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## Historic pohutukawa dying on waterfront and Memorial Drive

Landmark pohutukawa are sickening and dying around Devonport.

Some trees on the waterfront along King Edward Pde have dead branches and yellow leaves. And a historic tree on Memorial Drive has died.

Devonport resident Gretchen Leach spotted the dead branches, limbs and yellow leaves on several trees along King Edward Pde on a 5 May walk and called the Department of Conservation, Auckland Council and the Flagstaff.

“Some of the branches have died. I don’t know whether it’s the dreaded myrtle rust,” Leach said.

A week later, the council’s arborists were yet to check the trees, but a visit was planned

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## Devonport’s whimsical look to the future



**Outrageous-ideas event... MCs Tracey Barnett and David Slack tackle the future of Devonport. More pictures and story pages 6 and 7.**

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## Council rules drive bakery to plastic

A local bakery says it had no choice but to turn to plastic packaging after a complaint from a Devonport resident.

Baked Devonport had been displaying unwrapped bread on shelving, until the complaint, which resulted in a visit from Auckland Council.

Bakery owner Tony Curach said that food-safety officers rushed down “immediately” and advised that the bakery wrap all its bread in plastic.

“They don’t want you to use it, but then they force you to use it,” he says. “Auckland council are a bunch of morons.”

Auckland Council also advised Curach that the netting he was using to cover cabinet food was unsatisfactory, and said he must use plastic domes.

Council environmental health manager Mervyn Chetty said: “The café was visited by a food-safety officer, who advised staff that under the Food Act 2014, all food must be protected from contamination and therefore needed to be covered. The café was not advised to wrap everything in plastic, but simply advised to cover food displayed on the counter.”

Baked Devonport staff member Jack Holland says that Auckland Council didn’t offer any advice on plastic alternatives for covering the products.

Belmont bakery Wild Wheat has its bread unwrapped on a shelf behind the counter, which Auckland Council says is acceptable.

But because the bread at Baked is on shelving on the customer side of the shop, the fact it was uncovered did not comply with the Food Act.

Curach says that plastic is the most economi-



**Cover up... Baked Devonport bakery has had to cover its bread after a complaint from a Devonport resident**

cal option for the business, as the bread must be visible through the packaging and ‘eco’ options are more costly.

“We’re not going to put ourselves out of business because of ridiculous costs,” says Curach.

Local resident and Baked customer Susan Thomas said: “Baked produces amazingly fresh local bread, which is now forced into plastic. I am extremely saddened and frustrated by this enforcement.”

## Council to do away with Bayswater boating-club building protections

Special protections on the historic Takapuna Boating Club building in Bayswater are set to be removed.

The boating club and swimming pool are scheduled in the Auckland Unitary Plan (AUP) as a category A place.

They are also protected in law by the Auckland Harbour Board and Takapuna Borough Council Empowering Act 1923, which says the land and the building should not be used for “private gain”.

Auckland Council is in the process of having this legislation amended or repealed through parliament, to “remove the encumbering parts of it so that council can use it more productively,” a report to council’s April Heritage Advisory Panel meeting said.

“From a heritage perspective, adaptive reuse for a variety of purposes would be acceptable.

“However, the legal requirements in the special legislation and the AUP rules (Marina Zone and Bayswater Marina Precinct) will drive the future use of the building more so than any heritage restrictions.

“The club doesn’t have any funds to undertake anything at present, so council are looking to manage the site in the long run,” the report said.

### 3 Victoria Rd: empty for more than 300 days

The old Devonport Borough Council Building at 3 Victoria Rd became vacant on 9 July 2018.

It has now been unoccupied for 312 days.

Auckland Council development arm Panuku is working through the future options for the building.

### Correction

In an article in the May 3 Flagstaff on Ryman Housing Bayleys agent Prue de Bie was paraphrased to say the slow market can cause problems for apartment vendors. It should have read apartment buyers.

# Golden year for Wakatere sailors continues

Wakatere Boating Club sailor Valentine Kayrouz has won the prestigious Wihau Shield for P-Class racing in a regatta held off Tauranga in early May.

The 13 kg Wihau Shield measures 90cm x 70cm, and was first sailed for in 1942, but disappeared off the sailing calendar in 1998. For nearly 20 years, it sat under a bench at the Rotorua Yacht Club.

Valentine (14) follows in a proud tradition of sailors to win the shield, including Craig Monk and Ray Davies.

He will now go on to represent New Zealand at the North America Optimist champs in the Bahamas later this year.

Meanwhile, last weekend, George Lee Rush won the Bermuda 2019 RenaissanceRe Junior Gold Cup. He is the first Kiwi to win this world-class youth regatta in its 17-year history. George's win follows on from his victory in the NZ Optimist champs and he will be representing New Zealand at the Optimist world champs in Antiqua in July.



**Heavy lifting... Valentine Kayrouz holds the substantial Wihau Shield aloft after his win**

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## Dead and dying – ailing pohutukawa around Devonport



**Stricken trees... on Memorial Drive (above left) and on King Edward Parade (right)**

this for week.

PestFree Devonport's Lance Cablk thought the council's response seemed slow.

Cablk said it was unlikely to be myrtle rust, as its distinctive yellow patches are usually fairly obvious. "That doesn't mean it isn't serious," he said.

"If it's one tree, it could be a random disease.

"Trees have a way of warding disease off. They can get a disease in part of the tree and it cuts off that branch, so it is isolated."

However, with myrtle rust, the pohutukawa has no way of isolating it and it travels through the whole tree and kills it.

The deadly disease could arrive at any time and it is important residents look out for it, he added.

RSA member Fred Wilson recalls planting a pohutukawa tree along Memorial Drive, as a child in 1951 or 1952. The Devonport Borough Council organised for the trees to be planted in memory of World War II soldiers.

Wilson said it's likely the afflicted pohutukawa, which is near Ngataranga Bay, died as a result of flooding.

The plaque beneath the dead tree honours Noel Whitmarsh Hawkins.

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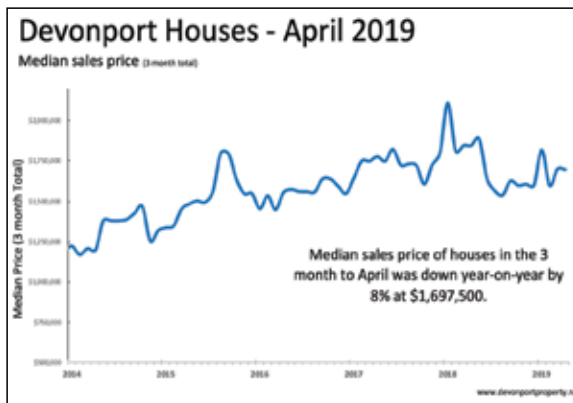
## How sentiment drives the property market

The property market, unlike share markets, does not respond in fractions of seconds as buyers and sellers trade positions to eke out fractions-of-cent gains.

Property is a considered and emotional purchase, with sentiment playing a large part. That sentiment drives the decision to sell, and it's so interesting to note the changing sentiment in the local market over the past year.

This time last year, the market was bubbling along with sales up 6% and prices up 2%. However, the market was already showing early signs of slowing. By October, the market had experienced a significant correction – sales were down 9% and prices down 16%.

Despite these headwinds, property listings driven by sentiment and seller



expectations remained strong. The next six months bore witness to the impact of this continued confidence, as the inventory of properties for sale grew and grew, from just 43 at the start of October to peak at 83 at the end of March.

The latest data now clearly shows that the market has corrected. Sales levels

remain quiet with 44 in the past three months, down 17% compared last year. New listings though have never been scarcer, with just 11 new properties listed in April – that's less than half the number listed this time last year.

There is now a clearer sentiment in the local market. Sellers are cautious, but at the same time far more realistic when deciding to sell. Buyers, equally, are weighing up all the options to make the right decision.

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# A mystery not to be taken sitting down

A 'bench with a view' has mysteriously vanished from a park at the top of Victoria Rd and Auckland Council is questioning whether it ever existed.

The Flagstaff was able to locate sawn-off bolts on the concrete pad, where the seat provided a prime view of Devonport's main street, but a council SWAT team was unable to find any trace of the seat.

"Following your enquiry we sent staff from the council's operational management and maintenance team to investigate the mystery of the missing bench," says senior media specialist Brendan Manning.

