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Improved cycle lanes promoted in Lake Rd package

Separated cycle lanes along Lake Rd are being considered in the \$47 million upgrade of the arterial route, according to latest plans.

A "recommended option package" that includes the provision of upgraded (separated

if possible) cycle facilities along Lake Rd between Albert Rd and Hurstmere Rd, is revealed in documents obtained by the Flagstaff under the Official Information Act.

Other main elements include:

• Provision of a northbound transit lane on Lake Rd between Seabreeze Ave and Esmonde Rd.

• Undergrounding of power lines on Lake Rd to provide space to

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Costumes galore at Bayswater Halloween Trail



No peace for the wicked... (from left) Zoe Jacobs, Sianna Palmeri, Maya Duplan-Harwood, Finn Thorpe and Danny Monaghan-Rowe took to the streets for the Bayswater Halloween Trail last Friday. More pictures pages 10, 34, 35

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Tunnel safety fears delay event

Safety concerns about tunnels on Maungauika/North Head have delayed a two-day performing-arts event funded by the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board.

Organiser Paris Kirby had hoped to stage the event, *Atarau*, in the northern battery tunnels in the maunga to coincide with the 'Gemini' meteor shower on 14 and 15 December.

However, the Tupuna Maunga Authority advised her it required a structural engineering report on the safety of the tunnel complex, given the large volumes of foot traffic expected.

Kirby said this could be a lengthy process, so she has opted to use a different set of tunnels and is seeking health and safety approval for using those, which could still take at least six weeks.

"To our understanding, *Atarau* is still going ahead and will be an innovative and dynamic showcase of local creative talent from the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area," she said.

"All of our work thus far on the project still stands, including the traffic-management plan and does not require reworking or resubmitting."

The Tupuna Maunga Authority was being "incredibly supportive" throughout the process, she said. "Our team has learnt a lot about Maramataka (Maori lunar calendar) and the significance of the maunga from a te ao Māori perspective."

Earlier this year, the Devonport-Local Board approved \$65,000 for the event, out of a \$270,000 pool of unspent council funding returned by a group that had tried to set up an art gallery in the old library building in Takapuna.

"Our new date is dependent on approval from the local board," Kirby said.

Past board chair George Wood, who was re-elected to the board in the recent election,

said he had not heard anything about the change of plans. The incoming board is yet to meet.

Kirby, who is running the event through her company, Social Ritual, said *Atarau* will be held over two evenings and will "inspire meaningful contacts between locals and the maunga". She said it will go deeper into the history of the maunga than the current military interpretation.

Tupuna Maunga Authority operations manager Nick Turoa said the event had not been cancelled. "No decision has been made as yet."

Social Ritual's finalised event proposal had been received on 3 October, and the authority was working on finer details with the company.

"A priority for the authority is that any event held on the maunga will ensure the health and safety of event attendees and other visitors, and is consistent with the heritage and cultural values of the maunga," Turoa said.

The event proposal signalled that large numbers could attend and "concentrate on top of heritage structures."

"We are working with Social Ritual to define locations on the maunga that could work for them," while ensuring no impact on heritage structures and no risk of people falling off them, Turoa said.

"Once these details are worked through, the final event proposal can be presented to the Tupuna Maunga Authority for a decision."

Turoa said Social Ritual had last week advised they were looking at postponing the event until January. "Management will continue to work with the event organiser to put a proposal before the Authority if they still want to continue with the event."

Auckland Council said in a statement that it too was working with the production company and "looked forward to the event's fruition".

3 Victoria Rd: empty for 480 days

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

It has now been unoccupied for 480 days. Auckland Council development arm Panuku is working through the future options for the building.

AT Local extended

The AT Local ride-share scheme is being extended for a further six months when the trial ends in November.

However, the hours of operation will change from 23 November, with no weekend service, due to low usage, and an extension until 10pm on Fridays.

Launched in November 2018, the service is achieving its weekday ridership targets, averaging 216 rides per weekday since 1 August, and more than 36,000 rides provided to date, Auckland Transport's (AT) Mark Lambert says.

"Recent customer surveys show that 43 per cent of customers using the service have moved over from using private vehicles," he says.

Lambert says the trial has provided AT with valuable information should the service be rolled out in other areas.

The trial cost \$1.3 million – funded by the New Zealand Transport Agency.

Auckland Transport is considering further on-demand ride-share trials, possibly in the south and west of Auckland.



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From Taka stormie to national surf champ



On a winning wave... Ben Counsell at the national champs in Raglan

A Hauraki teenager has overcome a fear of waves to win a national longboard title.

Ben Counsell, 15, took out the National Scholastic Surfing under-18 longboard championships in three-metre-high waves at Raglan.

“When I started, I was scared of waves, which isn’t very good for a surfer. But that just faded away eventually.”

Ben grew up in Cameron St and began surfing as a Takapuna Beach ‘stormie’, going out with friends when the waves were up.

“You can’t beat a classic Takapuna stormie,” he says.

Around five years ago, Ben started surfing more seriously with his father, Robert Counsell, at beaches north and west of Auckland, initially on a short board.

His father has always surfed on a longboard and a few years ago, Ben switched over, saying longboarding is stylish and gives the opportunity of catching more waves.

A couple of years ago, they joined Scholastics Surfing Auckland, and Ben was picked to represent Auckland at the 2018 scholastic nationals in Gisborne, where he placed third.

At the 2019 scholastic finals in Raglan, Ben was the stand-out longboarder all week, surfing through three rounds to qualify for the final.

On finals day, the waves increased in size, to three metres at the face.

The final was a nail-biter, with Ben and rival Billy Whelan from Mangawhai on 10 points each as the competition moved to a conclusion.

“With two minutes to go, Ben took off from out the back on the biggest wave we’d seen in the comp all day and hung 10 while performing a classy soul arch. The Auckland team went wild,” Robert says.

Ben completed the wave with a big powerful bottom turn to earn seven points – and take the title.

Ben says enjoyment of surfing is the key to success. It also builds confidence, which helps him think clearly and make good decisions.

“As soon as you start freaking out, you start taking off when you shouldn’t or doing manoeuvres you shouldn’t.”

For training, Ben goes surfing with his father and friends, with Orewa Longboard Club and the Westlake Boys surf team.

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Fairburn's prints continue to rock

Devonport poet and artist ARD Fairburn helped bring Maori rock art to national attention with his woodblock prints, and an upcoming exhibition at Depot Artspace continues that tradition.

Fairburn lived in Devonport with his family from 1946 until his death in 1957, and famously was a regular swimmer across the harbour to the city.

"He loved this place – that's what piqued my interest to continue on this journey," the curator of *Rock Art Aotearoa* Jermaine Reihana says.

Fairburn saw swimming as spiritual exercise, communing with the ocean that signified life's most essential rhythms, according to *Te Ara – The Encyclopedia of New Zealand*.

He saw the coast north of Auckland, particularly the inlets around the Mahurangi Harbour, as his spiritual home and took to visiting them regularly.

Fairburn's close friend, Dutch-Indonesian-born artist Theo Schoon, asked him to immortalise tracings he had made of prehistoric Maori rock drawings from the limestone caves of the South Island.

Fairburn's woodblock prints on fabric and lino-cut prints, exhibited at the Depot in 2017, are at the heart of a new show.

Following on from that *Fairburn Rocks* exhibition, the estate of professor Nicholas Tarling, a Devonport resident, donated a rock art print to the Depot.

At the gifting function, Reihana met friends and university colleagues of Tar-

ling's, Pamela and Peter Russell. They had researched Maori rock art, including paintings and carved reliefs on limestone walls.

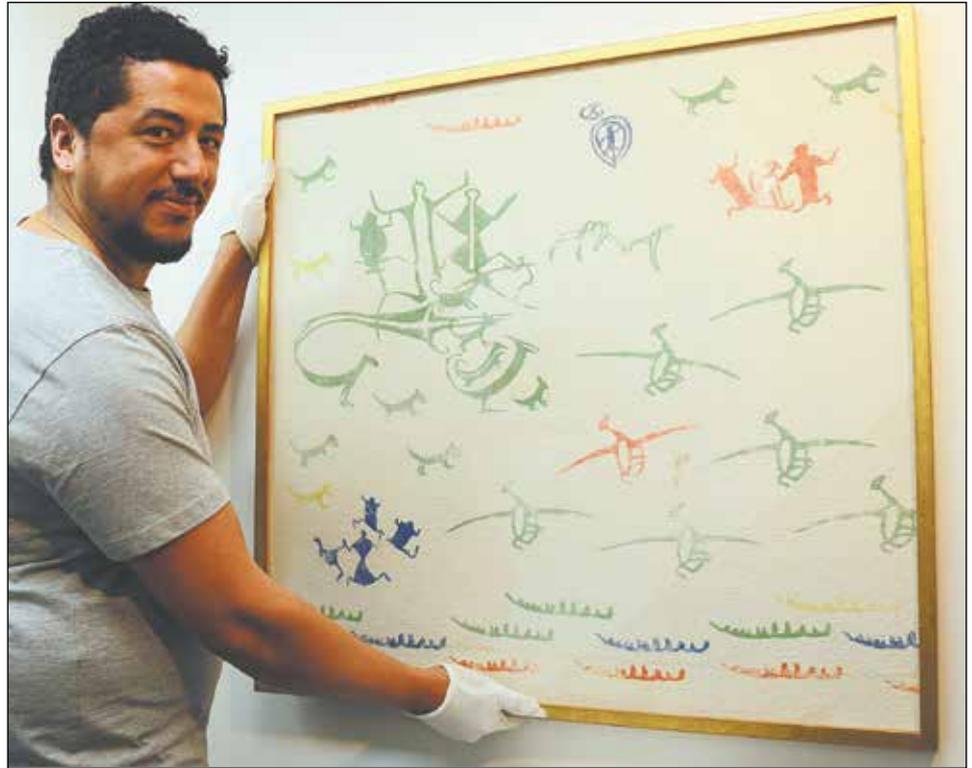
The *Rock Art Aotearoa* exhibition includes their slides and papers, as well as the art by Fairburn, Schoon and other artists who brought Maori rock drawings to world view.

