Daffodils* stars Rose McIver and George Mason as Bright's parents, meeting and falling in love in Hamilton in the 1960s.

Singer-songwriter Kimbra plays playwright Bright in the movie, decades later, recounting her parents' story and performing a gig that weaves through the action.

The concert and special screening at the Vic is at 5.30pm on 7 April. Tickets \$30.

Freedom-camping laws may lack enforcement teeth

A shortage of compliance officers at Auckland Council could impact on the enforcement of freedom-camping by-laws.

New by-laws are working their way through Auckland Council, with heavy restrictions planned for coastal areas from Milford to Devonport.

The council's Devonport-Takapuna Local Board support officer Tristan Coulson says enforcement will be key for the rules to work.

However, compliance officers at Auckland Council working on noise-complaint and resource-consent compliance are fully stretched now, and would not have much time to follow up freedom-camper issues, Coulson told the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board at its meeting last week.



Free and easy... a camper van in the public car park opposite Narrow Neck Beach



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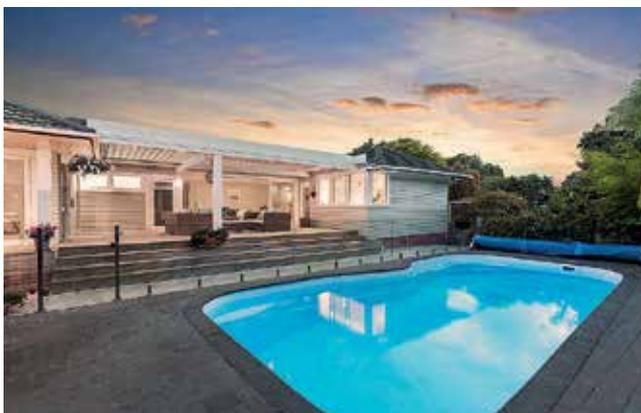


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The future as it used to be... An artist's impression of a proposed village at Bayswater Marina

- Plans for a village at Bayswater Marina advance, with its director Martin Jones floating a \$150 million development comprising 90 to 130 residential units (a mixture of town houses and apartments), a range of retail shops, offices, restaurants and cafes, a ferry terminal, a convention centre and a boutique hotel linked to the proposed Bayswater Yacht Club.
- Signs warning against wharf-jumping are set to be erected at Stanley Bay Wharf. During discussions at a meeting of Devonport Community Board about an application for the ferry Toroa to berth at the wharf, a council officer voices concerns about the safety of jumping off the shallow western side of the wharf. Residents have concerns about reduced space for swimming, the possibility of parties on board the ferry and noise, and disposal of waste.
- The new design has been scaled down to below the level of the adjacent cliff-tops, so the village will not dominate the surroundings, Jones said.
- Freehold sections in Fiji are advertised at \$50,000 for 2-3 acres near coral lagoons, surfing and diving.
- The central plank of the development is a massive underground car park, providing 806 car parks, in addition to 144 above ground. While this will be below the water table, engineers say it can be done.
- Glengarry advertises Matua Chenin/Chardonnay for \$8.95, Matua Pinotage/Cabernet for \$8.95 and Lansons Black Label NZ (bubbles) for \$49.95.
- Artist's impressions of the planned Bayswater Marina are unveiled.
- Harvest Organics offers home delivery from its Clarence St shop.
- Commercial activities on North Head are opposed by the community board in its submission on the historic reserve draft conservation management plan.
- Devonport Rotary forges ahead with plans for a 25-metre flagpole flying a New Zealand flag on the summit of Mt Victoria, as the organisation applies to get the \$4000 fee to lodge a notified resource consent waived.
- An attempt by North Shore City Council to chop down a pohutukawa tree on council land at Bayswater marina is stymied by a vigilant community board's refusal to give landowner consent for the tree's removal. The board disputes that it is damaging a sea wall.
- Cis Wash turns 100 claiming hard work was key to her longevity. However, neighbours and friends, celebrating at her Belmont home, say her happy disposition has a lot to do with it. Cis first moved to Devonport with her baker husband Thomas in 1930 and the couple worked with another family at a home cookery business in Cheltenham.
- A high-level meeting is called to discuss the future of the Tamaki coastal land, between Narrow Neck and Cheltenham, after a High Court judge declares it is a reserve and may not be sold by the Defence Force. The meeting is likely to involve North Shore MP Wayne Mapp, Minister of Conservation Nick Smith, Minister of Defence Max Bradford and other government officials.

Electric-vehicle chargers finally go live at wharf

Two electric-vehicle (EV) chargers have gone live at Devonport Wharf car park, a year after they were installed. The final cost to ratepayers was more than \$43,000.

The chargers will be free to use for a 12-month trial period, ending in April 2020. Customers will need to bring their own Type 2 charging cable.

The two poles were installed in April 2018, at a cost of \$33,240, with an extra \$9800 for consulting fees to ensure they complied with safety and regulatory standards.

Auckland Transport (AT) attributes the cost to sophisticated technology that will track commuter behaviour in order to inform future commercial development of the ferry terminal.

The poles are part of a year-long “smart city trial” in Devonport, supported by the Energy Efficiency Conservation Authority, AT’s executive general manager of business technology, Roger Jones, said.

“AT has already installed 48 EV chargers at our car parks across Auckland. However, these chargers in Devonport are different as they also include environmental data monitoring, parking sensors, wi-fi stations and adaptive lighting.”

The environmental sensors capture data on temperature, noise, and air quality. Nine overhead parking sensors and 18 in-ground sensors

will collect data on parking behaviour, processed using the charging stations’ wi-fi.

Adaptive LED lighting will ensure the stations are energy-efficient.

“The data we gain from these poles will help us better understand how people transition between different modes of transport,” AT media manager Mark Hannan said.

It is a first for New Zealand and the reason they have taken so long to install.

“This new technology required rigorous testing by a local electrical safety lab to ensure they were safe and compliant for public use,” Hannan said.

“The poles were also thoroughly reviewed and tested by WorkSafe New Zealand’s energy-safety division.”

The two poles are AC “medium chargers”. Thirty minutes’ charging adds 40 kilometres to an electric car’s driving range.

First-time users will need to register for an EV charge card from Devon On The Wharf. Once registered, this card can be used indefinitely and the chargers are available 24/7.

The AT Local fleet of ride-share vehicles will use the chargers in emergencies, but will generally recharge at AT’s Glenfield depot, Hannan said.

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Founded in 2003, Capri has recently been working on residential projects such as Richmond in Mount Wellington, Point View in East Tamaki, the Rise in Silverdale, and Norwood, The Reserve, Thomas Road and Redoubt Ridge in Manukau.

There has been some recent commentary about our detention ponds and we have confirmed with the contractor and engineer that no water has been discharged from these this year. The Auckland Council compliance office also visits the site weekly to



An artist’s impression of some of the new Hillary homes.

undertake compliance monitoring.

Our team constantly monitors the holding ponds and makes improvements as and when required. As it’s a large construction site, activity is ongoing and changing all the time, and our engineers and construction team are regularly engaged in fencing, piping, soil removal and other adjustments.

