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## Home-invasion victims flee after “nightmare”

Victims of a home invasion on one of the North Shore’s most up-market streets have left their house fearing for their safety.

Police are investigating the incident where

armed intruders held a family at gunpoint at a Clifton Rd address in Hauraki last week.

One of the victims, Brenda Kelley, who is now temporarily staying elsewhere, said: “It was a

nightmare.” She feared for her daughter’s life.

Kelley’s 18-year-old daughter was doing homework when the first armed intruder

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## Fallen fruit gives a lift in tough times



**Golden harvest... Denise Jamieson from Bayswater stocks up on avocados and limes from Uglys, Justin Burke’s weekend stall in Clarence St. Story page 7.**



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# Home invasion on Clifton Rd

stormed into the house, through an unlocked front door. She said the intruder was looking for an Asian man who owed him a lot of money. It did not seem the men planned a burglary.

“We told them we did not know who they were looking for, that there was no Asian man here, and that they could search the house. But they still held guns in our faces,” said Kelley.

Another two other intruders emerged with guns from downstairs, and confronted Kelley and her flatmate. Kelley said they broke a room door and pushed her to the ground.

The first intruder said: “Where is the Asian guy, where is our money?” He later said he was not there to hurt them but was collecting a debt.

“We were terrified and pleaded for them not to shoot us,” Kelley said.

After the intruders could not find the man they were looking for, they left, and Kelley immediately called police.

The incident took place around 10pm on Thursday 17 September. Kelley said it was all over “very quickly”, but she was so shocked it

was difficult to gauge the exact time the men were in the house.

A nearby resident, who did not want to be named, said the incident was very out of character for the area and that neighbours will remain cautious.

“The incident seemed very strange. I think, after Covid-19, people have been very displaced from losing jobs and perhaps this could be a sign of the times,” they said.

The Flagstaff spoke to half a dozen neighbours who were unsure about what had happened. The first they knew of the incident was when police started questioning residents along Clifton Rd.

A police spokesman said at least two armed offenders entered the address, and a number of items were stolen, including a wallet.

Police are making enquiries and reviewing CCTV from the area. “No one at the address was harmed...at this point, police do not believe the address was randomly targeted.”

## No central advance voting

Devonport does not have a central polling booth for advance voting for the General Election.

The community house in Clarence St has been used previously, but with advance special voting taking place during the school holidays when it runs holiday programmes it is understood it was not available. Other polling booths in the area are at the North Shore Rugby Club and at Stanley Bay and Vauxhall Schools.

## 3 Victoria Rd: empty for 809 days

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# Customers club together to buy Chateaubriant



**Viva la France... Alan Floquet (left) with partners Trisha Stratford, Colin Abercrombie and Paul Glass**

Customers have bought shares in popular Cheltenham café Chateaubriant, to ensure its future in partnership with manager Alan Floquet.

“It’s a continuation of my love story with Devonport,” says Floquet.

He arrived in New Zealand six years ago. After a stint picking apples in Hawke’s Bay, he made his way to Auckland and then Devonport, where he got a part-time job with Chateaubriant, which quickly turned into a full-time position.

“I really have a crush for Devonport – my partner and I have been adopted by the people here,” he says.

Over the years, Floquet’s customers have become friends, and now business partners.

Colin Abercrombie, Paul Glass, Trisha

Stratford and Floquet this month became joint shareholders in the café.

Abercrombie had already struck up a friendship with Floquet, through basketball. His son, Tom, a star with the New Zealand Breakers, has played in France, and Floquet had been a long-time fan.

Abercrombie says he had been “helping out” Floquet with commercial advice for a few years and was involved in negotiations to buy the café around 18 months ago, “but the price was unrealistic”.

Floquet couldn’t raise the money himself, so Abercrombie and the other regular customers stepped up to help ensure the café, “which is very much part of the community,” kept going.

“We hope to make a return, but we are not

going into it for the money, Abercrombie says. “We would not be doing it without Alan... we don’t know anything about running cafes.”

While the purchase price is confidential, it runs to “several hundred thousand dollars,” Abercrombie says.

Floquet says it will be business as usual under the new ownership, but some changes will be made.

The premises will be “refreshed”, including a spring clean. Other regulars at the café are helping out with a redesign, a new music playlist, and benches supplied by North Shore Rugby Club members.

