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Council selling peninsula retirement village

A six-unit retirement village on a huge plot of land near Narrow Neck Beach is being sold off by Auckland Council.

In June, the last tenants at the Handley Village in Handley Ave moved to new accommodation, "ahead of the village being

prepared for sale later this year," Haumaru Housing chief executive Gaby Glezy told the Devonport Flagstaff.

Grey Power North Shore president Bill Rayner, who lives in Devonport, was appalled by the news.

"It's ruined my day... this is line-in-the-sand stuff. I'll be taking it up with Simon Watts [the National Party candidate for the North Shore electorate] with the view to making it an election issue."

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Trio hard to miss at car-free event



Vest in show... Year 5 Vauxhall School pupils (from left) Leo Powles, Alby Edwards and Spike Riggall wore their high-vis for the school's recent car-free day. Story, more pictures, page 31.



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First impressions ‘need to be better’

The entrance points for visitors attending America’s Cup activities on the North Shore should be spruced up, say Devonport-Takapuna Local Board members.

Esmonde Rd was already overdue for attention, board deputy chair George Wood told the Devonport Flagstaff.

Wood has been following up promised council improvements – including planting – to the main feeder route between the motorway and the two suburbs.

Board member Toni van Tonder wanted to know what improvements were in the pipeline to make the Devonport ferry terminal a more inviting gateway for Cup visitors.

She raised the issue at the board’s monthly meeting, where Auckland Transport (AT) elected-member relationship manager

Marilyn Nicholls said she wasn’t sure what was planned.

Nicholls said she would get an update for the next board meeting, adding: “Any updates have to be contractually committed.”

Board member Trish Deans wondered what impact an AT decision to stop funding for special transport up and down Lake Rd would have on easing congestion and encouraging visitors to use buses. Officials will report back on this as well.

Outside the meeting, Wood said that he had been approached by the Takapuna Beach Business Association about the state of Esmonde Rd, which he had already been chasing up with Auckland Council’s community-facilities team.

The board had earlier set the road as a priority for a spruce-up. “It looked in a poor state when I was down there recently,” Wood said. “With America’s Cup coming up in early 2021, it would be great to get some progress with upgrading the appearance of this entrance to Takapuna.”

Wood was told some weeding and spraying had been done, but gardening had not.

Council’s head of operations for community facilities, Julie Pickering, told the Flagstaff, “We are currently exploring sustainable planting options for the Esmonde Road entranceway and will continue updating the local board on our progress.”

3 Victoria Rd: empty for 767 days

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

It has now been unoccupied for 767 days. Auckland Council development arm Panuku is working through the future options for the building.



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Bottom role is tops again thanks to family connection

Fifty-five years ago, Maureen Monk missed seeing son Gary's school play, but now she's counting down to seeing great-grandson Liam Greenway in the same key comic role at Hauraki School.

"You wouldn't believe it," she says, putting some of the unlikely repeat act down to their shared genes and love of acting. "It's too coincidental not to be."

Gary Monk was equally amazed to learn his daughter's boy was to play Shakespeare's Bottom, a comic character in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. "It wasn't just that it was the same show, but the same character."

The Takapuna businessman was 12 when he performed the role at intermediate school in Gisborne. Liam is two years younger and will take to the stage this weekend in his school's musical version of the play, called *Kidsummer Night's Dream*.

"Nan" will be at a matinee for the first performance on Tuesday 18 August, a day on which the 88-year-old normally juggles aquarobics, cards and exercise.

Hauraki puts on a major production every second year. Pre-lockdown, Liam jumped at the chance to audition.

Principal Clarinda Franklin said finding out later about the family history with the show added another element to what already promised to be a special season.

The Year 5 pupil and other students have been rehearsing hard, building to three times a week, practising their song and dance.

"I know all my lines, I just have to perfect them," Liam told the Flagstaff.

Maureen, a resident at the Poynton retirement village, is hazy as to why she didn't attend her son's play.

Gary says it was performed to fellow students rather than to parents, as was the way back in the day. "Arts in Gisborne in the 60s weren't very big," he recalls, a tad regretfully.

She remembers plenty of carting Gary around, plus seeing a couple of later high-school productions, but agrees children now have more opportunities to shine.

Both Belmont Intermediate (BIS) and Takapuna Grammar, the schools Liam will attend after Hauraki, are strong in encouraging performance.

"Liam has got the chance to take this further," says Gary.

Liam says he is definitely keen to try out for more shows. He also likes maths and art, dance and drama classes.

Maureen remembers her own first school play fondly. It was *The Princess and the Woodcutter*, penned by A.A. Milne. Home performances were part of family life.

Her sister, a seamstress, helped make Gary's donkey head costume for his turn in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. A running gag in the script is that Bottom has been unknowingly transformed into an ass.



Ages and stages... Liam Greenway (left) with his great-grandmother Maureen Monk, and grandfather Gary Monk, who as a schoolboy once played the same Shakespearian role Liam will perform in a Hauraki School production

Liam admits to getting a bit of teasing about his role. "Everyone says to me, 'hey Bottom'."

He is happy to play to the crowd, saying being "loud" was a help in auditioning. "At home, I'm more the kind of person who tries to make people laugh."

Gary says his own forays into acting and debating at school stood him in good stead. "I don't have problems getting up in front of an audience talking. It gave me that confidence at an early stage."

The founder of pioneering exporter Intersea, Gary went on to be made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for his services to the seafood industry and the community. Over the years, he has often been asked to be an M.C.

Liam has confidence already, he says. His grandson agrees, saying he's "not too nervous".

Not only will he have his great-grandmother and grandfather in his support crew, but his 12-year-old brother, Josh – now in Year 8 at BIS – is coming back to Hauraki to help out with drumming in the show. The boys' mother, Sarah, a past pupil of Hauraki, will be working backstage. Father James, chairman of the school's Board of Trustees, will watch on proudly.

• Tickets to the show in the Hauraki School hall are available to the public and may be booked through the school office, by phoning 489 4568. Dates are Tuesday, 18 August, 1pm and then Wednesday to Friday, 7pm.



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TGS reveals



Proud principal... Mary Nixon is excited to show the community how the old has been made new in a six-year building project at Takapuna Grammar School.

The official reopening of Takapuna Grammar School’s restored main block is just the start of plans to further integrate the school with its community, said proud principal Mary Nixon.

Speaking to the Flagstaff ahead of the Friday 14 August opening, she said: “It just feels like an honour to be showing something so enhanced that was set up for purpose 93 years ago.”

The major project has restored heritage features, structurally reinforced the building to meet earthquake standards and updated classroom interiors.

The result is a contemporary learning environment with the character of an earlier era. Nixon says Takapuna Grammar (TGS) was fortunate to have had the building renovated to such an exacting standard, in what was a six-year project steered by the Ministry of Education.

Nixon’s tenure began two years into the project, which took two years longer to complete than originally planned, but was worth the wait. “What they’ve done is spectacular.”

The public has a chance to see inside the building, including its heritage-listed central section, on Saturday morning (15 August). A time slot for a tour, to be taken by prefects, can be booked by phone through the school office for a gold-coin donation.

Nixon said money raised will go towards more planting to enhance the school grounds.

The main driveway has been planted with a row of liquid amber trees leading to the restored entrance steps and wooden doorway.

Inside the reception area, original wooden archways, doors and panelling have been polished up and Art Deco plasterwork freshly painted. Honours boards have pride of place.

Nixon took the Flagstaff for an early tour, giving readers an idea of the restoration. “It’s glorious but it’s fit for purpose and not extravagant,” Nixon said.

An example was the bespoke carpet tiles just inside the entrance. These were cheaper than commissioning carpet, but still special in that they featured school colours and picked up on a water theme reflecting the school’s location near the sea.

For those unable to visit on the open day, Nixon is looking at other opportunities to engage with former pupils and local residents.

One idea is to host an afternoon tea for older alumni. “We want to show them a working school – they’d love to see how classes are now.”

What they will notice is lighter and brighter rooms, with walls between the corridors and classrooms upstairs replaced by glass.

Wide glass doors have also been installed between classrooms to encourage interaction. “This increases the collaboration that is going on,” said Nixon. So too, the type of furniture chosen, such as shared tables.

Younger former pupils are another group the school is keen to stay connected with.

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Period detail... The 1927 block boasts features including (from top right) stained-glass in the tower room, decorated structural beams and original wood panelling

“We want to tap into them, and get them along to talk to current students,” said Nixon.

Unusually for its day, TGS was set up as a co-ed school. Before that, students had to ferry to the city or travel to Northcote for secondary schooling.

As part of the renovation, artwork of former pupils, including Barry Brickell, Rob Tucker and Oliver Cain, is to be hung in the main block. “We’ve always been strong in developing people who have gone into the arts,” said Nixon. A loan of pieces from the Wallace Foundation has also been arranged for display.

Nixon herself is enjoying a new larger office, after years in a prefab. It is across from the principal’s original office. She is particularly pleased how sympathetic interior decoration and better lighting have transformed the look throughout. Painted steel window frames have been stripped back and are now

picked out in smart period-appropriate black. In her office, the panes show the school crest.

A centrepiece of the restoration is the stained-glass window in the Tower Room. Due to rusting of its frame and the age of the glass, specialists in Sweden were called on to work on this from computer images. Now backlit to show its colours, it is a key feature of the building seen from the outside.

The Tower Room will provide a home for school memorabilia and the display of students’ work. “The music people love it, it has a wonderful resonance,” said Nixon. The high-ceilinged room features large vertical steel reinforcing beams, but even these have been repurposed. Painted white, they are decorated in the school blue, with the years picked out in gold leaf paint.

With the restoration now complete, Nixon said attention could be turned to planning for the school centenary in 2027.



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Music not rocket science for local songwriter



Ready to rock 'n' roll ... Christopher Justin, who has just released three singles from his debut album, plans to study music in the United States

For Devonport musician Christopher Justin, the choice between studying aerospace engineering or producing music was easy.

His passion for music led to him becoming a keen songwriter when he was just eight years old, and although his academic achievements have opened up other career pathways, music and the spirit of rock 'n' roll run deep.

Justin, 19, has just released three singles from his first self-titled album: *Miles Apart*, *One Last Time* and *Mile High Ride*.

Producing the album has been his proudest achievement.

"I think what defines me as a musician is that I don't stick to just one genre and I rarely did covers of songs because I wanted to create something original," he says.

