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## Full-scale America's Cup programme for Devonport

A series of world-class events is planned in Devonport for America's Cup 2021.

The Devonport Business Association (DBA) has confirmed a contract with Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development (ATEED) for funding towards the programme and is also fundraising itself.

It is understood the total budget will be between \$500,000 and \$1million for the events.

The DBA contract with ATEED has been agreed and should be signed by mid-February.

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## Junior cricket series runs up 27 years



**Colourful cricketers... several hundred young cricketers donned national colours to take part in North Shore Cricket Club's Junior World Series at Devonport Domain last week. More pictures, pages 42-44.**



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**From page 1 Devonport a focus for America's Cup events**

The course is close to Maungauika.

The ATEED contract is a big feather in the cap for the DBA and a "huge acknowledgement of the background work Toni van Tonder and Katherine Downs had done for the DBA to be selected to run the programme," Hale said.

The appointment of Shauly van Baaren, an experienced event manager, to the BID manager role is also recognition of the importance being placed on America's Cup planning.

However, the DBA needed to walk a fine line between providing the world-class programme ATEED was aiming for and events

that benefitted both Devonport businesses and the wider community, Hale said.

For example, no funding was available for a big screen in Devonport, but the DBA is keen to provide one at Windsor Reserve.

"A lot of people will be flocking to The Viaduct so it would be quite busy... we think people will enjoy a big screen at Windsor Reserve," Hale said

The DBA will be working closely with the Takapuna and Milford Business Improvement Districts and the Tupuna Maunga Authority on the America's Cup programme.

**Chemical-spraying of cricket ground approved by local board**

Chemical-spraying of weeds on Devonport Domain has been given the go-ahead.

The Devonport-Takapuna Local Board voted to approve the spraying at its final meeting of 2019. Board member Trish Deans, unconvinced by the safety of the sprays, was the only member to vote against the proposal.

It ends a decades-long spray-free regime for Devonport Domain and Vauxhall Reserve. They are the only sports fields in the board area that are not sprayed with chemicals to control weeds. The majority of board members felt a consistent policy should apply across all sports grounds.

North Shore Cricket Club members alerted the local board to the poor state of the fields at Devonport Domain in June, when a deputation attended a public forum.

It took a notice of motion from board members George Wood and Jan O'Connor demanding action on the issue, before council officers produced a report – five months after the board

directive to investigate.

The decision in favour of spraying has come too late for this summer, with no action until after next winter. Council typically sprays sports fields in September, after the winter season, a report to the board said.

Devonport Domain's main problem weeds are broadleaf and Onehunga weed, which produces prickles throughout summer.

Neighbours and local residents will be informed of the decision to spray the grounds with Bow & Arrow herbicide.

**April opening for Bean Rock**

Kids will miss out on the Bean Rock playground in Windsor Reserve for most of this summer – with an opening date now set for April.

Auckland Council says the delay resulted from a pressurised sewer line being found in a different location than originally mapped. "We worked closely with Watercare when we hand-dug the site to accurately locate the line," Auckland Council Head of Project Delivery John Schermbucker said.

Small changes to some parts of the playground have been made to ensure the sewer line is accessible.

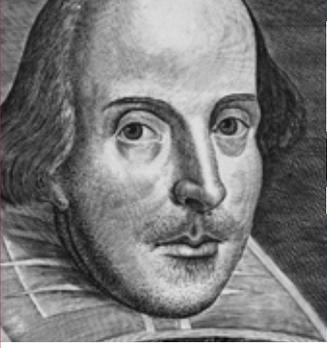
The delay and changing design details have added around \$40,000 to the playground's \$1 million budget.

**3 Victoria Rd: empty for 571 days**

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

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# Devonport dairy owners battle on

Swift action by locals led to police arresting four youths shortly after an armed robbery at a Narrow Neck dairy.

Four hooded and masked robbers, carrying a large knife and hammers, entered Devon Superette around 2pm on 17 December.

The two teen-aged female customers in the shop at the time crouched in corners.

Behind the counter, business owner Himmat (Matt) Bhai fled towards the door into his adjoining home, but found his way blocked by one of the robbers.

His wife, Yogita Patel, was coming to see what the noise was and saw Matt was trapped by a large man with a knife. She threw a heavy, metal sticky-tape dispenser at the robber. This distracted him, allowing Matt to dash past and through the door, locking it behind him.

In 30 seconds, the robbers destroyed the shops' new cash register with a hammer, stealing \$435 in cash, and took about 40 packets of cigarettes from a cabinet.

As soon as the robbers left, the girls called the police.

The couple alerted a neighbour who pursued the alleged robbers in her vehicle.

As they turned the corner in front of the dairy, she was pointing at them.

"Everybody could see the number plate," Matt says. "I told the girls and they passed it onto the police."

Police swarmed the area and arrested four youths, aged 16 and 17. They face a raft of charges and were next due to appear in the Youth Court on 29 January.

The couple understand the offenders were arrested at Esmonde Rd, subsequently bailed, and are from South Auckland.

The experience was frightening, but they want to continue serving the community, as they have done for the past 18 years.



**Resilient... Yogita Patel and Himmat Bhai (after the 2018 robbery) plan to carry on**

No serious crime had previously occurred at the dairy, until a ram raid in 2014, then a robbery in 2018, and now the latest incident.

The family have no plans to close the business or install a grille. Matt says they will gauge the incidence of crime, but he still believes Devonport is relatively safe.

Yogita, though, is concerned crime is wors-

ening and would like to see more street lights nearby, plus CCTV cameras.

The couple are very grateful to the many people in the community who checked in on them, expressed concern and gave them flowers.

Police retrieved the cash and most of the cigarettes, Matt said.

## Community concern after ram raid



**Scary night... Belmont's Skymart Superette was ram-raided**

Owners of a Belmont dairy are shaken after a ram raid in the early hours of 20 January resulted in a confrontation with the offenders.

The owners, Teresa and Dong Lim, who live behind the Skymart Superette on Bayswater Rd, went out to see what the commotion was and they disturbed at least two men, who fled.

Nothing was stolen in the raid which occurred at 2.25am, Teresa says.

The damage repairs are covered by insurance, she says.

Customers have expressed concern for the couple, with Teresa admitting it was frightening.

In the 10 years the couple has owned the dairy, this is the third attempted smash-and-grab. Offenders smashed the superette window in 2016 and also in 2019.

Police say the vehicle used in the raid was found abandoned nearby and enquiries are continuing.

## Life ring missing for weeks

A life ring, installed at Torpedo Bay Wharf after a young boy drowned, has been missing since before Christmas.

Auckland Council has been alerted and confirmed the ring will be replaced this week.

## Clean-up planned for Torpedo Bay Wharf steps

Barnacles on the Torpedo Bay Wharf steps, which render swimming off it near impossible, are set to be removed by mid-February.

A swimmer, who alerted the Flagstaff to the state of the steps, was appalled people could not use the steps to come ashore after swimming, due to them being covered in barnacles.

An Auckland Council spokesperson said the bottom steps, where the barnacles are found, can only be reached at low tide and the steps are due to be cleaned by mid-February.

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### Rising Confidence in the Market

Closing off a year and starting a new decade, that's what people are talking about. When it comes to property and the local Devonport market, the new year looks to be kicking off with real confidence.

The number of sales continues to grow with 54 in the last quarter of 2019. As the chart shows, the trend is upward for sales, and at the same time listings are rising too. The key is that they are both rising at the same time. Very different from a year ago, when listings rose, and sales fell. This aligned rise is a sign of market confidence.

Great news for buyers and sellers. Buyers should be enthused to offer with confidence, in the firm belief that we've risen off the bottom of the market. Getting into the market early in the cycle is key to take full advantage.

For sellers, the key is to act decisively as this market strengthens. You want to be ready to meet this buyer demand and get into a cashed-up position and able to take advantage of the market trend.

Timing is key, as is marketing. The best presentation of the home and the right marketing campaign are both vital – each



home needs and benefits from a tailored campaign that can be adjusted to budget. Relying on packages is not optimising your position in what is likely to be a more competitive market in the coming months. If you need advice then give me a call.

As for 2019, what a year. A real roller coaster to close off the decade. I've put together 19 key Devonport property facts of 2019 on the website – here are just a

couple:  
#9 The typical time on market for all properties sold in 2019 was 41 days; this compares to 35 days in 2018.

#16 properties sold by auction represented 26% of all sales in 2019, up from 24% the prior year, but auction was not the most popular method of sale.

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# Bush-fire animal service a New Zealand first

Pets of all shapes and sizes are welcome at a special animal service at Holy Trinity Church next month to recognise the loss of life in the Australian bush fires.

The service on February 4, from 6.30pm to 7pm is believed to be the first of its type in New Zealand.

Devonport artist Tony McNeight, deeply affected by stories and pictures of the loss of wildlife in Australia, approached Holy Trinity vicar Charmaine Braatvedt with the idea last week.

Braatvedt will lead the service, which will include hymns *All Things Bright and Beautiful* and *How Great Thou Art*, which have animal references.

However the focus of the service will be the pets, says McNeight.

“Cats, dogs, birds – it could be quite a barnyard atmosphere... it was something I thought would appeal to Devonport people,” he said.

Braatvedt is delighted Holy Trinity is seen as a spiritual anchor by the Devonport community. People flocked to the church after Princess Diana died and following the Pike River disaster and the recent Christchurch massacre.

“We hope to have a time for reflection and the possibility of lighting a candle,” she says.

A donation plate will be on hand at the church, with proceeds going to WIRES Wildlife Rescue Australia.

Holy Trinity has held a pet service on St Francis Day for many years.