"They have informed me that there was no evidence that a seat existed in the location you described. There were no visible fixtures to attach a seat to the asphalt, nor does the council have the asset listed in the council's geospatial information system.

"However, you may be interested to know that there is a seat on the footpath approximately five metres away from the garden."

Victoria Theatre operator Philipp Jaser was shocked to see his favourite outdoors seat missing, saying he last used it a matter of weeks ago.

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board deputy chair Grant Gillon was on a morning walk when he noticed the seat had vanished. He says the board hadn't heard anything about it being removed.

Auckland Transport, which is responsible for footpaths and roads – and any seating provided alongside them – didn't know anything about the seat removal either, describing it as a "mystery".

"Public seating is important," says Jaser, who recommends the spot to patrons.

The seat offered "a tranquil place within the hustle and bustle of Devonport to enjoy the view toward the road on an exhausting day," he says.

He has told cinema-goers about the "beautiful seat with a view, where you can relax". Jaser used it for lunch breaks – as he could keep an eye on his business from there – and even for meetings.



**Vanishing point... Vic Theatre operator Philipp Jaser on the site of the vanished seat, which offered a view down Victoria Rd**

## Faded cycle-lane markings are a hazard

Faded paint on bicycle lanes on King Edward Parade has been causing confusion for pedestrians and cyclists.

The painted bike symbols on the shared footpath have faded, and local cyclist Jan Vankessel says that pedestrians don't know which side to walk on.

"My wife and I cycle into Devonport every day," said Vankessel. "I've been trying to get Auckland Transport to do something about this for a long time now but have had no response."

Barbara Cuthbert of Cycle Auckland said, "I have heaps of sympathy for these people. It's a constant struggle."

People walking on footpaths deserved a safe space, she said. "There are lots of elderly people walking on footpaths and it's easy for them to get a fright from a bike, fall and break their hip."

Contacted about the issue by the Flagstaff last week, Auckland Transport said a team would visit the site and look at repainting the markings.

## The Zombie Phase

We attended a property seminar last week hosted by our friends at Hobson Wealth, and heard long-term property oracle Olly Newman speak. He's been in the game for 68 years and had some interesting insights, including his description of the current residential property market as being in a Zombie Phase.

Newman sees a long, flat period for house prices with only another global financial-type crisis as likely to cause a major fall. Otherwise it is the few who HAVE to sell and the affordability gap that are dictating a softer market.

The affordability gap will take time to close, with slowly higher incomes and lower house prices, and was previously filled by (no longer) foreign buyers and easier LVR and bank-lending policies.

Newman saw more potential and increasing numbers of investors entering the commercial property market, where office and industrial demand was high, particularly from offshore investors seeking yield and value-add by rearranging tenancy agreements, zoning and building improvement.

It was interesting to see the RBNZ cut the Official Cash Rate (OCR) by 0.25% to 1.50% (same as Australia). We don't see this having much effect on floating rates (with cuts of a few points only) and it unlikely to reignite the housing market. We were already seeing one to three-year fixed rates all below 4%.

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# Devonport's future: a waterlogged retirement capital

A waterlogged wetland wonderland at Waitemata golf course and a walk round New Zealand without leaving the village were two "outrageous ideas for the future" of Devonport, which emerged last week.

The environment and climate change were pervasive themes canvassed by 12 speakers at the Devonport Library Associates outrageous-ideas event on 7 May.

Architect Shannon Jeory foresaw a future where visitors arrived at the Stanley Bay International Cruise Terminal and were transferred by underwater traveller to the central city.

Work was proceeding apace on a canal-style retirement village at the drowned navy sports ground.

As the last primary school closed, Devonport was set to surpass Tauranga and Cambridge, as the retirement capital of New Zealand, she said.

The Waitemata golf course came in for a dousing, with several speakers foreseeing it under water, thanks to climate change.

Councillor Chris Darby and Felix Pryor both anticipated the golf course returning to a wetland, with a rich variety of wading birds and mangroves providing "lungs for the city".

Darby also liked the idea of Takarunga/Mt Victoria becoming a living pa, complete with kumara gardens.

Devonport Heritage's Trish Deans saw Devonport's heritage finally recognised, but with much of the coastal land under water. The navy

had moved away, as it couldn't operate safely with its workshops now submerged

The council and the government, rehoused at the Ryman village after an earthquake in Wellington, couldn't agree on what to do about climate change, she said.

Takapuna Grammar School's head girl Carina Oliver portrayed a youth-friendly Devonport, with the arcade full of affordable food vendors under thousands of fairy lights, as well as an all-weather youth centre.

Geoff Chapple, whose brainchild is Te Ara-

roa, pitched an idea for a new path, Te Araitī, where people could walk the equivalent of the length of Aotearoa without needing to leave Devonport. By completing 300 laps of a 10km course, walkers could achieve the 3000km feat, while staying close to good coffee, decent meals and a roof over their heads.

At the end of the evening, the packed audience was invited to hurl two Minties at the speaker, or speakers, they enjoyed the most.

Two children (see below) won hands down, according to one of the MCs, Tracey Barnett.

## Children's utopia slightly more optimistic

Poppy Hawkins and Leo Powles, Year 4 pupils at Vauxhall School, bounced original ideas off each other about an environmentally healthy and happy Devonport.

"Everyone will be snazzing and prancing. There will be amazing jungle gardens with birds and veges for everyone," said Poppy.

Fortunately, a giant vacuum cleaner had come down from the sky and sucked all the plastic into outer space.

"Robotic animals will be chosen by your personality," Poppy said. The harbour would be full of solar-powered vessels, which would be "super-duper".

Leo thought it would be cool to go surfing with X-ray sunglasses that could see right to the bottom of the ocean. "There are some things you don't want to see," responded Poppy.

Because Devonport had run out of space, buildings floated above the land, so rocket-powered shoes came in handy. "I hope we don't fall," said Leo.

People could transmit thoughts and feelings telepathically by mentally hitting "send".

Poppy and Leo tried to send final thoughts to the audience, but agreed their technique required a little more work.

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**Futurology... Vauxhall School pupils Poppy Hawkins and Leo Powles (right) were buzzing with ideas but needed to work on their telepathy.**

**Takapuna Grammar head girl Carina Oliver (below, left) envisaged a youth-friendly Devonport.**

**Event MC David Slack (left) with Geoff Chapple, who promoted walking the length of the country without leaving Devonport (below, right).**



## The importance of cash forecasting

There is an old saying, “Cash is King”, and it is so true. Cash flow is as important to any business as air is to us for survival. The importance of robust cash forecasting cannot be overstated.

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By Rob Drent

I was great to see Nev Meek, one of the the North Shore Rugby Club stalwarts, on the sideline for the North Shore Takapuna match last week. Since the late 1950s, he's been the caretaker of the club's records and followed the premier team from ground to ground, meticulously keeping note of appearances, tries scored, and conversions and penalties kicked.

Nev was the go-to guy for anyone wanting club history. In recent years, Nev, now in his mid-80s, had been doing the job with the help of a walking stick and, more recently, a frame. This year, it seems he won't be doing it at all.

I felt a bit sad then, when I called up the club to track down Nev's number for some facts on last weekend's local derby between Takapuna and North Shore. Nev had dropped off his boxes of records at the club for another enthusiast to take up the role. I hope someone does: in the current environment, where history seems to come and go on internet posts, sports-club record-keeping is invaluable.

Great to see you still enjoying your rugby Nev, and thanks for all the effort – and chats – over the years.

A Flagstaff employee has picked up bags of rubbish from Takapuna Grammar School's (TGS) fields on several occasions now. A lot of the refuse is ending up in storm-water drains. TGS has said it was dealing with the situation, and a couple of rubbish bins appear to have been located on the fields. However, the rubbish problem is still happening. Is the school taking a firm enough leadership role on this?

No sign yet of Greer Twiss's albatross sculpture planned for Victoria Wharf. A remodelled sculpture was supposed to ready to install by May. No movement either by Auckland Transport on its signs at the ferry terminal, which has incorrect spellings for Takarunga/Mt Victoria and Maungauika/North Head.

A lot of noise is coming from local board members and councillors on various issues at the start of election year. Ironically, there is little coming from Auckland Transport on progress to improve Lake Rd, the foremost blight on Devonport for most residents.

There's been a few notifications on social media about a 'productive meeting' last week between the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board and the Te Puna Maunga Authority. No mention of course about what happened at this meeting, as the public and the media are banned from attending.