He recorded and produced his album while juggling end-of-year NCEA exams at Rosmini College and preparing for SAT tests for entry to American universities.

His favourite track, *One Last Time*, delves into the idea of being able to see significant people in life again, even if it is for just one last time.

Justin says organising people and equipment was half the work in producing the album. With studio time at a premium, he had a bass fail when he plugged it in and had to frantically search for an instrument to borrow.

He says his parents are his biggest supporters. "They helped get me to gigs and organise events."

Two of the tracks were recorded at Big-pop Studios in the Auckland CBD, but the rest of the album was recorded at the Depot recording studio in Devonport, with sound engineer Morgan Allen.

Justin played the guitars, bass, keyboards and percussion on all of the album, aside from drums performed by George Brajkovick and keyboard by Filip Kus on *Miles Apart*.

Scott Seabright mixed and mastered the tracks. The singles are available on music and streaming platforms including Spotify, iTunes and Amazon.

Justin recently had his three singles featured on Radio Caroline in the UK. He says he was especially proud to be on the station founded to break a record-company monopoly over pop-music broadcasting. Justin formed his first band, Slipstream, as a nine-year-old at St Leo's School.

His parents had introduced him to 70s rock 'n' roll and jazz, and he was inspired by bands such as AC/DC, Whitesnake and Deep Purple, and guitarists like Stevie Ray Vaughan, John Mayer and Guthrie Govan.

Slipstream released an EP in 2018, and the following year Justin went solo.

Meanwhile, strong academic results at

high school meant he had a wide range of options to consider.

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Handley Court retirement units vacated for sale



Up for sale... Handley Court retirement village in Handley Avenue has been emptied of tenants and fenced off ahead of being put on the market

It was “critical” that retirement housing units be retained in the area where people spent their earlier lives, Rayner said.

Panuku (Auckland Council’s development arm) will be managing the sale.

“The sale’s proceeds will be reinvested into Haumarū Housing to develop new affordable rental accommodation, which will meet the growing demands of older people whose needs are changing but still

wish to live independently,” Glezy said.

Haumarū Housing, which manages pensioner housing across Auckland, is a joint venture between Auckland Council and the Selwyn Village Foundation

It is understood there is no guarantee the proceeds from the sale will return to the Devonport peninsula for the development of pensioner housing.

The Handley Ave site is 2259sqm and

has a valuation of \$2.8 million (\$1.95 million for the land and \$850,000 for the buildings).

Auckland Council has long been a reluctant custodian of pensioner housing. It has around 1400 units across the city, but has a core policy of not expanding current stocks.

The Handley Court property will continue to be maintained until it is sold, Glezy said.

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Full steam ahead for tugboat's return to Victoria Wharf

The historic tugboat William C Daldy is set to return to Devonport in time for the America's Cup in 2021.

The Daldy was berthed at Victoria Wharf from 1997 to 2012, but is currently at Princes Wharf in the city, where its lease will expire in December.

The William Daldy Preservation Society has been working with Panuku, Auckland Council's property arm, on a lease at Victoria Wharf.

"A move to Devonport would provide a better platform from which the society could base its operation from and align with the strong heritage values in Devonport," said a report from the society to a Devonport-Takapuna Local Board workshop.

The return of the Daldy to Victoria Wharf was "an opportunity to strengthen Devonport's heritage and maritime character as well as provide a possible tourism drawcard to complement many of the businesses and organisations based in Devonport".

Devonport children would be able to visit the vessel to learn about steam boilers and an operating sea tug.

Pressure is building on downtown waterfront availability due to the upcoming Cup events.

The Daldy is one of the last coal-fired steam tugs in the world still operating. It plied Auckland Harbour from 1935 to 1977.

A full report will be prepared for the local board for its meeting later in August.



The William C Daldy on Auckland Harbour

Public forum on cannabis reform

A public forum on the Cannabis Legalisation and Control Bill will be held in Devonport at 7 pm on 20 August at the Holy Trinity Parish Hall, 20 Church St. Speakers include: Aaron Ironside from

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Belmont top of class at cross-country champs

Belmont Intermediate cross-country runners cleaned up at the North Shore Cross Country Zone Day.

Runners from the school won the Year 7 Girls, Year 7 Boys and Year 8 Boys races held at Sanders Reserve in Paremoremo last week. Asha Edwards and Harry Shannon won their Year 7 races and Dominic Cook was first in the Year 8 Boys race.

Belmont had 40 students competing, with 10 finishing in the top 10 in their races, meaning they will now progress on to the Auckland Cross Country Champs, which will be held on 1 September, in Muriwai. Nova Powles was 3rd and Jessica Donnelly 8th in the Year 7 Girls race. Piper Lodge was 6th and Isla Cutts 9th in the Year 8 Girls race.

In the Year 7 Boys, Alex Clayton was 4th, Harry Brown 5th and Axel Healy 10th.



Best on Shore... Harry Shannon (left) took out the Year 7 Boys race and Asha Edwards won the Year 7 Girls race at the North Shore Cross Country Zone Day

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By Rob Drent

Local-body politicians continue to use Facebook to spin events to their own ends: at best it's misleading and, at worst it's fake news.

A glaring example is a post recently by North Shore Councillor Richard Hills, who claimed the \$47million Lake Rd upgrade budget was in jeopardy because the Devonport-Takapuna

Local Board voted against approving the latest Auckland Transport (AT) plan for the works.

Hills, who was not at the local-board meeting, cited a few links that seemed to back up his view, including a Radio New Zealand story, which said (erroneously) that the vote may mean the project was dead in the water.

He neglected to provide a link to the minutes of the meeting or the 3 July Flagstaff report (yes we were there), which painted a different picture, more grey than a black-and-white rejection. Essentially the board voted against rubber-stamping AT's final plan to give members a bit more time to fine-tune details and consider public submissions on the plan (the originals are still unseen by members). Indeed what really is the point of public consultation if is not properly considered?

Contrary to Hills' post, board member Ruth Jackson, proposer of the motion, spoke at length at the meeting about how important the project was for the board, and the need to retain the budget.

So has the board's vote seriously jeopardised the funding? Auckland Council clearly foreshadowed it would be dropped from this year's work programme due to the \$750 million budget shortfall caused by the Covid-19 outbreak. And this happened – no funding for the Lake Rd improvements project within its recently approved Emergency Budget.

The Flagstaff went to AT to ascertain the status of the project.

Its response was: "The \$47 million is budgeted, but before we spend that money we have to go through a number of gates: e.g. detailed

design, any land acquisitions that might be necessary and finally approval of the business case etc., from Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (NZTA), which contributes 50 per cent of the funding.

"This is the normal process for any of our projects." (The NZTA input is key: reports from the agency seen by the Flagstaff have clearly influenced the direction of the project.)

Current work on the Lake Rd Detailed Business Case will come to a close later this month, AT said.

AT added: "The project will be considered in the work on the 2021-31 Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP)."

So final decisions will be made by Auckland Transport, with a lot of input from NZTA, and will need the final go-ahead by a cash-strapped Auckland Council. In reality, the board vote last month will have little impact down the line.

As far as public consultation went, AT said it has taken on board the feedback from the 563 submitters and the input from the local board and "we will consider that before making any decisions."

It was currently working through the submissions and "will redact any private submitter information before supplying the public submissions to the local board."

AT said it was aiming to "work positively with the local board on recommending the project and will work closely with the local board."

In summary, nothing on Lake Rd is moving very fast. But be sceptical of what politicians put up on Facebook – the modern-day version of talkback radio.

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Devonport 79a Stanley Point Road

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3 2 2 2

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Devonport 18 Ngataranga Road

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Explore The Options

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Devonport 58 Old Lake Road

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Stop Looking And Start Living!

Enjoy the easy care life style on offer here. Bathed in all day sun this low maintenance four bedroom family home has been completely upgraded by the current owners and provides a haven from your busy life. With an abundance of storage throughout the house and living areas that flow to the outdoors this home will suit everyone from active families to active retirees!

For Sale

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Devonport 2/55 Aramoana Avenue

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Auction

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For Sale

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Waiheke Island 84 Vintage Lane

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Waiheke Island 50 Ocean Road

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Sea Views, Sun And Central

Recently renovated, this beautifully presented four bedroom home is situated on a gently sloping corner section and bathed in all day, year round sun. With three bedrooms on the upper level, a studio plus ensuite on the lower level is ideal for guests, family overflow or rental income. Easy drive on access to a carport and ample off street parking complete the package.

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Lake Rd fact check needed to set the record straight

I would like to set the record straight on significant misinformation currently doing the rounds regarding the Lake Rd Improvements project.

Firstly, the construction budget for the works has been put on hold solely because of Covid-19 and the Emergency Budget process – not because of anything that this or any previous local board has said or done.

All council projects that did not yet have signed contracts were deferred during the Emergency Budget. Lake Rd was just one of them.

Here's a quick fact check.

At the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board (DTLB) meeting on 26 June, four members

(myself, Jan O'Connor, Trish Deans and George Wood):

- Voted for a resolution that supported the four key goals of the Lake Rd Improvement project – a) easing traffic congestion; b) fixing the three major pinchpoints at Hauraki, Bardia, and Belmont; c) improving public transport; and d) improving pedestrian and cycle safety.
- Did not vote either for or against the plan put out for public consultation, but did express significant concerns, which we'd like to discuss further with Auckland Transport.
- Clearly stated we want to retain the \$47 million in funding to ensure that much-needed

and long-awaited improvements are made to Lake Rd for the benefit of our community.

- Requested to see the public submissions so that we can be fully informed on community views – positive and negative, in favour or against – before we formulate an official DTLB response to the plan. We are now waiting to see these.

The four of us have not thumbed our noses at the \$47 million previous boards worked so hard for. Neither have we simply rubber-stamped the plan – and nor should we. Our job as board members is to represent our community – and we have not yet been allowed to see the public submissions regarding this crucial project.

AT's report about the consultation feedback says there were a huge range of differing and conflicting opinions – which will hardly come as a surprise to anyone.

But we haven't seen them, and we are waiting to hear when (or if) we will.

Asking us to truly represent your views when we haven't seen your submissions is like asking us to give an in-depth evaluation of a book that we haven't actually read, based on someone else's review of it.

As someone who walks, cycles, uses public transport, and uses a car – I want us to get as close as \$47 million will allow us to get to the holy grail of meeting all four key goals envisaged by the local board when it first advocated to council for this project.