**We’ve got your back Australia... a promotional illustration (left) for the Devonport service which will be led by Vicar Charmaine Braatvedt (with her pets Snowy and Max)**

## A service for the animals



## Happy New Year to our clients and readers

Our thoughts for 2020 are:

1. Property activity and prices have really kicked on since last November with low interest rates, improved confidence in New Zealand and offshore, a shortage of housing stock for sale and huge demand from investors looking for any sort of yield beyond the few % they get at the bank. We see this continuing and are seeing people buying up investment property in the provinces
2. Interest rates to remain low. But we don't see them going lower, as the world is losing faith in the effectiveness of low rates as a long-term solution to slower growth. We see more risk to the upside as central banks look to normalise things and reduce asset bubbles in equities and property.
3. We see banks slowly becoming more and more focused on residential mortgage lending (and competition to remain high in this space) as they reduce exposure to business, agri and development finance due to the greater use of capital in this space.
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# New BID manager loving the Devonport lifestyle



## Warming to Devonport... new BID manager Shaulyn van Baaren

Devonport's new BID manager Shaulyn van Baaren is loving the summer temperatures.

The warm weather is a stark contrast to her native Canada, which is currently being hit with a cold snap of 45 below.

But van Baaren is no stranger to Devonport. She moved here last June with husband Andre and daughters Maeve (6) and Ella (3). Although she has had a close association with the area "either as a resident or a tourist" for the last 20 years.

Andre grew up in Devonport, going to Vauxhall School and Takapuna Grammar. The family has settled in Narrow Neck, just around the corner from Andre's parents, with Maeve going to Vauxhall School.

Shaulyn first came to New Zealand to work at Massey University as part of her university course. A three-month stay turned into a year. For part of that time she lived in Devonport, before heading home. She was introduced to Andre through mutual friends and when he visited Canada in 2005 they hit it off.

Shaulyn worked in events management in Calgary, including projects that culminated in her attending the Olympic Games in Vancouver in 2010. She eventually ran her own company – SvB Events – primarily organising corporate functions and fundraising for large companies.

However, having young children combined

with a downturn in corporate spending in Canada in 2017 sparked a rethink, and the van Baarens decided to move to New Zealand.

"Devonport was very much part of the package," says Shaulyn.

In Canada, the family had already "downsized" localities from Calgary to a small town – Carstairs, Alberta. "It's about the same size as Devonport."

With the family integrated well into Devonport, Shaulyn saw the job description for the BID development manager role just vacated by Toni van Tonder.

"It could have been written for me... it really suits my skills and experience."

She starts on 3 February and has a desk at Wharf HQ, upstairs at Devonport Wharf, for six months.

"I'll be out and about visiting people, but I'll be around generally during business hours from Tuesday to Thursday."

For the first few months, she will be following the Devonport Businesses Association's strategic plan, while she meets local businesses to establish their wants and needs before putting her own mark on the role.

Making the most of opportunities presented by the America's Cup, which starts in 13 months time, will be a key area of focus.

In her downtime, Shaulyn can be found out enjoying Devonport with her family, socialising with friends or at one of the local beaches.

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**By Rob Drent**

Many commuters came back from holiday with a thud, caused by what seemed an unusually high number of delays and cancellations of Fullers ferry services in January. All at a time when Fullers announced price increases.

As always, there's a lot of finger pointing and grandstanding on the issue and then nothing really happens. Chris Darby has been working away for years trying to get the government to remove Fullers' exempt status, so Auckland Transport can have more say in the way the Devonport-to-Auckland run operates.

My point remains: as far as I can see there is nothing to stop Auckland Council/Auckland Transport starting its own ferry service. Then at least it would be ratepayer controlled, accountable and, quite possibly, cheaper. Taking back transport infrastructure into public ownership would also speed up improvements to Auckland's woeful transport network and mollify congestion.

Millions are being spent on the AT Local ride-share trial – why not put some money into a publicly funded ferry operator? Perhaps the time to do so will be when electric ferries have enough battery power for the cross-harbour route.

The fact Fullers owns the pontoon at Devonport Wharf is often seen as a barrier to competition, but Victoria Wharf could be used if a different operator set up.

Fullers it seems is feeling the PR pinch. Its flags were flying at the North Shore Cricket Club last week as a sponsor of the Junior World Series tournament. The money was well received and the kids had a fantastic tournament. But the sponsor's speech was telling: short and to the point and no mention of Fullers' ferry services.

How quickly the upgrade to the football grounds at Dacre Park occurs will be instructive and a test for how much influence the new Devonport-Takapuna Local Board has on council budgets. Last year, officers were telling the board the project had been set back to 2021 due to delays on the resource consent. But now it seems work may begin this October.

The reality remains to be seen.

Still no sign either of the "free" Greer Twiss albatross artwork that was destined for Victoria Wharf last May after being modified for purpose. The modifications have taken so long even the Auckland Council communications team appears bored with questions asking about it.

News that ATEED (Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development) is putting money towards America's Cup events in Devonport is a promising sign the suburb is seen as more than a sleepy backwater for visitors.

I'm not holding my breath for any city-hall support of our information centre though. Auckland Council seems to have abandoned the person-to-person touch completely.

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# Harper Finn: inspired by Devonport's musical hub



## Sun Downer... Harper Finn, son of Tim Finn, recording a single at The Depot last week

Young musician Harper Finn is in the studio putting the finishing touches to his latest single *Sun Down*, still buzzing about performing at Rhythm and Vines in Gisborne.

Finn played to a crowd of 600-plus at the festival as a soloist, backed by old Takapuna Grammar (TGS) mates Elijah Whyte and Karl Svensen.

The trio had won \$100 when they placed first at the 2015 TGS talent show, recalled Finn: "\$33 each."

"At Rhythm and Vines, we were all think-

ing we should be spending less time in the studio and more time out playing."

The feeling of having a crowd "right in your face" is hard to replicate, he said.

"The time goes really fast – you are in the moment but not in the moment – it is kind of an in-between state."

*Sun Down* has been developed for around a year and melded into a "festival pop song", ideal for the Rhythm and Vines set.

Finn (21) has put out half a dozen singles over the past year on Spotify, Apple Music

and other streaming sites.

Longer term, he hopes to get enough quality material together to put out an EP and a "cohesive" album.

Finn has converted a wine cellar at his parents' Cheltenham home into a studio.

He composes on the computer and piano, but, of the two, prefers the piano.

"If it works on the piano, you know it's going to be a good song."

He describes dad Tim Finn, a legendary member of Split Enz and prominent solo artist, as an "important background figure".

"We are doing different things – I'm a soloist and he's now into musical theatre.

"We have a lot of musical conversations and there's always music in the house, which keeps the creativity going."

Last week, Finn was in at the Depot sound studio putting the final touches to *Sun Down* with engineer Morgan Allen, a co-member of Lakes and the Magic Band, which has put out an album and toured nationally.

Takapuna Grammar – and the wider Devonport community – has been a great musical hub: a place of inspiration and collaboration, said Finn.

"A typical Saturday in Devonport is going round to a mate's place and playing music."

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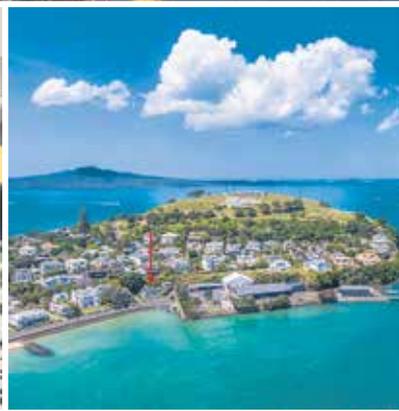
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**NEW LISTING**



**Devonport 2 Grove Road**

**A swim before breakfast - a lifestyle to enjoy**

On the market for the first time in 30 years and mere metres from beautiful Cheltenham Beach sits this large 1970's two level home. On a superb flat and level north west facing, 675sqm garden this home is in need of updating and offers five good sized bedrooms, study, three bathrooms separate laundry, two generous lounges and well designed kitchen - superb for large and extended family living or work from home. The garage and workshop's added bonus as is the extra off street parking. Quiet, peaceful and close to wonderful local cafes, golf course, beaches and popular primary schools, this is an excellent opportunity for you to showcase your style and flair while enjoying the exclusive location this home offers. This is your chance to grab a very rare opportunity.

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**Auction (unless sold prior)**  
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# Harcourts

NEW LISTING



Devonport 11 North Avenue

3 2 3 1 1

**OMG! They're selling their North Ave home!**

After 27 fantastic years bringing up their family in this wonderful home, Kerry and Phil are off on a new adventure. So this is your opportunity to live in a wonderful location. Wander down to Narrow Neck Beach for sailing, fishing, swimming or just along the road for golf, squash, tennis, basketball, cafes, schools and bus to the ferry to CBD, all without getting in the car! Sounds unreal, but this is what the owners have enjoyed and now it's your chance to experience a very special environment. This renovated home is a mixture of style, luxury and casual living. Many comment that it has a very inviting atmosphere, a great place to nurture your family. Very flexible settlement dates, so come and have a look - but you may not want to leave!

**Auction**

On site, Sunday 23rd February at 12.00pm (unless sold prior)  
**View** Saturday & Sunday 1.00pm - 1.45pm  
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NEW LISTING

**Devonport** 15 Kawerau Ave

3 1 1 1 3

Celebrate The Villa - Circa 1910!

- Fantastic location for families
- 506m<sup>2</sup> freehold land
- Many extras with this home
- Wonderful flat rear garden
- Sunshine galore!
- Polish this diamond and make it shine!

**Auction**

On site, 23rd Feb at 6.00pm (USP)  
View as advertised or by appointment  
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NEW LISTING

**Belmont** 45 Williamson Avenue

3 2 3 1 2

**Easy Living**

Make life easy in this stunning home on a Freehold site in a sought after location. In the heart of Belmont and with Narrow Neck so close by, live the dream beachy lifestyle spending evenings on the beach and returning to a sunny, modern home. This is a smart choice for buyers wanting an easy life in a fantastic location.

**For Sale** \$1,795,000

View as advertised or by appointment  
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NEW LISTING

**Bayswater** 152 Bayswater Avenue

3 1 1 1

**Cute Brick Cottage, 650sqm Site**  
A winning combination is right here at 152 Bayswater Avenue! 100m<sup>2</sup> very cute, brick, three-bedroom cottage with a large double garage, plus, a lovely flat 650m<sup>2</sup> freehold piece of land. Walking distance to shops, great schools and the ferry at the other end of the road. Opportunities do still exist. Make this the best move you will make in 2020.

