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Changing times: moving with the Maunga

Mt Victoria and North Head will be removed from references to our Maunga from this Flagstaff onwards.

When the mountains were transferred to the control of the Tupuna Maunga Authority, their

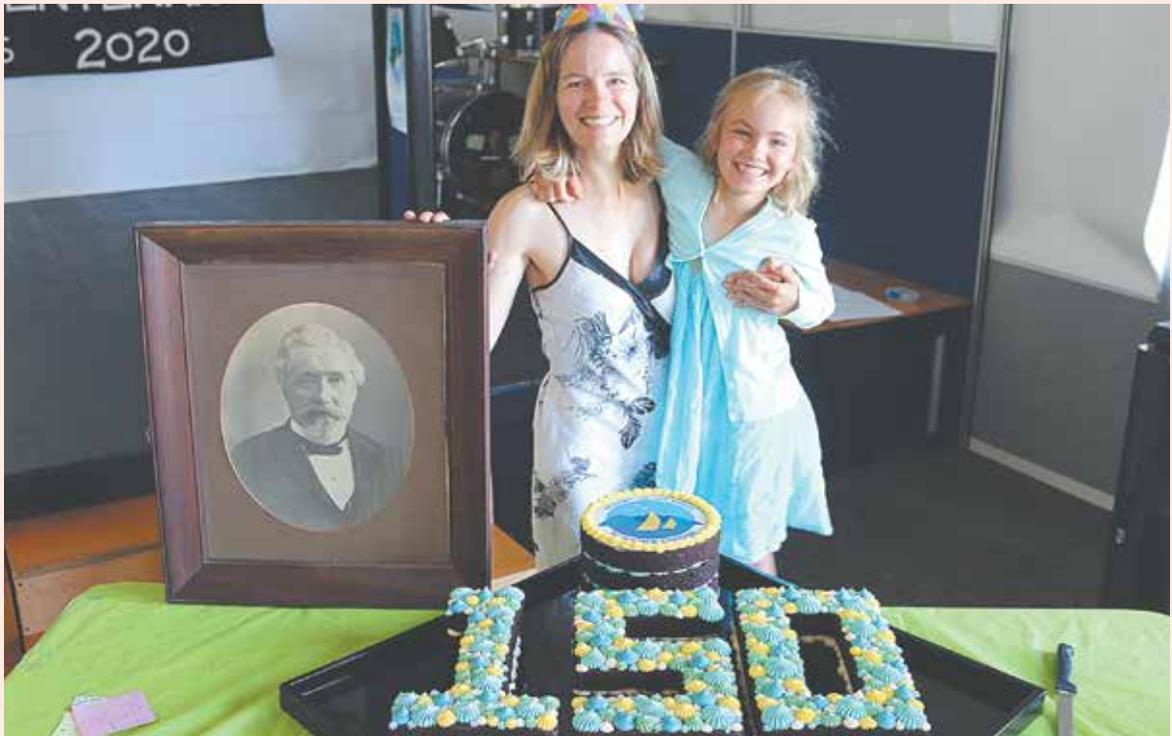
names were changed to Takarunga/Mt Victoria and Maungauika/North Head.

Apart from being a mouthful to write and speak, the change seemed something of a half-way house. We are taking the move away from

our links to Britain a step further.

Maunga Authority member Toni van Tonder said: "I think it's fantastic to see the popular use of māori place names. We're seeing this
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Family ties to the fore at school's birthday celebration



Well connected... Katherine Mason and daughter Florence Beauchamp (8), descend from a brother of Oliver Mays, who helped found Devonport Primary 150 years ago. Story, page 10.

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Porn photo shoot shocks

A pornographic photo shoot shocked tennis players at council-owned courts in Narrow Neck.

A father and his young son were at the courts when they noticed the inappropriate activity.

“It was quite clear that the woman didn’t have any underwear on,” said the father, who took a photo of the shoot, and provided

to the Flagstaff. It has nothing to do with tennis and shows a photographer taking a close-up of a woman bending over in a tennis dress.

“Is this really what should be going on in our parks?” the father said.

He felt uncomfortable at his 11-year-old son being subjected to this level of sexuality.

Maunga Authority reviews Maungauika event

A fresh application to hold a two-day performing-arts event on Maungauika in late March is being reviewed by the Tupuna Maunga Authority.

The \$65,000 event was due to be held in the Northern Battery tunnels on 14 and 15 December, but was put back after concerns were raised over tunnel safety.

Organiser Paris Kirby, who is running the

event through her company Social Ritual, decided to use a different set of tunnels. The Tupuna Maunga Authority confirmed it had received a revised application in late January.

“The application is now being assessed and authority staff will be in contact with Social Ritual within the next two weeks,” Nick Turoa, Tupuna Maunga Authority Operations Manager, said.

3 Victoria Rd: empty for 585 days

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

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Wallis closing down after 30 years



Family firm... (From left) Anna, David and Carol Moutford of Wallis, at the store's 25th anniversary celebration in 2014

Landmark Devonport fashion store Wallis is closing down after 30 years trading in the main street.

And for founder Carol Moutford it ends more than 40 years retailing in the suburb.

Her first store was Dress Box, opened in 1976, followed by Down Under in 1980, under Manuka restaurant, and then The Store, opposite the Victoria Theatre. She followed these by launching the renowned Low Flying Duck Cafe in the main street in 1987, before setting up Wallis in 1989.

For her daughter Anna Moutford, Wallis has always been a part of her life.

"It was my first job when I was 14. Mum used to open the shop on a Sunday so I could work there," she says.

After secondary school, Anna did a physical-education degree, and was a teacher, but returned to work for Wallis in 2000.

"It was a family business in every sense of the word, and it worked really well. (Her dad David joined the firm in 1994, working on administration and accounts).

Over the years, the firm, which sold the Wallis and Moutford labels as well as a host of other lines, had stores in Mt Eden, Parnell, Mt Maunganui, Tauranga and Papamoa. It had a policy of at least half its stock being New Zealand-made.

However, when the lease for the Devonport shop came up for renewal recently, the decision was made to close the whole business.

"David and Carol have been living on Waiheke for the last couple of years and are wanting to retire, and it was time for me to try something different," says Anna, who has been living in

Tauranga for 11 years.

"We had thought about selling, but it has been so much a part of all our lives it just didn't seem right," she says.

Anna has no idea what she will do next, but plans to follow her daughter Maia Horlock, who has been selected in the New Zealand junior volleyball team for the Asian champs.

Anna says Wallis was always grateful to its loyal Devonport customer base, some of whom had shopped at the store since it opened 30 years ago.

Carol Moutford said that along with the customers, dating back 40 years, the Wallis staff had also been fantastic.

"With a family business, the staff become family as well.

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Moving with the Maunga

behaviour change all over the country and it's reflecting a growing awareness of te āo māori and a pride that all New Zealanders are feeling about our cultural narratives and a strengthened respect for our pre-colonial history.

"Takarunga and Maungauika are considered tupuna/ancestors by mana whenua. I think it's wonderful to see those ancestors be reunited with their original names, not just by mana whenua, but by us all," Van Tonder said.

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North Shore Cricket reserves triumph in T20



Celebrations... North Shore premier reserves after their T20 win over Cornwall on Anniversary Day

North Shore Cricket Club has won the first T20 competition for premier reserve teams.

Teams from all 16 major Auckland clubs first played in four pools of four, with North Shore coming out on top of a pool that also included Takapuna, East Coast Bays and Hibiscus Coast cricket clubs.

