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## Gull settles with neighbours – but petrol station far from secure

Gull has agreed to double-glaze bedrooms in a house neighbouring its proposed service station site in Devonport, and the structure will be battleship grey to satisfy appellants.

But after two years and nine months in the planning and consent stages, at a cost of around \$400,000 so far, the company is unsure

if it will go ahead with building the unmanned service station.

Gull confirmed last week that it has obtained resource consent following court-assisted mediation with neighbours at Cheltenham.

“This cost represents approximately 30 per cent of the entire capital budget proposed to

redevelop the site,” Gull property and capital manager Karl Mischewski said.

Detailed design and building consent is yet to be completed and, including development contributions, will add a further \$100,000 to the costs, he said.

“So that’s half a million **To page 4**

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## Lake Rd work a casualty of cutbacks

The \$47 million Lake Rd improvement project will effectively grind to a halt under proposed emergency council cutbacks due to the financial fallout from the Covid-19 pandemic.

Auckland Council is forecasting a \$550 million drop in income due to Covid-19, according to an Emergency Budget made public last Thursday.

“Progress made on multi-modal projects such as... Lake Rd/Esmonde will have to be deferred,” the budget document says.

The proposed Lake Rd spend of \$5,337,609 over the next year (for design and consultation) “will need to be put on hold”.

Around \$10 million will be stripped from Panuku’s town centre development budget. It is unclear how this will affect the just-approved designs for the Takapuna town square, on which construction was set to

begin in 2021.

Also unclear is how a 28 per cent reduction in library budgets will affect Devonport and Takapuna libraries.

Any extra spending on sports fields has been put on hold, which effectively mothballs the \$5 million redevelopment of Allen Hill stadium for the foreseeable future.

A Panuku spokesperson said the precise impact of the cutbacks for the Takapuna project would not be known until the budget was finalised in July.

“In general, while our programme in some areas will need to slow down or change, we don’t envisage a change to the overall outcomes we are seeking in our neighbourhood, the spokesperson said.

- Public feedback on the Emergency Budget is being sought. Go the Auckland Council website for details.

## Building sales could be accelerated

The potential sale of council buildings in Devonport and Takapuna seems to be back on the table.

Properties at 3 Victoria Rd in Devonport (the old Devonport Borough Council buildings), and 4 Blomfield Spa and 2 the Strand, Takapuna, are not currently on Panuku’s disposal list.

However, in an analysis of “asset recycling” opportunities, all three have been included on a list identifying a “proposed pipeline of non-mandated properties 2020/2021”.

“We are now doing a more detailed assessment of how Panuku could help the council achieve its increased asset sales target,” a

Panuku spokesperson told the Flagstaff.

The Auckland Council Emergency Budget document says the budget “provides an opportunity to increase budget targets and accelerate asset recycling to reduce debt.”

A key consideration in any sale would be “the opportunity cost of holding an asset which is not providing a service or generating an appropriate financial return against the opportunity of investing in new assets which deliver council services,” the document says.

It notes sales of properties may return less now than they would have done a year ago.

- The Panuku spokesperson said a tenancy flagged for 3 Victoria Rd was “still going through the paperwork stage”.

## Local-body politicians disappointed

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board deputy chair George Wood said: “It’s very sad for Lake Rd, but we’ll just have to continually keep up the pressure.” He expected the project to be stalled for two to three years.

Wood hoped the Francis Rd alternative cycleway, designed to divert cyclists from Lake Rd, would survive, given that the board had allocated funding to it. “I’m just hoping that project may have a glimmer of hope.”

Stalled Milford stormwater improvements and Wairau Estuary work were also important to keep to the fore, said Wood.

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board chair Aidan Bennett said: “It will be very easy to play the blame game with this problem, but I don’t believe that is fair. Covid-19 is a once-in-a-100-years problem that slammed into us all without warning. It is going to affect us all enormously, and Auckland Council is no different.

“As a board we are focused on continuing to support entities in the community that will play important roles in the recovery process. This will include working closely with com-

munity groups and business organisations. But there is no doubt that the net result of this Covid-19 problem is there will be less money in the pot. That fact is unavoidable.”

North Shore ward councillor Chris Darby said council reveunes have been “savaged like never before”. It is important to remember that the Lake Rd project hasn’t been cut but deferred, he said. He and fellow councillor Richard Hill would be “scrapping hard” to retain money and projects.

## 3 Victoria Rd: empty for 697 days

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

It has now been unoccupied for 697 days. Auckland Council development arm Panuku is working through the future options for the building.

# Home the natural testing ground for local author

Rachel Rohloff's house resembles a laboratory of fun.

The author of recently published educational book *The Living World* happily admits her children, Olive, Luke and Hazel, have been guinea pigs in developing the more than 170 activities it contains.

The Devonport resident finds ideas develop on walks with family schnauzer Stanley, "then I come back home and test them... there's a lot of stuff going on, strange things growing."

Rohloff's love of nature was fostered growing up on a Southland sheep farm, and her interest in science no doubt encouraged by her father Murray, who worked in sheep-reproduction research.

She worked for a decade as a science teacher at a private girls school in Hampstead, England, where she restructured the curriculum to make learning more accessible. From finding science challenging and dull, "the girls loved it in the end".

Rohloff has continued that approach in *The Living World*, which is aimed at children from three years old to those at the end of primary school. It focuses on biology in relation to people, plants and animals.

"The aim is to learn by doing. Some people see science as quite stuffy, but it's immensely creative," she says.

*The Living World* centres on "directed" learning to inspire children.

In addition to testing with her own children, she tried out some of the activities on pupils at Stanley Bay School.

The book is the first of a series of four: *The Material World* (which is completed and to be published next year) concentrates on chemistry; *The Physical World* and *Earth and Beyond* will be the third and final instalments.

*The Living World* contains handy tips on how to engage with children, including a



**Getting creative... Rachel Rohloff's *The Living World* contains more than 170 activities that aim to help children learn by doing**

simple list of items needed at home – "like a pantry-basics list" – to set the book's activities in motion.

Rohloff wrote the book mainly at nights, around her day job as a director of the New Zealand Schools Partnership, which acts as a bridge between corporate donors and schools.

Publishing *The Living World* straight after the Covid-19 lockdown was in some ways ideal timing.

"People had the chance to literally stop

and smell the roses... they had the time to observe little things – rather than posting photos of which party or event they had been to, people were posting pictures of birdlife, and dolphins in the harbour.

"I saw a lot families out walking under Covid, which was just great."

Devonport is a fantastic spot to discover nature, even though it is part of a city, she said.

• *The Living World* is available locally at Paradox Books.

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## \$5 million soccer ground upgrade blowout

The Allen Hill Reserve upgrade ballooned from \$2 million to \$5 million because of community consultation and resource-consent decisions, according to documents released under the Official Information Act.

“The increase in budget for the Allen Hill Reserve upgrade was due to the widening of the scope of the project.

“While the original budget was set at \$2million, this was only for the field upgrade and lighting upgrades.

“The car park and stormwater components were added through consultation and the resource-consent hearing process,” the documents said.

The cost estimate to complete the phys-

ical works is just over \$4 million. This excludes the design and resource-consenting costs incurred to date, which when added takes the total to \$4.5 million – more than \$5 million when GST is added.

The total tender price estimate was \$4,013,448, according to a report to Auckland Council by Stellar Project Delivery Specialists, submitted in March.

The work breakdown cost was: \$2,727,874 for the car park and stormwater work; \$735,252 for the sand-carpet field upgrade; and \$550,321 for field and car spacepark lighting.

A closer breakdown on the car park and stormwater projects included: \$245,000 for

surveys, designs and environmental plans; earthworks, clearing, disposal and site preparation was put at \$493,200; stormwater and drainage at \$149,700; accessway and car-park works \$925,365; and \$257,000 for general site works.

The field work estimates prepared by the New Zealand Sports Turf Institute includes \$16,600 for erosion and sediment control; surface removal of kikuyu and releveling \$8149; restoring existing drainage \$20,000; sand-carpet installation and turf establishment \$434,665; supply and installation of intelligent play system, including 10 years of software maintenance, \$67,000, the documents said.

## Devonport waterfront festival planned for America's Cup

A ‘Dinghies of Devonport’ waterfront, heritage art trail is planned to be installed to coincide with the next year’s America’s Cup.

Twenty upright dinghies will be placed at various spots from the Devonport ferry terminal to Takarunga and Maungauika.

