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Shop local – it starts now!

It's time for locals to put their money where their mouth is.

Don't even think about buying anything from overseas online.

A smattering of Devonport peninsula businesses are able to operate at restricted terms under Covid-19 alert level 3: restaurants and

cafes offering deliveries or click-and-collect services, and others, such as bookshops and hardware stores, allowed to deliver.

It is vital residents start spending now to ensure our businesses and shopping areas survive.

We are running a free listing service for eateries this issue. Cut it out, stick it on the fridge

and start ordering.

I'll be buying at least two takeout meals per week. Charity – and kindness – begins at home, with our neighbourhoods, our businesses, our people.

**Rob Drent, Managing Editor,
The Devonport Flagstaff**

First light, Last Post – Anzac Day under lockdown



The sound of remembrance... Bill Rimmer plays at the dawn service held at O'Neill's Point cemetery, Bayswater. See story and more photos, pages 30-31. Photo: Chris Weissenborn.

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Census 2018

Ferries make the difference for peninsula travel patterns

Mode of transport to travel to work (%)	Private or company vehicle	Bus	Ferry
Hauraki	63.7%	12.9%	2.6%
Belmont	61.0%	8.5%	10.4%
Bayswater	57.3%	4.8%	15.8%
Narrow Neck	54.1%	4.3%	16.5%
Cheltenham	43.7%	2.9%	26.1%
Devonport	40.7%	2.5%	25.3%
Stanley Point	33.7%	1.5%	20.1%
Devonport-Takapuna	60.0%	11.3%	6.0%

Travel to work and study, at the time the 2018 census was undertaken, was one of the most striking differences exhibited on the Devonport peninsula compared to the rest of the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board (DTLB) area.

The further south people lived on the peninsula, the less likely they were to drive a private or company vehicle to get to their place of work or study. The use of the ferry to travel to work was higher in these areas. The reverse was true for travelling to work by bus.

Stanley Point had double the proportion of people working from home (11.4 per cent) than the wider DTLB area.

Narrow Neck saw the greatest use of a bike

for getting to work (4.4 per cent) and Stanley Point the highest incidence of walking or jogging (12.4 per cent).

The use of a private vehicle for travelling to work was roughly six times the use of a company vehicle.

Travelling to a place of education saw higher usage of bicycles for Narrow Neck (14.8 per cent), Cheltenham (13.1 per cent) and Devonport (10.6 per cent) than the DTLB area (6.3 per cent).

The numbers of those walking or jogging were highest in Hauraki (32.9 per cent) and Belmont (43.9 per cent), compared to the DTLB area (23.4 per cent). Nearly one in three in Bayswater and Narrow Neck travelled as a passenger in a private vehicle.

Golf booked out in three minutes

Tee times for the first day of play at Waitemata Golf Club under alert level 3 filled up instantaneously.

Bookings went live on April 26 at 3pm for play on Tuesday 28 April and all slots were gone “three minutes later”, club general manager Hayden McCallum said.

Golf is heavily restricted under Covid-19

level 3, with players having to play alone or with a partner from within their own bubble. Tee times are 10 minutes apart.

Last week, around 60 golfers played each day, compared to a normal busy day on the course, which would cater for 150 players, McCallum said.

For now, the course is open only to its 950 members.

The club has launched an app so players can order a collectable coffee halfway through their rounds.

The course was playing well “after a month off,” McCallum said.

Groundsmen had done a great job getting the greens up to scratch prior to the Tuesday tee-off, he said.

Divots at each tee had also grown over. “The course looks as good as it ever will,” McCallum said.

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3 Victoria Rd: empty for 669 days

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

It has now been unoccupied for 669 days. Auckland Council development arm Panuku is working through the future options for the building.

Lockdown brings the circus back to Narrow Neck



Stage door... Gretchen Scott-Blyth's portrayal of circus scenes entertained her young neighbours

A circus mural was painted by Gretchen Scott-Blyth on her Narrow Neck garage door during lockdown to brighten the lives of neighbouring children.

The garage door on her Old Lake Rd home had previously remained "under-coated" in the 26 years she had lived there.

At the start of lockdown, Scott-Blyth decided to use a collection of Resene test pots to create a circus scene. The idea was to paint a character a day for next-door neighbours Freddie (5) and Clover (2).

It didn't quite work out that way, but that didn't bother Freddie – "who got to choose a juggler." Other children down the long driveway to her house have also loved watching the mural unfold.

Scott-Blyth studied art at Elam, University of Auckland, but it wasn't until she was

46 that she took up painting, art-tutoring and teaching.

She has a few "patrons" of her work locally and mainly does commissions.

Scott-Blyth has always loved clowns and circuses. "Remember when the circus used to come to Narrow Neck?" she says. [Weber Bros visited Woodall Park for a number of years.]

Some of the characters on the mural are from circuses she saw while living in Paris.

"It's been such good weather – I usually pop out and do a couple of hours a day."

The mural is now almost complete, minus a few touch-ups with a blue test pot, and protective coating, which will guarantee its longevity.

When the lockdown is over, a neighbourhood circus party is planned.

Drought becomes real

Several thousand homes from Belmont to Takapuna were without water or had low pressure from last Sunday due to a broken water main in Huron St, Takapuna.

On Monday, water was gradually being restored to residents.

The fault, ironically at the same time as Auckland is under drought conditions, was found next to a construction site.

"Residents were given bottles of water and a water tanker was also on site," a Watercare spokesperson said.

Repairs were due to be completed last Tuesday.

