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Vauxhall locals issue go-slow challenge

Vauxhall residents worried about traffic safety around their neighbourhood shops have come up with a colourful scheme to curb speedsters.

As part of the plan, they want a 20km/h speed limit imposed approaching the junction

of Vauxhall Rd and Tainui Rd.

Other "traffic-calming" measures would include raised pedestrian crossings and bright signage painted on the road, with chicanes installed well to the north and south of the shops. A spin-off of the proposed design would

be wider pavements, with planting, to enhance the café lifestyle that has emerged around the village hub.

The Vauxhall Neighbourhood Society presented its plan to the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board late last month.

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Good old days return at Devonport Primary



Prim and proper... Devonport Primary principal Beverley Booth (left), the school's year-3 pupils and their teacher Anne Keuper (top right) donned Victorian dress for an 1870s day, part of the school's sesquicentennial commemorations



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AT Local services under threat

The AT Local public transport service will be cut or curtailed under Auckland Transport (AT) proposals that may extend Devonport's 806 and 807 bus routes.

If AT Local continues it would no longer run as far north as Bayswater and Belmont, said AT's senior service network planner Dave Hilson. Change was needed after what had been an extended AT Local trial and taking the 806 and 807 routes from five to seven days from late 2018, he said. "We can't afford to run AT Local and all the bus services on the peninsula."

Scrapping AT Local or running it in a smaller area could allow more frequent peak-time services on the 806 route to Stanley Point and 807 the 807 to Cheltenham. This would be achieved by using an extra bus on the neighbourhood circuits from Devonport wharf. The services would align better with ferries

Off-peak route rejigs could possibly take in Ngataringa Bay, an area not currently served by buses but now home to Ryman's William Sanders retirement village.

Brochures explaining the proposals would be delivered by 2 October to homes from Bayswater south, Hilson said. Information sessions would also be held later this month, with submissions open from 28 September until October 18.

Hilson urged people to have their say ahead of AT making recommendations to the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board. A decision was expected by the end of the year, with no changes to services before then.

Apartment plan 'on hold'

Auckland Council planners have sent a proposal for 46 apartments on two back sections opposite Takapuna Grammar School back to the drawing board.

The consent application was on hold, a council spokesperson said. "Council has raised concerns regarding overall built character, overlooking, reduced amenity and traffic."

After news of the proposal appeared in the Flagstaff (28 August), nearby residents raised concerns about its scale. Fears were also expressed that traffic-flow estimates from the site onto busy Lake Rd had been underestimated.

The applicant was trying to address matters the planners had red-flagged, the spokesperson said. "Officers are awaiting the receipt of this further information prior to making a notification recommendation."

3 Victoria Rd: empty for 795 days

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

It has now been unoccupied for 795 days. Auckland Council development arm Panuku is working through the future options for the building.



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New meter will get the measure of king tides

A water-level meter will be installed at Devonport Wharf to help produce “citizen-science” data on rising sea levels.

The Devonport-Takapuna local board has given a \$1000 grant for the project, a collaboration between the Auckland King Tide Initiative and Restoring Takarunga Hauraki.

The King Tide Initiative, which has already installed a meter at Wynyard Quarter, wants people to photograph the meters during king tides, and upload them to a website.

Founder of the King Tide Initiative Ben Sheeran said the process will allow the community and schools to learn about the causes and impacts of sea-level rise on their own local coastline. “People will be able to see how rising sea levels could be affecting their coastal surroundings.”

Sheeran visited the Devonport Wharf last week to determine the best location for the 2-metre water-level gauge.

Local-board member Trish Deans said the water meter will be a great educational tool for the community.



Tide talk... (from left) Restoring Takarunga Hauraki environmental co-ordinator Lance Cablk, Auckland King Tide Initiative founder Ben Sheeran and local board member Trish Deans

Peninsula school children get back to the books

Few children have stayed away from peninsula schools post-lockdown, principals say. They report the mood among returning students is positive, with schools working to reinforce health messages but also to quickly re-establish routines.

Absences have been more common in parts of Auckland where Covid-19 has been circulating, with attendance at some schools down by half on pre-lockdown numbers.

Of 648 Belmont Intermediate School (BIS) students, only nine had remained at home with some anxiety regarding Covid-19. Primary schools also reported good turnouts during their first week back, with students happy to reunite with classmates. In a few cases immunocompromised students were staying at home.

Bayswater School principal Lindsay Child said: “Most children returned to school as expected. A few with underlying physical conditions have been kept home and are continuing to be supported to learn from home until they are able to return.” Devonport Primary principal Beverley Booth said after both lockdowns it had proved unusual for parents to keep children at home, unless they were sick.

St Leo’s principal Maureen Harris said just a few parents kept children at home in the first week back because they were feeling anxious. “We have a small group of children who are choosing to wear masks but they are generally only wearing them to and from school. Occasionally they are wearing them in class when they are doing close group work. Teachers are

not wearing them at school but do have them if needed.”

Other schools said teachers were generally not wearing masks at school and were not required to do so. Child said some were wearing them when on road patrol or greeting whanau at the school gates.

Vauxhall principal Gary Lawrence said: “A few children and adults have chosen to wear masks for different reasons and we support everyone’s individual choice.”

At Stanley Bay School around 15 per cent of students and staff were choosing to wear masks.

A “Mask Monday” exercise to familiarise all students with mask wearing was planned soon, said principal Lucy Naylor.

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What’s happening in the market

We are seeing the following:

1. Banks have eased credit for their favoured residential mortgages allowing 80% LVR for investment properties and have lowered the interest rate for their servicing calculators to @6%. Demand is out stripping supply in many areas especially from returning expats, first home buyers and investors, with cheap money meaning property prices are holding up well, but
2. Credit has become more difficult for older people, self employed, contractors and those in tourism, hospitality, construction, retail and sport. This is due to the Responsible Lending Code which requires consistent and reliable income for servicing and repayment within the term of the loan and has obviously been compounded by the Covid impact which has created major uncertainty. And to be fair the banks have to show some prudence in this market with very low interest rates encouraging many marginal borrowers to enter the market.
3. Credit is also difficult for businesses, commercial property, agri and developments as banks look after existing clients (often in trouble) and have very little capacity or appetite for new business let alone new to bank business. They blame a lack of borrower appetite (which is true for many as they can’t carry the additional debt) and higher capital requirements for this, but the reality is they are well cashed up, and its their return on equity hurdle rates which are too high.
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All aboard the bike train for Bayswater

Biking to school is a great way for kids to get exercise, says Bayswater School parent Tim White, who has helped lead the school's "cycle train".

White says starting the train again after lockdown was a way to connect with the community, and encourage road safety and a healthy lifestyle.

Once a week, students bike together to school, supported by parents, also on their bikes.

The idea for the train came from White and another parent, Jena Western, who already had their kids cycling regularly to school.

"After lockdown, we weren't sure if we should start the cycle train again, but the kids really loved it so we had to get back into it.

"We are now getting some of the older kids to learn how to lead the cycle train which teaches good leadership skills," says White.

The cycle train began last year with only a few students biking together. Now, it has around 10 regular riders.

"It is wonderful to see the bike sheds so full and see the kids out and about, getting exercise and doing their bit for the environment," says Bayswater school principal Lindsay Child.

The school's bike sheds are so well used there are now plans to extend the small area to build a proper bicycle park.

The school is inviting members of the community and local businesses to help with donations of materials to reorganise and improve the



Ready to roll... the bike train assembles on Bayswater Ave
Inset: An aerial view of the train in motion

bike shed and the area around it.

The first stage would be to demolish the little shed beside the swimming pool fence, and prepare the ground.

The second stage would involve pouring a concrete slab which would extend the area where bikes and scooters can be parked and

make the whole area more usable for families with bikes, buggies and wheelchairs.