**Auction**

On site, 16th February at 1.00pm (unless sold prior)  
View as advertised or by appointment  
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**Devonport** 28 Hanlon Crescent

4 3 3 4

**Live The Kiwi Dream**

This substantial 728m<sup>2</sup> section and large family house is an increasingly rare offering. If you're looking for location, room for your family to live and grow, and the indoor/outdoor Kiwi lifestyle, then look no further. French doors from the living spaces open onto two lovely kiwi decks for indoor-outdoor flow. Resort style gardens with wonderful night lighting.

**Auction**

On site, 9th February at 12.00pm (USP)  
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**Bayswater** 43 Bayswater Avenue

4 3 2 1 2

**Executive Family Home**

If you are looking to simplify and enhance your lifestyle without compromise, this high specification, new build home could be the solution for you. Central to this home is a living space that will win your heart over; this gracious space with a 2.7m stud connects to the outdoor sunny deck and beautifully landscaped garden, enjoying sun from morning until evening.

**Tender**

Closes 18th Feb at 4.00pm (USP)  
View Sat/Sun 11-11.30am, 5th Feb 6-7pm  
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**Belmont** 1d Eversleigh Road

4 2 2 1 2

**You Beauty - Check Me Out!**

Situated extremely close to Takapuna Grammar School, and St Leonards Beach, and not to mention Little and Friday Café, this home is simply perfect for families wanting that all important easy care home to fit in with busy lives. Full of character and with an excellent floor plan, this property will tick all the boxes! Sunshine and outdoor living, amazing indoor/outdoor flow.

**Auction**

On site, 9th February at 12.00pm (USP)  
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# Harcourts



**Narrow Neck 1 Merani Street**

3 2 2 1

**You Can See The Sea From Here!**  
 Inside this 202m<sup>2</sup> home space is not a compromise, you will find a lovely light filled open plan living/dining/kitchen along with spacious bedroom and ensuite, separate laundry, guest w/c and internal access to the garage. A lift if you choose not to take the stairs takes you to the upper level. Make your life easier by coming to view, don't drive past in the future with regret!

**Auction**  
 On site, 2nd February at 11.00am (unless sold prior)  
**View as advertised or by appointment**  
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**Devonport 16 Empire Road**

5 2 1 1 2

**Superb Home, Stunning Location**  
 Empire Road is the perfect place to drop anchor and start to enjoy the idyllic lifestyle that the seaside suburb of Devonport has on offer. Within walking distance of the amenity filled village and CBD ferry service, this substantial residence has a building floor area of approximately 190m<sup>2</sup> and rests on a flat north facing 604m<sup>2</sup> site with a double garage and large storage mezzanine.

**Tender**  
 Closes 7th Feb at 4.00pm (USP)  
**View Sat/Sun 1.00pm-1.45pm**  
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**Devonport 47a Lake Road**

2 1 1 1

**Cute As A Button And Very Private**  
 Not seen from the road and set back out of sight, this pretty as a picture and cute home was originally built in the 1940s but was moved back on the section 7 years ago and the new subdivision provides for 419m<sup>2</sup> of land with one off street carpark. The property was beautifully renovated some time back, no expense was spared.

**For Sale \$1,150,000**  
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**Belmont 40 Montgomery Ave**

3 2 2 1 2

**Large Character Bungalow**  
 This home is a beautiful character 1920s bungalow packed with character features. Offering 3 bedrooms, two living areas, (open plan kitchen and dining/living), formal dining, two bathrooms and wide hallway, this really is a home for multi-use requirements and would suit many. Come and take a look at this wonderful, rare opportunity, with city views!

**For Sale**  
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**Devonport 1 Grove Road**

5 4 2 1 2

**Home Of Elegance And Substance**  
 Hidden discreetly behind a tall white fence on a quiet street that leads easily to the sands of Cheltenham beach at one end and the Waitemata golf course at the other is a rather remarkable home. At first glance when you walk through the secure gate the beauty of this home and the verdant garden is entrancing, what lies beyond is a three-level family home situated on a 1012m<sup>2</sup> section.

**Tender**  
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**Bayswater 5 Beresford Street**

3 2 1 1 4

**Classic Kiwi Beach House**  
 This waterfront paradise is a hidden treasure on Bayswater Point - a private 979m<sup>2</sup> garden of joy, facing north for all day sun. Absolute water's edge with framed views over the sparkling Waitemata Harbour and your own stairs to the water. On the market for the first time in 60 years, this home is now ready for a new lease of life, love and laughter messing about in boats and kayaks.

**For Sale**  
 By Negotiation  
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# Harcourts



**Belmont 45a Williamson Avenue** 4 beds 2 baths 2 garages 1 fireplace 2 cars

**The Perfect Family Package**  
If you need a big family home in an excellent location close to all the amenities - look no further than 45a Williamson Ave. Priced to sell - the vendors are certainly motivated. Situated in a private and peaceful setting - spend your summer evenings returning from nearby Narrow Neck beach and enjoying the stylish outdoor lounge area complete with fireplace.

**For Sale** \$1,660,000  
**View** as advertised or by appointment  
[www.harcourts.co.nz/DP22672](http://www.harcourts.co.nz/DP22672)

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**Devonport 37a Ewen Alison Avenue** 3 beds 2 baths 1 garage 1 fireplace 2 cars

**The Art Of Modern Living**  
If you value low maintenance, double glazing and full insulation but hanker after the older cottage look of gable ends, timber construction, Longrun roof and a soaring sarked ceiling then this home is the right move for you! Dorrington Atcheson Architects designed this brilliant home that affords space, privacy, sun and to make the most of Melrose Reserve side location.

**For Sale**  
By Negotiation  
**View** as advertised or by appointment  
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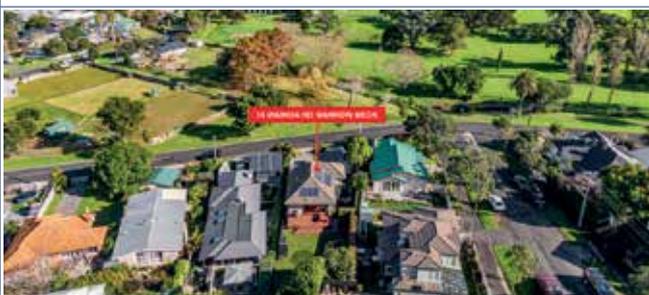


**Bayswater 11 Beresford Street** 5 beds 3 baths 2 garages 1 fireplace 1 car

**Hamptons Style Waterfront Home**  
Once in a while a beautifully proportioned elegant home comes to the market that demands your attention, and this is one of those properties. With wide wraparound verandahs on both levels and a sweeping staircase leading down to the lawn and the water beyond. If you have been waiting for a home like this which offers a superb lifestyle, contact us today.

**For Sale** \$3,395,000  
**View** Saturday 2.00-2.45pm.  
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**Devonport 18 Wairoa Road** 5 beds 3 baths 2 garages 2 fireplaces 3 cars

**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, solar panels and storage throughout. The entertaining deck off the main living area and kitchen leads to a spacious lawn.

**For Sale**  
By Negotiation  
**View** Sunday 2.00-2.45pm  
[www.harcourts.co.nz/DP22634](http://www.harcourts.co.nz/DP22634)

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**Devonport 30 Ngataringa Road** 2 beds 1 bath 1 garage 1 fireplace 1 car

**Cottage With Potential**  
Sitting in a lovely elevated position, this charming stand-alone weatherboard cottage will appeal to those wanting a home with a warm, light, and cosy feel. Generously sized living room, wood burner, HRV, polished timber flooring. A pretty, fenced garden provides a lovely green outlook to enjoy. You will love the potential that awaits with this sweetheart and its charming, sunny garden.

**For Sale** \$920,000  
**View** Saturday 10.00 - 10.30am  
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**Devonport 2/22 North Avenue** 2 beds 1 bath 1 garage 1 fireplace 1 car

**Easy Living By The Sea**  
Nestled just above Narrow Neck Beach, this low-maintenance apartment offers a light filled north facing living room opening on to a delightful, sheltered deck plus two double bedrooms, a renovated bathroom, kitchen and a lock up garage. One of a block of five in a small cul-de-sac this ground floor home offers the perfect mix of quiet living with an enviable lifestyle right on the doorstep.

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### Doggie doo? Just don't

I choose not to own a dog. I do not choose to store your dog's droppings, which you selfishly deposit in my just-emptied bin.

**J. Leighton**

### Destination details

Congratulations on another interesting and highly informative issue of *Destination Devonport*.

On page eight of your recent issue, there is a statement that McHugh's is situated at the north end of Cheltenham Beach. It may be the writer's intention was to say "the North Head end of Cheltenham Beach", which direction I feel would be more helpful to visitors and tourists.

On page 18, the name of Takarunga Rd appears as "Takuranga". Elsewhere in the booklet it appears spelt correctly.

Your painstaking efforts to raise awareness of our treasured little suburb are creditworthy and appreciated.

**Peter Soljak**

### Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome. They should be on Devonport-related topics. Non-deplumes or submissions without a name will not be printed.

Email to [news@devonportflagstaff.co.nz](mailto:news@devonportflagstaff.co.nz) or post to Devonport Flagstaff, PO Box, 32 275, Devonport.

## Fullers fiasco fuels frustration

This is my experience this week on three trips to Devonport from Auckland, by the most mismanaged company in Auckland. (Fullers).

On Monday 13 January, I go to catch the 2.30pm ferry to Devonport. It arrives from Devonport just before 2.45pm. They cancel the 2.30pm sailing, which is now leaving at 3pm.

On Wednesday 15 January, I go to catch the 3pm sailing from Auckland to Devonport. It arrives in Auckland from Devonport at 3.10pm. They cancel the 3pm sailing, now leaving at 3.30pm.

On Friday 17 January, I go to catch the 2.30pm sailing from Auckland. (I wonder why there are so many customers waiting and later find out they had cancelled the 2pm sailing.) The 2.30pm sailing left a large number of passengers on the wharf. (I was not one of them.)

I phoned Auckland Transport (AT) on Wednesday and sent in a written complaint to them that day.

I also spoke to AT on Friday about the latest debacle.

This is summer. (Are Fullers aware?) Auckland is full of tourists and cruise ship passengers.

