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Buses could be canned for rest of level 2

Public buses in Devonport may be pulled off the road at alert level 2 in favour of the AT Local ride-share service.

Auckland Transport (AT) says it cannot continue to run both local buses and AT Local.

It plans to consult with local residents before any decision is made.

“Essentially, this will state that we cannot justify to continue to operate both local buses and AT Local,” an AT spokesperson said.

“Having AT Local alone would present several challenges for the community and these will be set out.

“This will be a chance for the people of

Devonport to have their say on public transport options on the peninsula.”

The AT Local ride-share service resumed last Monday, but on a reduced basis under alert level 2. Services had been halted entirely due to Covid-19.

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Art and colour return to Devonport



Infectious enthusiasm... Flagstaff Gallery owner Cary Cochrane (right) and customer Joanna Theodore were all smiles after retailers reopened under Covid-19 alert level 2. More pictures, pages 14, 15.

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Maunga meetings planned on tree policy

Issues relating to trees on Devonport mountains will be discussed at private meetings between the local board and the Tūpuna Maunga Authority.

The Devonport-Takapuna Local Board has prepared a submission on the authority's operational plan. However, it fails to mention the authority's policy on removing non-native trees from Auckland mountains.

This has proved highly controversial on Owairaka/Mt Albert, where protestors have massed in opposition. Even political moderates have been angry at the exotic-

tree removal, which they say is contrary to environmental measures to encourage birdlife.

Board deputy chair George Wood said it was a conscious decision to leave the issue out of the submission.

"The board thought it was better to talk to the [Maunga] Authority face to face. We are forming a good relationship with them."

When contacted last week, the Tūpuna Maunga Authority said it had not made any decisions regarding vegetation restoration at either Takarunga or Maungauika.

Takarunga tihi toilets deferred until 2021

Plans for public toilets on top of Takarunga have been put back a year.

In the Maunga Authority's operational plan, the project was to be completed in the 2019/20 year ending 30 June. But latest documents show it now has a zero budget.

Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operations Manager Nick Turoa said while the project will not be undertaken this financial year, the Tūpuna Maunga Authority intends to carry forward funding and complete the project within the 2020/21 financial year.

Pond smell will improve after rain

Pollution checks on dark and smelly water, flowing out of the duck pond on Seabreeze Rd into Waitemata Golf course drains, show nothing out of the ordinary.

A council engineer inspected the Seabreeze Rd pond and pump stations last week. The pump stations had no obvious faults and there were no wastewater overflows.

"The pond is dark but no odour was present, and there was considerable leaf drop within the pond," Auckland Council General Manager Healthy Waters Craig McIlroy said.

"Organic material such as leaves and grass rot in shallow water. This process uses up the oxygen in the stream and naturally produces sulphur dioxide, which can have a strong smell and turns the water a dark colour.

"Although it looks and smells unpleasant,

it is a natural process and will be restored when there is more rain," he said.

If harmful substances are suspected to be polluting a pond or stream, call the Pollution Hotline on 09 377 3107.

3 Victoria Rd: empty for 683 days

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

It has now been unoccupied for 683 days. Auckland Council development arm Panuku is working through the future options for the building.

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Testing station latest job for award-winning nurse

Hauraki nurse Sarah Peters has had her leadership recognised with a special award from Waitemata District Health Board (DHB).

The nurse manager, responsible for teams at both Shorecare's Smales Farm and Northcross clinics, was tasked with setting up the North Shore's first Covid-19 testing station at Northcross.

Peters and her team managed this in just 24 hours, opening on March 21. Hundreds of tests have since been conducted – the vast majority producing negative results, she notes.

Receiving the Nurse Leadership Award was made all the sweeter in being announced on International Nursing Day.

Peters is mindful of the toll the virus has taken on fellow nurses, particularly overseas, though there have been cases of infection on the front line here too.

"Nurses and healthcare workers have come out on top as superheroes in terms of putting others first," she says. She credits team effort, from assistants through to doctors, in grappling with the challenges a pandemic brings.

Although her job these days is largely office-based, Peters speaks with the experience of having been a long-time emergency-department nurse. She moved to the privately run Shorecare Urgent Care from North Shore Hospital five-and-a-half years ago.

And in setting up the testing station, she donned personal protective equipment (PPE) to help administer tests in the busy first days. "It's not just taking the swabs of course, there's a lot of paperwork to be completed and reported back on."

Asked about the flow of PPE, she said this was fine through Shorecare. "DHBs are a lot bigger institutions."

Personal-safety fears weren't an issue. Peters – whose husband, Nick Penfold, is in the Fire Service – said: "I think my kids [aged



Leadership recognised... Sarah Peters' award was announced on International Nursing Day

20 and 17] were a little more worried than we were." The household maintained social boundaries.

Working week-to-week during a public-health crisis meant adapting along the way. "Given the suddenness of Covid and how it's evolved, it's been well handled. But every time you go through something like this you do definitely learn from it."

As a spin-off from the pandemic, the value of healthcare workers might be better recognised officially "including the next wage negotiations of all health workers." Peters observed.

As for the public, she hopes they won't be put off from seeking necessary medical care for fear clinics may be too risky or too busy to visit. They are not. "We're doing everything we can to keep people safe."

While clinics continued to see ACC cases such as DIY injuries during lockdown, unwell people might be suffering in silence at home. "It does concern me that people aren't seeking medical help."