Reihana was also inspired to include

work by other Maori and Pakeha artists, as well as objects illustrating use of rock art in popular culture.

"It goes to show how these incredible images have ultimately been appropriated – but also appreciated," Reihana says.

• *Rock Art Aotearoa: Tradition and Change* is at the Depot Artspace from 9 to 27 November.



Rock on... Exhibition curator Jermaine Reihana, hangs a work by poet and artist A R D Fairburn

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Lake Rd recommendations

implement improved cycle facilities.

- Conversion of the existing bus lane along Esmonde Rd to a transit lane, possibly extended to the State Highway 1 ramp signals.
- Improving cycle facilities along Bayswater Ave.

The 'option' package is costed at approximately \$30 million and does not require any land purchases along Lake Rd.

An addition could be a southbound transit lane, potentially between Esmonde Rd and Bayswater Ave, with extra priority for cyclists. This is estimated to cost an extra \$3 million, and is well within Auckland Council's \$46.5 million budget, allocated to Lake Rd improvements in its 2018 to 2028 plan.

The documents obtained by the Flagstaff show a shift away from moving more cars along Lake Rd, along with public transport and cycling, to a greater emphasis on safety and a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from cars – both of which increase the prominence of cycling and public transport in the plans.

Revisions of earlier plans were needed with the "renewed emphasis of safety at a national and local level", according to a June 2019 Lake Rd Business Case Update report for Auckland Transport by consultants Beca. "Environmental considerations, such as the health implications of large proportions of single-occupancy vehicles and the resultant traffic congestion" had not been highlighted in earlier studies, the report said.

Auckland Council has declared a climate emergency, and a Zero Carbon Bill is likely, so "environmental considerations should be made in the early phases of project planning to identify how carbon can be reduced".

Efforts should be made to make a balanced "investment" across all modes to address the "historic prioritisation" of road for cars, the report said.

Other documents obtained from the New Zealand Transport Agency say if transit lanes are established on Lake Rd, they should be future-proofed to allow for the possibility of a tram line.

Housing density set to soar

Dwellings on the Devonport peninsula could increase by 37 per cent through redevelopment, according to Lake Rd improvement documents.

Around 8900 dwellings covered the peninsula in 2015. This was projected to increase by around 3200 after Ngati Whatua

land was fully developed, along with intensification on the peninsula, particularly at Hauraki Corner and Belmont.

Increased pressure on Lake Rd was a sure consequence, which meant the improvements were much needed, the documents said.

Lake Rd among most dangerous arterials

Lake Rd is among the top 10 per cent of the most dangerous arterial roads in the country, according to the New Zealand Transport Agency.

It has also been identified as a high-risk road by Auckland Transport, says a report on Lake Rd Improvements by engineering consultants Beca.

Esmonde Rd, Lake Rd and Bayswater Ave had 28 serious-injury crashes between 2009 and 2018. None were fatal.

Minor-to-serious casualties from road accidents over this period totalled 287, from 587 crashes.

The crashes cost \$4 million per year, said the report.

Vulnerable users (cyclists and pedestrians) made up 10 of the serious-injury crashes, and 56 of the minor-to-serious casualties.

The number of accidents involving pedestrians was "stable" but the number of accidents involving cyclists was increasing, the report said.

The renewed emphasis on road safety at the national and local level has prompted a review of the most recent safety information for Lake Rd, Esmonde Rd and Bayswater Ave, the report said.

Business-case budget slashed

A budget of more than \$2 million for the Lake Rd Detailed Business Case has been queried by the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) and cut by about \$300,000.

Early this year, Auckland Transport put in a bid for 51 per cent funding, with a cost estimate of \$2.1 million.

However, after questioning by NZTA, in May it dropped the estimate to \$1.79 million, according to documents obtained under the Official Information Act.

The costs include a 5.7 per cent administration fee charged by Auckland Transport.

NZTA is watching the costs of the Lake Rd project closely and notes the request "is at the high end of business cases previously approved for funding along mixed-use urban arterial routes."

Some of the extra costs are due to the longer time to do the work and "a more realistic appraisal of consultation required".

"The peer review cost of \$50,000 is substantial," NZTA said in the documents.

The Detailed Business Case for Lake Rd is expected to be finished by June 2020.

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Driving like a clown... Cameron Allan (9)

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Unique identities... twins, Juliette and Madeleine James (7).

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Time for a helping hand... (from left) Hari Poulson, Letitia Ashton, Romeo Ashton, Lily Ashton and Zannah Poulson

Patriot car vandalism goes viral

Myrtle the Purple Turtle should be back on the road this week.

The distinctive British-branded Patriot pub Mini had its windows smashed on Saturday night after the All Blacks 19-7 loss to England.

Pub and Mini-owner Mylam Sloan said the vandalism was not discovered until a patron alerted the bar to the damaged car in Flagstaff Terrace at around midnight.

News of the beaten-up car went viral on social media and even made the Guardian online edition in its post-match coverage.

Since the incident Sloan had been inundated with offers of help to get the car back on the road. These included: free glass for the back and side windows; a glazier offering his time for free installation, and: free side mirrors from a Mini-parts dealer.

Three patrons who had confronted English supporters got “shoved out of the pub”. But at this stage there was nothing to link them to the vandalism, Sloan said.

“We have got them on camera but we can only see what they are wearing, not enough of their faces.”

Police knew of the incident but Sloan had yet to speak to them about it as the Flagstaff went to press.

Sloan bought the car earlier this year and nicknamed it Myrtle the Purple Turtle



Collateral damage... Patriot pub's Mini vandalised after the All Black's loss to England

due to its colour and the fact it “doesn't go very fast.”

Of the incident, he said it was unfortunate,

“but it's great to have all the support ... It seems to have really pulled at people's heart strings.”

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A recent addition to the practice is nurse Georgina Gymer, who trained in the United Kingdom (UK), completing her training as a Sick Children's Nurse at the prestigious Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital.

She is also a qualified Well Child Nurse and has an impressive work history as a paediatric intensive-care nurse, immunisa-

tion advisor for the Immunisation Advisory Centre and, prior to joining Devonport Family Medicine, worked as a clinical nurse educator. She has had articles published in both *New Zealand Doctor* and *Kai Tiaki Nursing*. Georgina has lived in Devonport for 13 years.

Making sure the practice runs smoothly every day are the Devonport Family admin team: Diana Russell, LeeAnn Lewis and Brenda Berryman, all who live locally. Led by Brenda, the practice manager, the team works hard to ensure a top level of customer care and timely appointments when patients need to be seen.

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book their appointments and order repeat scripts using Health35, and enrol/register with Devonport Family Medicine online.

Originally trained in Amsterdam, Dr Pieter worked in the UK for six years, where he trained as a GP before emigrating to New Zealand in 1993. He feels that it is important to support medical students and so Devonport Family Medicine is now a teaching practice. Pieter also teaches at the University of Auckland Medical School and is involved in training and examining GP registrars.

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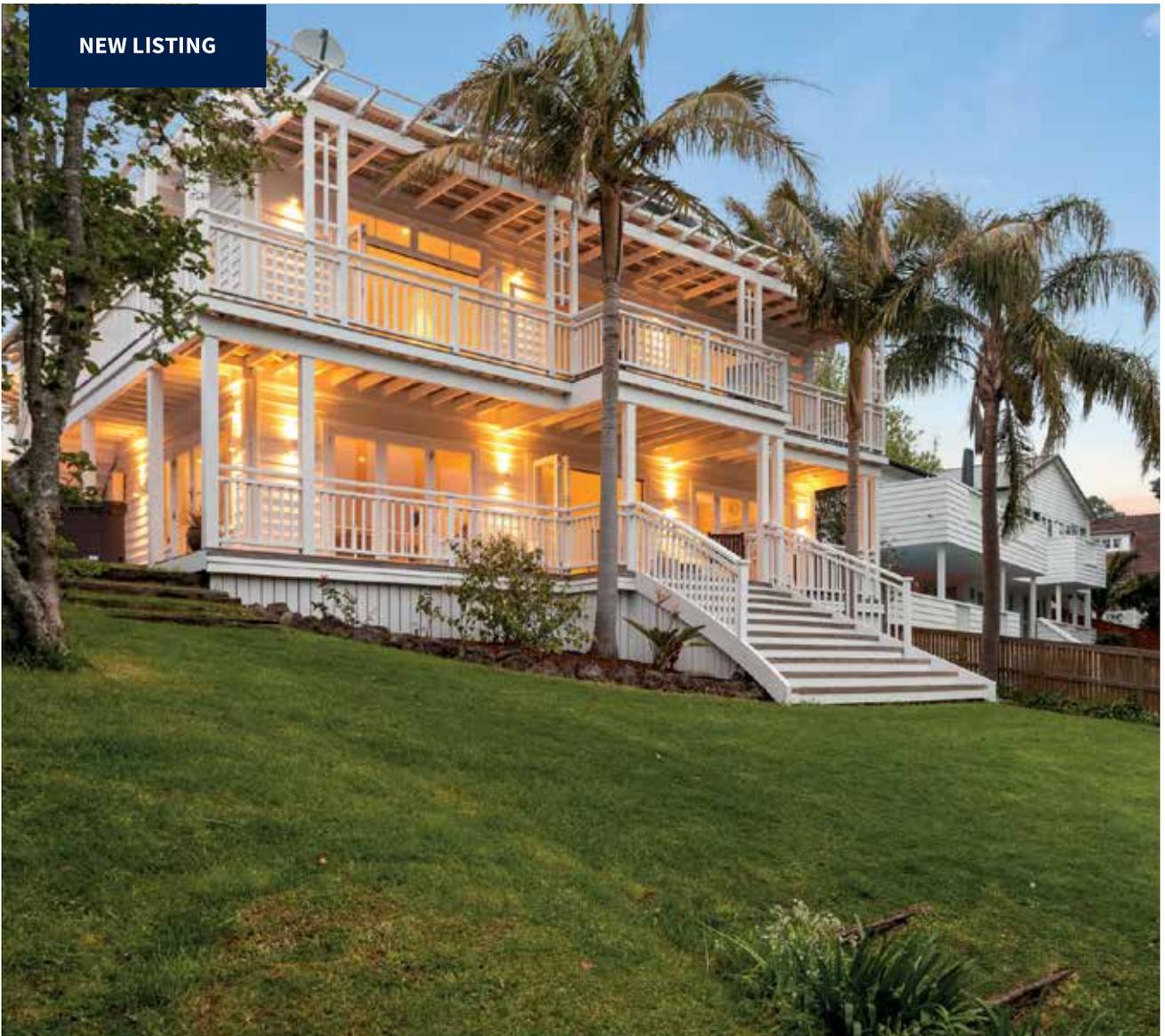
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By Rob Drent

First it was the threat of the Russian invasion in the 1890s, then it was the planned government sell-off in the late 1990s. Now it seems Fort Takapuna, between Narrow Neck and Cheltenham, is under fire again.