Fullers use ferries that take too long to berth and unload. Where is the Kea? (I was told it was in semi-retirement and only used at the weekends.)

Why is the company not building another replacement? Maybe that is too logical.

Why do I have to complain and write this letter? It appears the Fullers management do not want to know. It would seem they ignore what their staff are telling them and move at a speed slower than a turtle.

1. Why, at this time, do they not have 15-minute sailings like they have for the workers?

2. AT should fine the company for late arrivals and sailings, (\$2000 a time) and cancelled sailings (\$5000).

3. Until Fullers gets its act together, it should cancel the latest fare increase. And if diesel prices drop, will this be shown in a ticket price drop?

4. If Fullers cannot run its business properly, AT should put the whole contract out to tender and cancel its licence.

**Anthony P. Dell'Isola**

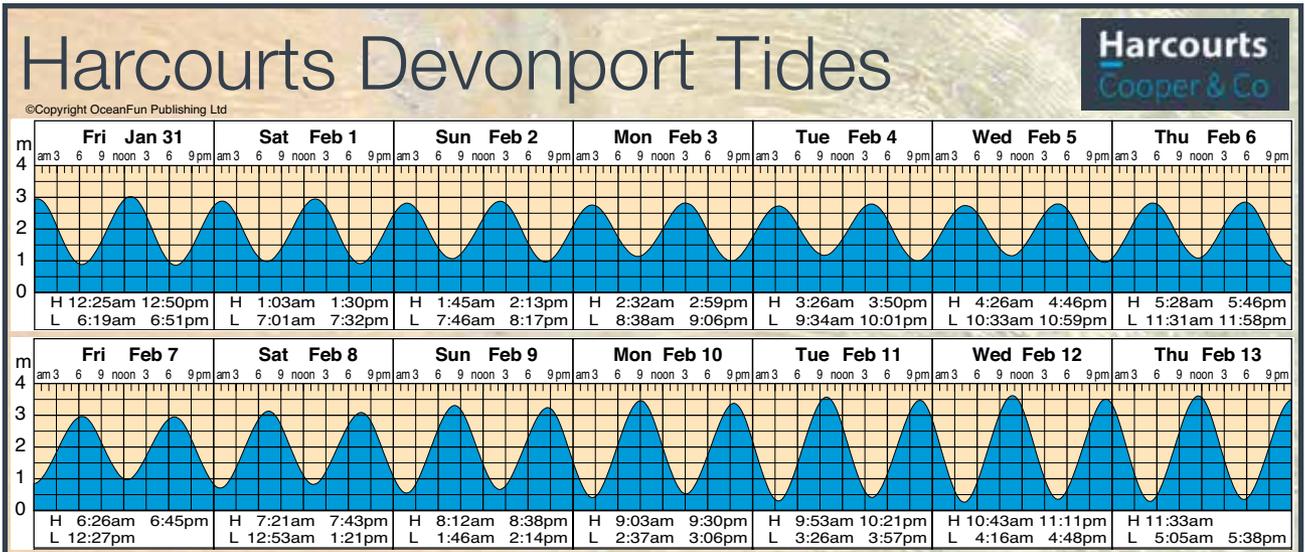
### Defecation disgust

To the man who defecated in the bushes of Northboro Reserve on Sunday morning 19 January: such behaviour may be acceptable in your country of origin, but is totally unacceptable in this country.

Show some pride and respect for your new country and have a very hard look at your behaviour.

Your actions disgust Kiwis.

**Murray Hindle**



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# Bodyline with Guy Body



## Demolished state houses should have been recycled

It was great to see Ngati Whatua o Orakei recycling the solidly built ex-state/Navy houses at Eversleigh Road to new sites from Te Kuiti to Kaitaia.

But sad to see the single-storey and double-storey units on the corner of Bardia St and Lake Rd smashed to smithereens over two days and dumped in large skips.

I can appreciate it would probably be impractical to re-site the two-storey units. However, surely some attempt should have been made to recycle some of the materials, instead of ending up in our already overfull landfills? One of the single-storey houses was only built about 10 years ago.

On another issue, I am confident Ngati Whatua o Orakei will show some foresight and expand the existing 20-metre marginal strip /esplanade reserve at Eversleigh Rd to 400 metres to create the Belmont Regional

Park for present and future generations to enjoy.

Finally, how did Auckland Council approve a new house to be built at the northern end of Cheltenham Beach, within a metre of the unstable 10-metre vertical, crumbling, cliff face, without a 20-metre-wide esplanade reserve being established? I note a feeble attempt has been made to stabilise the cliff face, but no doubt ratepayers will be liable to provide the owner with compensation when the house becomes uninhabitable within a few years due to the crumbling cliff face.

**Bruce Tubb**  
**(Editor's note: the demolished houses were Housing New Zealand stock, not Ngati Whatua's. See story on page 55)**



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## OUT & ABOUT

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### SUMMER FUN PRESCHOOL PLAY MORNINGS

Tuesdays (@ Windsor Reserve) & Thursdays (@ Bayswater Park), 9:30am-11:00am

Summer Fun Preschool Play mornings are a fun time for preschoolers to play with big toys, be active and make new friends. Caregiver supervision is required, and sessions are weather dependent.

For more info, visit [devonportpeninsulatrust.nz](http://devonportpeninsulatrust.nz). Follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with any changes.

### DEVONPORT COMMUNITY NETWORK MEETING

Thursday 13 February, 10:00am-12:00pm  
 Devonport Yacht Club, 25 King Edward Parade

A quarterly meeting to promote networking among residents and local community groups. All welcome and morning tea provided. This month meet new Devonport Business Improvement District Manager, Shaulyn van Baaren, and hear about upcoming projects in the community.

For more information contact Maria ph: 445 9533 or email: [maria@devonportpeninsulatrust.nz](mailto:maria@devonportpeninsulatrust.nz)

### OUT & ABOUT FAMILY-FUN ACTIVITIES

Out & About are running a series of family-fun activities in Devonport-Takapuna. Take part in a variety of sporting codes on Sundays throughout February with Soul Sprite at North Shore Rugby Club grounds. There are two Circus in the Park events at Woodall Park on Saturday Feb 8th and 15th. For more details visit [www.facebook.com/outandaboutak/](http://www.facebook.com/outandaboutak/)

### FOLK IN THE PARK MUSIC FESTIVAL

Sunday 16 February, 1:00pm-4:00pm  
 Band Rotunda, Windsor Reserve, Devonport

Sit back and relax while listening to free live music on Devonport's stunning waterfront, presented by the Devonport Folk Music Club. Food and soft drinks will be for sale or bring a picnic to enjoy. There will also be a preschool play zone to keep the little ones entertained (caregiver supervision is required). For more info call Hilary ph: 445 2227 or email: [realmusic@xtra.co.nz](mailto:realmusic@xtra.co.nz)

**Devonport Peninsula Community eNEWS**  
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# Local lands a seat on Maunga Authority



**Putting her hand up for the maunga... Toni van Tonder with Takarunga in the background**

Toni van Tonder regularly walks up Takarunga for exercise – now she will have a say in its future.

She joins the Tupuna Maunga Authority in 2020.

Van Tonder was the Devonport Business Improvement District (BID) manager until her election to the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board last October.

Soon after, she was approached by council to go on the authority. Van Tonder was selected just prior to Christmas, joining six Auckland Council members and six iwi members for a three-year term.

She is the first North Shore local board member to be appointed.

North Shore Councillor Chris Darby was a member of the authority from 2014 until 2017. In the last term, the Devonport-Takapuna Board area had no representation on the authority, despite having two mountains under its jurisdiction.

Van Tonder is excited by her new role, saying Devonport peninsula residents sometimes voice concerns about the lack of a local face on the authority.

“I thought it would be good for me to put my hand up... a lot of the fear (regarding any changes on the mountains) comes from a lack of knowledge... now I will be that local face on the authority.”

She has already been involved in meetings between the authority, Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development (ATEED), and the

Devonport Business Association on planning for the America’s Cup – which will have a major impact on Takarunga and Maungauika, with large numbers of spectators expected.

The authority is working towards securing UNESCO world-heritage site status for the Auckland maunga, something Van Tonder is keen to accelerate.

She preferred not to comment on the controversy regarding the removal of exotic trees from Owairaka/Mt Albert until she met formally with other authority members.

But the public needed to realise the authority worked from the basis that the protection of the mountains for future generations is paramount, she said.

Van Tonder lived in Tokoroa until aged eight, and always felt a close affinity with things

Maori. “Hangi, shared meals, kapa haka – I’m a small-town girl and they were the things I grew up with.”

Doing a Maori governance paper at university, she was the only non-Maori student. The collaborative approach she experienced then – with students sharing final essays rather than closely guarding their work – stuck with her.

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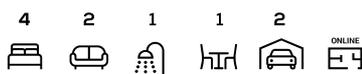
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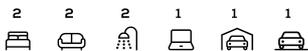
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# Locals lead charge on rare bird protection



**Vulnerable birds... Environmental coordinator Lance Cablk puts up a warning sign on Cheltenham Beach about endangered shore plovers, or tuturuatu, – one of the world’s rarest birds**

Rare shore plovers have been discovered on Cheltenham Beach and locals are moving to protect them.

Restoring Takarunga/Hauraki programme co-ordinator Lance Cablk said a network had been set up for members to alert each other when the birds are seen on the beach.

Signs have also been put up to let people know about the birds.

“The key point is for people to stay alert and please keep dogs on a leash if the birds are around.

“It would also be wonderful if cat owners in the area would keep their cats indoors for the early-morning hours.”

New Zealand dotterels have also been appearing on Cheltenham Beach.

The Department of Conservation (DOC) says it is “very well aware of the birds on

Cheltenham Beach”, and that the shore plovers are likely “escapes” from Motutapu.

“These ground-nesting birds are critically endangered and highly susceptible to predation. Managing them for conservation is never easy because of their habit of flying out of protected areas! There are managed populations of these birds on other offshore islands around New Zealand,” said Thelma



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Wilson, senior biodiversity ranger at DoC Auckland.