Tenant lined up for old council premises

A new tenant is about to move into 3 Victoria Rd, the old Devonport Borough Council building, according to Auckland Council development arm Panuku.

"We are in the process of agreeing the terms of the lease and it is anticipated the tenant will move into the property as the Covid-19 alert levels allow," a Panuku spokesperson says.

"As there are still some details to be final-

ised, we are unable to advise who the new tenant is at this point."

Panuku has been working with the council, including the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board, to determine a long-term strategy for the building. This includes any future potential community uses.

It is unclear whether the new tenant is a community user.

Devonport Flagstaff back in letterboxes

This is the first Devonport Flagstaff delivered to letterboxes in a month. During Covid-19 level 4 we were publishing online and then last issue we printed and circulated via stands and dairies.

Our delivery is contracted to a company which is following Ministry of Health guidelines on safety.

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NEW LISTING



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Mower man makes mother-in-law's day



Back on the job... David Jordan has resumed his lawnmowing routine

Life is returning to normality, as confirmed by the sight of Devonport's David Jordan pushing his mower through local streets to cut his mother-in-law's lawn.

For the best part of a decade, Jordan has trundled from his Ewen Alison Ave home to Norah Fryer's townhouse on Abbotsford Tce – sometimes as frequently as once a week during peak grass-growing seasons.

"I've lost count of the number of smart

cracks I've had to endure over that time," he says.

"Things like, 'could you mow our berm on the way through?'"

He enjoys the banter though, and it's been an easy way to have a regular connection with Nora, who is in her 80s.

The routine was upset by the separation required in alert level 4.

But under alert level 3, Norah has been

included in Jordan's bubble, and just in the nick of time.

She stocked up with a full freezer prior to alert level 4, but was down to her last slice of bread when Jordan arrived last week with a loaf from Baked.

The lawnmowing journey is proving a bit more interesting of late with the construction of the Covid-19 berm golf course on the corner of Abbotsford Tce, says Jordan.

Removal of LVR rules

Things are still a bit subdued under Alert Level 3 for the mortgage and property market. Real estate agents are allowed to show just two people per day per property for sale - so before showing someone it's a good idea to make sure they have their finance in place so as not to waste their time.

Banks are still doing pre-approvals but they are very rarely doing refinances or new-to-bank business while they cope with their existing customers' requests. There are some exceptions to this, so speak with us if in need. Most borrowers are still fixing for one year at 3.05%.

Credit is likely to remain tight despite the removal of Loan-to-Value (LVR) rules which required most borrowers to have 20% deposit for owner-occupied and 30% for investment properties. The banks are likely to be cautious about the impact of the slowdown on property values, so will not be too loose with credit. But it does give them the discretion to make more judgements about location and servicing if there is insufficient equity.

The rules were not so much about freeing up credit but about alleviating bank regulations, which they could be in breach of, from a reduction in property valuations.

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By Rob Drent

“Be kind” and “we’re all in this together” have been government-spread Covid-19 catch-cries. I hope local supermarkets have been listening and that they pass on some of their gains during the lockdown to local restaurants and cafes when they start trading more fully, most likely under alert level two.

I don’t have any formal data, but anecdotally Kiwis are eating more under lockdown than they usually do. Baking has taken off and more people at home means more trips to the fridge. And although food-delivery companies like Woop, Hello Fresh and My Food Bag have been taking off, supermarkets have been booming.

At least a slice of the money previously spent in cafes and restaurants is going to supermarkets. Without the need to offer so many loss-leaders to entice customers, margins are also likely to be higher. I would like to see Devonport and Westfield New Worlds and Hauraki Countdown offer local eateries a 20 per cent trade discount for May and June, to help aid the Devonport peninsula recovery. For some businesses it could make the difference between survival and closure.

I restarted my own buy-local programme last week: a biography and a non-fiction work ordered from Paradox Books online, and two takeaway meals: one from Manuka and one from the Flying Rickshaw.

Restaurants and cafes have been identified as among the most vulnerable sectors in the Covid-19 economic fallout. The Flagstaff has offered restaurants and cafes a free listing this edition. Cut it out, put it on the fridge and support them as much as you can. Winters are always difficult for Devonport eateries – 2020/2021 will be all the more so, with the

prospect of summer tourists and cruise -ship customers now uncertain.

One of the sure signs life is returning to normal in Devonport village is the early-morning coffee run. On the first day under alert level 3, even Director General of Health Ashley Bloomfield admitted that one of the first things he did was get a takeaway coffee. And so it was in Devonport cafes and coffee kiosks. Wynyard St, where we are based, was humming, with Lily, Chiasso and Devo Coffee all doing a brisk trade. It was hard to get a park as customers arrived for takeouts. It was a strange feeling in the afternoon as the street was again comparatively deserted, with the post-apocalyptic empty feeling of alert level 4.

While the sea and air quality improved during alert level four, the high numbers of walkers and bikers has had an impact, especially on Takarunga and Maungauika.

A walk to the summit of Takarunga last week revealed noticeable wear and tear on several of the tracks from walkers and mountain bikers. The trail had been worn down to scoria and parts were crumbling away.

A similar situation was occurring on the more-used paths on Maungauika. It’s a salutary lesson that while our mountains are solid they need protecting and careful management.

While the Tūpuna Maunga Authority is an expensive and, at times, dictatorial body, it is vital: the mountains require special attention. Plans are under development to mitigate the America’s Cup crowds expected on Maungauika in 2021. They will be needed.