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One of her able lieutenants in the 1980s was Fiona Cunningham, a larger-than-life character, who went on to jobs at the *Western Leader*, *Auckland Sun* and, more recently, in public relations.

Fluff, as she was affectionately known, was in contact a couple of weeks ago wishing us well with our new paper, the *Rangitoto Observer*. She died from cancer 10 days ago, aged 60. She will be missed by all her former colleagues and anyone in the community who came into contact with her.

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**Devonport 3 Glen Road**

4 2 2 1 1

**Versatile And Enduring!**  
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**For Sale**  
By Negotiation  
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**Devonport 11 Buchanan Street**

6 3 2

**Central Devonport Home & Incomes!**  
Absolute central Devonport location set on 612m2. Take the 5 minute walk for a swim, Devonport village, or the 12 minute ferry ride to the CBD. This home is perfect for families with children of all ages, with two motel units positioned at the rear of the property for aged parents, those who work from home or those who are keen to earn a substantial income from the motel units.

**For Sale**  
By Negotiation  
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**Devonport 10 North Ave**

3 2 2 3 1

**Price Reduced For Action**

- New CCC - light, bright and airy
- Never been lived in, just like new
- Exceptional family home in an exceptional street
- 665m2 section a short walk to two beaches
- Vendors motivation to sell is high!

**For Sale** \$2,295,000  
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**Belmont 7 Preston Ave**

4 2 2 4

**Affordable Family Haven**

- Realistic vendors are moving north;
- Spacious, sunny, excellent indoor/outdoor flow
- Loads of storage, and plans for a garage if required
- This property ticks all boxes
- Make your move now!

**For Sale** \$1,425,000  
By Negotiation  
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**Devonport 1/47a Vauxhall Road**

2 1 1 1 2

**Owners Ready To Meet Market!**

Move straight in - This renovated 2-bedroom free standing brick & tile house with views of Mt Victoria is the perfect package for buyers looking to downsize, families looking for a first home or an investor looking for a low maintenance ready to rent property in a fantastic position.

**For Sale**  
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**Devonport 17 Albert Road**

3 2 1 3

**Seriously For Sale**

- Our vendor knows the market has changed
- Her future plans rely on this sale
- Such a pretty home with so much to offer
- Enjoy an income and easy walk to the Village.
- Renovated and ready, serious buyers wanted!

**For Sale**  
By Negotiation  
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**Devonport 2/7 Eton Avenue**

2 1 1 1

**Future Proofed Apartment**

This very private apartment sits smack bang between the sands of Cheltenham beach on one side and Torpedo Bay and the waterfront on the other. Looking out across the cricket ground with a small peep of the harbor, location wise it can't get much better, but wait...if you are worried about apartment living and access to the upper level this apartment is future proofed with a lift!

**For Sale** \$1,200,000  
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**Devonport 6a Handley Avenue**

4 2 1 1 2

**The Perfect Package In Narrow Neck**

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**Torbay 50 Cliff Road**

5 3 2 1 2

**Present Your Offer**

Sparkling sea views, a large, sunny and private family home. Surrounded by an excellent community and schools, make this home yours. It offers real flexibility to all - it can accommodate a whole family as one large home or the downstairs can be easily utilised as a separate office or income option. The vendor has made her plans for the future and the message is clear, present all offers....

**For Sale**  
 By Negotiation  
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**Devonport 4 Ngataranga Rd**

5 4 1 2 2

**Plush, Luxurious And 3.5 Years Young**

WOW is how we would describe this substantial family home of almost 290m2, with a long list of high quality chattels. Sunny, low maintenance and a well thought out floorplan. Possibility of separate quarters on the ground floor for parents, or utilise it for the family, or a possible income! Priced to sell, you will be hard pushed to find all this value for money elsewhere!

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OPEN HOME

**Devonport 13 Grahame Street**

4 3 3 1 2

**Grand Colonial Family Big Home**  
 This large, well maintained, two storey, Colonial home provides many practical options to suit any family. A gorgeous kitchen/dining area with plenty of storage, a sunny deck with a view that won't be built on, four bedrooms, three living rooms, three bathrooms (two brand new), an office, a big garden and a double garage with internal access gives you the space to entertain.

**For Sale** \$2,090,000  
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OPEN HOME

**Devonport 2/175 Victoria Road**

2 1 1 1

**Entry Level-Fantastic Devonport**

A golden opportunity to own a great 2 bedroom home very close to the Devonport Village. Drenched in sun, north facing deck for entertaining, views of city skyline and Mt Victoria. This is a perfect home for young professionals or perhaps those looking for a lock and leave. There is potential to add value if you like.

**For Sale** \$769,000  
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**Devonport 1J/105 Victoria Road**

3 2 1 2 1

**Devonport at your Doorstep**  
Enviably positioned at the top of Devonport Village, this apartment presents a wonderful opportunity. A modern kitchen, open plan living and an enchanting view across to the city and the sunsets. Three bedrooms, two bathrooms, a study, generous storage and two secure carparks in the heart of the village.

**For Sale**  
By Negotiation  
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**Devonport 5/1 Rata Road**

3 2 1 1 1

**Smell The Sea Air From Your Door**  
One street back from beautiful Cheltenham beach is a highly sought after location, and affordable opportunities to buy here seldom become available.  
If you would like to live this close to the beach don't delay viewing!

**Tender**  
Closes Wednesday 29th May at 4:00pm  
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**Devonport 12 Allenby Avenue**

5 2 3 2

**Make Me Your Family Home....**  
Are you looking for a home with plenty of space, a big backyard, garaging and a granny flat? Use your vision and don't look past this opportunity. A character villa that will provide you with a wonderful family home in a superb location, for many years to come.

**For Sale**  
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**Devonport 53 Aramoana Avenue**

4 3 1 1 1

**Wow! Potential To Subdivide**  
• Originally built in the 1950s this timber home is substantial at around 210m2 on almost a ¼ acre site, so rare in this part of town, potential to sub divide;  
• Spacious rooms, separation of living, a parents retreat upstairs, an office beside in-ground swimming pool, outside entertaining area, plenty of grass to run around, car parking and garaging.

**For Sale** \$1,850,000  
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**Devonport 29b Hemi Street**

5 4 2 2 2

**Family Home + Granny Flat**

Are you after a well-constructed large family home with double garage & separate granny flat? Then here we go, this free hold semi-detached property has so much to offer with its flexible floor plan & amazing location at the cul de sac end of this blue-ribbon street & only minutes from Narrow Neck beach, fantastic schools, café's & so much more.

**For Sale**  
\$1,549,000  
**View** By appointment  
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**Devonport 120a Vauxhall Road**

3 1 1 1

**The Rose Between Two Beaches**  
• Affordable buying a short walk to Cheltenham Beach and shops  
• 1940s brick beauty on 423m2 land  
• Tastefully renovated throughout  
• Low maintenance, easy to live in  
• 6 years of ownership coming to an end!

**For Sale**  
**View** By appointment  
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# Flagstaff letter gets glitch fixed

In regard to the letter from Miriam Beatson in your 19 April edition, first we would like to thank Miriam for the feedback and we are glad that she is enjoying the new services.

Regarding the variation to the route 814 at peak times and on the weekends: this is because the 814 is scheduled to meet all scheduled ferry services to and from downtown and therefore varies with the ferry timetable. The 806 and 807, while trying to meet the ferries as much as possible, are also designed for local travel, hence the consistent timetable.

The destination boards showing Devonport for the 806 and 807 services was due to a glitch

with the system used to display the destinations. Because these buses start and finish at Devonport, it was therefore displaying the final destination, even at the start of the trip.

It is possible to manually override this and now that it has been brought to our attention by Miriam, that is what we have done. You will therefore find that now when you are standing at Devonport Wharf, the 806 will display 'Stanley Pnt' and 807 will display 'Vauxhall'.

We hope this helps. Thanks again for bringing this to our attention

**Dave Hilson, Auckland Transport Senior Service Network Planner**

# Focus on bigger transport issues

It's local-body election year and soon it will be open slather on the various social-media platforms (some) Devonport locals and elected representatives like to broadcast on.

I have to admit that I'm puzzled by the antipathy towards Fuller and our ferry service. I am a regular user of the ferry, and I also drive, walk, cycle or take the bus as a way of getting to and from work.