DoC will be working with Auckland Council, which manages the mainland beaches, to ensure the birds remain as safe as possible, Wilson says.

Local resident Jackie du Toit, who works with the shore plover recovery programme on Motutapu, said since a translocation of several dozen birds to the island in 2012 from southern breeding programmes, birds had flown to Waiheke, St Heliers – and now Devonport

“They (shore plovers) are good flyers – the trouble is they don’t know they are leaving a (comparatively) safe environment to go to a very dangerous one.”

The survival chances of birds flying to urban areas from safe havens are small, due to attacks by dogs, cats and rats.

Around 250 shore plovers are now found across New Zealand, compared with about 100 a decade ago.

- The expansion of the New Zealand dotterel populations along northern beaches in New Zealand is ongoing, Wilson says.

“They are returning to their former haunts as public awareness and conservation measures start to make a difference to their chances of survival. From the lower Coromandel to Northland, dotterels are seen more often on publicly accessible beaches.”

“Dog management, pest control and giving the birds space are important parts of shorebird management,” she says.



**Escape from Motutapu... A rare shore plover on Cheltenham Beach**



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**Giving it heaps... It might be a fun run, but young competitors didn't hold back at the Ngataringa Bay sports fields**

# Athletes put best foot forward



**High fives... Cody Simpson (above) claims overall victory in the children's 2km race at the Harcourts Cooper & Co Run Devonport event held at the Ngataranga Bay naval sports grounds, on 19 January. Cody was competing in the 8 to 10-year-old division. (Left) George McDonald crosses the finish line to win the 15km race. This was the first in the new North Shore Run Series (previously the Albany Lakes Summer Series.) The next two events are in Hobsonville and Albany. PHOTOS: Keeley Watson**

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## Mainly Mozart – bassoon and vocal magic

The Devonport Chamber Orchestra (DCO) was in top form at the final concert in its 20th-year programme, conducted with confidence by Warwick Robinson and led by Joseph Chen, at Holy Trinity Church on 15 December.

Always eager to encourage young soloists, the orchestra had two of Auckland's best in this performance. The opening work was Mozart's *Bassoon Concerto*, played by Charlotte Naden. A regular member of the DCO, Naden has impressive musical and academic qualifications and experience.

The *Bassoon Concerto* is one of Mozart's most popular concertos and the orchestra's confident string opening set the stage for the bassoon's entry. The jolly theme in the first movement lived up to the bassoon's reputation as a jocular instrument. Naden was thoroughly adept in the leaps from upper to lower register and back again. She demonstrated wonderful breath control throughout. The muted strings and soulful woodwind gave a splendid delicacy to the second movement. The richness of the bassoon's range was exploited in the final movement. Well done, Charlotte.

The second work was *Symphony No 24* – also a work of the teenage Mozart.

Written in three movements it is full of symphonic subtleties, and was played with elegance, yet full of bravura and fun. Horn and oboe seemed to enjoy their interweaving melodies.

*Angi*, written in 2018 by Warwick Blair,

was the orchestra's only step outside the 18th century, and a very interesting one it was. *Angi* is based on the Maori concept of air and water sounds. The players were ranged around the church and in the central aisle. Played without conductor, except for the first beat, each player had a stop watch and played a series of different notes, changing them according to the number of seconds indicated on their score.

Accompanied by an electronic soundtrack, the work had a very atmospheric flavour and was immediately accessible to the audience. It was obviously popular and received warm applause.

Warwick Blair has a reputation outside New Zealand, having performed his works in the UK. Let's hope we can hear more of his fusions of classical and indigenous traditions with electronics.

To end the programme, Christina McDonald, a seriously talented soprano with a stage presence beyond her years, performed Mozart's *Exultate Jubilate*.

Possessing faultless intonation and breath control, McDonald was truly jubilant in this coloratura work of the 16-year-old Mozart. Her jubilation was echoed in the orchestra and her sheer delight in singing was matched throughout.

The orchestra has a great line-up of talent in its 2020 season. Their first concert is on 5 April and will feature Paddy Cornfield as piano soloist in Beethoven's *Emperor* concerto.

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# Devonport dock opening big news in London



**Flashbacks of New Zealand history... collector Anthony Savill with an 1880s lithograph of naval uniforms**

The 1888 opening of the Calliope Dock in Devonport was such a big event in New Zealand that a story and woodcut graphic featured in British newspaper *The London Illustrated News*.

The page is one of around of 100 works in Anthony Savill's *Discovering New Zealand* exhibition showing at the Depot Artspace until 5 February.

Through a mixture of charts, maps, portraits and engravings, the exhibition tells the story of New Zealand from first settlement by Maori

through to the voyages of Abel Tasman, James Cook and other explorers.

It features an 1880s steel engraving of Devonport (our English namesake) in Plymouth Harbour and contemporary pictures of Jules Dumont d'Urville, a French explorer, who is believed to have come ashore near Maungauika in 1827 – possibly the first European to set foot in New Zealand.

Savill, a former curator, administrator and exhibition organiser at the Canterbury Museum,

has been collecting for around 40 years.

The exhibition provides a fascinating insight into what New Zealand “looked like and its inhabitants looked like” during our early years, he said.

Amassing the collection, which also includes one of Captain James Cook's charts, has been a life's work for Savill and also a major logistical effort. He drove the exhibits from Christchurch to Auckland and spent three days hanging the works at the Depot.

## A dispatch from the colonies

“The largest graving-dock in the Australian colonies,” is the opening line in *The London Illustrated News* story on the new Calliope Dock in Auckland.

Situated at “Calliope Point”, it was opened by Governor General William Jervois. The dock was important to the commerce of Auckland and the region, as it was the first port in Australasia able to refit “merchant ships or men-of-war.”

The dock was 525 feet long, and 100 feet wide. “It is thus capable of receiving the largest ironclads afloat.”

It cost £100,000 to build and was made of concrete, “composed of English Portland cement and local scoria.” This was most likely from Mt Cambria.

“The Calliope is a namesake of the old ship after which Calliope Point is named, and which was commanded by Admiral Stanley 40 years ago, when he selected this site for a dock,” the news report said.



**Australasian first... the Calliope dry dock as it appeared in *The London Illustrated News* in 1888**

“It was therefore arranged that the new dock should be first entered by H.M.S Calliope, breaking a navy-blue ribbon stretched across the entrance.”

# Weed-spraying decision sees end of 20-year ban

I was disappointed to learn that our council will spray Vauxhall Reserve and Devonport Domain with the weedkiller Bow & Arrow, effectively reversing a two-decade chemical-free weed-control policy in Devonport.

Just last year, in a US court case against Monsanto, the producer of Round-Up, a couple who have cancer as a result of sustained exposure to Round-Up's active ingredient glyphosate, were awarded two billion dollars in damages on the basis of the weedkiller's proven harmful effects on humans.

While Bow & Arrow does not contain glyphosate, its active ingredient MCPA has also been linked to cancer, in particular Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma, and the scientific community is raising concerns about the environmental contamination it may be causing.

I became active in lobbying to maintain Devonport's spray-free status five years ago, after I came home late from work to find a notice from Auckland Council to say that Vauxhall Reserve, across the road from where we live, would be sprayed with glyphosate the next day. There had been no previous notification of the spraying!

In 2014, Devonport's spray-free policy had kept us safe from glyphosate and its effects for nearly two decades. In 1992, local residents had first succeeded in lobbying to get local council to agree to a chemical-free approach to weed control and to use hot water as an alternative. The community has been behind this initiative

ever since.

Dean Reynolds, an accountant, was one of the early lobbyists. In 2014, I contacted Dean and we began a petition to reinstate our policy of being 'chemical-free in weed management of our berms, parks, reserves and sports fields which more than one thousand locals signed.

It took three of us three months to gather these signatures, by going door to door. The community response was overwhelming, with only half the suburb covered.

The local board listened and unanimously voted to uphold the legacy policy, which is now threatened again.

One of our local cricket clubs has recently told the current local board that Vauxhall Reserve and Devonport Domain are infested with Onehunga weed, and prickles are making it hard to play there.

Having until quite recently owned a full-time yoga school, as well as being a physio, I recognise that playing sport is an important part of a young person's development and would not want to prevent this.

My husband and I have worked with several top New Zealand athletes, one of them being Martin Crowe. Mike, my husband, was part of a team who helped Martin to recover from a back injury in the 1980s and then go on to achieve his goal of staying at the crease for eight hours.

Mike and I believe exercise keeps a person healthy mentally and physically — we chose

yoga for ourselves. However, Mike developed Parkinson's disease 10 years ago and our lives changed.

Literature that connects Parkinson's with glyphosate exposure spurred me on to stop the recommencement of the chemical spraying in Devonport, as it made me feel that my family was unsafe by being exposed to the spray drift of glyphosate, that would come from Vauxhall Reserve.

The spraying of harmful herbicides, especially without notification, creates a great anxiety to my husband and myself — but there are also much larger environmental issues at stake.

To hear that Vauxhall Reserve and Devonport Domain will now again be sprayed with a herbicide/pesticide is very disturbing news. There is no doubt that this chemical will be flowing into Cheltenham Beach and Torpedo Bay via the culverts from these 19 acres, annually. The herbicide/pesticide then settling in our seafloor sediment on the foreshore. The culvert pipes end very close to where thousands of children and adults each year enjoy swimming. The herbicide/pesticide will damage aquatic marine life and very possibly expose children to its harmful effects.

Under the Auckland Council by-laws, Waitemata Local Board can request funding to find an alternative to these very harmful chemicals contaminating the water quality of their beaches. Why can we not have the same for our beaches, requesting our local board to act as an advocate for Devonport-Takapuna and do the same and ask Auckland Council to fund an alternative to these harmful chemicals?

But apparently we have no time to do this as a decision has already been made by our local board. Did we elect these local board members in, to axe the 'chemical-spray-free' policy in favour of going ahead with the spraying of dangerous herbicides such as glyphosate and Bow & Arrow, for weed control in Devonport?

Do you believe that the chemical companies are telling the truth about these products being harmless, when people in America are suing the company that produces glyphosate for hundreds of millions of dollars?