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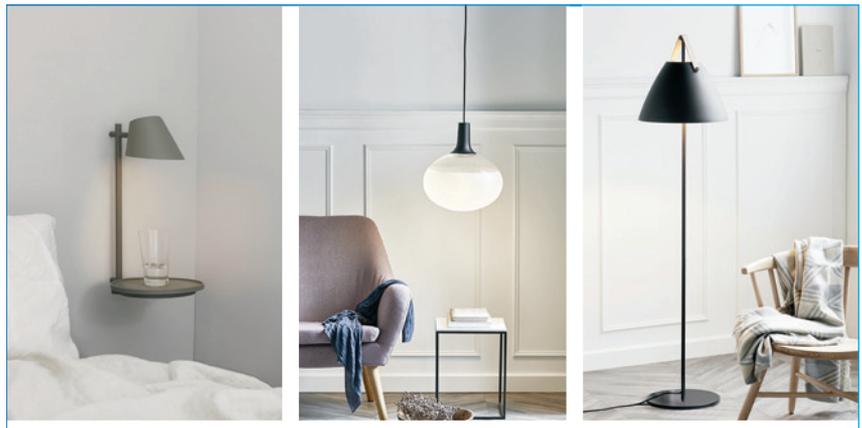
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Open and shut cases: contrasting stories

Nathan Royce is banking on the same good reaction to his produce store in Devonport being replicated in Hauraki, where he is opening a new outlet this month.

The fruit and vegetable trader behind The Fresh Market isn't letting the challenging economic environment get him down. "If you've got the right location and the right formula I think it will be okay," he says. "It's not about making heaps of money, but providing a service."

Royce, who grew up in Invercargill, got into the produce trade straight from school, working in the local market, where he graduated from storeman to "banana man".

These days he is at the Auckland markets buying early most mornings.

He opened his first store six years ago, and for a time supplied fresh cut salads to supermarkets. He also wholesales to restaurants and cafes.

Royce now has four stores, including one at Sunhill, Meadowbank.

He has found Devonport, where he opened in February, receptive to his mix, which extends from fresh and organic produce to flowers and gluten-free grocery items.

The expansion into Hauraki came about by chance. "When we opened Devonport, I was driving past and I saw it was up for lease." A few months ago he had a look at the store, next to Hammer Hardware. It had been empty for some time, after formerly trading as a fruit and vegetable outlet. A deal was struck with the "good guys" who had it. Fitting out was delayed



Fresh thinking... Nathan Royce says independent stores can get produce on the shelves quicker than supermarkets can

by lockdown, but the store is likely to open within a week or so.

Royce said customer feedback in Devonport led him to believe Hauraki residents would love a similar local store. "We thought we might give it a go."

Knowing the trade helps, and although supermarket buying power is real, smaller operators can be nimble, passing on market prices quickly, he says.

"We go down to the market at 4am and can have it in store by midday."

The Hauraki store will be open seven days and provide jobs for locals. At Clarence St, Royce employs around eight people, including school students. Among them is a young man who had struggled to find work, but now has a steady job, learning new skills in a trade that satisfies people's everyday needs – just like Royce did himself.

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amid challenging times for village retail

When the shoe no longer fits

Gillian Austin (right) is sad to be shutting a Devonport institution, but without trade from vital out-of-town visitors she has made the tough call to close her shoe shop – ending around a century of having one on the main street.

She will miss her regulars at Village Shoes, and knows they will miss being able to buy shoes locally, but it was a case of making the call or facing death by a thousand cuts.

“We were really good after the first lockdown. Devonport people were good trying to shop local. Then we got the second lockdown.” The mood had changed, and she noticed people were “really reluctant to spend”.

This, on top of the long-term loss of the vital tourist dollar, coincided with what was anyway the quietest time of year for her business. Rather than spend \$85,000 on summer stock she might not be able to sell, Austin decided to cancel orders and wind things down. “It’s just the reality of it.”

In normal times there might have been three cruise ships docking across the harbour at weekends. Australians were a big market, but so too were New Zealanders in Auckland from other parts of the country for a concert or a sports match. Visitors were more likely to buy on a whim. “The girls would get together and

come over and buy a new pair of shoes each. If they were here for a Pink concert, someone would buy a pair of pink shoes.”

Austin has not set a date for closure, being on a month-by-month lease, but has broken the news to her part-time staff of three women.

The Narrow Neck local bought Village Shoes six years ago with partner Bruce Wilson, who for many years ran Devonport’s video store. She is thinking about finding a new part-time job, perhaps in her old profession as a nurse.

Her involvement in climate change causes will keep her busy as well, with Austin active in the Extinction Rebellion movement.

“Consumerism is one of the problems with the climate emergency,” she says, admitting that like many people she has more than enough clothes and shoes. This slight discord between her business and beliefs was balanced by stocking quality shoes that lasted. As an independent she carried a bigger range of brands than chain stores.

A buyer for the business had been in the pipeline, but with the latest lockdown that interest had fallen away, she says. So too, demand for the likes of fashion and shoes generally as people watched their wallets.

Village Shoes has had several names



and various owners over the decades, including Oborns, when it extended into the space next door in Victoria St. It traded as Thompson’s Shoes before Austin took over in 2014. She has built up a big loyalty programme, with around 3000 customers, of whom she reckons two-thirds are drawn from the area from Milford south. “I think it will be very hard to say goodbye.”

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Local gem – Mikko Shoes

Mikko Shoes new seasonal collection has just arrived and with an enchanting offering of energising colourways and sophisticated shapes, it is all the inspiration we need for the warmer months ahead.

In celebration of their latest launch, we spoke with the founder and buyer, Michaela, on the top trends of the season and the Mikko difference.

Before we dive into the SS20 trends, tell us a little bit about Mikko and how it all began.

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And onto the new season, what are the must-have colours in footwear this season?

There are two ends of the colour spectrum to enjoy this season. The cornerstone trend is 'Poolside Daydream' – punchy, playful, 60s inspired tones of fuchsia, coral and teal. Highly saturated yet still feminine and classic. Those who love a neutral will enjoy the 'Design Emotion' trend – a Nordic-inspired, earthy palette. Think jute, woodgrain and cork; a textural blend of sophistication and warmth.



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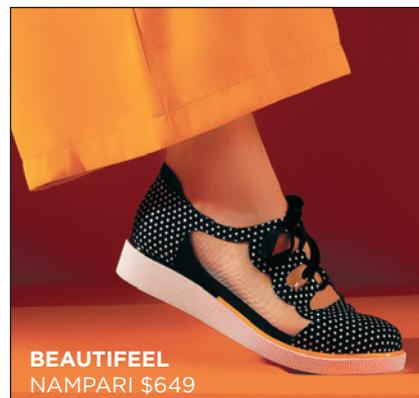
How about casual footwear options – are sneakers still a must-have?

To us, sneakers are seasonless! But we love fresh interpretations and for SS20 this includes platform soles, touches of metallic, animal prints and retro influences. We're also excited to launch DL Sport – a luxury casual sneaker range from Italy that we know our customers will adore!

And finally, if you had to sum up this season's trends in a sentence, what would you say?

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Residents hatch plan to rein in speedsters

This was prompted because current conditions were “an accident waiting to happen”, Keith Robinson told the board’s community forum. Further impetus for the project came from a serious accident in July, he explained. This involved a car and a skateboarder, and left a young man badly injured. Earlier the same day, a female cyclist had also been knocked over, he later learned from a café owner.

The society’s detailed presentation included designs by local architect Ken Davis.

After hearing it, the board directed the society to Auckland Transport (AT), which makes roading decisions.

Robinson told the Flagstaff later that residents had held concerns about safety for some time. “Every time you go up there to the cafes or for a walk you see a dangerous situation,” he said.

Speeding drivers heading south downhill along the wide, open Vauxhall Rd from Narrow Neck, and those who did not observe stop signs when turning out of Tainui Rd, were particular problems, endangering pedestrians using the crossing at the intersection. Students alighting from buses, cyclists and those on scooters also added to congestion in the area of concern which ran down towards Albert Rd.

Young children were among those at risk, including “free rangers” from the beach heading up for an ice cream or drink from the shop.

Creating a mixed-use zone would make drivers more aware of the need to take care, reckons Robinson, a retired engineer.