So I truly want to dive into the submissions and learn everything that I can from what you've said – whether for or against, positive or negative – so I can play whatever role I'm allowed to play as a board member in getting the best result possible for everyone.

Ruth Jackson, Devonport-Takapuna Local Board member

Safety and adventure possible

Sue O'Keefe (Flagstaff, 31 July) is right to say that we should not wrap our children in cotton wool.

I think Bean Rock playground is a very exciting facility for our children and would encourage them to use it. My granddaughter is an energetic and adventurous child and I would like her to experience the playground to the full.

What I object to is the manufacturing of unnecessary dangers. If we are building a playground from scratch, we should have regard to secondary safety features such as sharp edges and falling hazards. After all, we teach our children to stop and look before they cross the road – we don't let them learn from near misses with vehicles.

Sue's childhood sounds very similar to my own, but we did not have skateboards. We made go-carts out of old prams and had hair-raising experiences with them. Children were largely unmonitored then and were able to test themselves gradually.

But Bean Rock is not a natural environment and it does throw the kids in at the deep end. I too suffered a broken leg as a child, but I do not regard it as a life-enhancing experience and one I certainly do not want our children to go through. It sounds like Sue recovered better from hers as I never took part in sport as much as I would have done otherwise.

Let's not advocate injuries as good learning experiences. Inevitably children will get cuts and bruises, but I don't want to read about broken bones or serious eye injuries that could have been prevented. From a purely mercenary point of view, would the council (and therefore the ratepayers) have a liability for negligence in the event of injury?

For an example of a well-designed playground, you could look at the one on Whitianga Esplanade, which does not have any of the hazards I have pointed out, is larger than Bean Rock and was built at a much lower cost.

David Thornber

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Board right to reject Lake Rd plan

Well done to the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board for rejecting Auckland Transport's (AT's) plan for Lake Road.

AT's design clearly would do nothing to diminish traffic congestion because it ignored the single most important method for getting people out of cars – buses!

Instead it focused on improving bike lanes, putting up more signs and improving a couple of intersections, all for the huge price of \$47

million.

The council's budget crisis has put the project on hold anyway, so it was the right time for the local board to ask AT to look again at the design and focus on buses not bikes.

Separate T2 or T3 bus lanes that will deliver a speedy bus journey along Lake Rd is the only way to encourage people onto public transport and reduce congestion on this notorious road.

Margot McRae

Wood: I'm not a rubber stamp

The Lake Rd upgrade project is certainly topical at present. In the Devonport Locals Facebook page, Councillor Richard Hills is alleging that I am one of four members of the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board (DTLB) who have stopped the project.

The councillor alleges that we have put "all this at risk by voting against a plan that would help address some of the issues."

I was never elected to be a rubber stamp, and believe that I have a right to suggest changes where a better plan could be achieved.

If Cr Hills reads the resolution passed by the local board on 23 June 2020, he will see that the four members in fact were asking Auckland Transport (AT) to make changes to the design.

That is our right to request those changes, especially when this was the first time that we had a formal opportunity to make report back to AT. Overall, we were supportive of the Lake Rd improvements, but wish to have our suggested changes considered.

I believe that the changes requested were reasonable, and related to giving buses better access along Lake Rd, and also changing the design of the main intersections at Bayswater Ave, Bardia St, Eversleigh and St. Leonards Rds and Hauraki Rd.

A key request also related to the DTLB being able to view the actual 563 submissions that were received. Reading the detailed submissions would be more helpful than the board members having to rely on a summary prepared by AT.

Finally Cr Hills alludes to houses being demolished, by stating: "why would we want to demolish that many homes to build a Lake Rd motorway?"

No one has ever said we wanted to demolish homes to that scale; there may be a requirement in order to do this project well to reduce the frontages on some properties, but I would doubt that would require the widespread demolition of homes.

George Wood, Deputy Chairman, Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

Bus service to Ryman easily fixed?

I agree with your recent correspondent that the residents of the Ryman village need a bus service. (Maxilyn Tudman, Flagstaff, 31 July).

This could be achieved by running the 814 straight down Lake Rd, eliminating the dog leg through Narrow Neck. This would have the added advantage of making the journey to Takapuna quicker. To service Narrow Neck,

the 807 could be re-routed to run from the Devonport ferry to The Bayswater ferry, via Vauxhall and Narrow Neck.

This would also allow Devonport children to get to soccer at Bayswater reserve and Bayswater residents to catch the Devonport ferry in between the infrequent Bayswater service.

Chris Werry

Letters to the Editor

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Dog owners need better training

As we return to our daily walks, it has become apparent that some dog owners are not removing their pets, excreta.

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Heather Dixon



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TGS frisbee team snatches Ultimate Auckland prize

Takapuna Grammar School's Ultimate Frisbee premier boys team has been crowned the Auckland indoor champions for 2020.

The first Takapuna Grammar School (TGS) team to take the title, they won an epic final at the Pulman Arena in Takanini last month, defeating Auckland Grammar, the winner for the previous four years, with a final score on the buzzer of 8-6.

The game was close throughout, with TGS's Lomano Crichton delivering an extraordinary last-minute score by flicking a no-look pass into the score box, where Finn Barnes caught the frisbee to help ensure victory.

Earlier, TGS beat Westlake Boys High School in the semi-final, with a one point win in overtime.

TGS Sports Coordinator and PE and health teacher Melita Tui'sila said she has seen a steady increase in student participation in the Ultimate Frisbee, both indoor and outdoor.

Thirty-seven teams played in the Auckland indoor champs.

Ultimate Frisbee is an inclusive sport, with a heavy emphasis on teamwork, fair play and team spirit.

The games are all self-refereed and encourage open and honest communication between players, Tui'sila said.

"Ultimate Frisbee is a fast-growing sport at the school as students are getting exposure to it in physical education and are wanting to learn more about it," she added.

The TGS Girls A team came third in their competition at the indoor champs.

The sport has been building at TGS since it was introduced by former teacher Matt Cade, who founded the TGS Ultimate Frisbee team as a co-curricular activity 11 years ago.

The current boys coach is TGS parent Evan Barnes, who is himself a competitive player, and has been selected for a national Grand Masters (over-40) squad.

The girls have a new coach this year, Tanith Carroll, who has played many years of top-class Ultimate Frisbee.



First-time title winners... The Auckland Ultimate Frisbee boys champions from TGS – Lomano Crichton, Finn Barnes, Aiden Kerr, Chris Williams, Julian Ng, Noah Tu'sila, Matt Boniface and coach Evan Barnes



Team time... TGS Ultimate Frisbee girls (from back, left) Alana Rodrigues-Birch, Pippi Duncan, Paulina Pueschel, Ceyda Sarikaya, Briar Carter, Maia Madsen Brough, Mila White, Gloria Crichton, Amelia Swarbrick, Natasha Nowaczek, (from front, left) Emi Lipoth, Saskia Nyhoff, Juliana Chamis, Eloise Thorne, Amber Sanders, Angelina Lovison and coach Tanith Carroll

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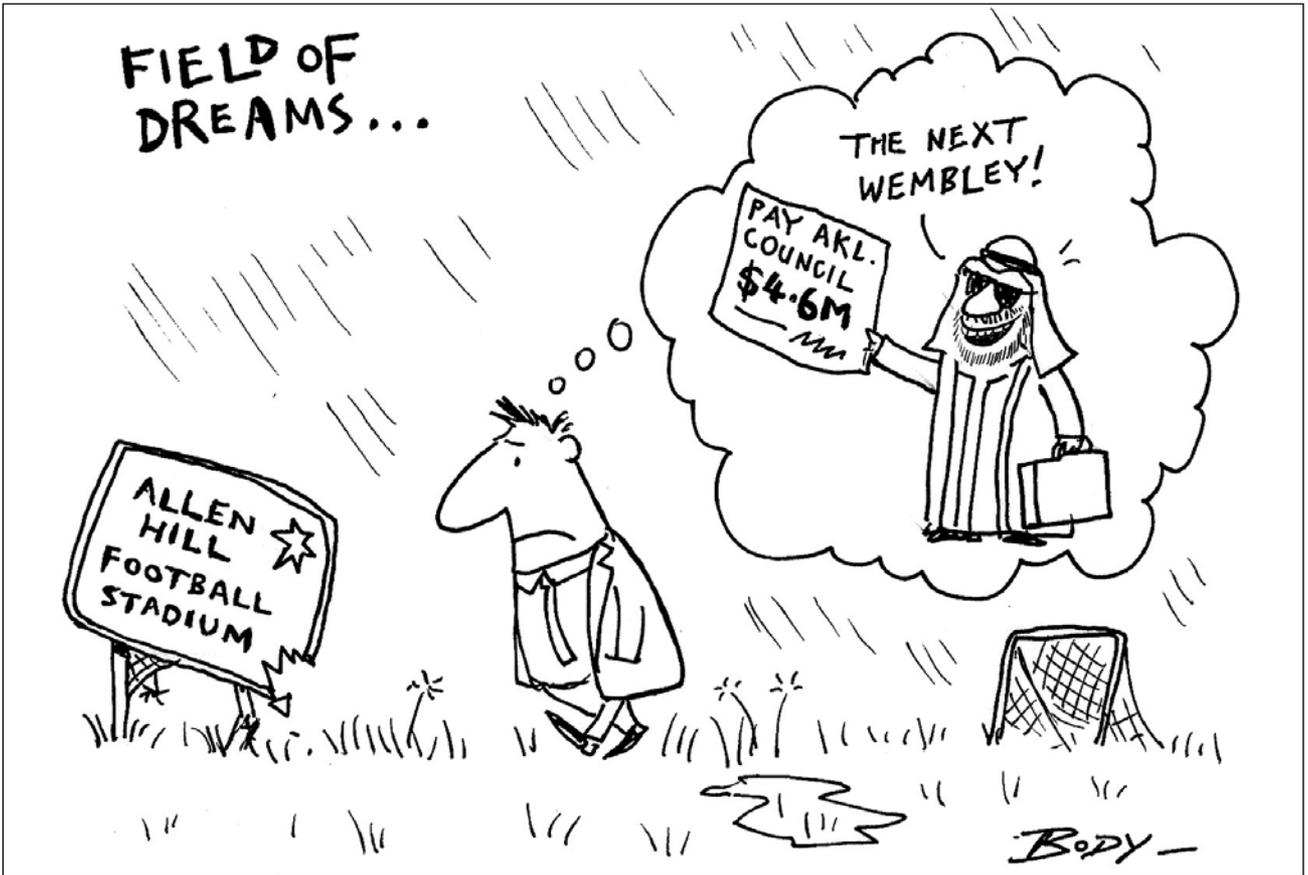
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Plenty on life's menu for community-meal kingpin

Lawyer and mother-of-three Brianna Parkinson bounced back from a food-business disappointment to launch a social-meal project in Bayswater. She tells Helen Vause about sharing resources to help build community.



