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Birth slump in Devonport hits school rolls

The number of babies born to Devonport parents has plummeted in the past decade, taking a toll on the rolls of local schools.

Only 40 births were registered by local parents last year, compared to 151 in 2008, ac-

ording to Department of Internal Affairs data.

Stanley Bay School, along with other schools at the Devonport end of the peninsula, has faced challenges with its roll over the past 10 years, according to principal Lucy Naylor.

“The school’s roll 10 years ago was approximately 14 per cent higher than it is now, and fewer school-age children living within the school zone is the major factor,” Naylor says.

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Smiles and sludge at Stanley Bay Stampede



Mud landing...Teina Herzer (centre) with Lucy (left) and Ivy Dustin. More pictures page 10 and 11

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Gull station hours cut back

A new petrol station in Devonport has been given the green light but its hours have been cut back significantly from the 24-hour, seven-day-a-week operation proposed.

Hours at the Gull Station at Tainui Rd in Cheltenham have been set at 7am to 10 pm Monday to Saturday, and 8am to 9pm on Sundays and public holidays, in a resource consent granted by Auckland Council.

Fuel tanker deliveries to the site will be restricted to between 8am and 8 pm, and will need to be managed by Gull staff.

Noise and lighting at night were major areas of concern for submitters on the proposal. Hearing commissioners felt these were

largely addressed by the restrictions to hours and delivery times.

Gull staff would have to be on-site (at the normally unmanned station) during promotional days to manage any queuing or other traffic issues.

“We find that the proposal is appropriate to its location in planning terms... we would also like to note the positive benefits this will provide the people of Devonport by providing choice in fuel providers,” the commissioners said in the decision.

The land at 66 Vauxhall Rd had been used as a service station for 30 years, but most recently as a mechanics’ workshop.

Commissioners take aim at zonings

The Auckland Council zonings for the Gull Site at 66 Vauxhall Rd were heavily criticised by hearings commissioners.

The land is zoned Business-Neighbourhood Centre Zone (NCZ), where service stations are a discretionary activity, and also within Devonport’s Special Character (heritage) Overlay.

Commissioners wondered if the site should be included in the special character zone at all

and asked “whether this was an oversight by the plan makers for the site”.

“It appears very strange for us that a site could be zoned for NCZ and then have a character overlay which imposes a range of standards that appear to be significantly at odds with the intention of the (business) zone.

“We believe this is an issue the council should investigate as part of the Plan Change 26 review process,” the commissioners said.

Nothing happening soon at Gull site

A new petrol station in Devonport is at least a year-and-a-half away.

Tainui Motors’ lease in Cheltenham expires in September 2020, “so unless they wish to depart early, Christmas 2020 would be the earliest opening date, if ever,” Gull’s commercial operations manager, Karl Mischewski, said.

“The decision is essentially meaningless as it is still subject to appeal, so until the appeals timeframe has expired there is no certainty about anything ever happening on this site.

“With the way the Resource Management Act is being administered by Auckland Council it’s a lengthy and costly miracle anything ever gets built in this city,” he said.

Gull has spent two years and \$250,000 to date and “we are just over half-way through

the consent process now and it all might be for absolutely nothing,” he said.

Gull acknowledged the community support it had received for the proposal via social media.

Devonport businesses recognised in retail awards

Two Devonport Businesses have gained placings in the 2019 Retail NZ Awards

Miller Road Fragrance Studio on Devonport’s waterfront was runner-up in the Visual Merchandising Award, while Devonport Chocolates in Wynyard St was highly commended in the Omni Channel Award.

Public meeting to grill candidates

Local body election hopefuls will face up to voters at a public meeting at the Devonport Community House on 19 September at 7pm.

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board candidates and North Shore ward candidates for Auckland Council will all be invited.

The meeting will be moderated by Lynn Lawton of the Depot.

3 Victoria Rd: empty for 396 days

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

It has now been unoccupied for 396 days. Auckland Council development arm Panuku is working through the future options for the building.

North Shore Premier Reserves win championship



We are the Pride of the Union.... joint North Shore Premier Reserve captains Niwa Whatuira (with cup) and Ben Browne (left) lead their team in song after it beat East Coast Bays 39-8 at Vauxhall Rd last Saturday to take out the North Harbour Championship. Story and more picture, page 39

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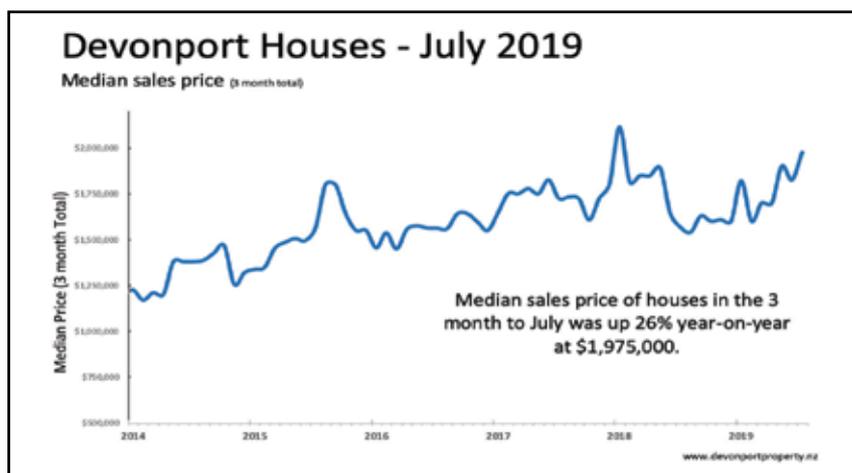


Sale price of Devonport houses on the rise

The median sales price of houses across Devonport is on the rise. Over the latest 3 months the median price has risen to \$1,975,000; that's up 26% compared to this time last year. Since the start of this year sales prices have risen by \$155,000.

However, we are not in any kind of boom market, far from it. The fact is, median sales prices are rising, whilst the number of sales is falling and at this time represents the lowest level of sales seen in the past decade. That's the power of economics – the balance of supply and demand are exercising significant influence that's driving up prices. Just look at the property data in the table below. At the end of July there were just 32 houses for sale, in the past 3 months 27 houses have been sold with just 30 new houses listed. That is the very definition of a tight market.

Certainly, the next few months will very likely see a rise in new listings as prospective sellers plan to come onto the market in spring. But will the scale of this new inventory satisfy the demand? I don't think so, as sellers have yet to recognise this market dynamic.



WHY IS THIS SITUATION ARISING?

Well the fact is Devonport is effectively a micro-climate when it comes to property. This situation of rising prices is not reflected across the wider North Shore or the Auckland region.

The economic environment is such that the cost of finance is cheap and getting cheaper (sub 4% mortgage rates are available and will become more available), however for those on average

salaries the banks are making it harder to borrow with tighter lending criteria. However, for those on higher salaries, these low mortgage rates (which they can afford to service) attracts such buyers to Devonport where the lifestyle and relative prices, offer better value than other city suburbs.

It doesn't take many such buyers to create strong demand with the resultant rising of sales price.