With a massive cut to Auckland Council income from Covid-19 – around \$600 million to \$650 million in 2020-21, according to some estimates – some projects are bound to face the chop. Looking increasingly shaky is the renewal of North Shore United’s football ground at Allen Hill stadium. Work was supposed to start in October, but the project’s fate has not been helped by a budget blowout to the

tune of \$4.5 million. Council governing-body meetings in June will decide what will happen.

The economic fallout of Covid-19 will affect other developments around Devonport as well. While construction of the Ryman retirement village continues at pace, the uncertainty over the property market will no doubt be considered by Ngati Whatua, which still has considerable land holdings on the peninsula.

The Oneoneora development is on the market at the moment, but Ngati Whatua has taken a slower approach on other precincts. Numerous houses on Ngati Whatua land in Roberts Ave have stood vacant for months after tenants left and are now eyesores, with graffiti and long grass blighting the landscape. Neighbours are hoping they will be tidied up and maintained until their future is settled.

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Belmont 204 Lake Road

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Devonport 9 Macky Avenue

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Devonport 18 Wairoa Road

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Best Buy In Narrow Neck
The owners of this lovely family home have given clear instructions that the property is seriously for sale. They want it sold and are prepared to meet the market. 18 Wairoa Road is a substantial environmentally friendly sunny north west facing home, close to the popular Vauxhall Primary School and adjacent to the palm fringed Waitemata Golf Course.

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Pass with care – rubbish truck takes out tree branch



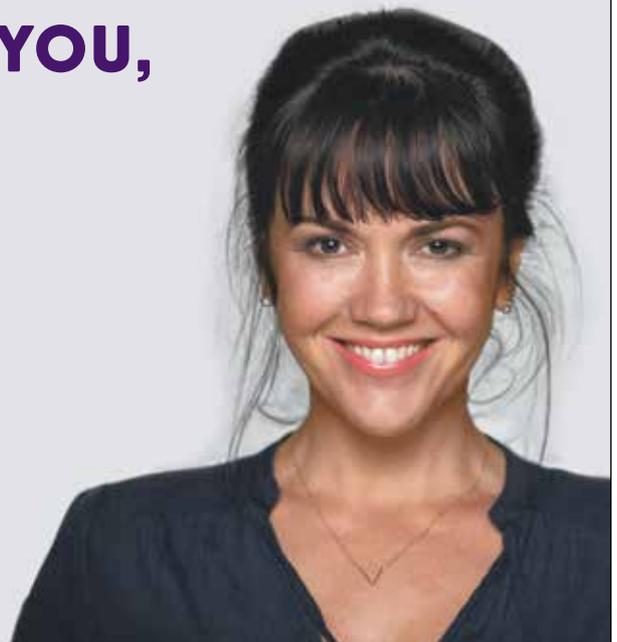
A routine rubbish pick-up turned to custard for a truck driver, a car owner and a tree in Cheltenham last Wednesday. The truck clipped a tree on the corner of Vauxhall Rd and Moata Place, with a rotten branch then crashing down onto a parked vehicle.

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Lucy



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Dolphin sighting no coincidence in a quiet Hauraki Gulf

Today, Monday 27 April, we were delighted to watch a pod of dolphins fishing off the beach at Narrow Neck, along to Cheltenham Beach and then North Head and all the way back to Narrow Neck. A true delight!

So often we have looked out to sea hoping for such a sight. It is no coincidence that they have appeared now the gulf is quiet. Research has shown that from oysters to mammals, sea creatures are adversely affected by the loud noise of motors.

Some bays off the French coast have been closed to traffic and a strict speed limit is applied. There, fish abound in the shallows. Maybe we could also be as considerate here, and reap the rewards.

Alan and Wendy Pettersen



Marine life off Narrow Neck
(photo: Carol Bidwell)

Lake Rd 'improvements' need rethinking

The proposed "Lake Road improvements" project between Esmonde Rd and Albert Rd needs to be rethought as it will achieve very little for the residents of Belmont, Bayswater, and Devonport.

For the vast majority of Lake Rd users, the proposal will slow their journeys. Council is to spend \$47 million with very little result. The whole idea of the Lake Rd improvements was to improve journey times – this will not happen with 75 per cent of the road still being just a single lane. There has been no allowance for future fit with the intensification of Devonport, Belmont, Kings Store and Eversleigh Rd areas.

There is a huge emphasis on cycle lanes to the dethronement of car commuters, and many of the proposed cycle lanes are extremely dangerous. The transit lane south from Esmonde Rd to Hauraki will see traffic banked up back to the motorway.

Within the proposal, there is no certainty of undergirding the electric power on Lake Rd. With a project of this size, consultation has been very poor: there should have been public meetings and a full-disclosure letterbox drop showing pros and cons.