Pedestrian-friendly... A graphic impression of how a mixed-use zone in Vauxhall Rd could look

He is now seeking a meeting to put the case to AT, armed with examples of other areas where this approach has been adopted.

“There can’t be any higher priority inside Auckland Transport than road safety,” he said.

The society has collated examples of speeding breaches, both from police who have clocked people travelling at 70km/h in a 50km/h zone, and from locals who say sometimes much higher speeds are reached. Shop owners are also keen to see changes.

Drivers routinely under-estimated the dangers ahead at the junction, said Robinson. Signage was inadequate and line-of-sight poor. This included from side streets, such as Bond St. Improving all of this would better signal to

drivers that they were entering a shared space and should slow down.

Robinson said he and Davis hoped their “conceptual” ideas for Vauxhall would focus the attention of the experts.

They would then want the community to provide feedback to ensure any scheme was fine-tuned to best suit local needs.

The area was getting busier, with more young families moving in, so doing nothing was not an option. But a way forward initially might be to trial temporary calming measures to build acceptance.

“We’re keen to build up some support behind the concept and see something actually happen,” said Robinson.

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Schools back in business

Booth said teachers at Devonport Primary had made some rearrangements to classrooms so that children were not sitting where they would breathe on each other. Surface cleaning was also being done regularly.

"Teachers are showing children how to follow safe hygiene practices such as washing hands effectively and if you need to cough or sneeze do so into your elbow," said Lawrence. "We are keeping our distances as best we can in the circumstances." Children were also being monitored for signs of sickness. "We have set aside times of the day for regular handwashing."

Child said that in some ways the experience of online learning had brought the community closer together. "Teachers had lots of opportunities to chat with children and their whanau one-on-one or in small groups." Now that everyone was back at school, the

children seemed cheerful. Lawrence said: "I think everyone is really enjoying life being relatively normal again back at school."

Harris said there were few signs of anxiety. "Children are more resilient than we give them credit for sometimes. So long as they feel cared for and acknowledged in a warm environment, they bounce back." The latest lockdown had gone more smoothly than the first one, with the switch to distance learning being more familiar. "They have settled back into school as if they have just returned from a holiday break."

Soon they will get another break, with Term 3 finishing on Friday, September 25.

Resource consent needed for tiles

Jess' Underground Kitchen in Victoria Rd has had to apply for retrospective consent for vinyl it put over heritage tiles at the front of its shop.

The vinyl is a removable non-invasive treatment that will protect the tiles during the tenancy and still maintain the shiny finish and texture of the original tiles, an Auckland Council planning note to the consent said.

The consent will allow council to impose conditions such as requiring the removal at the end of the product's seven-year warranty or the end of the tenancy.

Booze left at playground

A full whisky bottle and packet of cigarettes were found in the 'crow's nest' of the new Windsor Reserve playground last week.

Playground visitor Antonia Kayrouz found the whisky and cigarettes along with empty beer bottles on the morning of Wednesday 2 September, putting them in the rubbish before they were discovered by children.

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FERRY PARKING: Recommendations on the Devonport Parking Study – which included introducing paid parking outside the ferry terminal – will go to the Devonport Takapuna-Takapuna Local Board this month.

TGS OPENING: Takapuna Grammar School’s main block will now be officially reopened on Friday, 16 October, after lockdown

delayed plans last month.

IN THE SWIM: Devonport Equinox Swim will be held on Sunday, 20 September, if at Level 1.

ROAD UPGRADE: Bumpy Walter St in Hauraki is for a road-surface upgrade after temporary patching. Auckland Transport now says resurfacing will be done this financial year.

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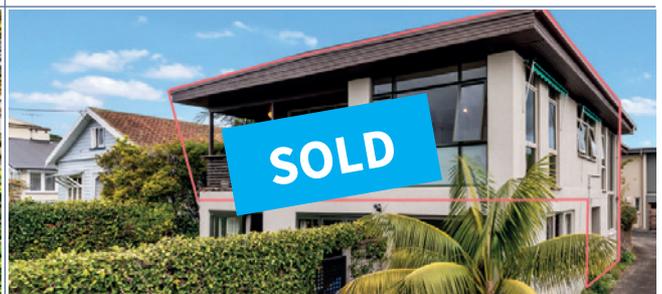
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By Rob Drent

What a difference a couple of decades makes... in this issue's "20 years ago" from the Flagstaff files, we recall a case where a High Court judge ruled North Shore City Council needed to pay a substantial settlement to a couple who couldn't develop a

section after the local authority had earlier failed to publicly notify the development application. The proposal was for single-unit development.

Back in those pre-Auckland Unitary Plan times, publicly notified hearings were commonplace, with the Devonport Community Board having the power to say yay or nay.

In those days, the community board and North Shore City Council were actively trying to curtail the impacts of infill development – particularly in areas like Bayswater and Belmont.

Flash forward to 2020, and the impacts of the Auckland super city – with its greater allowances for development and multi-storey buildings – are truly being felt. It appears a large-scale development over two sites on Lake Rd (Flagstaff, 28 August) could go through the planning process without being notified, though it might be a modified version of the original proposal.

Its three storeys fit into Auckland Council planning zone for the area. The developers' planners have said its effects will be less than minor.

I'm not anti-development per se, and appreciate the argument that Auckland needs to grow up rather than out. But to say that a 48-unit apartment block dropped in the middle of established homes, with traffic spilling out onto Lake Rd, will create an "effect less than minor" is nonsense.

The Devonport-Takapuna Local Board was made aware of the resource consent application when it was lodged but decided

not to raise objections. In any case, the board these days has no power to call for a public hearing but can only advise council.

After our story on the project was published, we were contacted by one of the previous owners of 211 Lake Rd. She had lived there for 32 years. It was purchased in 1979 for just over \$32,000. "Crazy, eh?" she said. Many would agree.

Auckland Transport will soon be seeking submissions on its AT Local service.

While people like the service, it has a high cost per ride and is unsustainable without a significant subsidy.

It cannot be used by children, and many older residents are cut out because an app and a smart phone are needed to book a journey. Moreover, if the take-up of the service is high during peak times, customers are left waiting.

Now, there seems to be a choice to be made between AT and some local bus services.

I've been sceptical about AT Local. Not over the service it provides necessarily, but the cost and the fact it could offer more.

For most of the day the vans and drivers sit idle around Devonport waiting for passengers.

Wouldn't it be better if the vans were in fact a couple of shuttle buses running on continuous circuits around the peninsula, servicing the beaches, New World supermarket and the ferry terminal?

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Fix Lake Rd now, or give someone else a go

The 28 August edition of the Flagstaff had three Lake Rd letters that deserve comment;

Bill Rayner looks to Simon Watts as the presumptive MP to deal with Lake Rd, but this overlooks the reality that this is a local-government road – unless Simon Watts was to undertake to get this issue sorted as a “road of national importance”. This commitment would at least provide for some hope that something will be done, but will he give it?

Then we look to the one from Trish Deans, Devonport-Takapuna Local Board member, to see the real problem. Words like “greater consideration” and “reviews” and

taking more “reasonable” time are poppy-cock. The reason that this issue has not been sorted is lack of priority and bureaucratic incompetence. The elected officials must bear the responsibility for this

The time for review is gone. Get this problem fixed and do it now, or resign and let someone else get it done.

Ron Dykman offers a construction solution which I agree with: four roundabouts, seven pedestrian underpass/overpasses and three lanes for cars. I will bring the paint for the road marking. So, when do we start, Ron?

Alan Light

Leave Devonport alone

Living in Devonport and with a love of its quiet, old-fashioned charm, it is like a knife to the heart whenever one hears the words “facelift” and “renewal”, both of which appeared in your item (Flagstaff, 28 August) regarding the band rotunda. You have to wonder what planet the council and local board are from... yet more unnecessary expense and what amounts to vandalism, really.