Of course, it's frustrating when your service is cancelled or delayed. But do you really need to put it out to the world that you'll be five or ten minutes late. It's not that interesting.

Yes, the Fullers service can certainly improve and does leave something to be desired. But really, let's get this in perspective — it's not that bad. In fact, it's a privilege to be able to cross the harbour by ferry, and something many other commuters, jammed into trains and buses, or queuing in their cars, would be highly appreciative of.

If you consider the hundreds of ferry crossing Fullers operates every week between the peninsula and the city, the percentage of late-running services is probably no higher than delay/cancellation rates of airlines, train and bus services.


I suspect that Auckland Transport (AT) which is a law unto itself, has a hand to play in this as well, and probably doesn't make it easy for ferry and bus operators. And speaking of AT, wouldn't their considerable bureaucracy be better employed in actively pursuing a solution to Lake Road, after years of false starts and consultants' reports? Surely that's the bigger issue for Devonport's reputation, liveability and infrastructure? **Mary Taylor**



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**ENROLMENTS TERM 3 2019**

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

Applications for 15 out-of-zone places in year 1, 0 in year 2, 2 in year 3, 2 in year 4, 2 in year 5 and 2 in year 6 are now being invited for those students who will become eligible for enrolment during the period 22 July to 27 September 2019.

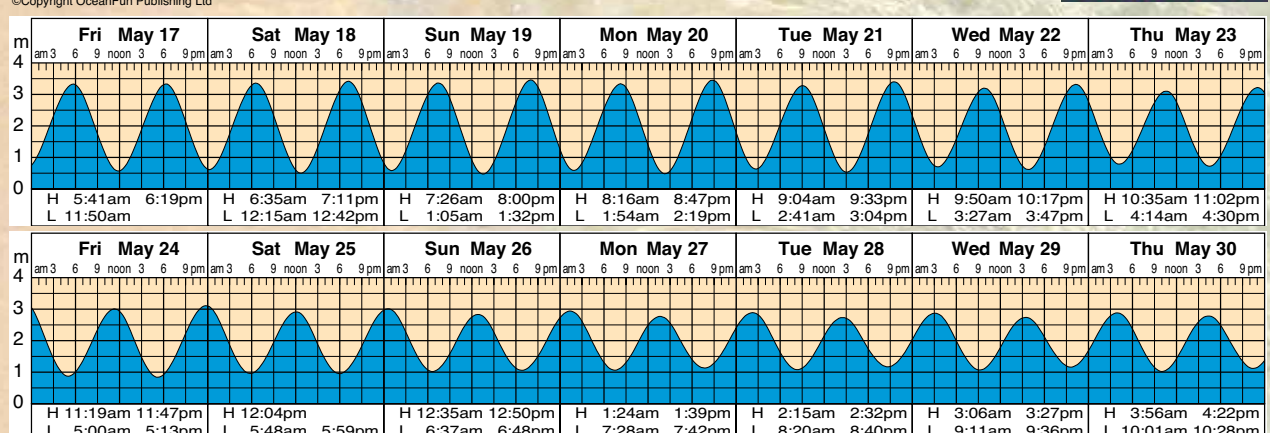
The deadline for receipt of applications for out-of-zone places is 22 July 2019.

If a ballot for out-of-zone places is required, it will be held on 22 July 2019. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days of the ballot being held.

**If you live in the home zone and have not yet signalled your intention to enrol your child later this year, please contact the school immediately to assist us to plan appropriately.**

# Harcourts Devonport Tides

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Date	High Tide	Low Tide
Fri May 17	5:41am, 6:19pm	11:50am
Sat May 18	6:35am, 7:11pm	12:15am, 12:42pm
Sun May 19	7:26am, 8:00pm	1:05am, 1:32pm
Mon May 20	8:16am, 8:47pm	1:54am, 2:19pm
Tue May 21	9:04am, 9:33pm	2:41am, 3:04pm
Wed May 22	9:50am, 10:17pm	3:27am, 3:47pm
Thu May 23	10:35am, 11:02pm	4:14am, 4:30pm
Fri May 24	11:19am, 11:47pm	5:00am, 5:13pm
Sat May 25	12:04pm	5:48am, 5:59pm
Sun May 26	12:35am, 12:50pm	6:37am, 6:48pm
Mon May 27	1:24am, 1:39pm	7:28am, 7:42pm
Tue May 28	2:15am, 2:32pm	8:20am, 8:40pm
Wed May 29	3:06am, 3:27pm	9:11am, 9:36pm
Thu May 30	3:56am, 4:22pm	10:01am, 10:28pm

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## Why do motorists pay nothing?

Why is it that the people who do the right thing and catch the bus to the ferry pay \$3.80 per day, while the people that do the easy thing and drive pay nothing? There should be a pollution fee, equivalent to the bus fare plus 50 per cent, for all vehicles travelling south of Calliope Rd.

**Chris Werry**

**Editors note: The Flagstaff for years has questioned the rationale of a 'Fullers car park' on prime waterfront land.**

## Anzac gathering had 'true spirit' of remembrance

Warmest congratulations and thanks to those who organised the Anzac Day gathering in Devonport. Despite the missing elements, there was a true spirit of remembrance and gratitude towards those who gave their lives for others. What an amazing turnout too!

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### MADAGASCAR – A MUSICAL ADVENTURE JR.

**Thursday 16 May to Sunday 19 May  
The Rose Centre, 4 School Road, Belmont**

Filled with outlandish characters, adventure galore and an upbeat score, Madagascar JR will leave audiences with no choice but to "Move It, Move It!" Performed by a fully inclusive cast, 41 kids and youth, half of whom have a disability or learning difference, will share the limelight in this unique show. **For showtimes and more info visit: [www.touchcompass.co.nz](http://www.touchcompass.co.nz) or contact: [info@touchcompass.org.nz](mailto:info@touchcompass.org.nz) and ph: 550 6464. Tickets can be purchased through: [www.iticket.co.nz](http://www.iticket.co.nz)**

### JUTLAND ROAD ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION PROJECT

**Saturday 18 May, 3:30pm–5:00pm  
West end of Jutland Road**

Plan for the day: resuming weeding and planting in the gorgeous coastal fringe ecosystems along Shoal Bay. (Rain date: Saturday May 25th 3:30-5pm).

**For more info and to get involved, contact Lance ph: 027 359 6722 or email: [pestfreedevonport@gmail.com](mailto:pestfreedevonport@gmail.com), and visit: [www.facebook.com/restoringtakarungahauraki](https://www.facebook.com/restoringtakarungahauraki).**

### KAITIHI BAYSWATER – BBQ PICNIC

**Tuesday 21 May, 6:30pm–8:30pm  
Bayswater School Hall, 181 Bayswater Avenue**

Kaitahi is a free community dining initiative that is all about bringing people together locally to share a meal made from rescued food. Byo plates, utensils and a picnic blanket. Families and children most welcome; there will be games and other activities too.

The Kaitahi team would love extra pairs of hands, and are always on the lookout for volunteers! **For more information email: [stephen@ncad.org.nz](mailto:stephen@ncad.org.nz) or [brianna@villagegrocer.co.nz](mailto:brianna@villagegrocer.co.nz)**

### DEVONPORT MIDWINTER SWIM

**Sunday 23 June, 11:30am registration, 12pm Swim  
Windsor Reserve, Devonport**

Calling all midwinter swimmers! Come along in your best swimming costume and join us in celebrating midwinter at this iconic Devonport event! The dip in the sea will be followed by a free cup of soup for all swimmers and prize giving, plus sausage sizzle for sale.

**For more info contact Amanda 021 184 7271.**

**Devonport Peninsula Community eNEWS**  
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## Life-changing missions helped set youth pastor's path

With a desire to help others, Hannah Dunne did missionary work in Cambodia and Nepal, before taking a role providing support and a safe space for Devonport teens. She talks to Helen Vause about what young people are seeking.



**Open door... Youth pastor Hannah Dunne runs a Friday-night programme for teens and intermediate-age children, and another on Sundays when she'll often be found flipping pancakes**

Christian missions in Asia were part of Hannah Dunne's journey to a role working with youth in Devonport.

Dunne, the youth pastor at Holy Trinity Church, was raised and homeschooled in Warkworth. On the brink of adulthood, she had a strong hankering for helping others.