In a semi-final against a strong Suburbs New Lynn team, North Shore batted first and were all out for 122. The chase went down to the wire with Suburbs eventually falling five runs short of their target due to some outstanding North Shore bowling.

The final was against Cornwall on Auckland Anniversary Day. Cornwall

batted first and got off to a good start, reaching 26 in the fourth over before captain Josh Syme struck, dismissing both openers in one over.

Syme and Steven Newey both took three wickets, and wicketkeeper Andy Strain took a couple of excellent catches to keep Cornwall under pressure. After 20 overs, Cornwall had set a target to chase of 123.

Riley Mudford, who played in the Takapuna Grammar 1st XI last year, showed what a force he is to be reckoned with, hitting to all parts of the ground before eventually being dismissed for 42 off just 23 balls – the highest score of the day.

Asiri Wickramanayake (28) and Will Clarke (13) were among the contributors to Shore's total before Andy Strain and Syme were at the crease for the final overs.

Premiers Squad coach Chris Reid had told the team to "be brave". Syme was just that as he crashed a massive six to edge closer to the target. Strain (13 not out off 11 balls) and Syme (8) passed their target on the first ball of the 19th over, much to the delight of the many North Shore supporters.

The North Shore Team in the final: Syme, Newey, Mudford, Wickramanayake, Clarke, Angus Nicoll, Andy Strain, Matt Strain, Malav Brahmabhatt, Zac Watson, and Ryan Thomson.

Debt-servicing rules biting

We are seeing more and more people are finding it difficult to borrow money from main banks, despite having substantial assets, as they may have insufficient income to service the debt. The Responsible Lending Act came into law mid-2018 and requires banks to ensure that any lending must be able to be serviced AND repaid within the term of the loan.

This has made life difficult for asset-rich cash-flow-poor borrowers and for older borrowers (55 plus) who can easily repay the debt from the sale of a property or other assets but can not service, say a 10-year P&I (principal and interest) loan.

However, we are also seeing additional non-bank lenders entering the market who are more "asset lenders" and don't require the same stringent servicing requirements so long as there is an acceptable exit strategy. So speak to us if you are having trouble borrowing – we have access to all sorts of lenders and can invariably help.

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By Rob Drent

As a test for readers of our last issue of the Devonport Flagstaff, we dropped the use of non-Maori place names for Devonport's maunga – Mt Victoria was omitted from Takarunga/ Mt Victoria and North Head removed from

Maungauikia/ North Head.

We haven't had one letter, phone call or email on it. Perhaps people haven't noticed? Or don't really care? In any case, it's a change we intend to stick to.

The double-banger name for our mountains was an artificial combination created when Auckland's maunga were transferred to Maori in a Treaty settlement. Maori place names were added to the European names given to the mountains by early settlers. Iwi now govern the mountains in a joint management arrangement with Auckland Council.

A recent walk along the Hollyford track with Ngai Tahu guides got me thinking. The history of the area was fascinating – one of the highest nearby mountains was named after Maori chief Tutoku who lived in the area around 150 years ago. But most of the other landmarks bore the names of a variety of explorers, surveyors and others, many of whom had no more than a fleeting connection to these places.

The same applies to Devonport, to some degree. Mt Victoria was named after Queen Victoria (who reigned 1837-1901). She never

came to New Zealand. Queen Victoria was our head of state after the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi in 1840, but had no link to Devonport at all.

Takarunga means "the hill standing above". Maungauika means Mountain of Uika. In pre-European times, Maori occupied both mountains, with a main pa at Takarunga.

Maungauika became known as North Head after the settlement of Auckland and was the site of the first pilot station for guiding ships into the harbour.

Times change as well as names, including others in Devonport. Patuone Ave (named after Maori chief Eru Patuone) used to be Cameron St. Bayswater Ave used to be King Edward Ave.

Indeed, in other areas of New Zealand, there is a precedent for Maori place names to supersede European-introduced ones. Who calls Mt Taranaki Mt Egmont any more, for example?

In my first five years at the Flagstaff, this editorial was called The View from Mt Vic. While recognising our history, I'm happy to put the increasingly anachronistic names from our colonial past behind us.

I would be keen on a name change for King Edward Pde and Queens Pde along the Devonport waterfront as well. Again, these names have increasingly less relevance as our connection to Britain fades.



ENROLMENTS TERM 2 2020

Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office.

Applications for 10 out-of-zone places in Year 1, 0 in Year 2, 0 in Year 3, 2 in Year 4, 2 in year 5 and 2 in Year 6 are now being invited for those students who will become eligible for enrolment during the period 28 April to 15 December 2020.

The deadline for receipt of applications for out-of-zone places is 28 April 2020.

If a ballot for out-of-zone places is required, it will be held on 28 April 2020. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days of the ballot being held.

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Inventor's sexy idea goes global

A Devonport inventor is taking on the world with a new musical instrument.

Nick Millington came up with the idea for the Saxmonica two years ago. Now it has gone global, with 5000 sold into many different countries in the last 18 months.

The Flagstaff first approached Millington for a story on the Saxmonica a couple of years back, but he was reluctant. "I wasn't sure it was going to work. It could have been a dud, but the opposite has proved true."

Millington "a jack of all trades and a master of none" has followed the ski slopes and surf spots around the world, doing a variety of jobs, but describes himself these days as an inventor. Along with brother David Millington, he developed the Nu-Klear mirror demister.

The first Saxmonica prototype emerged a few years ago from a piece of plastic piping. Millington enjoyed listening to music and had tried playing instruments, "but had always been a bit of a failure".

Travelling extensively, he wanted something portable and easy to play.

He knew he was onto something when in Kampot, Cambodia, he started jamming on his Saxmonica with a guitar player and a crowd gathered around.

A Kickstarter campaign was launched in March 2018, with 2300 pledges lodged and 2500 sales in the first 49 days.

Millington got on a plane to Hong Kong and crossed the border to Shenzhen, China, to source a manufacturer. He was playing the Saxmonica on the roadside, when "some gangster-looking dudes" arrived in a car. A fractured conversation ensued. He was picked up later from his hotel, and a contact was made.

The prototype was developed further with the help of Millington's friend Israeli guitarist Orian Bartov. While it looks like a simple instrument, a lot of time was spent mathematically working out the correct positioning of the finger holes.

The beauty of the instrument is its full sound, compact size, and the ease with which it can be learned – within 28 days is the guarantee.



Max sax appeal... Nick and Rio Millington with the Saxmonica

Millington's daughter Rio, who describes herself as "dad's full-time supporter", was the instrument's first "guinea pig". She went to stay with her dad in Cambodia and undertook the 28-day trial.

After which, she says she was able to jam on the Saxmonica with other musicians. She played it travelling all over Asia, including India, jamming with locals and travellers alike.

"It's a really awesome way of breaking the ice with people."

Says Nick: "It's a great friend-maker. If

you start playing it, people start gravitating towards you."

The Saxmonica is not a sophisticated instrument, but simplicity is the whole point. It has two attachments, which allow it to be played in nine different keys.

"It's a little like paint by numbers: everything you need is in the box. You may not be turning out a Salvador Dali or Michelangelo, but it's a great introduction to the world of music."

Nick is next off on Saxmonica marketing trips to Singapore, Hong Kong and Japan.

Devonport Library work costs \$130,000

Scaffolding is up at Devonport Library for the oiling of its timber exterior, at a cost of around \$130,000.

The work is due to be completed in about April, with the library remaining open throughout, Auckland Council said.

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Inter-generational link stretches back to school's founding

A Devonport Primary School pupil whose ancestor's brother was instrumental in purchasing the land for the school, helped cut a cake celebrating its 150th birthday.