Each boat will have a story inside, with particular emphasis on Maori narrative.

The exteriors will showcase art by Devonport peninsula artists.

“It will educate and inform the communi-

ty about our local history, including Maori and European settlement, military presence, women’s emancipation, the boatbuilding industry, harbour transport and the maunga,” the Devonport Business Association (DBA) said in a funding application to the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board.

The trail will be part of a Devonport Waterfront Festival, hosted by the DBA in partnership with Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development (ATEED) and the Tūpuna Maunga Authority.

A strong local component is already involved in the project including: Devonport Museum (Alastair Fletcher); Devonport Library (Jeanne Clifton); Tony McNeight (art direction and design); Tom Smith (sign writing/decals); Kevin Johnson Boatbuilders (construction); Devonport peninsula artists – 20 artworks; and Devonport peninsula schools – 20 artworks.

The project has come to fruition following six months of community discussion and meetings with ATEED.

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## Gull board to decide future of proposed gas station

dollars without even putting a spade in the ground.”

Gull will now submit a revised business case to its board for additional capital, but there is no guarantee this will be approved, Mischewski said. If the green light is given, site works will commence later this year with the site expected to open around Christmas.

“We can only hope, if we do build this small site, that local residents will reward us for our efforts with their loyal custom for many years to come, as a more convenient and cheaper alternative to BP on Lake Rd,” he said.

Gull agreed to mediation because the alternative was to proceed to the Environment Court, which would have cost a further \$100,000 and resulted in another year of delay.

“While confident Gull would have been successful in the Environment Court, based on sound technical experts’ evidence and their effects assessments that the site complied with council noise and lighting standards, we reluctantly elected to settle with appellants to cauterise the ongoing and excessive haemorrhaging of money and time.

“While both our urban designer and council’s were happy with white, matching the adjacent white villas next door, the site will now be predominantly battleship grey to appease appellants.

“We would have painted it pink if that’s what they wanted in order to settle. But this

example just highlights the absurdity and imbalance of the Resource Management Act process at times,” Mischewski said.

Double-glazing for bedrooms only, on one adjacent side of the house, was also offered by Gull in order to settle with that appellant.

“Even then they claimed they also slept at times in their living room, so that was also included,” Mischewski said.

“When you consider the site was a service station for over 30 years, and is zoned Business – Neighbourhood Centre Zone, which specifically provides for service stations and other activities that provide residents

and passers-by with frequent retail and commercial needs, you have to wonder what the point of zoning is, and if council is even doing a half-decent job of administering it.

“It feels like this government, both central and local, has no real interest in facilitating economic development other than purportedly allowing garden sheds and fast-tracking their own pet infrastructure projects, which, ironically, include many new roads.”

Mischewski said there is no point having better roads “if businesses constantly struggle to obtain consents to put fuel in your car to enable you to drive on them”.

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# Landmark school building finally sheds its scaffolding

The restoration of Takapuna Grammar School's main block should finish in just over a month, with interior work continuing on the heritage building's central tower.

"Seven years on, the building is finally scaffold-free," said principal Mary Nixon of the recent end of exterior work.

With stonework now pristine and stained glass windows restored, the landmark building has been returned to its former glory – with the assurance of added structural integrity.

"There are so few buildings of this sort in New Zealand," said Nixon. "It's also part of the history and style of the peninsula."

Down the track, she hopes to have a public open day to show the community what has been achieved. Some students had completed their entire secondary schooling with the building under wraps.

What appears from the road to be lighting installed to highlight the stained glass, is actually for construction workers continuing inside, she explained. "Seeing it backlit has made us think maybe it should be."

Even Nixon, who took the top job at TGS four years ago, has not yet seen inside the renovated central tower. "No-one [other than construction staff] has been up there for six years."

She is already fielding suggestions for what to do with what was once a draughty board room, with staff vying to use the prime space. It will not be used for board meetings, but ideas include an archive room to house school memorabilia.

The main block is also home to dozens of classrooms, some of which have been reconfigured. Once these are in use, the Ministry of Education will be able to remove a number of prefab classrooms overlooking the rear fields, relocating them to other schools.

The principal and the school's administration staff, who have been working from offic-



**Front and centre... Work on the main block at TGS is nearly finished, two years after it was expected to be completed**

es in other prefabs accessed off St Leonards Rd, will shift back into the main block.

Nixon said she would be one of the last to make the move.

She described the project as "a significant restoration", that had to factor in heritage considerations, while dealing with weather-tightness and earthquake issues. "There's an awful lot of extra supports, metal, gone into the building."

Nixon said she did not know the final costs of the project as these rested with the ministry. Estimates in 2015 had put the cost of restorations to both the main block and

the already finished 60-year-old hall behind it, at \$26 million.

Work on the main block began in 2014 and was initially expected to be finished in 2018. The project by Woodview Construction brings the building, opened in 1927, up to modern code.

Removal of the scaffolding and prominent signage on the tower ends a running gag about the school's name being Woodview.

Instead, Takapuna Grammar School's motto can again be seen clearly etched into the stone: *Per Angusta Ad Augusta* ("Through endeavour to greatness").

## Backlog of Buyers

It seems there is a large backlog of property buyers in the market (after six weeks of relative inaction) and a shortage of supply, as property market and mortgage activity is very high. Banks have been busy helping to restructure loans and now they are flat out with mortgage applications, especially from first-home buyers looking to take advantage of the new low rates at 2.69%.

While it may be short-lived, it has certainly seen prices hold up in most places and it does show the huge pent-up demand from so many first-home buyers, people returning from overseas and some investors.

Our worry is that as unemployment numbers grow and wage subsidies are removed, the supply of property from forced sellers may increase and demand may tail off with concerns about job certainty. Hence the likelihood of a delayed property-market impact that we have talked about in the past, as seen post the 1987 and 2008 recessions.

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# Flight centre Devonport a Covid-19 casualty



The Flight Centre Devonport branch – closed during the Covid-19 lockdown – appears unlikely to reopen.

The Flagstaff asked the company if it was likely to open the office at some stage in the future, but it had not replied by deadline.

**Unscheduled departure... The Devonport Flight Centre is closed indefinitely**

## Hospital appointments picking up

Planned local hospital operations under Covid-19 alert level 2 are back to 75 per cent of the usual pre-pandemic number.

The Waitemata District Health Board (DHB) plans further increases in operations at its North Shore and Waitakere Hospitals in coming weeks.

Patients are being booked based on clinical priority, it says.

More face-to-face outpatient appointments at hospital clinics are now being held, although appointments are also still being held by telephone and video.

A DHB spokeswoman said only a small number of medical and surgical appointments had been cancelled or deferred due to patient choice.

These were being rebooked based on priority. Where appropriate, during alert levels 3 and 4, outpatients cases had been rescheduled as phone or video appointments.

Patients requiring ongoing monitoring had also been dealt with remotely.

## New mums still waiting for Plunket

New mothers on the peninsula looking to the reassurance of a Plunket nurse visit are still waiting for the service to reopen its Takapuna clinic.

It is expected this should be within the next few weeks, but community midwives, who traditionally hand over care to Plunket after a baby is born, have wondered why Plunket has been one of the slower social services to get back into gear post-lockdown.

In response to a Flagstaff query, a spokeswoman from Plunket's national office said: "I can confirm all clinics are in the process of being reopened over the next two to three weeks. As it's being done nationwide and they are reopening as they become ready, I don't have a schedule of exactly when specific clinics will be open, but we will be updating our website regularly with a list as they are reopened."

In-person visits are also in the process of cranking up. These typically occur at home when a baby is around a month old, with subsequent other Well Child appointments in the clinics.

Plunket has nearly 600 locations nationwide being readied for appropriate Covid-19 safety procedures. It caters for nearly 24,000 clients a year.

Plunketline (0800 933 922) remains available for advice by telephone. Online parenting education programmes and virtual community groups have continued for clients.

During lockdown, a prioritised virtual service was set up to ensure those with the highest needs continued to receive Well Child care by Zoom video conferences and phone calls.

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**By Rob Drent**

We had a good response – calls, emails and letters – to Ken Davis’s plan (Flagstaff 22 May) to develop Clarence St as a more people-friendly, less car-dominated space, with the potential to close it off for the community on a regular basis. Let’s hope it gets some support from Auckland Council and is put forward for funding in the government’s Innovating Streets for People Programme.

