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Big new medical centre planned for former BNZ

A large new medical centre staffed by up to nine local GPs is planned for central Devonport.

OmnHealth, a national general-practice company, has signed a lease for the former BNZ building, and submitted plans to Auckland Council for a resource consent, chief executive

Mark Wills told the Flagstaff.

“OmniHealth works in partnership with practices to own and operate the practices and let the doctors focus on being clinicians and providing great service,” Wills says.

The proposed Devonport Health Centre at

20 to 22 Victoria Rd, which has 16 car parks on the roof, will include a practice of seven to nine GPs, plus nurses and healthcare assistants, a pharmacy and possibly provision of x-rays and blood tests, Wills says.

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Matariki marked with rousing community haka



Rousing new year beginning... A community haka lesson attracted more than 70 locals to Windsor Reserve last Sunday. The Matariki event was organised by Terehia Walker and led by husband Ngahiwi (pictured)



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Wood approved secret meeting on Lake Rd

The secret meeting over Lake Rd between Auckland Transport and the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board appears to have been organised by council staff and board chair George Wood.

The 21 May meeting, on the subject of “Lake Rd Corridor Improvements: Detailed Business Case 2019”, was held with AT officers, the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board and some council planners and staff.

It was behind closed doors, without public scrutiny.

Following a Flagstaff request for information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act, Auckland Council said the genesis of the meeting came about as a result of a verbal conversation between local-board advisor Tristan Coulson and Auckland Transport (AT) elected-member relationship manager Marilyn Nicholls.

The conversation was conducted as part of a recurring Local Board Services and Auckland Transport catch-up meeting on 9 May 2019, council said.

Prior to the 21 May meeting being organised, the PA liaison for the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board also had a verbal conversation with local-board chair George Wood about the need for the meeting and “its approach”.

“The chair subsequently approved the meeting, its approach and the format, and electronic invitations were sent out to all Devonport-Takapuna Local Board members thereafter.”

A Powerpoint presentation was made to the board at the meeting.

Board members subsequently released social media posts discussing the presentation, even though the meeting had been held in secret.

Planners unwilling to front up to Devonport

Auckland Council planning staff would reject invitations to attend any public meeting in Devonport to explain complex changes to heritage rules, a local board meeting has been told.

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board member Mike Cohen raised the possibility of a public meeting to explain plan change 26, where council planners could give a presentation and answer questions.

A council letter that went out to residents to inform them of the changes has been widely criticised as difficult to understand.

However, the board’s relationship manager, Eric Perry, said from his knowledge of operations the planning department “would not be willing to put any staff up for a public meeting”.

Cohen said: “It is deplorable that the council experts will not come to explain the changes in person.”

Auckland Transport had been widely criticised for boycotting meetings in St Heliers to explain street changes.

Cohen said the council planners’ refusal to “front” showed a similar attitude towards residents.

In the board’s public forum, Trish Deans, from Devonport Heritage, said a lack of clarity surrounded the plan change and council “needs to take responsibility for that”.

Get dunnies done up before Cup – Gillon

Revamping public toilets at Windsor Reserve and King Edward Parade near Devonport Yacht Club is on the cards prior to the America’s Cup in 2021.

Ferry passengers will pass the two toilet blocks on the way to Mangauika/North Head, which will be a popular America’s Cup viewing spot.

The Devonport-Takapuna Local Board is pushing for Auckland Council to renovate the toilets.

“It should be done as part of the America’s Cup work,” board member Grant Gillon told council officers at a board workshop.

3 Victoria Rd: empty for 368 days

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

It has now been unoccupied for 368 days. Auckland Council development arm Panuku is working through the future options for the building.

Devonport folk club bunkers down for another decade

The Devonport Folk Music Club was last week granted another 10-year lease at the Bunker on Takarunga/Mt Victoria by the Tūpuna Maunga Authority.

As part of the lease the club has to fulfil a number of conditions, including taking care of the mountain.

Restoring classic American car fulfils long-held dream



On the road... Devonport photographer Veronique Cornille celebrated restoring a neglected 1960 Chevrolet with a South Island road trip on which strangers often approached her to talk about her car

A sparkling midnight-blue 1960 Chevrolet is a rare sight along Devonport’s waterfront and a lovingly restored Bel Air quickly attracts admirers.

As local photographer Veronique Cornille poses with the car for the Flagstaff, an American tourist lines up to request a photo of his own and, before long, the three of us are driving back to Victoria Rd.

The tourist, Crispin, says, “This is what I love about New Zealand.”

He is enthusiastic about the throaty sound of the engine, the pearl steering wheel, plush bench seats, vinyl ceiling embossed with stars, gleaming steel trims and features such as a petrol tank accessed from a hatch in the bumper.

Cornille has just returned from a month’s trip around the South Island, celebrating her car’s transformation and working on a book project.

“She makes me so radiantly happy – she’s a cruising car not a town car.”

Cornille hopes her story will encourage others to pursue their dreams.

When Cornille was a child growing up on a

farm in Port Waikato in a Flemish family, her uncle went back to Belgium and returned with a wife and a magnificent car, she says.

“I didn’t know what it was called, but I do remember it was huge and majestic with bat wings. Ever since I have dreamed of owning one.”

For years, Cornille almost forgot her dream, until a couple of years ago, she was passing through Cambridge with a friend, when a group of classic cars arrived and stopped.

“We were standing in a group looking at a car, when, thinking out loud, I said, ‘I’ve always wanted a 59 Impala, but what happens when you break down?’

“A stranger replied, ‘They come from miles around to help you.’”

The man, Kevin, offered to mentor her through the process of purchasing one.

At that time, Cornille was overwhelmed with grief after her mother’s death and a new project offered an antidote to her sense of desolation.

Over the next 18 months, Cornille searched for a Chevrolet Impala, culminating, last year,

in placing an advertisement in a motoring magazine, which a Waikato farmer responded to.

Kevin looked over the farmer’s car and declared, despite its neglected state, it had “good bones”.

The Chevrolet was full of rat poo, rodents had feasted on its wiring and rubber. The windscreen had a huge crack. There were wires hanging out of the dash, which had been painted black with big strokes and, when Cornille took the car for a drive and applied the brakes, she went into a spin.

Undaunted, Cornille embarked on coordinating an eight-month-long restoration project.

She wasn’t fazed, as she had been familiar with machinery as a child, growing up on a farm, and had an early job working for General Motors. She went on to do all sorts of jobs, including rousing, owning a kiwifruit orchard and running a New Zealand-made tourism shop in Nelson.

Cornille has been in Devonport for seven years – focussing on photography and, until early this year, car restoration.

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Shortage of new listings sees prices edge up again

The change in the local property market identified last month has been reinforced by the latest statistics for June. A significant shortage of new listings matched to a steady level of sales has resulted in a significant reduction in inventory. This is beginning to put pressure on buyers resulting in the first signs of a strengthening in prices.

The adjacent chart ably demonstrates the change in the market as the trend line of new properties listed for sale dips below the level of sales. A position that is not sustainable for long.

The median sale price of houses over the past 3 months edged up 11% as compared to this time last year at \$1.825m, additionally the sales price of units edged up 2% as that segment of the market continues to show signs of recovery. Whilst this upward pressure on price is good news for sellers; it's important to recognise that actual sales numbers remain very low. Just 37 properties were sold in the past 3 months, down 22% compared to the same time last year. This low



sales volume is largely a function of insufficient choice for buyers who don't feel pressured to buy.