We have previously said we are committed to upgrading stormwater in the area and are working collaboratively with the council to improve the water

catchment in Belmont and around Shoal Bay.

Finally, some concerns have been raised recently about the speed of trucks travelling along Eversleigh Road. Consequently, we have imposed a 30kph speed restriction on our construction trucks as they travel down this street.

If you would like to receive development updates by email, please register your details on: wrl@ngatiwhatuorakei.com

Hollywood comes to Devonport via Ireland

A slice of Ireland is coming to the Rose Centre in the form of Irish tragi-comedy, *Stones in his Pockets*.

The Company Theatre production is set in Ireland and the actors perform speaking in Irish accents.

Director Kristof Haines says the play, written by Marie Jones, is many things: funny, touching, cynical, hopeful and, above all, unashamedly human.

It is a story which will resonate with just about everyone, he says. "Seeking a fresh start, making unexpected new friendships, struggling with depression, finding a new purpose in life, these are, whether we like it or not, keystone human experiences and *Stones in his Pockets* brings them to light with real warmth and poignancy."

The play centres around two friends from County Kerry, Charlie Conlon and Jake Quinn, employed as extras on a Hollywood film.

Conlon has aspirations to get his own script made into a movie. Quinn has recently returned from New York and is mesmerised, along with everyone else, by the star of the movie, Caroline. Most of the locals are initially excited at the opportunity to be a part of a major film and distracted by the novelty. However, as filming continues they begin to feel abused and the glamour begins to wear off.

Stones in his Pockets has won numerous awards.

The two actors in the play, Natasha Kay Senior and Francis Johnson, play 15 characters between them.

Francis lives in Devonport and is in his final year at Takapuna Grammar School. He wants to study drama, having been hooked on theatre since he started acting in Geoff Allen's classes at Devonport Drama at the age of eight.

Fellow actor Senior comes from Barnsley in the United Kingdom

Francis says *Stones in his Pockets* is the most challenging production he has been in, because of the number of lines, the concentration of being on stage throughout and the precision needed to play eight characters, most of whom are Irish.

Francis was nominated for an Auckland Community Theatre Trust Award for the best male in a lead role for his portrayal of Wayne in *Popcorn* by Ben Elton last year.

He started working backstage for Company Theatre on *One Man Two Guvnors* and *Ladies' Day*, when he says he was too shy to talk to anyone. Now he is on the committee and loves the fact that community theatre is all about combining with all sorts of people – actors, directors, stage managers, tech people.

Of *Stones in his Pockets*, Francis says, "It pretends to be about nothing much, yet it's really about struggling to find your place in



Two-hander... Natasha Kay Senior (left) and Francis Johnson, who play 15 characters between them in *Stones in his Pockets*

the world, when the supports you've relied on have been taken away from you".

Performances run from 4-13 April at The

Rose Centre and tickets (\$27 or \$22 for concessions) can be purchased on www.iticket.co.nz.

Devonport Community House is seeking two new Committee Members

The Devonport Community House is looking for volunteers to join our Committee. Specifically, for people with either experience in the finance sector or someone with the willingness to eventually take on the role of Committee Secretary.

We are a well-established not-for-profit organisation, located at the end of Clarence Street. The Devonport Community House provides a framework for local programmes and activities, and the House is a friendly and welcoming space at the heart of the community.

This is a good opportunity to gain governance experience and contribute your skills and experience to your local community.

The Committee meets once a month, on a Monday evening at the House.

You would also need to have some availability for meeting preparation, answering queries, and contributing outside the meetings.

If you live locally and think that either of these roles would be of interest, then we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Emma Grant (chairperson) at dchcommittee@gmail.com for more information.



Council arborists give Old Albert a haircut



Time for a trim... Arborists tackle the dead wood on Devonport's historic Australian banyan, (Moreton Bay fig) tree in Windsor Reserve. Known as 'Old Albert', the tree was planted as a seedling taken from Albert Park in 1883. Work in the reserve included pruning pohutukawa and phoenix palms, as part of Auckland Council's regular maintenance programme. The work focused on public safety, footpath, road and structure clearance, and pruning for tree health.

Sailor dies after diving accident at base

A Navy sailor, taken to North Shore hospital in a critical condition after a diving accident, has died.

Twenty-three-year-old Zachary Yarwood was taking part in diver training in 6-8 metres of water at Devonport naval base on the night of 25 March when the accident happened. He died the following day.

"My condolences are with Zachary's fiancée, his parents and his two beloved brothers, as they, along with us, come to terms with his passing," said Chief of Navy Rear Admiral David Proctor.

Able Communications Technician Yarwood joined the Royal New Zealand Navy in 2013 and served in HMNZS Te Kaha and Philomel.

At the time of the incident, he was on an advanced-diver training course, looking to join HMNZS Matataua as a qualified diver.

"Today the Navy is mourning a young sailor who had already packed so much into his career and embodied our core values of courage, commitment and comradeship in everything he did," Proctor said.

"Zachary's loss will affect not only his family, but many within the Navy and the wider NZDF whanau."

Police, WorkSafe New Zealand and a coroner are investigating the incident. The New Zealand Defence Force will be conducting a court of inquiry.

DEVONPORT *Family* MEDICINE

Changes beginning in April

New and exciting changes are about to take place at Devonport Family Medicine.

To ensure continuity of care to all our loyal patients, with Dr Grant Smith leaving Devonport Family Medicine at the end of March, I have taken over his share of the practice. I'm sure that over the years I will have been your doctor at some point.

The change brings with it an opportunity to freshen up the practice and upgrade systems. A new website allowing you to book your appointments and repeat scripts online will be available. The practice is going to have a makeover, providing patients with a more modern and restful space, including a play area for children.

I look forward to continuing to provide all our patients with my care as your general practitioner.