Systems are in place to vet and stream

patients, so visits are encouraged.

Peters' award, one of several the DHB presents annually, encompassed work well beyond her cited "can do" attitude right from the start of dealing with Covid-19.

The operations leader of Auckland's overall primary-care response, who nominated Peters for the award, also praised her enduring work as a nurse, including "support for new grads, excellent clinical acumen... and also her inclusiveness as a leader and team player."

The testing station at Northcross was one of the first five community-based assessment centre (CBAC) to be set up in Auckland. From a peak of 14 centres across the city, the number has now dropped back to seven (including Northcross).

The Northcross model of taking bookings rather than accepting drive-ups, avoided long queues, while matching throughput elsewhere. The approach of Level 2 had sparked a late surge in testing.

Peters says she expects testing will continue for some time, possibly into next year. "It's going to be around for a while yet."

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Buses or AT Local face the chop

The Flagstaff sought to clarify the services affected and asked: "When you say local buses do you mean the Cheltenham and Stanley Bay feeder services, not the 814 that goes to Takapuna? Or is that included too?"

The AT spokesperson responded: "This is yet to be determined, but we will keep you up to date once decisions around the community engagement have been finalised."

A number of vans would go into service initially, to allow one-metre physical distancing.

However, not all of AT Local's six vehicles would go back into service. The full fleet would return when social-distancing rules are removed (currently Level 1), a spokesman said.

The AT Local trial in Devonport has been extended until the end of August.



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By Rob Drent

Much has been written about the sea change in thinking and behaviour that will result from the Covid-19 outbreak in New Zealand. Lockdown has meant virtually no traffic on the roads, and more birdlife, time to think and contemplate nature on exercise walks – the quiet of a city in limbo; a simpler life, forcibly home-focused, no need or option to rush about.

I'm sceptical about how much of the lockdown lifestyle will be retained.

Under alert level 4, Lake Rd could be crossed easily without checking for traffic. Under level 3, I found myself looking both ways. Under level 2, traffic is back and I'm avoiding the thoroughfare on my walks.

My father and his siblings spent the Depression in an orphanage in Papatotoe. Their chores involved tending the institution's garden to supply food. This experience, followed by the restrictions of World War II and post-war rationing and frugality, meant they became lifelong gardeners – well into the supermarket era, which provides easy-to-get mass-produced fruit and vegetables.

Covid-19 in New Zealand – unless we have a disastrous second wave of infection – simply hasn't lasted long enough to change mass behaviour to any significant degree.

I'm predicting working from home isn't likely to bed in either. Part of work's attraction is social interaction with others: a joke shared over the water cooler or coffee machine; discussing the issues of the day and seeing a project through in an office environment. I know many tired of endless Zoom meetings and bickering with their partner in cramped, shared home offices.

The greatest certainty is an increase in gym

patronage, as people put on last year's winter clothes to go out to work and realise those kilos from their newfound baking skills had to go somewhere.

Physical reminders of Covid will evaporate as well. When the big tent in the New World car park (put up to keep queuing shoppers dry) is removed post-Covid, little will remain to show that we were under pandemic lockdown for seven weeks.

Gone too will be the proliferation of Auckland Transport (AT) keep-your-distance signs and other reminders of Covid-19 compliance.

Whatever you say about AT, it's remarkably consistent on signs. Its answer to every crisis, change or development seems to be to swamp the area with signs. (Still no movement, however, on misspellings on an AT map outside the ferry building, pointed out in this column a year ago.)

One of the key drivers for New Zealand to get to level 1 quickly will surely be the strain on public transport.

The social-distancing rules will put Fullers ferry services under severe pressure: fewer people will be able to catch the boats due to the social distancing in the seats, and getting on and off will be slower, possibly leading to delays.

Buses will be a nightmare as well. Increasingly full around the city in recent years, they will carry significantly reduced numbers. Intercity buses have postponed restarting until at least June.

Traffic will surely increase, exacerbated by some who will prefer to transfer their home bubble to the car rather than risk coming into contact with other people on public transport.

Auckland's current water crisis was preventable with better planning and common sense. Developments, infill housing and new homes have been allowed to go ahead at pace under the Auckland Unitary Plan without the

compulsory installation of water tanks. (In Brisbane, for example, water tanks in new builds have been mandatory for a decade).

For existing homes, no subsidies exist for retrofitted tanks. Tank technology and design has improved markedly in recent years. Stylish slimline tanks for small sites, which slot in well down a villa or cottage wall for example, have been developed. The cost though, including installation, is into the thousands.

A little help from the council would go a long way. Its not a handout, but potentially a massive saving if the expensive infrastructure costs of expanding Auckland's water storage are lessened. Greater use of tanks would also take pressure off the stormwater system.

The Flagstaff has written to Watercare's chief executive suggesting the area for a pilot programme of water-tank subsidies. The water use on Devonport peninsula can be monitored, so the success or failure of a trial could be easily quantified.

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Sailing campaign capsized by Covid-19

Devonport sailor and Wakatere Boating Club member Paul Snow-Hansen was in the process of qualification to represent New Zealand in Enoshima, the island venue for yachting at the Tokyo Olympic Games, as Covid-19 took hold around the world.

