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Electorate votes for change on local board

Four new faces have been voted onto the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board, but it could be déjà vu – with a split board once again likely.

Team George Wood was the big loser in 2019, with only Wood himself elected to the

board from its five-strong ticket. Incumbent Team George Wood members Jenn McKenzie and Mike Sheehy were voted out.

However, pro-business Aidan Bennett, and Devonport BID manager Toni Van Tonder,

who are on the same A Fresh Approach ticket, were voted in.

On the left, Heart of the Shore incumbent Jan O'Connor is back, and joined by newbies

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Happy campers... Heart of the Shore members (from left) Trish Deans, Jan O'Connor and Ruth Jackson elected to the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board were at Takapuna Market on Sunday to thank voters.



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Devonport home to nation's frequent flyers

Devonport residents are among the nation's keenest travellers, taking on average more than one overseas trip per year, with London a leading destination.

New data from Statistics New Zealand shows people living in the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area took 106 trips per 100 people in the year to June 2019, second only to Orakei Local Board (131 trips/100 residents).

Flight Centre Devonport is one of the top sellers nationally of flights to London.

The suburb "is a popular place for British expats to reside, so we book a lot of travel from Auckland to the UK," Devonport Flight Centre's Andy Urwin says.

Turkey (prior to current conflict) has been gaining in popularity, with Urwin reporting

a significant increase in inquiries in the past few months.

The office books a large number of premium or business class seats, as well as tours.

"Small group tours that take travellers off the beaten track without the stress of organising are a popular choice, especially for families travelling with teenagers."

House of Travel (HoT) confirms its Devonport and Takapuna offices are 'over-indexed' for overseas travel, most likely due to high incomes.

"A holiday is a discretionary activity and people, if they have the discretionary power, will choose to go overseas for short or longer holidays," HoT commercial director Brent Thomas says.

Another trend in the area is multigenerational holidays, where grandparents can spend time with grandchildren, while parents are freed up to explore, he says.

While HoT Devonport books more flights than any other types of holidays, cruises are by far the fastest-growing holidays, Thomas says.

As a nation, New Zealanders averaged 63 trips per 100 residents in the year to June 2019.

Auckland topped the country's 16 regions, with 80 trips per 100 residents, followed by Wellington at 65 trips per 100 residents.

"Proximity to an international airport plays a part in the ease and affordability of travel," Statistics New Zealand population indicators manager Tehseen Islam said.

People in Gisborne were the least likely to travel, with 31 overseas trips per 100 residents.

3 Victoria Rd: empty for 466 days

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

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The age-old navy tradition of a wee dram of rum is being resurrected at the Devonport RSA this week.

RSA members will be offered a tot, while others can imbibe heavily discounted drinks at the RSA's first public happy hour after getting a liquor licence earlier this year.

The RSA will open its Victoria Rd bar from 5 to 7pm as part of the Glow street-party celebrations.

The Glow event officially starts at 5pm on Friday 18 October on Clarence Street, with businesses setting up during the afternoon.

An illuminated exhibition on Windsor Reserve is open on 18 and 19 October.

The RSA will open its bar for happy hours from time to time, and promote them on its website.

The RSA is also planning a remembrance service at its hall on Armistice Day to honour all those who have died in wars. The service takes place at 10.45am on 11 November.

Paranormal passages knotted together through time



Multi-talented... artist, writer, musician and teacher Susannah MacDonald

Well known locally as a musician and painter, Hauraki resident Susannah MacDonald has put out her first book, bringing together various interests and obsessions. Jodi Yeats reports.

Susannah MacDonald's Hauraki living room is decorated with her own large painting of a petrel, as well as objects expressing her eclectic interests, including a ceramic panther, large shells and vintage lamps.

It's been a busy year creatively for MacDonald (67) with a solo exhibitio at the Lake House Arts Centre, a joint art exhibition with husband Allan, and the publication of her first book.

UK Publisher Austin Macauley describes *Echoes From a Time Passage* as a 'paranormal urban fantasy', and it combines many of MacDonald's long-time fixations, especially the nature of time.

"It's about the idea there's no such thing as time as we know it – that there are other planes of existence – and about the arts as a conduit for higher consciousness."

MacDonald wears a large seabird necklace and a silver bracelet in the shape of an endless knot, illustrating her belief the time is a loop. She has used petrels and albatrosses in many paintings, as they "seem so ancient and wise".

Tides, tectonic plates and other natural occurrences and, how they are reflected in ancient mythologies, underpinned MacDonald's fine-arts degree at Unitec, which she undertook

with her husband, graduating in 2011.

The pair had been working as note-takers for students with disabilities for almost a decade, giving the couple the opportunity to attend inspiring lectures, including creative writing.

Allan MacDonald now works as a graphic artist, artist and musician, playing with the band Vox Nova. The couple also like taking 'big days out', leaving the city to be in nature and take photographs.

Mostly though, it's hard graft for MacDonald: managing a kaleidoscopic career of teaching flute at Belmont Intermediate School, painting and drawing at Lake House and Mairangi arts centres, writing, and occasional spiritual counselling.

She writes in between her classes for adults and children at Mairangi Arts Centre, and after teaching in Belmont on Saturdays.

Echoes From a Time Passage took four years to write and was accepted for publication two years ago. MacDonald has spent the past two years on revision and writing sequels.

The book's humanoid protagonist, Markas, is a ballet dancer and a priest, which others in his world think is 'weird'.

His father, an 'inter-plane diplomat' has disappeared, as has his sister, and he is troubled by a vision of a girl.

Markas decides to time-travel through a portal leading to earth in order to search for all three.

In one of MacDonald's nine illustrations in the book, Markas travels through the passages of time, described as like moving through lungs.

Austin Macauley has accepted a sequel, leaving MacDonald plenty of scope to make her mark as an author, in addition to her local accomplishments, as a teacher, performer and artist.



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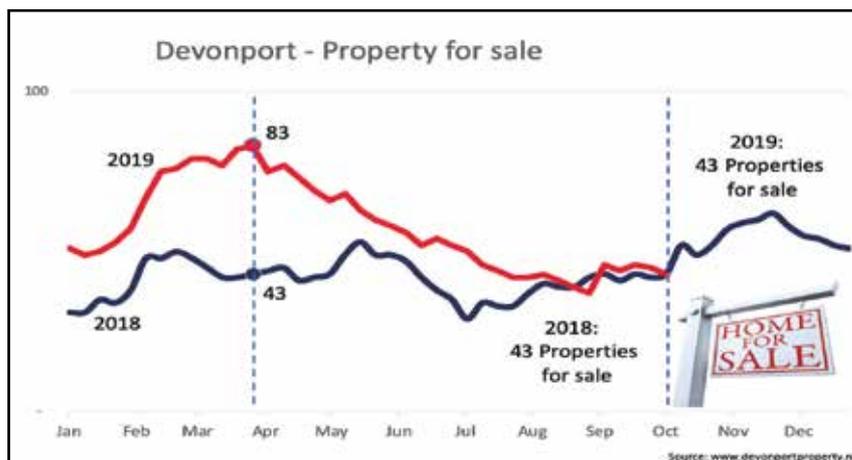
What a difference a year makes when it comes to the property market! Just 12 months ago, as we headed into summer last year, the market was nervous, with slowing sales and falling prices. At that time, there were 43 properties on the market for sale in Devonport.

Fast forward to today, and lo and behold, there are 43 properties on the market for sale. This despite the massive inventory of properties for sale during the summer.

However, whereas a year ago sales prices were falling, they are now clearly rising. As for sales volumes, well they have continued to ease. The most recent three months to September have seen just 34 sales, compared to 42 for the same time last year. The heart of this fall in sales has been in family houses, decreasing from 32 to 25. At the same time, the number of new listings of houses for sale compared to a year ago, has fallen from 40 to 34.