The plan to redevelop the Allen Hill soccer fields has turned into a real mess. With the bill ballooning to \$5 million, it is unlikely to be approved by a council left cash-strapped in the wake of Covid-19.

As a council insider told the Flagstaff: “It’s just terrible timing.”

What will happen next seems to be up in the air. North Shore United football club had handed control of the ground to Auckland Council on the provision it maintained it, hence the redevelopment plan. I’m not sure where this leaves the project and the upkeep of the fields. Official documents show council believes the blowout was caused by changes to the redevelopment to mollify neighbours, and subsequent conditions imposed by resource-consent commissioners.

The club must be feeling cheated by the run of events. While it wanted to improve facilities for its elite players, the grass-roots community of soccer youngsters and families would have benefitted as well.

Many sports clubs have been feeling the pinch with no play due to Covid-19, and no bar takings either.

Money spent over the bar at sports clubs has been dwindling over the years with the advent of stricter drink-driving regulations. Consequently, clubs have sought corporate sponsors to survive. In Devonport, for example, Barfoot and Thompson is the principal sponsor of the North Shore Cricket Club and Harcourts the key funder of the North Shore Rugby Club. Real estate appears so far to be a business fairly resilient to Covid-19 fallout, so I hope these key sponsorships of our clubs can remain in place.

From the what-ever-happened-to department: still no sign of the Greer Twiss Albatross sculpture which, no longer wanted as a public artwork on the city side of the harbour, had been handed on to Devonport for installation on Victoria Wharf.

Auckland Transport’s parking review for the town centre has yet to surface either, after it was put alongside a wider redesign of the Calliope Rd intersection. The parking review was to include a decision on whether the parking spaces in Victoria Rd are too narrow. Some thought it may also have parking meters as an option. The review was supposed to be delivered to the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board earlier this year.

Our offer to support Watercare in a launching a pilot water-tank-subsidy programme in Devonport, in light of the current water crisis, took a knock at the first hurdle.

After our last issue went to press, Watercare came back to us and said water tanks were within the ambit of Auckland’s Council’s Healthy Waters department.

But when we sent a similar letter to Healthy Waters general manager Craig McIlroy, he seemed keen to have staff discuss the idea.

To recap: 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. It’s 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.

In a pilot programme of water-tank subsidies, the water use on the Devonport peninsula could be monitored, so the success or failure of a trial would be easily quantified.

It seems strange to me that Watercare – which is pushing the ‘save water’ message, along with water-use restrictions as storage dam levels drop – isn’t in charge of such a basic water-preservation measure as a tank to catch rain from the roof.



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# AT Local still costing taxpayers \$10 per ride

The AT Local ride-share subsidy was \$10 per trip when the service was at its most popular, prior to being suspended due to Covid-19.

AT Local was exceeding 200 rides per day after December 2019, with the peak coming in February 2020, at 289 rides per day, according to figures obtained by the Flagstaff under the Official Information Act.

“Of the 76 working days in this period, AT Local exceeded 200 daily rides on 60 days, of

which 10 days exceeded 300 daily rides,” an AT Local performance report said.

Between November 2019 and March 2020 “when patronage was higher”, the AT Local subsidy per trip was at its lowest at \$10 per passenger, the report said.

AT Local charges customers \$2.50 for one-way trips to or from the ferry terminals and \$5 for other journeys.

It has delivered more than 60,000 rides between its launch in November 2018

and March 2020.

Over 20,000 of those rides have been delivered since the extension of the trial from 19 November to 24 March 2020. The AT Local service was then suspended due to Covid-19.

It resumed for a three-month period from 18 May, with only vans operating to facilitate physical distancing.

•AT Local has 4,459 registered users (with 2802 having used the service at least once). It has 814 regular users.

## AT Local outstrips local buses

AT Local ride-share patronage was almost double that of buses on the Stanley Bay and Cheltenham routes from September 2019 to March 2020.

The average number of daily passengers for the 806 and 807 services was 122, while for AT Local it was 228.

However, “these numbers are not directly comparable, as the catchment of AT Local

is quite large compared to the local buses,” the AT Local performance report said. (AT Local passengers can travel as far as Bayswater.)

In addition, the average daily patronage for buses was calculated over seven days, while AT Local data was based on a five-day average from 23 November, when it stopped operating on weekends.

## Public consultation on buses vs AT Local

Public consultation on whether to retain AT Local ride-share service or local buses will be held over the next three months.

“As continuing to operate both AT Local and local buses on the peninsula simultaneously cannot be justified, a public consultation is planned during this period for the people of Devonport to have their say on public-transport

options on the peninsula,” the report says.

“This consultation will help make the decision on whether to continue to operate AT Local while removing the local buses, or vice versa, while clearly setting out the consequences of both options,” the report said.

•Auckland Transport says no changes to bus services will occur during Covid-19 level 2.



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# Waitemata scores hole in one at golf awards

Waitemata Golf Club has been named New Zealand's best club by further enhancing its place at the green heart of the peninsula.

The club's work with the community, especially in building youth membership, was key to securing the Club of the Year title at the National Golf Awards announced last week.

Waitemata club manager Hayden McCallum was thrilled, but with Covid-19 there was no awards ceremony held by New Zealand Golf.

He said the team would organise its own local celebration. "The award is certainly a nice piece of feedback after the hard work," he said. "You might think a few more people who don't know about us will come down and have a look."

The club developed a strategic plan five years ago and has been working on building membership. At a time when golfing numbers are dwindling across the country, it has built its junior ranks – up from single figures 18 months ago to 120 now – and has a total membership of around 1000.

McCallum said offering free 'give it a go' programmes in local schools had helped drive this, and there had been a flow-on interest from the family members of junior players.

Progressively priced subscriptions in young adult age brackets also made the game more affordable. The club now has 150 members aged 20 to 35.

Course drainage had been greatly improved.



## Young blood... Waitemata Golf Club manager Hayden McCallum says a programme in local schools has helped build the club's junior base

Changing the perception of golf and making the club feel welcoming to newcomers was part of future-proofing. At Waitemata this was helped by having facilities such as a daytime café open to the public and also offering meals on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

Lockdown, when there was no play allowed, had also seen extra people enjoy the course recreationally, by walking through it.

"It was nice that someone could make use of it," McCallum observed. Caution was now needed, with up to 200 people playing on busy days, but walkers are welcome to enjoy the

environment if they exercise care and avoid the fairways. Plenty did at alert levels 3 and 4, especially in the early mornings and evenings.

The 32-year-old golf administrator, who came to Waitemata two and a half years ago from a post as golf director at the Akarana club in Mt Roskill, was also finalist in the Leader of the Year award.

An independent panel undertook the national judging from regional nominations. Waitemata pipped establishment club – Russley in Christchurch – and the Manawatu Golf Club for the top title.



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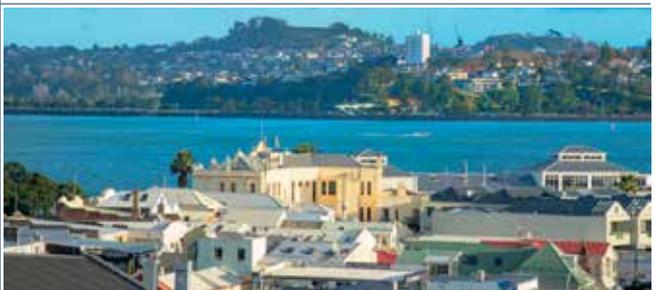
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## Get behind Clarence St proposal

I was delighted to read about the proposal to lower the speed of traffic in the Devonport village and introduce a pedestrian shared space for Clarence St (Flagstaff, 22 May).

Having thoroughly enjoyed watching and participating in local roads being used for activities other than driving during the lockdown, I hope the proposal by Ken Davis gets widely supported by residents, local business and the local board.

New Zealand Transport Agency's recent announcement to seek and fund projects that will Innovate Streets for People should be pounced on as a terrific opportunity to enrich the quality of our much-loved village centre.

Little would be lost and so much gained if vehicles all had to drive 20km/h slower in the

village. Having a portion of Clarence St converted to a mixed-mode shared space would provide a much-needed wind-protected and sunny space in the centre of the village that would support civic activities for generations to come.

The Devonport community should get in behind this initiative and make sure it happens.

**Simon Mrkusic**

## But pedestrians need to step up too

Pedestrian-friendly areas are a great idea, but how about making pedestrians friendly?