Regular coastal walkers will have noticed substantial cliff erosion along the historic site.

A number of mature pohutukawas have fallen recently from the banks of Fort Takapuna, and a historic signal station hangs precariously on.

I'm not so sure if global warming and rising sea levels are to blame in this case. The soil composition of these types of cliffs is notoriously prone to erosion.

Decades ago, the Flagstaff reported on a cliff-top house located between Narrow Neck and Takapuna, where the owner spent more money on engineering work to stabilise the site than on the price of the actual house.

So much community effort was expended saving the land surrounding Fort Takapuna from development, it would be a shame if it gradually crumbles into the sea.

Have any readers had days when modern life seems to be going against them? I had one last week.

Heading up to Milford for an interview, Lake Rd was clogged – due to construction movements at the BP gas station site. So I was 20 minutes late for that meeting. Then returning to Devonport for another interview, the road was clogged again. Late for that one too. To add insult to injury, I had planned to get gas in Takapuna but couldn't as I was late for interviews. Sod's law – my low-gas orange light starts flashing as I head past the closed BP station.

Early afternoon, I need to pay a bill and the Flagstaff eftpos card isn't reading. It's been on the blink for a while and the magnetic strips seems to have stopped working. I head to Westpac Devonport to get a replacement, but the branch is closed after a failed building inspection. Another trip to Takapuna is needed. I decide to wait until the following day, before anything else can go wrong on my First-World problem list.

Westpac's sudden closure, with no announcement pending on when it will be reopened, is a concern, not only for the loss of another bank but the overall decline in services in the suburb. Only one bank – ASB – is now operating in Devonport. The BNZ closed last year, and the ANZ earlier this year. Devonport's post office became an agency with only skeleton Kiwibank services a couple of years ago.

Council services have all gone: planning went more than a decade ago, payments went when the council building closed and a council service desk quietly disappeared a year ago.

Retail shops have gradually been closing over the last two decades, largely being replaced with cafes and op shops.

Our locally based community constable was combined with Takapuna a decade ago, and a regular base in Devonport, where residents could go to report matters of interest, quickly went west.

Some will say the cutbacks, centralisations and moving online are progress and offer greater efficiencies, in which there is a strand of truth, but also massive downsides.

The removal of services takes away much of the need to go into the village.

With online food shopping now available, and bill paying set to automatic payment, it's almost possible to skip going into Devonport at all for essential needs.

I find it disappointing – the casual social contacts made from chance meetings in banks, post offices and the like are part of what makes a functioning village like Devonport a step ahead of just another city suburb.

Devonport appears to have missed out on getting a reduction in its town centre speed limit, from 50km per hour to 30km, in an Auckland Transport (AT) review designed to reduce accident injuries.

This is a nonsense. Four pedestrian crossings are located on the 500m stretch of Victoria Rd from the Esplande to the Victoria Theatre. Any vehicle travelling above 30km per hour on this stretch of road is putting anyone stepping out onto a crossing at risk.

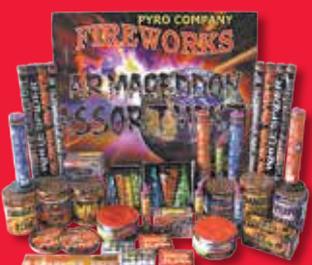
Dropping the speed limit in town centres like Orewa was seen by AT as prudent. In Devonport town centre, it is a no-brainer.

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New maunga track costs \$180,000

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Other tracks on the mountain will be upgraded progressively as required, says Nick Turoa, Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operations Manager.

Approximately 360 metres of new track surface was constructed during the upgrade, which included four sets of steps.

The track has been resurfaced with compacted aggregate that will minimise erosion and future disturbance of archaeological material.

Meanwhile, the authority is “continuing to explore options for a toilet at Takarunga,” Turoa said.

The authority will meet with the new Devonport-Takapuna Local Board “in due course,” he said.

Bid to return information centre to Victoria Rd

A historic building on Devonport's main street will once again house an information centre, plus an arm of the Devonport museum, gallery space and a Grey Power office, if a collective of community groups gets its way.

Led by the Depot Artspace, the groups have put in a joint bid to lease the former council chambers at 3 Victoria Road.

"We are saying, 'Here's an idea.' It's a community building and should have community use," Depot manager Lynn Lawton says.

However, Auckland Council development arm Panuku has reviewed the building and declared it is not needed by the community.

"The challenge is Panuku has designated this building as a 'non-service facility' for commercial use and Panuku is looking for rent and a viable business plan," Lawton says.

"We are proposing a community-facility service use where the users would pay \$1

rental per year."

The collective wants a two-year lease, and if successful would apply for Devonport-Takapuna Local Board funding to cover moving-in costs, Lawton says.

Panuku wants to lease the building for a 12-month term, with an option to give three months' notice, while it works with the local board to plan for the future of the building.

It also wants the tenants to take on liability for the earthquake-prone building.

The community groups want Panuku to fund the strengthening work from developing the rear of the building into apartments.

Panuku had seven expressions of interest in renting out the building, according to director portfolio management Ian Wheeler.

At least some of these would now be involved in the collective bid. Lawton says he met many of them on a Panuku tour of the building for applicants.

The information centre moved out 9 July 2018 and the building was vacated, after the building was found to have seismic issues.

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Travellers need to look at carbon footprint

Further to the article on Devonport's frequent flyers (Flagstaff, 18 October), is it not ironic, and somewhat discouraging, that residents of our suburb are contributing to a massive carbon footprint with their frequent flights?

In terms of individual impact on the environment, long-haul flights, because of the quantity of fuel they use, inflict more harm than most other human activities. Though undeniably affluent, does this suburb not pride itself on environmental awareness?

Holidays are "discretionary" activities,

we are told by Brent Thomas (House of Travel). Well yes, for those with enough disposable income they are.

The people most likely to fly long haul frequently are those with a substantial income, maybe a second home abroad, or perhaps with both.

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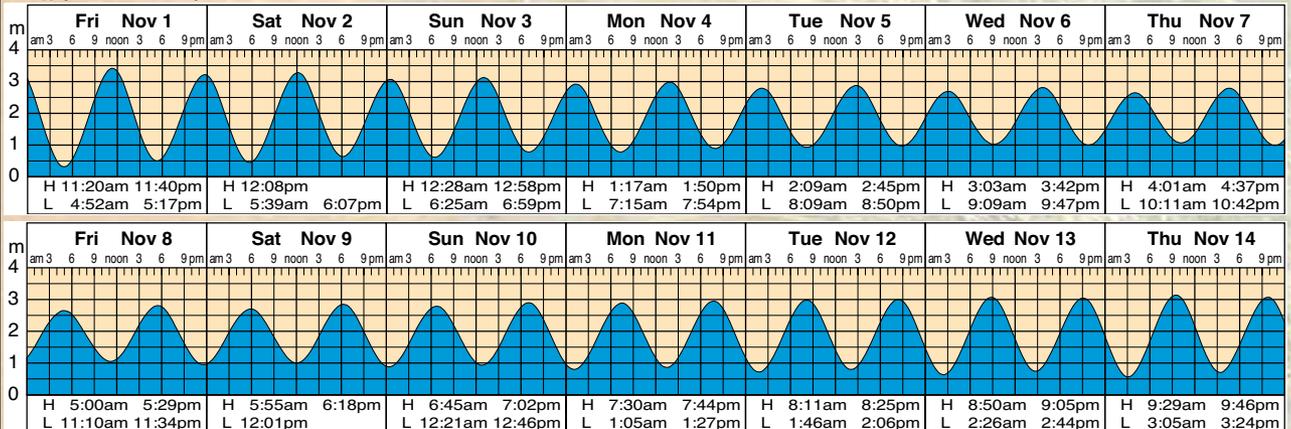
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Sudden Westpac shutdown

Westpac's Devonport branch has closed suddenly, citing problems with its Victoria Rd building.

"A building assessment was received on the afternoon of Wednesday 16th October and the decision was made to close the branch from the following morning," a Westpac spokesman said.

The Flagstaff asked if the building was an earthquake risk, but Westpac refused to say, referring us to managers of the building.

The closure means Devonport is down to one fully functioning bank – ASB. BNZ and ANZ banks have closed, and Kiwibank, which used to operate out of Devonport's NZ Post branch, has been scaled back.

Staff formerly at Westpac Devonport are now working at Takapuna and Milford branches.