Waste not... Brianna Parkinson and her crew incorporate “rescued” food into the meals they distribute weekly and share monthly in a popular community get-together

If you run into Brianna Parkinson, she could well have a box of apples under one arm and a wriggling puppy under the other. Or she might be headed off in her suit to tackle a gnarly legal dispute. By the end of the day she could be on a taxi-mum run.

But if it's Wednesday morning, you'll more than likely find her in the little kitchen at the Bayswater Bowling Club, with a bunch of volunteers peeling, chopping and stirring, cooking up delicious dinners and desserts for

the community. That is the morning Brianna and her Kai 4 Communities crew make 100 or more meals that will be distributed to people in the area who are in need of some good kai and support.

Making and distributing the meals has been funded by the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board, and many of the ingredients are contributed by food rescuers, Kiwi Harvest.

Around 1500 of the weekly meals will be delivered before the current funding runs out and the scheme is re-evaluated.

It runs alongside the monthly Kaitahi Dinners that Parkinson established in Bayswater in 2017. This month, the 27th dinner will bring more than 100 local people to Bayswater School to share a meal in a popular community event for all comers.

The weekly dinners are a kind of Covid-19 response for the community, and may just be a “short-term hug”, says Parkinson.

The mother of three, businesswoman and lawyer dives into the community-cooking projects in a way that suggests her time and energy are limitless resources.

Parkinson is no stranger to hard work and juggling multiple demands. She grew up in the country, in Waiuku, south of Auckland, where her parents owned a knitwear business

in which the whole family often pitched in to help out.

She remembers her first task in the knitwear factory, as a seven-year-old, was helping tweak leftover yarn. Many more holiday jobs followed in the factory and the local fields.

“One year, I remember we picked pumpkins for a grower near where we lived.”

She recalls biking five kilometres on bumpy country roads to school and being part of a country community where everyone worked together. And if kids wanted pocket money they found ways to earn it.

For her high-school years, Parkinson was a border at a city school. Then she set her sights on the University of Auckland and a law degree.

She wanted a qualification that would put her right in the thick of the workings of the world, and give her the tools to help make a difference.

Alongside her studies, she was also a competitive cyclist, and met her husband-to-be Mike Kwok.

Over a 20-year legal career, Parkinson has worked for a couple of big law firms and as in-house counsel for Auckland Council.

She is an experienced litigator in resource

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Parkinson has a keen commitment to public spaces and ensuring the creation or preservation of them through planning.

She was involved in wrangling the challenges in the development of the Wynyard Quarter on the Auckland waterfront, including issues of hazards, heritage, multi-use and public spaces. "Master-planning is the only logical way to go forward for urban growth," she says.

By the time of the birth of her first daughter 16 years ago, Parkinson decided something had to give if she and Kwok were to have the family life she valued, so she cut back on her workload. When her second baby girl came 23 months later, she took time off and scaled down the work again, for a while.

With a two-year-old, and a young baby, she leapt into the commitment of hands-on early education at Narrow Neck Playcentre – and a serious spot of fundraising for the centre.

Parkinson had her hands full, but was hankering for a new challenge and decided to become a barrister, taking the scope of her professional life in a new direction.

The couple had a third little girl, and 46-year-old Parkinson recalls those chaotic early-childhood years with a laugh. "We were also ripping apart an old villa and renovating."

A few years on, with the kids at school, the renovations done and more professional experience under her belt, Parkinson was struggling with some disillusionment around the city's planning issues.

On a flight to Christchurch, a magazine story about backing local food production and eating local caught her eye. An idea formed and she was off, with full support from her husband, on a bold new adventure.

In 2017, Parkinson and Kwok opened the doors on the upmarket foodie destination

store, The Little Village Grocer, in Devonport.

They poured in hours of work, planning and money to what they hoped would be the store of choice for discerning locals. But after four months of trading, Parkinson says they had to face the reality of the viability of the business and they shut the doors.

They reopened some months later as a café, which they sold in January of the following year.

It was possibly the toughest year of her life, she says. It was the collapse of a private dream fuelled by deeply held passions about how in an ideal world food should go from farmer to table.

"There are a number of things these dinners are doing, apart from using food that would have otherwise been heading for the bin. They bring people together both on the night and in the preparations. They are a treat for families who otherwise couldn't go out for dinner together. And they do help to address loneliness in communities.

"We are becoming more and more insular. This is about giving a little bit of aroha to the community. I strongly believe that if you share the resources, you are building community.

"And they are delicious meals that we're providing," she grins.

"There is always meat on the menu, and

"We are becoming more and more insular. This is about giving a little bit of aroha to the community."

"I was absolutely gutted. Closing that business was a biggie for me."

Parkinson may have been reeling with disappointment, but already had another scheme in her sights. Working with food waste and promoting social dining were on her radar and she found a way to be part of that.

In September 2017, she'd sourced food that would otherwise have been wasted and, with the help of volunteers, she pulled together Bayswater's first Kaitahi Dinner.

"It was probably part of my healing process as I came to terms with what had happened to the business," she says. "But the thing that drove me from the start was having a way of working with food waste. And the timing was absolutely right for me.

there is always ice cream. You should see the kids' faces when they see the ice cream."

The demands of the growing Kaitahi projects are high – and sometimes those food boxes are pretty heavy. But alongside this commitment, Parkinson works up to about 20 hours a week. Currently, she is co-counsel on a couple of prosecutions under the Resource Management Act, and she's acting for others in environmental issues.

"For me it's all about finding a balance, and that old thing about paying attention to self-care. I've learned I can flick the switch from one role to another pretty quickly. I never had ambitions to make partner in the firm or to become a judge all while raising a family.

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Boat ramp ‘needs replacing’

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Auckland Council Community Facilities Head of Area Operations Paul Amaral said council was working on a replacement ramp.

He said the council had been in contact with locals, including dinghy-locker tenants, about their options in the meantime. “There are other ramps and beaches in the area that people can use while this ramp is out of action.”

An initial investigation and design is expected to be completed by June 2021.

Stadium upgrade shelved

The Allen Hill football stadium upgrade has been canned for 2020/21.

Resource consent was granted for the project late in 2019, but it ran into problems almost straight away, when rebudgeting revealed it would cost \$4.6 million rather than \$2.1 million.

Then Covid-19 hit, and Auckland Council faced a \$750 million budget shortfall, with all non-contracted works put on hold prior to an Emergency Budget.

A single line in a report to a Devonport-Takapuna Local Board workshop has sealed the ground’s fate – at least temporarily.

“Allen Hill is not included in this (year’s)

Work Programme.”

The project is currently in the 2024/25 work programme, but may be pushed out further.

The proposed BMX Track at Woodall Park, Narrow Neck, has also been put on hold.

The track has been deferred due to Auckland Council budget constraints following Covid-19, a Devonport-Takapuna Local Board workshop was told.

Local-board plan submissions close

Public submissions on the Devonport-Takapuna three-year plan have just closed. These will be considered by the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board, who will set priorities.

A closed board meeting was held last week to consider oral submissions from around a dozen community organisations.

A weekend drop-in session for the public was also held in Takapuna.

The Flagstaff will report on key themes of the submissions once these are collated and summarised by council officials.

The Milford Residents Association says it was heartened that water quality of beaches had been given a high priority by the board based on preliminary public feedback.

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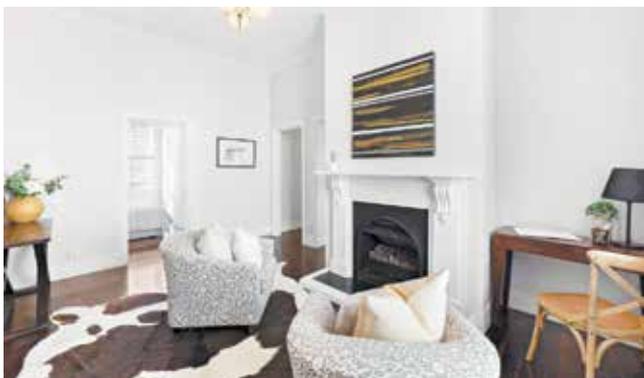
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The success of a recent car-free day at Vauxhall School means the event will be repeated next year.

Designed to encourage children to bike, scooter, run or walk to school, the sustainable-transport event also brought the community together with on-site fun activities.

The school's environmental co-ordinator, Martin Laurence, helped Year 5 children organise the day with support from Auckland Transport.

"It was a very successful day that helped build awareness of finding more environment-friendly ways to come to school, said teacher Mary Laurence. A bike-and-scooter

track and a bike-check station were set up, with coffee for parents and a voucher for children to collect an iceblock at lunchtime.

Morrison Ave was coned off to school traffic in the morning. Parents and care-givers who did need to drive children to class, parked on Vauxhall or Wairoa Rds so they could walk the final stretch.



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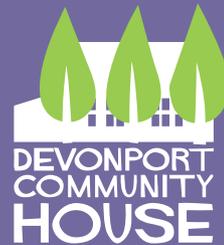
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Property sell-off decisions coming in September

Decisions on the sale of council properties in the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area will be made in September.

The properties identified as surplus to requirements, and potentially part of an "asset-recycling programme", are 2 Forrest Hill Rd, a 650sqm section of vacant land; 130 sqm of a recreation reserve at 24R

Linwood Ave, Forrest Hill; 4 Bloomfield Spa, Takapuna (496sqm of vacant land, which was a former service lane but is now open space); 2 The Strand Takapuna (a category B heritage building on 486sqm); and the former Devonport Borough Council building at 3 Victoria Rd – a category-A heritage building on 468sqm of land,

described as an earthquake-prone building, which has been vacant for two years

The properties "will not be sold for less than 90 per cent of the valuation, without approval of the Finance and Performance Committee," said Auckland Council's Chief Financial Officer, Kevin Ramsey.