Typically, Winter tends to be a quieter time for new listings, however it does open up the opportunity to compete for buyers in a less cluttered market. My

advice is don't wait for Spring – get on the market now and then be in a great position come Spring to be cashed-up and able to negotiate hard for the best choice of new properties for sale.

By Alistair Helm

JUNE 2019		PROPERTIES			PRICES	
	Properties on the market (as at 30 June)	Properties Listed (Apr/May/June)	Properties Sold (Apr/May/June)	Variance in moving annual total sales	Median Sale Price (\$M) (3 months to June)	Variance compared to last year
All Properties	52	40	37	▼ -22%	\$1.480M	▶ -/+%
Houses	35	27	25	▼ -28%	\$1.825M	▲ +11%
Units	2	4	4	▲ +79%	\$665,000	▲ +2%
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Newspaper from 1950s shows ferry woes go way back

A newspaper from 1953, found during an Anne St shed demolition, makes the case for a harbour bridge by presenting figures setting out the cost of ferry delays.

Ferrying your car the short distance across the harbour could take as long as driving to Whenuapai, thanks to the time involved in queuing and getting off the car ferry, the 5 March 1953 *Auckland Star* article argues.

A North Shore resident had kept a log of 60 trips at all times of day, showing the shortest trip took 19 minutes and the longest 68 minutes, with an average of 39 minutes.

Given there were 1.4 million vehicles carried over the harbour in 1952, the costs in lost time are worked out, through a complicated piece of arithmetic, as about £310,000.

The unnamed resident says the Auckland Harbour Bridge Authority has calculated only the costs of ferry tolls and fares, but a computation of time lost raised the question of whether Auckland could afford not to build a bridge.

The paper's lead story asks "With Stalin dying (or dead) what next?"



Time travel...
Newspapers found under linoleum during a demolition offer a snapshot from 1953

Memorial seat vanishes from reserve



Missing... Gabrielle Harrop where the seat with a plaque in memory of her father used to be

A Devonport family is aggrieved that a memorial bench and plaque they paid for has vanished from Windsor Reserve.

Gabrielle Harrop and her family contributed towards the cost of a seat and paid for a plaque to be placed in memory of her father Jack Maher, about 20 years ago.

The seat was located opposite the library and facing the Windsor Reserve playground.

"My dad loved watching the children play and had taken his own grandchildren there to play when they were little so it was a great spot for a seat," Maher says.

Eighteen months ago, Harrop realised the seat had gone missing.

She contacted Auckland Council, which was unable to provide any information except recommending that she contact council contractor Fulton Hogan.

"I had correspondence with a very nice-sounding man, Wayne Branks, who said he was sure we could find out what the story

was," says Harrop.

"However, after a few emails, he said he was very sorry he couldn't help as it was situated in a [council] parks [team] reserve.

"I felt this was very poor on the part of whoever was responsible for removing it not to contact us about it as they must have had our details.

"The council seems to lose quite a lot of information so maybe that's what happened."

The Flagstaff contacted Auckland Council last week and was told that Community Facilities staff would investigate, but no further information could be supplied before press-time.

Harrop and her mother, Ella Maher, are still hopeful the seat will be returned, as she and her mother loved to visit the spot.

Agnes McCormack, Auckland Council head of maintenance said: "While we have been unable to locate the missing seat, council is working with the family to ensure this seat and plaque is replaced as soon as possible."

Where to for mortgage rates?

There is a possibility the Reserve Bank could further reduce the Official Cash Rate (OCR), currently at 1.50%, and what will be the impact on mortgage lending rates?

Remember banks do not fund themselves at the OCR rate of 1.50% - that rate is where banks can deposit excess funds and borrow temporary shortfalls from the Reserve Bank - banks fund themselves from savers term deposits (@75%) and from wholesale investor funds often offshore (@25%). To attract these funds the banks are offering @2%-3% to savers - they then on-lend this money to home borrowers at between 3.85% fixed and 5.80% floating for a margin to make a profit.....and lending rates to business/farmers/ on credit cards are more like 6% to 20%!

The RBNZ can cut the OCR by another 0.25%, but that does not necessarily mean they will pass on those rate cuts to borrowers. It is likely they may cut their lending rates a few points only as they will have to also reduce their deposit rates - if these get too low they will lose deposits to other assets classes (shares and property) and there will be less funds available to lend.

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Free albatross sculpture costs soar

A 'free' Albatross sculpture given to the Devonport community for resiting on Victoria Wharf has already cost more than \$30,000 – and rising.

Flight Trainer for Albatross, a sculpture by Greer Twiss, was located at Quay St in central Auckland until 2014. It was decided to relocate a reconfigured sculpture to Victoria Wharf with installation expected in June 2019.

"It is now anticipated to be complete early in the new year [2020]," according to documents obtained by the Flagstaff under the Local Government Official Information and

Meetings Act.

Costs of the project are \$31,190 so far, including around \$13,000 for engineering and design; \$11,000 for project management and \$5000 for a resource consent.

Building and installation costs are yet to come.

Twiss, one of New Zealand's most prominent sculptors, has been keenly involved in the process, helping reconfigure the sculpture.

"The artist was not satisfied with the original sculpture when located on Quay St; the frame, although providing an engineering

solution was crude and dominated the work," an email from the Auckland Council's manager of arts and culture said.

"One of the key characteristics of the project has been the importance placed on balancing the needs and aspirations of the artist with structural engineering limitations and requirements.

"This has involved working closely with the artist to ensure that the structural engineering requirements are met and also fully aligned with the artist's vision and original intent."

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Big health centre planned for main st

The new centre is the culmination of a series of changes to general practice operations over the past year.

Anne St Medical, which is owned by OmniHealth, told the Flagstaff last year (7 December) it hoped to move and expand. The practice will move into the new building.

More recently, OmniHealth purchased the Devonport Medical Centre at Kings Store on

Lake Rd. This will also move into the new centre.

Former Devonport GPs Dr Grant Smith and Dr Erica Lauder, who both moved out of Devonport Family Medicine in Fleet St earlier this year, will be part of the new medical centre.

Dr Smith, who sold his share in Devonport Family Medicine last year, has returned from his travels and is working part-time at Anne St Medical. Dr Lauder will soon be working at Devonport Medical Centre on Lake Rd.

OmniHealth provides finance, HR and administration services. Its aim is to support GPs, who are usually very busy, Wills says.

The larger practice also makes it easier for GPs to work flexible hours and take holidays, Wills says.

For patients, the new centre will offer extended hours, meaning patients can see a doctor, before hopping on a ferry to work for example, he says.

At Devonport Health Centre, some GPs will be shareholders, while others are employees, Wills says.

As well as an interior fit-out, Devonport architect Chris Hume has designed a new facade, which Wills says will improve the look of the

building's street frontage.

Wills wasn't able to say when the centre would open, given the need to gain resource and building consents, followed by the renovations.

Sole gas station on peninsula shut for six months

BP will close its petrol station on Lake Rd for six months from July for renovations.

It will reopen in early December, making getting petrol more difficult for Devonport residents, with the nearest petrol station now on Barrys Point Rd.