A grand reopening is planned for 1 October, with French dinners reintroduced from November.



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## Devonport Family Medicine warmly welcomes Dr Miriam Brown to the team.

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Dr Miriam is a UK-trained GP who moved to New Zealand with her family 15 years ago. She is passionate about family medicine and all aspects of adult health and well-being, with a special interest in mental health and addiction and experience in paediatrics.

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for appointments Monday and Thursday afternoons.

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## Stanley Bay ferry service canned by council

Stanley Bay's long-standing ferry service will be gone by Christmas.

Auckland Transport (AT) announced the axing last Friday, due to cost-cutting required under Auckland Council's post Covid-19 Emergency Budget. The last services will run on 24 December.

AT has had to cut \$10 million to meet its reworked budget. Ferry and bus services across the city have been affected, with lower-use routes sacrificed and some improvements deferred, said AT executive general manager Mark Lambert. Routes were being added to, where there was customer demand.

"AT understands this will be disappointing for Stanley Bay ferry users, but recognises that alternative options exist."

North Shore councillor and Stanley Pt resident Chris Darby said he was "absolutely gutted" about the decision which came in spite of behind-the-scenes lobbying.

The service was a Covid casualty which he was confident would otherwise have survived. He had championed getting the pontoon and terminal upgraded in 2012 and fought to retain the service when it was under review in 2018.

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board deputy

chair George Wood said the move was "really disappointing" after more than \$1 million had been spent on improvements to the Stanley Bay wharf in recent years.

The loss of Stanley Bay's ferry will be Hobsonville's gain, with resources switched to an area where AT says demand is growing.

If money became available in future, AT told the Flagstaff it would reconsider the Stanley Bay services, provided Hobsonville could still be provided for. Decisions on other cuts across the city, which take effect in January, were final.

"I have not lost sight of getting this service back when our financials are in a better shape," Darby said. He noted that the closing came as AT was separately looking at adding to its feeder bus services to Devonport. He said he would push hard for these to be improved.

Two options for the feeder bus routes from Stanley Bay (the 806) and Cheltenham (807) and the future of the AT Local ride-share service are out for community consultation next month. These would reduce the double-up of services from the costly extended AT Local trial using booked electric vans and cars.

Option one ends the AT Local service altogether, allowing an extra bus to be added to the

Stanley Bay and Cheltenham routes, making it easier for the services to time to ferries and run earlier and later.

Option two would retain buses to the ferries at peak times, while using AT Local off-peak. This would run in a reduced area centred on Devonport, rather than extending to Belmont and Bayswater which have other regular bus services. If AT Local was kept, fares would come into line with buses and customers would pay by AT HOP card. Integrated pricing would apply also, allowing a bus and ferry trip to be treated as the same journey.

Information sessions will be held at the Devonport Library on 7, 10, 13 and 15 October, with feedback closing on 18 October. Any changes to the 806 route would apply from 24 January, 2021.

AT said the wharf and terminal would continue to be maintained, as they will be used by the Rakino service for pick-ups and drop-offs and as a contingency back-up during the America's Cup.

Initially AT was looking at cutting \$20 million from operational spending, said Darby. He and other councillors had advocated strongly for the public transport cuts to not be so severe.

## Development-site fence collapses onto pavement

A fence running the entire length of the state-housing development site on the corner of Lake Rd and Bardia St collapsed onto the footpath last Friday.

"If there had been schoolchildren walking past, it would have been a fatality," said shocked local resident Sue Diver.

The Flagstaff visited the Kainga Ora site soon after the fence collapse and approached the only worker visible, who declined to comment. "I'm making it safe - that's all that matters," he said.

Diver, who was driving past the site shortly late morning, believes "a horrendous gust of wind" that drew her attention not long before leaving home may have been responsible. The fence was flattened, she said. "It obviously all came down in one go, because it wasn't buckled at all." This occurred at a similar time to trucks toppling on the Harbour Bridge.

When the Flagstaff arrived, the fence had been weighted down in places. Although mostly clear of the footpath, one section protruded onto it. Diver said she had rung the council as she was concerned that such a large fence could fall down. "This is a health-and-safety issue, with hundreds of schoolchildren walking past."