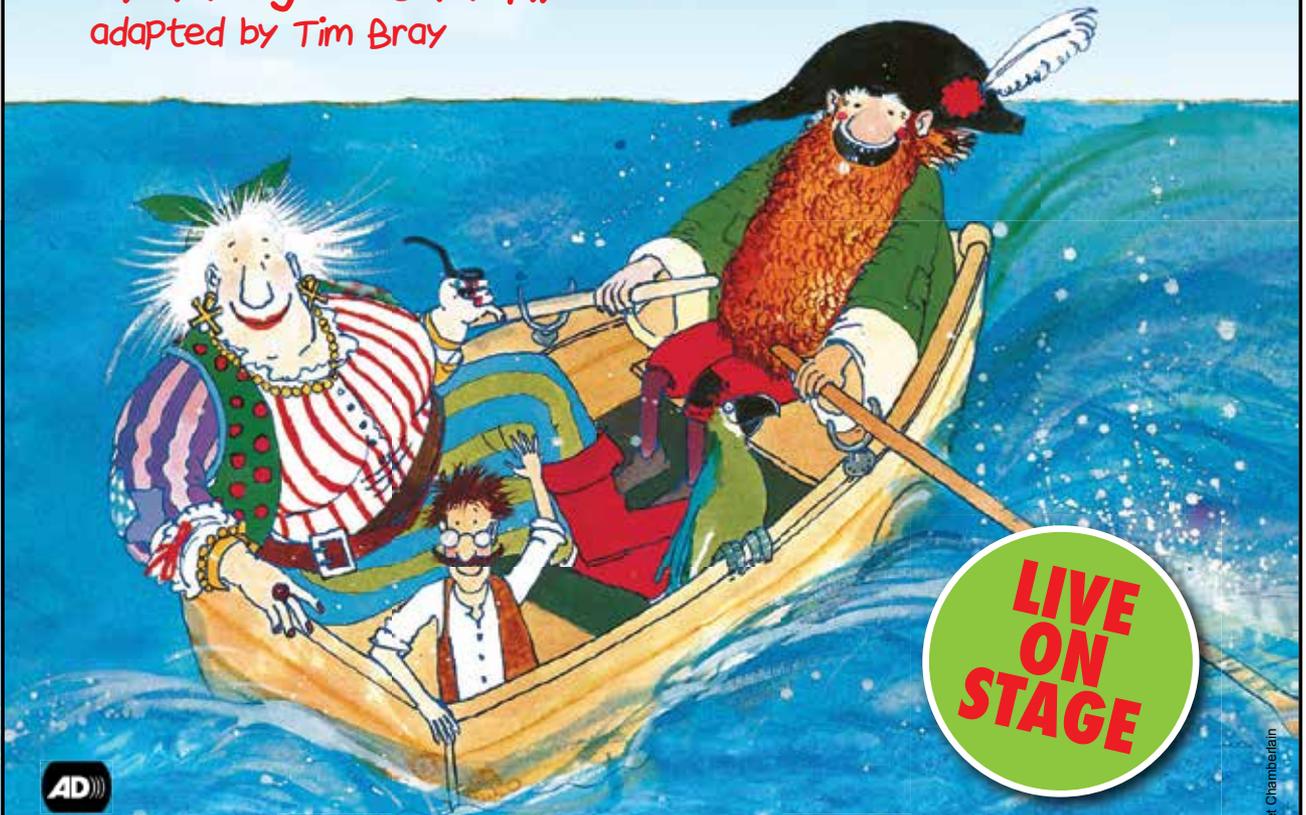
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Making the most of open space in Devonport and Takapuna

The Devonport-Takapuna Open Space Network plan was made public last week, showing there is inadequate recreational land to cater for a growing population. Rob Drent cast his eye over the plan, which aims to make the most of what we've got.

Trends in households and population

A growing, ageing and increasingly Asian population is set to be the key influence on future planning for Devonport and Takapuna's open spaces.

And partnerships with schools is one way of increasing available open space without buying land, according to the Devonport-Takapuna Open Space Network plan.

- Between 2013 and 2051, household numbers are projected to increase by 69 per cent in the local board area. Private open space in residential backyards is likely to diminish as intensification occurs.

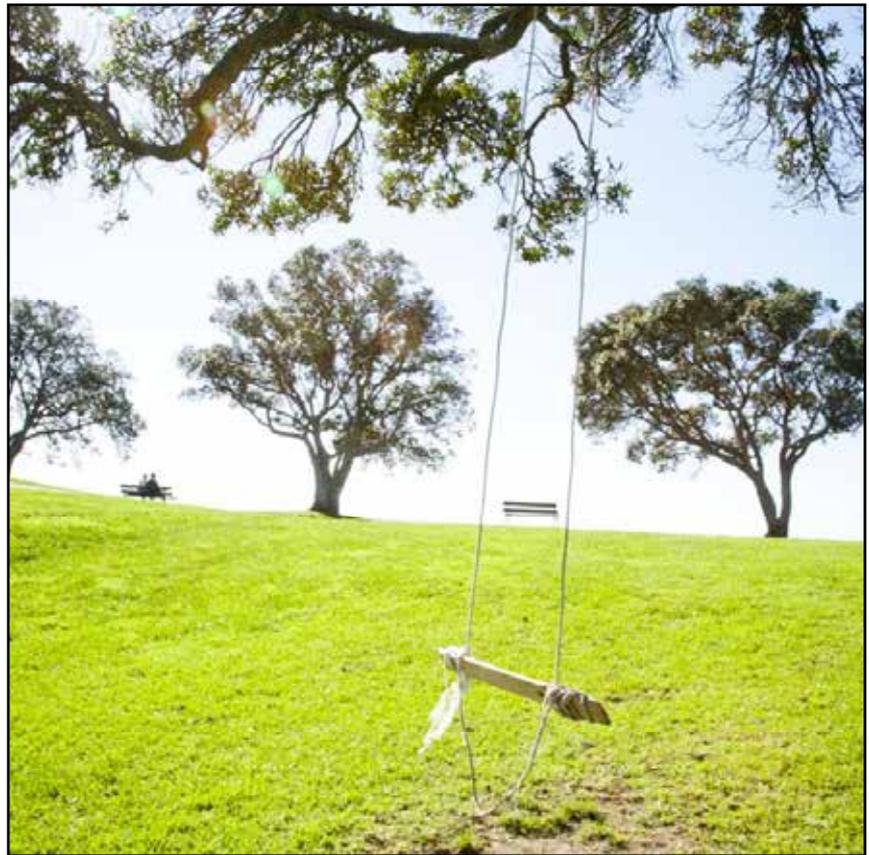
- 22 schools offer opportunities – both informally and formally – for recreation, sport and play. However, increasing student rolls mean that school playgrounds are under pressure of being replaced with classrooms.

- The 2018 population forecast is 62,663 (a 12 per cent increase since 2013). The projected local board annual population growth rate over the next 30 years is 2.23 per cent a year.

- The under 15-year age group is forecast to increase by 10 per cent, from 11,220 to 12,390, by 2043.

- From 2006 to 2013 there was a 16.5 per cent increase in the 65-and-over age group and this trend is forecast to continue.

- The European demographic is forecast to reduce as a proportion of the whole, and Asian, Māori and Pasifika are forecast to increase. In 2013, the European population in the area was just over 60 per cent, with the Asian category just under 30 per cent. By 2038, the European segment is predicted to fall to under 50 per cent, while Asian numbers are set to rise to close to 40 per cent.



State of the environment

The State of Auckland Report Card 2016 scored the local board area a 'C' grade (up from D in 2013) when measuring native plants, animals, weeds and pests in the area.

Devonport-Takapuna has areas with a variety of plant and animal life that are important. There are also biodiversity initiatives being implemented.

- Takarunga/Mt Victoria and Maungaūika/North Head: The Tūpuna Maunga Integrated Management Plan states that replanting and restoring the indigenous biodiversity of the maunga is a key activity.

- The local board is preparing a pest-free

strategy for the area.

- The local board plan also includes activities to support a community-led restoration, weeding and planting programme.

- The remnant coastal forest near the Takapuna boat ramp includes approximately 500 tree stumps. This is a rare example of a fossil forest.