We need to reject this proposal.
Mike Sheehy

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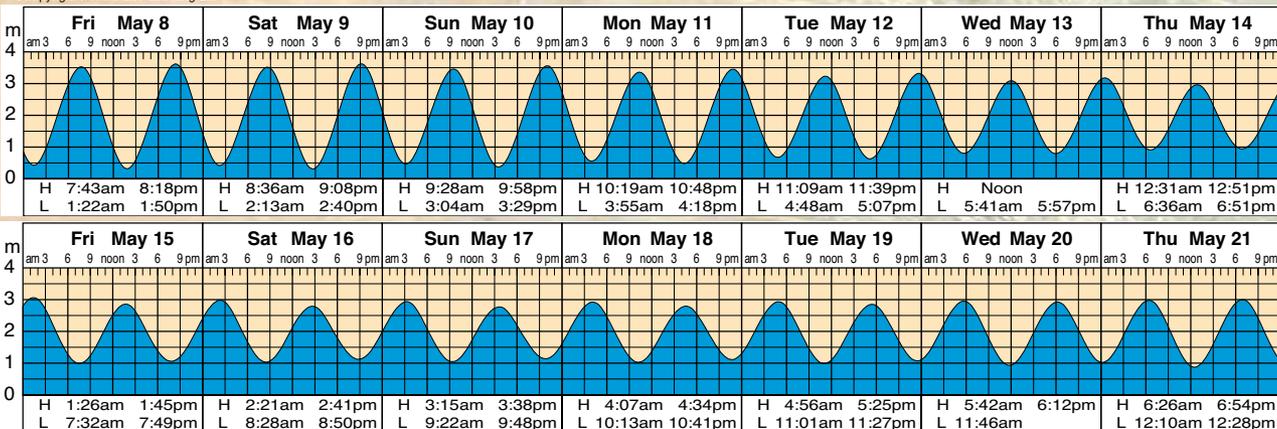
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Temperature checks for Ryman builders

A nurse-staffed checkpoint was set up by Ryman Healthcare outside its Ngataranga Rd construction site to make sure contractors were symptom-free before restarting work last week.

“All workers will be asked to sign a declaration stating they have no symptoms. We had already introduced some of these safety measures before we went into

lockdown, but we will now also be doing temperature checks,” project manager Andrew Bell said.

Construction work began on April 28, as New Zealand moved from alert level 4 to level 3.

“While Auckland Council has relaxed consent conditions until 29 May, including allowing working on Sundays, we are not intending to do double shifts or extended hours in the first instance,” Bell said.

Under its resource consent, Ryman was prevented from construction at the site on Sundays, except for “quiet work” such as electrical installation or painting.

The Devonport Peninsula Precincts Society (DPPS) is concerned about the effects a seven-day work week will have on neighbours.

“DPPS acknowledges the need to get our national economy moving, and a start-up under the health conditions may require some flexibility on ‘both sides of the fence’,” said spokesman Iain Rea.

“Nevertheless, the effect of construction on substantial residential areas across Auckland, where many more families are working and schooling from home under health restrictions, should be carefully assessed. Many neighbours to construction sites are shift-workers in essential services.”

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Tree-felling upsets neighbours



A large, mature pohutukawa tree on Morrison Ave next to Vauxhall School was felled on Monday and Tuesday, upsetting neighbours. One, who contacted the Flagstaff, said birds regularly roost in the tree. "As I write this there are two tuis in the tree. They are regularly there. The tree must be very, very old. "I'm so saddened... outraged really."



Around the village at alert level 3

- Police patrol cars cruised around Devonport streets last Tuesday, checking residents were following distancing rules as New Zealand moved from Covid-19 alert level 4 to level 3. Officers surveilled cafes and eateries, monitoring queues and serving procedures, and giving advice on Ministry of Health guidelines.
- At Narrow Neck beach, officers spoke to one kayak fisherman who had returned to shore with a haul of snapper. Police said kayak fishing is allowed under level 3, but only up to 200m from the shore.
- Swimmers returned to the water in droves.
- While retail shops were still banned from opening, a number, including Paradox Books and BookMark in Victoria Rd, were offering an online delivery service from a web catalogue.
- Real-estate firms were back in business, but home viewings have to be by appointment only.
- Devonport locals followed the nationwide trend and flocked to buy takeaways on the first day of level 3, after more than a month of cooking at home. At dinner time on Tuesday, car queues for the Belmont McDonald's drive-through snaked down Bayswater Ave and Lake Rd.
- Queues also formed outside Devonport Hammer Hardware as locals collected their online orders for DIY jobs and gardening projects.
- The Flagstaff interviewed café operators for a series of short videos, which proved popular on social media.

New barrier for Lake Rd

Auckland Council is investigating spending \$100,000 to replace a barrier along Memorial Drive on Lake Rd.

Few return to peninsula schools

Fewer than 50 pupils went back to the eight schools on the Devonport Peninsula last week under alert level 3.

Vauxhall School and St Leo's had no children back at school.

Belmont Intermediate had eight students on Wednesday, and a total of 19 students at the school over last week.

Takapuna Grammar had eight students attending each day "all in one bubble in the library," said deputy principal Bryan Wynn.

"They are all engaged online with their teachers and seem very happy in a changed learning environment. They are supervised

each day by teaching staff who have been very happy to be back in school," he said.

Belmont Primary had five students on Wednesday and Thursday, and three on Friday, with similar numbers expected this week.

Belmont Primary Principal Bruce Cunningham said: "I would like to acknowledge all the teachers from all schools who have been working very hard to provide online content in such a quick time. This was not an easy task, but being highly skilled, all teachers from all schools have seemed to have managed this with little fuss.

Vauxhall School principal Gary Lawrence

said: "We have had no children register to come to school this week.

"We put this down to parents following the government's call for children to stay home and continue with distance learning if they can, and to the fantastic job the Vauxhall teachers have done connecting with children and parents, and setting up home-learning material."

Hauraki School had seven students on each of Wednesday, Thursday and Friday last week. Bayswater School, Devonport Primary and Stanley Bay School didn't provide figures by deadline.