Eight-year-old Florence Beauchamp descends from James Mays, brother of Oliver Mays, who chaired the committee that founded the school.

On 7 February, the school held a special assembly to celebrate the 'birthday' and play games from 150 years ago, such as sack and egg-and-spoon races, pin the tail on the donkey and a treasure hunt.

A school first opened at the Holy Trinity Church site, where Oliver Mays became head teacher in 1861 with 21 pupils. He was later appointed to a school in Northland, which burnt down before he could take up the job.

Mays instead stayed on in Devonport and became an important founding businessman, politician, public servant and postmaster. As chairman of the Flagstaff Highways Board, he was asked to consider a new school.

Mays held a public meeting and 21 people agreed to donate to establish a "common school for boys". A school committee was formed, with Mays as chair.

The site on the hill was for sale, as a Wesleyan chapel on the land had run out of money. Mays approached a photographer who had made money gold-mining, who agreed to donate £200 towards the purchase.

The school initially ran out of the former chapel.

In October 1869, some local families promised to pay a teacher £150 a year. Pierce Philips was appointed in November and the school opened on 17 January 1870, initially as a boys school.

• Further 150-year celebrations are planned later this year



Ties to the past: Eight-year-old Florence Beauchamp (left) whose ancestor's brother helped found Devonport Primary 150 years ago, at the 'birthday' celebration with (from left) Rhiannon McAnally, 6 (whose mother Jayne Williams made the cake), oldest pupil Keira Byers, 10, youngest pupil Walter Nuzzolese, 5, and principal Beverley Booth



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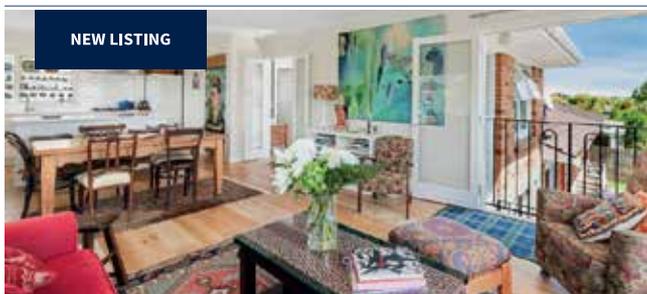
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Belmont 45 Williamson Avenue

3 2 3 1 2

Easy Living
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Devonport 16 Empire Road

5 2 1 1 2

Superb Home, Stunning Location
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Devonport 47a Lake Road

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Cute As A Button And Very Private
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Devonport 15 Kawerau Ave

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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 1012m² section.

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Belmont 45a Williamson Avenue 4 2 2 1 2

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The Art Of Modern Living
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AT Local ride cost had dropped to \$11 by August

Taxpayers paid on average more than \$11 for each AT Local ride in August – the top-performing month of the first nine months of a pilot.

The subsidised ride-share service was on trial in Devonport for 12 months to see if could reduce congestion by shifting drivers out of cars, and whether it might be rolled out into other Auckland suburbs.

The first nine months were reviewed to see if the trial would continue into 2020.

The service is claimed to be the first in the world to use an all-electric fleet, with six vehicles providing rides on the lower Devonport peninsula.

The trial began on 19 November, 2018. Once it got going after the holiday period, customer numbers increased from 1300 in February 2019 to 2950 in August last year. Over the same period, the number of rides increased from 1582 in February to 5263 in August.

Around 43 per cent of customers had switched from using a private motor vehicle, an Auckland Transport (AT) report on the trial said.

While a measurements of costs against benefits is not among the trial’s aims, the cost subsidy per ride was \$11.72 in August 2019. This compared to \$34 in February, and \$18 in June 2019. As more rides are booked each month, the subsidy per ride cost drops.

Concerns that the AT Local service “could potentially cannibalise the local bus routes by taking passengers away” has only partially materialised.

“Just 13 per cent of AT Local customers advised they had previously used a bus service,” the report said.

Anecdotal evidence suggested some customers switch between AT Local and buses depending on the weather, and if a bus was waiting at the Devonport ferry building.

The overall benefits AT Local provided Devonport were high, the report said.

Devonport, with a population of 23,000, has 30,000 car trips per day on Lake Rd, with 50 per cent of trips within the peninsula itself.

Only 13 per cent of ferry customers use buses connecting to the Devonport-Auckland and Bayswater-Auckland ferries. Most ferry users live within 3km of the terminals. Almost half of ferry users walk or cycle to the ferries, but in wet weather 13 per cent of walkers and cyclists revert to cars.

The Devonport area is worst affected, with the ferry car park full by 7 am, pushing traffic into adjoining streets in search of parking.

An AT survey found 43 per cent of car users had switched to AT Local: 30 per cent were car drivers and 13 per cent were passengers.

“In August, AT Local replaced a total of 2057 car journeys and an average of 83 car journeys per weekday,” the report said.

In AT Local’s first nine months:

- It delivered 27,481 rides
- The average ride was 2.2 km
- 10,652 motor-vehicle trips were replaced
- 65,538 passenger kilometres were travelled.
- 8651 kg of carbon dioxide emissions were saved through trips taken in AT Local electric vehicles.

The review recommended the trial extend into 2020, which has eventuated.

Latest figures

The number of AT Local rides lodged in November 2019 was 5211.

Figures for December and January show a decline in rides, but this was expected due to the holiday period.

Auckland Transport (AT) spokesman, Mark Hannan said the numbers are really good – as it was aiming for 200 rides a day.

“Leading into Christmas, we had impressive record numbers for those two weeks.

“Like the rest of our network, obviously during Christmas week and New Year’s week things slowed down a bit – as expected.

“The first week of January was of course quieter, like the rest of our network, with people on holiday still.

“We are really pleased with these numbers and believe it shows how successful the AT Local initiative is.”



Devonport 29a Stanley Point Road, Stanley Point

Pretty, practical and newly renovated

A stylish rebuild and extension of this charming cottage has created a masterly face-lift inside and out. The home is spacious, warm and inviting with a muted natural canvas creating a romantic relaxed vibe and seamless blend of home and garden. Well proportioned interiors include four bedrooms, two of which are ensuites, two separate living rooms, study and three bathrooms. The flexible floor-plan creates separation for one ensuite bedroom and living room making it perfect for guests or extended family. The chef designed kitchen is connected to a large living and dining area, it opens to a bougainvillea framed terrace and established garden. An easy walk from the city ferry, school, beaches and recreational areas. This is a delightful home for families or professionals.

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Weeds have made domain unfit to be a park

I read with interest the full-page letter in your latest issue by Sharon Byron-McKay, protesting against the decision to spray Devonport Domain and Vauxhall Reserve to eradicate the infestation of Onehunga weed, among others.

The problem with the weeds on Devonport Domain is that they have become so extensive that it is now no longer fit for purpose as a park, by council standards.

Is it really okay to have a community park that children cannot walk across in bare feet because of a prickly infestation?

I do fear that Sharon is scaremongering. Nine times through her letter, she refers to the

effects of glyphosate – yet she fully knows that the proposed herbicide, Bow & Arrow, does not contain glyphosate. Bow & Arrow is selected because of its low toxicity.

The International Agency for Research on Cancer (part of the World Health Organisation), along with SafeWork Australia and National Toxicology Program (USA), has found that Bow & Arrow contains no significant ingredient classified as carcinogenic. The Environmental Protection Authority of New Zealand also has approved the use of Bow & Arrow.

Bow & Arrow is applied by an approved contractor, normally at six in the morning when the air is still, and it is perfectly safe to walk on after it has dried, usually within two hours.