The ATM at Westpac Devonport will be unavailable for as long as the branch is closed, because staff need to enter the build-

ing to load the machine with money or to clear deposits, the Westpac spokesman said.

Westpac is a tenant in the building, he added.

The property manager of the closed Westpac building, Issac Tankard of Harcourts NIA, said Westpac moved out after a recent detailed engineering assessment report.

He refused to say what was in the report, but added that engineers were working through the issues and then a meeting would be held with Westpac.

Asked if Westpac was still paying rent, Tankard said any tenancy arrangements were subject to client confidentiality.

Across the country many banks have been moving out of buildings that are less than 34 per cent compliant with earthquake standards.

Many Devonport buildings are not up to the current standards, but most have up to 35 years to do remedial engineering works.

ANZ's last day in Devonport



Farewell...a customer baked a cake to thank ANZ staff (from left) Gavan MacFarlane, Tracey Hansen, Savita Singh, Chandra Wright, Deborah Lai and Angela Fay, last Friday – the bank's last day in Devonport



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BELMONT INTERMEDIATE ORIENTEERING COMPETITION

Sunday 3 November 2019
Belmont Intermediate School, 10 Winscombe St, Belmont
A 90-minute rogaine held at Belmont Intermediate School. This event is pre-entry; there are no late entries and no entries on the day. Teams are made up of 2 to 5 members. **Registration opens at 10am, maps are given out at 10.30am, and the race starts at 11am.** More info at: www.runningcalendar.co.nz/event/belmont-intermediate-orienteering-competition/

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Saturday 9 November, 11am–3pm
St Leo's School, 102 Victoria Rd, Devonport
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Sunday sessions just the latest gig for veteran muso

After nearly 60 years as a musician, Belmont's John Davy is still playing regularly, and providing opportunities for others to share in the pleasure of live music. He talks to Helen Vause.

By mid-afternoon every Sunday, a small group of people at Harmony Hall are singing their hearts out together. It could be the Beatles, a sea shanty or a sad country number; there is a guitar, sometimes mandolin and banjo, or a fiddler. It sounds warm and happy and, at times, pretty chaotic.

Musician John Davy calls the gathering of his loose collection of singers and players Lazy Sunday Afternoons. It's the sort of scene he reckons there ought to be a lot more of around Devonport – and in all communities.

After nearly 60 years of playing the guitar and singing – in addition to his day job – Davy felt a regular singalong, and a super-casual scene for locals to drop in to when they feel like it, were long overdue.

“Good live music adds colour to life. Everyone gets something from it,” says Davy. He set up the event in early winter, and it's become a regular thing for him and around 20 people who come and go.

“It's an outlet for people to just come along and chill and enjoy the music, even if they feel they can't sing very well themselves. I believe you can create a heart to pump some passions and joy into our local community.

“Our lives have become digitised, repetitive and dull. Sunday afternoons can be a pretty quiet time for some people, and I know plenty that just don't leave the house.”

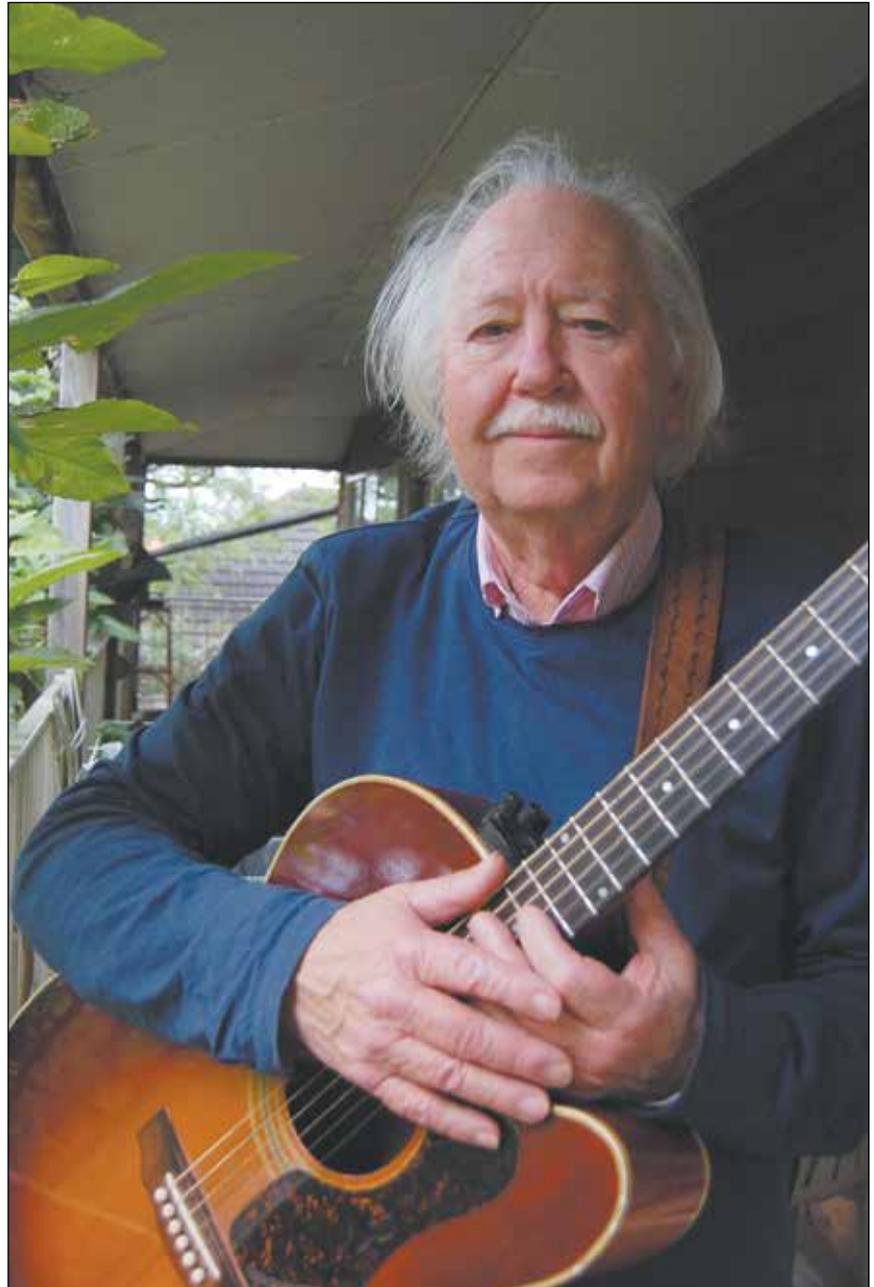
The weekly gathering is dear to his heart, but it's just a small recent piece of his life and times in music.

Davy is nudging 70, but he's out many nights playing his acoustic guitar and singing with groups all over the city – mostly Irish, Scottish and folk music. And he's slightly dismayed to find that these days he can't fit in more music in more places. Running Celtic concerts at the Rose Centre, for example, fell by the wayside because, in his own words, he ran out of puff.

Get him talking music and it will be a long and colourful conversation, laced with gigs and the many musicians he's played with over half a century and more. Whether it's a fiddler, a tin-whistler a singer or guitarist, there is a good chance he's played with them at least once, or maybe just last week, or he is going to play with them soon.

From a lifetime of live music there comes a huge network of musical connections – plenty of those including a couple of generations. His own son James taught guitar in Devonport, and Davy is proud of his talent and delighted to perform with him too when the chance arises.

Davy's own journey in music began with listening to classical music as a child growing up in central Auckland.



Music man... John Davy has a huge network of musical connections, made over a lifetime of performing Irish and other music

By the time he was 10, his mother had found him a guitar teacher – the legendary Dave Tatana. Walking to a Karangahape Rd studio for his lesson was a weekly highlight for the very enthusiastic young guitar pupil.

After that arrangement ended, Davy was lucky enough to get lessons with another big name in guitar music of the era, Gray Bartlett.

“You could say I was incredibly lucky to be taught by these guys. They were just

wonderful teachers and they really set me on the path as a guitarist.”

In the late 60s, his parents, Ben and Rui Davy, moved to Devonport. Davy junior had to turn his attention to earning a living. He studied accounting at the University of Auckland, but the call of the family printing business won over, and he went to work with his father.

Making music and getting the gigs always loomed large, but from the proceeds

of his day job Davy was able to buy a house right on Cheltenham Beach by the time he was in his mid 30s.

Those were great days, he recalls, even if his good fortunes in real estate were to be short-lived. He had a grand piano at both ends of his living room, and a ready bunch of fellow musos to come over and make music as often as they could. Davy is quick to point out they were ever mindful of the neighbours.

"It's not like we were making an ear-splitting noise with electric stuff."

He can't easily recall every one of the musical groupings he has been part of. But since the garage bands and school bands of his youth, there's always been a trio or a duo, and there was his long-running Blacksmith Band. The latter, he's proud to say, played in plenty of Auckland's top spots, including the opening shows for the Aotea Centre and the Vector Arena – both very desirable gigs.

But bands, says Davy with a grin, have a way of reaching a high point and then imploding.

"They sort of get to a place where everything's seems to be perfect. They've got the sound right, they're working together brilliantly, and then bouff! It all flies apart and everyone goes their own way and starts over again."

In recent times, Davy's big commitment has been coordinating the live music at the popular Titirangi Market, as well as playing and singing there himself.

He notes that Titirangi is a favourite spot for outdoor music because there's scarcely a lawnmower to be heard on a Sunday morning.

"In Belmont I'm living in lawnmower valley. Some days the racket is so bad I just have to go out.

"Doing the music at Titirangi has been incredibly enriching and at least another 30 or so very talented people have come into my life," he says, opening up more

possibilities for initiating live music.

Irish music is probably Davy's greatest passion, and he says it's easy enough to pull

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a band together in a moment.