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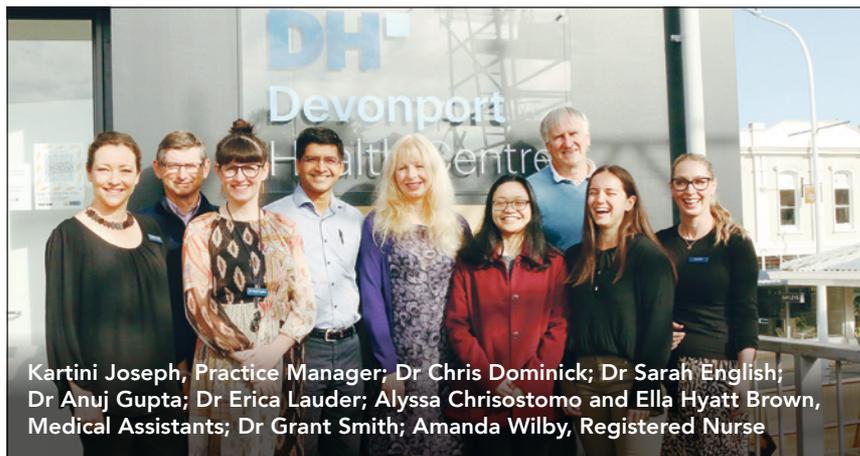
Beating at the heart of our community is a new place of happiness and healing – Devonport Health Centre.

Officially opened on 24 August, the brand-new purpose-built medical centre in Devonport offers everything you know and love, plus more. Now serving old and new clients alike, the team not only meets but exceeds patients' high expectations of top-quality care. The first-rate service provided by Devonport Health Centre has grown and strengthened with the amalgamation of three of the most established medical practices in Devonport, led by trusted stalwarts who have cared for the community for years. Dr Erica Lauder, Dr Grant Smith, Dr Sally Rushworth and Dr Chris Dominick have now merged with the next generation in care, welcoming Dr Anuj Gupta, Dr Sarah English, Dr Stella Goulart and a new young male doctor about to be announced. This blend of old and new means patients get the care they've come to love, while ensuring the same level of personal, individual connection with patients remains and grows for the future.

Dr Erica Lauder, Devonport GP for over 30 years, says: "Our vision is that Devonport Health Centre will become a centre of excellence for health and well-being in the community".

Dr Lauder speaks for the whole team when she describes the best thing about this wonderful new asset: "It combines the smaller established teams who have served the community for many years, a trust relationship that is set to continue, with the benefit and support of the wider team; new GPs, a dedicated Practice Manager, Registered Nurses and Medical Assistants". Together they promise to bring a wealth of support and care, greater levels and speed of service, multilingual capabilities, and increased clinical resources.

This impressive community facility brings the next generation of healthcare by offering total care of the individual and the family in a holistic and inclusive way that benefits all patients. And the vision and developments



Kartini Joseph, Practice Manager; Dr Chris Dominick; Dr Sarah English; Dr Anuj Gupta; Dr Erica Lauder; Alyssa Chrisostomo and Ella Hyatt Brown, Medical Assistants; Dr Grant Smith; Amanda Wilby, Registered Nurse

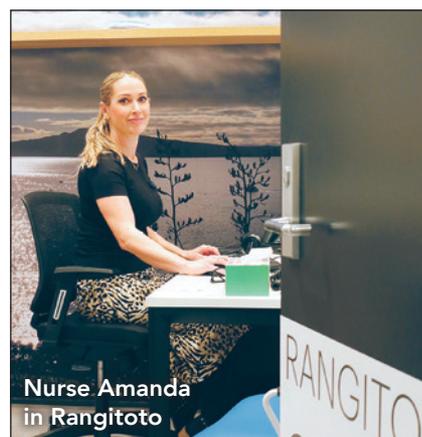
are set to continue; the on-site pharmacy is opening soon, plans are afoot for antenatal and weight-loss clinics, and funding is in the pipeline for a permanent psychologist to join the team.

Set in the heart of Devonport village, each of the 10 consultation rooms are named after places around Devonport. Cheltenham, Duders, North Head... and the full-wall decals capture perfectly this close connection with the community. Bright, airy and spacious, this state-of-the-art health centre is fully accessible and boasts an impressive 14 off-street car parks behind the building, accessed from Rattray Street.