"We understand this may be an inconvenience and would like to apologise for that," a BP spokesperson said.

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By Rob Drent

Anyone recall the plans to build a ferry terminal at Bayswater?

They first emerged around 20 years ago, with detailed designs put to the Devonport Community Board.

Nothing happened, timings were pushed out and the project was effectively mothballed.

In 2009, a \$23 million Bayswater ferry terminal revamp was included in a multibillion dollar government announcement on Auckland transport funding.

Construction of the terminal was supposed to start in 2010. But nothing happened.

Fast forward a few years, and by 2018 local body members were still debating when the

terminal would be built. It was included in the Regional Land Transport Plan, with a cost of \$14 million, but there was no funding set aside for it.

Likewise, the Devonport Wharf, which continues to bemuse tourists in its unfinished state. An extra \$6 million is needed for stage three of the project – the area (currently empty) from the toilets to the ferry gates, but it is unfunded – although included in the plan, but with no budget for it in the next 10 years.

So the latest news the Allen Hill soccer grounds upgrade has been set back to 2021 is sobering.

The soccer club has been struggling to maintain the grounds over recent years and has handed over the fields to Auckland Council, which will see the fences come down and the land return to a park. A resource consent hearing on the project, which includes an upgrade to the turf and new entrances, is set for August.

At a board workshop, member Grant Gilson gave council officers quite a grilling over budgets which saw other North Shore projects – walkways at Lake Pupuke, and the Plymouth cycleway – also pushed back.

Councillor Chris Darby has been quoted as saying that the reason the Allen Hill project was

set back was the delays brought about by the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board wanting the resource consent publicly notified.

This was at odds with what council officers told the board workshop, which the Flagstaff attended. They clearly stated all the North Shore projects were “ready to go”, but deferred as others in the growth areas of south and west Auckland were given priority.

While the deferred projects are unlikely to go the way of Bayswater Ferry Terminal or Devonport Wharf, North Shore United Football Club and the wider public have every right to feel aggrieved that the projects have effectively stalled for the time being.

Pedestrian crossings come gold-plated these days, it seems. A new pedestrian crossing set for outside 113 Bayswater Ave comes with a price tag of \$300,000. An office colleague speculated that in a previous generation all that was required was a couple of signs and tin of paint. In the not too distant past, pedestrian crossings cost \$96,000. I’ll be sending off for a cost breakdown on the 2019 model.

A reader more alert than me sent in a follow-up to The Arcade sign debacle in Wynyard St. Not only does the sign give wrong directions Wynyard is spelt “Wynard” and specialty shops spelt the American way rather than speciality.

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Recycling-centre criticism is misleading

I was sorry to see that the Flagstaff chose to print the very mean-spirited letter by Sam Mojel ("Recycling centre needs to make changes to garner local support", 28 June 2019). In his letter he made several allegations that are incorrect and/or misleading. I would encourage him to talk to the staff at the centre who will happily explain to him how the centre operates (and also the operational and safety issues that trucks driving through the centre were causing).

The centre is operated by the Global Action Plan Oceania (GAPO) trust, with a mandate to keep as much waste out of landfill as possible (they divert around 80%). As part of this, they sort through waste and identify items that can be resold. There is a charge for disposing of waste, because not everything can be repurposed and doing so often requires repairs, meaning time and labour. If Sam Mojel objects to that, he can always take his rubbish directly to a "trusted organisation" like the Salvation Army (which, incidentally,

also uses the recycling centre to dispose of excess items).

The staff who work at the recycling centre work hard in very unglamorous conditions and care about what they are doing. The centre also ploughs any profits back into local organisations and schools. This is one of the good-news stories in our community and it deserves our support – even if they do sometimes disturb Mr Mojel when he's outside having a coffee.

Jacki McKay

• In response to an earlier story about the recycling centre raising prices in a bid to avoid closure (14 June), Parul Sood, Auckland Council's waste solutions programme director said, "While we are unable to comment on any financial discussions between Auckland Council and GAPO, we are committed to working with GAPO in the running of the Devonport Community Recycling Centre."

Recycling centre makes us proud

I have watched the Devonport recycling centre continue to operate on a tight budget and want to commend the manager and staff for their friendly and helpful approach to making the most of our rubbish.

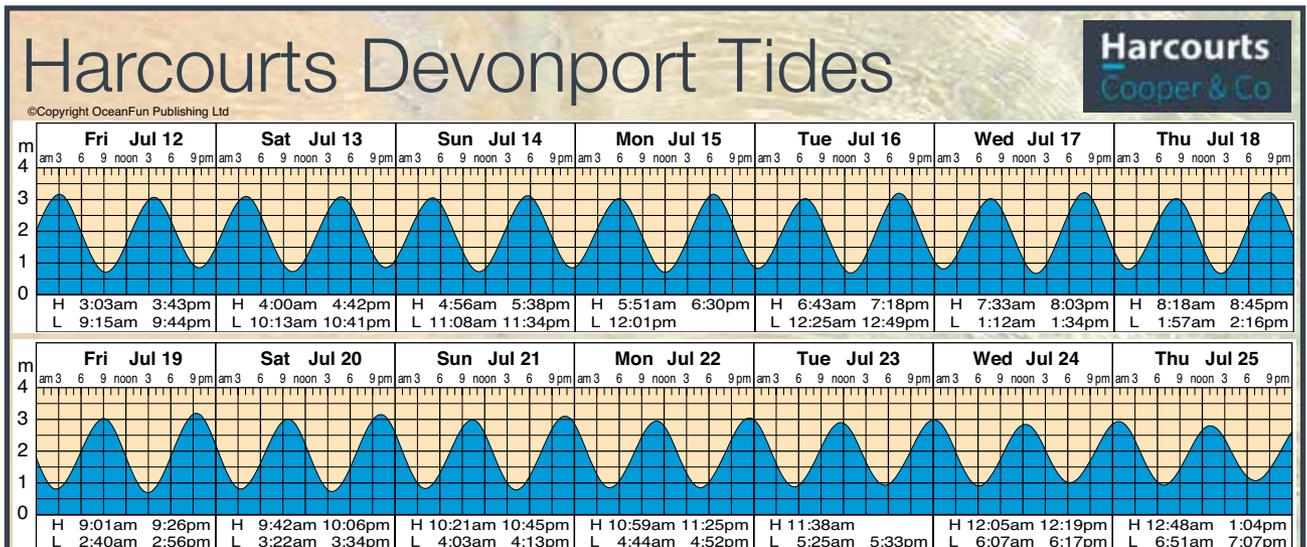
I understand the business is not making a reliable profit and yet I note that every effort is made to recycle our waste products and/or repurpose them.

I want to sincerely thank the staff for their

thankless task of dealing with our damaged, unfashionable and unwanted possessions, while doing their best to find other uses for our stuff. I can envisage that profits, if any, would be very light.

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Left behind by the buses... again

I am bursting into print to express my annoyance at, once again, being left halfway along the Devonport Wharf, having disembarked from the ferry, only to see both the loop and the 814 buses pull away.

Note that the ferry was still docked.

As you know, these services are heavily used, especially by the elderly... many cannot virtually run to reach the bus stop in time, nor should they have to.

Surely it is a basic function of these public services to coordinate so they do just that?