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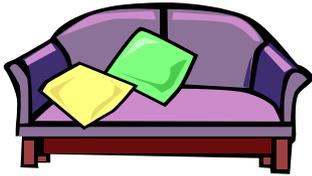
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Looking back – 20 years ago from the Flagstaff files

- The Tindall Foundation offers to fund a drug-education programme at Takapuna Grammar.
- Holly Gibson is one of the star players in the North Shore United 11th grade soccer side heading to Australia for the Kanga Cup.
- AJ Barton-Barry (10) catches the heaviest mako shark in New Zealand for under-11 year-olds. The 40.8 kg shark, landed in the Bay of Islands, eclipses the 33 kg mako he caught two years prior.
- Fullers investigates increased ferries at night from Auckland City to Devonport. The new services will be added to the current run: every half hour from 6.15am to 8pm and every hour from 8pm to midnight, (1am at weekends).
- Drug-dealing is taking place from cars parking near the Ngataringa Skateboard Park, community constable Ces Ross says.
- A seal is living on the decks of yachts moored off Devonport Yacht Club.
- A Devonport home handyman has a painful half hour when his genitals are caught in a belt sander. Firefighters were called, and had to dismantle the sander. The man suffers a minor injury.
- Chris Rogers is the new Devonport Business Association president.
- Stanley Point residents are divided over whether pōhutukawa trees have been planted illegally by the Spencer family. The nine pōhutukawa are over a 200m strip under power lines on the grass verge at the end of Stanley Point, where the Spencer family owns a sizable tract of land.



Flagstaff interview... Vicki Fowler and Heather Douglas

- Devonport Museum goes high-tech with more than 2000 old Devonport photographs being scanned into computers.
- A 60th anniversary reunion is held of the "Class of 1940" Standard Six at Devonport District Primary School. Of the 50 pupils, 34 are still alive.
- In the Flagstaff interview, Vicki Fowler and Heather Douglas talk about Homebizbuzz, a website for home businesses.

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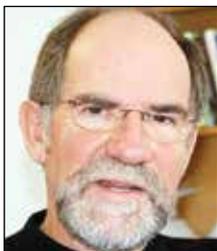
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The lockdown: a human-rights perspective



by
**Devonport's
Tim McBride,
human-rights
lawyer,
author and
commentator**

Today we're in a state of national emergency. It's having a dramatic effect on how we live our lives.

"Our civil liberties have been taken away," wrote one commentator. "Our lifelong freedoms have gone 'out the window'," said another. We "trust that it's strictly temporary", she continued. We hope, indeed.

A business commentator had a different angle. The "level of trust (by business) in the Government ... has extended to accepting significant erosions of civil liberties as an acceptable price" for generous government aid. If so, I find that troubling.

Just what are these "civil liberties" or, as others prefer to call them, "lifelong freedoms"?

Will their loss be temporary, or will they never be the same again?

Rather than talk of "civil liberties" or "lifelong freedoms", I call them human rights. A number relevant to the pandemic may be characterised as economic or social rights.

Others are civil rights (for example, the right to freedom of movement).

During the lockdown, most people have not been allowed to work in their workplaces. Their 'right to work', as employees, contractors, sole traders, etc., has been denied.

Even more are really struggling to make ends meet, and that struggle is likely to get much worse, before it gets better. Their 'right to an adequate standard of living' is not being met.

If ever there was a time, surely this is it to replace the inadequate unemployment benefit, with a living-wage benefit (or some form of

universal basic income), for all unable to work.

Trumping (to use an unfortunate expression) all other human rights during the pandemic has been the 'right to the highest possible attainment of physical and mental health'. Quite rightly, it's at the forefront of the government's response to the pandemic.

All these rights are recognised in the UN International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights 1966, which New Zealand became a party to in 1978. These rights, however, are not directly enforceable under New Zealand law.

At the present time, those economic and social rights are likely to be of much greater importance to Kiwis already suffering a dramatic deterioration in their circumstances.

What about our civil rights?

Under international human-rights law, there's a fundamental obligation on countries to keep their people safe (e.g., from a virus that threatens to devastate sections of the population). A state that cannot do so is a failed one.

This means that in times of real emergency, countries can invoke what are known as emergency powers. Of necessity, these usually include draconian laws that severely limit a number of the fundamental rights and freedoms most people take for granted.

Emergency regulations made by governments of the day under the former Public Safety Conservation Act 1932 were notable for their harshness. This Act was enacted in New Zealand during the public unrest that accompanied the Great Depression.

For example, the Censorship and Publicity Emergency Regulations 1939 (not repealed until 1945), and especially the Waterfront Strike Emergency Regulations 1951, arguably went far beyond what was required.

Our fundamental civil rights and freedoms that have been limited or curtailed under the level 4 (and now level 3) lockdown include the right to:

- liberty (for example, we can be stopped at

random and asked to justify our journey)

- freedom of association (we're not allowed to mix with those outside our 'bubble')

- freedom of movement (we're largely still limited to the community where we live)

- peaceful assembly (we're not allowed to get together with others for reasons such as a meeting, play or concert)

- practise one's culture (weddings, funerals and burials, which are core components of most cultures, are severely restricted).

All these rights and freedoms are legally recognised in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. They may be 'subject only to such reasonable (legal) limits as can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society'.

In essence, this means that the government needs to have a really good reason for limiting our rights. Most of us would accept that the pandemic is such a reason.

Our Bill of Rights is intended to affirm our country's commitment to the UN International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights 1966. Under it, a number of the above rights recognise 'protection of public health' as a justifiable 'restriction' on their exercise.

Note the word 'restriction'. Clearly, a complete removal of any these rights would not be justified.