Neither of these bodies seem to appreciate the special nature of our suburb – its uncluttered, little-changing early 20th century charm – the attraction for residents and visitors alike. Instead, council and board have in recent years presided over the diminution of that charm, such as in the loss of the Edwardian-styled lamp standards along King Edward Parade, replaced by ones more suited to a motorway, and most recently the perfectly adequate and modest playground at Windsor Reserve now taken over by a Disneyfied version that is not only clunky in design but also dangerous (we should be asking for our money back; how long before some poor child smashes their face in on the boulders so thoughtfully placed at the bottom of the plastic hills?). The reserve development has also seen the

pretty flower-beds at the western edge of the reserve gone, replaced by a hard-edged planting that will never in a million years be admired.

And now the rotunda. Walkways and seating? The charm of the rotunda is that it sits surrounded by lawn and among trees. You can if you like bring along a folding chair or spread out on the grass to enjoy the summer concerts; no need for having the lawn expanse cut up by pathways and littered with modern seating. While the rotunda probably could do with a spot of freshening we’re talking a little paint and a little water-blasting, that’s all. And the cost of the board’s plan: \$134,000 for just the design-work! What a poor sort of joke. More evidence that when it comes to caring for Devonport’s special character we continue to be served by boards and councils free of good judgement and discernment and which, illogically, believe that we must throw out the very things that make Devonport special and instead turn it into some kind of ‘destination experience’ (to use their vacuous and ill-making marketing-speak), like everywhere else. The barbarians are at the gate. Enjoy the place while you can.

Stephen Barnett



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Master craftsman ends an era of Devonport boatbuilders

Boatbuilding in Devonport dates back 170 years. Kevin Johnson, the last of a long line of local involvement in the industry, closed the doors at his Wynyard St premises last month after 50 years. He spoke to Rob Drent.

Kevin Johnson is one of those rare blokes who started building a boat in his backyard and actually finished it. The fact he did it in his teens was as good an indication as any that a 50-year boatbuilding career beckoned.

Johnson had started a boat building apprenticeship as a 17-year-old with John Gladden in Milford. He was living with his grandmother at Mozeley Ave, Devonport. "I was keen as mustard in those days," he recalls. He worked for Gladden by day, and by night was building his first keelboat, a 28ft Alan Wright Nova, in his grandmother's back yard.

"I'd get home from work and she'd feed me and then I'd be out the back, working on the boat, I'd do this seven days a week."

Luckily he didn't have to look too far for Sue, his future wife. They met at the Milford Marina Hotel, which was run at the time by Kevin's stepfather. She was also working at the John Burns Marine Shop. "I reckon he was only keen on me because I could get cheap boating gear," laughs Sue.

She seemed happy enough with Kevin's passion for boatbuilding. "Sue would come down and help me paint the boat," he recalls.

When it was finally finished, they christened her Troika, "after a restaurant we had gone to where we had a really expensive meal".

They married in 1976, and settled in Devonport, in a family home on King Edward Pde, where they still live today.

Kevin went into business on his own account in Wynyard St – at first in the building that now houses Firefly – mainly building Sterling 26ft boats.

From 1981, he operated from his site at 7 Wynyard St, which originally had an old house on it. Johnson set about building boats inside and erected a factory in the back yard.

However, the boats starting getting big-



More time for cruising... Kevin Johnson hopes he will have more time to get out on the water himself now he has retired from fulltime work

ger, forcing Johnson to get creative. He started to take out windows in the house to fit boats in, and eventually had to build a lean-to at the front to house a large boat.

"I wouldn't be able to do it today with all the compliance and building inspectors about."

In the end the house had to be pulled down to get a 46ft boat out.

"Nothing was wasted though. Locals came down and recycled all the bay windows... everything went," remembers Sue. Few knew that a factory had been built behind the house. This was extended in 1984 to create the Kevin

Johnson building that exists today.

Johnson was born in New Plymouth, but his parents moved back to Devonport when he was aged around seven. He went to Bayswater Primary and Belmont Intermediate, and finished his schooling at Rangitoto College. His love of maritime life was fostered sailing P Class dinghies at Murrays Bay Sailing Club and Frostbites at Wakatere Boating Club.

Looking back on his boatbuilding career, he describes it as a "rollercoaster".

He "survived" the 20 per cent boat tax introduced by the Muldoon Government in

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1981, which he maintains crippled the boat building industry in New Zealand.

“It was a forerunner to the introduction of GST... if it was five per cent it may have worked.” The 20 per cent charge on a new boat was simply too much for most people, especially as it was backdated 10 years.

“If it hadn’t been brought in, we could still have a good industry today.”

The tax was administered by the Customs Department. A Customs officer called to inspect Johnson’s newly constructed 34ft boat *Sneak Away*. Such was the rancour around the tax, the Johnsons made him hunt around for his own dinghy to view the vessel.

Johnson continued on, generally with two or three staff, sometimes up to eight, on big builds. He designed and built five launches from 37ft to 46 ft, more than 40 large boats and “lots of little ones” in Wynyard St over 44 years. Crowds would gather when a boat was coming in or going out. Some owners came back for their second or third boats. His largest yacht was a 56ft Angelo Lavranos design. He also built a series of power cats from Allan Wright designs.

Over the years though, competition from prefabricated imports arriving from the likes of France and China effectively stalled the boatbuilding industry here.

“You can import a boat for less than we can buy the materials for – you just can’t compete.”

The last yacht Johnson built was a 10.6m Lotus five years ago, and the last new build was a power cat three years ago.

Since then, it has largely been refits and repairs to yachts – something Johnson hopes to continue in his “semi-retirement”.

“I’ve had a lot of clients for years and plan to keep on helping them out.”

While boatbuilding was tough financially, the Johnsons loved living and working in the local community. Customers became friends, and it was an ideal place for son Andrew to grow up. As a boy he would sail over to Mission Bay with a mate for McDonald’s or an

ice cream.

Adventures were had as well. When the Johnsons had a yacht moored at Westhaven, Andrew, aged around 10, would set off in a yacht from Devonport to Rangitoto with a cellphone on hand for emergencies, and the family arrange to meet at Islington Bay.

On one occasion Sue received a muffled call from Andrew who was obviously in some sort of trouble. Marine authorities were notified and a rescue started. But it all ended well with Andrew, who had suffered a broken rudder, waving down another yacht and being towed to Islington Bay.

When Kevin and Sue arrived, Andrew was “happy as Larry” on a boat with one of Peter Blake’s crew, says Sue.

Unsurprisingly, the Johnsons have no plans to sell up and move. They live along the waterfront which 120 years ago was the site of numerous boatbuilding enterprises. Their home is also near the Devonport Yacht Club, where they have been long-time members: Kevin was Commodore in 1990 and Sue, the club’s first female commodore, in 2010. Mary Therese, their boat of the past 27 years, is moored at Bayswater, and they hope to do more extended cruising trips now they are free from the demands of a fulltime business.

Kevin has no dreams of yachting in the



Boat house... Kevin Johnson initially built boats in a house on Wynyard St.

Mediterranean or overseas, happy with what New Zealand has to offer: the Bay of Islands, Great Barrier, the Coromandel. “The Hauraki Gulf is amazing as well,” he says.

“We will go where the wind takes us,” adds Sue.

Andrew, who did a boatbuilding apprenticeship with his dad, but opted for a police career, has a two-year-old son, Finn, and another grandchild on the way, so there’s now babysitting duties to fit in.

Finn has already identified a strip of coastline as his and “Poppa’s beach”.

Johnson says: “I’ve got a lot of tidying up to do after we left Wynyard St. I’ve got a list for the house and the boat.”

But he’s not complaining. “I go for a half-hour walk every morning. Devonport’s a great place... the view of the sun rising over Cheltenham – it’s pretty good.”