- Ngataranga and Shoal Bays are known for their ecological significance to native flora and fauna and are home to a wide range of migratory seabirds and threatened native seabirds.

The lack of modern infrastructure is cited as having a significant impact on the environment:

- Sewage overflow events within 50 metres of the Wairau Creek and around the coastline occur mainly during periods of heavy rainfall.

- On a scale from A-F, freshwater streams in the Devonport-Takapuna area were given a 'C' grade, as reported in the State of Auckland Freshwater Report Card 2016.

- In 2016, Land Air Water Aotearoa scored Lake Pupuke 'poor' for both water quality and ecological conditions.

- In 2018, swimming was not advised for 30 per cent of the summer swim season at Takapuna Beach. Takapuna Beach was ranked 69th of 84 monitored sites.

A snapshot of the Devonport/Takapuna Board area

- Just over 2100 hectares, which includes Lake Pupuke (105 hectares).
- Devonport-Takapuna has 123 council-owned open spaces, spread across the local board area. These total approximately 216 hectares and include:
 - 39 connection and linkage open spaces
 - 29 neighbourhood parks
 - 18 suburb parks
 - 15 pocket parks
 - 9 sports parks
 - 5 esplanade reserves

- 4 destination parks
- 3 civic spaces
- 1 historic reserve
- 6 kilometres of coastline.
- Local employment is an important feature of the local-board area with 8787 businesses (2015) and one-third of the workforce being locals.
- The Devonport-Takapuna landscape has been highly modified: 52 per cent of the land is now hard (impervious) cover. Land cover is mainly urban (86 per cent), with small pockets of remaining native vegetation.

Growth

The Unitary Plan enables higher levels of residential intensification, leading to significant population growth focused along the transport corridor and occupying an estimated 50 per cent of the local board area.

Sports fields

Devonport-Takapuna has nine sports parks. They provide for a wide range of sports codes that include rugby, rugby league, football, softball, cricket and touch rugby.

A review of the sports capacity and demand study was updated in 2017. By 2028, there is a forecast shortfall of 54 fixed field equivalent hours per week for training under lights, 26 hours of weekday training fields and 21 hours of weekend competition fields in the local board area – a total of 101 fixed field equivalent hours. Most of the shortfall is recorded within the Takapuna area.

Sport New Zealand figures for 2013 show the top three recreation activities in the local board area were walking (50.2 per cent), gardening (27.1 per cent) and jogging 24.6 per cent.

The top three sports for which grounds are required are football (10.1 per cent), tennis (8.1 per cent) and golf (6 per cent).

Indoor sports

There are no council-owned indoor facilities in the local-board area for community use.

Playgrounds

There are more than 40 playgrounds with equipment installations across the local board area, ranging from a swing set to the destination park at Takapuna Beach. A key challenge will be how to meet an expected increase in demand for play over the next 20 years.

Connecting to the coast

Given the prominence and popularity of the coastal reserve areas and the narrow shape of the Devonport-Takapuna land area, the plan identifies a need to be able to traverse east to west in order to connect open spaces.

The east-west gaps are considered more apparent in the following areas:

- Sunnynook to Campbells Bay
- Forrest Hill to Castor Bay
- Westlake to Milford
- Hauraki
- Bayswater to Belmont
- Narrow Neck
- Stanley Bay to Mt Victoria.

Changing demands

Demands on open space are increasing. These are not always consistent with existing reserve management plan rules or changing demographic patterns, and the open space needs of a growing population. Examples include:

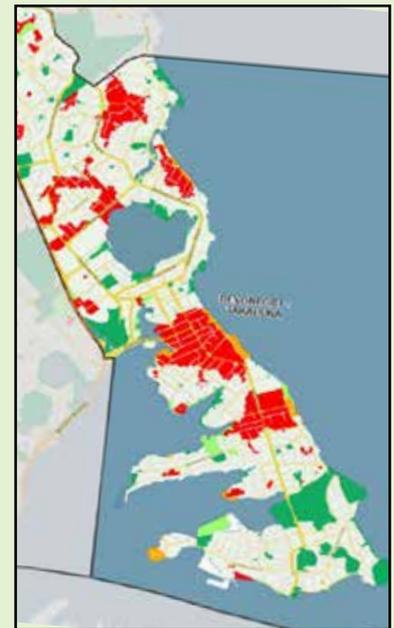
- Coffee vendors and food cart operators have requested regular access to popular coastal beach open spaces including Takapuna Beach and Milford Reserve. However, current reserve management plan rules and the Reserves Act place a high restriction on commercial activities on local-purpose reserves.
- The Asian population increased in the Devonport-Takapuna area from 16.2 per cent in 2006 to 19.7 per cent in 2013 and the rate of population growth is projected to continue. In 2013, the top three indoor sport activities that Asians participated in were badminton (16.4 per cent), basketball (10.2 per cent) and table tennis (5.9 per cent). Given the forecast increase in the Asian population and absence of council indoor facilities in the area, this indicates a growing need for indoor-court facilities.
- The forecast reduction in Europeans may influence a change in use of open space, as may the increasing Asian populations. The plan says design influences such as pungsu-jiri and feng shui may also be of interest to explore when looking to appropriately respond to the Asian communities' open-space needs.

Open space and gardening

Gardening is the second most popular activity in the local board area. As backyards (private open space) become smaller, there may be greater challenges in meeting the needs of gardeners.

A significant population increase is forecast for the older adult, young retirees and older retirees lifestage categories.

Neighbourhood park gaps



Space constraints... the red patches highlight indicative neighbourhood-park gaps in Forrest Hill, Castor Bay, Crown Hill, Westlake, Lake Pupuke, Takapuna Central, Hauraki, Seacliffe, Narrow Neck, Belmont and Bayswater

The plan notes that gardening is often an activity associated with those who have time and are mature in years and that this scenario is unfolding in Devonport-Takapuna.

A key initiative of the local board is funding the establishment of a network of council-backed community gardens across the community (where at present there is currently only one at Mt Cambria Reserve).

Continued overleaf

Concerns over what is missing from open-space plan

A lack of environmental protection measures in the Devonport-Takapuna open-space plan concerned community activists.

"An open-space network plan must put the highest priority on the protection of recognised and significant natural environment areas," Iain Rea of the Bayswater Environment Action Coalition said at the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board public forum last week.

"Such protection is not 'nice to have'... it should be central to the board's plan."

Indeed, some of the plan's encouragement of making the most of outdoor spaces could harm sensitive areas of Ngataringa and Shoal Bays, he said.

Bird breeding grounds in the area are internationally known.

The plan is missing anything that would seek to prioritise the conservation of what were national assets.

"I would have thought this was fundamental. The plan opens up

these areas – which could destroy them," Rae said.

Community activist Ruth Jackson said the plan highlighted that Devonport had adequate open space for the population. But moving up the peninsula into Hauraki and Takapuna there were not enough parks and reserves for people, she said.

No money is available to purchase land for open space, and even if cash was available there was little free land to buy, Jackson said.

It reinforced her view that Auckland council could ill afford to sell off 40 Anzac Ave in Takapuna – a large open space, which she said should be kept in public ownership.