A Massey University study has proven that spraying with herbicides doesn't kill the weeds for long; the weeds also become resistant to the poison, the council has to keep on pouring more and more chemicals that end up flowing onto our beaches and into our harbour, causing an even greater environmental contamination than we have at present.

Come on local councillors, surely we must be able to do better than this.

I will begin a petition to ask our local board to return to Devonport's long-held policy of being 'chemical-spray-free'. If you would like to join in, e-mail me at [sharonnyoga@gmail.com](mailto:sharonnyoga@gmail.com)

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## AT Local price cut floors local-board members

The AT Local ride-share service has slashed its fares with a weekly prepaid subscription of \$20 on offer.

The upfront payment entitles users to a ride anywhere from Devonport to Bayswater with a limit of four rides per day. This equates to a maximum of 20 rides per week. If a user takes up the full number of rides, each would cost only one dollar.

The offer was not advertised publicly, but sent out to registered users last week.

The slashed AT Local prices have shocked local board members, George Wood and Jan O'Connor, who are putting a motion to the board's first meeting in February calling for a review of Devonport public transport services.

The already low cost of the subsidised AT Local service has been criticised by some public-transport advocates as competing with bus services on price and convenience. More AT Local rides mean more car journeys clogging the roads, whereas buses move large numbers, they say. Others have labelled AT Local as a government-funded taxi service for one of New Zealand's

wealthiest suburbs.

Proponents of AT Local say it is another way of getting people out of cars, and travelling to the Devonport-Auckland ferry without taking a vehicle.

The AT Local service was launched initially as a six month trial, which was due to end last November. But this has now been extended for a further six months.

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board member, and regular bus user, Jan O'Connor, was astounded when told about the cheap AT Local fares.

"Wow! What can I say!"

The news comes at the same time as the board was trying to reinstate a bus service outside the Ryman village in Ngataringa Rd, she said.

"Currently it is an 800m hike up to Old Lake Rd to get a bus to Takapuna."

The board has contacted Auckland Transport officers after a submission from Ryman residents calling for the bus service to start again.

Member Wood said: "I'm pretty appalled at the level of service being offered to De-

vonport residents." Ferries are often delayed or cancelled, buses didn't meet the ferries and "now the resident of Ryman are kicking up bobsy-die that they haven't got a bus service," he said.

Board members had no say in the introduction of the AT Local trial, a service the board probably wouldn't have supported, Wood said.

"Buses are the most effective way to move large groups of people."

Money being spent on the AT Local trial could be spent on providing a better bus service, he said.

Moreover, if more residents start using the AT Local service, it will reach capacity "and people will be left behind," Wood said.

• AT Local trips to and from Devonport, Bayswater, and Stanley Bay ferry terminals are \$2.50 per person. Trips to other destinations in the ride-share zone cost \$5.00 per person, reduced to \$2.50 at off-peak times.

Every additional person is only \$1 extra.

AT Local operates Monday to Thursday, 5.40am to 9.20pm and Fridays 5.40am to 10 pm.

## Photo emerges after chance meeting

A Devonport man's chance encounter sent him dashing off to buy a Lotto ticket.

Gordy McCreath stocked up on a couple of dozen second-hand books from the Devonport Recycling Centre, prior to Christmas, for his holiday reading.

He had two left to read early in the new year when he made a trip to New World supermarket.

A four-wheel drive pulled up next to his truck and he got chatting to the male and female occupants.

"They were really lovely people."

When McCreath got home, he opened up his next book: James Patterson's *London Bridges*. A photo of a group, including the man and woman from the supermarket, was inside.

"What are the chances of that happening?" he said.

"There were a few bits of paper as well and it looks like the photo had been used as a bookmark.

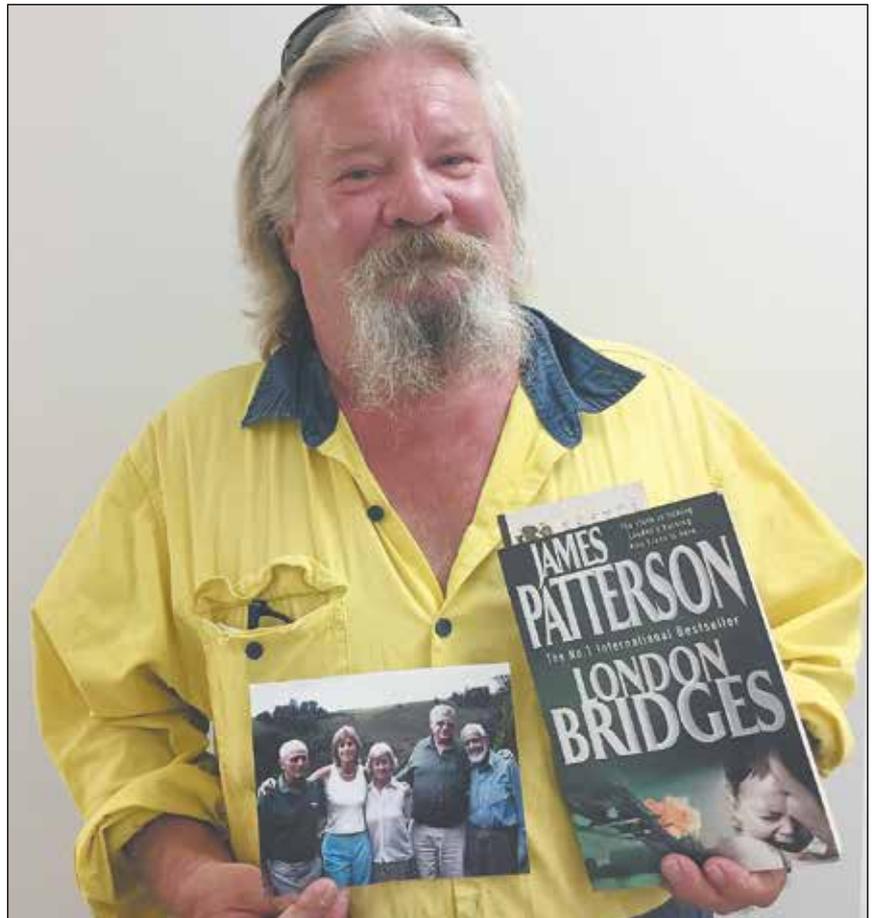
"It looks like they went to the recycling centre, along with the book, in a clean-out."

McCreath was keen to get the photo back to the family, and dropped into the Flagstaff office with it and his story.

"I also went straight and bought a Lotto ticket." He won \$65.

### Chance occurrence...

**Gordy McCreath with the photo and the book he found it in**





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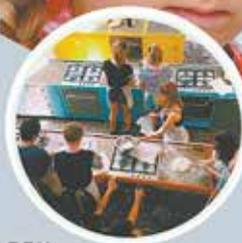
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# No access from residential streets to football ground

Fencing alongside residential streets abutting North Shore United Football Club grounds will be included in redevelopment plans to discourage soccer parking in nearby streets.

No direct pedestrian access to the grounds will be allowed from Victoria Rd and Abbottsford Tce.

“The intention of the fencing (is) to discourage access into Dacre Park other than from Lake Rd,” a hearing commissioners’ decision granting consent to upgrade the fields, stated.

A marked increase in provision for cycle parking at the ground is the other significant change following the consent hearing. A minimum of 32 spaces will now be provided – double the number set before the hearing.

The multimillion-dollar upgrade of the fields includes:

- The replacement of the existing sports field with a new 8500 sqm hybrid sports turf, with synthetic fibres attached to matting also sown with grass.
- Upgrading the existing drainage and irrigation system.
- New spectator terraces.
- Five new light poles for floodlighting, ranging from 16.5m to 18m high.
- An upgrading of the existing vehicle access at 25 Lake Rd and creation of a second access at 27 Lake Rd. A total of 95 car parking spaces will be provided.
- Up to 100 protected trees being removed to form roads and car parking and replaced with new plantings.
- Proposed new fencing around the perimeter.
- A change in the operating hours from a maximum of 16 hours to 26 hours a week, in both summer and winter. The new operating times are 3.45 pm to 7.45 pm, Tuesday to Friday; 8am to 5pm on Saturdays; and 10am to 2.30 pm on Sundays.
- A restriction against matches being played under floodlights.

Local residents opposed to the upgrade were mainly concerned about noise – including offensive language – and spillover parking from the ground.

However, hearing commissioners were satisfied noise was well within Unitary Plan limits. North Shore United has put in protocols banning swearing by players and spectators.

Commissioners felt the restrictions on entry from residential streets would cut down spillover parking.

Lake Rd is already a busy road and a relatively small amount of extra traffic to the ground would not add greatly to the congestion, the decision said.

The upgrade would improve any potential flood risk, commissioners said.

Much of the field is located on a former refuse dump, which is sealed with a clay cap. Any risk of earthworks breaching the clay cap would be needed to be closely monitored by Auckland Council, the decision said.

Of the 132 submitters to the hearing on 5 November, 103 were in support, 27 opposed and two neutral.

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## Soccer ground construction could begin in October

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North Shore United Football Club Chair Steve Browning said: “We’re hopeful that now it’s approved, the budget will be forthcoming.

“I understand, subject to budget, build will commence in October 2020 and be completed for the 2021 winter season, so there is no effect on the 2020

winter season.”

With the granting of consent in December 2019, Browning said he was “relieved and pleased for the football club and the community.

“It will be a wonderful community asset once complete, and a significant improvement on what’s there now.”

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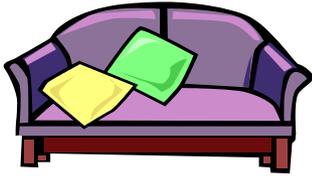
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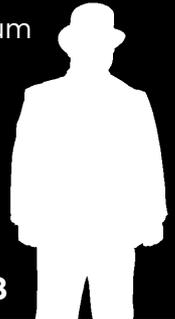
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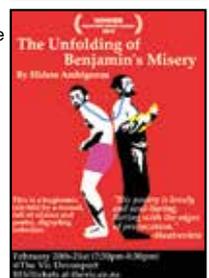
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## Andrea Oliver shone as a professional musician

Andrea Oliver, a member of the well-known Brickell family of Devonport, has died.