Snow-Hansen, and his crew Dan Willcox, had just arrived in Palma de Mallorca, Spain, for the 470-dinghy class world championships, the results from which would form part of the New Zealand Olympic Selection Committee's decision for Tokyo. Three days after arriving, the worlds were cancelled, Spain went into lockdown and the team made a quick departure back to New Zealand. Their boat is still in Spain and, for now, will stay there for the rescheduled world championships, which will hopefully take place in October this year.

The summer Olympic Games, due to originally take place from the end of July to the beginning of August this year, have been postponed until July 2021. Snow-Hansen says that this is not too bad for him and Willcox as it gives them a further opportunity to improve their skills. Currently ranked fourth in the world in the 470-dinghy class, they have had a great season in Europe, finishing first at the World Cup series in Genoa and third at the Eu-



Sights still set on the Olympics...Paul Snow-Hansen (left) and Dan Wilcox after winning gold at the 470-dinghy men's class at the Hempel World Cup last year

ropeans in San Remo, and are very confident in their racing skills.

The huge swell during regattas held at the Olympic venue in Japan this season presented some challenges. Snow-Hansen says they still have some work to improve their boat speed in these conditions. They will use the extra time this delay has given them to work hard in this area.

"Enoshima, Japan, is a great sailing venue," Snow-Hansen says. "A big swell and moderate winds made for some challenging and enjoyable sailing."

Temperatures at this venue in summer can reach more than 30°C, so hydration, ice baths and sensible choices while preparing the boats are key to success. While in Japan this year, the team also enjoyed the local culture with its

vibrant street corners and great food.

Snow-Hansen spent lockdown at his parents' house in Devonport and says he is very grateful to be here at this time. He has been enjoying some downtime with family as well as regular bike rides up Maungauika and Takarunga. "It's great to see the community out and about exercising. The attitude [during lockdown] in Devonport has been impressive."

And for some extra lockdown fun, he has also been racing his 470-class competitors around the world from the comfort of Devonport, using a virtual sailing app.

Looking to the future, the two sailors are really looking forward to getting back on the water and training hard.

by Juliette Richards

Devonport Library to remain closed

Devonport Library remained closed this week as Auckland Council moved to reopen community facilities under Covid-19 level 2.

Across the city 32 libraries opened on May 20, including Takapuna. The Flagstaff asked Auckland Council why Devonport had not opened, but it did not get back to us prior to deadline.

Devonport Library is expected to open in June.

Credit is tightening

A few months ago, we urged people with financing needs to act fast and not delay. This has proven to be correct as we are seeing a creeping tightening of credit conditions as lenders become nervous about the impact of the slowdown. Particularly for self-employed people, who have experienced a reduction in income, as the servicing issue is going to be a major constraint on available finance. We urge prospective borrowers to speak to us first as there are a variety of lenders out there with different criteria.

A few things could help borrowers, such as allowing KiwiSaver to be used for a first investment property to help young people living at home access the property market without actually living at the property. Also, allowing foreign superannuation funds to be eligible for KiwiSaver withdrawal once the funds are transferred to a New Zealand fund.

And hopefully the government rescue package can extend to helping developers continue to open up land and housing when other sources of funding dry up, as well as helping fund the interest component of mortgages that may fall into default through the actions of government policy to shut down the economy.

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Plan targets Clarence St for

The government is set to spend millions of dollars to make town centres more workable. Local architect Ken Davis spent lockdown drawing up some plans for Devonport. He spoke to Rob Drent.

Imagine music playing on a sun-filled street. You've headed down to Devonport village. Friends have ferried over from the city, you grab a bite to eat, run into some other Devonport friends. Good times. Undisturbed by traffic. These are images that have filled architect Ken Davis's lockdown days.

Devonport Safer Streets Initiative: Covid-19 response – the title of his architectural drawings says it all. He has spent much of the lockdown period working on plans that would make the town safer and more user-friendly. He and a colleague worked from home and swapped drawings remotely.

Reducing vehicle speeds in the village, creating wider footpaths and shutting off a street on a regular basis to create a car-free community hub are the key planks of the Davis plan.

He's been broadly working on the concepts for years, as an architect interested in urban design. He joined the Devonport Business Association (DBA) in 2012.

He was inspired in 2014 by a speech by former New York Transport Commissioner Janette Sadik Kahn at Auckland Town Hall. She was responsible for a scheme under Mayor Michael Bloomberg that saw cars restricted on some streets in Central Park. It started off as a trial and ended up being adopted permanently. Light bulbs lit up for Davis.

Taking back streets, and giving more priority to pedestrians and cyclists are not new concepts, as towns and cities around the world attempt to make central spaces more attractive and safer for residents and visitors. Why not Devonport?

Davis himself, alongside the DBA, has been involved in a number of relatively low-scale initiatives such as Park(ing) Day (when citizens, artists and designers transform parking spaces into living parks) and a series of events for which Clarence St was closed off to coincide with the Glow light festival.

Initially, Clarence St was closed off on a Saturday, but in recent years it has been the scene of a Friday night 'After Five'. The events, which featured bands, bean bags, games, food and fun



Street wise...architect Ken Davis sets up cones for the Clarence St After Five event

on the street were extremely popular with locals. Many asked why they didn't happen more often.

Clarence St is ideally placed for the sun: in a southerly blasting up Victoria Rd, punters can be happily sitting at north-facing bars in temperatures 10 degrees higher.

According to Davis, the barrier is primarily cost. Traffic-management plans for the day event cost around \$2500, and for the night closure \$2000.