Not too sure where it would take her at first, Dunne set out on her own route to working with youth, starting with a training course run by global Christian movement Youth With A Mission (YWAM).

YWAM is an evangelical interdenominational missionary organisation that has been around for more than 50 years. It has a long track record with projects in developing countries that have poverty, disease and a need for substantial support.

The organisation sends young workers on missions where they're involved in a wide range of activities, helping with agriculture, construction, healthcare, kids' programmes, education, small enterprises and generally supporting people to help themselves.

After a couple of months of preparations and study, Dunne was off on her first youth mission, to Cambodia. She worked for a month alongside a ministry, Sak Saum, that supports and aids people who have been exploited and abused. Sak Saum was founded by an American woman

about 15 years ago as a Christian ministry with a plan for "the rescue, restoration, transformation and rehabilitation of men and women".

It aims to create self-sustaining industry. Through its business operations, many women have learned to sew garments and bags to sell to the world, assuring them of steady employment.

"It was an incredible experience and privilege to be there with these people, helping to get women off the streets and into the Sak Saum operation; to learn how you can help and to see people moving from despair to hope and a new life," says Dunne.

From Cambodia, she went to Nepal on her second youth mission experience, hiking for about eight hours to a very tiny, remote village.

There the young missionaries were house guests who not only paid for their keep but sang for their supper. The purpose of their visit was for cultural exchange and support of the local population, as well as being a way of providing income for people by paying them for lodgings.

"It was an unforgettable time," says Dunne. "We were showering under waterfalls and sharing song and performance with them, finding common ground. But we were also there as part of the education of these people about the dangers of human trafficking that are never far away from them. They had a history of very plausible visitors coming and promising educa-

tion and success for their children, who would then simply disappear into the terrible world of human trafficking."

Dunne felt the chance to be part of these international missions matched her passions and her talents.

"The overseas missions were life-changing for me," says Dunne, who looks back on them as an exciting time of self-development and change in her own life.

Back at home, Dunne found an unpaid internship in Mahurangi as a youth pastor.

"I wanted to give local youth the very special opportunity of an overseas mission and I started planning to take half a dozen year 11 and 12 kids to Kiribati. We did a lot of fundraising to get ourselves there with car washes and fundraising dinners. Just doing all of that and making it all happen was great experience for them."

"We were only there for 10 days. But it made quite an impression on my group, just meeting kids of their ages from another culture and seeing how other people lived. It really opened their eyes. You could see them growing from the experience."

Once she was into her 20s, Dunne realised that by staying on the path of helping youth she could struggle financially. She trained as a nanny to give herself another part-time employment option.

When her name was put forward last year to be the youth pastor at Holy Trinity in Devonport, she jumped at the chance.

Youth pastors are not common across Auckland, though Dunne's brother is in a similar role in Glenfield, and Holy Trinity has a recognised history of youth pastors and providing a safe space for local teens.

Every Friday night, Dunne runs a programme for local teens and intermediate-age kids who come to hang out and take up the various activities Dunne provides.

Often she'll have cooked something, providing dinner for up to 20 young people.

Typically there is a bit of music, maybe with Dunne on drums. There's chat, maybe discussions on a theme and time to play games or just chill.

For her Sunday morning programme, she'll be in the hall again with her little cooker, flipping pancakes for all.

In the holidays they'll all pack up and go off to youth camps.

"It's not really about numbers that come, it's also about working well with the kids who do come," says Dunne.

She says local teens have lots to choose from, including going to parties. She knows her groups may not be where the cool kids hang out, but they work for those who come.

"The things youth crave these days – and often don't get – are a sense of belonging, a community and emotional safety.

"School isn't necessarily a community for them, and it may not feel safe emotionally to them. For lots of people now the world is a



**Drumming up support...  
Hannah Dunne says adults in  
the Devonport community could  
engage more with youth**

very lonely society and for many there isn't the warmth of an extended family or great neighbourly relationships.

"Yes they may be connected through their phones and social media. But what sort of relationships does this bring? They may be far from safe. They bring comparisons and pressure, and for some kids a massive dose of FOMO (fear

of missing out) because they can see what the cool kids are up to."

She says her mission is to help young people build relationships and help them understand what rich relationships with others look like.

"We have rules here. Like there can be no mocking each other, no bad banter, no jokes at someone else's expense. Often they don't get that at first, and say it's just the way teens are. But I'm firm on that. It can feel sometimes like pushing water uphill. But I can see change in them.

"It's not new that our society has a problem with our young people," she says. "Our youth are not really flourishing. And the consequences are bad – depression, anxiety and youth suicide."

She says it is important that young people have safe spaces where they can be vulnerable and have people they trust to talk to.

"But it has to feel authentic to them – kids can spot anything phoney right away.

"When they grow out of this and leave here, it is my goal that they will have built strong relationships, that they know some other people really well."

It's a full life for Dunne and she'd love a few helping hands. "Adults in our community could be engaging with our youth a lot more than they are. We'd really welcome any adults who'd like to be involved."

Dunne says she's committed to working with youth for the long haul. When it feels like there isn't enough of her energy to go around, she's often out running around Devonport, staying fit so she can keep up the pace.

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# Local board acts in lieu of council foresight

A lack of toilets at a purpose-built children's playground has been frustrating parents – but a loo is on the horizon.

"It's just gross that we have to make our kids go in the bushes" says Katie Dee, commenting on the absence of toilets for her toddler at Lake Town Green.

The park is designed for toddlers and was built in 2010, but didn't qualify for a public toilet as it was deemed a 'pocket park' by Auckland Council.

However, the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board has now instigated a large single toilet to be built in the park.

The planned toilet will be plumbed in to the existing sewerage system that remains from the house originally located on the site.

This comes as a relief to parents and caregivers who use the park, as many have had to resort to the bushes or the cafe up the road to take their children to the toilet.

"I felt obligated to buy a coffee up the road just so we could use a bathroom," says Josie Smedley, who visits the park with her two-year-old.

Another visitor to the park, Helen Groombridge, said: "I tried to get my daughter to go in the bushes, but she's toilet-training so wouldn't go. I had to go up the road and buy a coffee so we could use their toilet."

Local board member Grant Gillon says that the board has long recognised the need for a toilet at the park, but has always been met with resistance from Auckland Council.



**Regular park goes... Will Smedley (left) with his daughter Josie Smedley and granddaughter Lilah (2)**

"The money has to come from the board, not the council," says Gillon. "We need to find the money, so it might not happen this year."

The preliminary design and consent process will begin after 1 July. The entire project is estimated to cost the board between \$235,000 and \$250,000. The toilet will include a chang-

ing table and Gillon says he hopes to also add a water fountain and an outdoor tap to clean hands and feet.

"We're planning to design the toilet entirely around toddlers and their mums or caregivers, as they are the main customers of the park," he says.

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# Owners hit brick wall over repairs

A historic wall, deemed a ruin by Auckland Council, is creating a hazard for Devonport residents who say their hands are tied because of its heritage status.

Part of the Bear Garden Wall, which dates back to the 1880s, has collapsed and damaged a car at a block of units at 16 Queens Pde. Residents fear further damage to their vehicles, or even to a hapless tourist visiting the listed site.

“There’s a big lot that’s going to crumble down. There’s nothing we can do to save it,” long-time unit owner Sandra Killen says.

The wall runs through private properties on Queens Pde, Garden Tce, Kapai Rd, Clarence St and Anne St. “It was meant to be a temporary wall and was meant to hold a bear, but they didn’t even get the bear,” Killen says.

Devonport Heritage’s Trish Deans says the council considers the wall to be a ruin, which means its strategy is to leave it alone.

She says the council doesn’t do enough to care for heritage items.

The wall has paint marks, concrete patches and buttresses. Unit owner and resident Nicholas Philp says the makeshift repairs date back many years and no one really knows who carried them out.

He says the wall is made from crushed scoria, beach sand and shells.

Philp would like to see the council repair the wall, having scheduled it as a category B item in the Unitary Plan. “Surely there’s a



**Crumbling heritage... Nicholas Philp is among neighbours who want Auckland Council to repair the Bear Garden Wall**

budget, since someone [from the council] has identified this as an important structure,” he says under North Shore City Council owners received money to complete repairs on a different section.

A 2014 letter to property owners from the council suggests residents get a resource consent to carry out work to make the wall safer.