JUNE 2019		PROPERTIES				PRICES	
	Properties on the market (as at 31 July)	Properties Listed (May/Jun/Jul)	Properties Sold (May/Jun/Jul)	Variance in moving annual total sales	Median Sale Price (\$M) (3 months to July)	Variance compared to last year	
All Properties	42	40	44	▼ -11%	\$1.475M	▼ -2%	
Houses	32	30	27	▼ -24%	\$1.975M	▲ +26%	
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Devonport's newest bar – at the RSA

Ninety years after it opened, the Devonport RSA has finally obtained a liquor licence and stocked a bar, one of the last RSAs in the country to do so.

The local association is sprucing up its grand historic hall overlooking Victoria Rd, with the intention of marketing it for a range of community events, from pub quizzes to yoga, school functions and weddings.

The move will help meet the costs of maintaining the hall and is a way of engaging with the community to ensure a future, especially as war veteran numbers dwindle and membership changes, treasurer Tymon Porter says.

"It is a way to have the public investing in the RSA. Through starting to use the hall again, people have an interest in keeping it going," Porter says.

The walls have a new coat of paint and there

are plans for a feature artwork, a poppy by Devonport artist Tony McNeight.

An RSA mid-winter function tested screening off some of the formal RSA features, which Porter says transformed the hall into a "stunning" venue.

Devonia Hall dates back to the early days of the RSA, being purpose-built around the time the Devonport RSA was formally established in 1927.

Membership is relatively stable, Porter says. Although the number of veterans has declined, service people can join and any member of the public can become an associate member.



Fun times... the RSA hall's revamp was launched with a mid-winter function

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Births and marriages plummet in Devonport

To help address the issue, the school has allowed more out-of-zone enrolments. Its roll has stabilised over the past two years.

In 2017, the Ministry of Education suggested ferrying pupils over from the city to fill empty classrooms in Stanley Bay, Devonport Primary and Vauxhall Schools.

There are huge health and safety challenges with ferrying 5-year-olds, Naylor says. However, the option has not been ruled out. "Watch this space," Naylor says.

Devonport Primary principal Beverley Booth puts the issue down to house prices.

"In our area, housing is heritage and houses are big," she says.

"We don't get as many children coming in as new entrants. We do see people who are moving into Devonport with slightly older children."

The median property price in Devonport last year was \$1.54 million, compared with \$740,000 in 2008.

Vauxhall School principal Gary Lawrence

says "anecdotally, there are fewer young children around, but there's no consistent trend, with the roll very similar to 10 years ago".

In Belmont, principal Bruce Cunningham says young couples in the area may be delaying having children in the area.

"It's very hard for a family with young children to buy a \$2 million home. If you are a young couple, you probably want to keep working to pay the mortgage."

The roll at Belmont has remained fairly steady, which Cunningham believes is because of people moving into the area who already have families.

Cunningham points out in five years' time, planned housing developments may boost school rolls. "Some of these buyers will have school-aged children."

Meanwhile, the number of marriages registered by Devonport residents has halved from 48 (including one civil union) in 2008 to 24 in 2018.

Marriage celebrant Chris Mullane says it would appear the demographics in Devonport have changed and residents are generally older. The other factor is house prices, with young couples priced out of Devonport.

In 2017, the median age for a first marriage or civil union was 30 for men and 29 for women, according to Statistics New Zealand data.

By comparison, in 1971, when marriage rates peaked, the median age at first marriage was 23 years for men and 21 years for women.

The challenge with taking out-of-zone students from further north is that Lake Rd puts people off.

• Devonport's population has been relatively static for the past 70 years: 11,662 residents were recorded in the Census of 1945, and 11,346 in 2013.

In 1886, the year the Devonport Borough was gazetted, the population was 2650 and the population growing, with baptismal records showing 131 births from 1880 to 1887.

Bridging Finance

Bridging finance is required when someone buys a property before they have sold their existing property and they have to borrow to fund the new purchase. We are seeing a bit of this especially those looking to downsize their property and want to buy before they sell. Before doing this it is important to speak to us as it can be quite difficult to fund these purchases, even if there is ample security.

A "closed bridge" is where someone has purchased a property but already has an unconditional sale contract on their existing property - there is just a difference in settlement dates. This is pretty straight forward for main banks to fund for a short period of time.

An "open bridge" is where someone purchases a property without having sold their existing property, but intends to sell it. This can be problematic to fund for those with insufficient income as banks will require the borrower to be able to service any existing debt AND the new debt, in the worse case scenario that neither property can sell. We know of asset lenders who may be able to help in such circumstances, but it is safest to make any purchase conditional on selling your property first.

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By Rob Drent

I've lost count of how many thousands of words I've written over the years criticising council decisions. Well, here's a few in praise: the council hearing commissioners ruling to allow a new Gull petrol station at 66 Vauxhall Rd is a sound one. A site which is currently a mechanics' workshop – but was a gas station for decades – will be once again become a petrol outlet, but with conditions. The 24-hour self-serve operation proposed will now be

closed at night, and overnight fuel deliveries will also be banned. These conditions will satisfy the key objections.

The decision struck me as a good compromise – a line not often followed in recent council decision-making.

And the new gas station will provide a much-needed service and be welcomed by motorists.

A walkway from Torpedo Bay to link up to the footpath around the coast of Maungauika/ North Head – one of the many glacial-paced Devonport projects planned but not visibly progressing – raised its head last month at a Devonport-Takapuna Local Board workshop. The link is still on the long-term plan for the Devonport-Takapuna list of priorities

– hanging around with no progress in sight. North Shore City Council for many years had attempted to negotiate a way around with landowners who had riparian rights. Nothing was finalised and hasn't been under Auckland Council either.

Now it seems the local board has handed the ball onto the Maunga Authority – which administers the mountain – to have another look at. Trouble is the Maunga Authority says the track is administered by Auckland Council. So nothing will be happening any time soon.

Politics seemed to become sexy for a good section of young voters with the rise of Jacinda Arden – closer in age to a generation of new voters and in tune with issues affecting millennials, perhaps looking globally as well locally. There's seems to have been more activism of late: the school students' climate-emergency protest up Queen St was a good example. Whether this engagement spreads to the upcoming local body elections is another matter. How to engage under-30s in local issues and voting has been a vexed question for decades. A public meet-the-candidates session is planned for the Devonport Community House on September 19. I'm hopeful, but not expecting many young people. I remember reporting on the equivalent meeting a decade ago. I was then in my mid-40s – and the youngest in the room.

For readers interested in the minutiae of Devonport life: the Arcade sign across the road from our office has been corrected to say walk through to Victoria Rd. The American version of "specialty" (shops) remains.

I knew in advance the fashion show on the wharf was going to be a success. From mid-afternoon, Harmony Hall in Wynyard St became the headquarters for Fashion on the Wharf, young models and photographers rushing in and out of a venue more commonly used for bingo. Show organisers and parents were on hand too. The positive energy was palpable.



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The walkway around the rocks at the base of Maungauika / North Head in Devonport will remain closed for at least a month following a small rock fall on a section of the path.