"Most of the sites surplus to council requirements are sold contestably through an open-market process, where the property is advertised, usually through an appointed agent, so anyone with an interest in that property is aware it is for sale and has the opportunity to make a bid.

"Interested parties, like neighbours or community groups, can ask to be considered if they wish," he said.

"We're not only looking at selling properties which are not being used well, but at new ways to use what we have."

This includes potentially restructuring existing lease arrangements, getting lease payments in advance or granting a concession to use a council asset, he said.

The sale of car park concessions is the largest opportunity. Auckland Transport will develop a business case to be considered later in the year by the Auckland Council Finance and Performance Committee, Ramsey said.

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Interns snaffle opportunity at chocolate company



Getting a taste of local business... (from left) Seren Wilson of Talent Solutions; students Minghong Chen, Shivam Khilnani, Violet Wang, Yoki Lee; and Devonport Chocolates' Caroline Everitt

University of Auckland students took up the opportunity to intern with local family-run business Devonport Chocolates as it adapts to a post-Covid-19 market without overseas tourists.

Five university students worked with the company on a virtual micro-internship project to assess how different businesses have been affected by Covid-19.

They were tasked with tackling the challenge of reduced tourist foot traffic to the firm's Devonport and Queen St stores.

"It's been a tough and challenging time for a lot of businesses, and while the business is not seeing growth, Devonport locals have been a great support," said Devonport Chocolates Marketing and Retail Director Caroline Everitt.

It was good to get different perspectives from the students, she said, on how the business could be more self-reliant and maximise its potential in the New Zealand market without a heavy reliance on tourism.

"The impact of Covid-19 has been significant on our business, and we are pleased to be able to contribute to this initiative, which offers an opportunity for students to research, analyse and share their insights on our current business challenges."

The project was coordinated by consultants Talent Solutions.

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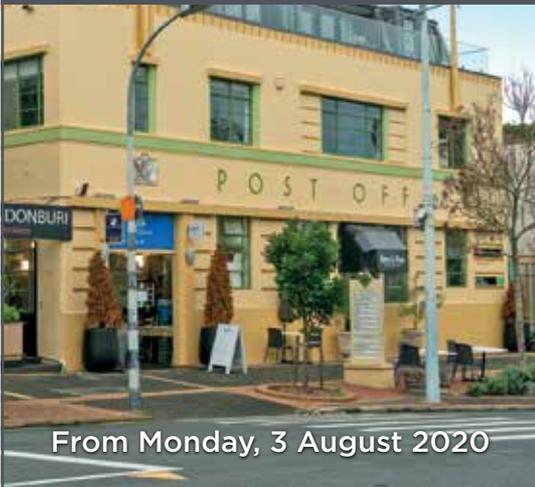
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HMNZS AOTEAROA BECOMES PART OF THE NAVY FAMILY

HMNZS Aotearoa, the Royal New Zealand Navy's newest – and largest ever – vessel, was commissioned on 29 July at Devonport Naval Base, in the presence of the Governor General and ship's sponsor, Dame Patsy Reddy, and a substantial audience on the marquee-covered flight deck.

Captain Simon Rooke, Commanding Officer, accepted both the Commissioning Warrant and the Commissioning Pennant, with the latter being hoisted for the first time along with the New Zealand flag and White Ensign. After the reading of the Command Directive to Captain Rooke, Rear Admiral Proctor placed the symbol of command into his hands. "I have the ship," said Captain Rooke. "You have the ship," agreed Rear Admiral Proctor.

The symbol of command, a carved Kauri staff named Tai-Panuku (Smooth flowing tide), was created on behalf of Ngāti Te Whiti, the iwi in Aotearoa's ceremonial home port, New Plymouth. Aotearoa has followed the tradition of its predecessor, HMNZS Endeavour, in being linked to a port noted for fuelling and sustenance.



Captain Rooke, who takes command for the sixth time, says it is an honour to become the first kaitiaki of Aotearoa. "Command is a highlight of any officer's naval career, and it's something I take seriously. It will command all my energy, passion and

commitment I can muster."

To his crew, he said he had every confidence in them. "I promise to all of you, with the support of the very best sailors on board, that AOTEAROA will live up to her motto – Kokiritia (Onward)."

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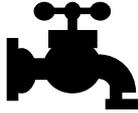
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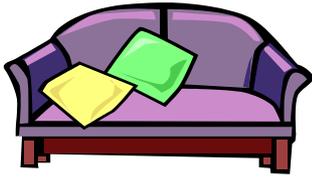
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Market Day through the eyes of a drama Kid



There is a humming in the hall's air; weeks of preparation have led up to this. Ideating products, fighting over the position of CEO, scouring TradeMe for the best succulent price, pleading with the teacher to let us call our business 'Garden Hose', collecting cans and jars, drilling drainage holes, painting and potting and planting and preening over details and data. The school bell rings for lunchtime. After an hour of setting up, through a strange mix of angst and anticipation, the moment has arrived: Market Day.

Between selling succulents and flowers, I was

able to wander the rows of stalls and was amazed by what I saw. I left the hall that day with a tie-dye T-shirt, a jasmine scent diffuser, a braided bracelet, a shell necklace, colourful clay earrings, a greenstone pendant, and a turmeric & cinnamon face mask.

Other stalls seemed to have been browsing social media instead of thinking of an original product, but for some, their time on Pinterest had paid off as they outdid themselves in artsy aesthetics – rainbow tablecloths, posters, shells, fairy lights and ferns were paraded on all the best stalls.

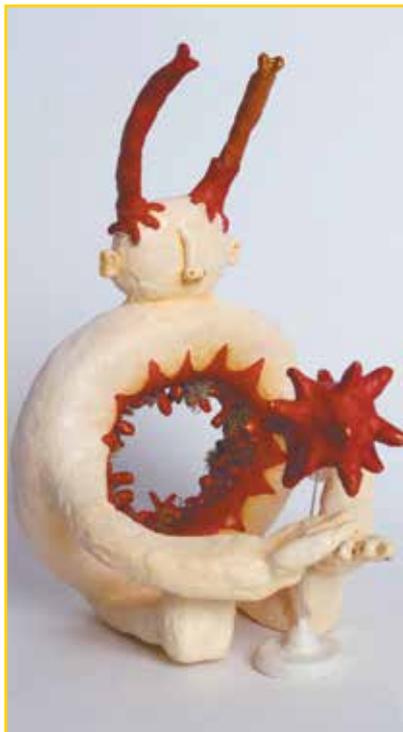
Weta Workshop rising-stars competition

Year 10 student Giselle den Breems was recently listed among the winners of Weta Workshop's Earth Guardians Character Design Competition. Here is her description of this award-winning design.

My character is of Elvin origin and resides in abandoned woodpecker hollows in trees. Like many elves, its diet consists of blue oyster mushrooms, wild strawberries gathered from woodland clearings, and the rotten yolks of any discarded eggs.

Every day, as the guardian of identity, the giver of names, they travel through the forest, visiting slimy silky newborn fawns and faeries, wolverine and white mountain lion cubs, the tiny young of owls and hares. They bring them a sometimes sweet, sometimes bitter elixir of ground pine needles, honey, and something else (a secret) and dust the children's noses and foreheads with pollen. Occasionally, it becomes caught in their eyelashes.

When they leave, they take the afterbirth with them and will later throw it into a creek for migrating salmon to feed on. This process is what gives an animal its 'name' – what humans might label as the 'soul'. The animal receives a feeling and understanding of life rather than simply being able to carry out life processes. These creatures might be considered midwives or baptists of the woods.



Parents and students attend International Baccalaureate Information Evening

On 6 August, parents and TGS students gathered in the hall to attend an information evening about the International Baccalaureate (IB), one of the two internationally recognised curriculums offered by Takapuna Grammar. The evening was aimed at Year 11 students interested in taking the IB next year, and their parents, and helped give a sense of what the programme was about and the types of requirements within the curriculum.

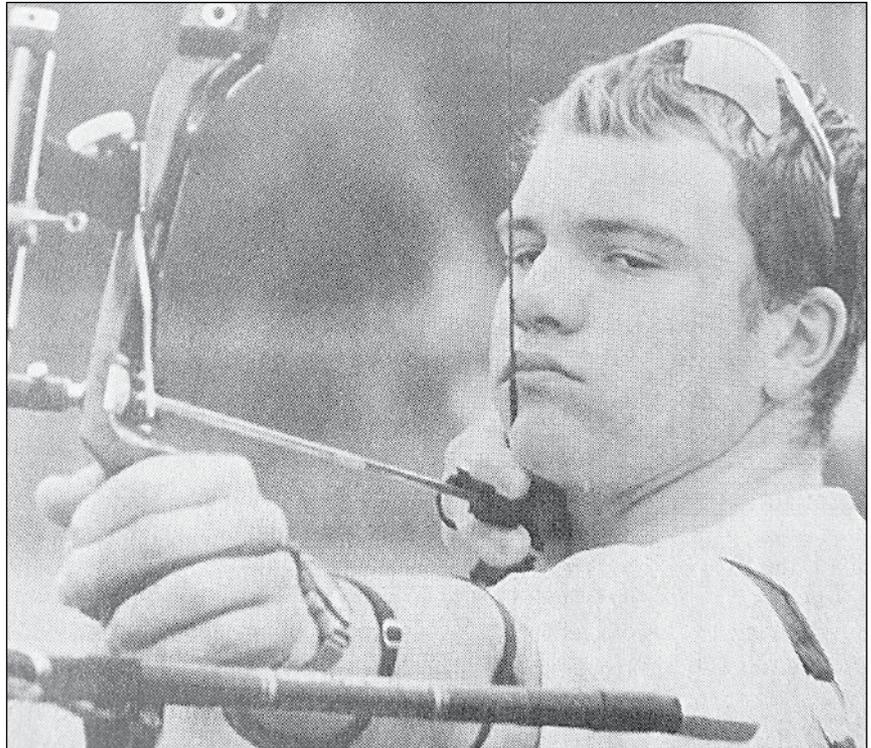
Principal Mary Nixon first gave an address, praising the critical thinking skills that students acquire through the programme and the international approach taken to learning. Deputy Head Boy Will Dalzell gave a student perspective, speaking about the ways in which he felt IB set him up to become a lifelong learner and the opportunities that it offered him to expand his knowledge. Will's father Tim Dalzell spoke about watching his sons develop through the IB and his experiences as a parent with children in the programme. Finally, IB Coordinator Jack Chapman explained all the different facets of the diploma and specifications involved.