Andrea, a musician, was the sister of the much-celebrated potter Barry Brickell, who died four years ago. Barry also built the popular tourist attractions Driving Creek Railway and the Eyeful Tower at his Coromandel property.

Similarly talented was their mother Shirley, who organised the first Devonport Arts Festival in the 1950s.

Andrea attended Takapuna Grammar School in 1952-55. In 2016, she, with sister Romilly, unveiled a plaque naming the new Barry Brickell Studio at the school. Her long-time school friends knew her as a brave woman of great strength, who endured the brief illness causing her death with exceptional fortitude and characteristic cheerfulness.

Andrea had a shining career as a professional musician. An oboist, she played in the Auckland Junior Symphony Orchestra under Charles Nalden, and in Britain she took lessons from Sydney Sutcliffe, principal oboist in the Philharmonia Orchestra.

Throughout her life, she played an array of instruments with astonishing versatility: medieval, renaissance, baroque and modern oboes, and flutes and recorders. She was also an accomplished harpsichordist.

In 1966, Andrea married musician Robert Oliver. She then became second oboe and cor anglais in the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra.

In England in the late 1960s, Robert studied singing, cello and bass viol. With their three children, they began 25 years as touring musicians in New Zealand and Britain. Andrea was also principal oboe for the Wellington Orchestra and taught wind instruments in schools.

They gave concerts for Chamber Music New Zealand throughout the country, towing a caravan and taking their children with them. They also toured their own duo concerts, with



**Andrea Oliver, née Brickell (1937–2019), playing the oboe (left) and in Greece (right)**

instruments from medieval, renaissance and baroque times, sponsored by ANZ for a two-year tour of the whole country. Their Ensemble Dufay gave concerts in Australia, England, France and Germany, playing at the prestigious Festival Estival, Paris, their concert of French renaissance music in Sainte-Chapelle receiving a standing ovation. The concert was broadcast on Radio France.

In the 1990s, they gave concert-workshops in schools all over England and Ireland, playing at early-music festivals and various events. In New Zealand, they played with groups such as Elizabethan Serenade.

In 2001, Robert was appointed choir director at St Mary of the Angels in Wellington. Andrea played baroque oboe in his Musica

Sacra Concert Series. Many of these concerts were broadcast on Radio NZ Concert.

More recently, Andrea took up the tenor viol, and played with Palliser Viols. Had she lived, she would have been part of their Music and Memory Tour, planned to take place in August-September 2020.

With Palliser Viols, will be Rob Thorne, taonga puoro, and Gregory O'Brien reading extracts from railway enthusiast Barry Brickell's writings. Concerts and outreach sessions will take place in 15 towns and cities on the North Island Main Trunk line. The website [www.violsonrails.com](http://www.violsonrails.com) features a five-minute video of Barry and his work, to a soundtrack of Palliser Viols with, poignantly, Andrea playing tenor viol. **Dinah Holman**



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# Devonport residents recognised in New Year Honours



**Julia Durkin, Hauraki**

Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to photography

Durkin is the founder and director of the annual Auckland Festival of Photography, established in 2003, and also founded Auckland Photo Day in 2004.

The festival, the longest-running photography festival in Australasia, is a free event celebrating the art of photography. The 2019 event had 106 exhibitions, events and talks, reaching an audience of about 93,000. The festival has an online archive of 10,000 images of such events as the Diwali and Lantern festivals, and public photography projects for the Pacific community.

Durkin initiated the Auckland Photo Blog in 2006, and Manukau Light Night, an exhibition of photographs projected onto buildings, in 2008.

She played a key role in Auckland becoming a founding member of the Asia Pacific Photo Forum in 2010, a regional grouping of international photography festivals across New Zealand, Australia and Asia.

Durkin initiated the Annual Commission for Fine Arts Photography in 2011, through which 27 works have since been created.



**Pauline Stansfield, Belmont**

Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to people with disabilities

Stansfield has contributed to the support of people with disabilities as an advocate and member of the disabled community.

She was involved with the 1980 Year of the Disabled Person, allocating funds to those most in need.

She published her autobiography *Russia Changed my Life* in 2017, outlining her journey since an accident in 1969 left her paralysed from the waist down.

Stansfield was Secretary of the North Shore Disabled Persons Assembly for 11 years, during which time she undertook an access survey of public buildings on the North Shore, as well as looking at accessible walkways in the area.

She has volunteered at the Otara Spinal Unit for several years, providing encouragement and support to those in extensive periods of rehabilitation.

Stansfield has also been involved with the Ministry of Elevate Christian Disability Trust and has been an active Justice of the Peace for 30 years.



**Barbara Cuthbert, Devonport**

The Queen's Service Medal for services to cycling and transport advocacy

Cuthbert has been a town planner for more than 30 years and has focused her work on transport modes for more than 10 years, specifically road cycling as a form of transport.

Since 2008, she has been the chair and spokesperson of Bike Auckland. Bike Auckland promotes cycling and works with Auckland Transport and the New Zealand Transport Agency, providing feedback on design initiatives and transport strategies.

On a project-by-project basis Bike Auckland has encouraged planners and engineers to cater for the needs of a range of bike users, in road design, transport decisions and urban planning. She has been a significant advocate for implementing cycling projects around the city, including securing funding and communicating the importance of relevant planning projects to the Auckland Council, Auckland Transport, local boards and others.

Cuthbert has been instrumental in getting central and local government to work together on cycling projects.



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## Bewitching twist to Macbeth at the Pumphouse

The evil hags are given prominent roles in this summer's outdoor production of *Macbeth* at the Pumphouse, spreading mischief throughout the play.

One of the three witches, Devonport's Marissa Willson, says they don't just appear in the usual three scenes, but have 'day jobs', playing other parts, such as messengers and servants.

"It is creating fear and terror and that's what *Macbeth* is all about – that's the overarching theme," Willson says.

The larger role for the witches helps build the atmosphere. They are involved in the ghost scene and the dagger sequence, where Macbeth says, "Is that a dagger I see before me?"

It is Willson's third play with Shoreside Theatre and has proven a new source of fun in her life.

Having been a committed Devonport mum, including a stint as Takarunga Play Centre president, her children were no longer babies and she was ready for a new challenge.

As a child, Willson had enjoyed acting, but as time went on and she didn't always get the roles she tried for, she lost confidence.

Thirty years later, the time was right to get back on the stage again. After a year of acting lessons at TAPAC performing-arts hub, she successfully auditioned for last summer's Shakespeare in the Park with Shoreside Theatre, playing the Constable of France in *Henry V*.

Director Cath Boniface says the elevation of the witches' roles in the Pumphouse *Macbeth* production aimed to appeal many people who



**Triple trouble... The witches and their world of magic are a strong focus in this summer's outdoor Shakespeare production of *Macbeth*, with Devonport's Marissa Willson (left), plus Avalon Martin and Elizabeth Gill casting the spells**

enjoy the characters.

"I wanted to concentrate on the witches – the magic and the eeriness – and to create a sense of another world operating alongside Macbeth's world," Boniface said.

• *Macbeth* alternates with *As You Like It* until 15 Feb at 7.30pm in the Pumphouse amphitheatre. Adults \$25, students/seniors/groups \$20, children \$10. Book at [pumphouse.co.nz](http://pumphouse.co.nz), phone 489 8360 or email [info@pumphouse.co.nz](mailto:info@pumphouse.co.nz).

## Distinctive Devonport tree loses its limbs

Mystery surrounds the pruning of a distinctive pohutukawa whose branches are spreading onto a reserve pathway.

The limbs of a pohutukawa at the golf-course end of Achilles Reserve have been chopped in recent weeks. The branches had almost reached the ground and Auckland Council had put up signage warning residents about the low height.

The Flagstaff asked Council if it had cut back the tree, but it said it hadn't. The tree originates from a next-door property.

"Council recognises the value of such significant trees... we have previously erected a sign to warn park users of the low branches over the pathway and the tree has been widely accepted as a feature of the park," Julie Pickering, council's Acting Head of Operational Management and Maintenance said.

"Council is not aware of who has carried out the trimming."

"As the tree is not owned by council, we are not able to dictate the management of the tree to the tree owner.

"However it is concerning that the pruning works have been carried out in the park without the proper approvals or council's input into protecting the park users during works," Pickering said.



**Long limbs an Achilles heel... pohutukawa gets the chop**

# Looking back – 20 years ago from the Flagstaff files

- Devonport Primary School student Adele Gannaway (10) sets a world record when she catches a 91.2 kg striped marlin in the Bay of Islands. She was taking part in a competition and fishing off her father Michael’s boat Lisade when the marlin struck. She wins \$3000 worth of fishing equipment for her achievement.

- Devonport Wharf continues to struggle, with two more tenants leaving, bringing the total number of empty shops to seven.

- Almost 650 kids visited Santa in the WJ Scott Mall (now The Arcade) prior to Christmas.

- Devonport milliner Naomi Cassrels, has quite a week, getting married and winning three prizes for her hat designs at the Boxing Day Fashions in the Field. Her sister-in-law Arnse Cassrels, wearing one of Naomi’s hats, takes first prize at the Ellerslie event, winning a Mercedes A-Class car worth \$45,000, plus a hamper of goodies worth around \$2000.

- New Year’s Eve partygoers who travel to Devonport to watch fireworks were faced with massive post-midnight traffic jams. One Devonport resident tells the Flagstaff she left a party in Takapuna and did not get to her central Devonport home until 3.30 am. Thousands flocked to Devonport lookouts – Mt Victoria, North Head, King Edward Parade and Bayswater Marina – to watch the city-side fireworks display.

- A 2.3 metre dwarf sperm whale – rare



**Winners... Naomi Cassrels (left) pictured at her wedding with sister-in-law Arnse. An incredible week was in store.**

in New Zealand waters – was stranded at North Head just before Christmas. It is dead by the time Department of Conservation staff arrive.

- The fish fountain outside Devonport Hammer Hardware is unveiled by former cabinet minister Jack Scott, to coincide with the millennium. The stone is granite brought from the South Island by

one of Devonport’s early settlers, Oliver Mays.