Most recently, it has been sponsored by Auckland Transport's cycling and walking division. Even to run the night event monthly was way beyond the DBA's budget.

But times appear to be changing. The legislation around the need to have traffic-management plans was introduced decades ago, primarily to protect roadside workers on state highways. Pressure is mounting at council and government level to ease back on the regulations.

The DBA was in talks with the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) late last year to be a pilot area for an improved town-centre project.

While talks had slowed earlier in the year and then stopped under Covid-19, Davis picked up the planning ball again and started running with

it during lockdown.

Covid-19 fallout will be around for some time, he says. It will be at least a year to 18 months until a vaccine is found. Under safety-first social-distancing principles, wider pedestrian walkways are needed for people to be 2 metres apart, and also to accommodate customers queuing to get into shops.

Davis wanted to keep things simple by focusing on reducing the vehicle speed limit to 30km/h around the village; and reconfiguring Clarence St so it could become more pedestrian-friendly at all times and offer better spaces if closed off for events.

From a business and tourist viewpoint, "Devonport needs to offer something different to the rest of Auckland, like Takapuna market. There has never been a plan to use Clarence St as a market, – but it has already been shown to be hugely popular with people when it is closed off to traffic," he says.

Initially, Davis started off with ideas for Clarence St that could be facilitated with the placement of "a few road cones".

But over lockdown his plans developed into three options.

Darby puts up project for government money

Ken Davis's proposals for Clarence St have already been put to council for consideration.

Ward councillors are able to put forward local ideas for Innovating Streets for People projects, so North Shore's Chris Darby has submitted the Clarence St plans.

Last week, 17 proposals from around Auckland had been put to council's Innovating Streets team (which includes Auckland Council design team members and represen-

tatives of Panuku and Auckland Transport) for possible selection for a second application to the government.

If a proposal is selected, the government puts in \$10 for every dollar council stumps up – "which is too good to miss out on," Darby said.

Davis's designs are brilliant in their simplicity, he said.

The changes have effectively been trialled

successfully during the Glow festival, and they fulfilled part of the government brief, which required "permanence to the innovation", Darby said.

By concentrating change on the southern side of the street, it made the most of the sun and hospitality spots already there: Tiny Triumphs, The Stone Oven and Asahi, he said.

Space has been included for courier drop-offs and scooter and cycle parking.

pedestrian-friendly future



Taking back the streets... the community flocked to Clarence St during the 2019 Glow Festival

- Option one is centred on widening the footpaths on both sides to allow better pedestrian movement.
- Option two would see significant widening of the footpath on both sides of the streets, with the removal of parking spots on the southern side.
- Option three would involve the same changes but with the area becoming a shared space for pedestrians and cars, as has been introduced in parts of the Auckland CBD.

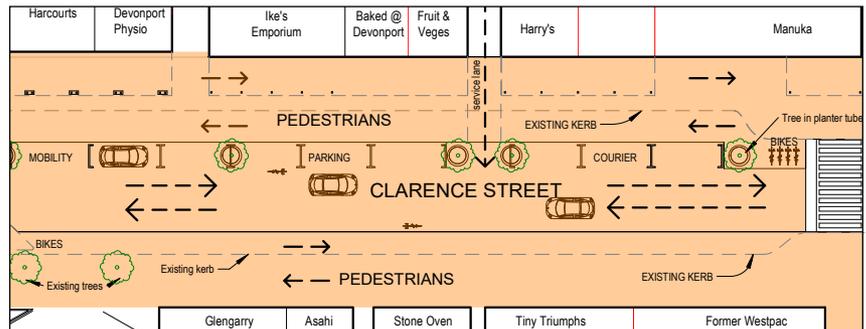
Davis hasn't put Option four on paper, but with a large car park at New World right next door, and further parking nearby in Flagstaff Terrace, Victoria Rd, and outside the ferry building, the removal of car parks altogether would not be out of the question.

While Auckland Council budgets are severely stretched, the government has looked for ways to put money into the economy – with town centres already seen as a focus.

Associate Transport Minister Julie Anne Genter has announced extra funding to help councils expand footpaths and roll out temporary cycleways to help people keep two metres of physical distance after lockdown.

“When people return to city centres following the lockdown, we want them to have enough space to maintain physical distance,” she said. “Some of our footpaths in busy areas are quite narrow. Temporary footpath extensions mean people can give each other a bit more space without stepping out onto the road.”

Funding will come from the Innovating Streets for People pilot fund, part of a wider programme supporting projects that make it



Shared space... one of the options Ken Davis proposes for Clarence St

safer and easier for people walking and cycling in the city.

While that fund allocated \$7 million for such projects prior to coronavirus, the cap has been lifted on what could be spent now, Genter told Stuff. The government is looking at diverting a \$100 million-plus NZTA underspend on strategic cycleways into the project.

“Footpath extensions would use basic materials like planter boxes and colourful paint to carve out a bit more space in the street for people walking, like we’ve seen on High St and Federal St in Auckland,” she said.

“A number of cities around the world, including New York and Vancouver, have rolled out temporary bike lanes to provide alternatives to public transport, which people may be less inclined to use in the short term.”

In early May, Auckland Council put forward a first tranche of projects to the NZTA for consideration. More will be submitted in June.

Davis hopes his plans get a favourable airing by the DBA and the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board in the coming weeks.

Auckland Councillor Chris Darby is more direct: “If Devonport doesn’t put its hand up for this money, it will go somewhere else.”