Parents and students were then able to wander around, looking at the different subjects offered and speaking to IB students and teachers. Many of the Year 11 students and parents left looking excited, with a lot more food for thought on their choice of pathway next year.

As always, the event was a huge success and those with further questions about the IB are encouraged to contact Jack Chapman at j.chapman@tgs.school.nz, or visit <https://takapuna.school.nz/ib/>.

20 years ago from the Flagstaff files

- The century-old Torpedo Bay Wharf has been saved from demolition. Around \$300,000 is used from the Narrow Neck Endowment Fund to pay for a rebuild, along with \$60,000 from North Shore City Council. The Navy had wanted to pull it down as it was deemed too expensive to fix.
- Sixty-eight North Shore schools turn down the opportunity to participate in a suicide-awareness project run at the Depot Artspace.
- Residents gear up for a fight over Bayswater Marina Village developments
- Owners of a Cheltenham heritage villa are granted retrospective consent for unauthorised works. The home at 12 Rata Rd was lowered half a metre, which was not approved in the original consent.
- More than 50 Belmont Intermediate pupils escape injury when a bus they are travelling in hits a power pole on Seacliffe Ave. The driver is charged with careless use of a motor vehicle.
- The colourful Cassin family, Michael, Laura and Vincent – who have lived at their multicoloured Patuone Ave home for more than 50 years – are profiled.
- Devonport’s French connection is recalled in a Ramblings with Rod column. French navigator Dumount d’Urville arrived at Torpedo Bay in the Astrolabe in 1827. The ship’s surveyor Lotton was the first white man to climb Maungauika.
- Fifty pohutukawa trees are planted along Calliope Rd, despite residents wanting olive trees.
- Former All Black captain and North Harbour coach Buck Shelford, assistant coach Alan Pollock and the North Harbour rugby side spend five days team-building at the Navy marae. More than 3000 people have visited the marae since it opened in April.
- A Narrow Neck bungalow on a 668sqm site



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I grew up within sight of Parliament buildings & having now spent the best part of my 50's here as an MP, you could say I haven't come very far and it feels as if I've come full circle, as this chapter in my life is now coming to an end.

My 30 years in the media made me well aware of how rare it is for MPs to be able to choose their own time of leaving, as I am doing. After 6 years in government - 3 as a backbencher & 3 as a Minister inside Cabinet - & now a final term in opposition, I've been in Parliament through good times & tragedies. At its best, I think this Parliament delivered in a way that our team of 5 million NZers can be proud of.

But at its worst, being in Parliament can be frustrating, dehumanising & brutal. As we've all been reminded recently, the pressures that come with the privileges of being in the service of the public can take a heavy toll on MPs and their families. Don't be too quick to judge - it's a tough life. Tougher than you might think from the outside, and the long hours, unrelenting 24/7 scrutiny, adds up to a life that doesn't suit everyone.

I'm not what you'd call a "career politician", signing on for a 30 year lag with a gold watch at the end. I was raised to be a participant and not to be an observer or a bystander, expected to contribute to my community and to try and help those less fortunate. I didn't join the Armed Forces as my grandfather & father had done in the two World Wars. Instead, my contribution to serving my country was to stand for public office. I set out to be a voice for the vulnerable & strongly advocate for the survival of the critically endangered plants & birds that define who we are as New Zealanders.

I acknowledge Sir John Key and thank him for believing in me and backing me from the start & for the trifecta of portfolios he gave me on my birthday in 2014. It was the best present ever... so far anyway.

The commemorations of WorldWar100 coincided with my time as Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage and I was privileged to represent my country on many formal occasions. It was a moving experience, reading the Ode of Remembrance at the Menin Gate in Belgium honouring the sacrifices of the fallen, including some 12,500 NZ soldiers.

I'll never forget the sense of sadness, standing in the windswept, empty carpark of a Belgian cheese factory with no marker or memorial at the battle site of NZs worst ever day of military loss. I returned to Passchendaele in 2016 and unveiled the first of many Nga Tapuwae plinths, as part of our footsteps of the Anzacs Trails. ngatapuwaegovt.nz

It was a proud moment for me as the MP for North Shore to plant a bronze flax in New Zealand's Memorial Garden in Passchendaele - part of a project that had been driven by a determined group of my fellow Devonport RSA members including Chris Mullane & Mike Pritchard.

With my lifelong interest in plants and nature, a highlight of my political life was as the Minister of Conservation responsible for PF2050. We launched it 4 years ago this month and National gave the dream - born of so many conversations around countless bush campfires - a name and a date and a plan. PredatorFree2050, with the vision of saving our endangered species by eradicating rats, stoats & possums that are eating them to extinction, has won the hearts and minds of NZers. 4 years on, they want to be part of the solution and feel confident, as we used to say on the garden show, saving the world really does begin in our backyards. We are only the custodians of this land. And as guardians of our grandchildren's natural heritage, we owe it to them to try harder to save our Kiwis and our endangered native species.

It's important that policies are based on evidence and science and it's time people accepted that accurately & safely applied 1080 is vital if we want to save species in our rugged landscapes. There's also strong science around the usefulness of gene mapping & editing that would effectively for example control the wilding pines, which if left unchecked will engulf a quarter of our landscapes in the next 10 years. There is no time to waste. I hope that in my time here, I have made a worthwhile contribution to preserving our natural heritage.

One of the most sobering realisations as Minister for Seniors for three years was knowing the extent of the abuse and neglect of our elderly. We would not be the country we are today without the wisdom and hard work of the people who have come before us. And yet 70,000 people over the age of 65 say they have been victims of physical, psychological or financial abuse - I don't believe we value our seniors enough as a society and we need to do more to keep them safe, sadly often from their own families.

In politics, as in life, no one gets everything right every time and you can't always get everything you hope and dream and strive for. But I know, I have worked & fought hard, I've tried my best. Whether I've succeeded or not, will be up to others to decide. I have no regrets, I've done my dash and I'm leaving Parliament with my integrity intact, in the certain knowledge that being the National Party's MP for North Shore has been a rare privilege & a lifetime's highlight.

You can watch my valedictory: maggiebarry.national.org.nz/valedictory



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The Naval Base in Devonport is the pride of the North Shore and I've had the pleasure of attending many graduation ceremonies and other events there. Recently, I was at the arrival of our newest and largest ship, the HMNZS Aotearoa. Costing \$500 million, and captained by Commanding Officer, Simon Rooke, it will be the biggest, heaviest and longest ship in the fleet. Commissioned in 2016 by the then Minister of Defence, Hon Gerry Brownlee, and having been at the poignant decommissioning of her predecessor, the Resolution, it was a momentous occasion to see her come into Devonport for the first time after her long journey from the Korea shipyards. www.navy.mil.nz

As a proud member of our local Devonport RSA chapter and as the Minister responsible for Arts, Culture & Heritage, it's been an honour to have taken part in Anzac Day and other important times of remembrance. Even at times of great uncertainty such as our Covid Lockdown,



New Zealanders still remember all those who paid the ultimate price and those who served and returned home. I think of my Grandfather who fought at Gallipoli and Egypt in the Great War and my father who served with the RAF and Uncle in the Navy in World War 2. It's never been easier to research

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The local RSA tradition of laying flower arrangements at each of the 62 white Anzac crosses representing lives lost in WW2 along Memorial Drive had lapsed. As the North Shore MP I've now provided permanent & everlasting bouquets of poppies and pohutukawa inspired by a poem from local Vietnam Veteran Chris Mullane. www.devonportrsa.co.nz



15 March 2019 was one of our darkest days. I witnessed the Kiwi spirit at its finest at the spontaneous candle heart gathering at Takapuna Beach commemorating the loss of the 51 New Zealanders at the Al Noor Mosque & Linwood Islamic Centre. Alongside Inspector

Sunny Patel, Area Commander for Waitemata East and MP Melissa Lee at the North Shore Islamic Centre, coming together to reject racism and islamophobia and standing by the victims and their families.

I'm proud to be an active member of the North Harbour Club which has raised and distributed grants worth nearly \$2.5 million to talented North Shore youth over the past 20 years. The annual AIMEs awards are a highlight of the social calendar and it was a privilege to be the guest speaker for the ANZAC themed dinner in 2016, when I was the Minister responsible for our WW100 commemorations. www.northharbourclub.co.nz





One of my finest moments as the Minister for Conservation was launching Predator Free 2050 with PM John Key and Steven Joyce, with the ambitious goal of saving our vulnerable native species by eradicating all the stoats, rats & possums that are eating our endangered birds & plants to the brink of extinction.



I was honoured & humbled to receive the inaugural Takahe Award from National's policy advisory group the Bluegreens in recognition of "her outstanding contribution and tireless work encouraging New Zealanders to appreciate our unique environment; as someone who rarely took no for an answer, initiating a legacy that includes Predator Free 2050, War on Weeds, Battle for our Birds and DOC's Threatened Species strategy."



The highlight of my Parliamentary career and best birthday present ever was when John Key told me on my 54th birthday, he was appointing me as a Minister inside his Cabinet, with responsibilities for Conservation, Arts, Culture & Heritage and Seniors. I've also served on 4 Select Committees: Deputy Chair of Finance and Justice, Chair of Environment and in Health. Weekly Select Committees thrash out the details of all our laws and invite the public to contribute written or oral submissions on bills. I encourage you to participate in the democratic process. www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/make-a-submission/



I've hosted dozens of school visits at Parliament with students from the five outstanding secondary schools in my North Shore electorate, Rosmini (pictured) Carmel, Westlake Girls & Boys and Takapuna Grammar. Learning more about how the House of Representatives works need not involve a trip to the capital, with online education programmes available, you can even take a virtual tour. www.parliament.nz/en/visit-and-learn/

My priority in my first term was to advocate for a fairer share of resources to upgrade the woeful North Shore Hospital. As one of the worst performing hospitals in NZ, it needed wholesale change and investment which was achieved under the leadership of Waitemata DHB Chair, Dr Lester Levy and Health Minister, Dr Jonathan Coleman.

In particular, the mental health facility was unfit for modern purpose and I lobbied strongly for the \$24.9 million Crown contribution, and we opened an excellent inpatients unit in 2014.



As the local MP, I've done my fair share of ribbon cutting and I've been invited to open everything from supermarkets, classrooms, rest homes & hospital wards to dialysis clinics.