The rock fall occurred on Monday 15 July following heavy rainfall, which was the likely cause of the slip.

The walkway was closed the following day at the direction of Auckland Council geotechnical specialists to ensure no risk to the health and safety of walkers. There appears to be no damage to the walkway itself or the adjacent handrail.

Nick Turoa, Tāpuna Maunga Authority operations manager says, "The safety of people and protection of the maunga are our priorities at this stage. Our team will take every necessary step to stabilise the area where the rock fall occurred and reopen the walkway as soon as possible. All formal tracks on Maungauika/North Head remain open and we encourage people to enjoy those."

Consent to replace three poles costs \$20,000

Consent to replace three power poles in Devonport is costing Vector \$20,000.

Due to Auckland Council planning regulations, Vector has to go through a costly public notification process for this type of work as it is a non-complying activity.

The poles to be replaced are at 2a Albert Rd, 26 Albert Rd, and 18 Lake Rd.

The effects of the proposed upgrades "on

the adjoining properties or any other properties will be less than minor", the public notification documents say.

A Vector spokesperson said it was happy to fulfil its obligations under the Auckland Unitary Plan.

A public notification involves advertising the proposal and holding a hearing if any submissions are received.

The Rudder back on course after armed robbery

The Rudder Bar at Hauraki Corner was back in business the day after an armed robbery by four masked men.

The men, armed with a variety of tools, entered through the back door of the premises around 10pm on 24 July, The Rudder bar manager Scott Pu said.

The offenders ripped out two tills from the

bar and were gone in less than a minute, he said. A couple of people were in the bar at the time, Pu said.

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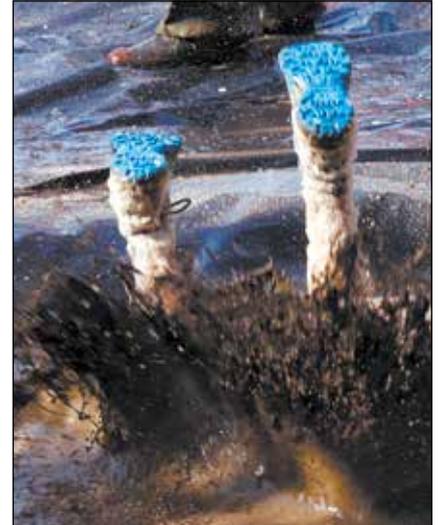
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Girls went through a pre-mud bubble bath... Zoe Smith (at left) before becoming Mud princesses (above). The Stanley Bay Stampede raised around \$19,500



Muddy and clean... Jill Cahill (left) and Lindsey MacKrill



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Transformation...Chris Squire takes the mud plunge (above) and emerges as a creature from the swamp (at right)





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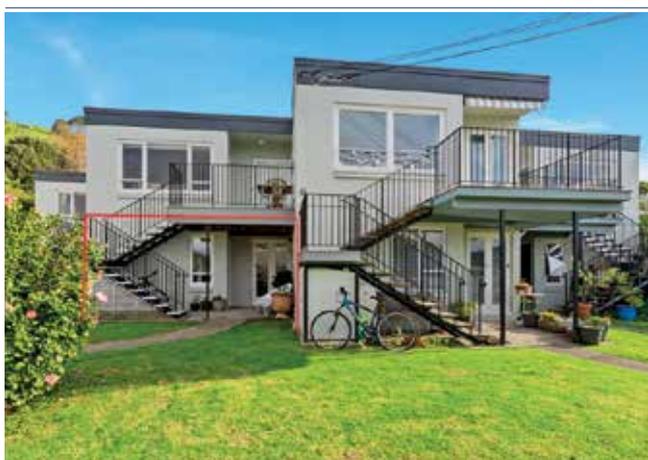
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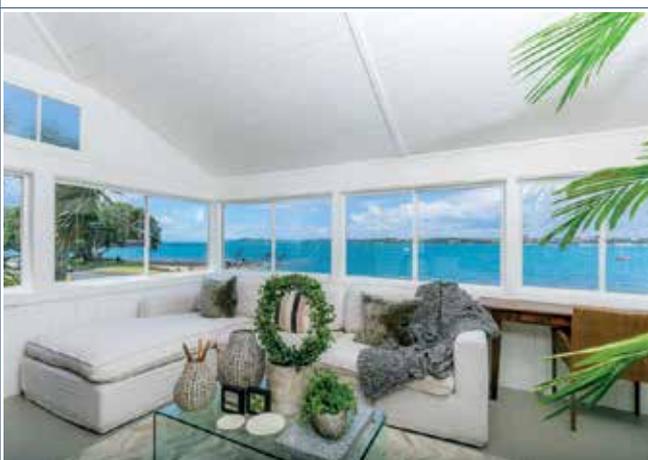
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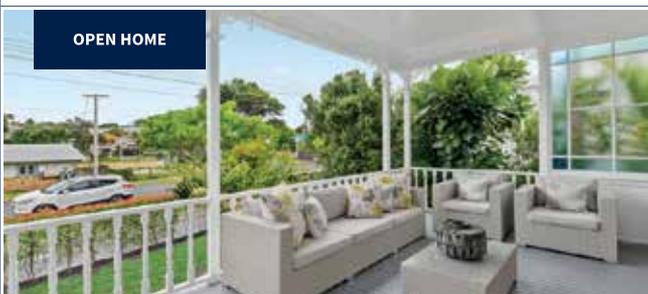
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Why we lost trust in Panuku over town square

I wish to clarify a couple of points made in your 26 July edition. Firstly, I don't recall ever being a Facebook friend of Richard Hills, and deny being abusive. I don't condone abuse, but will always correct misinformation on my pages, which are very successful. Secondly, despite the comment made by Mr Darby that board members have not contacted him on the [40 Anzac St public space] subject for years, the chair and I met regularly with the two councillors and Panuku over 40 Anzac St. The Working Group met every month, and it became apparent the Working Group had been established with the aim of keeping the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board 'tidy' while

Panuku made irreversible decisions. We were promised public consultation after the design had gone to the board in July and we asked for a month's grace for this to happen. The delay was denied. We were also promised that Panuku would work closely with the board "on the outcomes and objectives" of the brief, prior to any development material being produced. Again, this never happened; we were given the brief on the Friday night before it appeared in Saturday's paper. So, unfortunately, we lost trust in Panuku and the planning committee's processes.

Grant Gillon
Devonport-Takapuna Local Board
deputy chair

No-confidence vote was justified

The vote of no confidence by the Takapuna-Devonport Local Board was justified in that representatives seem to have lost their way in acting according to the desires of their electorate. The community has long made its wishes clear on the Takapuna Central carpark, which is the natural town square, notwithstanding the engineered "survey" which supposedly opted for Panuku's plan. There was a time when they were leaders in advocating for the independence of their area, but present voting records seem to support just "getting along". Others have refrained from sticking their necks out for a thankless job or quit in disgust rather than confront our Supercity council. The old Devonport Borough office is an empty symbol that used to be a lively place of community effort. The Takapuna headquarters look down on a vacant uncrowded expanse. Maybe Panuku could cover it up with something.