He’s seen Davis’s plans and believes they are just the type of initiative the government is looking for.

Similar changes to streetscapes and pedestrian movement in downtown Auckland have yielded massive results for both residents and businesses in High, Fort and O’Connell Sts. After initial concern about losing car parks near to shops, some have been recording 400 per cent increases in trade, Darby said.

Davis, meanwhile, hopes the community can see the benefits of less traffic on the road and the more people-centric streetscape seen under Covid-19 lockdown.

“Changes are occurring in front of our eyes.”



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AUCTION SUNDAY



Devonport 4/118 Vauxhall Road

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2 1 1 1

One Level, Lovely Sunny Garden
Rarely available are large 100m² two bedroom units with internal access garage and a glorious indoor outdoor flow to a wonderful flat, sunny north facing, private garden. This special unit has a double access bathroom so it can be used as an en suite or as the general bathroom for guests. Suitable for downsizers wanting one level or a first time buyer wanting a lovely home.

Auction
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4 2 1 1

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Belmont 2 Te One Place

4 2 1 2

Selling Fast!
This stunning, north facing four-bedroom freehold property features the very best of architectural design; it's New York city walk-up meets coastal living in the heart of the North Shore. With two generous levels, double glazed windows and modern insulation, this hassle-free home is ready to live in.

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Belmont 3 Te One Place

2 1 1 1

Only 2 Left!
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OPEN HOME



Belmont 4 Te One Place

3 2 1 1

Only 3 Left!
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Bring tourists by tractor to our 'mini Miranda'

When the walkway/cycleway is built over the Harbour Bridge, the council should consider issuing a joint concession to Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei and Fullers Limited to operate small, battery-operated, eco-friendly, tractors and units to take visitors and residents from the Ngāti Whātua Marae at Bastion Point, along the existing seaward walkway/cycleway, to the CBD. The route would then pass through The Viaduct, past Westhaven Marina, over the Harbour Bridge walkway/cycleway to connect with the proposed \$1.6 Million walkway/cycleway from Esmonde Rd, Takapuna to Francis St, Hauraki.

The route would then follow the shoreline of Shoal Bay, using the existing esplanade reserve/marginal strips, which vary in size from 20 metres to 150 metres wide, from Francis St to Northboro Rd. Some tidying up may be required.

The adjoining Shoal Bay has been described

as a "Mini Miranda" within 20 minutes of the CBD. The area is home to the critically endangered godwits, wrybills and many other wildlife and fish species. Of particular interest are the internationally, geologically important chenier plain shell banks.

From Northboro Rd, the route would utilise the existing well-built walkway/ cycleway past the proposed, high-quality, 480 Ngāti Whātua Oneoneroa townhouse development at Belmont, over the well-built pedestrian-cycleway Bayswater Bridge to the Bayswater Cemetery, and then onto Landsdowne Rd, Bayswater. This proposal could reduce traffic clogging up adjoining streets. The route would then follow the existing walkway/cycleway to Devonport. Visitors could catch the ferry back to the CBD or return on the tractor-trailer units.

Stations could be built at appropriate intervals.

If designed and marketed appro-

priately, it could become a major, education-based, nature-tourism attraction.

Bruce Tubb

Shifting cars misses point

The point of the Lake Rd improvements is to move more people along the corridor. This is not the same as moving more cars – a point Mike Sheehy (Flagstaff, 8 May) has completely missed in his recent letter.

Cars are not efficient when it comes to the utilisation of space. They require lots of space for relatively few passengers. With around 1.4 persons on average per car, space requirements per person per car (travelling at 30 km/h) work out at around 65.2 m², compared to just 4.5 m² for a bus (at 40% capacity).

Given the number of people using Lake Rd is set to grow significantly as denser living becomes a reality, the only financially and ecologically viable solution is to allocate more space to high-occupancy vehicles and other more efficient modes of transport, like cycling and walking.

If the bus service is safe, fast, frequent and reliable, people will use it, as proven by the Northern Busway. To be fast and reliable, the bus needs its own lane and priority at traffic lights.

There are 2,000 children at the TGS/BIS campus. Almost all of these children could cycle or walk to school if we provided a safe way for them to do so.

The good news is this helps motorists too. All the people who are catching public transport, riding and walking, are not driving, making more room for the people who do have to drive.

Chris Werry

Lake Rd plans a waste of time and money

Yes, I totally agree with Mike Sheehy (Flagstaff, 8 May) that the Lake Rd proposals are a ridiculous waste of time.

It's quite obvious that 90 per cent of the time it is used by vehicles with just one occupant, creating absolute chaos.

Firstly, the Navy should take responsibility, supplying buses to their various locations in Devonport, making personnel park their vehicles just off the motorway or

in a similar area.

Cycle lanes will just not do it for commuters.

Take away Bardia St traffic lights, and put in a roundabout. The time it takes to get through Belmont lights is ridiculously long.

How anyone in their right minds can believe that \$47 million is being spent wisely is beyond residents of this area.

Sheila Smith

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. Email to news@devonportflagstaff.co.nz or post to Devonport Flagstaff, PO Box 32 275, Devonport.

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Writers' refuge a port in Covid storm

With twists and turns befitting a novel, the story of the Michael King Writers Centre under lockdown is full of drama.

A woman checks in for a month and flees a week later. A foreigner arrives for a week and is stranded for a month. Then, a man heads up the slopes of Takarunaga to pick up the keys to the old Signalman's House...