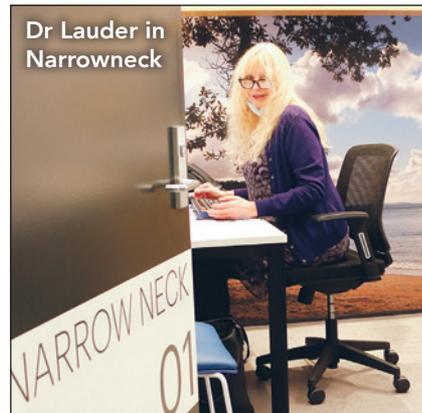
Practice Manager Kartini Joseph summarises the ethos of the proud new team: "We will continue to do our very best to make Devonport Health Centre a place where the community knows they will receive compassionate, friendly, top-quality medical care"

The team extends its very warm welcome to you all, and is actively seeking new enrolments. Do pop in to say hello, take a look around and enquire about joining the new Devonport Health Centre family!

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# Fallen fruit and fresh thinking inspire produce project

When Covid-19 put Justin Burke's travel business on the back burner, he cast about for worthwhile work.

The result was an initiative to onsell surplus neighbourhood fruit, vegetables and nuts, and return some of the profits to the donor or their chosen community group.

"It's dealing with waste at the front end and healthy eating at the back," says the Devonport resident.

Under the banner of Uglys Beautiful Produce, he trades from his front gate at weekends and hopes the concept will grow.

The idea came from walks when he saw a lot of perfectly good, if not perfectly formed, fallen fruit on the ground.

Burke says people have responded well to approaches to share surplus food, grown organically in backyards.

Shoppers have been keen to sample produce from old fruit trees and learn more about them. Some of it may not look picture perfect, but the taste is often better than modern varieties grown for size, colour and appearance, he says.

"I've had 10-year-old boys screw up their faces because, of course, it's ugly. They don't realise what fruit looks like."

Apples in the 1960s used to come in 100 varieties, now typically around half a dozen were sold, said Burke. Most modern ones were sweet. "There's so many types that have been bred out. Fruit and vegetables used to look and taste different and we've forgotten."

Talking to customers, he encourages them to give the unfamiliar-looking a go – from peeling a baby banana to cutting open citrus samples – to show that while the outside may not be smooth and bright, the inside could be enticing.

Burke built Uglys by canvassing streets in Devonport, but as word has spread he is now getting calls from further afield. Mandarins have come from Belmont. "The tree was planted in 1954 – the year I was born," he notes.

One man was happy to share his unwanted avocados and make \$20 to give to his bowling club. Burke keeps 70 per cent of sales money and either returns 20 per cent to the donor or forwards the cut to their designated school, club, church or charity.

Ten per cent of the produce he collects goes into the community-centre box opposite his Clarence St house or to charity groups. Customers sometimes leave with a little something extra, to clear seasonal surpluses. He also redistributes leftover fruit to different donors to spread the goodwill.

"I'm building the concept – it's not a business yet," says Burke, after four weekends of selling.

Sometimes customers are tempted to buy extras such as jars of jam or marmalade his wife Kathy has made.

Kathy, a nurse, and their daughter Genevieve, a university graduate, who looks after social media for the project, are his biggest supporters, helping out on the stall at weekends.

"It's great," says Kathy, who likes the healthy-eating aspect and seeing heritage trees



**Waste not, want not... Justin Burke of Uglys Beautiful Produce is selling surplus neighbourhood fruit**

treasured. "I'm very into all the recycling as well."

A nod to social enterprise wasn't part of Burke's initial plan when his Albany-based specialist Visas and Passports business went into hibernation.

But working with fresh food and partly outdoors, had always appealed. He visited a number of markets to scope out what was being done well, before deciding on diverting what the community already produced. "It connects people who have stuff that can share it, with people who don't." Volunteers who liked this notion had since approached, offering to help.

Burke is thinking of taking a stand at Takapuna Market on Sundays to lift sales, but ultimately he would like to see hyper-local shopping grow. "The vision would be that we would have a weekly produce market here in Devonport."

• Uglys is at 25 Clarence St, Devonport, on Saturdays and Sundays from 9am to noon. To contact Justin Burke, phone 021 482491 or email [uglysproduce@gmail.com](mailto:uglysproduce@gmail.com)

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## Board fights for autonomy over weed-spraying

Local politicians are fighting to retain the right to make decisions over weed management on local footpaths and roadsides, including the use of chemical sprays.