It is especially offensive when the weather is poor, and folk are left to fend for themselves

with inadequate seating and no handy shelter... I walked home, and I'm 70.

It is something I raised some months ago with Auckland Transport. I got sympathy and a promise that it would be brought up at a meeting, but the rep commented it is essentially an issue involving two private companies. No, it isn't.

If you are able to investigate and possibly influence an improvement, there would be many of us who would be appreciative.

Barry Watkin

Openings on local board

Apropos your article in Flagstaff of 28 June about incumbents standing in October for election to the Devonport Takapuna Local Board, now that we know that Dr Grant Gillon is seeking election only as a North Shore Ward Councillor, and Mike Cohen doesn't see "a strong reason to stand", it is clear that the way is opened up for at least two new faces on that Board.

Let's hope that suitable public-spirited people will present themselves as candidates. But let us all play our part by taking an interest in the forthcoming elections, and by turning out in much greater numbers to vote. If we don't vote, we have no right to criticise what the Board does in our name.

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Collector dreams of turning her home into a museum

Sandra Killen's house is packed with art. She tells Jodi Yeats about how her collecting began – conceding she may have got carried away. Now, she hopes to find a way of sharing her treasures with others.



Living the dream... A passion for fantasy art led Devonport's Sandra Killen to a period of collecting paintings and sculptures

Rows of paintings fill every available space on the walls of a small century-old cottage in Devonport.

A giant sculpture of a bronze dog in a suit strides from the lounge towards the kitchen, a lonely hound setting out with a guitar case hauled over his shoulder, paws in pockets.

A bay window houses a large Gollum and shelves of *Lord of the Rings* figurines.

Collector Sandra Killen isn't crazy about

Gollum, but purchased the model as part of her dream of turning her villa into a museum.

"There's nothing here in Auckland to do with *Lord of the Rings*. We have got so many tourists, but there's nothing like this in Devonport."

Killen's house is packed with art works. In one spot a Dean Buchanan painting is hung on top of another one. In a small foyer, a Buchanan canvas hangs, drooping, from the

ceiling. The attic is full of art.

While she isn't sure how to go about creating a museum, Killen who attends The Light church in Devonport, believes it will happen if it is meant to.

"I would love to turn this house into a museum. My daughter left home to live with her father at a young age. It was a time when I had a bit of money and it [collecting art] helped me through."

A combination of an inheritance and selling an apartment in central Auckland gave Killen the windfall she needed to get started in 2010.

Killen, now 55, has previously also bought properties and renovated them before reselling them.

After her marriage ended, a trip to the South Island introduced Killen to the Queens-town-based creator of the 'Lonely Dog' art franchise, Ivan Clarke, along with his associate writer and artist Stu Duval.

Clarke has become a friend, who, she says, always has time to talk to her.

"I'm one of his biggest collectors. I've got all the books. One that is valued at \$60,000, I got for \$8000."

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Hounded... The brainchild of Queenstown artist Ivan Clarke, *Lonely Dog* started as a whimsical portrait of a family dog and went on to become a franchise – one that has captivated avid collector Sandra Killen

The signed, hand-drawn and beautifully crafted book is a work of art, which is its true value, as far as Killen is concerned.

“I’m one of the collectors who doesn’t want to sell the art. I’d love to have this all as a museum. I have a lot more than you see,” she says.

Killen estimates she could have a hundred of Clarke’s paintings.

Then there’s a portrait of herself and her father as hounds, dressed in tartan, painted by Stu Duval, inscribed ‘Lord Patrick Killen and Countess Sandra’.

Killen plays YouTube videos on the television of interviews with Clarke and scenes from Comic-Con, expos in the United States where some of her Weta Studio-created artworks have been displayed.

In another room, commercial radio blares in a high-voltage combination.

Killen’s passion for fantasy art originated in an enjoyment of comics, especially Mickey Mouse, as a child, though she never pursued art herself.

She is drawn to artists who are living in places they love – Clarke in Queenstown and Buchanan in Karekare.

After growing up in Taranaki, Killen’s place is Devonport and intends to never leave.

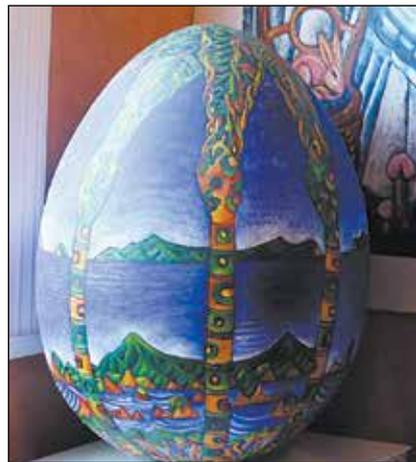
A massive Buchanan painting, inspired by the Mad Hatter’s tea party, takes up an entire wall of her living room. Killen loves that she can look at it for two hours and still find something she hasn’t seen before.

Collecting was a choice she made at a time in her life when she had the chance and, Killen concedes, she may have got carried away.

“I don’t go on holidays. I don’t smoke or drink. I’m not in the market now to buy stuff. I think most people have an opportunity to



Family portrait... Artist Stu Duval portrayed Sandra Killen and her father as hounds of the castle, wearing tartan. The work is called *Lord Patrick Killen and Countess Sandra*.



Good egg... Purchasing this Dean Buchanan painting raised funds for Starship children’s hospital

do something. It was my personal choice. I haven’t done up the kitchen.

“I realise I have got a little too much. It’s more than I anticipated, even for a museum. If things are meant to happen [a museum], something will.”

Killen shares her home with family friend Henry Faulkner who, fortunately, likes Buchanan’s artwork.

He has his own bedroom-cum-office-cum-workshop, a true man-cave at the back of the house, where he can pursue his own interests.



Model guest... Gollum is one of Sandra Killen’s extensive collection of fibreglass models from Weta studios, some of which were crafted for US expo Comic-Con

Faulkner once owned the cottage, but sold it to Killen. It’s an amicable arrangement and they evidently jog along well as house-mates.

Killen says her collection tracks her mood. When she’s inspired to dust and polish her artworks, all is well in the world.

While her home is cluttered, shady and in a near-original state, it is beautifully looked after.

Killen, who describes herself as ‘self-retired’ is clearly enjoying her artfully curated world.

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To the Devonport community,

There are a number of changes and developments happening on the Devonport ferry route, and we want to keep you up to date. We acknowledge the recent disruptions and apologise for the impact they've had on your day. **A full update about Devonport vessels and Downtown Ferry Terminal redevelopment works is now up on fullers.co.nz/customer-updates.**

A new vessel will be added to the Devonport route in August. We have recently invested \$13 million in two vessels to provide further resilience to the both the Devonport and Waiheke routes. One of these vessels is the previously-leased Capricornian Surfer, which is being completely refurbished and will join the fleet permanently to share the Devonport route with Kea.

The Downtown Ferry Terminal redevelopment is an ongoing project that will affect our services from time to time. Auckland Transport is currently installing a new berth at Pier 1B expected to reopen in mid-July, meaning Devonport services will resume from Pier 1B soon.

Better and more timely communication with our customers is a top priority. We're in discussion with Auckland Transport to improve signage on the wharf. The MyFerry app is currently under review, with a major update expected to be completed in three months.