- Tourist buses are banned from Takarunga Rd and Macky Ave in Cheltenham, following complaints from residents. Up to five buses have been observed in the two streets at one time. A bus stop will be set aside in Cheltenham Rd, the Devonport Community Board decides.

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# Maungauika tunnel maintenance under way

Maintenance work is underway at Maungauika on parts of its historic defence tunnels.

The work includes reinforcing some of the original iron struts within the concrete structures and strengthening to lintels above doorways. Core testing is also scheduled to determine the future maintenance programme.

While most tunnels will remain open to the public, some sections of the Northern and Southern Battery will be closed until April 2020. Some small areas above ground will also be fenced off while this maintenance work is carried out.

Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operations Manager Nick Turoa, says the work is standard maintenance, with no risk to public safety if people remain outside the cordoned areas.

“The construction of the tunnels dates back to the late 1800s and, as with any heritage structure of that age, strengthening work may be required over time to preserve them,” he says.

Through the process to transition the management of Maungauika from the Department of Conservation to the Tūpuna Maunga Authority in mid-2019, “we have been working with engineers to look at any remedial works required on all of the heritage structures, including the tunnels.

“Engineers have identified several areas that, due to natural corrosion, need additional

strengthening to maintain the integrity of the tunnel structure into the future, and that’s the process we are working through now.

“We have also worked with heritage architects to ensure that all remedial works in the tunnels do not compromise the heritage values of the structures and that work follows best practice for managing heritage assets.”

- Meanwhile, moves are underway to reopen the coastal track that runs around the base of Maungauika. The track has been

been closed since August 2019, due to a large slip during a storm. Over the past months the Tūpuna Maunga Authority has been working with geologists and geotechnical engineers to ensure the structural stability of the cliff face.

Engineers have recommended scaling the cliff face of loose materials and removing dead vegetation to minimise the risk of a further landslide or loose rocks falling on track users.

Works on the cliff face will begin soon and the coastal track reopened once safe.

## New AT-led community speed-reduction group

A new community reference group is being set up to work on reducing vehicle speeds in Devonport village.

Auckland Transport (AT) is co-ordinating the group, which will include members of the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board, Bike Auckland and other members of the local community.

- The initiative is part of a wider AT plan to reduce speeds in town centres,

urban residential roads and city centres.

The long-talked-about upgrade of the Calliope Rd/Victoria Rd intersection will form part of discussions with the new reference group.

New draft plans will be put to the group by AT engineers.

- A Devonport parking survey has been completed and AT is in the process of finalising the study report.

## First Oneoneroa residents to receive ‘O-BIKES’

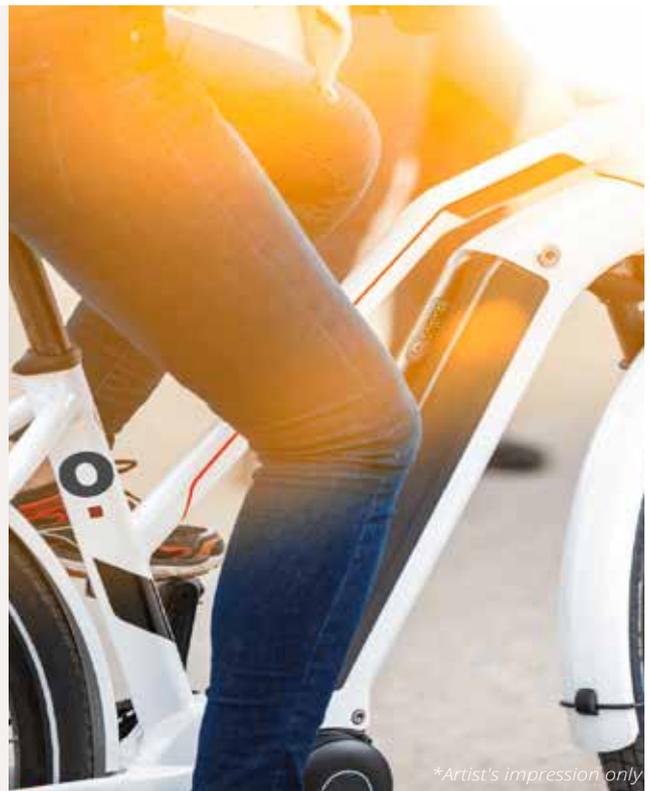
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We are excited to announce we’ll be gifting e-bikes to home buyers in the first stage of Oneoneroa. In a nod to the new community’s name, the bikes will be called ‘O-Bikes’.

The initiative is a gesture to encourage new residents to minimise their environmental impact and empower them to consider transport options that don’t contribute to local congestion.

This is the first of many initiatives planned to promote a greener style of living in this new development. Belmont is a beautiful part of Tāmaki Makaurau and we are committed to enhancing it through our development efforts.

If you are interested in keeping up to date with news of the development, you can register your interest at [oneoneroa.co.nz](http://oneoneroa.co.nz).



*\*Artist's impression only*

# Navy Museum notches up one million visitors

The Navy Museum is one of Devonport's most popular tourist attractions – but it was a local who was its millionth visitor.

Helen Conley hit the milestone on 13 January, when she dropped in with her grandson Shane (12), who was visiting from Palmerston North.

Conley received a voucher for the Torpedo Bay Café and a gift basket of items from the museum store.

The museum opened in October 2010.



**Thanks a million... From left: Museum director David Wright, millionth visitor Helen Conley, Shane Conley, and museum staff Māia Week, Marica McEwan and Charis Boos**

## THE NAVY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

### French sailors visit Devonport this summer

Have you got your French phrase book handy?

Devonport locals and business people may notice a lot more French-speaking nautical visitors this summer – the French frigate, Vendémiaire and her crew are here.

The Vendémiaire, a Floréal-class surveillance frigate of La Marine Nationale, (the French Navy) is using the Devonport Naval Base dry dock to complete a refit.

Normally based in Nouméa and stationed in the French Pacific territories for patrol duties, the frigate's refit includes a new galley kitchen and a satellite communications system.

The refit is being done jointly by the French government's shipbuilding company, Chantiers de l'Atlantique, and French contractors with the Royal New Zealand Navy's marine engineering services company Babcock and New Zealand contractors.

Her crew of 90 is led by Capitaine de Vaisseau Marc Moreau, with officers and crew members mostly accommodated at Devonport Naval Base until late April.



While they are here to work, they will also get a few weeks' holiday leave and many plan to use the time to explore Auckland and New Zealand. Others will return to Nouméa to spend the time with their families.

The ship's doctor, Augustin, says "we are very lucky to be welcomed here in Devonport and very glad to be here. It is a great opportunity for most of us, and while the Vendémiaire was last here for maintenance in 2017, for most of us this is our first visit to

New Zealand."

He joined Vendémiaire – his first ship – five months ago, after completing his medical studies for six years at the French Military Medical School in Lyon and for three years as a Resident Doctor at a military hospital in Toulon.

"I not only take care of all aspects of the crew's health, but I also ensure the quality testing and health certification of the water supplies on board."

Augustin was very enthusiastic to visit New Zealand and intends to use his three weeks' holiday leave to explore the North and South Islands.

The French Navy has approximately 36,000 sailors across more than 90 ships and two main naval bases in France, at Toulon in the south and at Brest on the west coast.

Vendémiaire is one of two patrol frigates based in the Pacific (the other one is based in French Polynesia). She is named after the first month of the Republican Calendar and the name refers to the time of year when grapes are harvested.

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# New state houses for Devonport

Construction of 48 new state houses on the Devonport peninsula is expected to start in mid-2020, and be ready for new tenants by early 2022.

Resource consent for the development was granted in September 2019 and the 12 existing homes on the corner of Lake Rd and Bardia St, and on Tui St, were demolished over December and January.

Kāinga Ora (Housing New Zealand) plans to build two three-storey apartment blocks on the corner of Lake Rd and Bardia St, as well as two duplexes on Tui St.

“The development will provide 48 new one-, to four-bedroom homes for people in need. These warm, dry homes will be built to modern standards, including double glazing, insulation and energy-efficient heating,” Kāinga Ora Team Three Programme Director Nick Seymour said.

During the demolition as much of the old homes were recycled as possible, he said.

At the Lake Rd and Bardia St site, all bricks were recycled and concrete was sent to a concrete-crushing plant for reuse in roading materials. Other components recycled or reused included garden sheds, appliances, windows and sliding doors.

Relocation of the old homes was not possible,

“In this case, most of the houses were two-storey or duplex homes, which meant they would have needed to be split into sections, making them uneconomic to relocate,” Seymour said.

## Demolition... old state homes to be replaced by modern housing



Founded in 1905, Waitemata Golf Club is a beautiful 18-hole course with a flat contour that allows easy walking through beautiful park-like surroundings with well-established trees, shrubs and water features.

Nestled between Mt. Victoria and Narrow Neck Beach, the course is one of Devonport's iconic attractions. Originally the home of the Takapuna Jockey Club, the contours of the infamous 'Back Straight' are still discernible when playing the par 5 13th. The course was originally nine holes within the perimeter of a horse-racing track. Motorbike racing, horse racing, greyhound and professional foot racing shared Alison

Park until 1934. The first full season of the Waitemata Golf Club on Alison Park took place in 1906, with annual subs of one guinea for men, and ten shillings and sixpence for women. Players were to use caddies and pay them sixpence for the afternoon and one penny for each ball found.

Waitemata Golf Club is committed to growing the game among young people and has seen a large growth in junior membership, offering support for both new and experienced golfers. Junior membership is open to all those under 19 years old, with competition days on Sundays. It includes free term-time coaching every Friday after school.

The recently renovated club rooms offer the ideal '19th' of your round. Our relaxing lounge bar and comfortable dining area are complemented by spacious outdoor decking providing panoramic views of the course. The Waitemata Cafe and Bar menu is extensive and very reasonably priced.

The ProShop stocks the latest and greatest products from Ping, Titleist, Mizuno and Wilson, along with apparel and a range of accessories.

There is a new \$30,000 launch monitor, which enables the team to fully customise a club or a set for you and your golf game.

### This is a very popular course and bookings are essential.

Please note that we are a soft spike-only-course, and that dress standards require a collared shirt, and prohibit denim.



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