The village has seven zebra crossings within 200 metres of each other, yet on a Saturday watch how many pedestrians still avoid them and ignore cars.

A common place for that is at the Manuka Restaurant corner, causing problems for cars turning left. I believe someone has been knocked over before at this spot.

People cross metres away from a crossing. Parents with young kids just cross where they like because it's easier, but are not teaching their kids basic road safety.

It's simple: roads are for vehicles and bikes, and crossings are for pedestrians to cross the road safely.

We all have to take responsibility.

**Graham Edwards**

## Making our village a better version of itself

Ken Davis and team should be commended for the *Devonport Safer Streets Initiative* (Flagstaff 22 May).

Devonport evolved as a village long before cars. Perhaps now it's time to put the priority of pedestrians back in focus with a goal of becoming a better version of itself.

As we come out of lockdown with a fresh look at life, an initiative like this deserves consideration.

Sure, there will be issues with parking and opposition from some, but Devonport today is just an ever-changing series of for-rent signs.

Something has to change, and vision with good planning is what is needed. I would prefer to see more people, more bikes and fewer cars parading through our town, a trend that is happening all over the planet.

Let's see if we can return to our village roots and become a safer and even more desirable place to live, work and relax.

**Chris Keenan**

## Safer Streets Initiative supported

It was great seeing the plans by Ken Davis in last week's edition (Flagstaff, 22 May) making Clarence St not only safer but more pleasant to be in.

This is just what the doctor ordered and is absolutely in line with overseas trends. Let's bring Devonport into the 21st century and make it for people and social activity, rather than cars.

Let's hope we get our share of the funding so this project can be implemented promptly.

**Julian Mitchell**

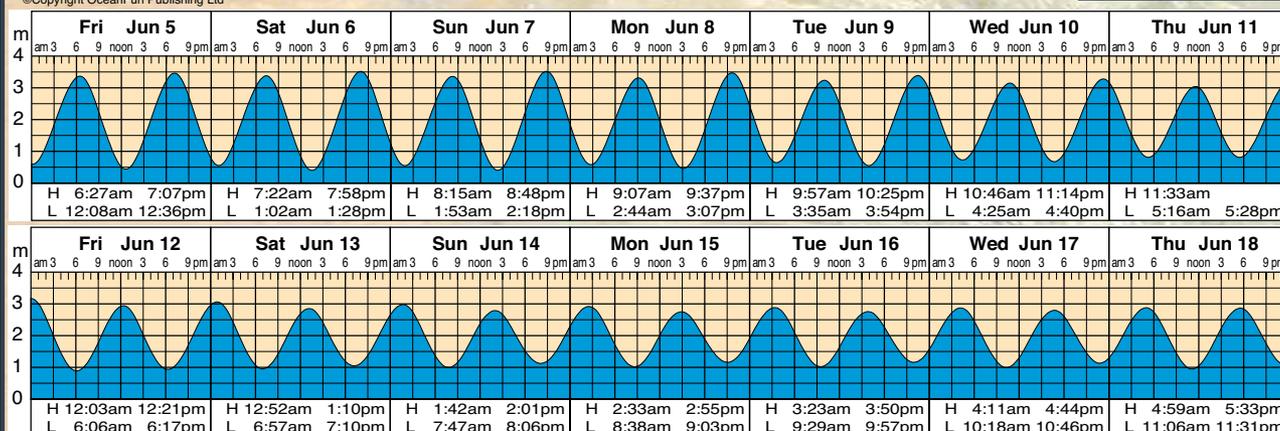
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## TGS will hold ball... or something special

A ball by any other name may be held at Takapuna Grammar School later this year, if Covid-19 allows principal Mary Nixon the chance to play fairy godmother.

Options will be weighed for a social occasion to be held later than July, when the school ball for senior students normally takes place.

"If possible, and when possible, we'd like to have a function – we're not calling it a ball – but we'd like to have an event," Nixon said.

The scope of this can't yet be decided, she

said, with matters such as whether government health regulations would even allow dancing still uncertain. The event might be like a ball or it might have to evolve in style.

Date changes for any delayed celebratory social event will also need to fit in with school timetables and Year 12 and 13 examinations.

Although "pause had been pressed" on ball planning, the school recognises the importance of social celebrations. An event at the end of Term 3 is a possibility.

"We really feel the young ones have missed out on a lot this year," Nixon said. As well as a disrupted school year and remote learning, big sports tournaments had been cancelled.

Lockdown had shown how important socialising is, so the hope was to come up with a safe, fun and appropriate way to do this.

"School is a social place, the whole online learning thing, being at home with family, has really highlighted that."

A student-ball committee, normally involved in planning the event, will have a role in any alternatives.

For the moment, Nixon said she did not want undue focus on what is always a much-anticipated event being another distraction for students. But she realised it was important to them.

The spin-off, a dress-up event that benefitted businesses providing services to those who attended, was also recognised.

"We think it might be possible to do something special," Nixon said.



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## Next gig still beckoning for seasoned local rocker

Lockdown might have put live entertainment on hold, but neither a pandemic nor a personal health scare will stop veteran musician Gary Harvey from following a passion that began in 60s Devonport. Helen Vause reports.



**Sweet home Narrow Neck... Gary Harvey lives near the beach, but travels to wherever friends and music take him**

Gary Harvey has seen it all with live audiences in his six decades of singing and playing guitar. But he's never seen the punters told to stay home before.

Not that the lockdown stopped this veteran singer-songwriter from making music at home in Narrow Neck, ever confident that the good times would roll round again soon.

The irrepressible Harvey is probably one of New Zealand's longest-standing live performers. He's played all over the place in a string of bands with names that reflected the southern

rock and blues music they made. He's played in the UK and the southern USA, and in his heyday he led bands onto big stages to open for some touring big names.

In more recent times, he's been a solo acoustic act playing gigs closer to home – down at the Esplanade Hotel – when the lights went out on him, and the rest of us, for a while. And as it turned out, the enforced break came for Harvey at exactly the right time.

A small heart attack had temporarily stopped the 73-year-old in his tracks, and when the Flagstaff caught up with him, some of the conversation was by phone from North Shore Hospital.

Ever cheerful, he was out of there in days with a few repairs and mighty relieved to have headed off a health scare.

Trouble had struck in early March, well before lockdown, for fitness freak Harvey.

"I was getting up Queen Street to the recording studio and I didn't feel great. I was absolutely buggered and breathless when I got there. I realised there was something wrong then."

Temporarily knocked out, and with the added worry of being sole carer for his 97-year-old mother Mary, Harvey was all too aware they were a vulnerable household.

But he remained pretty philosophical in the first week of lockdown.

"Ah well, see how it goes. I'm not too worried. I'm a great believer in fate," he said, in the sort of voice that goes with his music, the demeanour and the greying mane.

Back on his feet he's in fighting form with a return to gigs in his sights.

Lockdown canned performances scheduled for the Far North and as far south as Dunedin.

No worries, it will come back, says Harvey, though he's realistic about pulling the audiences these days – pandemics aside.

"The audiences you can expect are just nothing like they used to be. I've noticed a big difference in people's patterns over the decades. People aren't going out to live music in bars as much as they used to, for various reasons. The lure of the big screen in the living room is one factor. And the smoking ban halved audiences overnight."

He has no reason to give up though. "I've got friends all over the country. If I want to see someone, I just organise a gig and hit the road."

Harvey's a local boy, with roots that go well back. His grandparents bought the house at 26A Queens Pde, where he was born in the late 1940s. His father, Burt Harvey, was the long-time barman at the Masonic Hotel and, unsurprisingly, was known to all in town.

"Man, that was quite a funeral Dad had," chuckles Harvey.

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Young Harvey went to Devonport Primary School and Takapuna Grammar. By his early teens, he had well and truly got the music bug. From the way life panned out from there, you could blame much of it on the gyrating form and inimitable sound of Elvis Presley.

“I couldn’t get enough of it and went to all his movies. And I thought, that’s me, that’s what I want to do.”

Unlike many star-struck kids of the time, he started seriously working on his dream.

By the time he was 15, Harvey could play guitar well enough to catch the attention of some local musicians, not much older than him.

“Get yourself a bass guitar,” they told him. So he did, and became one of The Cavemen, a band of mostly local boys that played the Shore youth clubs, parties and school dances in the early 60s, and sometimes went further across the city. Harvey reckons they were Devonport’s first band.