Writers all, their unpredictable stays add to the Devonport centre's 15-year story as a national literary treasure, with the mission of providing a home for creativity to flourish.

The centre's executive director, Jan McEwen, says that although residencies at the house were put on pause during lockdown, it had remained occupied, due to the unexpected circumstances Covid-19 unleashed. "It's been a funny old time," she said.

A blessing was that Creative New Zealand had agreed to pay the stipends of the centre's selected writers, wherever they ended up staying.

Author Penny Jackson, who writes about art crime, checked in for her residency in March. But when lockdown was announced a week later, she was "really gutted" to have to make the call to head back to family in Tauranga.

Caught far away from home was English writer Jill Brooks, who was to have stayed for just a week but ended up in a bubble of one for a month due to a nightmare series of expensive cancelled commercial flights. With two sisters working in the UK National Health Service, she spent a worrying time in Auckland, but, said McEwen, was very grateful for the shelter of the centre. "She had nowhere else to go." Eventually, Brooks secured a seat out on a repatriation flight organised by the British High Commission.

With the onset of level 2, playwright and screenwriter Albert Belz was able to move in, after beginning his residency at home.

Wellington writer and illustrator Fifi Col-

ston will be next to visit, during June, having been forced to postpone earlier. "She really wants a change of scene now," explained McEwen.

Colston used her time at home to complete a daily diary of sketches, which she posted to her Facebook page. McEwen has urged her to submit the humorous insights to a collection of lockdown memorabilia Auckland Museum is collating.

The centre is booked by other writers for the rest of the year, with funding in place to enable this.

With many literary events and book launches cancelled or delayed, authors have been hard hit, particularly as other paid sources of income from writing professionally have dried up.

McEwen 'attended' the recent national Ockham Book Awards, held as a virtual ceremony, and was gratified that several writers who honed their craft at Michael King residencies had been shortlisted. Now, she is planning to do her bit to support the book industry – and hoping others will do too – by ordering some of the winning titles to support local writers.



OUT & ABOUT

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DEVONPORT MUSEUM

The Devonport Museum team are back on-site and available via phone or email for your research enquiries. Phone between 9am and 11am on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

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It couldn't happen here, but it did. The March 15th terrorist attack in Christchurch was the instigation for this project of pictures and words by Penny Clark. It started simply as note-taking. Small collages on paper compiled from ink and coloured pencils were Penny's response to the Christchurch Mosque Shootings.

Read more here: www.depotartspace.co.nz

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Hairdressers have work cut out for them



More than a trim... Simon Bucherer gets a haircut from Kim at Sugar Suite on Monday morning

Devonport hairdressers have experienced unprecedented bookings post-lockdown with many opening late nights and weekends to keep up with pent-up demand.

At Sugar Suite, stylists were working last

Monday “when we are usually closed, as well as a lot of late nights – it’s been crazy,” said salon owner Kim.

Last Monday she reckoned she took “about five kilograms off” regular client

Simon Bucherer’s hair after his last cut around eight weeks before.

Image-wise it’s been difficult for stylists. “My mask makes me look like a female Hannibal Lecter,” Kim said.

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 - Two living with open plan kitchen/dining
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ASCOT DIAMOND, CALL TO VIEW!

This gorgeous 1950s four bedroom home is so close to Cheltenham beach! Master bedroom with ensuite plus a large separate sleepout with its own ensuite makes five bedrooms and would be perfect for mum and dad or the teenagers! Motivated vendor looking for action, call me now!

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DEVONPORT 144 CALLIOPE ROAD

Very motivated vendors. Rich in warmth and character this fastidiously maintained 1900s villa offers 4 bedrooms and 2 living areas that ensure comfortable separation for busy families. Views treat you to the ever changing vista of the Auckland city landscape & the location is premium with a two minute walk to the city ferry.

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TAKAPUNA 9 FRANCIS STREET

A short walk to Takapuna beach this 1950s brick and tile home is on the market after 50 years with one family.

With its 812m² west facing section and Designated Mixed Housing Suburban Zoning, subject to council consent, the opportunities are plentiful for the lucky new owners.

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DEVONPORT 2/3 ASCOT AVENUE

Built in the 1980s this home comprises master bedroom on a mezzanine floor with its own semi ensuite. Two further bedrooms downstairs, a combined bathroom and large open plan living/kitchen space. This is an ideal home to enjoy and allow plenty of time to wheel down the golf clubs or launch your boat off the Narrow Neck ramp.

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DEVONPORT 12 DOMAIN STREET

SOLD - SOLD - SOLD

This renovated 1930s family home is in sought after Domain Street close to the cricket, bowling and rugby clubs and just around the corner to the Devonport waterfront, city ferry and village. With 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 living rooms & double garaging, this is one not to be overlooked.

Carol Wetzell
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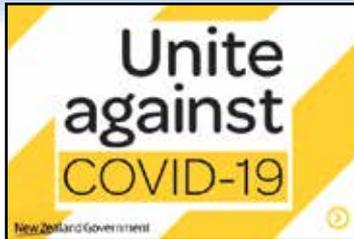
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Club



Now welcoming new members!



The month of May is designated the Youth Service Month for Rotary worldwide.