Anne Wilks

Editorial too soft on board blunderers

I think you went a bit easy on the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board in your last editorial (Flagstaff, 26 July). Their excuse that it's all too hard, with no authority and not enough budget doesn't cut it when you compare their achievements with other local boards.

In this term, the Puketapapa Local Board delivered the Mt Roskill Safe Route. This project created 6km of widened footpaths for shared use by people on foot or bike from Mt Roskill War Memorial Park, through Keith Hay Park, all the way to Waikowhai Park, along with new push-button and zebra crossings and traffic-calming measures.

The Albert-Eden Local Board recently completed the Te Auaunga Project in Wesley restoring Oakley Creek and creating a new cycleway, linking the southwestern cycleway to Mt Roskill, Wesley Intermediate & Dominion Rd.

These boards operate under the same constraints as our board. The difference is they have chosen to work collaboratively with council staff, other council agencies and the community to get things done. It's not easy – it requires energy, dedication, skill, tact, creativity and drive – but it can be done.

Our truculent board members seem to have ideas above their station, which causes them to blunder into areas they have no jurisdiction over and make promises they can't deliver (e.g. "fix" Lake Rd), resulting in failure and frustration all round.

We need less politics and more action. Fewer motions of no confidence, less money wasted on legal opinions and alternative designs and less belligerence generally. Instead, how about more vision, more positivity and frankly, more hard work, getting stuff done?

Chris Werry

Lake Rd the issue

Lake Rd is the issue, not Calliope Rd corner. Belmont and Bardia St are the choke points.

Council is allowing massive intensification (on Devonport peninsula) – it's a joke.

The marina land at Bayswater, around 5000sqm of land, was given away in a \$3.7 million deal. Today it's probably worth \$40 to \$50 million. Now they are trashing Takapuna, I suspect.

The future sadly looks bleak at the moment, with mindless arrogance and only one strategy for growth.

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Architecture students tackle Devonport



History animated... Fourth-year architecture students get the rundown on Devonport from historian Dave Veart

Bringing Devonport into the 21st century, while preserving its heritage features, is the challenge for a group of fourth-year architecture students.

Devonport architect and professional teaching fellow Julie Stout is repeating the “Devonport Tomorrow” project, after

running it two years ago.

The students will look at how to develop Devonport to encourage people to live and work in the town centre, how public spaces could be enhanced, as well as transport and sustainability.

“I think it is important for students to learn how to understand heritage buildings, the scale of the existing village and how that can be translated into new buildings,” Stout says.

“Devonport has such a special charm as we all know. We can all learn a lot from it. But can Devonport be even better? That is what we are working on.”

Devonport is ideal, Stout says, because it hasn’t changed much in 40 years.

“Other areas have dramatically changed, such as Ponsonby, while Devonport has been a backwater.”

Last week, the students were briefed by heritage architect Jeremy Salmond and local historian and archaeologist Dave Veart. They will also work with local architects Ken Davis, Julian Mitchell and Rachel Dodd, as well as talking to locals.

They will develop strategic plans and individual building proposals, culminating in a local exhibition of designs and models in October.



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DEVONPORT COMMUNITY NETWORK MEETING

Thursday, 8 August, 10:00am – 12:00pm
Devonport Yacht Club, 25 King Edward Parade
 A quarterly meeting to promote networking among residents and local community groups. All welcome and morning tea provided. Guest speakers include new Devonport Community Constable (NZ Police), Glenda Peri, and Dominic Wilson from the Tupuna Maunga Authority to talk about work planned for Maungauika/North Head.
For more information contact Maria ph: 445 9533 or email: maria@devonportpeninsulatrust.nz

CHELTHENHAM BEACH CLEAN-UP

Sunday 11 August, 10am-12pm
Cheltenham Beach, Devonport
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Navy man made his mark battling smugglers and pirates

Back based in Devonport, Richard Walker has plenty of stories to recount of his deployment with multinational task forces in some of the world's most important shipping lanes. He talks to Helen Vause.



Recognised... Richard Walker's deployment to Bahrain earned him a Distinguished Service Decoration in the Queen's Birthday Honours

Thirty years in the Navy has taken Devonport-based Captain Richard Walker to many places around the world and given him many different experiences, but last year he spent seven months on one of the most unusual deployments of his career.

Based in Bahrain as a deputy commander of task forces set up under a multinational naval partnership, he helped promote security and support legitimate commerce across some 3.2 million square miles of international waters, including some of the world's busiest and most important shipping lanes.

The deployment earned him a Distinguished Service Decoration for services to the New Zealand Defence Force in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

But back at home with his wife and two children, it has also provided him with a store of colourful tales to tell, not least of the drug-traffickers and pirates who ply those same waters.

Back in a headquarters role with the New Zealand Defence Force, he insists it's all part of what was to be expected.

It's a life that mixes service with adventure, he says, with modest understatement.

Drugs estimated to be worth billions are carried by the traditional vessels plying waters covered by the counter-terrorist and counter-piracy task forces in the Red Sea, the Gulf of Aden, the western half of the Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Oman.

If they're not carrying narcotics they may have consignments of arms, migrants or other troubling cargo. In some of these parts, piracy has been rife, so it's not surprising that securing freedom of navigation has become a focus.

The task force with a focus on maritime security was under US Navy control until the 9/11 terrorist attacks, then re-established as a multinational coalition, with the 33 participating nations supplying staff on a rotating basis.

New Zealand's part in these task forces makes a meaningful contribution towards maintaining international law and order, says Walker.

Drugs come from Afghanistan and across these waters to connect to many overland routes and markets and onto the streets.

Walker says an estimated 30 percent of the narcotics coming out of Afghanistan is carried by sea. Their total street value could be tens of billions of dollars.

There are hundreds of dhows (traditional wooden sailing vessels) to monitor, of various sizes, often with no name and seemingly no owner listed anywhere, flying the strangest flags, and some of them carrying drugs for whoever may have hired them, says Walker.

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effectively, occupies the manpower and intelligence of the counter-terrorist taskforce.

As deputy commander, Walker took a key role.

From a desk in Bahrain, he worked with intelligence staff to best direct resources including ships and aircraft to wherever a dhow was with cargo that might need investigation.

“Smuggling is not a new thing of course. The skippers of these dhows will know what they’ve got on board. They’re in it for the payment they’ll get for a successful delivery, but they’re certainly not the source. They’re a link in the transport network,” says Walker.

When the task force closes in to board a suspect vessel, anything can happen, but usually, he says, the skippers will co-operate with a peaceful boarding. That’s not to say finding any narcotics will be easy for the search party.

“A search can take hours and our guys may have found nothing. The trouble is, as we get cleverer, the smugglers too get cleverer with the ways and places they can conceal what we are looking for,” Walker says.

“It was very satisfying when our units often found over 3000kg of hash, or 250kg of heroin. Not only do these finds impact the terrorist organisations but they also keep significant volumes of narcotics off the streets.”