Falling sales, falling listings and yet rising prices. This scenario is without doubt the product of wildly differing opinions from both buyers and sellers.

Some homeowners are clearly cautious and concerned as to the decision to put their home on the market, thereby affecting



the supply of new listings. Equally, such cautiousness amongst buyers is impacting sales volumes. On the other hand, there are buyers out there who are clearly confident and making purchasing decisions. They face competition, so are paying what they judge to be the market price – which as we can see is edging up.

The key question to you, if you are considering buying or selling, is: are you nervous or are you confident?

The fact is, despite global uncertainty, the New Zealand economy remains strong as recent analysis has shown, added to which government accounts are in great shape with more infrastructure investment likely to follow.

Add to this the cost of borrowing, which continues to edge lower, offering more scope to fund your next home. Some might say this an overly positive outlook, but I think there are reasons to be this optimistic.

SEPTEMBER 2019	PROPERTIES				PRICES	
	Properties on the market (as at 30 Sep)	Properties Listed (Jul/Aug/Sep)	Properties Sold (Jul/Aug/Sep)	Variance in moving annual total sales	Median Sale Price (\$M) (3 months to Sep)	Variance compared to last year
All Properties	43	44	34	▼ -25%	\$1.491M	▲ +10%
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Copper comes a cropper on thin white line



Following the Flagstaff story (4 October) on concerns about narrow car-parking spaces on Victoria Rd, an alert reader sent over this picture of police finding it challenging to fit their vehicle into a slot opposite Devonport Library. Auckland Transport is investigating car-park widths as part of a Devonport parking review.

Locals rally to save Pikelet



Pikelet was ripped from its mooring off Devonport Yacht Club on Monday evening, but saved from possible destruction by a group of locals.

One said the rescue “wasn’t a biggie. We didn’t want to stand by and watch her go onto the sea wall.

“We all have boats so what needed to be done was clear,” he said.

Secured... Pikelet off Windsor Reserve on Tuesday morning

Groups meet on 3 Victoria Rd future

More than 10 community groups were to meet this week to discuss future options for the former borough council building at 3 Victoria Rd.

Panuku, Auckland Council’s development arm, has asked for expressions of interest for the empty building.

The groups were due to meet at the Depot on Tuesday, as the Flagstaff went to press.

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Thinking outside the middle ground



Social impact through art... Phoebe Meek (left) and Katja Neef

A woollen machine gun, a nude woman as a lampshade, and an oil painting of the Ihumatao land dispute combine to push the intellectual buttons at *Middle Ground*, a joint exhibition at the Depot by Phoebe Meek and Katja Neef.

The former Takapuna Grammar students, now at Auckland University, explore issues they are passionate about, including the environment, racism, feminism and violence.

Meek's woollen machine gun – based on the AR-1 used by the shooter in the 2017 Las Vegas massacre – took her 20 hours to knit. It offers a juxtaposition between the softness of the wool and hardness of the

gun as a symbol of violence.

Honey I'm Home – a woman as lampshade, symbolises women as a permanent fixture in a house, or a “kind of trophy,” Meek says. One of her friends, who prefers to remain anonymous, is the model. But part of the allure of the picture is its mysterious qualities and the “universal nature of the woman,” Meek says.

Meek also has a distinct plastic greenhouse on show, while Neef's contribution to the exhibition includes photographs, linographs and an oil painting centring on the Ihumatao land dispute.

Both women have lived overseas: Neef

grew up in Thailand and Japan before moving to New Zealand six years ago, while Meek was in Dubai prior to coming to New Zealand two-and-a-half years ago.

Meek has embarked on a fine-arts degree at Elam, while Neef decided on a multi-faculty global studies degree.

It was a close call, but Neef decided to keep art as a passionate hobby – something she could do at nights and weekends, as an adjunct to her work towards a degree.

Middle Ground is being held at the Depot Artspace, Clarence St from 2 October to 23 October. The artists are on-site on 19 October.

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Natalie Sayes was the Girls Under-17 champ and was recognised as the Most Improved Junior Girl in New Zealand for 2019. Ella Lash won the Girls Under-15 title.

Other top finishes from Belmont players included:

Elijah Thomas: Boys Under-19, runner up; Riley McCracken: Boys Under-13, runner-up; Zoe Lepper: Girls Under 13, runner-up; Madi Lash: Girls Under-11 runner-up; Marley Taylor: Boys Under-11, 3rd place; Justine Pausch: Girls Under-13, 4th place; Ashlee Pepper: Girls Under-17, 4th place; Tumana Taylor: Boys Under-11, 4th place; and Grace Spencer: Girls Under-13, 5th place.

New Zealand champs... Ella Lash and Natalie Sayes (right)



AT Local trial finishes in November

The AT Local ride-share trial is due to finish in November.

But no decision has yet been made on whether to retain the service, said Auckland Transport (AT) spokesman Mark Hannan.

Since its launch a year ago, AT Local has transported 3200 customers, as at the end of September.

According to AT figures, 97.8 per cent of these customers rated the service five out of five.

A total of 32,500 rides were taken. The highest number of weekly rides was 1,282 with the highest daily rides totalling 262.

The average number of daily weekday rides, from July to the end of September, was 200.

The cost incurred per ride has been a controversial aspect of the AT Local trial. AT could not immediately supply an updated figure to the Flagstaff last week.

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Every dog (and cat) has its day

Hamsters, dogs, rabbits and cats joined the congregation at Holy Trinity Church to celebrate a day dedicated to animal-loving.

Pets are blessed on St Francis Day, which is marked on the first Sunday of October.

“We bless our pets on St Francis Day because he is the patron saint of animals and the environment,” says vicar Charmaine Braatvedt.

All creatures great and small... In Holy Trinity for a blessing on St Francis Day (clockwise from right): Jean McQueen with her boxer; Val Morrison with her cat; Linda Simmons and her collie (below right); Caroline Wishart.



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Swapsies: Darby and Hills return but positions change

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Sitting North Shore ward Auckland councillors Chris Darby and Richard Hills were re-elected to Auckland Council.

But Darby, the head of council's planning committee had his vote slashed by around 2000. He polled 19,396 in 2016, compared to 17,249 this time around.

He was overtaken as top-polling candidate by Richard Hills, who posted 18,400, up a massive 5749 votes on his 12,651 total in 2016.

Danielle Grant was next with 14,812, up 8397 on 2016, followed by running mate Grant Gillon with 14,055, up on his 2016 total

of 12,523.

Independent Anthony Bunting, who was largely anonymous on the campaign trail, rounded out the votes with 3924.

While Darby and Hills are returned to the council chamber, it remains to be seen what happens to Gillon.

Grant was voted back in on the Kaipataki Local Board. But Gillon decided against standing in the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board race, and is now effectively out in the political wilderness.

Local board vote: the numbers

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board members 2019: **Aidan Bennett**, A Fresh Approach 7152; **Jan O'Connor**, Heart of the Shore, 6724; **George Wood**, Team George Wood, 6057; **Toni Van Tonder**, A Fresh Approach, 5971; **Ruth Jackson**, Heart of the Shore, 5795; **Trish Deans**, Heart of the Shore, 5577.

Other candidates: Michael Sheehy, Team George Wood, 5154; Danny Watson, A Fresh Approach, 4981; Paul Cornish, Keep our Open Spaces, 4807; Jenn McKenzie, Team George Wood, 4486; Iain Rea, Heart of the Shore, 4282; Ian Revell, Team George Wood, 4221; Gavin Busch, Team George Wood, 4217; Donald Horsburgh, Independent, 2756; Mary-Anne Benson-Cooper, Independent, 2621; John Wood, Future Focus 2240; Kevin Brett, The Trump New Zealand Party, 888; Dorothea Akenese Scanlan, The Trump New Zealand Party, 633.