"The thing about Irish music is that everyone knows the same songs. It all comes from the bible of Irish music – *O'Neill's Music of Ireland*. There'd be more than a thousand songs in that book and anyone who likes to play Irish music knows them. So wherever you are and whoever you are playing with, you are going to know the same songs.

"Everyone loves that sound of Irish music."

But let's not forget his regular gigs with the Scottish Fiddle Club either.

Davy is in Devonport-based choir Village Song. After an exploratory natter with other members and musical friends, he felt his Lazy Sunday Afternoons concept could grow and evolve. From his extensive song list, he puts together a possible selection, complete with lots of YouTube clips, which he sends out between Sundays.

"I just want people to come along and sing, or even just come and hum along. One of the happiest moments for me was to see someone who has recently turned up just join in with us, with a huge smile on her face. She'd always believed she

couldn't sing. People get a lot out of it. I hope the group will evolve and that more musicians will join us. Who knows where it could lead."

Davy is adamant the community needs much more live music in public places, and in restaurants, bars and cafes, and is very happy to be part of trying to make it happen.

He says friends relate stories of enjoying the live music and ambience they encounter on overseas travels, and often note a sense of belonging involved.

"We could so easily have that here. We have the people to create those scenes and bring much more music into our village. Why not? The big public events are one thing, and they are better than nothing. But I think we should also be having lots more smaller events, where people are participating. That way we'd be involving a lot more people in live music right here.

"Music keeps us sane and it makes people happy. And I'm all for that."



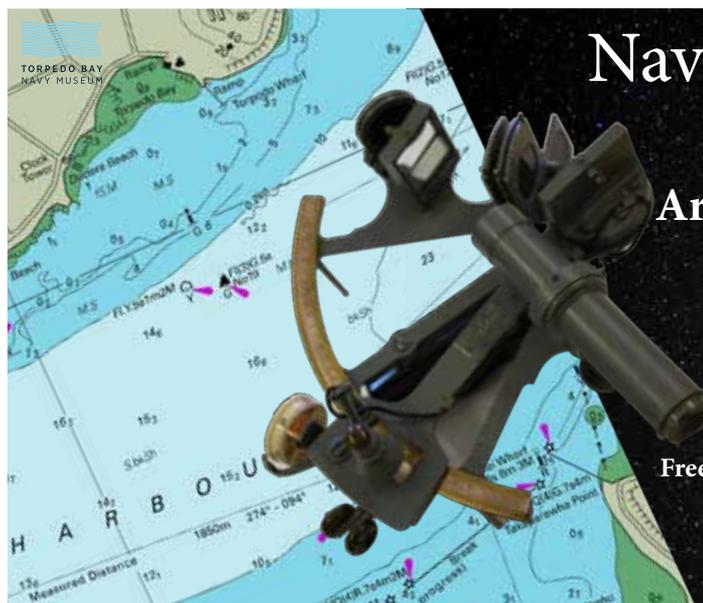
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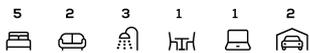
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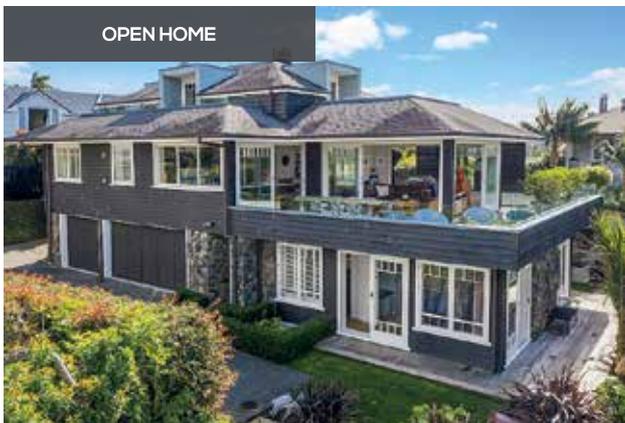


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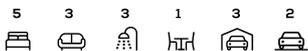
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Planning starts for Fort Takapuna improvements

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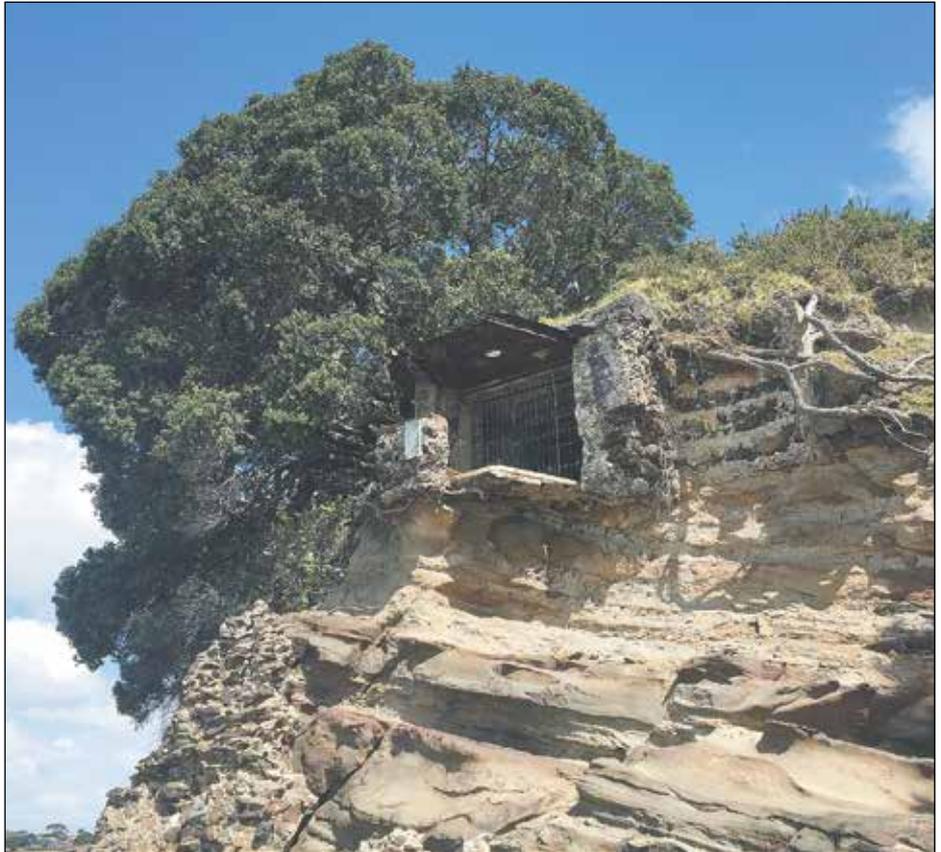
“We’re at the start of the scoping process and will need to develop a plan and secure funding before any work begins,” a DoC spokesperson said.

“It’s unlikely the work will be completed before the America’s Cup begins [in 2021],” the spokesperson said.

Meanwhile DoC is checking the pohutukawa that have fallen down the cliffs between Narrow Neck and Cheltenham to see if they have become a risk to the public.

A deteriorating searchlight bay on the same stretch of coastline is being left to its own devices.

“The searchlight is housed in a closed structure to protect the public. We have no plans to upgrade the searchlight,” the spokesperson said.



**Out on a limb...
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- Thirty police formed skirmish lines to disperse a crowd of 200 youths at a party held by two teenagers home alone while their father was at the Rugby World Cup in Britain. A dozen youths were arrested on a variety of minor disobedience charges at the High St address.
- Mt Victoria and its disappearing gun are earmarked for a \$5000 spruce-up for the millennium celebrations. The Fort Victoria Trust would spend the money on removing graffiti and repainting the original gun.
- Manuka restaurant took a booking from Prime Minister Jenny Shipley's office, initially thinking it was a prank. However a staff member later called reconfirming Shipley's lunch – a salad.
- Devonport fire station was twice left without cover in recent weeks. Station officer Ron Henderson expressed alarm that Devonport homes were left vulnerable. Devonport's peninsula location makes it difficult to serve promptly from other locations, especially if Lake Rd is clogged, he said. A quick response from the Devonport station to a home known as Old Joe's house saved at least three surrounding homes.
- Janet – a racing yacht in the early 1900s – is back on the water competing again out of Devonport Yacht Club.
- A Help Save Takapuna Head public meeting is planned for Wakatere Boating Club, to be attended by various MPs: Wayne Mapp (National); Judith Tizard (Labour); Grant Gillon (Alliance); and Ken Shirley (Act NZ).
- The summit fence at North Head is to be cut by Conservation Minister Nick Smith and North Shore City Mayor George Wood. Three buildings have been demolished on top of the mountain to allow better public access.
- North Shore City Council ups the ante in moves to close planning services at the old



Interview subject... Devonport business owner Diane Reid

Devonport Borough Council buildings. Devonport Community Board member Mick Gannaway said the worst-case scenario would be that the office becomes a rate-collecting agency and then is quietly closed when shown to be a drain on council.

- Visitor numbers to Devonport are increasing.

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- Devonport business owner Diane Reid is the Flagstaff interview subject, after winning a gold medal at the Australian Promotional Awards.

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Heritage restorations star in Film Night at Vic

The transformation of St Augustine's Church into a family home features in a Devonport Heritage Film Night at the Vic Theatre this month.

Lesley Harris bought St Augustine's Church, which is on Calliope Rd, two years ago.

An early challenge was discovering the huge old bell in the roof was hanging by a frayed cable that could have broken at any time.

Until that discovery, Harris and the builders had been ringing the bell every day when they arrived at the church.

"Another couple of rings and the whole bell would have fallen through and possibly killed someone," she said.

The Devonport Heritage Film Night at the Vic on November 21 looks at the early stages of her plan to transform the historic church into a home.

Another film featured on the night documents the award-winning restoration of a Chapman Taylor-designed Arts and Crafts house in Rewiti Ave, Takapuna.

This had been owned by one family for over 80 years and was in almost original condition when Sue Fleischl and Michael Booth bought it in 2016.