But Philp says owners didn’t want to spend what was likely to be at least \$10,000 for approved work, or take on liability for the wall.

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board member Grant Gillon suggests residents apply to the council for funding to repair the wall.

Auckland Council did not reply to a request for comments by deadline.

## The garden with no bear

The Bear Garden Wall was set up by an American businessman, George Quick, who in the 1880s commissioned two ferries to compete with the service operated by the Devonport Steam Ferry Company Ltd.

The Bear Garden was intended to attract passengers from Auckland onto Quick’s ferries.

However, his venture was not a success, and although the walls were built, the ‘garden’ never housed bears, or any other exotic wildlife.

In the late 1880s, the land was used as a pitch for the Devonport Association Football Club.

*Source: Local History Online*



### Stanley Bay School Board of Trustees’ election

Nominations are invited for the election of 5 parent representatives to the board of trustees.

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**Nominations close at noon on 24th May 2019 and may be accompanied by a signed candidate statement and photograph.**

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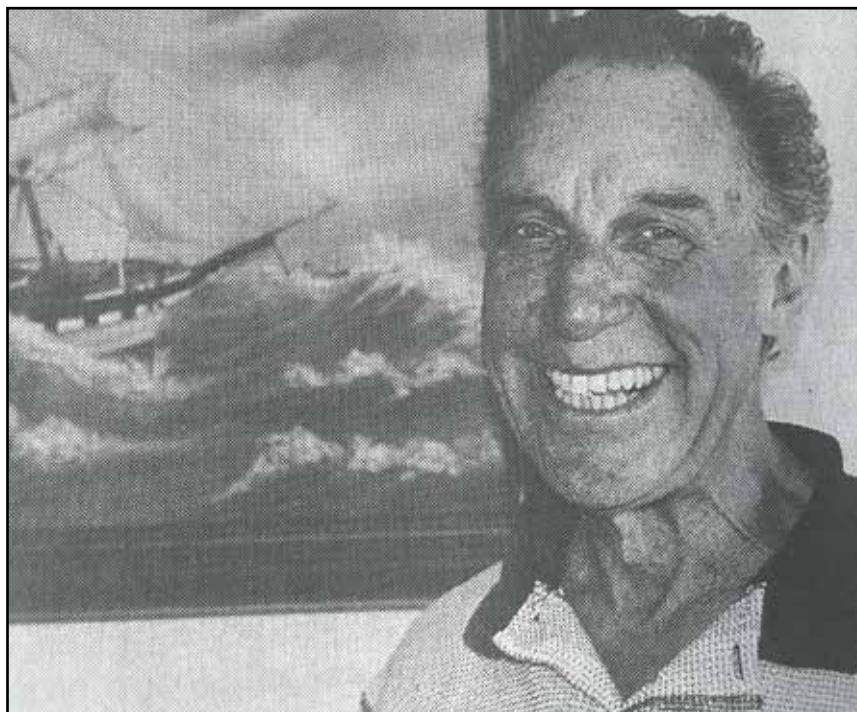
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**Standing down after nine years... Devonport Community Board deputy chair Mick Gannaway**

- The Tamaki land emerges as an election issue, with a public meeting called for MPs and potential candidates to put forward their positions on the future of the land.
- Construction begins on the \$6-million luxury apartments on Victoria Rd on the site of the old State Theatre.
- The Te Araroa Trust, founded by Devonport local Geoff Chapple to develop a national walkway, is given a \$100,000 grant by the Millenium Office.
- Fisherman on Devonport Wharf say the fishing is the best they have had in 50 years.
- Devonport Community Board deputy chair

Mick Gannaway announces he will stand down after nine years. He is the Flagstaff interview subject.

- A 19-year-old man trying to get money out of a cash machine at the ASB in Victoria Rd, is told he has insufficient funds. He smashes up one machine worth \$60,000 and damages another.
- Devonport residents Paul Barton, Lynne Forbes and Tom Smith are honoured with North Shore City Council Civic Awards.
- Chris Henderson, long standing owner of Abigail's, which was named Auckland's Top Speciality Store in 1997, moves on after 15 years.
- Ramblings with Rod – a new history column by Rod Cornelius, Devonport Museum and Historical Society president – launches with a feature on the torpedo boats of Torpedo Bay.
- More than 60 people take part in a grandparents day at Vauxhall School.
- A two-day hearing is held on the future of North Head. More than 790 submissions are received, many rejecting any commercial activities on the mountain.
- Community Constable Ces Ross says children as young as 12 have been found drunk in public places around Devonport.
- Landmark coffee-roasters Chiasso move from Lake Rd to Wynyard St.
- Noise from a skateboard park planned for Ngataranga Park will be well within allowed residential limits.
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## Old playground destined for a new lease of life in Vanuatu



### Swinging into action... Devonport Rotary's Gavin Busch is leading an effort to save the Windsor playground for reuse in Vanuatu, but community help is needed

The Windsor Reserve playground, seemingly destined for landfill, could soon be enjoyed by a new, less-privileged generation.

When Devonport Rotary president Gavin Busch heard Auckland Council was planning to replace the Windsor Reserve Playground with a "flash, expensive one", he wondered what was planned for the old one.

"It was being a local. My kids have all played on this playground and had lots of fun, like everyone else."

Busch contacted the council to find out what was happening to the playground – which is about 20 years old – thinking it was still in pretty good nick.

"All of the children in the area have had a great time and have grown up with it, and I thought there must be a way to put it to good use."

The council had no firm plans for the equipment. It would recycle what it could, but much would go to the dump.

"The problem with reusing it in New Zealand is it has to meet the current health-and-safety laws, which is very difficult," Busch said.

Through Rotary's contacts around the Pacific, Busch saw an opportunity. He approached members of Vanuatu's Santos Rotary at an Auckland conference and they were keen to take the playground.

"They were very pleased to be the recipients of it. They would like to reinstate it for their children. They reckoned it would be the best playground on the whole island."

Busch has signed a document for Rotary to take ownerships of the playground, but the club will need help from the community, as it could be a costly exercise.

Rotary has to dismantle the playground and see-saw in June, when work on the new Bean Rock-themed playground is due to start.

Auckland Council says the \$1 million playground will centre on a 7.9-metre play tower, inspired by Bean Rock Lighthouse, surrounded by new coastal-themed play equipment.

It features a reef-themed group spinner and rocker, balance springers, crawl tunnel, rope climb, air swing, three-bay swing and more.

The new playground will be larger, with

equipment suitable for children from pre-school age up to 12 years old.

The council is currently considering tenders for the work and gaining consents.

Devonport Rotary will hold a community working bee to dismantle the old playground, with a particular need for builders and someone with a digger to help out.

Rotary is also considering how best to transport the playground to Vanuatu and needs a container.

If anyone knows of one that is unwanted or free, or a company that could donate one, or if you can help Devonport Rotary's project, email: [info@devonportrotary.co.nz](mailto:info@devonportrotary.co.nz).



**An artist's impression of the new \$1m Bean Rock-themed playground, soon to replace equipment that has kept Devonport children entertained for the past 20 years.**

## Rod Cornelius – collector and local historian

For some collectors downsizing is a matter of degree. Especially so if you are Rod Cornelius, whose hundreds of music boxes, 78rpm records and gramophones, plus a couple of pianos, are kept on the bottom floor of his Jubilee Ave villa.

“There are gaps now,” says Cornelius proudly, as we make our way round the half a dozen rooms on the ground floor of what was once a girl’s school.

Eighty-year-old Cornelius faces the same difficulty of all collectors: he knows he must rationalise, but how can he part with his treasured possessions amassed over a lifetime?

He’s trying though, partly in an effort to placate wife Helen “who’s put up with it all”. But also to consolidate and catalogue what has turned from a hobby he did at night and weekends, as a respite from a stressful job as a Television New Zealand executive, to virtually a full-time job.

Progress has been made. When Cornelius moved into the house in the 1970s, his collection weighed 22 tonnes and included 11 pianos. Along with the pianos, his collection of 25 pinball machines has also gone, and he’s only got one jukebox left. The jazz collection, he concedes, was “swapped for something smaller”.

At one stage, he had three garages around Devonport to store recent accumulations. “Smuggling” items into the family home was problematic. Typically Cornelius would try to explain them away as old purchases, simply being transferred from a garage.

“I’ve got nothing in storage now – it’s all in the house,” he says, adding that “none of it gets upstairs”.