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Voter turnout drops

Voters returned 40.4 per cent of forms in the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area in the 2019 election. This was significantly higher than the 34.8 per cent return across the whole of Auckland.

However, the 2019 Devonport-Takapuna return is a marked drop from 2016, when 45.1 per cent of voting forms were returned in the area.



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Changing of the guard on local board – four new faces

Ruth Jackson and Trish Deans. Iain Rea was the only candidate from the Heart of the Shore ticket who didn't make the cut.

Bennett's top polling possibly indicated a vote for change. In previous elections, left-leaning Mike Cohen had a been a consist-

ently top poller, (8687 votes in 2016). Grant Gillon, another from the left was always close behind. George Wood's vote dropped by 24 per cent and Mike Sheehy, Jenn McKenzie and Gavin Busch all polled less votes than they did in 2016.

Bullet points with Bennett

The Flagstaff put three quick questions to top-polling local board candidate Aidan Bennett.

Why do you think you polled highest? Fairly unusual for a first time candidate.

AB: As you are aware, I am not a politician. So probably not qualified to answer that question. My focus is going to be on doing what is best for the community. Good governance. That is what we conveyed during the election process, and clearly that resonated. The community is looking for a fresh approach.

What happens next

A meet-and-greet session for all elected Auckland politicians was planned for Tuesday 15 October.

At a local-board level, the first meeting will be held later in October, where board members will be inducted.

The first full business meeting of the board will be held in November.

Often candidates who top poll seek the chair role as they have been given a clear mandate of preference from the community. Will you be seeking the chairmanship of the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board?

AB: I am obviously thrilled with the support. At this very early stage, we haven't discussed chair. Priority for us will be in developing a quality relationship with other board members so we can execute good governance and show best practice in our decision-making. I am clearly keen to lead though and believe I can offer a fresh approach.

But most importantly I am excited about supporting good outcomes for all our town centres and am also passionate about resolving water-quality issues and ensuring our beaches are looked after. I believe we live in the best place in the world; my focus is going to be on working hard for the community to enhance what we have.

Are there projects you want to give immediate priority to, say by Christmas?

AB: I do have some things I am keen to get cracking on, but first we need to get settled as a new board. I was only elected three days ago!



AIDAN BENNETT



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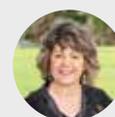
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By Rob Drent

Democracy and transparency at local-board level is likely to be the big winner in the 2019 elections. The Devonport-Takapuna Local Board is one of only two boards in Auckland (Kaipatiki is the other) to hold open workshops, where the early plans of council and its officers can be scrutinised.

Whatever you think of its wider policies, the Heart of the Shore ticket made 'keep the workshops open' one of its campaign platforms. In contrast, at public meetings, Team George Wood seemed to indicate it would review the open workshops.

Whether it became an election issue in voters' minds, I don't know. But with three Heart of the Shore members on the board, it is unlikely the workshops will go back behind closed doors.

Who will chair the local board is a key question with a split board – three Heart of the Shore members (Trish Deans, Jan O'Connor and Ruth Jackson) on one side, and Aidan Bennett and Toni Van Tonder (a Fresh Approach) together with current chair George Wood on the other.

I can't see Heart of the Shore being happy with Wood or Bennett, although as top-polling candidate Bennett could possibly say he has a mandate. And from the other side, O'Connor and Jackson probably aren't flavour of the month.

Bennett and Jackson were poles apart on the Takapuna Square issue, for example.

Moreover the position of chair has a vital role in a split board – the casting vote often gets decisions across the line. It could come down to a battle between Van Tonder and Deans.

One issue that goes into the new board unresolved is the disconnect – and, at times, open warfare – between the board and the two North Shore ward councillors, Chris Darby and Richard Hills.

Heart of the Shore members clashed with Darby and Hills over their stance over Takapuna Square and openly supported other council candidates Grant Gillon and Danielle Grant.

Hills and Darby went to the police over death-threat postings on social-media sites associated with some of the Heart of the Shore members.

A more conciliatory tone will be brought by Van Tonder, who is close to Hills through her work as Devonport BID manager.

A few eyebrows were raised at Aidan Bennett topping the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board poll, especially as he was in Japan for a lot of the campaign.

He does have high name recognition through 10 years publishing the relentlessly gushy and pro-business *Channel* magazine. A consummate networker at events and functions, he's met thousands of people over the years.

A percentage of voters would have been turned off by the arguing over the Takapuna Square. Bennett's simple 'let's get on with it and make Takapuna a vibrant functioning place' would have appealed to many.

Some will ask if Bennett needs to step back from his role in the media, due to a conflict of interest. Likewise, should Van Tonder carry on her role with the Devonport BID?

The lack of traction from the third Fresh Approach candidate, Danny Watson, was also a surprise. The former TV host and broadcaster also performed forcefully at public meetings. Usually, candidates with broadcasting or high-profile sporting backgrounds poll well in local-body elections.

Is it the end of the independents on the local board? The successful candidates onto the new Devonport-Takapuna Board came from three tickets: Team George Wood, Heart of the Shore and A Fresh Approach.

On previous boards, Mike Cohen was always an independent and polled top or near to it. Paul Cornish was the top polling independent at this election, finishing ninth.

How much can be read into Chris Darby's drop in voting numbers in the election? He probably bore the brunt of anti-council sentiment over battles to save Takapuna Campground and, more recently, the debate over the future of Takapuna Square. Top poller Richard Hills was perhaps more adept at Facebook communication, with Darby coming across as more all-knowing and, at times, abrasive.

The fact councillors are voted in by the community, but are often locked away in City Hall grappling with massive financial decisions that affect Auckland as a whole, makes some sort of disconnect inevitable.

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Date set for football ground consent hearing

The long-awaited hearing on a council consent for a \$2.7 million upgrade of Allen Hill stadium, the home of North Shore United football club, is set down for 4-6 November at Fort Takapuna barracks.

Auckland Council planners have recommended commissioners grant consent.

The plan includes an upgrade of Allen Hill's main football field to a new hybrid sports turf, installing floodlighting, creating a northern accessway, and a rearrangement of parking, resulting in around 40 new car parks.

As part of the project, fences would come down and the football ground, which is part of Dacre Park, would be included in open parkland.

Neighbours voiced concerns about traffic and floodlights, with the upgrade extending hours of use by 10 hours a week.

However, the hearing report says a traffic assessment suggests little impact on Lake Rd.

The report notes the club often holds training and matches away from the football club fields, due to high numbers of players.

The proposal would actually reduce travel for local users, parents, members and visitors, by allowing use of the local field to meet demand, the report says.

New lighting would be used in winter

until 8pm, reducing impact, as neighbours would be inside, the hearing report says. Under Auckland Council rules, North Shore United could hold trainings up to 10pm, but had agreed to an 8pm limit to address neighbour concerns.

The consent needs to be approved by a hearings panel, as it includes alterations to access and parking, removal of trees taller than 3 metres in a heritage area and plants on a reserve, and alteration of car parking on a flood plain.

Around 100 trees will be removed as part

of the proposal. However many are "inappropriate", or pest trees. Most of the large trees will be retained and a major planting programme is part of the proposal.

Auckland Council resource consents team leader Nick McCool said any adverse effects would be minor.

Council notified the consent in late 2018 and it received 132 submissions, with 103 in support, two neutral and 27 in opposition.

Originally, it was hoped the upgrade would be completed ahead of winter 2019. Now 2020 looks the earliest.

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Interest rates going lower, so what to do?

Martin Edwards
Mandy Pettit



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One possible consequence of lower interest rates is that money will flow into shares and property, as investors seek higher returns. Higher demand may push up prices for these assets, but also potentially increase the risks associated with investing in them.

Conservative investors who are uncomfortable with the volatility of share prices, will avoid these risks, but also the potential benefits.