The covenant also expressly recognises that in "time of public emergency" (say a pandemic), governments "may take measures ... to the extent strictly required by the exigencies of the situation". Do the measures taken by our government to date meet this threshold?

The level 4 lockdown order under the Health Act was issued by the Director-General of Health on 3 April. Included in it were prohibitions on "swimming, water-based activities (for example, surfing or boating), hunting, tramping, and other activities of a kind that expose participants to danger ...".

(A number of these prohibitions have been relaxed somewhat under the level 3 order. However, there are still some arbitrary distinctions



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between what's permissible and what's not.)

Police officers were specifically requested to "do anything reasonably necessary to do in ensuring compliance" with the order. In various parts of Auckland, this resulted in officers ordering swimmers from the water.

Overall, the police appear to have exercised their new powers with careful discretion.

They know that if they're over-zealous, they will pay a heavy price in terms of community respect. Extensions of police powers are inherently controversial. They require a strong justification together with careful parliamentary consideration. For justifiable reasons, that has not happened here. Instead, sweeping new powers were given immediate legal effect by means of an order under the Health Act.

Of course, people will say, 'it's only during the lockdown. Once it's over, things will return to normal'. I'm not sure what the 'new normal' will be like, except that it will be different.

Some commentators have described the pandemic as our "9/11 moment". If so, let's hope one of the consequences is not an outpouring of controversial legislation with major human-rights implications. That's what happened in New Zealand after the horrific events on 11 September 2001 in the US.

Then there's all the talk about testing. Test, test, test, the experts say. Of course, they're right. Of that, I need no convincing. Inevitably, however, testing and especially contact-tracing, raise major privacy issues regarding the collection, storage, use and disclosure of individuals' personal information.

Will such tracing lead to a quantum leap in highly invasive state surveillance of identifiable

individuals? In authoritarian states like China, that's already occurring. In New Zealand, will privacy safeguards tucked away in contact-tracing legislation be worth the paper they are written on?

Like other civil rights relevant to the pandemic response, the right to individual privacy is not absolute. For example, the Privacy Act's limitations on when an agency may disclose personal information, do not apply if the agency "believes on reasonable grounds" that disclosure is necessary "to prevent or lessen a serious threat to public health or safety". That exception is clearly relevant to the present emergency.

Of even more relevance at present is the Civil Defence National Emergencies (Information Sharing) Code 2013. This was activated as part of the declaration of national emergency last month. It gives the authorities broad powers to reduce Kiwis' privacy entitlements during the emergency.

While I accept the necessity of widespread testing for the Covid-19 virus, I wonder where it will lead. Will entry to educational institutions, workplaces, shopping malls, public transport, sporting activities, concerts, theatres and churches require a test as a condition of entry?

Will we move speedily to adopt some form of 'traffic light' classification system, with the result that one's freedom of movement and participation in public places may depend on whether we test 'red', 'amber', or 'green'?

In other words, will the testing that many of us may find intrusive, become a daily precondition of entry to public places?

If so, what will remain of the cherished Kiwi way of life?



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“Despite extensive research I can find no record of any photos of the opening of this famous dock being publicly offered before – unlike the works of Burton Brothers and other commercial photographers from that era being relatively common,” said Henry Newrick, of Whanganui Publishing, who is putting the photos up for sale.

The six photos for sale are expected to fetch \$200-\$250 per photo (framed) at the Webb’s auction.

Construction of the Calliope Dock was one of the largest and most difficult engineering works undertaken in New Zealand in the 19th century. The work took three years to complete.

The opening day began at 8am, with 150 Navy crew and officers setting off from Auckland in one of the ferry steamers that regularly plied the Auckland-North Shore route. An hour later, invited guests set off on the steamer Britannia, followed by members of the public who arrived by ferry and in all manner of craft, including yachts crewed by members of the Auckland Yacht Club.

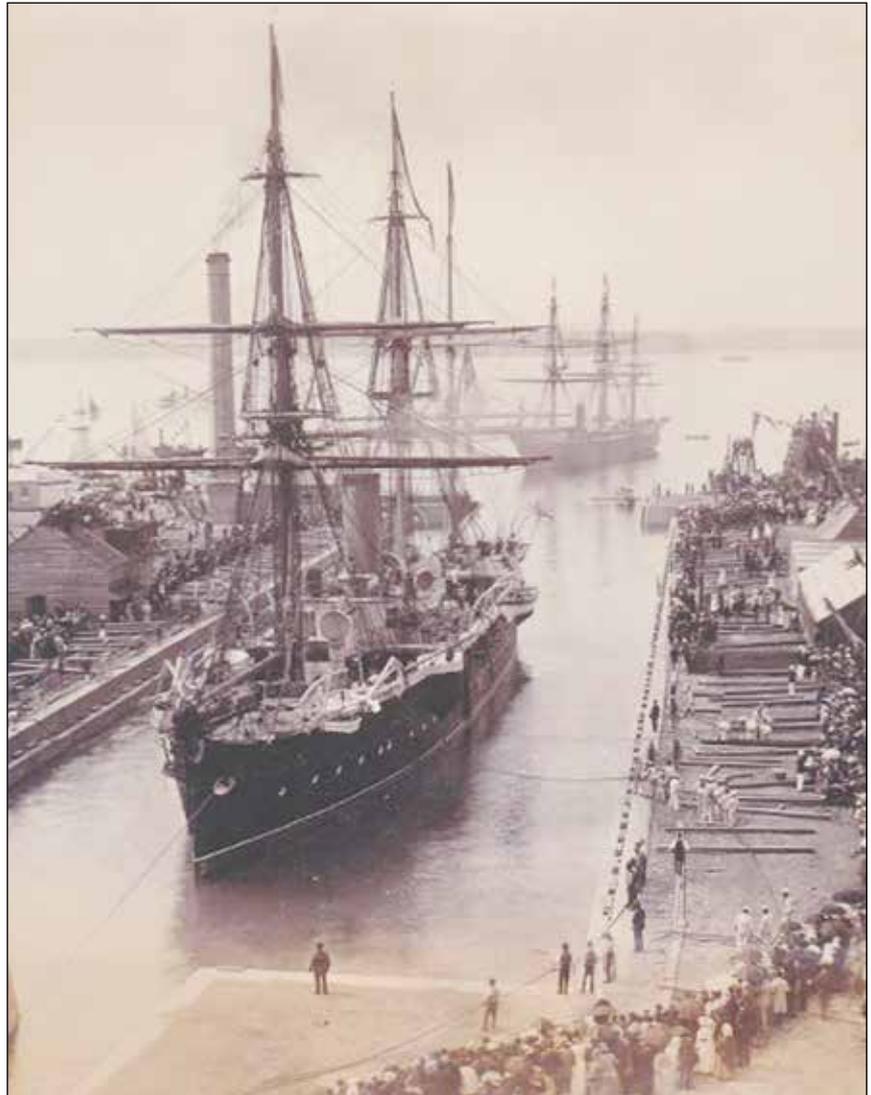
At 9.30am, H.M.S. Calliope cut through the blue ribbon covering the entrance and edged into the dock. When she was safely berthed, Governor Sir William Jervois declared the dock formally open. Lunch was held dockside at midday, attended by all manner of officialdom along with leading citizens of the day.