It is essential that we collaborate with Auckland Transport and Auckland Council - who control the infrastructure on which we rely to deliver all ferry services - to plan and provide for our customers' needs and deliver a sustainable service. We'll keep the Devonport community updated as we progress these conversations.

Thank you for your patience during this time. We want to make sure you know what's going on and ask for your flexibility and continued respect for our crew who are working hard to get you where you need to be. If you have any questions or feedback, please reach out to us at enquiries@fullers.co.nz.

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Without their input and the hard work of the members and families of the club, it would not have been able to achieve the things it has.

Over the past 12 months, the Devonport Rotary Club has achieved the following:

- Successfully raised over \$15,000
- Supported a French exchange student
- Supported the NZ Sculpture OnShore in raising funds for Women's Refuge
- Worked on the Narrow Neck Pump Park project
- Paid for a new training dummy for Devonport Fire Brigade
- Provided five music walls for childcare centres
- Funded, updated and reprinted 20,000 free heritage walk booklets
- Funded the stone plinth for Benjamin the Cat
- Purchased a new outboard engine for Wakatere Boating Club
- Donated \$4,000 to the Rotary Foundation and its fight against polio
- Supported the North Shore Cricket Club
- Implemented a project to relocate the Windsor Reserve Playground to Vanuatu

It has also worked with TGS and sent local youth on a number of youth programmes, including:

- Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)
- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)
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Each year, there are a number of local initiatives we are involved in. We thank you for your support, and welcome you to join us in the next 12 months as we continue to service our community.

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Allen Hill football ground upgrade put on backburner

The Allen Hill soccer ground upgrade has been delayed to 2021, along with two other key North Shore projects.

The Devonport-Takapuna Local Board was told that council funds are instead being transferred to west and south Auckland.

The other key projects being delayed are the Plymouth Reserve walkway and cycleway project in Belmont and walkways around Lake Pupuke.

The deferment of the projects was revealed at a Devonport-Takapuna Local Board workshop last week, when Auckland Council officers were grilled by board members on the status of council budgets.

The Allen Hill and walkway projects are set to be delayed until 2021, and the Plymouth Reserve project deferred beyond three years, the officers said.

Board member Grant Gillon was furious at the delays.

“To date, we had only three ‘Growth Funded’ projects in our local-board area, and now these three are on the chopping block,” he said.

Despite the increasing amount of development in the board area (including in Anzac Ave, Killarney St, Bracken Ave, Burns Ave and Bardia St, and the Ryman rest home at Ngataranga, and Ngati Whatua projects at Bayswater, Belmont and Hauraki), associated development contributions were being moved south and west, he said.

Council officers said there was extreme pressure on the growth funds, and although the North Shore projects were ready or near ready to proceed, the recommendations to defer were made on “use and growth” needs.

Gillon said the Allen Hill upgrade was about to go to a consent hearing in August and it was important to “just get on with the project”, which would benefit hundreds of players.

“All the delays are at a stage where they will incur extra costs when they start to proceed again, as current work will undoubtedly need repeating,” he said.

“It’s time council stopped treating North Shore as a cash cow and started to reinvest back into our community,” Gillon said.

Board member Mike Cohen said if the board was playing poker “we would have been dealt a very bad hand at the moment”. The public was tired of being promised projects only for budgets to be shifted into the future, he said.

The board will put its case to retain the budgeted money for the projects to council’s environment and community committee on 10 July.

North Shore United chairman Steve Browning said the delay on the ground upgrade was disappointing and there was a “risk” that further deferments could occur.

He hoped the consent hearing would proceed without too many extra conditions being imposed.

Merger meetings dates set

The proposed merger of North Shore United and Forrest Hill Milford football clubs will go to a special meeting at Allen Hill Stadium on 6 August.

A communications evening about the merger was held by both clubs on 2 July, with around 100 attending at Allen Hill, including numerous life members.

The North Shore United meeting went for two and half hours and, according to chairman Steve Browning, covered a wide range of issues surrounding the running of the club.

Ten club members signed the required request for a special meeting.

Under club rules a “consensus” needs to be found to go ahead with the merger. If contention exists, a vote of two-thirds of members or more is needed.

The Forrest Hill Milford club is holding a special meeting on the same night.

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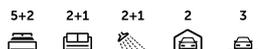
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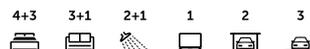


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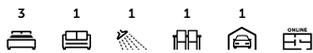
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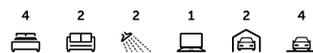
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Library supporters clock up half a century

Devonport Library Associates celebrated the organisation's 50th birthday last week. Founding member Denys Oldham looks back over the years.

Some 49 years ago, I fell in with Professor Sydney Musgrove, a long-time acquaintance and Devonportian who said "Come with me, we are going to the first AGM of the library associates."

Out of politeness I agreed, and in payment Mus put me on the committee.

The associates were founded by three determined and resourceful women: Professor Muriel Lloyd Pritchard, professor of economic history at Auckland University; Mrs Mary Haines, the wife of Colonel George Haines of the Royal Marines; and Shirley Brickell, a prominent figure in the art world and potter Barry Brickell's mother.

The inaugural meeting held 50 years ago was chaired by Ted Jackson, the mayor of Devonport, proprietor of the Melrose store and also probably the local bookie.

The aims of the society were to help the public library, which was quite an unusual activity for such a small borough.

Muriel's contacts at the university enabled the associates to reprint Tom Walsh's "Story of Devonport and the Old North Shore". And from the proceeds we were able to set up an art-print hire service through the library. Colin retired to Wales and was succeeded by Ted Sheehan, new mayor, and after him Allan Rosier of the Railways, who was a fanatical tree planter – hence all the pohutukawa on Mt Vic.

He was followed by Colin Bowley, a lecturer in linguistics at Auckland. Colin's wife and daughter sang divinely and we had a number of musical evenings, and regular evening talks over the years.

The Brickell family moved to Coromandel, where Shirley persuaded Barry to make the Ferry Tiles, nicely displayed in the library now, which the Library Associates commissioned and paid for.

The associates also started a CD-hire service and obtained a full set of Lands and Survey maps of all New Zealand for the library.

We were instrumental in having Glenda Randerson's excellent portrait of our patron, Kevin Ireland, hung in the library.

We have, over the years given special books to the library, such as Professor Ronald Keam's exhaustive work on the Tarawera eruption, and in 1986 we helped promote the Devonport Borough Centenary Pottery collection, now on display.

As we all know, Devonport is the literary capital of New Zealand. We are forever in debt to Joyce Fairgray, who has produced for us two excellent biographies of Devonport writers with an international reputation.

Hector Bolitho was probably the most successful New Zealand author of the 30s and 40s. But, as he was based in Britain, the local literati have never forgiven him. We published a small monograph on Patuone, the great Ngaphuhi chief by Gainor Jackson, Gifford Jackson's father. Gifford was a pioneer of industrial



design in New Zealand and on our committee. Isobel Maud Peacocke was an early children's author at the start of the 20th century, still quite readable today, and interesting for her record of life in Devonport at the time.

The associates have identified the houses of local writers with small plaques. We are currently putting together a collection of the works of 'Devonport Authors', which is growing steadily.