Devonport boat builders through the years

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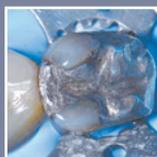
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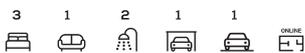
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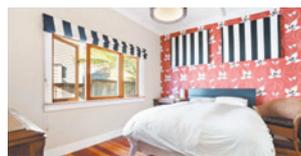
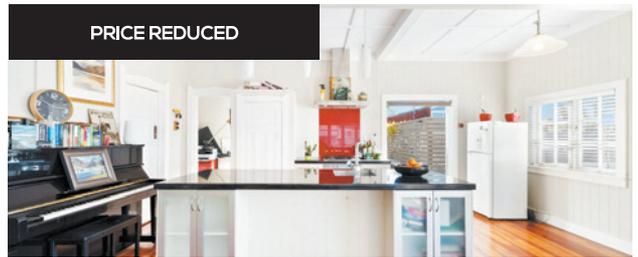


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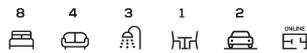


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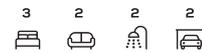
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June laps up village life

June is counting down the weeks until she moves into her brand new serviced apartment at William Sanders Retirement Village in Devonport.

But while the final touches are being made to the village centre to open at the end of September, she has been enjoying a taste of what's to come at Ryman's Bert Sutcliffe village in Birkenhead.

"I've been making use of the lovely tepid pool here and doing my swimming.

"My father was an all year round swimmer who used to swim in the English Channel every day," says June, who was born in Brighton.

June says it has been great having the cleaning done and meals catered for her and the staff on hand to help if she needs anything; something that was underlined when Auckland recently returned to Alert Level 3.

"I'm lucky that I can be here until I move over to Devonport. The staff here are wonderful and very kind," she smiles.

June had enjoyed city life in an apartment in central Auckland for the last



June is looking forward to her move to William Sanders Village

few years but is looking forward to returning to Devonport which was her home since arriving from the UK in 1988.

"My son is the reason I moved here.

"I'd been staying with my daughter in Colorado for about three months and Clive rang me and said 'your furniture is on the high seas to New Zealand Mum!' So that was that!" she laughs.

"I loved that Devonport was close to the water so I bought a rundown bungalow in Hastings Parade and spent the

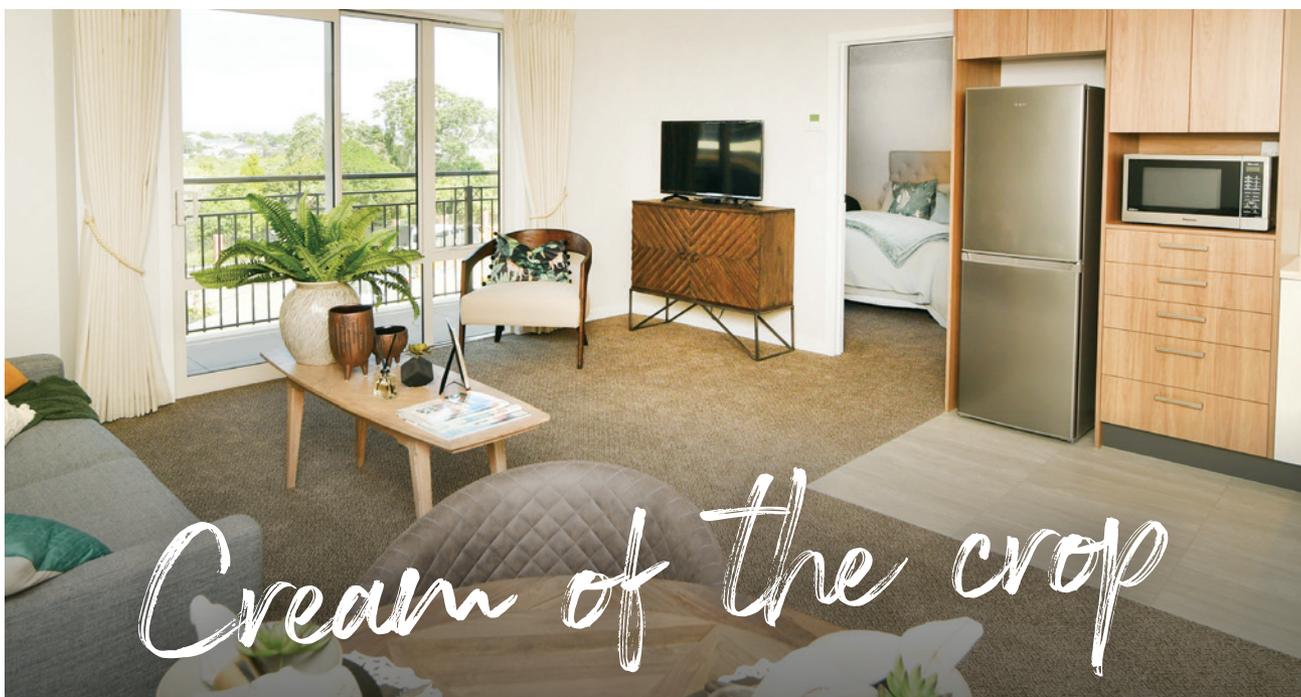
first year doing it up."

When she wasn't busy with DIY, June returned to her acting career, a talent that was encouraged as a child when her father made a stage in the garden shed.

"I was always passionate about showing off!" she laughs.

Now she is happy to be enjoying the benefits of retirement living, soon to reunite with her Devonport friends.

"I'm really looking forward to getting my apartment set up how I want it and being back in Devonport."



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Covid 'highlights need for connected communities'

Connecting communities quickly is vital in times of crisis and more centralised co-ordination is needed, volunteer helpers say.

Resilience had been shown locally during the alert-level 4 lockdown imposed in March, but improvements could be made for future readiness, members of the Devonport Community Trust urged the local board.

They were speaking at a community forum just a week after the board voted to spend more money on Civil Defence (CD) across its area.

Jacki Fortune, Brent Talbot and Maria Teape outlined that volunteer helpers had been plentiful, but finding those needing support was harder, especially among the elderly who were not connected to online forums.

In the area from Devonport to Hauraki, 8000 leaflets were promptly dropped in

letterboxes. These offered support with the likes of shopping or phone trees for the lonely. More than 75 people volunteered for these tasks, helping around 50 vulnerable people.

The experience had identified that many did not know who to ask for help. "There wasn't an obvious communication point at the start, which got us thinking about if this could be the role of Civil Defence," said Fortune.

Although Auckland Council's plan laid out a role for CD in local communities, Talbot said Covid-19 had exposed a gap. An emergency affecting roading or electricity, such as a major storm, might have exposed this even more.

Board members expressed a range of views on improvements. Toni van Tonder

said Devonport's response showed it to be a connected community and "other areas may not be so much". Deputy board chair George Wood said: "We were put in an invidious situation by our officials in the city who told us we had no role to play." Putting money back into the local budget (up from \$4000 to \$30,000) would help the board and groups work together again.

Talbot was heartened to learn that the Auckland North Community and Development organisation (Ancad) had been asked to co-ordinate CD efforts.

Board chairman Aidan Bennett said it was not fair to say the council had not been involved. Library staff had been deployed to phone check on older subscribers for instance. But there were things that could be learned.



ENROLMENTS TERM 4 2020

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

Applications for 10 out of zone places in year 1, 0 in year 2, 0 in year 3, 0 in year 4, 0 in year 5 and 1 in year 6 are now being invited for those students who will become eligible for enrolment during the period 14 October to 15 December 2020.

The deadline for receipt of applications for out of zone places is 12 October 2020.

If a ballot for out of zone places is required, it will be held on 12 October 2020. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days of the ballot being held.

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



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Extinction Rebellion event for Devonport

Climate change will be to the fore at an election roadshow organised for Devonport by the Extinction Rebellion (ER) activist group.

The event, with speakers, will be held at Takarunga at 12.30pm, Wednesday, 16 September. ER is staging meetings around the country and asking parties their positions on three key environmental demands.

New date for candidates meeting

A meet-the-candidates event for the upcoming general election will be held at Holy Trinity Church Hall, on Thursday 1 October, 7pm-9pm.

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In The Pink



Most people play it safe when it comes to choosing a colour for their new kitchen, opting for a non-offensive white, or a least going with a neutral palette – and with good reason.

Firstly, the kitchen is the dominant space in most open-plan homes – therefore the colour you choose will tend to dictate the scheme for the rest of the living spaces. Secondly, there’s re-sale to consider. Not everyone is going to like a lime green, or a turquoise blue kitchen, and it’s not a cheap fix to repaint it.