What interests me is that Sharon fails to suggest an alternative method that could be used to get rid of the weeds – because there isn't one, other than getting down on hands and knees and removing them all by hand. Good luck with that!

What is also never mentioned in her letter is that Bow & Arrow is used throughout Auckland parks and reserves, including Stanley Bay Park and Bayswater Reserve. Allen Hill is also regularly sprayed. So it is nonsensical that Devonport Domain and Vauxhall Reserve be considered differently.

The local board should be congratulated for deferring to the expert authority that has approved the use of Bow & Arrow. If Sharon wants to debate the science of this decision, she should lobby the relevant authority to reconsider, rather than scaremongering residents and putting undue pressure on the local board.

Finally, the North Shore Cricket Club has been located on the domain for 130 years, and it knows and treasures the area and has raised the issue of weed infestation because it is a guardian of the park.

But this issue is not about the cricket club. It's about the kids who can't run about on the park without getting prickles in their feet.

Roger Brittenden

Don't mention the albatross, and as for the new playground...

Re the albatross sculpture (Flagstaff Notes, 31 January): Please don't remind them, it might be best that we don't mention it lest they think we want it.

As for the Bean Rock playground, we have lost almost half the village green to an environmentally unfriendly concrete playground.

There is going to be a reef and rock pool

and sand play – about 10 steps from a beach!

So sad to see this when we need to preserve all the nature we can get in this world of ever-encroaching concrete and steel.

As for the design, how pleasant will it be for children using the slide with the glaring afternoon sun in their eyes and facing the shops instead of facing the sea?

J Leighton

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Spray ban should be reinstated

It is of great concern to me to learn that the local board has given the go-ahead to resume the use of chemical sprays to control weeds (Flagstaff, 31 January).

Only one member, Trish Deans, who is unconvinced of the safety of the sprays, voted against this.

The reason I am so concerned, is because as well as having Parkinson's disease myself, I know of nine other people who were my immediate neighbours who had serious neurological illnesses, including Parkinson's, motor-neurone disease, dementia and cancer, and who have since died. Slightly farther afield in the nearby locality, I know of five other people who have Parkinsons disease.

All of the people I have referred to have been long-term residents in their houses, which are on the perimeter of either the cricket ground or Vauxhall Domain. We therefore all will possibly have been exposed to chemical sprays used prior to the ban.

There is sufficient concern from the scientific and medical community that exposure to toxic chemicals in the environment may well be a contributory factor in causing these progressive neurological diseases, for

which there is no cure.

I appreciate that the manufacturers of the product that the board have approved to be used, have stated it is a safe product and appropriate for the control of weeds. However, I can remember that the same assurances have been given in the past about the safety of other toxic substances, such as tobacco, DDT, radiation and Thalidomide, to mention but a few.

It is certainly not acceptable to me for the board to approve the resumption of using chemical sprays simply because they are used in the rest of the area covered by the board. Without question, the health of the residents should be their priority. Indeed, it could be argued that the other sports fields should be following our existing policy of not using chemical sprays for safety reasons.

Parkinson's, and other neurological conditions, have such dire consequences for those affected. However, as far as I know, contact with inconvenient weeds has no such lifelong devastating and fatal consequences.

In my opinion, we absolutely have to err on the side of caution and demand that the board reverse their decision and use non-toxic means to control the weeds.

Christine Rowe

Herbicide found to be "safe"

Thank you to Sharon Byron-McKay for her thought-provoking letter about weed-spraying (Flagstaff, 31 January).

To avoid spreading unnecessary fear, it's important for local people to know that the cancer-suffering Americans Ms Byron-McKay referred to (the Pilliods) sprayed about four litres of glyphosate-containing Roundup every week for 30 years without any skin or breathing protection. Their exposure was incomparable to anything we'll experience in Devonport.

A key plank in the Pilliods' case was the World Health Organisation's specialist carcinogen agency labelling glyphosate as "probably carcinogenic" – alongside night shift work, Teflon, eating red meat and being a hairdresser (yes, seriously). But their role isn't to look at realistic dosages; they consider even extraordinary dosages, and the Pilliods' award (currently US\$86.7 million) may yet fall apart, as in January the US Environment Protection Agency confirmed its assessment that glyphosate is safe and non-carcinogenic when used as directed.

This is in line with regulators in New Zealand, Europe, Canada, Australia and Japan, for example. All these toxicology experts reviewed decades of laboratory and field evidence and concluded that glyphosate – the most widely studied and used herbicide in the world – is safe.

Locals may also be reassured to know that in fact herbicides don't hang around forever – soil microbes destroy them over

weeks and months. But some herbicides – including Bow & Arrow, which council will use to control prickles – but not glyphosate, are 'mobile' in soil, so shouldn't be sprayed anywhere near waterways, as otherwise the microbes can't do their work before they can affect aquatic life.

I'm grateful that activists – and the label is an honourable one – shine a light into dark corners of the world. It's thanks to citizens like Ms Byron-McKay that scientists and regulators worldwide have re-investigated glyphosate and that courts have uncovered some unethical if not illegal practices at Monsanto/Bayer (the makers of Roundup), which deserve punishment. Keep up the good work.

But my concern is that our local board would even consider second-guessing our national regulator, the Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI). I don't pay rates to support such egregious overreach and duplication, nor to have the local board compel council staff to spend presumably hours or days justifying their use of approved, regulated, products.

Finally, I would like to encourage Ms Byron-McKay and other activists to direct their campaign at MPI. If she has emerging evidence, I hope that in MPI she will find experts able to act on it competently, and in the context of the entire evidence base. And she could make a difference to the whole country, not just our delightful little suburb.

Michael Fielding



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FOLK IN THE PARK MUSIC FESTIVAL

Sunday 16 February, 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Band Rotunda, Windsor Reserve, Devonport

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(@ Bayswater Park), 9:30am–11:00am

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Russian nightmare leads to life of advocacy

Left a paraplegic in a crash while travelling behind the Iron Curtain in the summer of 1969, Pauline Stansfield endured primitive treatment and a long recovery before working her way back to independence. Now, she's been honoured for her work on behalf of others with disabilities. She talks to Helen Vause.

She woke up a bright, energetic young woman, excited to be setting off with a tour group through Russia and a little bit apprehensive about the unknowns of travelling in that country.

Later that morning, Pauline Stansfield had become a paraplegic, lying in a hospital in small town.

The year was 1969, and the tour bus the adventurous young Kiwi nurse was travelling in had flipped somewhere on the very rough road from Novgorod to Moscow. She'd landed, badly injured, halfway out the back window.

That day changed her life forever. "It was all pretty unlucky, for sure," Stansfield reflects with a vibrant smile in her wheelchair more than 50 years later.

Her's has been a full life, underpinned by faith, determination and positivity.

As she has kept her own wheels turning, Stansfield has taken many others with her, working tirelessly as an advocate and supporter for people with disabilities.

Her work hasn't gone unnoticed. Stansfield, who now lives in Belmont, is still basking in the glow of her New Year Honour for her services to people with disabilities, as she shares her story with the Flagstaff.

Before her life was so radically changed, Stansfield had been working as a nurse in London, following in the footsteps of many thousands of venturous young Kiwis. With a good degree and nursing qualifications under her belt, she felt equipped to head off into the world and explore as much of it as she could.

First stop was the UK in the late 60s, and a nursing job, but the motivation was to fund the next adventure and make exciting plans with travelling buddies, using London and her job as her base.

The travels through Russia were part of a month-long itinerary, starting in Europe. But Russia was the unknown and, says Stansfield, right from first encounters at the border it was "a bit scary but exciting".