Looking back in the Flagstaff files to a 1999 interview though, it appears his music-box collection has expanded from 150 to 300. And what a collection it is. Beautifully restored wooden boxes dating back to around 1830 are neatly displayed on shelves and in cabinets. In his workshop, Cornelius is in the middle of reconditioning another box, and others are overseas being restored by experts.

Is he still buying items? “Its hard...” he says, the words ‘to resist’ seemingly caught in his throat.

One of the difficulties he faces is many of his collecting friends are dying. He is offered collections and is spending time helping widows sort and sell the antiques. All of which takes him away from his own collection.

His love of collecting transcends the objects or the music they contain. He started when living in Dunedin in the 1960s. Cornelius saw music boxes and old 78s being dumped and set about preserving a whole musical era.

In addition to the music boxes and old opera records, he has an almost complete collection of records from TANZA (To Assist New Zealand Artists), New Zealand’s first independent record label, which operated



**At home with his collection... Rod Cornelius with a Symphonion music box, one of only half a dozen left in the world**

in the 40s and 50s. Other fascinating items in the collection include early American comedy recordings and political speeches of American presidents William Taft, William McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt.

The depth of Cornelius’s passion is shown in the cataloguing of his opera records aria by aria. It means he can follow the voice of a singer, year by year, decade by decade.

While collecting can be solitary, he has like-minded mates around the world, and enjoys showing visitors around his downstairs rooms, which would not be out of place in a museum. “It’s a great collection and not something I want to be locked away.”

For many years, Cornelius was the president of the Devonport Museum and Historical Society, but has scaled back his work there to one day per week: largely scanning photos into its database.

He also travels regularly with Helen in

their motorhome, “but not as much as we probably should.”

There is a sense that the collection is always calling.

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**Mulching destroys the tree fungus and elm-bark beetles.**

**Auckland Council Senior Arboriculture Specialist Simon Cook said fungus spores travelling in the wind posed no risk.**

**“Dutch Elm Disease is not an airborne pathogen – it is only spread through the root systems of trees, or by elm-bark beetles**

**transferring the fungus from one elm tree to another.”**

**The Maunga Authority, which manages the mountain, considered the noise emitted from the operation was within safe levels. Devonport Primary School, which is around the other side of the mountain from the operation, would only be minimally impacted, the authority said.**

**The cost of the operation was not available when the Flagstaff went to press.**



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## North Shore slips to mid-table after loss to bottom side

North Shore United is sixth on the national football league table after it posted its second loss of the season last Saturday.

Shore lost 1-0 at home to Waitakere City – a surprise result as Waitakere had lost its first seven games of the season.

Shore now has four wins, two draws and two losses.

This weekend United plays lower-placed Birkenhead, away.

## DEVONPORT MUSEUM AGM

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With 18 teams playing in senior inter-club in the 2018-19 summer, the club won almost half the competitions it entered.

The winning teams were:

**Men's singles 4:** Cory Lewis, Drew Smith, Aleksandar Duranski, William Michie and Liam Coleman.

**Men's singles 5:** Derrick Travers, Andrew McDonald, Richard Jones and Matthew Cashmore.

**Women's singles 3:** Rachel Rogan, Leah Mainland, Inge Wisselink, Natalie Neeves, Debbie Timmins, Michelle Robson and Robina Morrison.

**Women's doubles 3:** Inge Wisselink, Rosie Harris, Debbie Timmins, Lucy Charles and Kay Clarke.

**Women's doubles 4:** Adi Alderson, Barbara Nicholls, Rachel Rogan, Michelle Robson, Robina Morrison, Natalie Neves and Jenny Smith.

**Mixed doubles 3:** Jill Stoker, Toni McKenty, Holly Keene, Suzanne Nola, Michele Hollis, Rowena Bullock, Clive Morehu, Stuart Clark, Liam Coleman, Cory Lewis and Edward Rowney.

**Mixed doubles 6:** Sandra Lewis, Hiram Ryan, Mike Cohen, Christina Piet, Gavin Tuttle, Des Smith, Lucy Charles, Hashmita Mistry, Rob Drent and Helen Ryan.

**Mixed doubles 6... From left, rear: Sandra Lewis, Hiram Ryan, Helen Ryan, Mike Cohen, Christina Piet and Gavin Tuttle. Front: Des Smith, Lucy Charles, Hashmita Mistry and Rob Drent.**



**Women's singles 3... From left: Rachel Rogan, Leah Mainland, Inge Wisselink, Natalie Neeves and Debbie Timmins. Absent Michelle Robson and Robina Morrison.**



**Women's doubles 4... From left: Rachel Rogan, Barbara Nicholls, Robina Morrison, Adi Alderson (captain, holding ball), Natalie Neves and Michelle Robson**

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# PJs pour in for patients ahead of winter

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Bush had previously knitted booties and beanies for Middlemore Hospital, but due to arm and shoulder injuries she is no longer able to do this.

She put the word out to the community for Middlemore's 'Jammies in June' campaign, and has so far received 162 pairs of pyjamas and counting.

Her goal is to reach 500 pairs by June, and to make this an annual appeal.

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**Jammed in by PJs...  
Monica Bush with some of the pyjamas she has collected**





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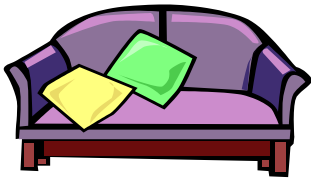
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## Chinese takeaway closes doors after 27 years

A Devonport institution, the Sea Dragon Chinese takeaways/fish and chips shop has served its last Egg Foo Young.

Teresa Shen and Jian Yee Shen, both 60, ran the takeaway store in Clarence St for 26 years. This year, when the lease came up, they decided it was time to have a rest.

“Rest first, thinking later,” Teresa Shen said, regarding future plans. Those plans will most likely include a holiday in China, which they left about 35 years ago.

The couple, who live in Takapuna, left all their cooking equipment in the shop, as they don't plan to operate another takeaway store in the future.

The Sea Dragon menu offered a mix of Asian and fried European food, ranging from Nasi Goreng to sweet and sour pork, wonton soup, fish, chips and crab sticks.

Building owner Jane Trinh is in talks with a potential new leaseholder, who would open a burger outlet.

**End of an era...  
Sea Dragon Takeaways  
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SCHOOL NEWS



# Grammar

MAY 17, 2019



## Classics trip 2019

Live with a teenager long enough and you start to notice we crave one thing above all else: experience. It's what gets us up in the morning and out in the evening. We seek out a first dance, a first job, a first driver's licence. The travel bug has hit us before we have even ventured out from the nest. We want to go big places.

At Takapuna Grammar School (TGS), students are given the chance to do just that. This year, from the 12th to the 25th of April, 29 TGS students were taken to Greece and Italy for the biennial Takapuna Grammar Classics Tour.

Every two years, a group of hard-working Year 12 and 13 Classics students travel overseas to visit the greatest landmarks of Ancient Greek and Roman culture. Major destinations this year included Rome, Naples, Positano, Athens, Delphi and Thessaloniki. The trip is an incredible learning experience for the students, both in terms of secondary education and experience with the wider world. It really is something we'll remember forever. Fabulous, magnificent and better than I ever dreamt are ways I've heard the trip described, but it's safe to say the value of the Classics Tour to the students who went on it is beyond words.

Such a trip requires a tremendous amount of organisation, communication and dedication. Special thanks is given to Nick Whiting, founder of the Takapuna Grammar Classics Tour, as well as Courtney Whiting, current HOD of Classical Studies at TGS. This was the last TGS Classics trip Nick will attend, as he is now teaching Classical Studies at another high school. We're sad to see him go, but very much appreciate everything he has done

for Classics and the Classics Tour at TGS. Many thanks must also be extended to other teachers who attended for student supervision, Moira Mallarkey and Hollie Sweetman, as well as all school representatives and parents who made the Classics trip possible.

"The group that we took were so well behaved. They made myself and the other teachers very proud to be from TGS," says Courtney Whiting. "Every overseas trip is tiring and stressful, but when I see students brought to tears with excitement, and seeing that lightbulb moment where information has connected, it's all worthwhile."