Our library occupies historic land. The first reference in Tom Walsh's history of Devonport is July 1878, when the 12th AGM of the Rate-payers Association took over "the library of the defunct Devonport Literary Association". In 1880 it is recorded that a charge of sixpence a month would be made for use of the library, and in 1897, 'The Queen Victoria Jubilee Reading Room' opened. But it wasn't until the 1940s that a proper library was built on the site alongside the Plunket rooms, on the former site of the council chambers which had moved across the road to the original post office.

The last major project of the doomed Devonport Borough was to spend the residue of its money on a major upgrade of that library. This included an excellent new main entry which displayed our Ferry Tiles. This work was designed by the late Kelvin Grant, who incidentally sent his apologies to the founding meeting 50 years ago. Kelvin and Val Grant, who have died, bequeathed a large sum of money to the associates, without strings, which we are putting towards the Devonport Authors collection. Alas, despite my submissions to the planning hearing to keep Kelvin's work, all was swept away for this smart new building, of which we are justly proud. The planning consent did include a requirement of an historic plaque, which we eagerly await and will be sited behind the Mayor's chair upstairs.

From the beginning... Denys Oldham, who was at the Associates' first AGM, farewells one of the founders, Mary Haines, in 2004

Tūpuna Maunga Authority

The Tūpuna Maunga Authority welcomes public feedback on the Proposed Tūpuna Maunga Integrated Management Plan Strategies.

The Strategies are the next level of substantive policy development for the Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains) of Tāmaki Makaurau / Auckland and give effect to the Values and Pathways in the Tūpuna Maunga Integrated Management Plan 2016.

The Proposed Strategies can be viewed online at www.maunga.nz, at your local library and at Auckland Council Service Centres from 6 July to 16 August 2019.

Email submissions by 5pm 16 August 2019 to MaungaStrategies@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

All written feedback will be considered by the Tūpuna Maunga Authority (there are no in-person hearings).

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Talented Andre puts the squeeze on his rivals

Young accordion player Andre Smirnov hit the right key at the 2019 South Pacific and New Zealand Accordion Championships when he placed first in all three categories he entered.

The Belmont Intermediate student started playing accordion four years ago when he decided he would like to carry on an old family tradition.

“I already played piano and I decided I wanted to play something else,” says Andre.

“My mum told me that we have a history of accordion in our family because my great-grandfather played the button accordion.”

Over the past four years, the 11-year-old has been dedicated to learning the old-fashioned instrument, which requires a high level of coordination.

Andre competed at the New Zealand Accordion Association championships in June and won first in the 11-years-and-under solo, 11-year qualified solo and qualified original composition.

His wins meant he was invited to play in a massed orchestra with some of the best accordionists in the country, including world champions Grayson Masefield and Cory Pesaturo.



Keys to success... Belmont Intermediate student Andre Smirnov won all three categories he entered in the 2019 South Pacific and New Zealand Accordion Championships

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Board of Trustees Election 2019 Declaration of Parent and Staff Election Results

Parent Representatives votes:

Simon Angelo	32
Gavin Busch	52
Jason Copus	42
Carl Howcroft	45
Mark Morgan	28
Paul Webster	22
Martin Weekes	44
Invalid Votes	3

I hereby declare the following duly elected:

- Simon Angelo
- Gavin Busch
- Jason Copus
- Carl Howcroft
- Martin Weekes

Staff representative:

Lucia Dawbin

Signed: Renee Mossman, Returning Officer

Belmont Primary School

Board of Trustees Election 2019 Declaration of Parent and Staff Election Results

Parent Representatives votes:

Simon Priddy	109
Michael Sweetman	99
Chris Jewell	90
Nissa Jameson	85
Anand Reddy	85
Rochelle Cooper	66
Elizabeth Elkins	45
Invalid Votes	12

I hereby declare the following duly elected:

- Simon Priddy
- Michael Sweetman
- Chris Jewell
- Nissa Jameson
- Anand Reddy

Staff representative votes (only one nomination received):

Moira Clews

Signed Joyce Oorschot, Returning Officer

New Bayswater pedestrian crossing given priority

A new \$300,000 pedestrian crossing on Bayswater Ave has been given the thumbs up by the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board, with the aim of improving safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

The board last week had a chance to prioritise small roading projects to tap into a \$678,000 Auckland Transport fund made available to bring specific local authority projects up the pecking order.

The board put a \$390,000 Sunnynook Bus station mid-block crossing as its top priority, with the Bayswater crossing second. A \$390,000 pedestrian crossing on East Coast Rd between William Souter St and Forrest Hill roundabout was third.

It is highly likely both the Sunnynook and Bayswater crossings will get the go-ahead when Auckland Transport makes its final decisions later in July.

Board members Mike Cohen and Grant Gillon put the crossing earmarked for outside 113 Bayswater Ave as their top priority as it would specifically help the safety of children.

Gillon said: “We even had a group of children from Bayswater coming to us saying they felt unsafe going to school.”

Let us spray: weeds hamper cricket

Junior players from North Shore Cricket Club attended a Devonport-Takapuna Local Board public forum to lobby for weed spraying at Devonport Domain.

Audrey (11) and Toby Melhuish (10) joined club life member Roger Brittenden, chairman Hayden Smith and club manager and star player Tendai Chitongo to highlight the poor state of the grounds.

Brittenden said the fields had not been sprayed since around 2003, with broadleaf weeds affecting grass growth and Onehunga Weed widespread from spring onwards, with its accompanying prickles.

Audrey told the board: "When you dive to stop a ball going to the boundary and you come up with prickles it's not very nice."

Toby described the prickles as "annoying".

Chitongo said senior players suffered many cuts and grazes during matches due to the sparse ground cover and the viability of the Devonport Domain as a premier cricket venue was at risk.

Brittenden said he "could not understand having a domain where children cannot walk around barefoot in summer".

The club wanted to use non-glyphosate spray on the fields.

Board member Grant Gillon understood glyphosate sprays – which include Roundup – had been banned at the ground, but alternative sprays were okay.

Brittenden believed a general ban on



Sick of the prickles... Audrey and Toby Melhuish (front), and Tendai Chitongo (left), Roger Brittenden, and Hayden Smith at the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board public forum

spraying had been enforced since the advent of the Auckland super city.

The board asked council staff to clarify

the spraying policy on Devonport Domain and nearby Vauxhall Reserve, the home of North Shore Rugby Club.

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Former Wellingtonian became Auckland and North Shore identity

Alan Raine Topham OBE

Alan Topham, Devonport resident for more than 40 years, passed away at Northbridge Hospital this month. He was 89.

A prominent business leader, he had a hand in high-profile sailing campaigns and an involvement in many community organisations.

Topham was born in Wellington in 1930. His schooling was at Tawa Flat School and Wellington College.

On leaving school, he worked at the DIC department store, where he met Elizabeth Thompson from Auckland, who was demonstrating beauty products. They were married in 1955.

Topham joined McKenzies for a job which took him the length of NZ, visiting the firm's 53 stores from Kaitaia to Invercargill.

After eight years, he left to work in the family business, but was then lured to Auckland to work for Tom Clark at Crown Lynn. Alan, Betty and son Geoffrey made their home in Devonport.

Topham started at Crown Lynn as the sales manager, working up to marketing manager and finally general manager, in charge of over 700 employees at the factory's peak. His work included travelling to export markets, lobbying the government of the day and generally managing a thriving export manufacturing company. Topham loved his time at Crown Lynn.