When there is a big narcotics find, dis-

posal of it usually happens on the spot. With the inscrutable skippers and crew standing by, the navy team will don protective gear, open the drug packaging and flush millions of dollars worth of narcotics into the ocean through a bottomless bin.

The dhow gets a receipt for the cargo that

“A search can take hours and our guys may have found nothing. The trouble is, as we get cleverer, the smugglers too get cleverer with the ways and places they can conceal what we are looking for”

has been seized. What happens next can be far more complex, says Walker, depending on which of the participating navy nations is involved and who they are dealing with.

Many of the smugglers apprehended come from countries with capital punishment, but because they are not the the key focus of the operations, it’s often a ‘catch and release’

scenario.

Part-way through the posting in Bahrain, Walker was required to turn his attention to the task force suppressing piracy, taking charge of Operation HAKA, which pulled together personnel from Australia, Bahrain, Brazil, Denmark, Korea, Japan, Kuwait and Oman.

Modern-day piracy had grown alarmingly off the coast of Somalia, where high-speed boats were ambushing commercial vessels and executing heavily-armed robberies. In recent years it’s been reduced but a real threat remains.

In his term there were just two attacks, both of them unsuccessful.

The experience was memorable for Walker and a great opportunity to make his mark.

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Tree house lost in playground upgrade

A popular “tree house” is set to go in a remodelling of the Devonport Domain playground on King Edward Parade.

The structure is non-compliant and too expensive to replace, council officers told a Devonport-Takapuna Local Board workshop.

Board member Mike Cohen said the tree house had become a popular meeting place, especially among teenage girls, who felt safe but could have “time out” from other age groups.

However, officers said the tree house was in the same vicinity as Windsor Reserve, where a “lighthouse” structure was being built. In addition to the cost, council did not want to duplicate the design.

A budget of \$300,000 (\$170,000 for Devonport Domain and \$130,000 for Melrose Reserve) had been set to redevelop the playgrounds.

Officers told the board more was planned for Devonport Domain as it was better used and located on the waterfront. However, flood-plain and drainage issues had emerged at Melrose Reserve, at the bottom of Ewen Alison Ave, which might need a bigger slice of the budget.

Board members wanted more shade, fencing and seating at the reserves – and a toilet at Melrose Reserve “further down the line”.



Going... a popular playground apparatus in Devonport Domain

However local board advisor Tristan Coulson said: “I’m going to have to be a fun sponge here.” Board members had great ideas, but they had to work within the budgets available – and new toilets alone would cost about \$350,000.

Cohen said in recent times new toilets at reserves cost \$70,000. Now, toilets and pedestrian

crossings were costing in excess of \$300,000.

“The rising costs are a complete waste of council money – it’s appalling.”

Member Grant Gillon said the way council renewed playgrounds needed changing. Sunshades, trees, seats and toilets should all be part of redevelopment plans.

Hands off Kiwi Reserve, board tells officers

A suggestion that Kiwi Reserve be “decommissioned” and potentially sold off has been strongly opposed by the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board.

The possibility of changes to the reserve in Kiwi Rd emerged at a board workshop this month to consider renewing playgrounds at Melrose Reserve and Devonport Domain, alongside the already consented \$1 million Bean Rock-style playground about to be built at Windsor Reserve.

“Recommendations are to be considered in tandem with suggested decommission of Kiwi Reserve, with a view that appropriate (facilities are) provided at Melrose Reserve,” an officer’s report said.

Board member Grant Gillon said the first step would be decommissioning, the “next step would be turning it over to Panuku to be sold to neighbours on each side.

“We need to be careful that any silence can be looked at as agreement.

“Officers need to take back the view that we are not agreeing to the decommissioning of Kiwi Reserve.”

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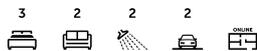
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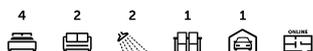
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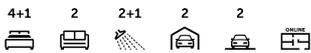
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Belmont sends juniors to world champs



Four Belmont Park players were part of the New Zealand team farewelled at the club last week prior to travelling to the World Junior Squash champs in Kuala Lumpur. Gabe Yam, Elijah Thomas, Natalie Sayes and Ella Lash joined boys team manager Manu Yam – the Belmont Park squash coach – in the team. In the latest New Zealand senior rankings out last week, Gabe is at number five, and Elijah number nine on the men’s list, while Natalie is number 12 on the women’s, although still under 15.

Meanwhile back at home...



The Belmont C grade ladies team... (from left) Grace Spencer, Justine Pausch, Myriam Lofty, Zoe Lepper, Aishah Lofty (absent: Leah Mainland)



The D grade team with support crew... Matthew Lucente (coach), Michelle MacGibbon (manager), Jva'lin Ganess, Chris Laws, Jack Adams, Ben Forde, Vivan Naidu, Hayden Adams (manager)

Belmont Park squash teams won the C grade women’s and D grade men’s titles at the Auckland superchamps competition. The men’s team will now go the national finals in Whangarei and the women to their nationals in Invercargill.

20 years ago from the Flagstaff files

- Takapuna Grammar School unveils plans for a multimillion-dollar project to mark the school's 75th jubilee in 2002. The ideas include an auditorium, a heated swimming pool that could be used by both the school and the community, an astroturf sports field and tennis courts, and development of facilities at Bayswater for the school's rowers
- GP and Cheltenham resident Paul Butler asks the Devonport Community Board to make the suburb a genetically modified-free zone.
- Devonport's cafes and restaurants are included in an Auckland University study on the changing culture of inner-city suburbs.
- Bayswater School students launch their own radio station
- Vauxhall School, which has 13 female teachers, approaches the Navy to provide male role models for students. It has already launched a "bring a dad to lunch day". It is suggested the Navy could run sports days.
- The Department of Conservation is told it must apply for resource consent to occupy buildings on North Head.
- A family day is planned to coincide with the opening of the esplanade reserve on the Tamaki land up from Narrow Neck Beach. The trust formed to save the land, which won a Judicial Review declaring it a reserve, has almost 1100 members.
- Devonport Villa Inn owners Yvonne Lambert and Philip Brown are named 1999 New Zealand Tourism Award winners in the hosted accommodation section.
- Devonport writers Kevin Ireland and Shonagh Koea win Montana Book Awards. Ireland takes first prize in the history and biography section for his memoir *Under the Bridge and Over the Moon*. Koea is joint runner-up in the fiction section with her novel *The Lonely Margins of the Sea*. She ties with Vincent O'Sullivan



(*Believers to the Bright Coast*),

- North Shore loses to Silverdale 15-12 in the semi-finals of the North Harbour club rugby championship
- Public submissions are divided on whether a dilapidated villa on Victoria Rd should be demolished and a new three-storey building constructed.
- More than 50 North Shore United football club parents descend on a Devonport Community Board meeting to protest about a lack of fields.
- Takapuna Grammar music students perform at the Sydney Opera House
- Master of wine Bob Campbell is the Flagstaff interview subject.