More needed to be done to plant trees to create corridors for bees and birds, Jackson said.

The Devonport-Takapuna Local Board deferred discussion on the report to its April meeting so members could give it further consideration.

Cycling and walking

North-to-south walking and cycling infrastructure investment is a high priority for the local board.

Auckland Transport’s plan for walking and cycling in the local board area includes a route between Devonport and Takapuna completing the existing Green Route. (See map at right.)

Schools’ open space

It would be useful to extend a current partnership programme that includes two schools (Belmont Primary School and Takapuna Grammar), to include the remaining 17 schools in the open-space gap areas, the plan says.

Of 22 schools in the area, 19 are within identified open-space gap areas.

Investing in sports fields

The council is investing \$190m in sports field capacity development across the region over the next 10 years. The aim is to meet the sports field capacity development programme target of at least 80 per cent of projected demand in all areas by 2022.

High-priority actions recommended in the plan

- Implement Māori naming of reserves.
- In partnership with the Tūpuna Maunga Authority, replant and restore the indigenous biodiversity of the Tūpuna Maunga.
- Extend the scope of partnerships with schools for shared use of school land and community buildings, for the purposes of sport and recreation.
- Monitor and improve maintenance of existing parks, especially in the areas of grounds maintenance, paths, trees, trip hazards, public toilets, seating and shelter.

Where appropriate, develop high-quality pocket-park spaces in new high-density



- residential developments
- Develop high-quality civic spaces in local centre, town centre and metropolitan centre developments that will also enable events.
 - Prepare a plan that closes the gap in provision of outdoor sport platforms.
 - Prepare a plan for sports field development of Barrys Point Reserve.
 - Work with the New Zealand Secondary School Council and North Harbour Sport to monitor physical activity participation rates and trends for young people in the area with

- a view to increasing participation.
- The local board will also:
- Seek prioritisation of infrastructure improvements impacting water quality, with a focus on the Wairau Stream.
 - Improve the 2016 fresh water quality scorecard result of C Grade to an A, by planting to mitigate run-off from parks, reserves and open spaces adjacent to waterways
- With 28 open-space volunteer groups active in the area, opportunities are identified to increase volunteerism.



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WONDER PARK (PG) 78 min	11 APR
HELLBOY (tba) 109 min	11 APR
RED JOAN (M) 109 min	18 APR
SOLDIERS WIHTOUT GUNS (M) 92 min	18 APR
AVENGERS: ENDGAME (tba) 181 min	24 APR

LIVE SHOWS & SPECIAL EVENTS

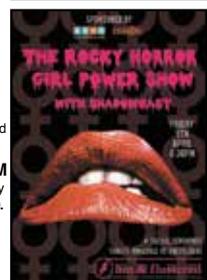
- FRI 5 APR** **ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW GIRL POWER** - 8.30PM
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Band performing original music, songs from Daffodils and other NZ covers, followed by a screening of Daffodils, with a drink or ice cream included in the price: **All tickets \$30.**
- MON 15 APR** **PEGGY SUE GOT MARRIED (PG) 105MIN** - 8.00PM
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Holy Week & Easter Services

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Holy Trinity Anglican Church

20 Church St, Devonport 445-0328

Palm Sunday—14th April

8.00am Traditional Eucharist
9.30am Contemporary Communion

Maundy Thursday—18th April

7.00pm Holy Communion and Tenebrae Service



Good Friday—19th April

2.00pm Devotions on the Cross
led by the Holy Trinity Choir

Easter Sunday—21st April

6.30am Sunrise Service
at **Balmain Reserve, Cheltenham**
8.00am Traditional Eucharist
9.30am All Age Communion
with Easter Egg hunt

Belmont Baptist Church

168 Lake Rd, Belmont 445 6268

Easter Sunday

10.00am Easter Celebration

<http://www.belmontbaptistnz.org/>

Devonport Methodist Church

Cnr Lake Rd & Owens Rd 445-6801

Palm Sunday - 14th April

10.00am Worship Service
4.00pm Messy Church—All Ages,
All Welcome

Maundy Thursday—18th April

7.30pm Tenebrae Communion Service

Good Friday—19th April

9.00am Short Devotional Service

Easter Sunday—21st April

10.00am Easter Celebration

St Margaret's Presbyterian Church

151 Lake Rd, Belmont 445-0018

Good Friday—19th April

9.00am Devotional Service

Easter Sunday

10.00am Easter Service



St Francis de Sales & All Souls Catholic Church

2A Albert Rd, Devonport 445-0078

Holy Thursday—18th April

7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday—19th April

3.00pm Passion & Veneration
of the Cross

Holy Saturday

6.30pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday

9.00am Easter Mass



St Luke's Catholic Church

Cnr Bayswater & Rosyth Ave,
Belmont 489-6338

Easter Sunday

10.30am Easter Mass

The Light Devonport Church

90A Victoria Rd, Devonport 445-1580

Easter Sunday

10.00am Easter Celebration

Bayswater yachting takes third in 'toughest' race

Sally Garrett and sailing mate Rob Croft came in third overall in the two-handed Round New Zealand yacht race. They also won the homeward fourth leg from Napier back to Auckland.

Last month, when The Flagstaff spoke to Bayswater local Garrett (Flagstaff, 8 March) she talked about the challenges ahead in an event that's considered in Kiwi yachting circles to be the toughest of them all.

Garrett is the only woman to have completed the four-leg race.

The long second leg, around the top of the North Island and right down the West Coast to Stewart Island is usually the one that really stretches the crews.

Aboard Croft's Farr 38, Expedition Coppelia, Garrett's biggest worry was the weather. She and Croft were two of only three in the 2019 fleet of seven boats who had completed this race before, when it last ran in 2012. Then, they battled winds over 70 knots and huge seas with 14m-plus waves. They were 'terrible' times, recalled Garrett.

"We're pretty pleased with how [this year's race] went. And it was great to win that last leg. That is a tough one to win because at that point in the race you are pretty tired and everything has been under non-stop stress for weeks.

"The weather was much kinder to us this time so we weren't facing the awful conditions we know you can run into out there. The biggest concern is always that the weather could literally break up the boat.

"We had a few bad days off Fiordland, when it was blowing from 40 to 50 knots on and off over a couple of days. And it was very windy when we got into Foveaux Strait. On that leg we were eight straight days at sea."

They had a few technology issues with poor satellite-phone coverage and at times they had to struggle for hours to download their all-important weather data.

The team made a couple of wrong calls,



Another one done... Sally Garrett and Rob Croft have twice completed the two-handed Round New Zealand yacht race

says Garrett, which took them in a less favourable direction than the rest of the fleet. But otherwise their experience together stood them in good stead and gave the pair a bit of an edge, she says.

"This time we knew how to pace ourselves better and didn't let ourselves get too worked up about anything."

While other crews were reportedly 'falling apart', Croft and Garrett were a high-performance shipshape team, she's proud to report. "Stewart Island was a real highlight. The community really got behind us all. There was a civic reception for us at the town hall and a potluck dinner where about 300 people turned up. "

She and Croft were invited to a local primary school on their four-day Stewart Island stopover, where they made cardboard boats with the kids..