The film follows their restoration challenges to the final result.

Both films have been made by Margot McRae as a fundraiser for Devonport Heritage, and will be followed by a discussion with the owners and their architects.

• Devonport Heritage Film night, 21 November, 8pm at The Victoria Theatre. Tickets \$20. Bookings essential at www.thevic.co.nz or phone 446 0100.



For whom the bell tolls... Lesley Harris inside her restored home, a former church on Calliope Rd

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Devonport Rotary Club

Now welcoming new members!



Devonport Rotary was busy in October finalising the shipping of the old Windsor Reserve Playground up to Luganville on Espiritu Santo in Vanuatu.

The project was originally considered back in May, and after many months of hard work it was great to see a number of local companies, as well as the Auckland Council, get behind the club.

The playground will now have a new life on the island of Espiritu Santo. Of course living in such a beautiful part of the world finding somewhere to play is probably not an issue.

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Devonport-Takapuna's growth slower than Auckland's

The population of Devonport-Takapuna has increased by more than 2505 people since 2013, but the area is growing more slowly than Auckland as a whole.

According to just-released figures from the 2018 census, 57,975 people live in Devonport-Takapuna – a 4.5 per cent increase from 2013 to 2018.

Overall Auckland's population has increased by 11 per cent.

Devonport-Takapuna is now home to 3.7 per cent of the Auckland population, down slightly from 3.9 per cent at the 2013 census.

The population statistics are in key Auckland Council deciding where to allocate money on projects.

Devonport-Takapuna has had a massive growth in its Asian population, which stands at 15,249. This is 26 per cent of the total population and up 4674 (44 per cent) since the 2013 census. Across Auckland, 28.2 per cent of the population is Asian.

Residents in the Devonport-Takapuna area are mainly of European descent – 69.3 per cent, compared to 53.5 per cent across Auckland. Only 5.5 per cent are Maori compared to 11.5 per cent across Auckland.

The Devonport-Takapuna area has fewer young people and more older people than the rest of Auckland, with 17.9 per cent of residents under 15 (compared with 20 per cent for wider Auckland), and 16.3 per cent aged 65 or older (12 per cent across Auckland).

The median age in Devonport-Takapuna is 39.4 years compared to 34.7 years in Auckland.

The census found Devonport-Takapuna had 20,901 occupied dwellings, an increase of 402 (or 2 per cent) since 2013. Overall, Auckland posted an increase of 5.7 per cent.

Devonport-Takapuna had 1587 unoccupied private dwellings.

Lloyd Cole creates commotion at Vic

The Vic in Devonport has scored a major coup – with top artist Lloyd Cole appearing for one night only, on Saturday 30 November.

Cole's final Auckland concert on the *From Rattlesnakes to Guesswork* tour is was planned for SkyCity Theatre, but this was close to selling out so an extra gig was added at the Vicx.

Cole is touring with guitarist Neil Clark, one of the members of his famous backing band, the Commotions.

The duo will perform an entire-career retrospective of Cole's songbook, reaching right back to the Commotions' debut *Rattlesnakes* record and up to Cole's acclaimed new solo album *Guesswork*.

Polly's Park set to reopen

Mary Barrett Glade, also known as Polly's Park, is expected to re-open soon, the Flagstaff understands.

The Department of Conservation (DoC) is improving the Wakakura Track from Lake Rd to Wesley St, near Devonport.

The 857-metre-long track is on a marginal strip on the shoreline of Ngataranga Bay. The

strip runs past the glade and the William Sanders Ryman Healthcare retirement village. Ryman is paying for the track improvements.

The upgrade includes a new boardwalk, (over an area where a slip closed the track), boxed steps on steeper sections and a new culvert over a drain.

The improved track will have an all-weather walking surface and geotextile matting on some sections to protect tree roots.

The track is currently closed, to protect the public, because it's next to a construction site where a large crane is being used, a DoC spokesman said.

Ferries swamped by high demand on labour weeked

Major delays on ferry services were experienced on Labour weekend Sunday as crowds flocked to Devonport to make the most of the sunny weather.

Letters to the Editor

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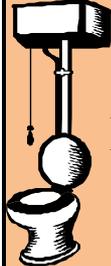
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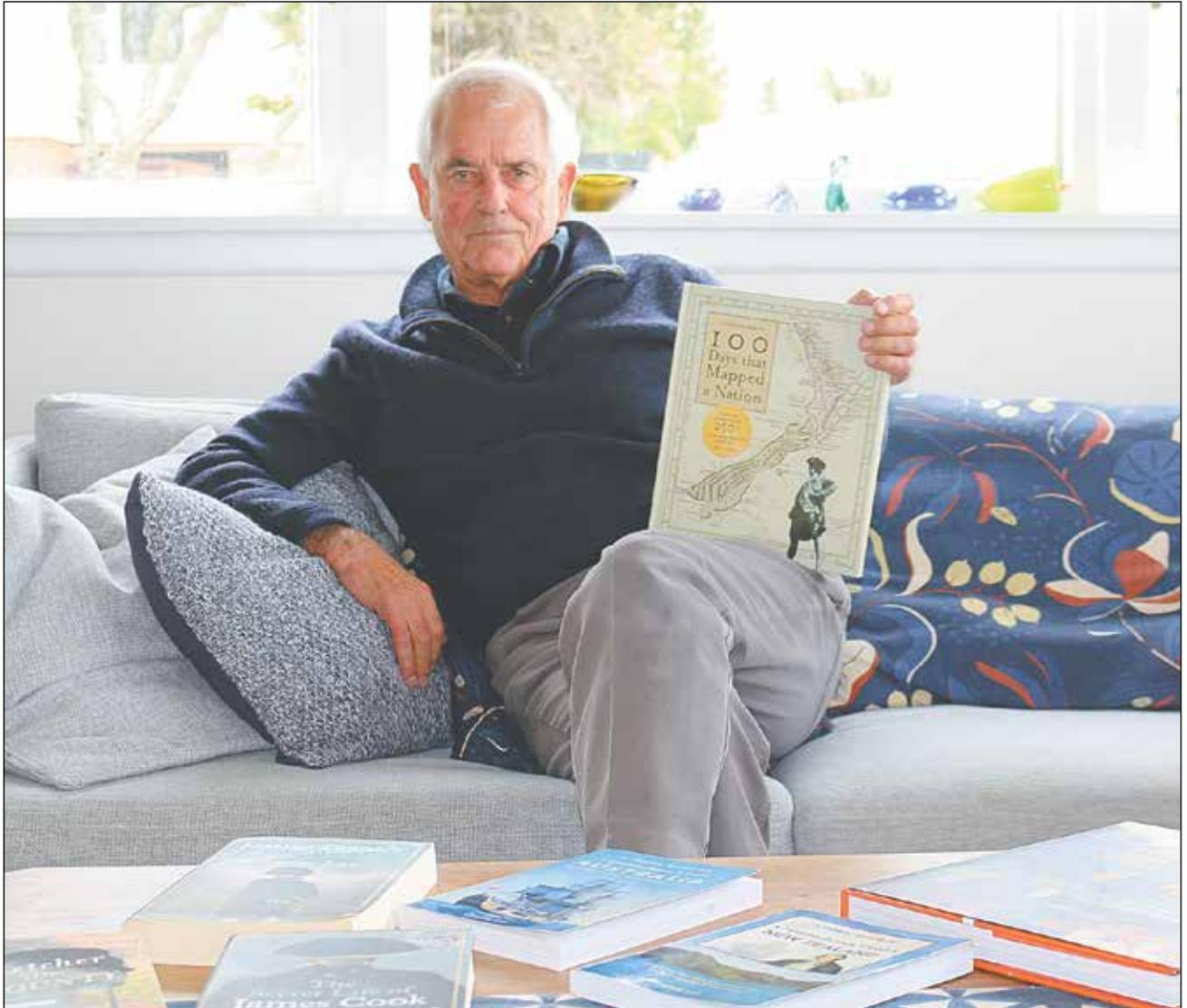
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Author cooks up new take on explorer's voyages



Literary endeavour... Graeme Lay's new book on the arrival of Captain James Cook incorporates stories from iwi

The life-changing impact on Maori of aliens arriving in "large waka" is incorporated in a Devonport author's new book on Captain James Cook.

Graeme Lay was commissioned by publisher New Holland to write *100 Days that Mapped a Nation* for the 250-year commemorations of Cook's 1769 arrival. Lay had already written three novels and two travel guides inspired by Cook's journeys.

"In this book, I have tried to incorporate late 18th-century developments – scientific developments, social developments – and weave a story around those."

Chapter subjects include: the provisioning of ships with food and drink, scientific observations to improve the calculation of longitude, which was so important for global voyages, and the life of the long-suffering Elizabeth Cook, who survived her six children and adventuring husband.

Lay says he has always respected and referred to *James Cook and New Zealand* by Charles and Neil Begg, a book written for the 200-year celebrations of Cook's landfall.

Although that work has stood the test of time, society has moved on, with a realisation of another narrative – Maori onshore.

Lay's new book, his 43rd, incorporates stories from iwi about Cook's arrival.

"There's a section on how the Turanganui-a-Kiwa iwi [in Poverty Bay] viewed these outlandish people who had come ashore on their traditional territory."

The arrival of a strange ship had been foretold and, as predicted, was to change the life of tangata whenua forever.

"That meeting between the old world and the new world is so fascinating," Lay says.

At 75, Lay has been writing full-time for 20 years, after teaching at Auckland

Girls Grammar, where the number of Pacific Island students sparked his interest in the region.

Many of his books explore the lives of Pacific Island people and colonial writers, artists and explorers.



Robert Beaglehole: Still helping stub out smoking

Devonport should reach the government's smoke-free target in the soon-to-be-published 2018 Census figures, predicts Robert Beaglehole of anti-smoking group ASH.