Master of Wine... Bob Campbell, the Flagstaff interview subject

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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Local businesses back a winner:



Fashion on the Wharf hit capacity last month, selling all 240 tickets a week before the event and raising nearly \$800 for the Dress for Success charity.

Organised by the Devonport Business Association, Fashion on the Wharf was held in the ferry terminal on Thursday 25 July.

Emceed by Pippa Wetzell, the event featured a runway show with fashion from 10 local fashion stores and wearable arts designer Beatrice Carlson.

Other local businesses were also involved including Fringe and Vauxhall Rose Hair-

Wearing it well... Designs from Beatrice Carlson Wearable Arts Abby Harris in "The Eternal Dance" (left) and a bridesmaid's dress from Devonport Hospice Shop (below), modelled by 10-year-old Evie Parsons, whose grandmother volunteers at the shop.

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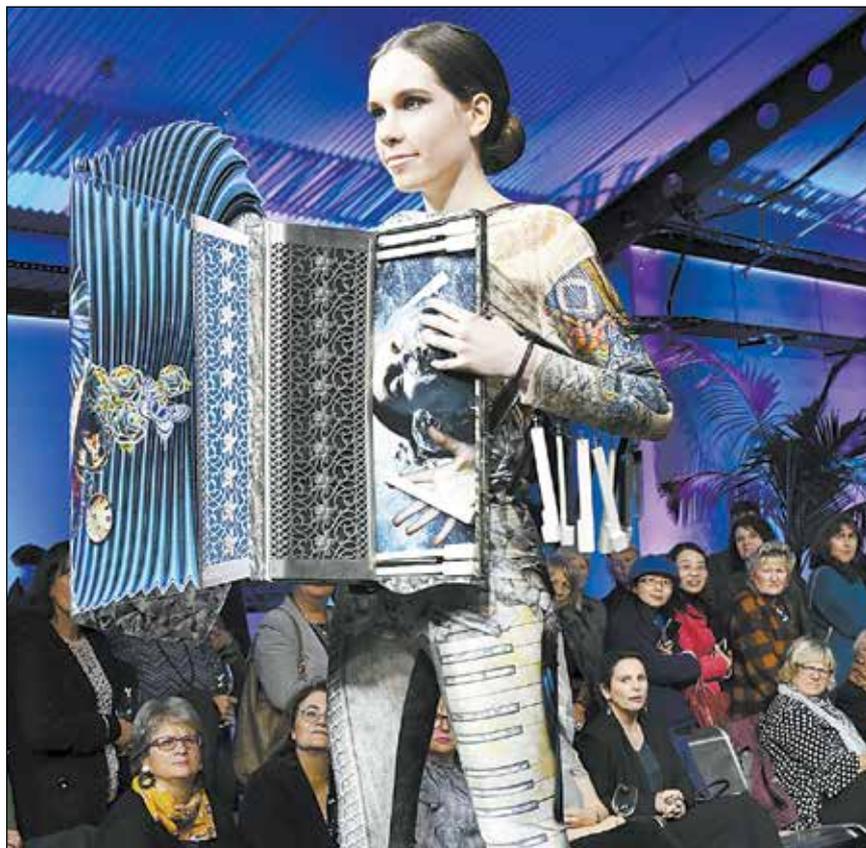
fashion show a sell-out success

dressers, Miller Road, Devonport Chocolates, Chiasso and Devonport Flowers.

DBA manager Toni Van Tonder said, "There were so many people involved. I just want to make it clear how many people donated their time and energy and how without them we could never, ever have pulled it off."

"Also, the success and the buzz show just how much appetite there is for quality events in Devonport and how important it is that locals shop locally."

Stella Forsman wears an outfit from Wallis (below) while Gwen Grapputo gets in tune with Beatrice Carlon's "Accordion Illusion" (at right).



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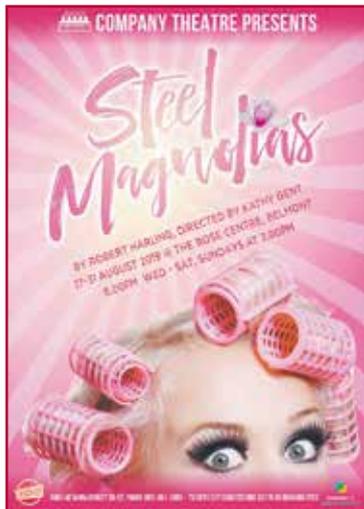
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The play was made popular by the 1989 movie version starring powerhouses Sally Field, Dolly Parton, Shirley MacLaine, Olympia Dukakis, Daryl Hannah and Julia Roberts. Playwright Robert Harling based the play on his personal experience of the tragic loss of his sister, Susan Harling-Robinson following the birth of his namesake nephew.

It is the interaction between our six women and the depth of their stories, the relationship between them that make this production something very special. There are moments of pure hilarity that are beautifully contrasted with the harsh realities of life and love.

We would all be very fortunate indeed to have a group of girlfriends we can hang out with, laugh with, cry with, and discover ourselves with, as those portrayed in Steel Magnolias. Our world may be less sentimental than thirty years ago, but the importance of friendship and the bond of motherhood is undiminished.

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Violinist Returns to Warm Reception

The Devonport Chamber Orchestra's concert on 14 July at Holy Trinity Church saw the eagerly awaited return of Benedict Lim, who thrilled the audience last May with Beethoven's Violin Concerto.

Lim has a modest and self-effacing demeanour but, although only 17, plays in a brilliant and dramatic style. On this occasion he played the less frequently performed Violin Concerto of Antonin Dvorak, with both virtuosic technique and dramatic lyricism.

Joseph Chen led the orchestra with assurance and Peter Thomas conducted with aplomb, establishing an authoritative beat and steady tempi. His cueing of solo orchestra instruments gives confidence to players and builds real cohesion in the orchestra.

Worthy of note were the strong woodwind solos, the assured brass, the solid cello and bass line and the impressive string tone generally. The orchestra never dominated the soloist but offered a firm foundation. Lim produced a warm tone and was able to bring out the rhythmic shifts and syncopation with clear dynamic bowing. The Bohemian folk melodies shone through and the rapid runs in the upper violin register were masterfully handled. The performance was received

with very warm appreciation and then, as an encore, Lim treated us to a sublime and very moving performance of the Sarabande from Bach's Partita No 1 for solo violin. I hope Lim will become a regular soloist with the DCO although he is based in Christchurch and a member of the First Violin section of the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra. The pleasure he brings to his audience makes him a winner.

The concert opened with Beethoven's Egmont Overture. The brooding and portentous chords at the beginning suggested the doom that awaited Count Egmont who stood against the tyrannical Spanish overlords in the Netherlands. The very precise playing from the violins and growing intensity culminated in the exultant ending with stirring trumpet calls representing the overthrow of oppression. Congratulation DCO - another fine performance.

The orchestra's next concert is on Sunday 1 September at 2pm in Holy Trinity Church. Michelle Wong will conduct and another brilliant young violinist, Maia-Dean Martin, will return for the third time as soloist in the Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto. Further details are at <https://dco.net.nz>

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Fun and games at preschool play session



Biker boy... Marco Dahya (2) enjoys a ride

Tots and their parents gathered for fun and socialising at the Devonport Peninsula Trust's Winter Fun Preschool Play.