Devonport Rotary, as part of this, has accomplished a lot in the local community with our youth, including establishing the Skate Park as well as more recently working with others to bring about the Woodall Bike Park. While progress with this has been frustratingly slow, having to jump many council hurdles, we are still hopeful the project will come to completion.

Indeed, during the recent lockdown, it has been fantastic to see our youth in Devonport take the initiative and develop on the current dirt track and small jumps. The area was used constantly and down there on any sunny day were numerous young families cycling and experiencing the joys of riding a bike while also maintaining their social distancing. Well done to the Dads and Mums helping out on the building of ramps and jumps! With any luck we will see further information and progress on this park soon.

As part of the move to alert level 2, the club has continued to meet. But instead of meeting at our usual place, the golf club, we have taken the opportunity to break into groups of 10 and rotate meals on Monday night around our local restaurants. You are welcome to join us – please contact us directly for more information.

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Devonport business grant lags behind

Devonport is falling behind Milford and Takapuna in the amount of money it receives for business promotion.

All three shopping areas are part of Auckland Council's Business Improvement District programme. Each receives money from targeted rates – depending on how many businesses are in its area.

In 2019, the Milford Business Association voted to increase the rate levied on its landlords by 5.3 per cent, which meant its

BID Grant would go up \$7,668 to \$145,000, a report to the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board said this week.

In grants to be ratified by the board, Devonport would retain the "status quo" of \$120,000 per year.

It has not had an increase in money since 2014. Takapuna's rate would also remain static – at \$443,895 – for the next financial year. It increased its targeted rate by 10 per cent in 2018.

Tennis club seeks money for cameras

Security cameras are needed at Ngataranga Tennis Club before a life-saving defibrillator outside its clubhouse can be replaced.

A defibrillator was stolen from the club in December 2019 and found damaged beyond repair. Two years earlier, the defibrillator saved a life in the first week after its installation, when a man had a heart attack in nearby Stanley Bay Park.

The tennis club has applied for a \$4565 grant from the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board to pay for the cameras.

If the cameras are not installed, the defibrillator will not be replaced, the tennis club said in a letter to the board.

Local board to meet with Fullers

A high-level meeting between Fullers and the Devonport Takapuna-Local Board is planned to discuss pre-Covid problems over the ferry service keeping to its timetables.

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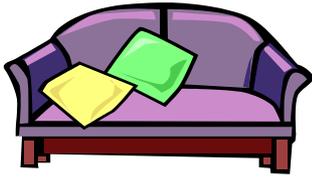
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Looking back – 20 years ago from the Flagstaff files

- The Esplanade sells to an English couple who plan a major upgrade. The hotel was sold by a group who developed the Esplanade apartments alongside.
- Devonport couple Jennifer and Marvin Hendrickson pick around 150kg of fruit from 20 Devonport olive trees they planted. They make 25 litres of olive oil.
- In a departure from the Devonport waterfront start, the BMW Auckland marathon and half-marathon will set off from Baywater Marina. Devonport Community Board chair Paddy Stafford-Bush is confirmed as a starter.
- The coastal historic reserve on the Tamaki land at Narrow Neck will be officially opened to the public on Sunday June 18.
- Parents are put on alert after a man tried to lure to children into his car on Seabreeze Rd, and also close to Belmont Primary.
- Scarlett Cayford wins a national short-story award in a competition run by the Devonport Arts Festival, taking first place in the Primary/Intermediate section. Festival organiser Rosie Prickett stepped down after the event.
- Belmont Intermediate pupil Katherine McDonald wins a trip to Japan in a national Haiku (poetry) competition. She takes the prize ahead of 700 other entries from intermediate and primary schools in Auckland and Christchurch.
- Russian performers who are part of Weber Bros Circus are attending Vauxhall Primary and have been teaching children some acrobatic moves.
- A self-issue machine is introduced at Devonport Library.
- A number of complaints of speeding cars have been lodged with Devonport Community Constable Ces Ross.



Flagstaff interview... Barbara Hughes (left) and Chris Heron

- The Depot is planning an exhibition on suicide awareness.
- Former Stanley Point resident and Victoria Cross recipient, Cyril Bassett, was honoured with a reserve overlooking the harbour being named after him.
- In the Flagstaff interview, neighbours Barbara Hughes and Chris Heron talk about how they discovered they each had breast cancer and then fought it together.

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Roadside golfer verges on lockdown fame

Luke Hancock's roadside chipping green has become a Covid-19 sensation.

After appearing in the Devonport Flagstaff (10 April), Hancock was later profiled in the *New Zealand Herald* and has recently featured in *New Zealand Geographic*.

The 15-handicap golfer set up the 'course' outside his Victoria Rd home on the first day of lockdown.

It's proved a major talking point with locals who have walked past for their lockdown exercise.

The latest *New Zealand Geographic* included photos of Auckland under lockdown by award-winning freelance photographer Brett Phibbs, who lives in Belmont.

•Devonport Museum has also sought photos and contributions from residents so it can mark the Covid-19 response in Devonport.



**Covid-19 kerbside star...
Luke Hancock**

THE NAVY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Navy helps with Covid-19 effort

Navy personnel from Devonport Naval Base have been key team members in running the Covid-19 isolation and quarantine facilities in hotels around Auckland.

The ongoing effort has involved Navy team members staffing each of the isolation facilities for people flying home to New Zealand from overseas.

Running the isolation and quarantine facilities is an all of Government effort, involving the Ministry of Health, Auckland Council's Auckland Emergency Management group, the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF), Aviation Security, Police and Customs.