Harvey quit school at 15 and began a mechanic’s apprenticeship in Takapuna. But he was playing up a storm at nights and weekends.

Before he was 20 years old, he took off for the frenzy and promise of the booming music scene in late-60s London.

There, he got work and made music, sometimes playing and mixing it with the big names, hanging out with the likes of Led Zeppelin and The Pretty Things and turning down a chance to join Supertramp.

“They were fantastic times,” recalls Harvey.

But after marrying an English girl, he brought her to New Zealand to crack back into the Kiwi music scene of the early 70s.

The couple settled in Beach Haven. They had two daughters and Harvey, although he couldn’t afford to give up the day job, threw himself into live music in the city.

One of his many bands, Red House Rockers, may have been his heyday in the mid-90s, says Harvey. They belted out Texas-style blues rock three to four nights a week, on stage all over the country, and made good money for the times. Then there came the Rippers, Rattlesnake Shake and the Gary Harvey Band.

*“Once I get inspiration – I’m away. The only rule is there are no rules.”*

Top musicians came and went and over the years – Harvey has played with more than he can remember – with a sound evolving over time, ranging from boogie to hard rock.

In his music, you can hear the southern-rock sounds from his long affinity with the US and countless trips to play and jam with musicians in the Southern States. During lockdown he collaborated on new music with a guitarist in those parts.

Long-time music critic Graham Reid has written of the “old blues rocker” Harvey that he is “the real deal and he’s in it for the music

and not much reward... it’s the kind of music people love to hear in bars, but radio and TV people don’t have a clue about.”

Harvey laughs when he talks about how his eclectic music has evolved.

“Along with the Elvis influence, I had an early obsession with cowboys and then a great liking for Texas. So that’s been a big influence.”

Where does his original stuff come from?

“My mind is like a junkyard. There is just so much stuff in there. Once I get inspiration – I’m away. The only rule is there are no rules.”

Harvey has had a steady output of albums, with the influences clear in the song titles – *Outlaws, Bad Water, Whiskey Train, Preacher Man, Bootleg Boogie*.

The last album from the Gary Harvey Band, about five years ago, was *Ghost Dance*. Harvey was tickled by the reviews, especially one from a London-based music magazine *Fireworks*, after the album had a whirl on radio in the UK.

“Juicy, feisty blues rock... a good companion for a ride down a dusty American highway,” the magazine’s reviewer wrote in 2015.

“At the time I thought I could now die happy,” chuckles Harvey.

But the guy who just keeps on going ain’t done yet. He’s thinking about some more solo gigs in Devonport, but he’s also wondering about getting on the road again. Maybe another band?

“There’s plenty of gigs ahead,” says Harvey. “The boys can always be rustled up to get it all together again.”

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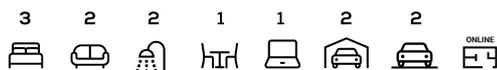
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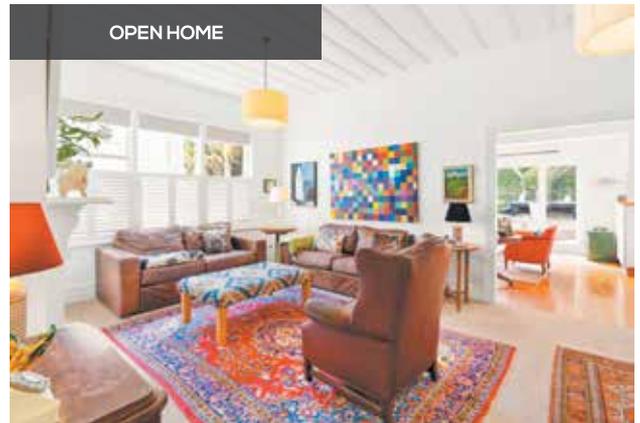
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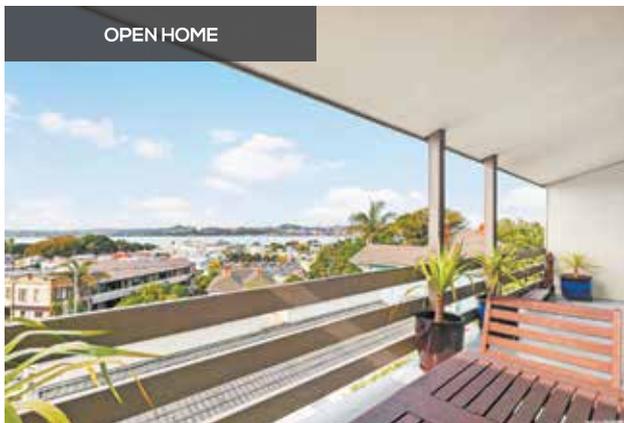
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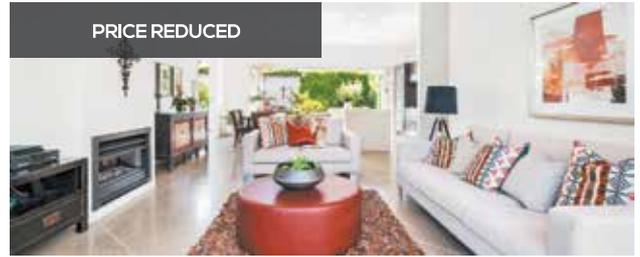


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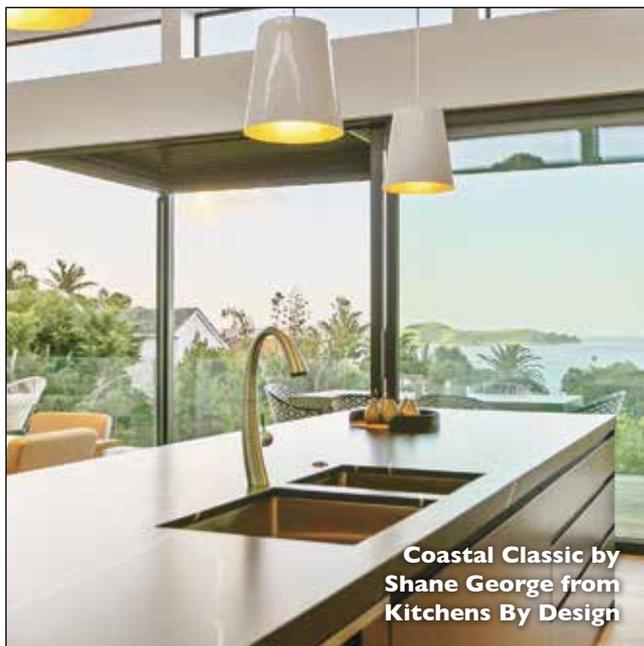
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# A question of balance



Coastal Classic by Shane George from Kitchens By Design

**It's an interesting dilemma. Naturally, you want your new kitchen to stand out and be the star attraction in your home, but in the same breath, you don't want it to compete with the rest of your décor, or distract from the beautiful natural vistas you may have from your living space.**

This kitchen, in a newly completed home that occupies an enviable site overlooking the Hauraki Gulf, is a point in case, as it has magnificent views and a stunning new interior. Richard Cripps from Kitchens By Design says it was one of those dream jobs to be involved with, but it took careful planning to achieve a balanced result for his clients.

**“The biggest impact in any kitchen is your choice of cabinetry.”**

“Being given a brand-new space to work with is always exciting, but it's also has its challenges,” says the designer. “Our clients’ original brief was for their new kitchen to be black and white, but I worked with them to flesh out that idea, to tone it down and create something with a bit warmth, but still had punch, giving them the monochromatic look

**“Being given a brand-new space to work with is always exciting, but it also has its challenges.”**

they asked for, to tie it back into the décor of the rest of the house.”

The designer says the biggest impact you can make in any kitchen is your choice of cabinetry. Here, he opted for a textured timber veneer, stained grey. This helped provide warmth and also softened the cabinetry’s impact on the rest of the room. “To give my client the black-and-white element she asked for, I designed a black island, clad in a durable engineered stone that has a bold white vein running through it. I chose a matt finish to stop glare and reflections – because it’s in a high-sun space – and I also built in a wine fridge on the dining side of the island, as my clients are big on entertaining.”

For the benchtop along the back wall, the designer specified a 5mm steel plate that wraps up and around the entire cooking zone. “Our client had seen something similar

in a magazine and loved the idea of it. It certainly helps added a bit of visual interest and also fits nicely with the grey stain of the wood veneer – as does the playful, round-patterned tile used for the splashback, which was also their choice.”