The free event for toddlers allows them to play with toys and make new friends. It

also gives parents a chance to have a break, a cup of tea and catch up with other parents and caregivers. Usually held at The Rose Centre, this event was run at the community preschool centre next door.



Avast me hearties... Here Nikau Catterall (2) sets sail



ENROLMENTS TERM 4 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 14 October to 18 December 2019.

The deadline for receipt of applications for out of zone places is 14 October 2019.

If a ballot for out of zone places is required, it will be held on 14 October 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.

Artist expands palette for first exhibition on own patch



On repeat... Aaron King-Cole uses repetition, pattern – and now colour – in his work

Artist Aaron King-Cole says he has been busy designing “ways to lose control” in preparation for his first solo exhibition in five years.

His exhibition, *Holotype*, at The Depot Art-space, coincides with King-Cole having been selected as a finalist for the Parkin Drawing Prize, one of New Zealand’s most prestigious art awards.

The 12 works in his exhibition are a mixture of geometrical black line drawings and pastel watercolours that use repeated patterns and motifs.

It is King-Cole’s first exhibition using colour. “My black line drawings felt quite successful to me, but I did feel as though I was missing out on colour,” he says. “I was looking for ways to surprise myself a little bit more.”

Thirty-four-year-old King-Cole lives in Devonport with his partner and two daughters, aged 3 and 5, who have kept him busy over the past five years.

“I guess that’s what is most significant about this exhibition – that it’s my first time incorporating colour and it’s my first solo show in five years,” he says. It is also the first time he has exhibited in his own neighbourhood.

King-Cole uses repetition and pattern in his artwork, which he says can seem very controlled but is in fact the opposite. “As the pattern is repeated, it seems the same as the one before and the one ahead, but is also uniquely different,” he says.

“I found that, with both my black and colour work, something random and organic can show organised character. Vice versa,

something organised can be random and organic,” he says.

The exhibition’s title comes from the term used in biology for a specimen used in the description of a new species.

“How different a pattern can be before it is considered a different or new species in the work is something I like to play with,” he says.

King-Cole graduated in 2008 from Elam School of Fine Arts, where he experimented with printmaking, painting and felting.

“I’m really looking forward to sharing what I’ve been working on,” says King-Cole.

“You don’t necessarily see how it all works until you put them up on display.”

• *Holotype* is on at The Depot Artspace until 4 September.



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The deadline for receipt of applications for out of zone places is 15 October 2019.

If a ballot for out of zone places is required, it will be held on 18 October 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.

The board of Trustees will also hold multiple ballots throughout 2020 to enable out of zone children to continue to enrol in 2020.

The power of three drives Depot show

Feeling cast out from New Zealand's conservative taste in art has brought together three artists who have put on a 'confronting' group exhibition in Devonport.

Forty dismembered, reassembled and distinctively dressed porcelain dolls are currently suspended from the ceiling of The Depot Artspace, while eclectic paintings decorate the gallery's walls.

Local artists Nick Boyd, Robyn Gibson and Whangarei-based artist Katherine Batchelor have brought their works together for 3, an exhibition which they say members of the Devonport community will either love or hate.

Batchelor says her dolls represent a feeling of waiting to be forgiven and being in limbo within a community.

Events from her childhood influence the essence of each work, which she considers to be a therapeutic process.

Each doll is decorated differently. A bird's nest dress, knitted bonnets, fluoro paint and a skirt made from rubber gloves are all incorporated.

"As people walk through them they will twist and turn and welcome people into a community of limbo," says Batchelor.

"I definitely feel out of place within my community. People call me weird, but I don't mind."

This was a feeling that resonated with both Boyd and Gibson, who say they struggle to find space to exhibit due to their unconventional subject matter.

"People like pretty," says Gibson. "Birds and landscapes... But there's nothing worse to me than being conservative. That is a box I don't



Triple treat... Artists (from left) Nick Boyd, Katherine Batchelor and Robyn Gibson expect their joint exhibition to provoke strong responses

want to be in.

"There's not really any other outlets for people like us to exhibit. The Depot is one of the last ones left."

Gibson is exhibiting 15 of her paintings, which are loaded with humour and cynicism to give the viewer something fun to think about.

Boyd is a self-taught painter who freestyles his art, which explores surrealist techniques.

He says that the three paintings exhibited in this show are paintings within paintings, ideas that started in his head and went straight onto the canvas.

"My work is about experimentation and pushing the technique," he says.

The three artists agree that their work is all very different, but look forward to exhibiting together and seeing the reaction they get.

The exhibition is "more confronting than adhesive," says Gibson. "It's three different flavours. It's kind of weird, but I love it."

• 3 is on at The Depot Artspace until 28 August. All works are for sale.



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Davis secures triple at Ngataranga Tennis Club champs

A young star of Ngataranga Tennis Club in Stanley Bay made a clean sweep of the senior championships this year, winning the women's singles, women's doubles and mixed doubles titles.

Patience Davis (18) pulled off the feat whilst still technically a junior. The 18-year-old is a Year 13 student at Takapuna Grammar School.

She took the women's singles title from long-time holder Ero Topp. With partner Kate Nicholls, she beat former champions Cheryl Aitken and Natalie McKay in the women's doubles, and alongside her father, Ken Davis, Patience won the mixed doubles title from Allister Irving and Tania Hetz.

This is the first time a junior player has won all three senior titles in the club's 92-year history. Patience is eyeing a tennis scholarship to an American university next year, and in the longer term aims for a medical career.

At the club prize-giving on Sunday 28 July, Janine Jones was awarded the Club Captain's trophy for her work in addressing drainage problems at Stanley Bay Park, and Jake Thompson won the President's award for contribution to the club. Championship results:

Men's Singles: Conor Collier; runner-up Stevie Shaw. Men's Singles Plate: Jacob Dodds; runner-up Caelum Boyce. Women's Singles: Patience Davis; runner-up Ero Topp. Women's Singles Plate: Agi Lehar-Graham. Men's Doubles: Conor Collier and Tama Willis; runners-up Marcello Russo and Jake Thompson. Men's Doubles Plate: Josh Wilson and Grant Gibbs; runners-up Hamish Walsh and Jacob Dodds. Women's Doubles: Patience Davis and Kate Nicholls; runners-up Natalie McKay and Cheryl Aitken. Women's Doubles Plate: Pam Neville and Sonya Northgrave; runners-up Raewyn Rumble and Sally Brick. Mixed Doubles: Patience Davis and Ken Davis; runners-up Allister Irving and Tania Hetz. Mixed Doubles Plate: Marcello Russo and Philippa Ramage; runners-up Chris White and Sarah Webb.