It wasn’t just the good and the great who got to celebrate the occasion. Six casks of beer were provided for the refreshment of ships’ crews and dock guards. However, a brawl broke out and this brought proceedings to an end.

In 1889, an agreement was entered into between the Admiralty (Great Britain) and the Auckland Harbour Board whereby the Admiralty would have priority use of the dock for 30 years for repairs to Royal Navy ships.

The photos will be auctioned by Webb’s Auction House on 1-7 May.

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Under lockdown: Anzac Day in Devonport

Devonport Druid and former RSA president Chris Mullane reports on Anzac Day celebrations 2020.

There is no doubt that Anzac Day 2020 was like no other. It is true that many of us did miss gathering for traditional Anzac commemoration ceremonies. However, there has been much to celebrate in the wide-ranging demonstrations of Kiwi ingenuity and creativity that have sprung up as a result.

During our daily exercise in the weeks leading up to Anzac Day, we witnessed ever-increasing window displays of teddy bears and other favourite stuffed toys wearing poppies. Many families adorned their fences and porches with home-made poppies of all sizes and wreaths of many descriptions, lovingly crafted from egg cartons and other recycled materials.

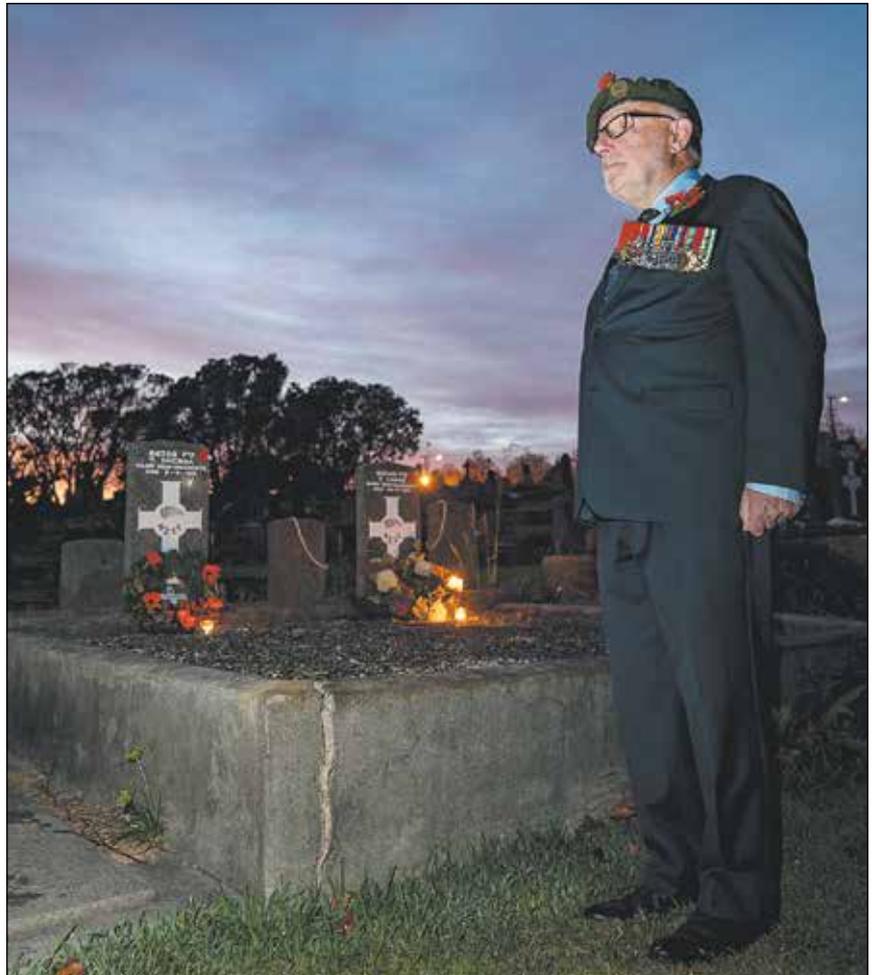
Others flew flags or displayed home-made banners bearing the words "Lest we forget" or "We will remember them".