Plans to impose an Auckland-wide approach to spraying have sparked community concern, with Devonport-Takapuna Local Board members caught in the crossfire.

Members do not support proposals in an Auckland Council weed-management report that would scrap hot-water spraying and use more of the contentious chemical glyphosate citywide. They voted unanimously against standardisation.

Board chair Aidan Bennett said he was sure he was not alone in being peppered with texts and emails urging chemical spray methods be totally rejected.

To keep more than 5000km of urban roadsides clear of weeds, the council wants to align the historically different methods of management used across various local-board areas.

In the Devonport-Takapuna area, hot-water spray is commonly used, with limited use of glyphosate spray on resistant weed types. "There's a bit of an urban myth that Devonport is completely spray-free," observed member Ruth Jackson.

The Project Streetscapes: Weed Management report recommends citywide use of a cheaper combination of plant-based herbicide and spot spraying of glyphosate. "This is estimated to lead to a reduction in glyphosate, carbon emissions and water usage across the region while achieving effective control," it said.

Board deputy chair George Wood said it would be hard to get the approach accepted locally, given there was less chemical spraying in the board area than many other parts of the city. "I'm concerned this is to be sorted out by a committee of the governing body and Roundup is going to figure pretty highly," he said.

Jackson said: "This sounds like a drop in service levels, by one-size-fits-all delivery."

A "definitive position" hadn't been taken by the council, an official told the meeting. The aim was to maintain standards, have a regional decision made and "then we can look at the local boards."

Several board members said matters were being rushed. They wanted more information, including the results of trials of other methods of control, including foam treatment, which they had been told previously were in train.

"Aren't we putting the cart before the

horse?" member Trish Deans said. The council's policy for parks and open spaces set in 2013 was to reduce agri-chemical use overall, she said. Any proposals should recognise this, yet, confusion existed about measuring how much glyphosate was being used. Deans wanted more detail and better public notification through local newspapers when any chemical spraying was done.

Bennett said: "One day, everyone would like to not use chemicals, but that day is not here yet." Other methods were more expensive and less effective. This had been seen with playing fields, he said. (After lobbying by the North Shore Cricket Club, a decade-long policy of no chemical spraying on Devonport Domain was reversed by the board in late 2019. Other sports grounds were already being sprayed).

Jackson said, like many people, she did not want agri-chemicals used. An exception was glyphosate for nut grass, because "you can't get rid of it any other way".

The Kaipatiki Local Board also opposes standardised control. All of Auckland's 21 local boards are giving their feedback, with the council's Environment and Climate Change Committee due to decide on the proposals on 12 November.

## Paying for parking in Devonport looks more likely

The prospect of parking meters in Devonport seems a step closer.

Auckland Transport (AT) has referenced paid parking for the main shopping area in a study that was tabled with the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board this month.

Member Trish Deans said that until a recent workshop, the board had not had any notification that there would be parking charges. Fellow board member Toni van Tonder said she thought parking would be time-limited for a standardised 120 minutes, but not with meters.

AT's Marilyn Nicholls told members at the board's September meeting that AT's Devonport Town Centre Parking Review Report was for time-limited parking – "this tranche" – and 120 minutes should be quite suitable.

Deans noted that main-street paid parking had been recommended on page 69 of the AT study.

The report says that in "the medium term", if average peak-time parking space occupancy reaches 85 per cent in the four busiest hours, paid parking should be introduced.

In a mid-year AT count, occupancy sat at 82 per cent.

At a time when shopping locally should be encouraged, charging on the main road did not add up, said Deans. Adding "money machines" to what was a significant Victorian and Edwardian street frontage – undeniably the best in Auckland – also did not sit well with her.

Members generally agreed that time limits, rather than paying to park, were fair, although board deputy chair George Wood said: "I think that a parking charge in Devonport could have some benefits for businesses. It's not always easy to find parking."

With extra feeder buses being considered and the AT Local service under review, people might find public transport more attractive, he said.

Integrated fares were delivering value, meaning someone could travel by bus and ferry from Devonport to Newmarket, for \$5 instead of what was previously an \$8.80 fare.

Van Tonder said 24-hour parking by the ferry building should be looked at more closely to see who was using it. "A lot of space is devoted to cars that just sit there – there's not enough turnover."

Deans said: "Long-term allows people to avoid the bus and go to work or Waiheke. That should be the deterrent area."