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Having had a 20 year involvement with palliative care as the Patron of Mary Potter Hospice in Wellington where my father died and subsequently as Patron of Hospice New Zealand, I have been closely involved with end-of-life care issues, including chairing a working party on the care of people who are dying in 1998, New Zealand has simply not done well enough to provide fair geographical access to end of life pain relief and we must do better, which is why I've worked with expert clinicians to draft a Member's Bill to guarantee all New Zealanders access to world-class palliative care where ever and whenever they need it. The 'Access to End of Life Palliative Care', is now in the Ballot in the name of my friend and colleague Tamaki MP, Simon O'Connor.



I've held more than 50 public meetings on a range of contentious local topics including potential developments in Narrow Neck & Bayswater, morning tea events for Seniors, Heritage issues and Euthanasia. Since 2011, many MPs have joined us for business breakfasts, lunches and dinners to discuss the issues that matter to those of us fortunate enough to live on the North Shore.



Scouts knotting it together for Scarf Day

Devonport Scouts of all ages recently got together for their first group photograph in many years, timed to coincide with the movement's international Scarf Day and designed as a post-lockdown celebration.

But it was only a chance phone call that prompted the revival of the tradition of bringing together Keas, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers, explains the group leader of the 1st Devonport Scout Group, Cliff Brown.

In May, he received a call from a woman who lives in Kerikeri, offering him a photograph she had found among family possessions. It was a photo of Devonport Scouts taken in 1922.

A note enclosed with the image said: "One of these Scouts must be a member of my mother's family, the Beeres, who lived in Church St, Devonport from the mid-1860s to about 1938 or 1940."

Brown said seeing the old image of the Scouts reminded him that the 1st Devonport group had not done a combined photograph for many years.

With regular face-to-face Scouting having resumed in Term 3, after Covid-19 disruptions, he decided the time was right to draw everyone together.

A fun day was planned to coincide with the annual Scout Scarf Day, held on 1 August. This sees Scouts from around the world, both young and old, invited to wear their scarves proudly.

The day fell on a Sunday this year in New Zealand. Local Scouts gathered at Allenby Reserve for a sausage sizzle, games, a run around and the chance to swap stories about how the year had gone.

A series of photographs were taken, with Brown saying this would now be done annually.



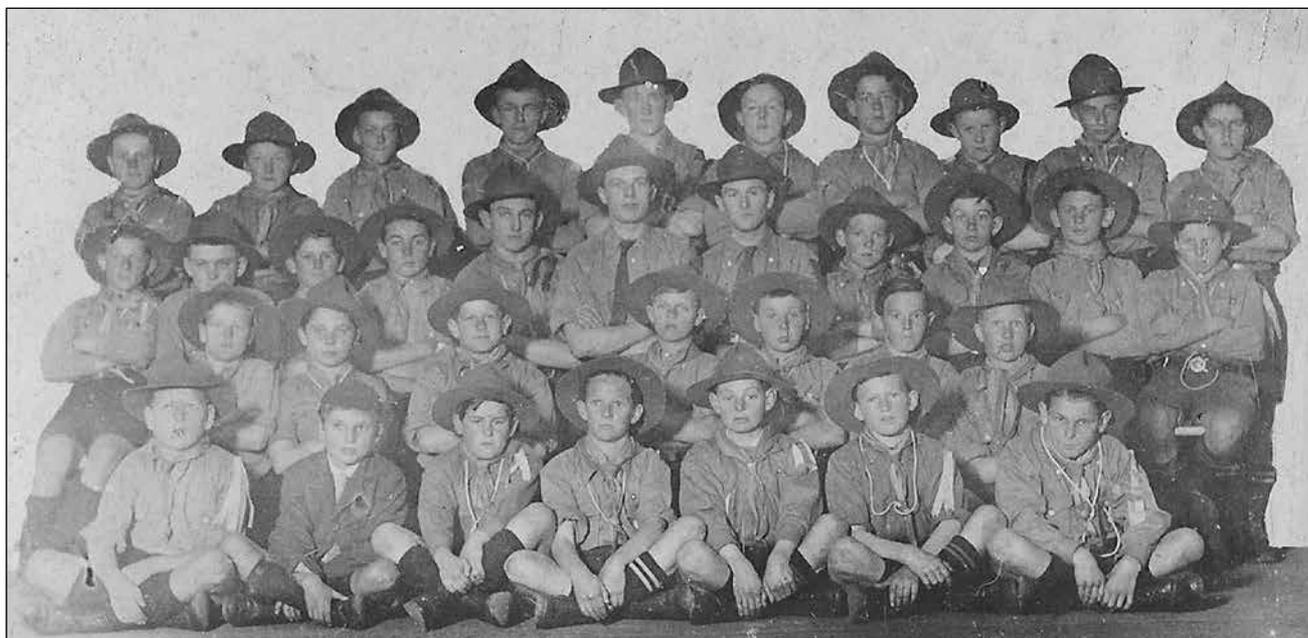
It's a wrap... Keas, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers assemblable on Scarf Day for photos at the 1st Devonport Scout Group den, Right: the commemorative Covid-19 scout badge



Scouts were presented with a commemorative badge, declaring: "I stayed at home! National Covid-19 Lockdown 2020."

In all, 63 youth members and 15 leaders attended. The group has just over 100 active youth members.

"So now, 98 years after the photo found in the attic was taken, 1st Devonport has a new group photo to proudly show off to Devonport locals," says Brown.



Old style... Devonport Scouts in 1922



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Devonport Primary builds on maunga connection



Devonport Primary Year 4 students took the opportunity to walk up Takarunga and learn about native plants last week.

For the school's 150th anniversary celebration, they have been working with Restoring Takarunga Hauraki environmental coordinator Lance Cablk on native planting at the school, along with artwork that reflects the Maori connection to the school.

Devonport Primary Principal Berverley Booth said the students appreciated the wealth of knowledge about the maunga and the link to the school.

"It is so beneficial for our children to be able to make a difference by weeding and planting around the maunga," she said.

"We know that we are very fortunate to occupy this special place on Takarunga and, as a school community, we encourage our children to learn about and care for the maunga," she said.

Booth said staff talk to their students about being guardians of the maunga.



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Flax to the max... Diana Hu weaves a basket, observed by by Depot Artspace Maori Liaison, Jermaine Reihana (obscured)

Peninsula residents took the opportunity to learn about traditional flax-weaving at Bayswater School last month.

Weaver Takutai Moana Watts introduced about 15 locals to the basics of flax-weaving and associated traditions, including karakia, pa harakeke, tikanga, techniques for harvesting and simple weavings.

Participants had the chance to weave their own baskets.

Restoring Takarunga Hauraki, Depot Artspace and Devonport Peninsula Trust will be hosting another weaving workshop with Watts at Bayswater School on 29 August, from 1pm to 4pm.



First find your flax... Becky Little (left) and Ha Ngugen during the collection of flax for weaving

Further damage to Maungauika coastal track

Another section of cliff face has fallen onto the coastal track at the base of Maungauika, blocking the path and causing damage to railings.

The rockfall, reported on 27 July, is the second significant slip on the walkway within the last 12 months.

A section of the cliff face collapsed in July 2019 following a storm, resulting in the closure of the track while assessments were undertaken.

Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operations Manager Nick Turoa says further stability assessments are now needed.

“The area in question is prone to slips, especially after rainy periods. The most recent slip is frustrating. However, it does underscore the need to take a careful and rigorous process to ensure the area is safe.”

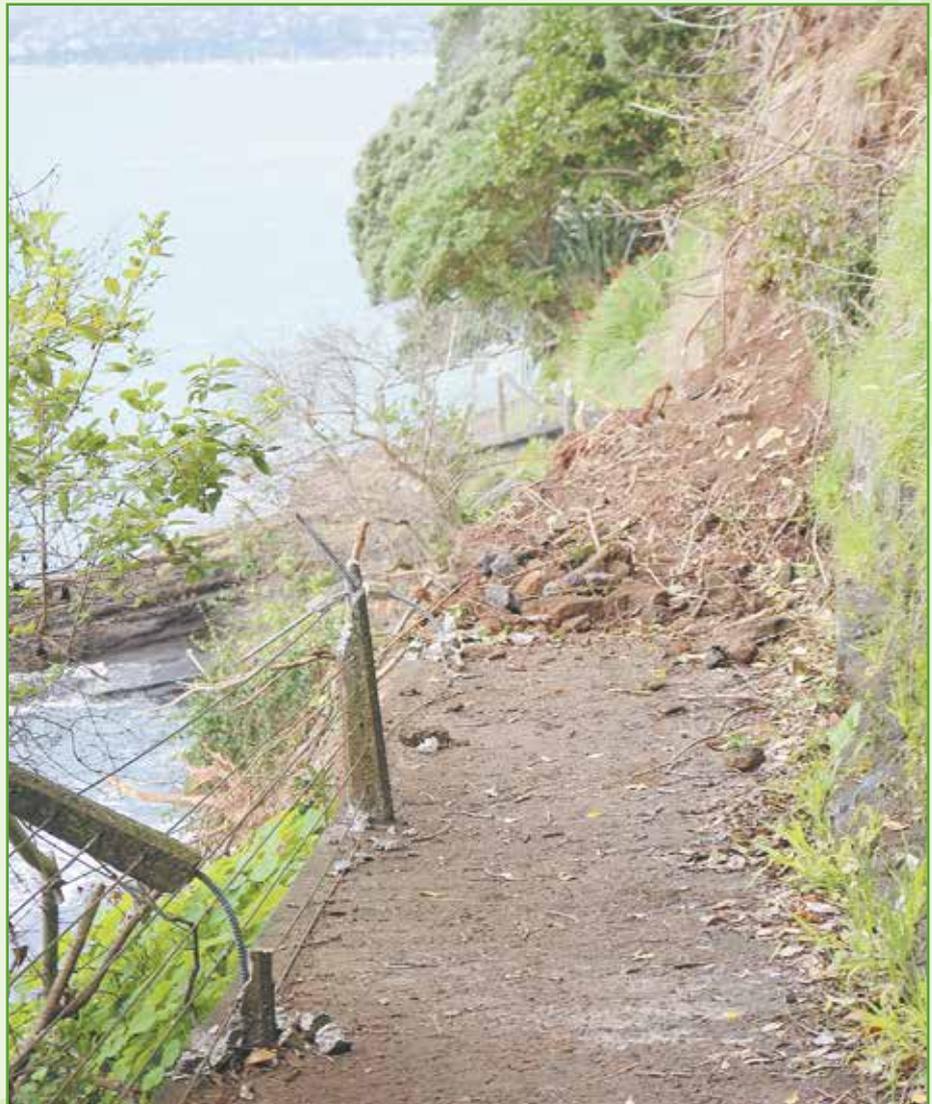
Since the slip in 2019, and following the advice of the engineers, the authority has removed loose rock and dead vegetation.