Overall, Croft and Garrett spent 15 days at sea in this event, with stopovers between each section at Mangonui, Stewart Island and Napier. In 2012, they were 21 days at sea, and at one point were holed up in Tasman Bay seeking shelter.

It was an amazing experience, says Garrett, and definitely better than working. She says if she and Croft were to do this race again it may well be on a new boat.

"We'd both have to be really keen. We'll see."

Ferry crisis set to continue

Ongoing delays for Devonport ferry commuters on trips to and from the city look set to continue.

Fullers is defending its claim a new navigation path for the Kea could add up to five minutes to its travel time, though Auckland Harbourmaster Andrew Hayton says it adds only one minute to the journey.

"It is disappointing that Fullers have provided inaccurate information to their customers," Hayton said in a 12 March message to councillor Chris Darby.

Hayton cited two near misses in the four weeks prior as the reason for making the Kea enter Princes Wharf down the western side, instead of being able to enter directly to the east as she had previously done.

"This direction will improve maritime

safety by removing any confusion about Kea's passage and will reduce the possibility of a collision," Hayton said.

As the Kea would spend more time in the 12-knot zone, rather than the 5-knot zone, he estimated it would add one minute to her journey time, not up to five minutes, as Fullers suggested.

Fullers disagreed with the harbourmaster's analysis.

"With the new navigation procedures for Kea, she is now required to enter at Princes Wharf and join the anti-clockwise traffic flow, meaning she will queue with other vessels also entering," Mike Horne, Fullers CEO, said.

"It is the queuing time in the traffic flow that adds additional time. Whilst the additional 180 metres and one minute previously stated

by the harbourmaster's office might not seem significant, it is the cumulative effect of the queuing and additional one minute that has the impact, adding up to a five-minute delay across one or two return journeys. This is likely to be felt by Devonport customers travelling on Kea.

"We'll do our best to keep to the current timetable, and thank customers for their patience," Horne said.

Meanwhile, as the summer cruise ship season – blamed for many of the delays over summer – comes to a close, another issue arises.

Fullers foresees the reconstruction of the downtown ferry terminal, due to start in May, having a further impact on its services, adding that the work is outside its control.

Takapuna

SCHOOL NEWS

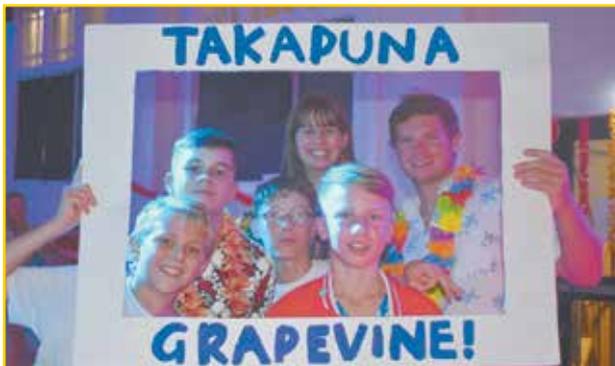


Grammar

APR 5, 2019

Junior Social

Year 9 and 10 students show off their dance moves at the Junior Social 'Say Aloha' on 19 March.



Eat your heart out

TGS INTERNATIONAL FOOD MARKET



The International Food Festival attracts crowds of students each year in what is always a convivial celebration of the broad range of cultures represented within the school. Among the cuisines crafted and sold by our senior language students this year were a vast selection of national foods from France, Japan, Spain and traditional Maori culture. The foods available sold quickly, and the festive atmosphere was complemented by a taekwondo performance and live vocals from some of the school's talented musicians.

Each nation's stall, adorned brightly with national flags and decorations, sold a range of home-made dishes unique to the country's culture, including pain au chocolat, patatas bravas, deep-fried bread and Japanese curry.

"It's really great to see international and language students come together to plan this every year," recalls Wenna Soon, a Year 12 student of Japanese.

"The diverse stalls, foods and performances help students to become more aware of the many different cultures within our school."

Participating students put their personal time and effort into their stalls. Ivanna Blazo, a year 12 Spanish student says: "The learning experience I took away was how to be flexible with my team members so all were equally invested in the activity. It definitely was challenging to fit in the prep time into our busy schedules but I don't regret it one bit. It was an enjoyable experience."

BY ELLA SCHENKEL AND LAIBA BATOOL

North Harbour inter-school Athletics

On 11 March, a group of students, who had previously qualified at our school athletics day, headed in the direction of the Millennium Stadium for the North Harbour zone athletics championships.

Students competed in a range of events, from

high jump and discus to 400 metres and relays. It was a day full of success for Takapuna Grammar. Securing a win in their qualified events were Anna Tucker in the intermediate girls 400m and Gerri Gibson in the intermediate high jump. Gigi Cliffe finished first in the senior 400m while Gerri

Gibson, Georgia Smith, Samantha Korck and Anna Tucker won the intermediate girls 4x100 metre relay. Takapuna Grammar's success at the North Harbour athletics day resulted in a number of athletes qualifying for the Auckland champs.

BY EMMA MASON

Takapuna

SCHOOL NEWS



Grammar

APR 5, 2019

Board of Trustees student rep election

It is crucial that the student voice is represented well in the Board of Trustees. So, for this prestigious role, students annually stand in an election and are voted in by their peers. Just like any election, the candidate with the most votes takes the role for the year.

This year, five students stood for the elections: Laiba Batool, Jay Verry, Tayla Wheeler, Esther Howie and Hannah Bewg.

All five were excellent candidates



and given the opportunity to speak to all year levels at their respective assemblies. This was a chance for the candidates to promote themselves and pitch their ideas as a good student representative to their peers.

Tayla Wheeler has been officially appointed as the Student Representative in the Board of Trustees for 2019. Many congratulations to Tayla. We wish her all the best for this role.

BY LAIBA BATOOL

Past pupil paying it forward

Takapuna Grammar alumni Emma Self is an award-winning performing arts-student, dancer and choreographer who got involved with the pre-production of our 2019 show at the end of last year.

Emma is now fully immersed in the final weeks of rehearsals, which will culminate in four shows with a live orchestra at the Bruce Mason Centre from Sunday the 7th to Tuesday the 9th of April.

Having performed since she was three years old, Emma has also been a member and performer at Centre Stage and Northern School Performing Arts (NSPA), where she now teaches, for over 10 years. She has always had a passion for inspiring her pupils to give their all and has a love for how the arts enable people to tell stories.

Last January, in her final year of school, Emma travelled to New York City with a group of performing-arts students from Takapuna Grammar. Here she learnt from professionals and saw some of her favourite productions on Broadway. The group then travelled to Atlanta, where they performed a piece from Beauty and The Beast at the Junior Theatre Festival, which Emma choreographed. She was also picked to assist in teaching a dance class; she even got paid for it!