"If you walk down Victoria Rd, you see hardly anyone smoking. We were at 7 per cent for the [2013] census, so I'm reasonably confident it will be at around 5 per cent [the government's smoke-free target for 2025] this time around."

Unfortunately that's not the case for Maori and Pacific Island groups. Around 30 per cent of Maori smoke, while Pacific Island rates run at around 20 per cent.

Beaglehole, who helped set up ASH in 1982, has been at the vanguard of anti-smoking efforts for much of his professional life. The group was at the forefront of the campaign that culminated in laws in the late 1980s bringing an end to smoking in bars and workplaces.

"I can still remember when we had smoking on the ferry," recalled Beaglehole last week.

He was Professor of Community Health at the University of Auckland until he moved to Geneva in 1999, with wife Ruth Bonita, to work for the World Health Organisation (WHO).

He says he was "doing a few odd jobs in the WHO basement" until he became director of its department of chronic diseases and health promotion. The role fitted neatly with his expertise in non-communicable diseases, such as diabetes and cancer.

After retiring from the WHO in 2007, Bonita and Beaglehole became "independent operators": experts on global health working on a variety of projects, many pro bono.

Three years ago, he returned to ASH, which was in need of help after it lost government funding. "It was too good an organisation to let die," says Beaglehole.

"If you had said 40 years ago I would still be working on reducing smoking in 2019, I would have said 'don't be so stupid, it's a simple problem to solve'."

But here he is, campaigning. "I'm still passionate about it," he says.

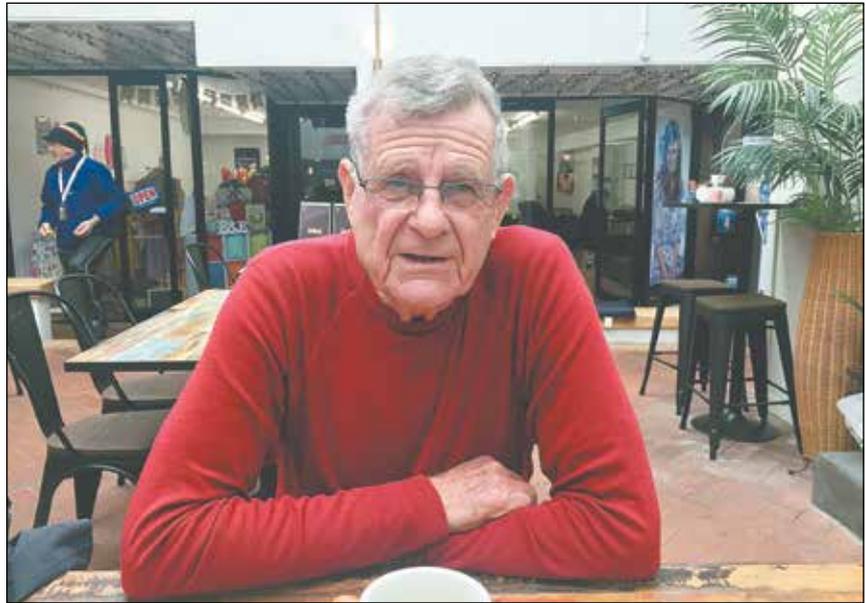
Beaglehole is a fit 74-year-old who swims and walks an hour and a half a day, though, ironically, he knows the attraction of smoking. He smoked a pipe for 10 years, taking it up at age 20 after the death of his father – also a pipe smoker – from a smoking-related illness.

"Looking back, I think it was a connection to my father... I did love it, all the fiddling round filling the pipe, getting the tobacco out."

With smoking-rate reductions tailing off (even though a packet of 25 now costs \$30), and reaching something of a roadblock, Beaglehole has found himself at the centre of the vaping debate.

He believes that while non-smokers shouldn't take up vaping, properly regulated, it is a pathway to smokers giving up. Smokers become addicted to nicotine, but it is the tar that kills them, he says.

Critics claim vaping is actually a trendy introduction to smoking for children. Beaglehole counters that ASH is against children taking up



No ifs or butts... Robert Beaglehole helped fight for smoke-free laws in the late 80s, and three years ago returned to work with anti-smoking group ASH

vaping, but says that if upcoming legislation around vaping is carefully handled, with a ban on under-18 use and restrictions around marketing and promotion, it is vital to an overall cut in smoking.

Tobacco smoking will never be entirely elim-

inated from society, but Beaglehole believes the 5 per cent target is an achievable goal.

"It's people's free choice... some will say 'bugger off Robert'. But almost every smoker wants to give up, and we have to give them all the help we can."

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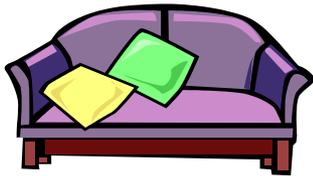
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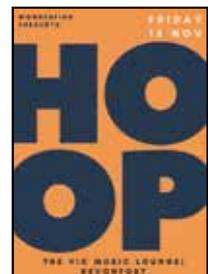
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Welcoming the godwits to Devonport peninsula



Craning... Jamie Hopkins and Matilda Edwards try to get a closer look at the newly arrived godwits



Eagle-eyed twitchers... Jim Eagles (local conservationist) and Cameron Watson. Photos Keeley Watson.



The art of flight... local artist Louise Taylor helps kids draw the birds (above and left)

A Welcome the Godwits community event was held at the reserve near Sandy Bay Rd, overlooking Shoal Bay.

It included fun and learning activities for all ages, and information about the birds and how to join rat-eradication efforts.

People tried birdspotting through binoculars and a telescope.

Spreading the word... Lance Cablk (below left) from Restoring Takarunga Hauraki); and the Druid of Devonport Chris Mullane



Takapuna

SCHOOL NEWS



Grammar

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TGS Cricket Australian Tour

During the Term Three school holidays, Takapuna Grammar School First XI Boys and Girls cricket teams travelled to the Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast to take part in a developmental tour.

The teams departed Auckland early in the morning on Monday 30 September and required a couple of rest days before the cricket action began. On the day we arrived in the Gold Coast, we headed straight for Movie World. This was great fun and gave us a chance to acclimatise to the hot conditions. Our first accommodation was at the BLK Performance Centre on the Gold Coast, perfect for teams such as ours.

On the second day, the girls played their first game against the Gold Coast selection side. Sam Petherick led the girls to a mammoth total with her first century (110^{*}). Emily Handyside also scored a great 66^{*}, and Scout Hallman took three wickets; these efforts all led to a great win for the girls.

While the girls were working hard playing cricket, the lads were relaxing at Wet and Wild, ahead of a big next day. The boys' first game was a success. Christian Scott scored his first 50 for the team, while skipper Campbell McKay made an unbeaten 67. The boys defended the total comfortably.

Across the rest of the tour, there were many notable performances. Georgie Shanahan took four wickets in the girls' second game before the teams travelled to the Sunshine Coast. Before arriving in the Sunshine Coast, we stopped by in Brisbane and watched some of the Australia vs Sri Lanka women's ODI, which was a great experience. We were based at the newly built Sports Hub which had great facilities and was a great place to stay.

The Sunshine Coast was home to many great performances. Ruby Worrall scored a 50 in game four, and Sam Petherick scored a 50 in game five. For the boys, Jack Clough scored his maiden century for the First XI with 110 in game five, and Riley Mudford hit a quick-fire 50 in game five against Matthew Flinders Anglican College.

Not only did Australia provide great weather, beaches and cricket, but it also gave our teams opportunities to grow and get to know each other better. The tour was a great experience, with both teams winning the majority of their games and having a great time while doing so.

BY MAC DALZELL



International Baccalaureate student volunteering at Devonport Glow Festival

On the evenings of 18 and 19 October, I volunteered at the Testpod booth at the Glow Festival, along with a few other students from my International Baccalaureate (IB) cohort.

Our tasks as volunteers were to help the kids who visited the booth as they created their lightboxes. We also had to try and prevent the kids from harming themselves. We cleaned the booth regularly and recycled the materials being used throughout the activities.

My goals for this experience were to learn more about dealing with little kids and making sure that they are safe (while at the same time allowing them to have fun); I also wanted to be able to work with the other volunteers and the activity coordinators to successfully and efficiently run the booth.

Before doing this CAS [creativity, activity, service] experience, I was afraid I wouldn't know how to

communicate properly with children that I don't know. I was also unsure about what exactly we were helping out with, and so being flexible with this was a new challenge for me as well. Overall, it was a fun and eventful learning experience for me. Now I am more confident with helping out and supervising kids.

My goal was to understand more fully how to deal with and supervise children while at the same time allowing them to have fun. I love kids, but I have never really watched over them or supervised them. Through this activity, I was able to do that.

I helped out the kids as they were creating their own lightboxes and making sure they were safe.

Along with the other volunteers, I also helped the activity coordinator keep the booth clean and recycle the materials that were used throughout the activity.

BY IVANNA BALAZO

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Brilliant Concert from Devonport Chamber Orchestra

Each of the compositions in the Devonport Chamber Orchestra (DCO) concert on 6 October was a masterpiece of its kind.

Such is the DCO's reputation that many of the orchestra's conductors and soloists have featured in several programmes over recent years. And so it was on this occasion.

The concert, conducted by Peter Thomas in his usual inimitable style, and led by Joseph Chen, featured the brilliant young cellist Catherine Kwak, who thrilled the audience last year with Elgar's *Cello Concerto*.

The concert opened with Mendelssohn's *Hebrides Overture*, surely one of music's most descriptive works. The slow, rather gentle introduction with its lovely cello line, leads into a dramatic representation of a storm in the [Fingal's] cave, with exciting brass as the crashing waves. Julia Cornfield's evocative clarinet solo represented the restoration of calm following the storm. The woodwind playing throughout was exemplary. Great intonation and disciplined marcato bowing from the strings were matched with effective responses to varied tempi.