The Governor of the RBNZ, Adrian Orr, has been unapologetic when grilled about the effect on savers, suggesting it's time they diversify their investments and make their money work harder. Low interest rates require a re-think of investment strategies.

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Devonport 12 Jubilee Avenue

1045sqm 5 2 2 1 2

One Of Auckland's Special Landmark Properties - The Jewel In The Crown

This fine residence was created in the 1890s and was perfectly sited to ensure grandstand views over the harbour to the city, with stunning sunsets and city lights by night. Having undergone a full renovation and architecturally designed to preserve and maintain the character and charm of the era, this charismatic and quintessentially Auckland landmark property is most certainly worthy of your attention.

As one would expect in a home of this calibre, there is space for all being set on a generous 1045sqm (more or less) landscaped grounds, with a separate outdoor studio yet the jewel in the crown is most certainly the location and heritage of this property. Homes on Jubilee Ave are always sought but seldom found. Surrounded by sea, with your choice of beaches, parks, reserves, sports grounds, schools, yacht clubs, and golf course, there are so many cafes and restaurants to discover you cannot fail to love the relaxed lifestyle that village living offers yet is only 10 minutes by ferry to the CBD.

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True Family Home, Prime Location
For 18 years the current family have enjoyed this spacious home in a sought after Narrow Neck cul-de-sac. A choice of two lounges is a bonus - traditional front lounge with lead light windows & gas fireplace or rear lounge leading to the patio & garden. The upper level is dedicated for parents, spacious bedroom, bathroom & walk in wardrobe.

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Future Proofed Apartment
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Devonport 18 Wairoa Road

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A Great Family Home
Substantial, family friendly home with a sunny north west facing aspect adjacent to Waitemata Golf course. Unique low maintenance 1950's brick home with separate sleep out. Main residence has four bedrooms, two living areas, two bathrooms, and storage throughout. The entertaining deck off the main living area and kitchen, leads to a spacious 'child friendly' lawn.

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Devonport 92d Ngataringa Road

3 1 2 1 1

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Devonport 5 St Aubyn Street

4 2 2 1 1

Location And Views!
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Devonport 2/39 Lake Road

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Classic 1960's Cherished Cutie
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Devonport 48a Old Lake Road

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What's Not To Like!
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Traffic solution: no allowance for cars in new development

In response to Bruce Tubb's letter "Vehicle movements set to surge" (Flagstaff, 4 October).

Bruce asks a great question: how will Jutland, Northboro and Eversleigh Roads cope with the increased traffic? Unfortunately we all know that answer. They won't.

And agreed, how do these developments get approved by Auckland Council without addressing the supporting infrastructure? Somehow it goes on the back burner.

It's a shame an estimate of three vehicles per household has been placed on calculating the estimated volume of cars.

If Ngati Whatua o Orakei stood up to be counted, they could say zero. Sell their townhouses with the caveat that there is no allowance for cars. With petrol cars a major contributor to carbon emissions, Ngati Whatua has a great opportunity to lead the way in demonstrating true sustainable development.

Then we just need to triple the bus run at peak hours to cope with no drivers, and have large bike-parking bays.

At least this an easier and cheaper solution than major road upgrades.

Peter Baillie

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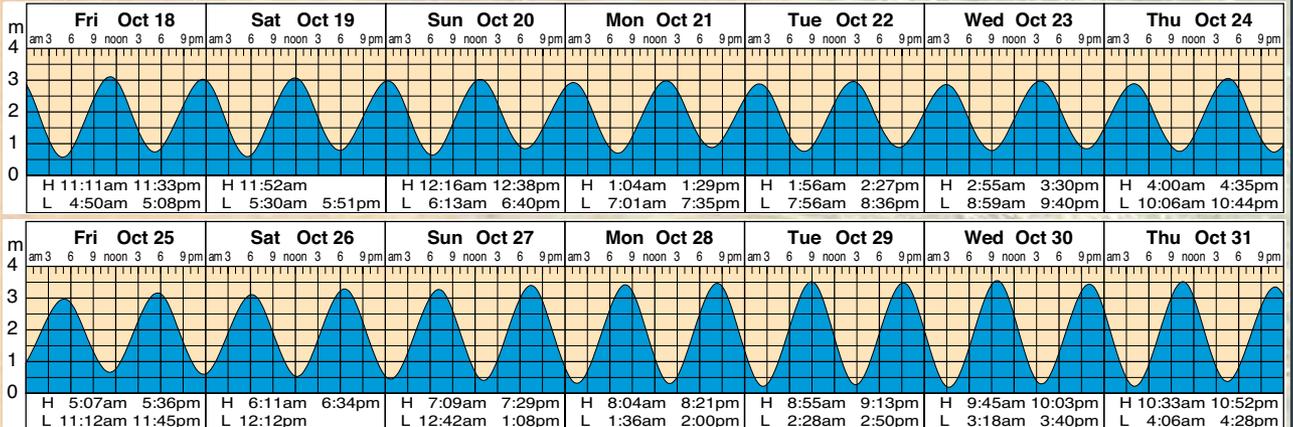
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Bodyline – Guy Body on Devonport



Exciting News at Hammer Hardware!

In response to months of customer requests and planning, we are happy to announce that we will be increasing the size of our garden centre in the next few weeks. A new fence is going to be erected along the Clarence St shop frontage.

We will keep two car parks at the front of the shop for the quick pop-in shoppers. There will still be plenty of parking down the Wynyard St side of the shop.

The existing garden centre will increase in size threefold, and be attended by local garden experts Sue Beatson (ex-Devonport Garden Centre) and Gill Dobson, a keen gardener.

Both ladies are locals, have a wealth of knowledge and can assist you in all things garden. They will maintain a well-stocked garden centre outside, as well as all your fertilisers, pots, indoor plants and gardening tools inside.

“We are happy to source any customer requests, help out with any garden queries, suggest what plants are in season and assist you where we can,” says Sue.

It has taken a huge amount of work moving



and reorganising almost the entire range of stock inside to accommodate the new garden offering.

“We wanted the interior garden products to be as close to the outside garden centre as possible, which meant a full upheaval inside. We would like to thank the customers for their tolerance during this time as the shop has been a bit chaotic lately!” says Graham Shaw. “We are happy to provide the community with an excellent local one-stop gardening shop as well as all your usual hardware needs.”



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 End of Sandy Bay Road, Bayswater, overlooking Shoal Bay – **COST: FREE**
 Celebrating the arrival of the godwits and other migratory birds. Fun for all ages, with children's activities and BBQ. No dogs please. Children must be supervised by a responsible adult. Hosted by Bayswater Community Committee Inc. Supported by Devonport-Takapuna Local Board, BEAC, Restoring Takuranga Hauraki and others. **For more information, contact Gay at bayswater@xtra.co.nz or ph: 021 174 7066.**

DEVONPORT TO TAKAPUNA JOURNEYS IN THE 1800S

Sunday 20 October 1:00pm–2:00pm
 Devonport Museum, 33A Vauxhall Rd, Mt Cambria Park – **Cost: by donation/Koha**
 Join archaeologist Dave Veart and historian David Verran for this informative talk. Hear about Dave's recent publication, *The Māori archaeology of Te Raki Pae Whenua/North Shore*, and how iwi settled here. David will talk about visitor and settlement patterns in the nineteenth century. **For more info visit: www.heritagefestival.co.nz. Brought to you by the Devonport Museum.**

BAYSWATER HALLOWEEN TRAIL

Friday 25 October, 5:00pm–7:00pm
 Bayswater Park, Bayswater – **COST: FREE**
 Mount your bike, put on your ghost shoes and explore our green route! Register between 5:00pm-6:00pm at Bayswater Park, by the playground. To avoid the queues, bring along your already completed registration form. **For registration forms and more info visit www.devonportpeninsulatrust.nz. Organised by Devonport Peninsula Trust. Special thanks to Devonport-Takapuna Local Board for their support.**

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Devonport a world away from Russian labour camps

Long-time Devonport resident Aniela Crook has retraced her steps back to World War Two and internment in Stalin's labour camps. She talks to Helen Vause.