Determined campaigner... Pauline Stansfield says New Zealand had to catch up on access issues for disabled people

After the tour bus accident on 10 June 1969, Stansfield's story was for the next few years one of hospitals, rehab and pain – putting every ounce of herself into getting to a better place, where she could move forward with a full life lived from her wheelchair.

She recounted that early part of her recovery

in detail in the book she published in 2017, *Russia Changed my Life*.

Revisiting the first nightmarish days in Vyshny Volochek Hospital, Stansfield paints a terrifying picture of painful procedures carried out without anaesthetics, of ancient equipment, filth, primitive techniques and terrible food.

Then there was the language problem and the awareness that she was far better qualified than those taking care of her. Trying not to show her feelings and make matters worse, was part of the daily struggle:

"I was very nervous about Russian emergency care. I was far more terrified of that than of being a paraplegic for the rest of my life."

In those first weeks in the Russian hospital, the horror of it all was tempered by visits from friends, then family, British Embassy staff and a constant flow of letters from a wide circle, anxiously willing her on.

Media at home and in the UK reported on her progress. The *Evening Post* in Wellington reported: "A 29-year-old New Zealand girl, Pauline Stansfield, lies in a hospital in a small Russian town, three hundred miles east of

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Moscow, with a double fracture of the spine, brain concussion, internal injuries and eight fractured ribs. . .” One Yorkshire reporter wrote: “Pauline, who was away from home and kindred, was fortunate to have retained her spirit and sense of humour.”

But as the weeks rolled on in her hospital bed, Stansfield was also developing some of the complications of paraplegia, most of which, she says, would have been preventable with modern nursing techniques of the time.

She was plagued by ghastly sores and respiratory problems, as she was left to lie on her back day and night for the first two months. For a time she was getting worse rather than better.

Her care team were kind, Stansfield recalls. Grumbling carried its own risk, but all concerned knew she’d be better off back in England.

In the UK, she was a patient at the famed Stoke Mandeville Hospital in Aylesbury, where she’d spend the next eight months in recovery and rehabilitation. She was mighty pleased to be out of Russia, but there were plenty of tears through gruelling physio and building the strengths and skills that would soon see her living independently again – and earning her living.

At the same time there was the reality of what sort of work she would be able to do and how she would get around.

The latter problem was solved with driving lessons at the hospital in a little three-wheel vehicle that was supplied free to patients like Stansfield, who was soon to be motoring around London in it.

“Invaluable,” she recalls. At the same time, as she struggled with the relentless physio and exercise, she was on the path to her new career as a nursing tutor.

And even before she had her wings to leave the hospital and get back into living life ‘on the outside’, she was seconded to a nursing school to give her first class : “Care of the immobilised patient.”

Stansfield worked again in a UK hospital, but took the chance to come home in 1973 to a job teaching senior nurses at the Auckland School of Nursing. A year later, she moved to teach at Wellington Polytechnic, and pulled together enough money to get a mortgage for her first house.

She was happy to be home but found the commitment in this country to supporting a user-friendly environment for people with disability was far behind what she’d experienced in the UK.

“There was really nothing for us at that time. No grants for equipment were available and access issues were really hopeless.”

Three jobs she applied for fell through because there were access issues. So for her it was a natural progression to turn her skills and grit to advocacy.

“My first act was writing a letter to the *Herald* asking why there were no grants for equipment for disabled people. That led to my first media interview here.”

She put huge energy into the North Shore Disabled Persons Assembly (DPA), and for 11 years was secretary of the organisation, working tirelessly for a much better deal.

“There was a great need for DPAs on the Shore and our meetings were very popular, many people arriving who needed one or more problems solved.”

Stansfield led the charge on access issues for disabled people. Week after week she was out in her wheelchair with an able-bodied companion to complete a wide-ranging survey of access to buildings and walkways across the North Shore.

“What we needed to look at was how to get into a building, how to get around in that building and how to get out. Then we had to look at parking. It doesn’t sound a lot, but back then it was really hopeless. It was just terribly difficult for people like me to get around.

“To shop in the Glenfield Mall, I would have to first park near the shops upstairs then load up my wheelchair and drive around to the bottom level and start all over again if something I needed was on that level. It was just exhausting.”

Stansfield also volunteered at the Otago Spinal Unit for several years. “It was helping others who were facing what I’d faced. You have to adapt to what you’ve got, but that’s the very thing no one wants to do. They want life to go back again to what it was the day before yesterday. But they have to learn how to have a go.”

In the recent New Year Honours, Stansfield was made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to people with disabilities. Just last year, she was thrilled to see her sister Briar Gordon in the honours lists for her services to law. “And now it’s the two of us. Who would have thought it?”

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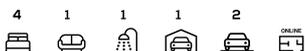
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Belmont has most 'ghost houses' on the peninsula

One in 10 Belmont houses were uninhabited at the time of the most recent Census.

In Belmont, 120 of 1182 dwellings (10.2 per cent) were unoccupied on Census night 2018, compared with 39,765 out of 547,059 (7.3 per cent) across the Auckland region.

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board member Trish Deans says Ngati Whatua's development on Belmont's Roberts Ave appears to have stalled, with ex-Navy houses left empty, while it builds on nearby Eversleigh Rd and Hilary Crescent, where the 82 ex-Navy houses were removed in 2018. Some pensioner housing may have been empty too when the Census was held in March 2018, Deans says.

Across the entire local board area, nine out of 19 areas identified in the Census had a higher percentage of ghost houses than the regional average, of 7.3 per cent.

Deans believes 'ghost houses' are something the board should be concerned about.

The figures have been revealed as the city experiences a housing crisis – relating to both affordability and homelessness.

The council is looking into whether empty houses could be rented to homeless or low-income tenants.

However, planning committee chair and North Shore councillor Chris Darby says that investigating a tax on ghost houses is "not a priority" for the council.

"We are focused on better utilisation of the housing stock," Darby says.

In Vancouver, a tax on empty houses that was introduced in 2016 has reduced the number of unoccupied homes, with a drop of 15 per cent recorded in 2018 alone, according to CBC News.

However, Darby understands the city did a great deal of investigative work before introducing the tax.

He says a government agency, rather than Auckland Council, should investigate why houses are unoccupied, before any decisions on taxation are made.

Darby has spoken previously about ghost houses in pricey Stanley Pt, where he lives, where some owners are interested in capital gain without the hassle of tenancy.

In Belmont, it is likely to be a "mix of factors", he says.

In some cases, new rules mean landlords planning to develop a property find it cheaper to leave a house empty, rather than renovate it to the new standards for insulation, ventilation and so on. This could include the owners of public housing in Belmont.

He points to Housing New Zealand properties there, some of which were left empty ahead of demolition.

The Census data provide separate figures for homes under construction or renovation, ones where the owners are away, holiday homes and baches, and new dwellings.

Homes that are counted as "unoccupied" definitely had no one living there, Statistics New Zealand confirms.

Census contractors were instructed to follow up empty houses with a range of checks, such as talking to neighbours, checking the letterbox and looking inside before determining a dwelling was "unoccupied".

Housing New Zealand said it has 272 homes in the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area, of which seven were unoccupied in March 2018.

The New Zealand Defence Force currently has nine vacant houses in Belmont, of which three are being refurbished and six have been allocated to tenants, but are not yet occupied.