"Our main role is coordination and liaison – helping to run each of the isolation facilities including morning briefings with all members of the team at each one, including hotel managers, Aviation Security, Ministry of Health and other agencies," says Naval Officer LT Rowan Bagot who is based in Auckland at the



Members of the Managed Isolation Facility team gather for a daily briefing.

Regional Isolation and Quarantine Coordination Centre (RIQCC).

"It's an all of government response where we draw on the resources and relationships already established by these agencies for a coordinated response," he says. "If there are issues or problems at any of the isolation facilities, we can work together here to provide a prompt inter-agency response."

"At the Auckland headquarters of

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Designing during Lockdown



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Undoubtedly, the one place in the house that's gotten more use than anywhere else – other than the couch, binging Lightbox and Netflix – is the kitchen. And for many of us, our kitchens have become a focal point of both our frustration and our determination to change.

Small things that normally wouldn't bother us have now become obsessions – the cupboard doors that don't shut properly or line up, the complete lack of organisation in the drawers, the seemingly random temperature the oven decides to set itself to, the extractor fan that sounds like a tractor – ditto the fridge. Talking of fridges, we have now all discovered that a wine fridge is no longer a nice-to-have, it's a necessity.

The flipside to the frustration of being locked down is that it has been a perfect time to plan for the future – to be creative and productive. And that's certainly been the attitude adopted by the team at Kitchens By Design, who have kept working with their clients all through this current situation.

Owner, Richard Cripps, says lockdown has certainly added another dimension and an extra layer of complexity to the designing process, but it has also been fun discovering new ways of working with and collaborating with their clients.

“What this situation has really highlighted is the importance and the power of sites like Pinterest and Instagram, where our clients can share and discuss and make decisions on almost every aspect of their new kitchen design. They were useful tools before the shutdown, but they've now become essential.”

Richard has also been amazed how easily they have been able to continue to build on relationships with their clients using the

likes of Zoom and Skype. One of the biggest challenges has been measuring existing spaces, but once again with the use of video-calling apps, he says his team have been able to walk their clients through the process – and his team will re-check these when designers can visit his clients homes once again.

The one thing he says hasn't changed – and if anything has been made clearer by this whole situation – is that kitchens continue to be the heart of our homes, and that a well designed space that is aesthetically pleasing comes into its own when we need to spend long periods at home with our families, or use a shared workspace.

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Devonport & Takapuna NEED YOU!

Our beloved town centres filled with vibrancy, life and laughter, needs YOU to get through this COVID-19 situation. Our local businesses have been hit hard by having to close and change the way they operate. For many, this might be too much and we may lose some of our beloved businesses. If we want to keep our town centres as the vibrant, fun place we all love – we need YOU to SHOP LOCAL and support our local businesses!

There are lots of benefits to YOU shopping local too!! Here are 10 things that happen when YOU shop local

1 You take advantage of great customer service and expertise

You are their friends and neighbours, and locally owned businesses have a vested interest in knowing how to serve you. They're passionate about what they do. Why not take advantage of it?

2 You create and stimulate "Community"

Local business owners know you, and you know them. Studies have shown that local businesses donate to community causes at more than twice the rate of international chains.

3 Local businesses are more entrepreneurial

Creativity and entrepreneurship are what the New Zealand is founded upon. Nurturing local business ensures a strong community and keeps NZ as a pioneering country.

4 You embrace what makes our town unique

You wouldn't want your house to look like everyone else's in NZ, so why would you want your community to look that way? Supporting our local owned businesses helps to keep our town centre unique.

5 You create more choice of shops and services

Locally owned businesses pick the items and products they sell based on what they know you like and want. Local businesses carry a wider array of unique products because they buy for their own individual markets.

6 Keep our centres a beloved destination for locals and visitors

The more interesting and unique your community is, the more we will attract new neighbours, visitors and guests. This benefits everyone!

7 More of the money you spend stays in our community

Studies show* that for every \$100 you spend at a locally owned business, \$68 will stay in the community, compared to only \$43 when you spend at a neighbouring centre/overseas owned business.

8 Spending locally creates more jobs for you and your neighbours

Local businesses that are doing well create more jobs and higher-paying jobs for you and your neighbours. When you shop locally, you help create more jobs in retail, hospitality and personal services, as well as professional support jobs.

9 Reduced environmental impact

Buying from a locally owned business conserves energy and resources in the form of less fuel for transportation and less packaging. Help reduce waste and climate change!

10 Spending locally frees up Auckland Council/Govt spending to be spent on other things

Shopping in a local business district means less infrastructure, less maintenance, and more money available to beautify your community. Also, spending locally instead of online, ensures that your sales taxes are reinvested where they belong— in your community.

So come on, support local! Support what makes Devonport and Takapuna what we all love and treasure.

Shaulyn van Baaren, BID Manager – Devonport Business Association

Terence Harpur, CEO – I LOVE TAKAPUNA / Takapuna Beach Business Association



*Sources: Civic Economics – Andersonville Study of Retail Economics.

Carless Devonport continues into alert level two



Devonport residents could have been excused for thinking they were still under lockdown on Monday, when a large section of Victoria Rd was coned off to traffic. An Auckland Transport spokesperson said it related to gas works, with Fulton Hogan commencing resurfacing in nearby King Edward Parade later that night. The works were to take five to six nights.



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