Emma has been sharing her vast knowledge and experience with *The Little Mermaid* cast, who



range in age from 11–17 years. She is also kept busy teaching a range of ballet, tap and jazz classes at NSPA's North Shore and Whangaparoa studios as well as hosting and performing at children's birthday parties through The Little Event Company.

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THE LATEST IN SPORT



NINA EDGAR

It was a successful day for TGS athletes at the recent Auckland Athletics Championships, with **Anna Tucker**, **Gerri Gibson**, **Georgia Smith** and **Samantha Korck** taking first place in the Intermediate Girls 4 x 100m and **Gigi Cliffe** placing second in the Senior Girls 400m and third in the Senior Girls High Jump.

Congratulations to the **Boys 1st XI**, who, in an intense match against Rangitoto in the promotional final, have been promoted to the Premiers grade.

It has been a fantastic start to summer tournament for our **Girls 1st XI**, with three wins from three to date. Notable mentions from the game against St Kents include **Kennedy Scott** (5 wickets for 14 runs off 4 overs) and **Sam Petherick** and **Ruby Worrall**, whose opening partnership took the team to an unbeaten total of 200 runs from 20 overs.

A huge congratulations is due to Year 13 student **Nina Edgar**, who has achieved outstanding results in both the Auckland Classics and Central North Island Champs Karate competitions. Her outstanding achievements are as follows:

Auckland Classics

- Gold – Junior Premier Female Kata
- Gold – Junior Premier Female Kumite
- Silver – Senior Premier Women's Kata

Central North Island Champs

- Gold – Junior Premier Female Kata
- Bronze – Senior Premier Female Kata
- Bronze – Junior Premier Female Kumite

Recycling stations help spread the word at fair



Practical solutions and education...Volunteers Megan Franklin and Susanne Grosswiler were on hand to advise on waste disposal

As an extra effort to help the community embrace the zero-waste philosophy, Global Action Plan Oceania supplied recycling stations at Devonport Primary’s Fair on the Hill last weekend.

“As a charity, this is one of the many areas where we give back to the local community,” says director Andrew Walters. “Provision of education, infrastructure and advice, as well as practical solutions, can really help an event move to zero waste.”

Volunteers were located in different areas around the fair, with zero-waste branded banners and safety vests.

“Events are a great place to engage with people about waste issues and reach a

wider cross-section of the Devonport community,” says Walters.

Ice-cream reward does the trick

More than 100 buckets of rubbish have been collected on Narrow Neck Beach in the last six months, as part of Narrow Neck Beach Cafe’s ‘earn your ice cream’ scheme.

“How time flies!” says cafe owner Josie Shi Xu. “We have given out 113

ice creams, quite possibly more, as not all were entered in the system. Fantastic work.”

The cafe will continue to leave their buckets outside at random times for kids to fill with beach rubbish and redeem for a free ice cream.



ZERO WASTE DEVONPORT

Andrew Walters, Director
Devonport Community
Recycling Centre

Zero Waste teamwork

As Zero Waste Devonport continues to grow and develop with a dedicated team of volunteers, supported by the staff at the recycling centre, I am always amazed at the passion and dedication our volunteers and community give towards helping others on the zero-waste journey.

This week, Jane, our education manager supported long-time volunteer Susanna to run one of our first zero-waste events at a school. The Fair on the Hill was the first event to have our new banners and vests and dedicated people who had given up time at a weekend to attend the event and help people sort rubbish.

A big thanks to Susanna, Jane, Elizabeth Elkins and her daughter, Diana Clement, Katherine, Lucy, Megan Franklin, Miro Pergomet, Jessica Lavina and (of course Susanna’s family) for making a big dent in the rubbish from the event!

The young people deserve a mention as they all instinctively knew which bin to use. Some of

the adults needed a bit of help, but it was always well received and hopefully people went away with new ideas of recycling.

If you missed out on the bric-a-brac stall we took what was left for another chance of diversion at the recycling centre. The school property manager was also going to do second sort of the bins. There’s a real commitment, so thanks to everyone.

I also attended another evening event at the library around plastic-free living. Thanks again to dedicated volunteers for making this happen.

Behind the scenes we have several volunteers at Zero Waste Devonport working on a range of projects from plastic-free shopping, to a glass milk-bottle programme, and public-place recycling.

Devonport is lucky to have such a great team of volunteers pushing the zero-waste message — a big, big thanks to you all.

Shady types sail off with school's expensive gear

Thieves have stolen a sandpit cover and shade sail from the Kohanga Reo early childhood centre on Roberts Ave in Bayswater.

The items were stolen sometime between the evening of 25 March and the early hours of 26 March.

Centre administrator Gail Kapa says staff got to work last Tuesday morning and noticed the cover and shade sail were missing.

Police were called, who told Kapa that the thief had used a garden chair to climb up and unhook the shade sail.

"It's very annoying," she says. "Forensics have been and are looking at evidence."

Kapa was also told that their green sandpit cover and shade cloth were highly desirable to marijuana growers. "People who are into drugs take them and throw them over their marijuana crops," she says.

Replacing the shade sail and sandpit cover could cost the kohanga around \$7000.



Glaring absence... shade sails above the kohanga play area

RESTORING TAKARUNGA HAURAKI

Rat sightings up!

Many people are noticing rats due to the warm wet summer.

April began another trapping pulse (see norats.org for details) so please set your traps in their protective trapping stations. Reducing local rat populations not only helps stop them coming into our houses, but also means fewer piwakawaka fantails and other resident birds and eggs are eaten by rats.

If you are not already part of our backyard trapping programme, please contact us. If you are no longer using our rat-trapping stations, please return this valuable resource so that someone else can.

Pestfree 2050 initiatives across the country aspire to reduce and eventually eliminate pests such as rats. Can we become the first group to create a rat-free urban area?

Restoring Takarunga Hauraki (RTH) is proposing focused tactics towards rat-free 'halo' zones with isolated geography at Stanley Point, Bayswater peninsula and smaller peninsulas along Ngataranga Road and Aramoana Avenue, and perhaps other areas such as the end of Jutland Road and Marsden Street.

Interested to know more?



ANZ staff at the Devonport and Takapuna branches volunteered at Achilles Reserve. Their work, part of broader ecological restoration plans, resulted in many large bags of composting weeds and a big area now ready for further native plantings. Nearby resident and Restoring Takarunga Hauraki volunteer Glenda Bostwick co-led the effort and has also agreed to nurture the two kowhai trees the group planted.

UPCOMING EVENTS

RTH NETWORK MEETING

Thursday April 4th,
7:30-9pm
Fort Takapuna Barracks, Room 2

FREE RAT TRAP PICKUP/SIGN-UP

Saturday, April 6,
10:30am-12:30pm
43A Bayswater Ave

FIVE-MINUTE BIRD COUNT

Brief training session
Sunday, April 14,
10-10:45am
Devonport Primary School hall

COMMUNITY WEEDING BEE

Sunday April 28th,
9:30-11:30am
Achilles Reserve

RTH is supporting a Bayswater Primary student-led project to plant 800 square meters of native bush along Roberts Avenue.

More on these and other exciting developments soon!