Topham, who was instilled with a love of music as a child – and at 13 played a solo of *Danny Boy* on the violin in Wellington Town Hall – spent 10 years working with the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra in the 1970s, becoming president and having his contribution acknowledged with life membership.

He served on the Export Institute as its first president, leading a trade delegation to the Middle East, had six years on the Winston



Alan Topham OBE was a business identity who brought his family firm to the North Shore and had a strong involvement in community organisations

Churchill Trust Board, and was also involved in Rotary, in Takapuna

He received an OBE for services to exporting and the community.

Topham became involved in Clark's yachting campaigns, all the way through to the America's Cup.

Jock O'Connor, who worked with Topham on Peter Blake-led campaigns with the New Zealand International Yacht Racing Trust, said: "I will always remember Alan for his patient, unflappable style, his dress sense and his all-round integrity. He was always very kind to me – tolerant you might say – a quality he no doubt polished in sweeping up after Clark and his many schemes and enthusiasms."

In 1982, Topham bought the family importing business, John Raine Ltd, and moved it from Wellington to Auckland City, where

it operated for some 15 years in Wellesley St. It made the move to Glenfield in 1998, where it still is. Topham regularly visited the company's suppliers in England, Germany, Italy and Portugal.

The Topham family was involved in a wide range of North Shore clubs and organisations, including Wakatere Boating Club, North Shore Rugby Club, Waitemata and North Shore Golf Clubs, Belmont Racquets Club, and the National Party in the North Shore and Northcote electorates.

Alan lived at Northbridge retirement village for the last 16 years. He is survived by Betty Topham, his partner of 64 years (who still resides at Northbridge) and sons Geoff, Brian and Martin. Eldest son Geoff now manages John Raine Ltd and lives with his family in Belmont.

– Geoff Topham

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The Devonport Claystore lost a highly respected and valued volunteer when Tom Murray died last month, aged 81.

Murray completed his boatbuilding apprenticeship in Aberdeen, Scotland, before entering the merchant navy as a shipwright.

Later, moving to Devonport with his wife Lily, he worked in the Naval Base, before running his own business.

Following retirement, and for over 12 years, Murray became a leader and key member among the Claystore volunteers, who knew him as a devoted family man and stickler for good workshop practice and tidiness.

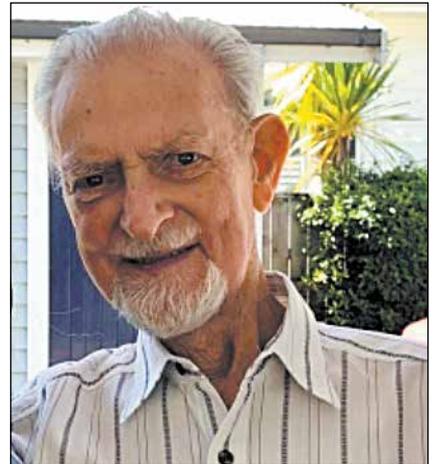
Sadly, during this time he lost his beloved Lily to cancer.

Always community minded, he worked tirelessly until only a few weeks before he died.

Hospice, Wilson Home, Play Centres, Community House, local schools and the general public all benefited from his many skills and wide knowledge.

He was one of two volunteers late last year awarded medals by the Prime Minister in recognition of their work on the crosses used by the Field of Remembrance Trust in commemorations for New Zealanders lost in World War I and II.

Helping hand... Many groups and members of the public benefited from Tom Murray's expertise



Toddlers make tough decision



Musical chairs... Saskia McNicol was one of the toddler 'judges' who played music walls made by Rotary members, ultimately choosing one to take back to their own Takarunga Playcentre

Preschoolers from Takarunga Playcentre attended a noisier-than-usual Devonport Rotary meeting to 'judge' five music walls created by members.

The outdoors boards are festooned with musical instruments and give toddlers an opportunity to make sounds and have unusual auditory experiences, president Gavin Busch says.

After the children banged on pots and tubes, squeezed horns, strummed ukuleles and thoroughly tested each board, they were asked to choose one for their own centre. After a bit of indecision, they chose Colin Cannon's. Other boards went to Narrow Neck Playcentre, Belmont Bayswater Kindergarten and Devonport Methodist Childcare Centre, and another going to a child-care centre in Taranaki.

For the friendly competition, members were tasked with using as many recycled materials as possible.

In the 28 June Flagstaff, a photograph of a Rotary member cleaning the Victoria Theatre's chandelier incorrectly identified the man pictured as Colin Cannon, when in fact it was Phil Le Gros.

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Murray's excited to be part of the team

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Murray says it is quite a change from his previous roles working in vocational tertiary education, most recently as academic dean of innovation and development, for business enterprise and high technology networks at Unitec.

"It's different but there are a lot

of parallels with education and the aged care sector," he says.

Murray, who lives north of Auckland in Millwater with his wife Karen and their beloved cat Sky, says his friends and family have all had extremely positive reactions on hearing about his new role.

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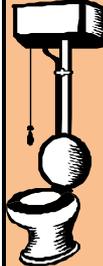
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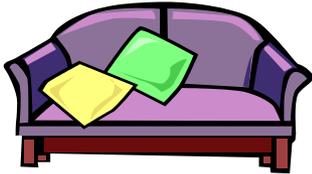
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SCHOOL NEWS



Grammar

JUL 12, 2019

Dance Evening

Performers running around in flight attendant uniforms, waistcoats, feathered leotards, even lime green flapper dresses - it's a scene you would only find backstage at Takapuna Grammar School's annual Dance Evening. Held at the Bruce Mason Centre, the event is an incredible array of dancers from elite dance companies Cactus and Tempus, the extracurricular dance clubs and the dance classes coming together to showcase the amazing talent we have here at TGS. Since the start of the year, all the dancers have been working towards this evening, under the guidance of dance teachers Juliet Cryns and Alana Drake and their group of dance leaders (who lead and choreograph dances for the variety of co-curricular dance groups we have available). The co-curricular dance groups are fantastic because they mean that everyone has the opportunity to dance at TGS, even if they don't get into one of the auditioned dance companies or take dance as a subject. After much anticipation and practice leading up to the occasion, the big day finally arrived.

The dance leaders arrived bright and early at eight in the morning (which, considering they didn't leave again until the end of the show, meant they didn't see the sun for 14 hours). They were followed by the dance classes and companies at 9:30. The day was spent doing run throughs and technical blocking, followed by a full run through when the co-curricular dance groups arrived at 1:30. The hours leading up to the show were a blur of hair, makeup, costume arrangements and general panic as the audience arrived. When 7:30 came along, the show went off without a hitch to a receptive and enthusiastic audience. Dance leader Ellie Brown reflected that it was 'such a rewarding and fun event,' and that it was 'amazing to see the dedication that everyone put into the dances, and so fun to dance alongside incredible dancers and showcase our work'. Many thanks to Ms Cryns and Ms Drake for all of their hard work on the show, the incredible sound, lighting and backstage crew, and of course our amazing dance leaders without whom the show couldn't have happened.