Tchaikovsky's *Variations on a Rococo Theme*, played by Catherine Kwak, might well be seen as a cello concerto. So assured is Kwak's technique that every note was exquisitely articulated. Never rushed, each phrase was cherished.

The six variations are all linked to the original theme and require a virtuosic soloist able to express the full capabilities of the cello. Kwak's rock-solid technique was equal to all demands – high harmonics that were hair-raising, a rich lower register, double stopping and florid runs. The work is full of Tchaikovsky's beautiful melodies and was played with lyricism and serenity. A magnificent performance enhanced by a most supportive orchestral accompaniment.

Mozart's *Symphony No. 31 (Paris)* was the final work. A substantial piece, it demanded, and got, finely coordinated playing from all sections. The DCO responded with skill and panache to the challenging string writing, particularly unison string writing in the second movement and the fugal opening to the third movement.

Peter Thomas set a cracking pace in the outer movements – demonstrating his confidence in the ability of the strings. This was the first of Mozart's symphonies to include clarinets, and they and the other woodwinds played as a pleasing ensemble.

Each of these works would have been a creditable addition to any programme, but to have all three in one performance made this a very special concert.

by Rogan Falla

• The DCO's final concert of the year is on Sunday 15 December (2pm in Holy Trinity Church) and will feature Charlotte Naden in Mozart's *Bassoon Concerto*, Christina McDonald (soprano) in Mozart's *Exsultate, Jubilate, Angi* by North Shore composer Warwick Blair, and Mozart's *Symphony No. 24*. It will be conducted by Warwick Robinson.

SeniorNet on verge of crashing

Increasing IT knowledge and Lake Rd's notorious traffic have taken a heavy toll on the peninsula's only SeniorNet group, which is facing closure after 20 years.

Bayswater SeniorNet is holding a special general meeting on 21 November to discuss closing and disbursing its assets to other SeniorNet groups.

The group is at the point where its income, from the national organisation and subscriptions, is less than its outgoings on rent, power and the like, says president Ian Payne.

Bayswater Senior Net's sole remaining tutor Len Cooper says a shortage of people willing to teach and work in support roles is having an impact, as is increasing computer knowledge.

"More and more over-55s are coming through with computer skills, and therefore there's no need for the training," he says.

"Saying that, I know there are lots of other SeniorNets that are thriving."

These days, five people come along to training sessions, whereas two years ago there would have been 20 to 25 people, Cooper says.

"Seniors want to send emails, do research and, unfortunately increasingly in Devonport, online banking.

"Once they know how to do that, they don't necessarily want to make a photo book or learn how to use Excel," Cooper says.

"It could be also that, on a peninsula, there's a limited catchment, and people don't like driving down Lake Rd."

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BID manager moves on after election success

Devonport Business Improvement District (BID) manager Toni van Tonder has decided to vacate her role after being elected to the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board.

Her position is being advertised and she hopes a replacement will be found by Christmas.

Van Tonder said she loved working as Devonport's BID Manager, a role she took over from Judy Grieve in September 2017.

"I call many of our business owners and staff friends, and am really looking forward to supporting them in new ways now."

"I think the successes that have been achieved are the result of genuine collaboration between the Devonport Business Association (DBA) and the community. We're such a small association and our budget is minuscule, so involving the community in my plans to make Devonport a fantastic local destination, I think, has resulted in a better place to live and work."

Some of her highlights of being BID manager include:

- Organising the Devonport Fashion Show on the Wharf, which featured 34 models from Takapuna Grammar, local TV star Pip-pa Wetzell as MC, and support of Devonport clothes outlets and other businesses.

- The soon to be launched audio walking tour – a collaboration between DBA, Devonport Museum, Devonport Heritage, five speakers (Jeremy Salmond, Grant Gillon, Anne Iremonger, Bob Keely and Murray Thompson) and Morgan Allen at Depot Sound.

- PARK(ing) Day, which became a collaboration between business and community

- The After 5 street party, which became an adjunct to the Glow event held annually

"In our annual Market View reports – our only real marker of economic gain – this last year we enjoyed a 1.4% total increase in



From BID manager to board member... Toni van Tonder

spend, which has added an additional \$1.3m into our local economy. This is the result of an extra 72,000 transactions.

"Locals' spend inside our BID area was up 3.7% on the previous 12 months, which shows a growing inclination by people in our catchment to shop local," said Van Tonder.

"There are enough people on our peninsula to ensure our town centre is thriving

– we just need to keep reminding our locals who we are, what we can offer and why it's important to think local when we do our shopping."

Van Tonder hopes to give a full handover to the new BID manager.

"The role does require creative thinking and fresh ideas, so I'm pretty excited to see what someone new will bring to the role."

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Devonport lights up with Glow



Glow draws the crowds...thousands turned out to enjoy the Glow installations erected on Windsor Reserve for two nights last month. The works were created by Unitec students. Photos: Kathryn Nobbs



and After 5 party on Clarence St



Entertaining the crowds... band FRED (above). An estimated 7000 people were out on the streets for the two events on 18 October and around 4000 visited Glow on Windsor Reserve (below) on 19 October.





Girls night... (from left) Evie Marks, Isabella Brodie, and Petra Wehrle (all age 9) enjoyed the After 5 party held in Clarence St. Pictures: Keeley Watson



Traffic-free, people-friendly... the relaxed crowd enjoys the laid-back vibe



Bubble huddle... nothing like bubble-making to draw the kids in



Social tennis... Caelum Boyce, Patience Davis, Lucien Lemay (left to right) and Imogen Gallagher (5)



Getting stuck into some tasty treats... Lexi (left) and Clare Ashworth

Belmont wins peninsula cricket competition



Standing proud... the victorious Belmont Primary boys cricket team. From left: Felix Johnson, Oscar Beech, Jacob Howell, Harsh Patel, Flynn Proffit, Theo Wilkins, Liam Jenkins and Karl Letica, with supporters.

Winners...the Belmont girls cricket team. Back row, from left: Pippa Priddy, Mirim Dallimore, Maia Congdon and Tamsin Reddy.

Front row, from left: Isla Inch, Kate Barker, Amelia Peacocke and Jessica Donnelly. At the very back is Takapuna Grammar School student and the scorer, Maia Scott.

Belmont Primary cricketers won the Devonport peninsula 2019 title. They will now go into the play-offs for the Auckland Cricket Champs of Champs primary school title, to be played at Eden Park on 13 November.



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North Shore Cricket off to a solid start



Howzat... Jock McKenzie takes an early wicket against Howick Pakuranga on Saturday

North Shore cricket's premier side narrowly lost by seven runs against Howick Pakuranga in a one-day match at Devonport Domain last Saturday.

Chasing a total of 301, North Shore fell just short despite a knock of 141 by star batsman Graeme Beghin. He appeared set to see the side home, but was bowled out when the score was 289.

Although a disappointment on the day he became the top century scorer in North Shore's history with 13. It follows North Shore's first-away victory over Suburbs New Lynn.

Shore posted 304/4 in 49 overs (one was taken out due to rain) on the back of half-centuries by Simon Keane (60), Michael Olsen (73) and

Ronnie Hira (90). Hira hit 30 off the final over, including three of his eight sixes.

Suburbs New Lynn was bowled out for 224 in the 46th over.

Coach Chris Reid was delighted with his side's start to the season. The only player missing from last summer was Gus McKenzie, who has been offered a contract with Otago.

Shore's top player Beghin was in action against Howick Pakuranga, but as a contracted player for Auckland Aces, "we are only likely to see him play for us three or four times this season, due to his representative duties," Reid said.

The Shore side, had only five players aged over 30, but the comparative lack of experi-

ence was complemented by a talented crop of youngsters.

Will Clark, Simon Keane and Jock McKenzie were all in the Auckland under-19 squad.

And McKenzie, an all-rounder, who is in his final year at Westlake, had already played for the New Zealand under-19 side against Bangladesh.

Reid said the team seemed to be benefitting from a slightly different coaching approach. Emphasis is being placed on quality of performance, by individuals and the team, rather than focusing on competitions and game results.

• Shore next match is against Papatotoetoe, a two day fixture starting at Devonport Domain this Saturday.

Lake Rd an impediment to cricket growth

North Shore Cricket Club's Premier team is unchanged from last season – largely due to Lake Rd traffic.

The side was promoted from the second division last year. Coach Chris Reid said he approached numerous players in the off season to turn out for North Shore in 2019/20, but all knocked him back.

"No one will come due to Devonport's reputation – Lake Rd is known as being impossible. It's very difficult just because of Lake Rd. It's seen as a nightmare to get in and out."

Luckily North Shore has promising young players who live in the area, Reid said.

North Shore Cricket matches streaming live

Fans will be able to watch North Shore Cricket team matches live from the club's home ground at Devonport Domain this season through a new streaming service.

The club will be live-streaming all games on the number one wicket through My Action Replay Ltd. It means that anyone can watch the action – live, from anywhere, on any device.

North Shore chairman, Hayden Smith said that "with Spark live-streaming the Rugby World Cup and now cricket, we have seen a window into the future of sports broadcasting."

"We decided we should embrace this new technology now and seek to provide our sponsors with a marketing medium yet to be explored by community sports clubs, whilst also enhancing the cricketing experience for our playing and non-playing members."

Men's Premier coach Chris Reid said: "To be able to have match footage of our Premier and Premier Reserve players will be massive for the group as a development tool.

"I'm excited about the technology and what it will do for the players. It will be really cool for them to be able to see highlight packages of the best parts of their day. It's going to make club cricket a far more rewarding experience, I feel."

Club member Elliot Corbell, who has a degree in applied sport science with Coaching from Northumbria university in the UK, has been appointed content manager.

Corbell will be following the Premier side around for the season, with his camera capturing training footage and insights from the players on match days.

North Shore is the first club in Auckland to introduce live-streaming.

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