Adjacent and separate to the main kitchen is a large, walk-in scullery. “It’s a long, narrow space with a slim, slot window at one end,” explains the designer. “In here, we made the finishes a lot more utilitarian, moving away from the textured timber finishes and opting for smooth, easy-clean surfaces. We also specified a white benchtop to break up the dark-grey cabinetry.”

Overall, the ‘flat’ finishes and darker tones employed in this kitchen have helped it take a back seat ahead of the views that rightly dominate the open-plan living space, fulfilling the designer’s goal of striking a perfect balance between standing out as the beautiful kitchen it is, and subtly blending into its environment.

*If you're thinking about putting in a new kitchen, give one of the team at Kitchens By Design a call, or pop into their Auckland-based showroom at 3 Byron Ave, Takapuna, ph: 09 379 3084. And for inspiration, take a look at their website at [www.kitchensbydesign.co.nz](http://www.kitchensbydesign.co.nz)*



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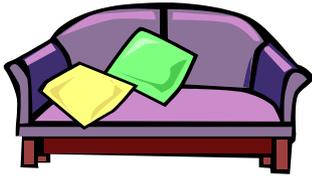
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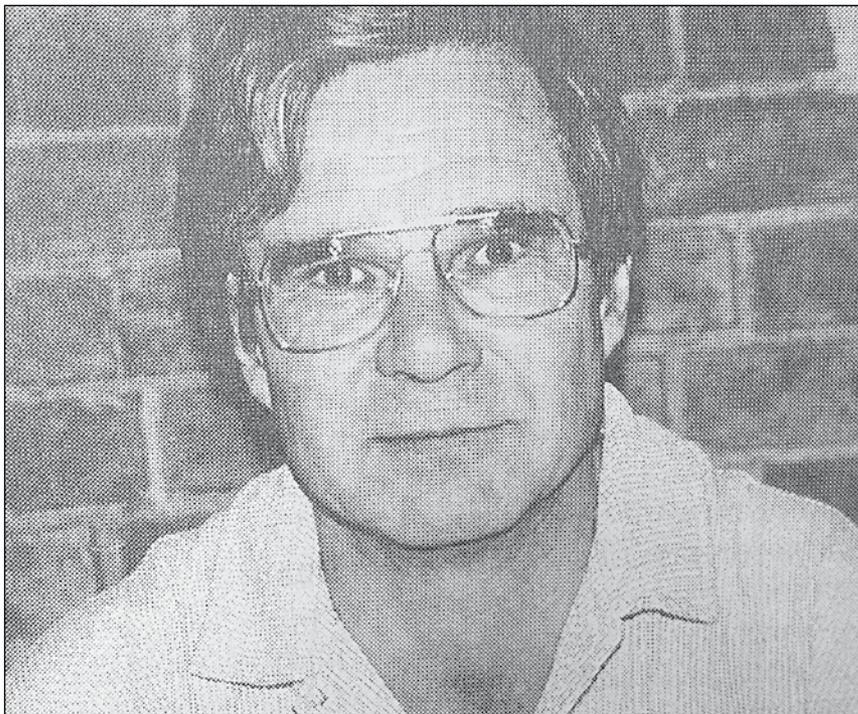


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Ts and Cs apply. For more information, visit: [ilovetakapuna.co.nz](http://ilovetakapuna.co.nz)



# Looking back – 20 years ago from the Flagstaff files

- Devonport ferries the Kea and the Kestrel crash in fog.
- Devonport Wharf is quickly moving towards becoming a ghost town, with nine shops now empty. One tenant describes the wharf management as “Mickey Mouse”, with limited maintenance and no promotion.
- North Shore makes the rugby play-offs with a thrilling win over Marist.
- Henry Fppard’s skateboard is snatched in a Victoria Rd theft. He had only owned it for four days.
- A shock report puts repair work required on Torpedo Bay wharf at \$300,000.
- Takapuna Grammar’s Monique Robbins is selected to compete in the 100m freestyle at the Sydney Olympics.
- A memorial to the Korean War is unveiled at Devonport naval base.
- Eight Devonport peninsula shops are nominated for the Auckland Top shop awards. They are: Abigail’s, Cushla’s Village Fabrics, Echo Recycle Boutique, Kuching Cats, Devonport New World, Talavera, The Village Flower Shoppe and Making Waves.
- Shirley Brickell, founder of the Devonport Arts Festival in the mid-1950s, and a Devonport resident for 33 years, has died.
- Moves to have corporate sponsorship on Bayswater School buildings grind to a halt.
- The history of Devon Park is outlined in the book *Selling Auckland: The Story of Barfoot and Thompson*.
- Devonport psychologist John Read is the Flagstaff interview subject.



Flagstaff interview... John Read

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If a ballot for out-of-zone places is required, it will be held on 20 July 2020. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days of the ballot being held.

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The Board of Trustees will also hold multiple ballots throughout 2020 to enable out-of-zone children to continue to enrol in 2020.

## Warmer rooms at community house

Warmer rooms during winter will soon be available at Devonport Community House, with the installation of two new heat pumps.

The community house was allocated a \$6000 Devonport-Takapuna Local Board grant towards the pumps.

It initially applied for a grant to fund five

heat pumps, but the cost was higher than the grant-allocation limit.

Board member Ruth Jackson said it was a shame that the main hall at the community house could not be included in the heat pump upgrade, as it was biggest public meeting space in Devonport.

## Grant for security cameras

The installation of new security cameras at Ngataranga Tennis Club, to safeguard a life-saving defibrillator, will be partially funded by a Devonport-Takapuna Local board grant of \$1500.

The defibrillator was installed outside the club in 2018 and a week later it was used to

save the life of a man who had a heart attack in the nearby park.

The defibrillator, which is housed outside the club for easy access, was stolen in November 2018, and again in November 2019, when it was damaged beyond repair.

The club had sought \$4645 from the board.

## Bowling club plays Civil Defence role

A Devonport-Takapuna Local Board grant to replace a leaking electric hot-water system and pipes at Stanley Bay Bowling and Petanque Club was increased from \$4000 to \$6000 due to the club's importance as a Civil Defence post.

Board member Ruth Jackson, who argued for the increase, said in an emergency the club could be used to feed and accommodate residents.

Board deputy chair George Wood voted against the grant.

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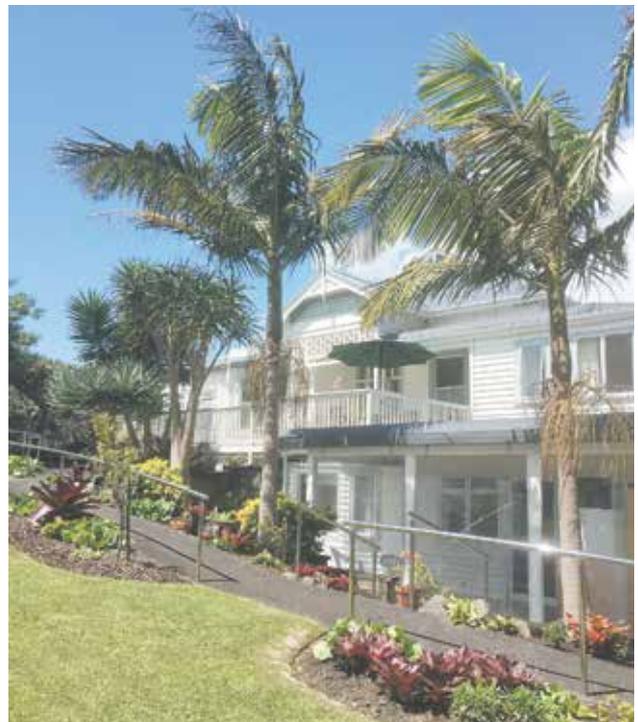
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**Saturday June 6th 3 - 4:30pm.**  
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**Mana Wahine Hui**  
**Friday June 19th 10:30am - 1pm.**  
Come celebrate the leadership and kaitiakitanga of indigenous women. Guest presenter, Charmaine Bailie, ecologist and chair of Kaipātiki Project. Registration required. 159 Bayswater Ave.

**Raranga Workshop**  
**Saturday June 20th 10am - 2pm.**  
Harakeke weaving arts led by Takutai Moana Watts. Registration required, koha. 159 Bayswater Ave.