'Ghostliest' suburbs in Devonport-Takapuna

10.2%	Belmont 120 out of 1182
9.2%	Takapuna South 57 of 621
8.5%	Castor Bay 147 out of 1725
8.3%	Stanley Point 57 out of 687
8.3%	Milford Central 75 out of 903
8.3%	Cheltenham 72 out of 870

Nothing instant about coffee-cup plan

An ambitious scheme to have giant coffee-cup-shaped recycling bins for takeaway cups around Devonport is still percolating.

In the past year, the Devonport Community Recycling Centre has installed hot-composting bins, but introducing the groundbreaking coffee-cup recycling is taking longer than expected.

"We are pushing the boundaries of innovation and when you have ambitious ideas, sometimes you have to push the time frames out," centre manager Andrew Walters says.

The recycling centre is working with the Devonport Business Improvement District, on the scheme, assisted by a council waste-minimisation grant of \$28,000.

However, a big obstacle to the project has been the cost of the Wellington-manufactured bins, at \$3000 each, Walters says.

That may not be seen as good use of rate-

payers' money, he says. The centre is looking at whether bins could be made locally and would be keen to hear from Devonport artists who might like to help.

The hot-composting bins are taking food waste, mainly from the Living Room, and will most likely need a resource consent to expand further.

Composting is limited to 10 sqm before the council requires a resource consent.

A trial of composting coffee cups from a recent swimming event around North Head was successful, mostly breaking down the cups.

However, finding a supplier of cups that reliably break down in compost is another task, Walters says.

"There are a lot of little bits to do to make it work, which is probably why no one in New Zealand is doing it successfully."

Medplus buys central Devonport premises

Hauraki general practice Medplus has purchased the premises of a central Devonport practice, Anne St Medical, but is staying mum about its plans.

Medplus purchased the property last year, when the doctors from Anne St Medical decided to relocate to a large health centre being developed on Victoria Rd.

Meanwhile, Devonport Medical Centre's building on Lake Rd (near the corner of Old

Lake Rd) has been sold to an individual, who previous owner Dr Chris Dominick understands is an audiologist.

Medplus Medical Centre has not responded to queries.

(A 13 December story, "Work starts on New Victoria Rd medical centre", mistakenly suggested that Medplus was involved in the purchase of the Devonport Medical Centre building on Lake Rd. The error is regretted.)



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The Image of the Child

Loris Malaguzzi said that “there are hundreds of different images of the child. Each one of you has inside yourself an image of the child that directs you as you begin to relate to a child. This theory within you pushes you to behave in certain ways; it orients you as you talk to the child, listen to the child, observe the child.”

Malaguzzi was a pedagogue from Reggio Emilia, Italy, who founded the educational philosophy known as the Reggio Emilia approach, by which we are inspired at Belmont Learning Space. What he means by this image of the child is the way in which we believe children to ‘be’ – what we feel is the essence of being a child, and that view or image is what drives every interaction, every decision we make as teachers, whānau or friends of the children in our lives.

Teaching begins with our image of the child, so it is right at the core of our role as educators. Our image of the child is that a child is born whole and complete and perfect. They are an orb of light and love, their main objective, besides loving and being loved, is to find out everything they possibly can about the world they have just joined. They are infinitely curious and ask themselves one million questions a day, from ‘what is this strange object?’ to ‘what will this taste like?’

They are open-minded, determined explorers; there is no ‘deciding’ whether, when or what to teach a child, and there is no stopping them from learning. There is only gifting them with the time, environment and resources they need to discover the world. The urge to learn, for a child, is exactly that – an urge that they cannot control or shake off, nor disappear until they have learned it, and learned it again, and learned it again.



Have you ever felt tempted to set off a fire alarm that sits enticingly behind shiny glass, encased in a bright red box, even

*“They are open-minded,
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though you know you shouldn’t? Then you probably understand, at a watered-down level, what it is like to be a child with the urge to find answers to their questions.

A child is capable and competent, and when we hold this image of the child close to our hearts and relate to them as such, they will prove that we are right. A child

who is encouraged to explore the way they can move their body on their own, has their capabilities acknowledged, who is trusted and who is supported in their quest for independence, will astound you again and again with what they can do, if only we let them.

The ability to communicate is innate in every child from the time they are born, if only we tune into the subtle ways that they let us know what is present for them. Their movements, facial expressions, coos and cries are all powerful tools that children use to speak with us, long before they use their first word. And often it is the things we can’t see or hear, but what we can feel when we dance with young children in our hearts.

In every moment, a child is present to what is really happening. They are present in the conversation, present to their body sensations, and present to the love, wonder and joy there is to be found around them. In our image of the child, there is nothing without joy.

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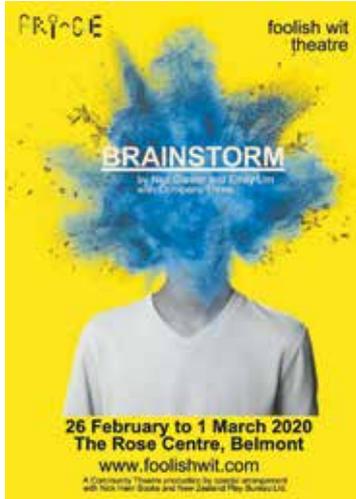
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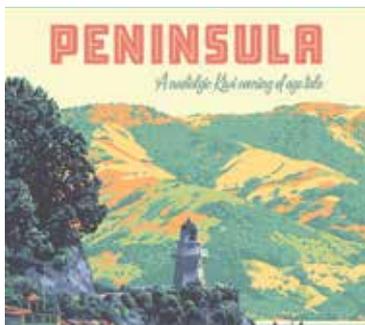
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Tutor Hugh gets to show his metal

A Devonport guitar tutor is stoked his band, Mothra, has been invited to open for internationally acclaimed Californian alt-metal band, the Deftones.

Guitar player Hugh Allan says Mothra have opened for many acclaimed international acts, but this is the biggest.

The Deftones' manager told Allan that the Sacramento band's lead singer, Chino Moreno, had requested Mothra open for them.

"To be recognised by someone like that is monumental," Allan says.

Allan coaches rock bands at Devonport Primary and Vauxhall schools, as well as offering private tuition, which he has done for 16 years.

The three members of Mothra have been playing together for more than a decade, starting out with gigs at the Masonic, and playing around the country since.

They practised until recently at Devonport Primary.

Allan describes their style as "math metal", "progressive rock" or "post-metal".

They are an instrumental band using sampling to create interesting soundscapes, Allan says.



Ready to rock... Devonport guitar tutor Hugh Allan will take the stage with Mothra to support the Grammy-winning Deftones on 15 March

Mothra recorded an album, *Decision Process*, in 2016 and are working on a second.

The Grammy-winning Deftones play at the Trusts Arena on 15 March, with Mothra in support and another band, Jacob, opening the bill.

THIS MONTH @ the vic



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The Professor and the Madman (M) 125 min	20 FEB
Dark Waters (M) 127 min	20 FEB
The Rocky Horror Picture Show (M)	21 FEB
Shall We Dance (G) 116 min	27 FEB
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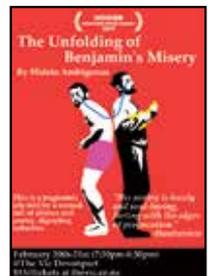
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Artist's creations make people smile



Queen of quirk... Judy Rogers enjoys giving new life to used objects

Artist Judy Rogers scours local shops, especially op shops and the Devonport recycling centre, for materials to create fun, quirky steampunk pieces.

The genesis of her work is generally a vintage wooden object – a cat, owl, shoe last or artist's mannequin to which is added all manner of costumery and machinery.

"It's rare that I buy anything new. I prefer to give something life again," Rogers says.

It is good for the environment, but for Rogers it is more than that.