Instead of overnighters, the needs of those wanting to be in Devonport could be better served, she said. AT had the balance of its attention wrong between Area 1 (the main shopping

streets) and Area 2 (ferry terminal parking and 24-hour zone along Queens Pde). Introducing meters would also put more pressure on the supermarket car park, with people opting to use that because it was free. This was at a time when the supermarket owner was already having difficulty with non-supermarket users taking up spaces, and had started to fine overstayers.

The Devonport Business Association needed to be involved more, said Deans.

Proposals were to go out for community feedback. Nicholls said exact dates for consultation on the study had not been set, but the board would be notified.

Member Jan O'Connor said she was sceptical about the outcome of consultation. In Takapuna, 60 per cent of people were opposed to parking charges, but they were introduced. "It should all be short-term parking. Why put in meters?"

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**By Rob Drent**

I was astounded to listen to a Radio New Zealand interview last week with outgoing Watercare chief executive Raveen Jaduram, who revealed a major reason for his departure was the public questioning of his salary, which in 2019 rose from \$605,000 to \$775,000.

He elaborated that he was not a politician, with the corollary that his remuneration should not be questioned by the public or the media. In this age of austerity, attitudes like these need to be consigned to the dustbin. Performance needs to reflect pay; titles in the public service need to be changed to reflect the actual responsibilities of the role. Chief executives are managers, because that's what they do: manage a budget and various resources and assets to provide a service. In Jaduram's case, a reliable water supply.

It's very different in the business world. To gain a budget to manage, companies have to generate income: they have no taxes or rates handed to them. Travel companies are possibly the most extreme example. Under Covid-19, they have virtually no income through no fault of their own.

Unlike public officials and politicians like Jacinda Ardern and other MPs, who don't have to put their houses on the line to keep their wage coming in, many business owners will have to personally guarantee loans over the next few months to keep operating. Have a think about this when you consider going online to buy goods rather than shopping locally.

It is likely to take years before this imbalance between the private and public sectors is redressed.

The movement of a border worker infected with Covid-19 to Les Mills Takapuna and Countdown and the Warehouse in Milford, brought the disease much nearer to home for many locally. Close and casual contacts (those at Les Mills in the worker's classes or just after)

flocked to testing stations and medical rooms for checks.

You've got to feel sorry for Les Mills and other gyms and sports classes in the area. All are following the exacting Covid-19 protocols to the letter. But the Flagstaff heard anecdotally last week that the public were staying away in droves after the Covid scare.

Less coordinated was the flow-through to media on the amount of testing in our area. We sought an update last Tuesday on how many tests had been done in Devonport and on the wider North Shore. By the end of last week, no update had been forthcoming. While the Jacinda and Ashley roadshow is good at keeping us up to date with what's happening nationally, the provision of information locally has been poor.

A green thumbs-up for new business the Fresh Market in Clarence St, for hitting the streets running with paper bags for fruit and produce instead of plastic.

How long will it take before Devonport New

World retires its plastic bags for produce?

The dulling down of Devonport continues with the cancellation of the 2020 Glow festival in October. While it's understandable with the uncertainties posed by crowd gatherings at various levels of Covid-19, it's a great shame for the participants, organisers and the public – everyone is in need of a bit of brightening up after winter.

The cancellation of the Stanley Bay ferry service from Christmas must be a bitter pill for nearby resident and local councillor Chris Darby, who has fought for years to improve the wharf and have the ferry transferred into Auckland Transport (AT) control.

It's terrible timing for AT, with the focus on public transport in light of the Auckland Harbour Bridge being reduced to four lanes and the ensuing traffic chaos. Should discussion over the ferry service been part of the wider consultation on Devonport transport options?

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3 2 1 3 1

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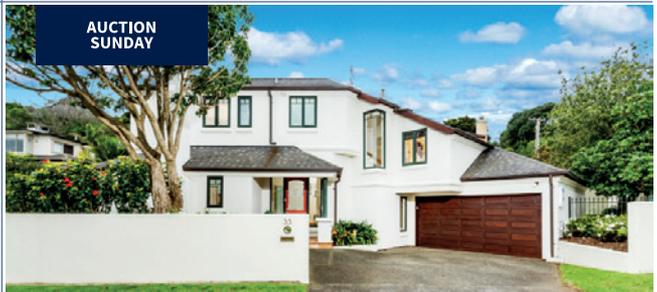
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# Heritage guardhouse falls derelict amid officials' confusion

I am extremely concerned over the derelict state of the heritage military guardhouse on the Department of Conservation (DoC) Fort Takapuna Reserve, and continuing Auckland Council confusion over who has the responsibility for its restoration and care.