Patience is a virtue on the tennis court... Patience Davis with her clean sweep of cups. Below: men's singles winner Conor Collier (left) and Club Captain's trophy winner Janine Jones

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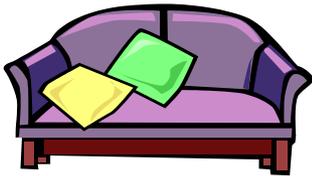
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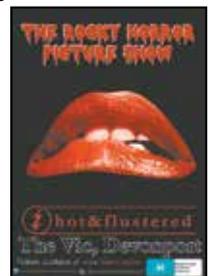
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AUG 9, 2019

TGS Student making it big on Global Tour

Year 13 Takapuna Grammar student Libby Lord has recently been accepted as one of 22 New Zealand youths to attend the 2020 UN Youth Global Development Tour. Libby currently leads the schools UN Youth Club and is a keen attendee and organiser of many United Nations-based events. We asked her some questions about her upcoming tour to understand what it is all about.

What motivated you to get involved with UN Youth Auckland?

My interest in global issues and passion for debating motivated me to get involved with UN Youth. Since learning about the UN in Year 9, I was intrigued to learn more about how it encourages international cooperation and world peace.

How has exposure to UN Youth-lead events benefited/enriched your life?

Through UN Youth I have participated in events that have developed my knowledge in a wide range of fields, from public policy to indigenous reconciliation. I have met many like-minded people and gained more confidence in voicing my opinions. Being a high school ambassador for UN Youth has given me the opportunity to lead the school UN Youth Club and organise the TGS Model United Nations 2019 conference. Encouraging other students to participate in these forums has been very rewarding and a definite highlight of my school year.

What is the UN Global Development Tour, and what made you apply for it?

The UN Youth Global Development Tour is a month-long tour around the USA and Europe in January 2020, focused on the United Nations and global sustainable development. I will be travelling to New York, London, Paris, Berlin, Rome and San Francisco, along with 21 other Year 13 students from around the country. In New York we will be representing New Zealand at the Columbia Model United Nations and Exposition held at Columbia University, participating alongside delegates from all over the world. This is followed by a study tour around Europe, visiting cities at the forefront of sustainable development to learn about the progress they are making towards the Sustainable Development Goals, part of the UN's



2030 Agenda. The Tour represents an incredible opportunity to see how the UN is championing sustainable development globally. I am excited to bring back the knowledge and skills I develop on the Tour to accelerate Aotearoa's progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals.

What goals do you have for the future regarding your career or any other aspect of your life?

In the future I aspire to work as an engineer to accelerate Aotearoa's transition towards renewable energy sources. I believe this truly underpins

sustainable development as our economy relies on affordable and reliable energy, but obtaining energy renewably is a key step towards mitigating the climate crisis. I also plan to continue my involvement with UN Youth throughout university so that I can help organise some of the amazing events that I have been lucky enough to attend.

Please contact me (Libby) at 17537@tgs.school.nz for more information if you are interested in sponsoring part of my delegate fee for the Global Development Tour.

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Why study IB at TGS?

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The IB programme suits students who are engaged in learning, who are curious about the wider world and global issues and who want to find out more about different cultural perspectives. Takapuna Grammar School has a growing number of alumni who studied through IB and are now thriving in life beyond school and contributing positively to make the world a better place.



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hardships they go through on a day-to-day basis. You then ask for people to sponsor you for the challenge you choose to do. This year, over 80 TGS students participated in this rewarding activity, and collectively we have raised over \$4600 to donate to World Vision. A special mention must go to Angelina Lovison, who raised over \$700, and Tori Johnson, who raised over \$400. As our top student fundraisers, their efforts are commendable. Ivanna Balazo, a

participant, says '[she] stayed off social media for 40 hours.' 'Taking upon this challenge,' she states, 'helped me realise that by giving such small sacrifices I can help those less fortunate.' This year, all money raised will go towards helping South Sudanese refugees resettle in Uganda, and to provide them with essentials such as food, water and hope for a brighter future.

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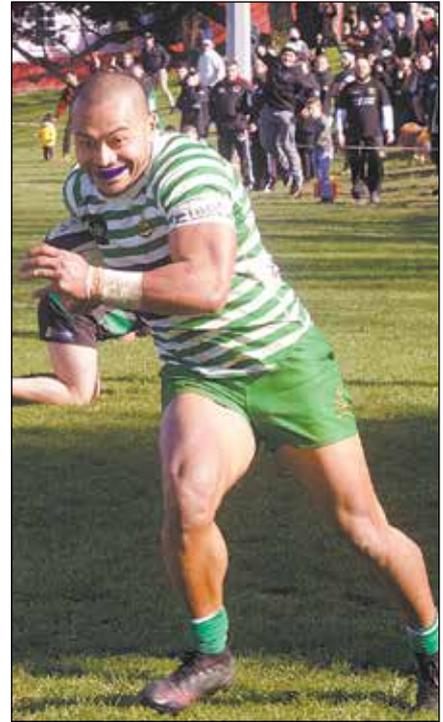
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North Shore – Premier Reserve championship winners



On the break... Maui Hausia cuts through the Bays defence, while his smile says it all as he crosses the try line.

North Shore Rugby Premier Reserves thrashed East Coast Bays 39-8 last Saturday at Vauxhall Reserve to take the North Harbour championship.

Pre-match publicity encouraged rugby fans to make the trek to the “Pridelands” and many heard the call, with the terraces packed for what was expected to be a close match.

And for much of the first half it was with Shore leading 10-3 at the break. Shore hooker Metua Mitchell had made some telling runs, and the pack seemed to be gaining dominance as the half progressed.

But with a stiff breeze at the Pride’s back in the second half it was one-way traffic with Bays unable to get out of its half. The Shore forwards steamrolled over Bays a couple of times, the side cut out mistakes and managed to get the ball to dangerous outside backs Maui Hausia and Cam Dalzell. Add the rock-solid defence of the Keresoma brothers, Tama and Joey, in the midfield and Bays were shut out.

Shore also made the most of some sharp chances. Tama Keresoma chased down a kick-through, and gathered the ball with his momentum taking him over for a try. A drop-out which turned into disaster proved it just wasn’t Bays day. The wind caught the ball and blew it back towards the Bays line where it was chased down by Shore co-captain Niwa Whatuira. He unloaded to Trent Luka, who cantered in to score. The try of the match however, was scored by Hausia, who sidestepped and jinked past at least four defenders in a brilliant solo run.

Bays were run down 39-3 and Shore were running riot before it scored one try close to fulltime.

The championship by the Reserves was

something of a bitter-sweet moment for the club who had gone so close to making the premier championship final, narrowly losing to Northcote at the same ground only a month before.

Reserves co-captain Ben Browne said the victory was a tribute to the side who had called on 50 players over the season, and with some playing up in the Premiers side to help out.

Annual General Meeting



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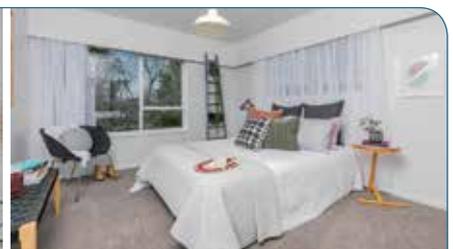
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