"People must think I'm strange. I pick pieces up and I resonate with them. They have been forgotten and neglected and I give them life again."

Rogers' steampunk creations make people smile, she says.

If she does need to buy something new, she purchases it locally, largely because of convenience, but also because she gets really good service in the village.

Rogers, who hasn't had formal training as an artist, came to steampunk four years ago

through the inspiration of a Devonport friend, after Rogers made a steampunk rabbit for the woman's daughter.

Her work has evolved naturally from her enjoyment of costume design.

Originally from Melbourne, Rogers had always taken part in dance classes and shows, especially belly dancing.

Then, when she and her husband moved to Hamilton 13 years ago, Rogers was looking for like-minded friends.

She found some colourful characters in the town's burlesque dance community. Making costumes for burlesque naturally evolved into steampunk.

Rogers enjoys dressing up and, in addition to the objects, makes costumes to wear at steampunk festivals.

Devonport is now Rogers' home, offering the sort of arts scene and sense of community she enjoyed in Melbourne.

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Defecation letter

I am a regular reader of the Devonport Flagstaff and was offended and upset by the "Defecation disgust" letter sent in by Murray Hindle (January 31).

I am sure all of your readers will agree that defecating in a public place is not appropriate. However, the comments around the person's race are completely unacceptable. I am not a native Kiwi and I feel hurt by these clearly racist comments.

The Flagstaff should not have published this letter and I suggest an apology is published in your next issue.

Georgia Frear

•The managing editor replies: While some will find the views in the letter distasteful, the letters to the editor column contains writers' opinions.

Bin wrongly incarcerated

Why has the recycling bin on Windsor Reserve been fenced off for months behind the contractors' safety fence?

When collecting the recyclable rubbish off the beach and in the reserve, we have to throw it in the normal rubbish bin alongside the fenced-off recycling bin.

With a little bit of thought at the time of erecting the fence, the bin could still be in use.

Mick Sharpe



Letters to the Editor

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

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A long-established family medical practice, Devonport Family Medicine, has served the local community for many years. Dr Pieter Veenhuijsen took over full ownership of Devonport Family Medicine in April last year, choosing to remain a GP-owned practice, after eleven years as part-owner.

The practice is a boutique-style family medical centre that values providing individuals and their families with accessible and affordable medical care. Focused on providing continuity of care by being readily available to see his patients, Dr Veenhuijsen offers same day and advance appointments. Working closely alongside Dr Pieter, is nurse

Georgina Gymer, who brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the practice. Georgina has worked as an intensive care paediatric nurse, general-practice nurse and has held both clinical nurse educator and immunisation advisor roles.

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Stanley Bay drainage meeting

Potential solutions to drainage problems at Stanley Bay Park will be addressed by Auckland Council's Healthy Waters at a public meeting at Ngataranga Tennis Club on 14 February at 1 pm.

Janine Jones, a near neighbour of the park, has been working with council to set up the meeting.

"As a Stanley Bay local, I am concerned about drainage and trees at our local park. The stormwater conveyance channel (creek) surrounding the park has become very choked up and inefficient.

"The sports field is regularly closed only part way through the winter season.

"Several pohutukawas bordering the channel have died. Many of the pittosporums beside the tennis courts have died.

"The footpath running through the park was regularly flooded, until local pressure resulted in contractors clearing a stretch of channel in March/April last year," Jones said.

Bayswater SeniorNet rebooted

After a near terminal crash, Bayswater's long-established SeniorNet has been revived with new committee members and a well-attended class.

Two members, Dave Donaldson and Fran Hartshorne, invited staff from Noel Leeming to take a course, and the first of seven classes held last week was attended by about 20 people, SeniorNet president Ian Payne says.

"There's a resurgence of interest and vitality, and I hope that will continue," he says.

Payne is stepping down and was to be replaced by Donaldson at an AGM this week that was last year thought to be the deadline for decisions on the club's future.

The SeniorNet branch, the only one on the peninsula, was having difficulty finding tutors, its sessions were poorly attended, and with rent for its rooms to pay, was running at a loss.

The closure of Noel Leeming's store in Takapuna has not affected the upcoming classes, Payne says.

While the company does not directly benefit from taking the classes at no cost, it has a business relationship with SeniorNet nationally and offers members discounts.

The classes are also a way of promoting the paid-for lessons the stores offer, Payne says.

Benjamin sculpture a work in progress

A bronze statue in memory of Benjamin, the popular Devonport Library cat, is set to become a reality, despite delays.

A clay model of Benjamin went to the foundry a year ago, but, because the work is being subsidised, other paid projects are taking priority.

The 1.2-metre sculpture, by Devonport sculptor and former librarian Fiona Startup, will stand in front of the library, depicting a suitably larger-than-life Benjamin, sitting on a pile of books.

Benjamin was a well-known figure in Devonport for more than a decade, sauntering across the road and holding up traffic to visit the fish-and-chip shop or pub.

He featured in a children's book, *Benjamin's Book of Library Fun*, by local comic artist Arthur Whelan.

The tabby was run over in 2017. Around 200 locals attended his funeral, and plans were hatched soon after for a memorial sculpture.

Devonport Rotary has funded a \$1000 plinth, which was installed after Startup obtained resource consent for the sculpture.

She has also cast the pile of books and engraved a drawing, copied from the library's memories book, called *Adorable Benjamin*, by a child who signed it as Kyla.

Benjamin himself will be cast by figurative sculptor Richard Wells, who had hoped to finish it by last April's Devonport Arts Festival.

However, Wells has been busy finishing a large commission for the Queenstown Gardens.

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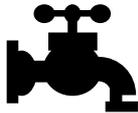
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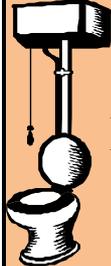
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Devonport artist Tony McNeight, who came up with the idea after seeing the devastation caused by the Australian bush fires, said it was well worthwhile, with "tails wagging the whole service".

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A successful design also relies on collaboration and a shared vision of everyone involved, says Shane.

“When Mary (the homeowner) and her interior designer walked into our showroom in Newmarket, we immediately clicked, and she was soon on board with all of the materials and finishes I showed her. She particularly liked the leathered finish of the Titanium Granite benchtop of the contemporary kitchen we have on show – and that’s exactly what we ended up using for the benchtop of her new kitchen.”

The basic shape and position of the kitchen in the house had already been drawn up on the architect’s plans, but Mary was keen to bring on the services of a specialist kitchen design team to expand on these initial concepts and to work on the design details and the material palette.

“She didn’t just want a white kitchen,” says Shane. “It had to gel with the rest of the home in terms of its earthy tones and

tactile finishes. So, together with the granite benchtop, I suggested a warm taupe grey for the cabinetry, together with an aged-bronze metallic finish above the central cooktop.”

From the outset, the designer says he was very mindful and respectful of the architecture, particularly the form of the vaulted, open-plan living space.

“Directly below the apex of the ceiling, I lined up the tap and sink on the island and also the cooktop on the back wall. I then continued the symmetry by flanking the central cooking bench with the fridge on one side and the wall ovens on the other, and gave the cabinetry a regular rhythm across the width of the room.”

To enhance the functionality of the new kitchen, Shane designed a built-in ‘entertainment area’, hidden by bi-fold doors, as an extension to the back wall of cabinetry. This clever addition contains a small sink, benchtop, glass storage, and under-bench drinks fridge. He also included a small study nook at the far end of the space.

The signature design element in the kitchen is the large, multifunctional island that doubles as a casual seating area or dining option for up to six people. The distinctive I-beam design was an extension

of an idea first mooted by the architects, who also specified the rustic, wide-planked oak floor that grounds the whole space.