On her 70th birthday, Aniela Bechta-Crook marked the day with a parachute jump over Lake Taupo. It was a bold celebratory gesture, but there was more to it than that. Somewhere on the way down she remembers giving the fingers to Stalin.

“That was just my way to say: ‘Hey Stalin, look at me. I survived.’”

A decade later, on her 80th birthday Crook is putting the finishing touches to a manuscript about a different era in her life, on the other side of the world.

This was a story about times and places and things from long ago, and even after half a century of life in the safety of Devonport, New Zealand, Crook was driven to capture it in print for whoever might like to know.

She was born in Poland just before her country was carved up by Stalin and Hitler, and in time to be one of the tiniest of the terrified millions of Polish people brutally rounded up in mass deportations into the depths of Russia. She was not quite four on the freezing night of 10 February 1940, when she and relatives were packed into cattle wagons for a month-long journey they would never forget.

“My family of 16 were among the two million Poles deported by Stalin to Siberian labour camps, Gulags and mines between February 1939 and June 1941.”

What followed for the family were terrible years of hunger, fear, sickness, uncertainty and losses, including the death of her father and baby brother. Because she was so young, when the knock came at the door on the night that changed their lives, Crook could never properly piece together the story of what had happened to her country, the people of her town, Borszczow, their friends, and their families. Over time, this became increasingly important to her.

“Even though I have lived here for many years, and I’ve been very much part of the local community, I’d always felt I could never quite make sense of it all when it came to memories of my own story. People would only have to hear my accent, and ask where I’m from, and those feelings about that other time of my life would be there.”

Crook and her husband George raised two sons in Devonport and they owned and operated a small local kindergarten in the 1980s and 1990s. It wasn’t until retirement that she had the time and resources to begin researching and writing her own history.

Her memoir *With the stroke of a Pen* tells the story of a family torn apart by war and runs to just under 100 pages of historic details and fascinating family recollections.

When Crook talks to The Flagstaff about her early life and the more recent journey of putting it all into a manuscript, she says she has no plans to publish the stories of these Polish refugees.



Labour camp hardships that needed recording... Aniela Crook works on her memoir at her kitchen table

“But I felt compelled to record it. If only for my children and their children to read and to know. Or for anyone else who might be interested.”

Although her own partially formed memories were not sufficient to bring the early years of her history to life, she was able to capture vivid stories from her mother before she died, tracing back to that night in her village.

Crook’s mother recalled the ordeal in the ‘coffin on wheels’ of rats, bedbugs, lice, gruel and the thousands who perished on

the way to being dumped in Siberia. More than 70 of them were packed into each wagon. Her family of three generations, from a 60-year-old down to the young Aniela, were arguably luckier than others, because in the early part of their journey they’d not been separated.

And the family was fortunate to be fortified by a mother’s moment of foreboding: the night before they were deported she’d killed, cooked and quartered their only pig, cutting it into little portions for easier concealment. It was still simmering as the

family rushed to gather together a little bundle of warm clothes and food before they were pushed out that night.

"Suddenly I remembered that I had hidden a half-full sack of potatoes under the bed, so I wrapped up some pork meat in a tablecloth and stuffed it in with the potatoes. Thank God I also gathered one of the feather duvets," recalled her mother.

Once at the labour camps, everyone older than 14 worked from dawn until dark. They slept on floors during the freezing winter. Food was scarce, medical help non-existent. Unsurprisingly many didn't survive.

The children never questioned why they were left alone when their parents worked, why they lived as they did and had to dig with their hands in frozen soil for a stray potato.

"Some of us were too young to realise much of what was happening, and in a way it would have been a bit of an adventure. It was an existence of the most basic kind – a struggle to satisfy the basic needs for food, shelter, love and intimacy. But our first Christmas in the camp was memorable because my mother found she was pregnant with my baby brother."

From that labour camp the family was moved on to another in Uzbekistan, which was where she lost her father after he fell ill and then disappeared. She lost her baby brother just a year later after crossing the Caspian Sea to freedom in 1942.

Crook traces the story of how she traversed several countries with her mother and older brother through refugee camps in Iran, India, Africa and then to England. In hope of better things, they moved to Argentina in 1951 to join family, but their reality soon became factory work rather than a better education.

"After 11 years of clawing our way out of poverty, I was able to emigrate to the United States and later I sponsored my mother and brother to join me in New York."

She met her husband George in the US and was soon to join him in New Zealand in 1968.

Half a lifetime later, she's spent 15 years of research and travelling writing the numerous drafts of her story with "many thanks to my husband's infinite patience."

The foreword has a loving note from her

granddaughter. The last pages include photos of young uncles. An archival document from Ukraine's Ministry of Internal Affairs confirms her family as citizens who were deported from Poland to exile 'on conviction for an administrative offence.'

"Although my own odyssey had a happy ending in a very welcoming country, I cannot help but feel great sadness for those who are constantly risking their lives to find sanctuary."

The painful retracing of steps and search for information has connected Crook with many others who, like her, wanted to know about those times and lives, and to the many organisations that have formed to help them uncover more of their history.

Her search took her to Uzbekistan in 2008; on to Turkmenistan and then to

the Polish cemetery in Tehran, where her brother is buried with more than 2,000 other children.

In 2010, she returned to Ukraine and the town of Borszczow where she was born. Crook says the cottage her father built still stands and is now occupied by a very welcoming family. In her home town, she saw one of the original cattle wagons used for the deportations. It is now a memorial.

On the same trip she uncovered documents to firm up her story. She visited the birthplace of both her parents in Tryncza village in Poland and met with cousins.

Another research trip took her to the UK, seeking information from the archives of the Ministry of Defence. While there, she interviewed an ageing uncle in Coventry, who gave her all his war medals, just months before he died.

Three years later, her complex web of research and connections led her to Melbourne to meet a woman who remembered her from time together in the labour camps.

Writing many thousands of words has helped bring some peace for Crook, but she says there's always a lingering feeling of "where do I belong?"

"Although my own odyssey had a happy ending in a very welcoming country, I cannot help but feel great sadness for those who are constantly risking their lives to find sanctuary. It is so very important that we give refugees the support they need to integrate into new lives."



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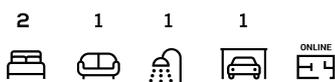


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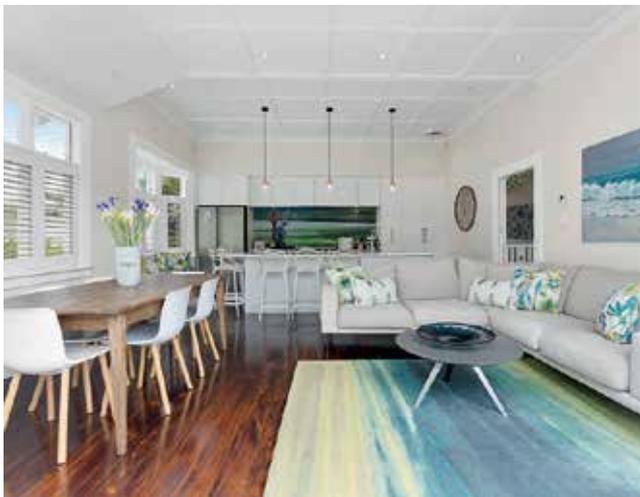
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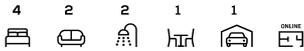
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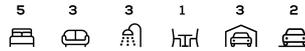
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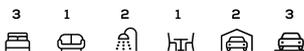
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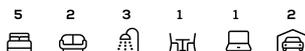
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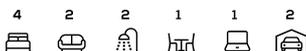
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Peter, Kiwi born and bred, and Susan (who emigrated to NZ from Colombia when she was 20), have recently moved to Devonport with their kids Emanuel (6) and Matilde (2). Their passion for food, new experiences and a desire to spend quality family time together compelled them to embark on a year-long OE, travelling extensively around Colombia, Mexico and Spain. While away, they developed their dream and have now returned, literally all fired up and ready to bring their