**Friends of Achilles Reserve**  
**Sunday June 21st 1pm - 3:30pm.**  
Planting Native Species in the reserve. Air Corps Hall 9A Achilles Crescent.

**RTH Meeting**  
**Wednesday June 24th**  
**7:30pm - 9pm**  
Community consultation regarding our draft comments to the Local Board Plan regarding caring for our local environment. All ages and perspectives welcome. Venue TBC.  
**\*All events will follow COVID-19 Guidelines**

For further events and information please visit Restoring Takuranga Hauraki's Facebook page events. Or contact RTH programme coordinator Lance Cablk [pestfreedevonport@gmail.com](mailto:pestfreedevonport@gmail.com)

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SCHOOL NEWS



# Grammar

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## Korean Senior Gala Party CAS EXPERIENCE

In the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma programme, there exists a vital core component named Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS). The purpose of this is for students to have co-curricular activities alongside their daily schedules, to be engaged in the community and to develop skills and face challenges outside of class, which is one of the goals that IB aims for: being a lifelong learner.

As a person who lives a mostly balanced lifestyle, the idea of CAS wasn't really intimidating to me. I had already been doing some co-curricular things in my free time, such as coding and video editing.

For me, the challenge with CAS was finding an intricate balance between all three components of CAS, especially the Activity component, for I do not do many sports. However, I share a burning passion for skiing, even if I am not the best at it; I find it an exciting and engaging sport.

One of my experiences from last year was volunteering at the Korean Senior Gala Party. It was an awesome time, and I learned so much about Korean culture that I had never thought about before. A goal I had for the day was to provide the guests with a great time to start off their year. It was an amazing time as I got to catch a glimpse of some of the performances that were happening in the main hall when I wasn't busy transitioning between the kitchen and hall.

I worked with a group of volunteers, providing food, desserts and, occasionally, assistance to some of the seniors of our Korean community. We also worked with the organisers of the event, Hi-Well charity, to provide a memorable and wonderful experience for our elders. I even learned how to greet people in Korean, which is with the word 'annyeonghaseyo'.

Overall, I feel like CAS is helping to shape me into a better person for my future, and will help me develop some of the qualities of the IB learner profile, such as being a lifelong learner, being open/international-minded and being a better risk-taker.

I feel CAS is an important part of the course that adds to the awesome experiences the course provides and allows for so many opportunities. Taking these opportunities brings self-growth in our skills and abilities, which can be used to conquer challenges later on in life after high school. I can't wait to continue taking up these opportunities and learn more about myself in the process.

By FILIP JERKOVIC

**A photograph of my certificate provided from volunteering at the event for 8.5 hours.**



The Korean performance known as 'changgoguchum', also known as the hour-glass drum dance.



All the volunteers that helped on the day.



### 9 March 2020 – the week before lockdown when the world shut down

third period, the walls of the music block bare of posters, stand-up piano notes slumped in the hallway, mascara applied messy, we do not know if this is our last day

third period, the room a shaded shadow of chairs, half-distanced desks, classmates sprawled on the floor in sunshine, blank eyes, here is the last music left in the music block

third period, it's Alice Jones, her voice lifting us up and up through the ceiling, phones dead in our pockets, into sky and silence, we're listening, thinking of nothing, everything absent of everything but now

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# Devonport: a resilient community

Community groups collaborated to review local initiatives under lockdown. Iain Rea reports.

The Devonport community should be proud of the way it responded during the recent strict lockdown, says Community Coordinator Maria Teape.

As well as publishing essential information and being a communications hub, Teape's employer, the Devonport Peninsula Trust, coordinated organisations and leaders to review lockdown initiatives and identify areas for improvement.

Trustee Brent Talbot, who chaired the online Community Resilience meeting, said "the lockdown provided a real test and proved the value of community networks".

Responding to offers of help from volunteers, Devonport Locals Facebook group administrator Jacki Fortune set up the Devonport Self-Isolation Support group.

It organised medicine and shopping pickups for the elderly and immune-compromised. An online app to match volunteers with tasks is being evaluated, so that if it was needed in the future, the group could be more efficient.

Vicar of Devonport's Holy Trinity, Charmaine Braatvedt says she feels "humbled to be part of such a loving community".

The church's foodbank operated throughout the lockdown, but those who needed support outside the peninsula had difficulty accessing it. The porch of the church was converted to a free homegrown fruit and veggie pickup that was a "lovely thing".

"Some people suffered with the lack of human contact", says Braatvedt, and "the church set up a telephone tree to reach out whether they were church members or not".

"Our elderly were so grateful for the contact." Braatvedt also ran an online chat six days a week, but says that assistance accessing computer technology is needed for many.

Brianna Parkinson, who runs Kai 4 Communities, and had been coordinating Bayswater Kaitahi community dinners, had to change focus. There has been an urgent need for prepared meals for the elderly, and with CMA (Companionship and Morning Activities for Seniors) she's recently been granted council funding. She's looking at the possibility of establishing a mobile commercial kitchen.

The Devonport Business Improvement District manager, Shauly van Baaren, says locals' support of Devonport businesses has been impressive. "Many of our businesses joined online groups to keep the community informed," she said. Van Baaren is keen to build on the support and goodwill shown and will continue to let people know how they can support their retailers, eateries and services.

Lance Cablk, who heads the community-led environmental programme Restoring Takarunga Hauraki, had a busy lockdown. "With so many residents exploring their environment on foot, it was the perfect time to provide information about our wonderful coastlines and reserves," he says.

Highlights were the discovery of the first



**Lending a hand... Leah Kermode (above) helping with a Kaitahi Bayswater community dinner, as were Paddy Stafford-Bush and Mark Charlton (below)**

bellbird visiting the peninsula in over 100 years, and a well-attended online public meeting on migratory shorebirds.

Civil Defence was identified as an area needing attention. Although Auckland Council's Emergency Management Centre was distributing food parcels, it didn't appear to coordinate other essentials, such as medicine, for those in isolation.

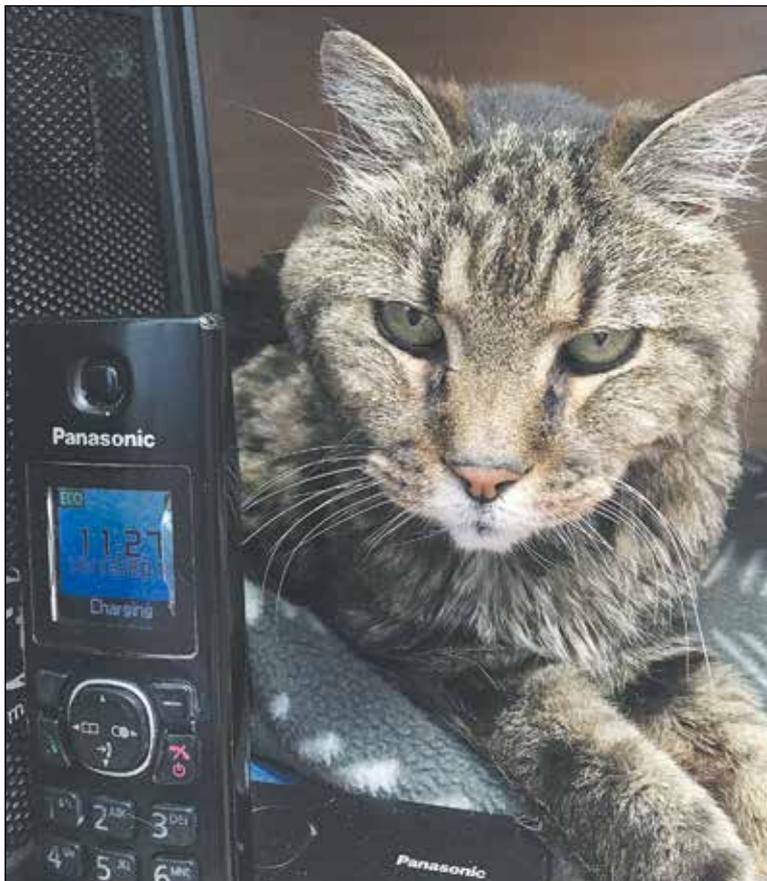
Devonport Civil Defence group's Marcel Pulsford agrees that more can be done locally, if there are resources.

Brent Talbot points out that the crisis highlighted vulnerabilities for the peninsula. "What if infrastructure was damaged or roading disrupted? How vulnerable would the community be then?"