However, if you really love a colour, and you’re not intending to move home in the not-too-distant future, why not go for it? You only live once!

When our client said she ‘quite liked the idea of having a pink kitchen’, our designer took her at her word and delivered a beautifully subtle kitchen design that perfectly fitted her brief.

Interestingly, though, the pink cabinetry is not the dominant surface in this kitchen – the stunning Invisible White Marble is the hero. “I found this particular marble and I really liked it. I then brought down the pink to more of a blush colour that worked really nicely with the marble – and my client loved the combination,” says the designer.

The soft pink of the cabinetry perfectly complements the gold and the light grey

“My client has a beautiful collection of ceramics that she’s built up over the years, and wanted somewhere to display these pieces.”

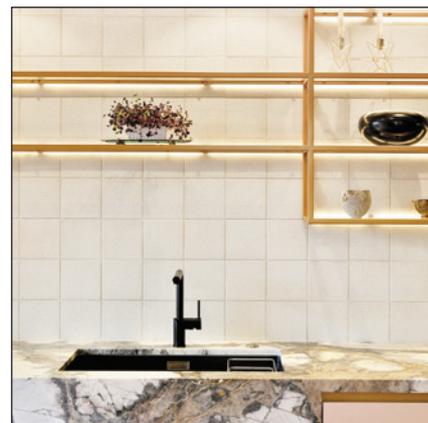
veining in the marble. And to further enhance the relationship between the benchtop and the cabinetry, the negative details are painted in a matching gold colour.

“We also picked up on the black veining [in the marble], by introducing some black elements into the kitchen, such as black granite-finish sink and tap, black induction hob, and twin black ovens. The black grounds the kitchen, gives it some strength,” he says.

The other striking detail in this kitchen is the backlit, steel and glass open shelving that weaves its way along the back wall. “My client has a beautiful collection of ceramics that she’s built up over the years, and wanted somewhere to display these pieces.”

In order to allow the shelving to flow freely along the entire wall, there could be no overhead extractor that would get in the way. The designer’s solution was to install a cooktop with a built-in downdraft extractor.

For the splashback, the designer sourced



some square tiles that feature a faint grid pattern, in gold, so they marry up perfectly with the gold in the marble and also reference the gold-painted grid pattern of the steel shelving that sits in front of it.

Every last detail has been considered and coordinated in this kitchen. It is now brighter and functions so much better than its predecessor, and has become a real focal point in our client’s open-plan living space.

If you thinking about putting in a new kitchen, give the team at Kitchens By Design a call, or pop into their showroom at 3 Byron Ave, Takapuna (09) 488 7201. And for inspiration, take a look at their website at www.kitchensbydesign.co.nz



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- A North Shore City Council blunder costs ratepayers thousands of dollars and leaves a couple with an empty cliff-top section. A High Court judge rules a Council consent granted to owners to build on a Seacliffe Ave section is invalid as it should have been publicly notified. The owners take the council to court as they had demolished a home to build from scratch. The council pays them several hundred thousand dollars in a confidential settlement.
- Lisa Reid and guide dog Ami notice a crack on Lake Rd directly above a Devonport crèche playground. Council investigations reveal the whole bank is on the move.
- Bayswater Marina Ltd applies for ownership of the southern reclamation land at Bayswater.
- Plans to spray Devonport Domain's weeds with chemicals gain support from the North Shore Cricket Club and opposition from the Devonport Toxins Action Group.
- Residents complain about dogs barking on Narrow Neck Beach before 7am.
- Devonport community radio station THE-flea buckles under complaints from advertisers and removes a music slot hosted by Depot co-ordinator Stuart McEwen.
- Millionaire Alan Gibbs pays out a Bayswater family he injured when riding a jetski earlier in the year. Gibbs slammed into the Czerniaks' dinghy, injuring mother Lee, her son Morgan and daughter Nicole.



Flagstaff interview subject... artist Clare Dargaville

They refused a \$5000 cheque from Gibbs, and sought exemplary damages through the High Court. An out-of-court confidential settlement was reached.

- Artist Clare Dargaville is the Flagstaff interview subject.
- Grant Simpkins is appointed new North Shore Rugby Club coach ahead of seven other applicants.
- Former New Zealand running great and Olympic medallist Dick Quax entertains Devonport Primary School pupils with sports stories.

Hospice expands to meet demand

Harbour Hospice is planning a \$20 million rebuild of its in-patient facility near Lake Pupuke.

Work on its Shea Tce site in Takapuna is due to begin late this year, after a planning consent application was recently lodged. Around half of the project's \$20 million budget is still to be raised.

The new building will be built on the existing footprint and see the hospice expanded from nine to 15 beds. There will be more room for families as well.

"This project will allow us to meet future demand for palliative care – and enable us to continue to provide this vital community service free of charge, said Harbour Hospice chief executive Jan Nichols.

Demand was expected to grow 50 per cent over the next 14 years, and 90 per cent in the next 40 years, she said.

"This means that, by as early as 2034, we will need to support at least another 300 patients and their families each year."

Hospice, like other charities, is facing tough times. Lockdowns have hit the revenue from its second-hand stores.

It will soon be going to the community seeking funds to help with its future-proofing. Hospice does not receive direct government funding, although DHBs contribute to running costs. It relies heavily on public donations, shop sales and support from volunteers, sponsors, grant-making trusts and bequests.



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With masks now mandatory on public transport at level 2 and above we are pleased to see a high level of compliance across all our services. Thank you.

Physical distancing is an important feature of alert level 2, and on board we have reduced our passenger capacity to approximately 50% to provide enough space to distance yourselves from fellow passengers.

With more people travelling, we have a few tips to ensure you can make your sailing.

- Consider travelling in off peak periods - from 9am to Auckland, and before 4pm or after 6pm to Devonport
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Tom Gerrard: long-serving Rosmini principal

Remembered by current Rosmini principal Nixon Cooper.

Tom Gerrard sadly passed away on Thursday 13 August. He was born in Ireland in 1941 and came to New Zealand as a small boy.

Tom's first connection with Rosmini College was as a teacher from 1966 to 1970. He taught a range of subjects and coached the 1st XV. Tom returned to Rosmini College in 1975 as principal after the college had had four principals in three years. He would hold the role for 39 years, until 2014.

An outstanding educator, Tom was a giant in Catholic boys' education for four decades. A greater thinker and philosopher, Tom had a clear sense of his mission in Catholic boys' education. In essence, it was to produce a well-rounded young man whose morals were rooted in a strong spiritual foundation in the Catholic faith. This combined with academic rigour and co-curricular interests. He also never wavered from a belief in the need for firm discipline, to which many an old boy could attest.

Tom Gerrard was a larger-than-life character with a ready wit. He was exceptionally good company and could keep a packed room



Larger-than-life... Tom Gerrard had 39 years at the helm of Rosmini College

entertained for hours. Many of his former fellow principals readily attest to him being arguably the most colourful principal they knew during his long tenure in charge at Rosmini.

It was when others suffered misfortune that Tom especially showed his genuine human kindness, affection, warmth and care for

those in the wider Rosmini community, be they a staff member, pupil, parent or board member.

Tom was always quick to recognise the support and help of others. He was deeply indebted to many long-serving members of the Board of Trustees.

Tom would also have been keen to acknowledge the 25 years of loyal service Jim Flanagan and Owen Doody gave him as part of their close-knit senior leadership team.

Tom leaves behind an extraordinary legacy at Rosmini College. Just one aspect that can be seen by us all illustrates that legacy. When Tom arrived, the college had a roll of 572. It had 1020 by the time he left. Tom oversaw the fundraising and construction of buildings including Foster Cooke, Catcheside, Tindall Auditorium, Sormany Science and Peter Maire Technology teaching blocks. Not to mention the eponymous Tom Gerrard Gymnasium, John Copson Sports Pavilion and seven extra classrooms.

Due to Covid restrictions, Tom was farewelled at a small private gathering. Family plan a memorial service on the anniversary of his death next year.