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- The government rejects advice from consultants to move the naval base from Devonport to Whangarei. Defence Minister Max Bradford said: "The economics of shifting the Devonport naval base are highly unfavourable and it will be retained."
- A consultant's report to North Shore City Council on ways to improve the internal workings of local government has alarmed some Devonport residents worried that planning functions will be removed from the Devonport area office.
- Colin Parry retires after 28 years running Colin Parry Menswear on Victoria Rd. He opened the shop in 1971 and was president of the Devonport Business Association for around a decade.
- The possible sale of land at 31A Glen Rd, which is owned by the Ministry of Education, was put up for public discussion by the Stanley Bay School Board of Trustees.
- The protected pohutukawas trees chopped down on a vacant Devonport coastal section had been poisoned many months previously, according to North Shore City Council.
- A home milk and dairy products delivery service is offered by Taranua on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
- Chris Tankard is reappointed North Shore rugby senior coach for 2000.
- Murdered businessman Hedi Moani is remembered with a gathering attended by 40 people at Windsor Reserve, one year after his death. He was killed at his Kawerau



Interview subject... Robyn Langwell

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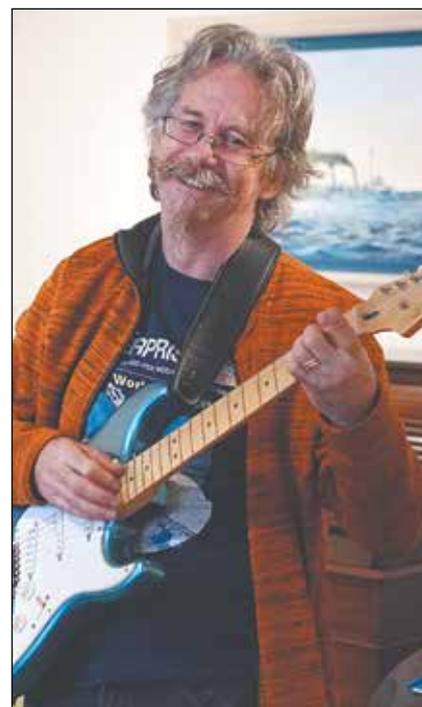
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Dozens of kids and their parents turned out to the Fun Palace held at the Navy Museum and Devonport Library on 5 October.

Co-founded by New Zealand author Stella Duffy, in the UK, in 2014, Fun Palaces promote community at the heart of culture.

This year, more than 360 Fun Palaces will have taken place in museums, libraries, galleries and other community facilities across Australia, Germany and Norway as well as the UK and New Zealand.

At the Navy Museum, archaeologist Dave Veart provided a short history of the Torpedo Bay foreshore, museum operations manager Peter Wilson helped budding artists sketch teddy bear Torpedo Ted, while Navy Marae Chief Petty Officer Ngahiwi Walker shared his knowledge of traditional Maori musical instruments.





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Devonport Rotary has organised the main part of the playground to be recycled, with help from local businesses.

Rotary president Gavin Busch had feared the salt air may have irreparably damaged the metal fittings, but council contractor Green-scene took the equipment apart successfully, with only a few brackets breaking.

Busch was hoping to source replacements, so a complete playground can be sent away in a container on 30 October, with an arrival date of 2 December.

Members of the Devonport community interested in visiting Luganville on Espiritu Santo in Vanuatu, to help reassemble the playground, should contact Devonport Rotary.

Cook voyages discussion at Devonport Museum

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The King Edward Parade clock beside Devonport Yacht club is slow by around 10 minutes and the clock outside the ferry

terminal is behind by 15 minutes.

The town clock near the Victoria Rd superette appears to be running on time.

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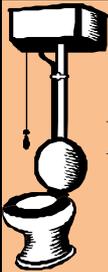


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The other type of rechargeable hearing-aid battery is a very small Lithium Ion battery, which is permanently embedded in the aid. This type needs to be replaced about every five years and must be sent back to the manufacturer to swap out. Having a 'closed' case for the hearing aid provides for extra waterproofing, which is good news.

Most rechargeable models charge in only a few hours and last 20+ hours on a single charge. This makes the hearing aid much more eco-friendly and really easy to use. At this stage, all rechargeable hearing aids are the behind-the-ear style. We hope to see rechargeable in-the-ear/custom hearing aids coming on the market within the next one to two years.

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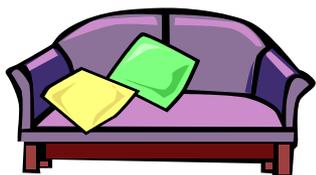
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Heritage groups unite to oppose planning changes

Devonport Heritage has joined forces with heritage groups across the city to oppose aspects of a Unitary Plan change that affects historic areas.

Devonport Heritage (DH) and numerous other groups submitted to oppose a change in the rules for areas with 'special character' overlays.

They fear the change will have negative impacts for people in historic streets.

In Devonport, plan change 26 would clarify whether the heritage overlay rules or the underlying zone rules – for a single house area – apply. This glitch meant numerous resource consents were cancelled last year and had to be reviewed.

The heritage groups say the proposed plan change would allow larger houses to be built closer to boundaries, especially at the side and rear of character properties, which would be

detrimental to the heritage character of an area.

In particular, a rule change that would allow people to build up to one metre from the rear boundary, instead of the current three metres, would impact on neighbours' privacy in densely built heritage areas.

The Devonport-Takapuna Local Board submitted along similar lines.

A hearing date for the proposal has not yet been announced by Auckland Council.

New parks seats cost \$2850 each

Two hundred thousand ratepayers' dollars are being spent on around 60 new seats and rubbish bins in Devonport and Takapuna public reserves.

Auckland Council is in the early stages of a furniture renewal project for the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area.

"Seats and rubbish bins reaching the end of their life, across 20 parks in the area, will be refurbished over the next two years with a total budget of \$200,000," says acting head of project delivery Mark Townshend.

The seats cost around \$2850 each and include new ones along Memorial Drive.

RSA president Howard Mace says the replacements have surprised a few people, as no one could see the old seats, because they were green.

The council is now keeping the the RSA informed of its investigations into flooding along the row of World War 2 memorial pohutukawa, after one tree died (Flagstaff 20 September).

Earlier this year, the council removed a 'seat with a view' in a pocket park at the top of Victoria Road, looking down Devonport's shopping centre to the sea. The seat is still missing.

The council says it will be replaced by the end of the month. Another seat that disappeared – a memorial seat on Windsor Reserve – will be replaced as part of the playground installation, due to be completed early next year.

Meanwhile, concrete pads in Balmain Reserve are paving the way for bike racks and a drinking fountain.

McMahon biography launch at Devonport library

Devonport Library Associates will host Peter Simpson's launch of *There Is Only One Direction*, the first volume of a biography on artist Colin McMahon.

Simpson will be in conversation with Julia Waite in another of the Library Associates 50th anniversary events. It takes place on 22 October at Devonport Library from 7 pm.

The final celebratory event – a musical concert – will be held at the library after-hours on 24 November. A time is yet to be finalised.

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Grammar

OCT 18, 2019

Taka Performing Arts goes *Into the Woods*

"Into the woods, then out of the woods... and happy ever after!"

Such was the final line sung by performers from the Takapuna Grammar School (TGS) Broadway Squad Elite programme in this year's show, *Into the Woods Jr.* This was the first time that the programme has been run. The very successful TGS Broadway Squad, aimed towards students in Years 7–10, has been around since 2017, but this was the pilot of the senior programme for students in Years 11–13. Our one-hour, family-friendly production of the Sondheim classic was performed in the TGS Drama Room on September 27th and 28th.