You may recall, in the late 1990s there was a major conservation battle over the old Fort Cautley military camp at Narrow Neck, when the National government of the day, through Minister Nick Smith, proposed selling a major part of the site for upmarket private housing.

Community protest and legal action saved the land from this fate, and it became a recreation reserve.

A key feature of the site is the Victorian-era coastal artillery fort built in the 1880s, along with considerable heritage military artefacts from that time and World Wars I and II, as well as an extensive tunnel network.

In the rather complicated division of the reserve responsibilities between DoC, the Ministry of Defence, and North Shore City Council at the time – which also involved Heritage New Zealand, (then the New Zealand Historic Places Trust) – the historic original fortifications, the Officers Mess building, two barracks buildings and the guardhouse, were to be retained and restored as “a representative sample” of the military camp, recognising the military service, and memorial element of the camp, particularly the involvement in the two World Wars,

Heritage New Zealand had an understanding with North Shore City Council that council would undertake the restoration and care of the two barracks buildings and the guardhouse.

After some years, a full professional resto-



ration programme on the three buildings was undertaken by council.

The two barracks buildings were beautifully restored, but somewhere in the process, it appears that the guardhouse was involved in a Treaty of Waitangi claim, and the planned work by council did not proceed.

Their approach was, if it is not our building, we won't spend any money on it.

The guardhouse has had no work on it, not even temporary protective measures, and is now in an advanced derelict state.

The situation was compounded by the imposition of the Auckland Super City Council, and major changes to political and bureaucratic responsibilities, staff and system changes, and loss of records and institutional memories.

Considerable research reveals the underlying structure now is that DoC owns the land of the recreation reserve, and the council has a lease of some nature on the two barracks buildings, but states it has no responsibility

at all for the guardhouse.

Ipsa facto, the guardhouse must be the responsibility of DoC or an iwi entity that council is unaware of, or it must be under the Minister of Treaty Settlements' control.

I personally have had a long association with the heritage sector, was involved in the Fort Takapuna saga from the beginning and am a residual trustee of the Tamaki Reserve Protection Trust, which led the initial community campaign to save the land from sale.

The seniors community has an underlying concern about the threat to our heritage and community character from the population growth and hyper-development of Auckland and, particularly in our case, the North Shore, one of New Zealand's oldest urban communities.

**Bill Rayner  
Grey Power**

• This is an edited version of an open letter sent to Conservation Minister Eugenie Sage and Heritage Minister Jacinda Ardern.

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## Lake Road – time to get things done

I am responding to recent letters in the Flagstaff by fellow Devonport-Takapuna Local Board (DTLB) members Trish Deans and Ruth Jackson, justifying their decision (along with members Jan O'Connor and George Wood) to seek to delay the Lake Rd improvement project that has been in the planning for three to four years.

Member Toni van Tonder and I stood on a ticket advocating 'A Fresh Approach'. We reckon it's time to get things done to prepare for the future. For too long as a community we have played politics on key issues, with the end result being that we delay key infrastructure projects that are very important ingredients for our future.

Toni and I are advocating an approach that's working constructively with Auckland Council and its CCOs to deliver good outcomes for our community. In the case of Lake Rd, we are saying we should take the \$47m and spend it on improving this important transport corridor ASAP, while influencing tweaks along the way by working closely with the Auckland Transport project team, valuing their expertise. Councillors Darby and Hills share this thinking.

The truth with this project is there are many different opinions on what should be done to 'fix Lake Rd'. The community will never agree. Since 2016/2017, Auckland Transport has consulted twice with the community and arrived at a draft design/plan that takes this range of public feedback into account, along with key principles they are using to improve the movement of our growing city – including safety, public transport and future transport modes.

## Labour should be given consideration locally

Bill Rayner's letter to the editor (Flagstaff, 28 August) outlines the sorry history of the appropriation and sale of North Shore public properties by previous National Party governments. While Mr Rayner implies that National's local MPs opposed some of these sales, Maggie Barry's defence of the highly controversial knock-down sale of Bayswater Marina land to developer Simon Herbert raised many eyebrows.