The Classics Tour is an invaluable educational source for students; the long-dead subjects of their studies quite literally 'come alive' before them. Every site and location visited either relates to an assessment or is useful for students' overall knowledge of Greek or Roman life. Everything learnt is important. Some may write off Classical Studies as 'irrelevant', but what could be more relevant than studying the foundations of democracy, analysing the actions of some of the world's most successful commanders, politicians and writers, and investigating universal trends in society that recur over centuries?

Alana Rodrigues-Birch, a Year 12 student who attended the 2019 Takapuna Grammar Classics Tour, says, "The trip had such a great impact on me because I got to see the places they had so much influence over the way we live today... by seeing the things I saw, I now understand my world better."

I can definitely say this trip has given me a different perspective on the world. My parents have been teasing that everyday life must drag on a bit



now after such an amazing trip away. I can't say that it does. School has been as busy as ever (busier even, packed full of Classics internals coming to life in front of me) and, beyond that, the trip has given me a new appreciation for not only foreign places but the places we live in. Greece and Italy were incredible. I will never be able to express how grateful I am to have visited. They were also inspiring in that they encouraged me to love the world around me. I have been halfway across the world and back, and I really can say that there is no place like home.

BY PIPPI DUNCAN

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## IB students make memories



Term Two began with an exciting three-day retreat to Eastern Beach for Year 12 International Baccalaureate (IB) students.

The camp was, primarily, a workshop focusing on the main aspects of the IB programme. However, the group of 30 also had the chance to strengthen social ties that will form the basis of their final years at Takapuna Grammar. Engaging in team-based activities that ranged from meditation to an escape room, the cohort was kept stimulated and busy, ensuring that all would be mentally prepared for their embarkment upon the two-year IB programme.

Despite the late arrival of their bus, the IB cohort arrived at Willow Park Christian Convention Centre in good spirits. This was soon to be aided by a class on positivity and mental well-being. The students' days were to be filled not just with conventional learning, but team-based activities that would help them develop a more globally-conscious mindset.

The IB programme comprises a widely diverse curriculum intended to produce internationally-minded world citizens. In addition to their regular lessons, IB students are taught Theory of Knowledge, a form of philosophy that has an emphasis on learning. Strict followers of academic honesty, the IB students strive to embody traits outlined in the IB Learner Profile that include being balanced, open-minded and reflective. These futuristic aspects of learning formed the basis of the cohort's workshops

during their time away.

"The camp was an amazing experience," Ellie Brown reflects. "It allowed us to develop skills that we will be able to use throughout the International Baccalaureate course."

A particularly memorable activity for the group was shelter-building. Divided into teams of five, the cohort was instructed to make six shelters – from limited materials – that would be both spacious and watertight. The quality of the finished product was to be relatively predictable. Though students returned to their cabins that night soaked by water accurately thrown from the teachers' overfilled buckets, their spirits were not dampened, as the cohort was able to reach a level of closeness that could only be nurtured through this shared experience.

Despite the busy schedule imposed on the students, the retreat was a significant stepping stone in creating a group dynamic for a small cohort that will spend the next year-and-a-half together. Impromptu volleyball games and early-morning sunrise-watching brought the students closer in an unprecedented way.

"I got to know everyone so well and we had a great time as a group," says Maddie Yamaguchi. "We feel like a family now, and I'm so happy to have made so many new friends."

BY ELLA SCHENKEL

## from the Lion's Den

### THE LATEST IN SPORT

TGS student **CHIEMU IIOKA** received four gold medals at the NZ Karate Open Championships in Christchurch in April.

Chiemu placed 1st in: KATA Individual 16-17yrs Junior Premier; KATA team 14-17yrs; KUMITE Individual 16-17yrs, 68kg Junior Premier; and the KUMITE team 14-17yrs category. Well done Chiemu!

On Saturday 4 May, Year 13 student **NEPHI CARNEIRO DE BRITO** participated at the New Zealand Grappler national tournament of Jiu Jitsu, winning a gold medal in his weight division. Great work Nephi!

Divers **MAGGIE SQUIRE** and **HOLLY MORSE** have had some great results over the holidays. Maggie won five gold medals in the 14 yrs and 15 yrs age group in the 1m, 3m and platform dive, open women's synchro and 14-18 girls synchro. Holly won the 16-18 girls platform dive, regaining her national title, and was second in the women's synchro.

Hockey – Our hockey teams have all started this week with highlights from **GIRLS 1XI** who had a draw with Westlake 1-1. Our **BOYS 1XI** were beaten 5-1 by Rangitoto.

Football – Our **PREM 1XI GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM** has started with a strong result over St Cuthberts on Wednesday winning 3-1.

Netball – Our **SENIOR TEAM 1** have graded straight into the Premier North Harbour grade for the first time with a strong start to their season.

Check out more and some great photos on our TGS Sports Facebook page here:

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# Painter turns cafe into room with a view



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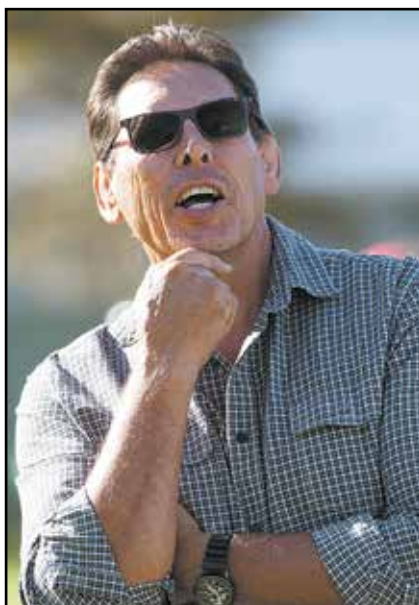


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# Takapuna edges Shore in thriller



**See you later... North Shore flanker Donald Coleman (right) outsprints Takapuna winger Talimoni Finua**



**Expert view... All Black and North Shore great Wayne Shelford takes in the action**

As local derbies go, this one had a bit of everything: some stunning tries, a last-minute conversion that hit the post denying North Shore Rugby Club premiers an unlikely comeback win against Takapuna, and a push and shove that threatened to turn into an all-out brawl.

For most of the match, Takapuna was the superior side, looking sharp on attack. Early in the second half, its pack pushed the Shore eight off the ball twice within five minutes, yielding penalties, with ace Takapuna goal kicker Jon Elrick landing one of them. When Takapuna scored a try immediately after (converted by Elrick) at 27-14, they looked to have an unassailable lead.

A head-high tackle by Shore's James Little straight after saw Elrick's only penalty miss of the day from 45 metres.

Takapuna's forwards and backs were combining brilliantly, and with Shore trapped in its own half, the visitors were threatening to run riot.

Step up Donald Coleman, the Shore flanker, who had already scored a snappy try

in the first half. He pounced on a ball when Takapuna was on attack and ran 60 metres to score, outsprinting Takapuna winger Talimoni Finua, who had given chase. Sam Baab landed a tricky conversion, and at 27-21 Shore still had a slight chance.

Then with 10 minutes to go, sniping and pushing between Takapuna centre Fine Inisi and Shore fullback Daniel Lee erupted into a full-on stoush, with reserves and sidelined players rushing onto the field to join the melee.

Inisi was sin-binned and with Takapuna down to 14 men, Coleman again worked his magic with a scintillating 40-metre break, before a well-timed pass to Callum Law saw the Shore first five score in the corner. It was 27-26 Takapuna, with time up on the clock. Babb struck the conversion well, but it clipped the right-hand upright and failed to go over.

Both sides will go away with plenty to think about: Takapuna for letting a dominant position slip away to a near loss, and Shore needing to do some work on its scrum and ponderous attack. Apart from Law, Coleman



**Shore rues narrow loss... Shore goalkicker Sam Baab (left) watches his last-minute conversion hit the the post (left), while (above) James Little (foreground) and Callum Law reflect on what might have been. The large crowd below were expecting a close match and they weren't disappointed.**

and substitute Caleb Leef, there was little penetration.

What to say about Coleman: a brilliant attacker and runner with the ball from broken play. But not a particularly decisive tackler or tight loose forward. There has been talk of moving him into hooker, but maybe his best position is second five eighth?

A special mention to referee Jonathan

Paterson, who controlled the flare-up well. The tussle could have easily escalated into a much messier situation.

- In a spirited premier reserves match, North Shore beat Takapuna 15-13 after doggedly defending for the final ten minutes.

- Takapuna Grammar 1st XV lost 17-14 away to Rangitoto, in a match that was televised live on Sky Sports.

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