The musical intertwines the plots of several Brothers Grimm fairy tales, including Cinderella, Rapunzel, Jack (and the Beanstalk) and Little Red Riding Hood. The show involves witches, curses and magic under the central theme: 'Be careful what you wish for'.

The students in Broadway Squad Elite have been working up to this show for the past two terms, meeting up every Tuesday after school to rehearse under the guidance of director/teacher Robert Dil and student vocal coach Tausala Faulalo. We had a lot of fun putting the show together and were very proud of what we staged. We were lucky enough to have an enormous amount of talent in the cast that we were able to showcase. We ran four shows, to allow for two shows for each of the casts – the Red Toadstool cast and the Silver Cobweb cast – and performed to four very receptive audiences, two of which were a sellout!

For many students, this was extremely enriching and rewarding opportunity. Aiden Allen, who played



the main role of the Baker, said that:

"Although we were feeling underprepared leading up the show, everything fell into place just in time... I think performing to a live audience put the pressure on to make a stronger connection to our characters and I'm incredibly proud of everyone involved."

Thank you to all those from the community who came out and supported us, and those who helped behind the scenes with costumes, sound and lighting – we couldn't have done it without you! We're so excited to continue to run the programme in the future, and we can't wait to see you all for Broadway Squad Elite 2020.

BY AISLIN WELLS



Culture Night

On 26 September, TGS students of all cultures provided an amazing opportunity to enjoy and experience the cultures and traditions from around the globe.

Each performance from this night showcased acts from many different cultures, both modern and traditional. Some very beautiful traditional performances were the Korean Fan Dance and Chinese Traditional Dance that had students

coming out with their beautiful traditional dresses and wowing the audience with their elegant dances. Thai singers and instruments were shown, as well as the TGS Tu Tangata class with the NZ Traditional Dance, both of which were loved.

The modern performances were amazing as well, and the audience was able to enjoy great songs and dances. Several performances that were greatly enjoyed were the exciting K-pop dances and the Japanese Light dance.

Additionally, there were also tasty snacks

from different countries made by the students themselves. The night ended with the lovely announcers calling out the raffle winners sponsored by some excellent food places such as Noodle Canteen and Ramen Lab.

This is an independent event TGS students had to organise themselves, and they were rewarded with over 300 people coming to see the show. It was clear that everyone had worked hard to create those magical few hours, and their efforts had paid off!

BY JEONGMIN PARK

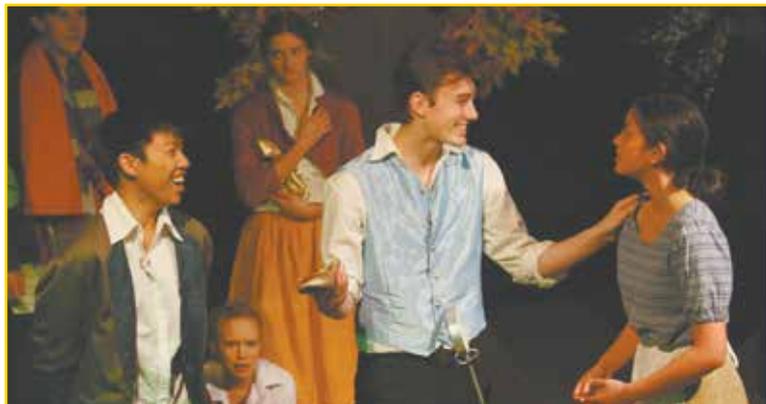
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House Quiz 2019

On the last Wednesday of Term Three, students from each of Takapuna Grammar School's six houses gathered in the school library to take part in an epic showdown: The House Quiz 2019.

The quiz had six rounds, each consisting of five trivia questions. All of the rounds had specific themes — History, Pop Culture, Science, Sports, Kiwiana, and Geography — which allowed everyone a chance to use their own knowledge to their team's advantage. Every house had two teams, each with four people — two juniors, two seniors.

Once all of the marks were counted, the

final result was a draw between Wehi House and Wana House. Although both houses had the same amount of correct questions overall, the individual team who scored best was Wana's Team One, whose members were Mayzie Mortimer, Andrew Crotty, Lachlan Jardine and Maggie Yang.

The quiz was a great way for all of us to build our house spirit and to connect with other members of our house as a team. It was also a fun way to wrap up the term and put our general knowledge to the test before our end-of-year exams.

BY CHARLOTTE GOBBIE

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The National Secondary School Road Championships were held over the weekend in Palmerston North. The event was held in some trying conditions with the standard gentle Manawatu 30km/hr northwest breeze. Despite testing conditions, the team achieved some great results:

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SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING

TGS student **NEVE BESSELL** competed at the National Synchronised Swimming champs held in Dunedin over the holidays.

Neve's team achieved three gold medals in the following events:

1st Junior Tech team, 1st Junior Free team and 2nd Open team. Well done Neve, what a great achievement!

Local finalists at Mayoral Conservation Awards

Devonport residents were recognised in the Mayoral Conservation Awards last month.

Graham Pitts was a finalist in the Individual category for his years of local environmental leadership and activism.

Pitts was unwell so he asked Leo King and Alice McLuckie go in his place, in recognition of their long involvement with the Ngataringa Rat Pack.

The Rat Pack is a local group established by Pitts to conduct pest control and monitoring around the shores of Ngataringa Bay to help increase native bird numbers.

Restoring Takarunga Hauraki (RTH) was a finalist in the Innovation category. Founding volunteers Sid Cuthbertson and Celia Walker, who was also the past programme coordinator, together with current RTH coordinator Lance Cablk, attended the awards ceremony.



Mayoral recognition... Alice McLuckie (left) and Leo King, part of the volunteer pest-eradication team for Ngataringa Bay, with Mayor Phil Goff

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Restoring Takarunga Hauraki important dates

Godwits complete another hyper-marathon flight 19 October 2-4pm, "Welcome the Godwits" a community event at the reserve by Sandy Bay Rd overlooking Shoal Bay, includes fun and learning for all ages, with children's activities and information about the birds and how to join rat eradication efforts. Opportunities to learn about protecting and enhancing the local area for the Godwits and other rare shorebirds. No dogs allowed. Speakers, a BBQ, and possible opportunities to see the birds through a spotting telescope.

Local birds count The next Devonport Peninsula 5 Minute Bird Count is on 27 October. Anyone can sign up and get instructions on how to do it alongside young people or any friends and family. It is fun, easy, and the long-term observations we can collect are really helpful. Contact Lance at pestfreedevonport@gmail.com for more information.



Environmental achievers... the Ngatarunga Rat Pack, Graham Pitts (left) Leo King and Alice McLuckie, together with Nick King

THE NAVY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

From Reverential Marches to Dixie and Pop

Dancing and jiving was all part of the school holiday fun when the Royal New Zealand Navy Band played Dixie and pop at the Navy Museum in Devonport recently.

The free outdoor concert attracted all ages with youngsters and the young at heart enjoying the music.

When the Royal New Zealand (RNZ) Navy Band starts playing, first impressions can be deceiving as a traditional march leads very quickly into a modern toe-tapping melody.

These dedicated professional musicians often delight and surprise their audiences.

While tradition and ceremony are the heart and soul of our Navy Band, they play a versatile range of tunes from the many bands within the Band – such as the Dixie Band that played traditional Dixie and New Orleans second-line music last week.

Over the past three years, the Band's Director of Music, LTCDR Michael Dowrick, has enhanced its performance and standing with his knowledge and skills of both music and the Band's heritage with the Royal Marine musicians.

In April next year, the RNZ Navy Band (based at Narrow Neck) will be celebrating 60 years of providing its special brand of



The Navy Band's Dixie Band, with Leading Musician Fraser Robertson on the Sousaphone, entertained at the Navy Museum recently.

music for ceremony and entertainment.