**Lance Cablk
RTH Network Coordinator
pestfreedevonport@gmail.com**

Motorists endanger rare birds in Shoal Bay

Bayswater community activists are dismayed by photographs of a vehicles being driven on Shoal Bay, saying they threaten rare birds, including godwits flying from Alaska.

A resident recently photographed a motorcyclist driving in a protected part of Shoal Bay, off the end of Charles St in Hauraki, which Bayswater Environment Action Group's Philip Moll said could endanger birds roosting on shell banks.

Moll blames Auckland Council for failing to safeguard the bay – which has the highest degree of protection possible in the Auckland Unitary Plan – from access by motorcyclists, drivers and cyclists, along with kayakers and windsurfers.

“I would like to see reserves around sensitive sites quietly red-listed by the council to be treated differently and not opened up for recreational use.

“They talk about this significant area of biodiversity, but do they know what that means? A wild bird coming from Alaska to roost, do they understand that?”

The motorcyclist could easily access the bay from a council reserve, where a fence has been replaced by a row of poles with no chain.

Moll wouldn't like to see a mountain-biker riding in the area either, and points to a lack of consultation with community groups in the council's open-space plan, which seeks to open the area up for recreational use. He would like to see the area protected (see page 34).

Meanwhile, a teenager who went for a lunchtime spin in the bay off the end of Bayswater's Sandy Bay Rd, and got stuck in the mud about two weeks ago, is another disappointing example of council mismanagement for Moll.

That area is also used for bird roosting and has shell banks, so should have signs and barriers.

“It's about the council understanding Auckland is a growing city and they have to be ahead of the game to protect ecological areas, but they are not,” Moll says.



Human threats... activists say motorists, such as the motorcyclist in Shoal Bay, off Hauraki (above), and the 4x4 driver whose vehicle got stuck off Bayswater (below), endanger birds roosting in the area



Long-time real-estate identity not sold on a holiday

After 25 years as a Devonport real-estate agent, Kevin Hill is pulling the pin on full-time work.

But the Harcourts Devonport branch manager, who is now 70, has no plans to take a break, saying: "I'm not a holiday person" – much to his wife's chagrin.

Hill, who has managed the branch for 16 years, will be back at work, as required, to mentor staff, help with compliance and provide relief cover for the new branch manager, Matt Hunt.

"Part of my role is making sure everybody abides by the rules and the laws, which they do," he says.

Compliance has ballooned in the past few years, largely because of updates to laws restricting foreign ownership and preventing money laundering, Hill says.

Many of the staff at the Devonport branch have worked there for a decade or more, and Hill prides himself on leading a loyal and cohesive team.

"Harcourts' motto is people first, doing the right thing, being courageous, and fun and laughter. And we abide by those rules all the time," he says.

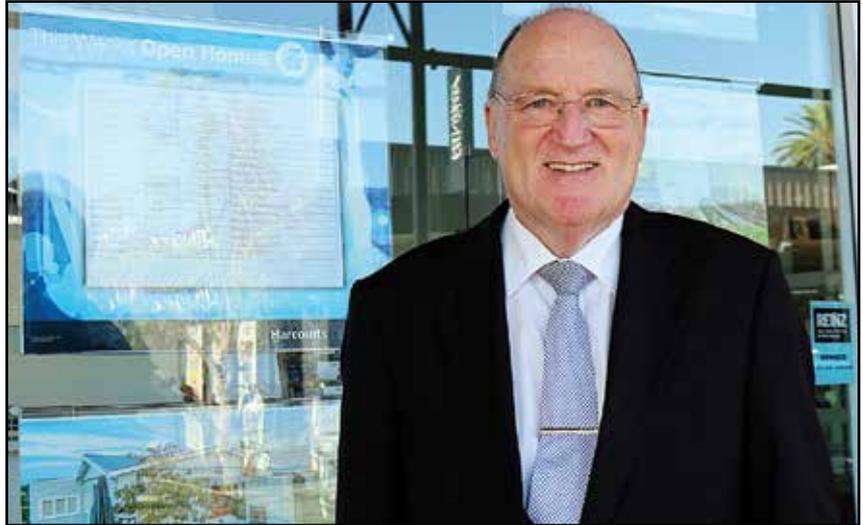
The Devonport office has grown from three people, 16 years ago, to a team of 20 today. It is part of the Harcourts Cooper & Co franchise.

The real-estate industry has changed over the years into what Hill identifies as today's 'experience economy': If people receive good service, they return; if they have a bad experience, it ends up on social media.

Hill still gets a kick out of seeing people happily moving into their newly purchased homes.

Personally, he has negotiated more than \$480 million of property sales, which places him as one of the country's top agents.

Ironically for a real-estate professional, a large photograph on the wall behind his Devonport office desk has nothing much on it at all. It's a shot taken of Lake Rd on Christmas Day. The



Keeping busy... After 25 years in Devonport real estate, Kevin Hill, 70, is retiring, but certainly not resting

streetscape is eerily devoid of cars.

Previously, Hill worked as an electrical engineer, in Christchurch, and briefly when he first came to Auckland, training he says helped him in problem-solving.

He also had a passion for photography, which he combined with a love of music, to document bands that played in Christchurch in the 1960s and 1970s.

Hill played percussion and performed vocals with Inspiration, a band of the era

Fashion and documentary photography were his other interests. His photos of Christchurch buildings are now treasured, as many were destroyed in the earthquakes that hit the city.

Hill later ran two photographic studios in Queen St, Auckland. The advent of digital photography brought that career to a close and prompted Hill's move to Devonport and real estate.

In his semi-retirement, Hill is looking

forward to reinvigorating his passions for photography and music.

He has published two lavish coffee table books of his photography through Paradox Books' Terrie Gray, whose imprint is Penstemon Publishing.

Visual Memories catalogues Christchurch bands of yesteryear, and *Out of Fashion*, is a collection of Hill's fashion photography.

A highlight of recent years was meeting Carlos Santana, who got in contact to ask for a photo Hill took at a concert by the acclaimed guitarist in Christchurch back in 1973.

Hill and his wife, Lesley Gardner, met Santana before his concert in Auckland.

While he may not be working full-time any more, Hill is helping the Devonport Library Associates organise a music event, and hopes to reinvigorate the local photography society.

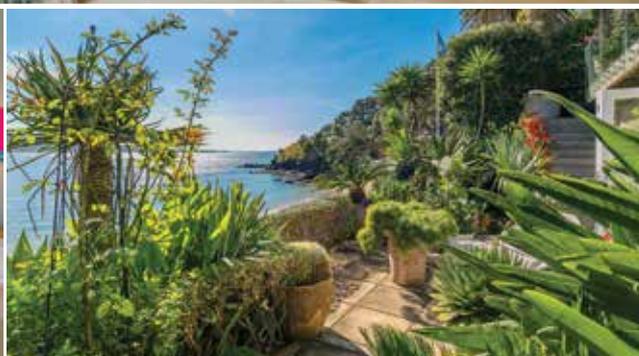
He is also contemplating another book, illustrating Christchurch, then and now.

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