Shane says that his client also took the opportunity to work with Kitchens By Design’s team of independent fabricators and craftspeople, with whom they have built trusted relationships over many years.

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“I deliberately didn’t want this kitchen to shout too loud in the space – it just needed to sit there and look understated, but at the same time feel earthy and timeless,” says Shane. “It really is a stunning location, right on the beach at Scotts Landing, and I feel my design fits well within this modern, sophisticated home by one of the country’s top architects.

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Stanley Bay School

Enrolment at our school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available on the school website www.stanleybay.school.nz

Applications for 4 out of zone places in year 1, 4 in year 2 are now being invited for those students who will become eligible for enrolment during the period 27 April 2020 to 2 July 2020.

The deadline for receipt of applications for out of zone places is 13 March 2020

If a ballot for out of zone places is required, it will be held on 18 March 2020. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days of the ballot being held.

If you live in the home zone and have not yet signalled your intention to enrol your child later this year, please contact the school immediately to assist us to plan appropriately.

The Board of Trustees will also hold additional ballots in Term 3 and Term 4 to enable out of zone children to continue to enrol in 2020.

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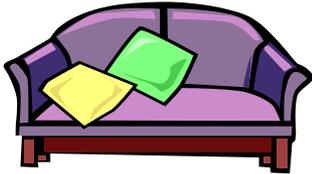
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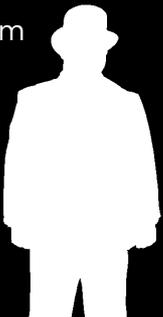
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Calling all TGS journalists

The TGS Journalism Club is currently on the lookout for new contributors for 2020. If you are interested in writing, photography or simply keeping an eye out for current events in the school and community, feel free to come to our next meeting!

We meet every Wednesday at interval in room M18.

See you there!

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NEW-PARENTS' EVENING

WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY

Parents and caregivers of Year 9 students are warmly welcomed to our New-Parents' Evening, to be held in Te Poho (our school hall) on Wednesday 12 February from 7.00pm.

This is a general information session, which will provide an overview of the Year 9 programme and introduce parents to the Deans and Senior Leaders.

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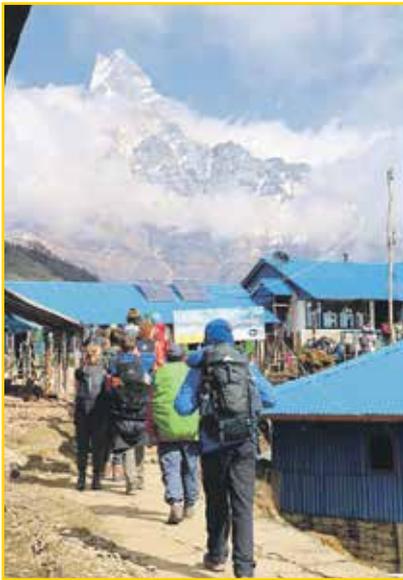
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Nepal Trip



In the holidays, Tim and I had the chance to attend a World Challenge trip for three weeks in Nepal with 15 TGS students. World Challenge runs youth trips in many schools worldwide and empowers students through allowing them to design and create their own itinerary as well as take control of the budget, activities, accommodation and transport bookings: absolutely everything from when to meet to where to eat.

World Travel programmes take up to two years to prepare and fundraise for, including various training weekends, and the actual experiences are roughly broken into three components: physical, cultural and volunteer. There is a heavy focus on ethical travel, cultural engagement and self-development.

Kathmandu, Nepal: We explored the busy streets of Kathmandu and participated in a half-day 'cultural immersion' workshop, with a heavy focus on responsible tourism. The students volunteered at Shree Ram Janaki Basic School for three days, supplying labour and materials to help build a stone fence and paint murals on classroom walls. Students spent the days working, the evenings playing football and games with the kids, and the nights sleeping on classroom floors, to be woken by Buddhist

chanting at 4am. They were able to speak to our hosts about everything from arranged marriages to farming life, and learned to cook local dishes. Many local and school representatives came in on a Saturday to farewell our students, who ended the ceremony with a TGS haka for our hosts.

Pokhara, Nepal: We moved to Pokhara to start our six-day Mardi Himal trek through the Himalayas. After some winter sun and monkeys to start our climb, we ended day 5 with a snow day in view of the 7,900-metre Mt Machhapuchhre. Students camped in the icy evenings and spent their days experiencing the strains and beauty of the various different ecosystems at a range of altitudes in the mountains.

Chitwan, Nepal: Students stayed at the Chitwan National Park, near the Indian border, which hosts a huge range of local wildlife, including bears, elephants, rhinos, tigers, crocodiles, deer, leopards and monkeys. They arranged a safari tour through the World Heritage reserve and got up close to a range of animals in their natural habitat.

The trip was a fantastic experience with a lot of mental and physical challenges, and our students were fantastic. They grew in both confidence and leadership skills throughout, and gained a huge amount of insight into what life is like for students, adults and families in developing countries.

BY JENNA MURIE AND TIM FLINN

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If ten percent or more of the eligible voters on the school roll ask the Board within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the Board to hold a by-election should write to:

Board of Trustees, Belmont Intermediate School, 188 Lake Road, Takapuna 0622 or email office@belmontint.school.nz

Anzac commemoration services resuming

Official Auckland Council-organised Anzac Day services will be held in Devonport and Takapuna again this year.

The services were cancelled last year after the Christchurch massacre, due to security concerns. A sizeable “renegade” service was held in Devonport by locals still wanting to

remember the fallen.

Council is spending \$31,000 on the services in Devonport and Takapuna.

The Takapuna service may be affected by roadworks taking place on Hurstmere Rd, a report to the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board said.



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Teresa is an Audiologist with 25 years’ experience, a local resident and owner-operator. Get in touch if you would like more info.

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Looking back – 20 years ago from the Flagstaff files

- The arrival of the HM Bark Endeavour in Devonport is the start of an action-packed month of events.

The Endeavour draws crowds of 5000 per day. The Devonport Food & Wine Festival is expected to attract crowds of around 40,000. Thousands flock to the suburb to watch the World Offshore Power Boat Championships and the America's Cup finals.

- A Bayswater family injured when their inflatable dinghy was hit by a jetski, sue wealthy businessman Alan Gibbs for his part in the accident. Gibbs was fined \$3000 in the Auckland District Court on January 28, for using a jetski in a manner likely to cause risk or injury to others.

Lee Czerniak sustained pulled tendons and severe bruising to her legs when Gibbs lost control of the jetski in the Cavalli Islands and slammed into the family's inflatable dingy earlier in the month.

- The successful North Shore Hero event staged in 1999 to coincide with the Auckland Hero festival is put on hold due a lack of money to fund a coordinator. In 1999, six events, including a well-attended Siren Fashion Show, were held out of the Depot Artspace.

- Three Devonport teenage boys are recovering after a car smashed into their vehicle outside BP on Lake Rd.

Stuart Rice, Leo Hillig and Harley Barnett



Change of course... Duncan Gray the Flagstaff interview subject

all lost teeth in the accident. A female was charged with drunk-driving and causing injury.

- Fraser Payne wins a New Zealand Herald Young Kauri Award for helping look after his sister Erin, who has dysphasia and impaired motor control.

- The story of the Duder family in Devonport is traced by Rod Cornelius in his history column, Ramblings with Rod.

- Duncan Gray, who went from businessman to humanitarian in East Timor, is the Flagstaff interview subject.



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