Geologists and geotech specialists have given advice on health-and-safety procedures. Gates, which can be locked when slips occur, have been installed in the worst-affected areas.

While investigations continue, the authority wants the public to stay clear of the track altogether.

“Please respect the dangers, and do not cross the barriers,” Turoa said.

No go... rubble blocking the Maungauika coastal track following a slip



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We all love our kitchens, and so we should. Without overstating their role in our lives, the kitchen is the single-most important room in the home, not only helping to nourish us on a daily basis, but also acting as the social hub of the family and the focal point of activity when entertaining.

It's no surprise, therefore, that when it comes to replacing it, we spend an inordinate amount of time on our devices researching, long evenings sitting on the sofa buried in brochures and magazines, and countless lost weekends in the car driving to every conceivable showroom, poring over everything from taps to tiles, and sinks to splashbacks.

However, over and above the mammoth task of whittling down the myriad options of its constituent parts, the fundamental decision you have to get right is settling on a kitchen design that's going to work well for you and your family. Without good design, everything else is just a collection of stuff, says Kitchens By Design's, Richard Cripps. And he's right.

"Your kitchen is going to outlive any trends that are currently floating around, so you need to think carefully about that. My advice is to un-follow fashion. Don't get too caught up in trends that are happening right now," he says.

"Focus on the design. Design is your single-most important consideration. Get the design right and everything else will usually fall into place – so it's vitally important to engage a designer who fully understands your specific circumstances."

At its showroom in Takapuna, Kitchens By Design has four qualified designers that not only have the relevant skills and experience in designing kitchens, but also have a current and comprehensive knowledge of products, hardware and materials.

"Classic design lines, whether they're traditional or modern, will stand the test of time," says Cripps. "That doesn't necessarily mean you have to go with an un-interesting or boring design – just be mindful that you'll probably be looking at your new kitchen every day for the next 15 years."

"If you want to have a bit of fun with the

design and the colour, choose parts of the kitchen that can easily be changed out in years to come – pendant lighting, tapware, drawer and cupboard handles, etc – but at the same time choose carefully the big-ticket items, such as your benchtops and cabinetry style."

No matter what stage of life you're at – a young couple with no kids yet, forty-something's with a couple of teenagers in tow, or empty nesters contemplating retirement – things are going to change.

So, when you're weighing up the wants and needs for your new kitchen, don't get too bogged down agonising over the latest appliances, benchtop materials or fancy tiles. Go and talk to a qualified designer who will help to future-proof your kitchen for what life will look like at the end of the next decade.

If you are thinking about putting in a new kitchen, give one of the team a call, or pop into the Kitchens By Design showroom at 3 Byron Ave, Takapuna (09) 379 3084. And for inspiration, take a look at their website at www.kitchensbydesign.co.nz

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Art in a Vase raises more than \$7000



Charity art... Andi Merkens (left) and Paddy Stafford-Bush at the Make A Wish charity auction

A charity art auction in Devonport raised \$7705 to grant the wishes of critically ill children.

Nearly 80 people attended the social event held for the Make A Wish Foundation at Bayleys, Victoria Rd, and organised by real-estate

agent Lynda Betts and team.

Locals supported the Art in a Vase event by buying all the works, which had been produced by artists Paddy Stafford-Bush and Andi Merkens. Their eclectic mixed-media pieces went under the hammer of auctioneer George Yeoman.

Crowds roll up for sex-workers' art show

A show about the oldest profession in the world has drawn good numbers to the Depot Artspace, says the gallery.

The *Sex Workers of Aotearoa* exhibition opened last month, sparking a minor social-media flap, with a few locals questioning if it should be promoted and others supportive.

The gallery said some people had come in to support the show or to find out more about the exhibition.

Members of the public had left positive comments in the visitors book. "It's been a real positive experience having the exhibition here, said gallery coordinator Diana Hu.

"It's definitely one of the better-attended shows we have had this year."

The show, which closes on 12 August, features art created by around 20 sex workers from throughout the country.



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Glow and fashion show both return

Two popular events will brighten Devonport in October and November, with the decision to stage the Glow art installation and Fashion on the Wharf again this year.

Glow at Art Week will return to Windsor Reserve for a sixth year, with light installations on display on 16-17 October.

Part of Art Week's official programme, the colourful display is put together by Unitec second-year architecture students.

Those attending on the first day will be able to take in Friday after Five, to be staged on a closed-off Clarence St, said manager of the Devonport Business Improvement District Shaulyn van Baaren. With a "street-party atmosphere," this family-friendly gathering, supported by the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board, involves community groups and will feature entertainment and food.

Glow was considered one of Art Week's

"most eclectic exhibitions," said van Baaren, and would be a drawcard for visitors.

Locals are expected to turn out in force again in November, when the second Fashion on the Wharf event will be held.

With a tentative date of Thursday 12 November, the evening will celebrate local businesses and talent, with a night of fashion, fun, food and drink. Board and sponsor support have made a repeat possible.

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Artist powers up unlikely tool for unique take on heritage buildings

Daily walks during lockdown prompted Anna Cernis to begin documenting the local buildings that caught her eye – a creative path she had long hoped to follow.

And her colourful minimalist illustrations of them will soon go on show in a pop-up gallery in the old Vauxhall Vintage store on Vauxhall Rd.

Cernis used the unusual medium of Microsoft Powerpoint software to create a series of works, featuring the suburb's familiar landmarks and heritage homes.

Powerpoint was not designed as an illustrative tool, but the programme was what she had available when working from home. Its use gives her illustrations a painstaking point of difference.

Everything is made out of layered shapes, most boxy, but others repurposed parts of symbols, such as hearts and stars. "I look at a building now and immediately know how hard it's going to be – if it has a curve or a big vase or a tree out the front," she says.

Thirty-year-old Cernis, who works in creative services at an Auckland design agency, says she is "drawn to people and buildings".

This revealed itself first in drawing as a child, moving onto life classes as an adult.

Cernis briefly studied art history and architecture before opting to work in advertising. Longer term, she would like to devote more time to art, as did her businessman father after taking early retirement.

The Englishwoman moved to Devonport four years ago, after working in London and travelling overseas. Her parents followed her across the globe, settling into creative retirement in the Bay of Islands.

Cernis says Devonport has definitely sucked her in, with the buildings a big part of the appeal. Favourites that feature in



On point... Anna Cernis has used Powerpoint to create images of the old Devonport power-station building, and the Victoria Theatre and Welcome to Devonport sign (both opposite) as well as other local landmarks

her work include the old power station on Church St, Alison's Building on Victoria Rd, the former fire station on Calliope Rd, and the old Takapuna Dairy Co on the Mozeley Ave-Victoria Rd corner.

"It turned into a lockdown obsession and veered into a history obsession," she says.

The power-station building, where she lived for several years with partner Billy Worthington, was the first structure Cernis depicted on Powerpoint.

The couple met while working in London, although Worthington went through Takapu-

na Grammar School after immigrating here as an adolescent with his English family. Cernis says that when they shifted out of the old power station into their own rented place earlier this year, she made a "rough" collage to give to flatmates as a farewell gift.

Then she logged into a new way of working. "I love the idea of a building that had an original purpose but is now being used for something else. It was a power station, then a laundry, now people live in it."

Lockdown gave Cernis the time to research more about other local buildings that



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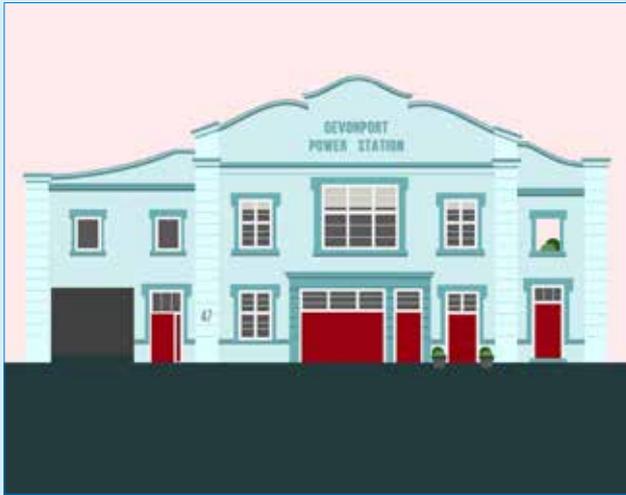
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interested her. In some cases, what she found in old photographic records prompted her to illustrate the buildings in more original character. An example is the former post office on Victoria Rd, which she shows without a later rooftop addition. To the façade of the Alison's building (now Yartons) she has added retro-style window displays. Modern signage is not shown, and the colour palette is tweaked to suit period tastes.

Posting her work online brought an encouraging community response, including requests to do commissions. She has completed a few, but says the time-consuming Powerpoint process is one she needs to factor into costs. "I think I'd rather concentrate on it as art and just do the buildings I want to do."

Villas, especially those with fretwork, are particularly tricky, as was recreating the anchor outside the Devonport Yacht Club. But she says the exacting nature of the medium appeals to her personality. "It's reductive problem-solving. I've got quite proud of it."

People who work in design have asked her how she manages to do everything in Powerpoint. A lot of saving and adjusting is the answer, with zooming in especially troublesome.

"Even though some of these look quite simple, I think there's something interesting in it. It gives them an angle."

Her father's reaction to her work was typically measured but complimentary. "He likes the tones and symmetry."

Of her parents, she says: "They're living the dream in Russell – Dad is an artist, he paints all day. Mum does pottery."

Cernis hopes to emulate that one day. For now, she is back at her agency job, selling some prints on the side and planning her next perspective via Powerpoint.

• See Cernis's prints at the Gather pop-up store, 89 Vauxhall Rd, from 18 August until 7 September. The pop-up will feature the work of local female creators in art, jewellery and ceramics. Open Tuesday to Saturday from 10am to 4pm and Sunday from 11am to 3pm.



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