BY AISLIN WELLS



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SCHOOL NEWS



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TGS Model United Nations



Our library was transformed into the General Assembly for Takapuna Grammar Model United Nations 2019 on Sunday 23rd of June. 27 students each represented the views of a UN nation on the issues of the refugee crisis and media manipulation. These topics stimulated engaging debate and helped delegates gain knowledge about world issues while developing their debating skills. The event was run by TGS UN Youth Club leaders Libby Lord and Rhain Lisk in collaboration with the TGS TedX and Unicef clubs. The TEDx club delivered a

compelling speech to attendees about climate change, and the UNICEF club prepared two workshops for delegates on the topics of education and mental health and wellbeing. These workshops provided a valuable forum for discussion about how the UN is working to promote education and mental health as part of the 2030 Agenda. Organiser Rhain Lisk described the event as 'a great success, providing the opportunity for young people to get involved and discuss world issues'.

BY LIBBY LORD

from the Lion's Den



THE LATEST IN SPORT

Ex TGS student **Pia Tapsell** is about to make her debut for the Black Ferns Rugby team! Great to see our students excelling at a National level after they leave school.

BASKETBALL On Wednesday our Junior A Boys team won big 77-36 with **Vincent Moataane** scoring 27 points and **Brody Cooper's** 16 point performance. Our Year 9 Boys team came back from a 15 point deficit to win by two points in a very close and exciting game. Our Senior A Boys team got back to their winning ways last night winning 59-56 led by captain **Nikora O'Hare's** 14 points.

FOOTBALL Our girls 2nd XI beat 4-0 Kingsway with a great team performance.

NUTRITION SEMINAR Our TGS Sports Academy & premier sports teams (and parents) came along to a Sports Nutrition seminar this week led by dietician Tessa Bollard. Tessa gave a very informative talk and our students learned how to correctly fuel their bodies for sport.

Ted-Ed Showcase

'Power of silence' and 'Waking up with a purpose' were some of the intriguing and original topics explored at Takapuna Grammar School's annual Ted Ed Showcase. This year, ten talented students presented meaningful messages at the showcase. Friends and family gathered eagerly to watch the amazing presentations that students had been working on since the beginning of the year. A large variety of topics were covered, including an inspirational speech on male body positivity and a presentation on meat consumption. Another student presented ideas about Korean pop culture and its detrimental effects on society. Moreover, two students kindly performed during the exciting night. One flew across the stage as she performed a traditional Chinese Fan Dance, while another sang the classic 'Come Fly With Me'. Evelyn Campbell, a member of the audience, said, "It was a very insightful evening!" Lin Li Yeoh and Laiba Batool, the leaders of Ted-Ed, worked hard to make sure that the night was a success. With the help of Rosalind Kayes, they were able to pull off an evening that was formal and ran smoothly. One of the talented speakers, Ruiliang Nie, provided comment after the showcase: 'I realised it's unlikely we'll never encounter an opportunity to speak in front of a crowd. I made sure that when I do get the opportunity, I'll do it right. It was also the perfect excuse to talk about fishing.'

BY LIN LI YEOH AND LAIBA BATOOL

Hallelujah! Two TGS choirs make Big Sing nationals



Council contractors clean up cemetery

Devonport's historic Mt Victoria cemetery has been cleaned up, after lobbying by a cemetery volunteer and coverage by the Flagstaff.

Council subcontractor Landscape Solutions sent a team of 15 staff, during storms on 4 and 5 July, to clean up the dead leaves, litter and branch offcuts left behind by arborists who pruned trees in the cemetery.

In addition, the team took away large bags full of leaves that had been left behind for many months.

Cemetery volunteer Gail Lyons also notified the council about a grave that was damaged by the arborists, along with wooden crosses knocked over and laminated biographies, which were created for last year's heritage festival, torn off.

Council heritage advisor Chris Mallows maintains the graves have not been damaged.

Lyons has asked Auckland Council to produce a maintenance plan for the cemetery, given it is a heritage site, reiterating a call originally made by the group of volunteers in 2016.

Singing success... Takapuna Grammar's Chorale competing in the Big Sing regional competition at Auckland Town Hall last month. For the first time, two choirs from the school – the Chorale and Leonessa – have won their way through to the Big Sing Finals, which will be held in Dunedin in August. Just three secondary schools have more than one choir attending.

STANLEY BAY SCHOOL Board of Trustees casual vacancy for an elected trustee

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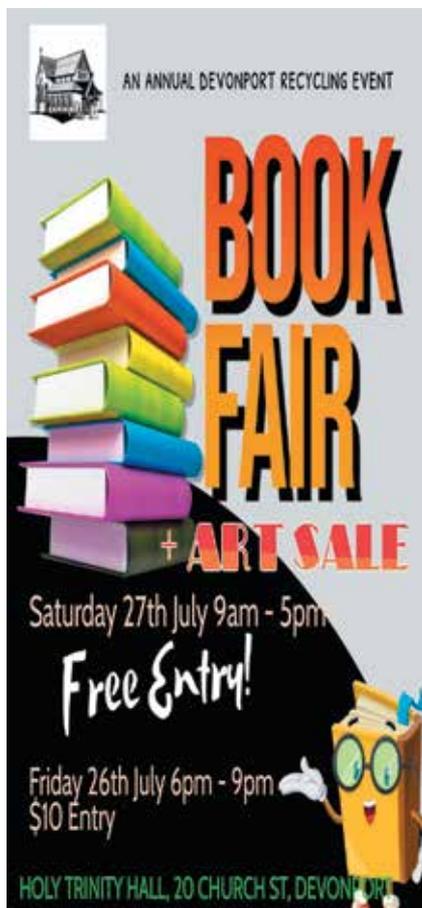
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The Pride take on Northcote in club semi-final

North Shore's premier rugby side The Pride is on the crest of a wave going into this weekend's semi-final clash with Northcote, winning its last several matches to secure a home match at Vauxhall Reserve.

The side entered a rebuilding phase four years ago, said manager Scott Fitchett.

And the solid second placing in pool play, which gave the team a bye into the semi-finals, was the culmination of that.

"A lot of the guys are still 22 or 23, but we have built depth and experience", Fitchett said.

Coach Frano Botica, had got the team "peaking at the right time of the season," Fitchett said. "We've been building as the season has gone on and we have improved as a unit as the confidence has developed."

The side had a strong bench, which could be

the difference in a competition that is one of the most even in years.

"Any of the top four sides could take out the championship," Fitchett said.

Apart from James Fiebig and Daniel Hilton-Jones, who were out for the season, North Shore goes into the match injury free.

A large crowd of Pride supporters are expected at the match, which kicks off at 2.45 pm. Takapuna plays East Coast Bays in the other semi-final. Takapuna squeezed into the semi-finals, after beating Massey 23-22.

• North Shore United Football club's premier team's Chatham Cup run ended last weekend with a 2-0 loss to Onehunga Sports.

It still leads the Northern League and plays Western Springs at Allen Hill Stadium tomorrow (July 13) at 3 pm.

Devonport Ferry terminal makeover – for one night only

Devonport's ferry terminal is turning into a runway for Fashion on the Wharf on 25 July.

The empty southern space inside the terminal is being used in a first of its kind fashion event, from 7-9pm.

Devonport's designers and fashion retailers will be showcasing their wares alongside the wonderful 'unwearable' art creations of Beatrice Carlson.

Twelve businesses will exhibit five looks in a one-hour show of fashion.

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