For the most part, our local schools were already linked up with pupils online from the start of lockdown and amongst their 'home bubble' activities children were encouraged to create and share wonderful examples of how they wanted to acknowledge those who had served.

Somehow, the restrictions of level 4 strengthened community bonds and our connection with the privations experienced by earlier generations in times of war, disaster and pandemics.

Perhaps this spontaneous community response offers a message to those organising future Anzac Day commemorations. Yes, tradition is important, but there are many ways of honouring the fallen other than just the usual style of ceremonies that follow a time-worn pattern, largely inherited from our British forebears. Perhaps it is time to develop our own particularly New Zealand format for such important community events – honouring the past and also celebrating the present?

This was epitomised on Anzac Day itself by the many ways in which people 'stayed alone' while 'coming together'. Many stood at



O'Neill's Point dawn ceremony... Chris Mullane pays his respects
Photo: Chris Weissenborn

dawn by their gates, some sharing impromptu ceremonies on Bluetooth speakers with their immediate neighbours. Throughout the day, people came in ones and twos to lay a floral tribute and pay their respects at the Devonport Memorial, or used various online options to commemorate with family members or old comrades elsewhere in New Zealand and overseas. Others, while still respecting level 4 rules, pushed the envelope a little.

One example was a dawn ceremony held in Bayswater. At 6.00am, strictly observing two-metre spacing, a small number of local residents, including veterans young and old, gathered at O'Neill's Point Cemetery to lay wreaths at the military headstones of two young Maori soldiers from World War One.

Bill Rimmer played *The Last Post*. The Ode was then recited in te reo Maori by currently serving Navy veteran Leading Seaman Te Orangapumau Elia and in English by myself. This was followed with a lament played by piper Chris Lucas. And then, after a minute's silence, the bugle sounded Reveille and the brief ceremony was over.

It was a fitting way to honour the two soldiers who, while undertaking pre-embarkation training at Narrow Neck, had died from influenza. One had died on 2 November 1918, barely a week before the war ended, and the other on 20 November, only nine days after Armistice was declared. Their service numbers show they had joined the army together – 84749 Pte T. Chase and 84750 Pte T. Oneroa. They were probably close mates. They lie buried side by side.

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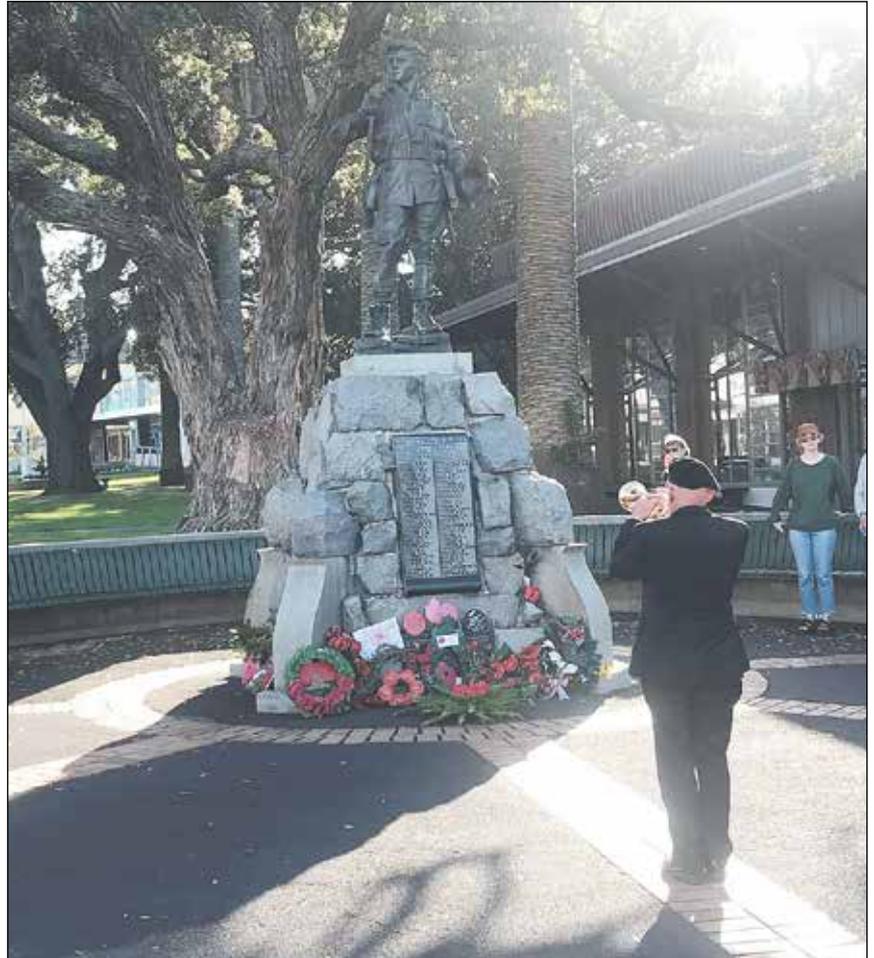
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Social distancing made a big difference to Anzac Day around Devonport in 2020.

Residents stood along the streets at 6am, to pay their respects, while poppies and memorials hung from fence posts, gates and even cars.



A unique year... the usual crowd of several thousand was much reduced in 2020



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