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WELCOME TO THE NAVY

The Royal New Zealand Navy welcomed 100 new trainees to the service on 1 September, as they formally "signed on the line" during their attestation ceremony at Devonport Naval Base.

With Auckland at a COVID Level 3 state prior to the ceremony, the usual routine of bulk recruits arriving at the base gates on a Sunday was revamped. The Air Force picked up recruits from the South Island, Wellington and Manawatu, while buses collected recruits from remaining North Island regions and within Auckland City. Arriving recruits, over several days, were masked and had to maintain social distancing until they were within their training environment on base.

With social gatherings in public still at a minimum, the attestation ceremony – normally at the Navy museum – was held in the hangar of HMNZS Aotearoa, the Navy's newest and largest vessel. In front of the Chief of Navy, the recruits declared an oath to the Royal New Zealand Navy, receiving an entirely waterproof Bible if they wished, and returned to barracks to sign their attestation forms.



There are two Basic Common Training (BCT) intakes a year for a course lasting 16 weeks. The natural establishment of training classes, or messdecks, lends itself to 'bubbles' of up to 20 recruits each. This was utilised to a high degree with the previous 2020 intake during the Level 4 lockdown,

with instructors maintaining social distancing and wearing Personal Protective Equipment. Under Auckland's Level 2 status, this intake will also function in classes but has the freedom to combine while contained within a training environment on base.

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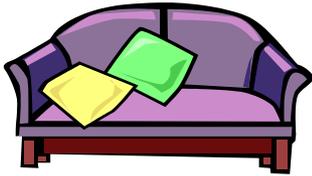
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Notice of Annual General Meeting of Devonport Historical and Museum Society Inc.

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Takapuna Orchestra hits the right chord

The Takapuna Grammar School Performing Arts Department is known for a robust and exciting programme in Dance, Drama, Music and Musical Theatre. We have had successful Concert and Jazz Bands running for many years, achieving success at annual KBB Music Festivals and other performance events. However, something we have been missing is an Orchestra – the integration of the string family (violin, viola, cello and double bass) with the wind, brass and percussion sections. This year, under the direction of Performing Arts teacher Mr Robert Dil, a TGS Orchestra has risen successfully and continued to grow in strength. 2020 has been a difficult year with a global pandemic but these dedicated musicians have met weekly to rehearse a variety of classical and popular music including a medley from *Les Misérables* in tribute to the TGS cancelled school show from earlier in the year. This was to be the first year for this new orchestra to participate in the KBB Music Festival which has become an online celebration of music this year due to our two Auckland lockdowns. The orchestra put together a cute “behind the scenes” video on the day the second lockdown was announced and were due to film their performance pieces the following weekend – which didn’t happen with another citywide lockdown.



However, on the first Tuesday back after the second lockdown, the TGS Orchestra came together in the TGS School Hall, Te Poho, and recorded a beautiful video of their KBB Music Festival submission – the *Les Misérables* medley and a rendition of *The Impossible Dream*

(The Quest) from *Man of La Mancha* with a gorgeous vocal solo from Year 13’s Ben Sawyer. They have since shared this video with the entire school in lieu of a live performance and continue to showcase the resilience and creativity of TGS students!

Critical thinking workshops

As a part of the IB diploma, all students are required to participate in a range of activities, sports and co-curriculars in order to become more well rounded learners. This part of the diploma is called CAS (Creativity, Activity and Service).

As part of their Service, this year all IB1 students delivered a Critical Thinking workshops to our Year 11 students, where they showed the students some of the skills they have acquired in their Theory of Knowledge classes, such as sound reasoning and disproving fallacies.

Many of our IB1 students found this task challenging, as it involved speaking in front of an audience they did not know, but they all prepared themselves thoroughly and proved themselves to be extremely articulate and confident presenters.

Allegra Bower describes her experience as follows:

“Taking part in the critical thinking presentations was a very valuable learning experience for me. Our planning and practice for the task were essential as we had to speak on our feet and adapt the presentation to our audience. The success of our presentation relied on our collaboration as a team. We were able to boost each other up and give varying perspectives on different concepts. Taking part in this exercise reaffirmed to me the importance and value of working with a team as everyone has something different to bring to the table. Our different speaking techniques appealed to different audiences so we were able to reach out more effectively to different groups of students. Our excellent preparation was also



integral in the success of this activity as we were able to accurately present and carry out our task with two very different groups in a short time frame.”

The feedback from the teachers supervising the class was overwhelmingly positive. Here is the feedback from two of the teachers:

“My class really enjoyed the presentation by the IB1 students. They were interested in the critical thinking aspects, especially in terms of the type of arguments

people make to justify their claims. They started using it in class from that lesson on, which was interesting.”
- Shameela Nassery

“I would like to commend the students on such an articulate and well-executed presentation. They dealt with my class very well and it was refreshing and reassuring to see students explain themselves clearly and keep others engaged and interested in what they have to say by involving them.” - Peter Stanton

Council funds on offer for waste reduction

Grants to help groups set up waste-reduction projects are being offered by Auckland Council. The Waste Minimisation and Innovation Fund can provide up to \$50,000 for individual businesses, iwi and education and community groups.

“Reducing our carbon footprint means we need to try new things and turn great ideas into everyday solutions for zero waste,” says the chairman of the environment and climate change committee and North Shore councillor, Richard Hills. “Whether it’s a little funding to strengthen an already successful project, or a large boost to take a big idea to the next phase, we are excited to partner with you to reduce waste.”

The council has set aside a total of \$600,000 for the fund this year. Since 2013, it has allocated more than \$4.3 million to 400-plus projects. These include workshops on composting and worm bins delivered through schools.

Hills said New Zealanders were increasingly looking for practical solutions to the climate crisis. The council wanted to support moves to a circular economy. Its scheme started with grants from \$250, and applicants, small and large, were invited. In 2019, 33 grants were made, with half a dozen targeting construction waste, which Hills said accounted for around half of the waste going to landfill across the Auckland region. Food and organic waste from commercial sources were other areas being targeted.

Fund applications close at the end of September, with details available on the council’s website.



ENROLMENTS 2021

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

Applications for 15 out of zone places in year 1, 8 in year 2, 13 in year 3, 0 in year 4, 0 in year 5 and 0 in year 6 are now being invited for those students who will become eligible for enrolment during the period 2 February to 14 December 2021.

The deadline for receipt of applications for out of zone places is 15 October 2020.

If a ballot for out of zone places is required, it will be held on 16 October 2020. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days of the ballot being held.

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

The board of Trustees will also hold multiple ballots throughout 2021 to enable out of zone children to continue to enrol in 2021.

Students unveil plaque for tree



Mighty totara... Bayswater school’s enviro group last month unveiled a plaque made for a totara planted last year as part of the school’s Te Korowai o Papatūānuku restorative planting project. The plaque was made by parent Mark Allan. The tree is named Ngā naumahara o Te Wau Tū Nui a Tanē ki ngā tupuna. The enviro group led an unveiling ceremony with a karakia, singing a waiata and expressing their gratitude for the plaque.



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Volunteers shovel-ready as lockdown ends

Restoration-planting volunteers snapped back into action last week, taking full advantage of eased Covid-19 restrictions.

Volunteers co-ordinated by environmental organisation Restoring Takarunga Hauraki planted 450 plants on land behind O’Neills Point Cemetery at Bayswater.

The planting is part of a large restoration project in the area, including a community effort to remove smothering blue morning glory vines from 10-year-old kauri trees.

Hauraki resident and volunteer Imogen McIntyre caught the bus from Hauraki to help with planting work with a Covid-19-safe gathering of 10 volunteers.

“I love volunteering. It’s fun and a lot better than sitting at home,” she said.

The volunteers planted kahikatea and kauri trees and flax. Later this month, Bayswater school students will help with mulching the soil to maintain the plants’ growth.

Keen volunteer and guardian of Paddy’s Bush adjacent to Shoal Bay along with O’Neill’s Cemetery, Georgina Greville was another hard at work to restore some neglected native planting in the area.