The lack of banking facilities over the lockdown was also a concern for the group. Those unfamiliar with online or telephone banking had no way of accessing services.

The Community Resilience group intends to present its findings to the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board later this month.





Well-connected... Vet cat Moshi, who handled meet-and-greet duties at Shore Vets for 18 years, at the phone (left) and with Scarlett, one of his many close friends

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## Veterinary veteran became clinic favourite



**Final appointment... Moggie Moshie, pictured with veterinary nurse Rachelle Bakewell (above) and in a favourite desktop spot (below)**

Moshie, one of Devonport's best-known felines, who spent 18 years as the house cat at Shore Vets, has died.

Moshie arrived as a stray found on Mt Victoria in 2002, says vet Neil Waddell. An owner could not be located, and the cat elected to stay.

Moshie witnessed thousands of arrivals and departures in his unpaid meet-and-greet role at the practice.

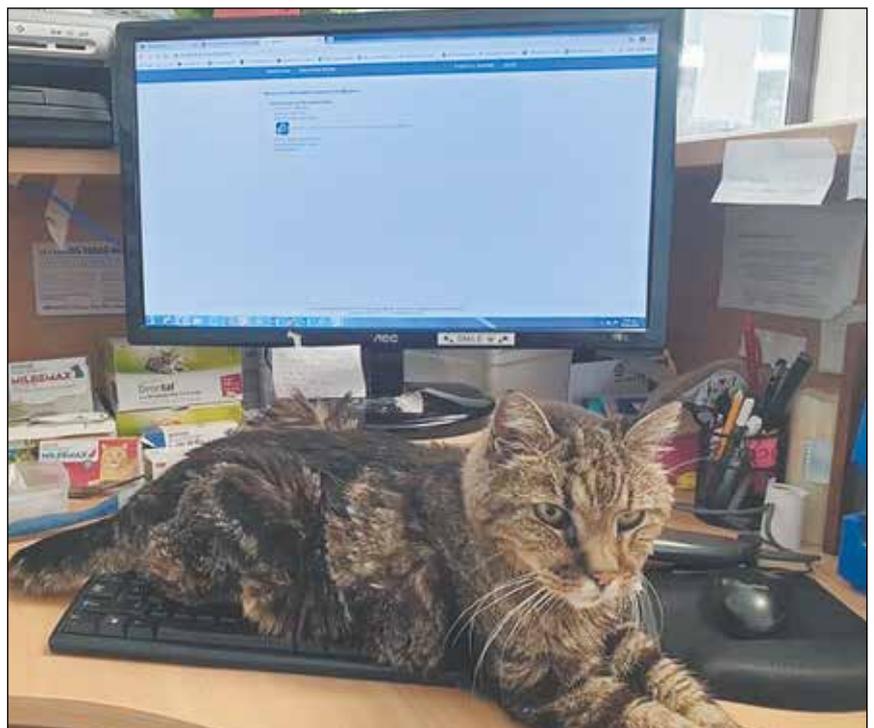
He was particularly adept at flaunting his freedom in front of caged animals, as well as being a proficient sleeper on printers, fax machines and the vet counter.

In his younger days, he would entice customers with his friendly demeanour and then bite them on the nose, Waddell said.

In later years he became deaf and would infuriate dogs by ignoring their barking. The nose-biting was replaced by more congenial head-butting.

In a practical sense, Moshie was used as a demonstration model and for the occasional blood transfusion, Waddell said.

He died on 14 May, after 18 years of top-shelf, vet-sanctioned food and veterinary care.





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## Book Review

### Ripper's victims get some overdue attention

What makes a good book? I've got some simple criteria: it's a work I recommend, at times force on others. Mostly it's a book that demands my attention until it's finished. I can also find myself reading footnotes, addendums, indexes and directions to the author's other works. I want more.

*The Five*, by Hallie Rubenhold is such a book. It's the untold story of the female victims of Jack the Ripper – Mary Ann "Polly" Nichols, Annie Chapman, Elizabeth Stride, Catherine Eddowes and Mary Jane Kelly.

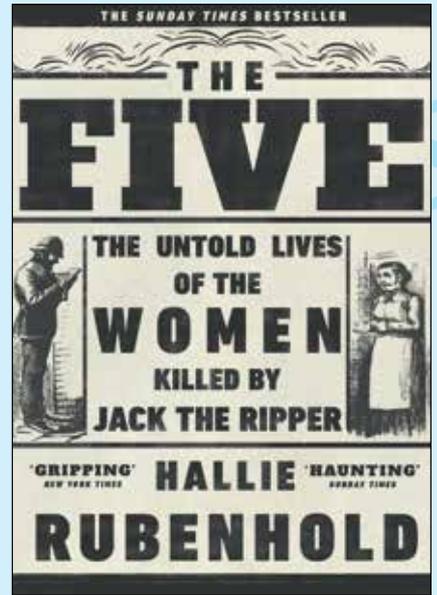
It's a grim subject. But in the deft hands of Rubenhold, the book offers a fascinating, meticulously researched insight into the mores and double standards of Victorian London, the plight of the working poor and the often desperate straits of women of the time.

The Ripper murders were a sensational story of the day – and Jack the Ripper has been the focus of numerous works since. As Rubenhold points out, the women have been largely ignored – in a sense objectified as supporting characters to the leading man.

Press reports at the time were unreliable and often contradictory, so Rubenhold wears out a considerable amount of shoe leather trudging through libraries and archives piecing together the lives of the forgotten victims. The women were commonly labelled prostitutes, but Rubenhold reveals that only Mary Jane Kelly and Elizabeth Stride had been in the trade.

Moreover, she shows how quickly in Victorian society a woman could be labelled "a lady of the night" if she became divorced or widowed, and forced to live in temporary accommodation, the workhouse or on the street.

What elevates *The Five* to a must-read is its secondary plot, which tells the social history of working-class London with great attention to detail, from the complexity of



family relationships (the number of rooms per household, sanitation and clothing), and the impact of death and childbirth on finances, accommodation and survival.

It's incredible that just 150 years ago, children were dying in London from malnutrition, public hangings were social events accompanied by food and commercial stalls for the watching crowds, and women were second-class citizens, with little influence over their income, employment or the number of children they had, or sometimes whether they lived or died – domestic violence was common and often unreported.

I'll certainly be searching out Hallie Rubenhold's other works. – **Rob Drent**

• *The Five* was purchased from Paradox Books during lockdown as part of our effort to support local businesses.

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## Depot sound engineer departs

Sound engineer Morgan Allen is leaving Depot Artspace in August after five years running its recording studio.

“Morgan has been part of the Depot whanau since recording here as winner of Intermediate School Battle of the Bands and then volunteering in the studio from 2009,” said the Depot.

“This passion for recording music inspired Morgan to leave Takapuna Grammar a year early and head off to SAE

institute to prepare for his future career in audio engineering.”

Allen is planning to work as a freelance engineer.

Depot Sound helped clients during lockdown from their improvised home studios. Eight weeks down the track, the recording studio is back operating.

The Depot is looking for a new sound engineer and for any feedback on its studio operation.

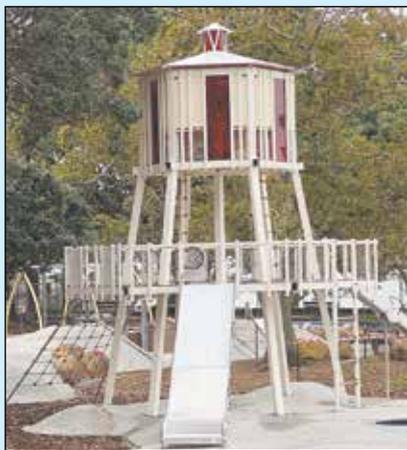
## Bean Rock playground fence too low?

Auckland Council is investigating the fence at the top of the new Bean Rock lighthouse playground at Windsor Reserve to check if it is high enough.

A doctor contacted the Flagstaff about the fence height, saying that to the naked eye it appeared to be below the one-metre height needed to satisfy safety regulations.

She was worried about the health and safety of children using the playground.

The Flagstaff sent a query to council last week, but had not heard back prior to deadline.



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Sonic the Hedgehog (PG) 99 min	Spies in Disguise (PG) 102 min
A Shaun the Sheep Movie: Farmageddon (G) 87 min	

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The Trip to Greece (M) 110 min	11 JUNE
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