LTCDR Dowrick, a former Royal Marine musician, is proud of the band's unique history, which can be traced back to the musicians on board Endeavour and beyond.

"Musician is one of the oldest trades of the Navy," he says. "Ships' bands and musicians have always been a part of the RNZ Navy with memorable performances being noted in Waitangi back in the 1890s."

Until the 1950s, Royal Marine bands served on New Zealand ships, including HMS New Zealand in World War One and later, HMS Neptune, Achilles, Leander,

Gambia, Black Prince and others, through to when a single band was based at HMNZS Philomel – until 1960 when the RNZ Navy Band was first formed.

From that early heritage, the Band has developed into a world-class military concert band with a busy schedule of ceremonial and community functions that delight audiences with the breadth and variety of pieces they play – from reverential marches to funky jazz pieces.

The Navy Band also performs regular indoor concerts and visits school students and retirement village residents.

Devonport Naval Base security reminder – for the safety of the community please take care and remain outside the 60-metre perimeter of the Naval Base at all times. This includes when swimming, diving, kayaking, fishing and sailing.

**Congratulations? Thanks?
Problems? Complaints?**

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Our Culture of Kindness

“Every child lives someplace. And that someplace begins to matter when children are invited to know where they are and to participate in the unfolding of life of that place – coming to know the changes in the light and in the feel of the air, and participating in a community of people who speak of such things to each other.” – Ann Pelo

Our centre opened its welcoming doors in February this year, and we have filled our inviting environment with beautiful children, their families and teachers.

Across the road from our centre we can see a housing complex called Preston Court. Initially our neighbours seemed to be quite wary of us; after all, how were they to know what changes we would bring to their quiet, leafy street?

We slowly began to make contact when we waved at each other when frequently setting off to explore the Philomel Reserve. It was bound to happen. Who can resist a group of happy, friendly and curious children, some walking with their teachers and others in the buggy?

And soon it felt as if they were waiting, coming out of their front doors, ready to wave and call out: “Good morning children.”

The Kete project from The Heart School says: “The message is always clearer when we ‘feel’ it. Put kindness in practice and include your wider community.” This spoke clearly to us, as one of our goals this year is the Culture of Kindness.

We asked the children for their ideas, and they were unanimous in their chorus of “let’s bake cookies”!

Monday was cookie-baking day, and all the children gathered around the table, eager to help mix and shape them. We wondered if the children thought they would be for them to eat. How do we explain, in a respectful way, that it is in the



giving that we receive?

We didn’t have to. The children felt the warmth and gratitude of giving as we went door to door and delivered our gifts; a simple cranberry shortbread cookie

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Coastal Classic

Urban sophistication meets resort-style living in this stunning kitchen in a new home, north of Auckland.

For the kitchen in their new home, the owners of this architecturally designed house wanted a space that blended in and worked well with its resort feel. Although the rough footprint was already outlined on the plans, including the location of a large scullery located behind the main kitchen, they needed a design team that had the experience and the know-how to translate their specific brief into a working kitchen that was to be at the centre of their new home. For this task, they took on Kitchens By Design, led by award-winning designer, Shane George.

“My vision for the look of this kitchen was to give the cabinetry in the main kitchen a furniture feel and look, so that it blended and complimented the rest of the décor in the large open-plan living space,” says the designer. This was achieved by specifying textured oak with a mid-tone grey stain for the overhead cabinetry above the cooking area and also for the large bank of floor-to-ceiling cabinetry that takes up the entire side wall of the kitchen.

“For continuity, I used the same timber for the legs that support the bar top on the kitchen island. And for the benchtop on the island we specified Titanium Granite, with a leather-finished look that has a lovely textural, natural touch to it.”

To contrast and compliment the natural look of the granite, a narrow sheet of hardwearing Dekton with dark slate-look finish was chosen for the slightly elevated bar top – a perfect spot for friends and family to gather for drinks or informal dining.

“For the splashback, I used light-green tiles with a crackle glaze, with cantilevered display shelves in oak. The inclusion of subtle LED task lighting under these shelves and the over cupboards, and also along the foot of the island, plus four oversized pendants, complete the scheme.”

Behind the main kitchen is a large, well-equipped butler’s pantry, which the owners use for all their prep work and storage for



Coastal Classic by Shane George from Kitchens By Design

pantry goods. Fitted out and finished to the same exacting standards, this area is almost a fully functioning kitchen in its own right.

Kitchens By Design has two Auckland-based showrooms, at 7 Melrose St,

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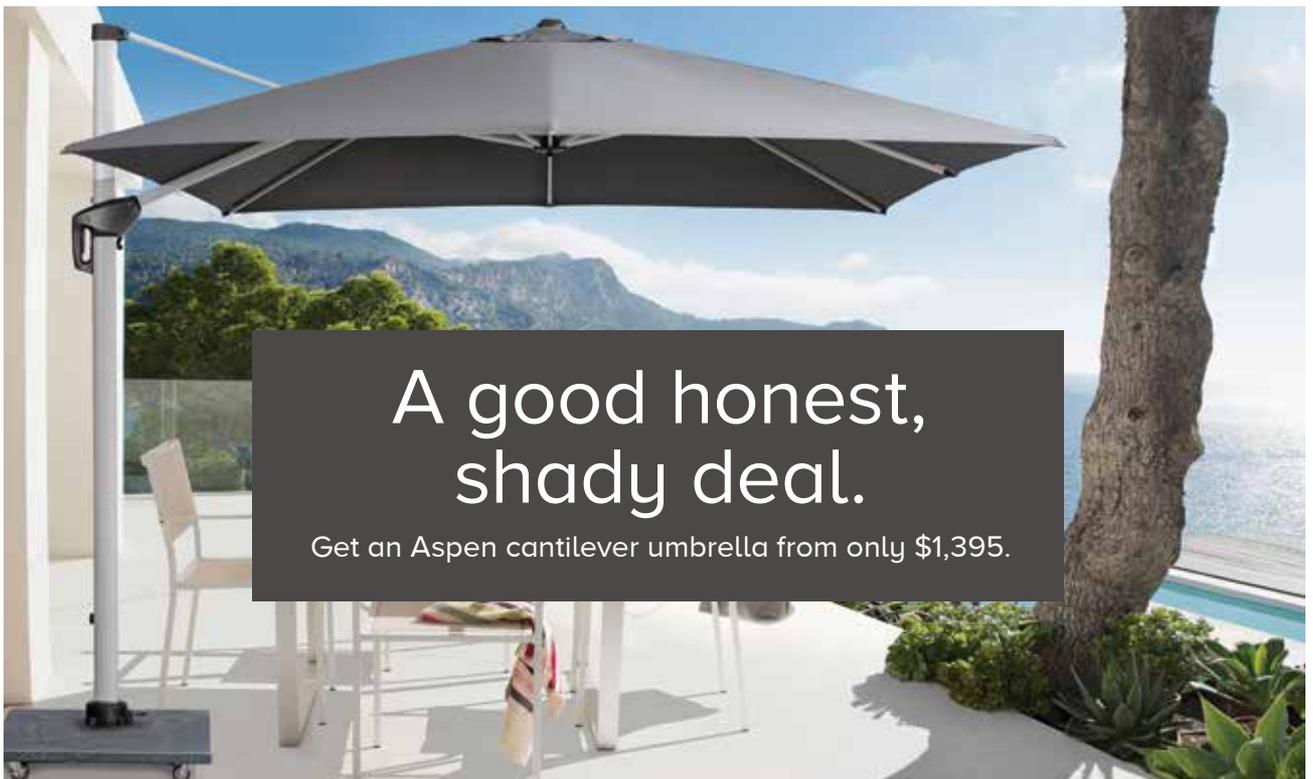
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