Bayswater resident Greville, alongside scouts, neighbours and others, has overseen weeds removal and native planting.



Dig this... Georgina Greville (top), who has been a restoration volunteer for over a decade, takes a turn on a spade during planting near O’Neill’s Point Cemetery. Imogen McIntyre (right) bussed down from Hauraki for the planting and weeding session.

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Seizing the moment pays off:

By Anneka Brown

When Rose Carlyle began writing her debut novel, *The Girl in the Mirror*, it wasn't easy – but it taught her how strong she could be.

The Takapuna resident began writing it two years ago. As a newly-separated single mother, it was a very busy time juggling the parenting of three teenagers.

Her late brother's son had also come to live with her. The only way she could spend time on her book was to get up early in the morning and write before work and having to get the kids to school. She would also write on the weekends when the kids would sleep in. "I was doing a lot," says Carlyle. "But it was fun to have something to do each day that was just for me."

Now, Carlyle's psychological thriller about twins is set to be published by New Zealand publishers Allen & Unwin, and North American publishers HarperCollins, and has even attracted interest from Hollywood.

The Girl in the Mirror follows twin sisters Iris and Summer, who are startlingly alike. Beyond what the eye can see lies a darkness that sets them apart. She has another novel on the verge of completion which she hopes to have published next year.

Carlyle, a lawyer by trade, practised law in her 20s, then took time off to raise her children. One in particular had health issues and needed a parent home full-time.

She and her husband took the family on sailing trips, living aboard their yacht in the

Indian Ocean for a year, sailing it from Thailand to South Africa via the Seychelles and multiple other stops. This was a trip Carlyle drew on when writing *The Girl in the Mirror*.

When she and her husband separated, Carlyle settled in Takapuna to start writing.

The novel was mostly written in Takapuna, quite a lot of it at the Takapuna Library. It was edited at the Michael King Writers Centre in Devonport, a suburb Carlyle visited for its "wonderful" bookshops. She worked 12-hour days to complete her novel at the writers centre.

"I actually came up with the idea for the novel all in one day," she says. She recalls having lunch with her older sister Maddie, and talking about writing a novel about twins. "We both thought about writing a novel about twins which seemed like a strange coincidence."

However, the ideas they had meshed together beautifully. "I was very fortunate that my sister said I should write it and that she would help me. She's been my reader, my editor and my fellow brainstormer."

Two years ago, when Carlyle began writing, she would write a chapter and send it to her sister who would give her honest feedback.

"She would come back and tell me this is boring and this part doesn't work. And I really loved that, we would often end up on the phone talking about it, and we also had a lot of laughs," she says.

"Sometimes you feel like you're not getting enough exercise as a writer because you're sit-

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Video worked for accordion star

Hauraki accordion player Andre Smimov's first international success has given him the taste for more competition.

The Belmont Intermediate Year 8 student entered an Australian-organised event by video, after hopes of travelling to the world championships in Portugal in October were stymied by Covid-19.

Over lockdown, Andre learned he had been awarded a silver certificate for his submissions.

Because of the global pandemic, with live events on hold, the competition which normally attracts mostly Australasian and a few Asian competitors drew entries from around the world. Being run online meant competitors could see recordings of each other perform, which is not always the case.

Andre's mother, Alexandra Simotov, said this helped him see the high benchmark set by the very top entrants. His result was encouraging enough to make the young musician doubly determined to aim for the 2021 world championships, which will be held in Munich, Germany, late next year, she said.

It would be a step up, as next year Andre would be competing in the age 15 and under level, rather than the age 12 bracket.

"He's very inspired to work at that level."

Greedy Cat gets another life

The Tim Bray Theatre Company will present children's play *Greedy Cat*, at the PumpHouse Theatre this month.

The production, delayed by Covid-19 lockdown restrictions, is going ahead with the support of a \$5000 Devonport-Takapuna Local Board grant.

The play is based on Joy Cowley's much-loved illustrated children's book, *Greedy Cat*.

The company is celebrating its 100th season of live theatre since 1991.

Greedy Cat will run from 26 September to 10 October, with performances at 10.30am and 1pm.

Play delay

The Hauraki 10-year-old set to play the same Shakespearean role his grandfather played 55 years ago has a few more weeks to wait.

Hauraki School was forced to delay its production of *Kidsummer Night's Dream* due to lockdown last month, but has set new dates of 22-25 September, Covid-19 Level 1 permitting, or a move to Term 4.

Liam Greenway will play the comic role Bottom, as his grandfather Gary Monk did as a 12-year-old. News of the family's double act featured in the Flagstaff.



Debut novel set to be published in US and UK

ting at a computer screen, but our belly muscles certainly got a workout,” laughs Carlyle.

Writing was so much harder than she thought it was going to be, but she was in love with *The Girl in the Mirror* and couldn't stop writing.

“It's a funny thing, you sort of flip-flop in your mind between thinking this is a great story or I'm just deluded. Every writer thinks they are writing a great story,” she says.

Early in the writing process, Carlyle met editor and publisher Charlotte Gibbs, who is a member of the Michael King Writers Centre Trust Board. Gibbs read Carlyle's novel and encouraged her to try to have it published.

Carlyle has always been a reader, with a hankering to write her own novel. She remembers having that wish even as a six-year-old, and begging for a typewriter. To her surprise, she was given one.

“It must have sounded like a crazy request coming from a six-year-old,” she laughs.

Her godfather had come by an incredibly ancient typewriter he could pass on.

Later, during her teens, she tried to write fan fiction, but life as an adult became busy, with study, practising law, raising a family and sailing. Carlyle's biggest challenge was finding the time to write as a single mother.

“It sounds like a bit of a crazy dream, so I felt a bit on my own, too, for a long time.”

Getting a publisher to read her novel was another big challenge. She didn't know much about how the publishing industry worked, but



The write stuff... Carlyle at a book signing in Milford

after several months of her novel apparently going unread, in March last year she finally received exciting and life-changing news – a publishing offer. It was Carlyle's “movie-star moment” to be offered a publishing deal. “It was so amazing to get an offer because I had only sent it to one publisher and I didn't know if it was really ready or not.”

Carlyle couldn't have hoped for a better

outcome, despite the challenges Covid-19 has posed for authors and publishers.

The novel has sold strongly, and she has had plenty of positive feedback from readers.

“I think what I really learned is to have courage, and back yourself. For a long time, I felt I had to keep my day job because I wasn't really sure how this was going to go. I think partly because of Covid-19 it has made me realise you have got to seize your moment,” Carlyle says.

“For me, it's not about the number of readers, it's about hearing from readers who really loved it and really felt that connection with my main character that I always hoped they would feel,” she says. “It's been wonderful hearing from different readers,” Carlyle says. “I had one reader get in contact saying it was the best book she had read in her entire life. I never expected anyone to say that.”

International rights to the book have been bought by HarperCollins in the US, where it will be published in October, and Atlantic Books in the UK, where it will be out in early 2021.

With her family growing up, Carlyle can look forward to having more time for writing. Her eldest son, Ben, is now 20, Moses is 18, and Florence, 16, attends Takapuna Grammar School.

“There will definitely be more novels in the future. Even if I couldn't possibly make a career out of it, I would purely write for pleasure. So to me, it's a bonus for it to be my career too.”

North Shore's secrets revealed

Secret stories of the Shore will be a feature of the Auckland Heritage Festival this month. The theme of uncovering the hidden past runs through the event this year, and will take in tours of tunnels in Devonport and the tale of a ghost at the Lake House Arts centre in Takapuna.

The Navy Museum will highlight stories about Torpedo Bay, from the ship builders to the torpedo men.

Author Russell Glackin will lead people through the historic military coastal defences on Maungauika.

He will also discuss two Boeing flying boats rumoured to have been stored in secret tunnels and hidden rooms on North Head around 1925.

Lake House artistic director Grae Burton will bring to life the building's 130-year-old history, employing augmented reality technology and projection. This ranges from its being home to a “lady in white” who is said to appear in ghost form from time to time, to being used in a Dave Dobbyn music video.

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