It is surprising that Bill seems to think another National Party MP would make a difference to this history of failing to serve the wishes of the local community. The solution to this ongoing problem would seem to be to stop giving votes to the party that takes you for granted.

For some reason Bill does not mention Romy Udanga, the Labour candidate for North Shore, who seems to have a long record of community service in Labour's multicultural sector and in local journalism. Considering the changing demographics of the North Shore electorate and the extraordinary situation surrounding the coming election, perhaps Mr Udanga should be seriously considered as a better champion for local residents and businesses come 17 October.

**Chris Poor**

Both Trish and Ruth have pointed to the Council's Covid-19 Emergency Budget as being responsible for the delay. This is true to a point in that all un-contracted projects have been delayed and will mean we have to wait a year or two longer. But this is more reason why we need to get on and finalise the planning for Lake Road in the interim. So we are ready to start the moment funding becomes available.

The longer we argue about it, the more we battle with Auckland Council and Auckland Transport, the more the whole saga will drag out and it will slip through our fingers. Our community will be the losers. I know for a fact that both South and West Auckland want that \$47m to spend on their own roading infrastructure and will be working overtime for it.

It's time for DTLB members to put aside wanting to be experts on road planning and trust those who are the experts to deliver \$47m worth of improvements for Lake Road that have been through a thorough process, considering all aspects – budget, research, data, community feedback, consultation, growth, trends, the future, etc.

**Aidan Bennett, Chair, Devonport-Takapuna Local Board**

## Mary Barrett Glade hold-up questioned

Mary Barrett Glade (Polly's Park) has now been closed to the public for over two years. The track, which was probably damaged by run-off from Ryman's earthworks in the first place, has now been refurbished, to a very good standard, it has to be said.

However, both Ryman and DoC are dragging the chain on re-opening the track. The reason given is that there is danger to the public from Ryman's activities on their construction site. Ryman has also seemingly been allowed to effectively close a public road next to their site, preventing access.

Logic suggests that if there is a danger to the public 50 metres outside the site, then the safety standards inside the site need addressing.

It is surely time for the public to have their track back, or it will be as bad as the information centre closure in Devonport.

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## Happiness indicator... Sharon Zollner loves her work as an economist

Like thousands across the country, Sharon Zollner has been working away through Covid-19 restrictions at a desk in the corner of her living room, mindful the peace could be shattered once the kids get home from school.

Her working scenario in her Devonport villa is a far cry from Mahogany Row or the sort of fancy city office where you might expect to find the Chief Economist of ANZ Bank.

But for weeks on end, it's been working just fine for the no-nonsense Zollner, a woman already making her mark among the nation's high-profile economists for her candid, plain-speaking style.

When the Flagstaff calls to catch up with her, she's at the kitchen sink and very accessible: "Sure, I can see you here at home next week."

Zollner has been the top economist at the country's biggest bank for nearly three years.

She heads ANZ's economics and market research team, has the final say on economic policy and is the public face of the bank's com-

mentary and predictions.

Like leaders everywhere, she's in the chair in tough times. And although economic news has been less dire than predicted, the economy still has a long way to go through stormy waters, she says. As she puts it, we're heading into the twilight zone.

But even with a nervous business community and general populace hanging on her every view, Zollner maintains an indefatigably cheery demeanour under pressure.

In fact, if economics is famously 'the dismal science', she's determined to stay sunny side up.

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unpretentious style: “Chief economist, mum and karaoke-microphone hogger.”

But making predictions, she says, is obviously tough, and getting it wrong is something economists have to live with some of the time. “There’s a joke in my circles at the moment which goes, ‘let’s all pack up and go away for a few months.’” This is said with hearty peels of laughter, and no sign this economist is ground down by the weight of the job or is really wishing she was anywhere else.

“I am absolutely loving this job,” the 40-something says. “No one is more surprised than me to find myself here. But I’m loving it and already I have far exceeded my career expectations for myself.”

It wasn’t an obvious career outcome 20 years ago. Zollner grew up on a cropping farm in Methven, Mid Canterbury, as Sharon McCaw. Yes, she’s related to Richie, and laughingly claims her place as “minor royalty” in the South Island. She went to Canterbury University, where she studied English literature, psychology, maths and sociology, with economics not exactly shining out of that mix. Although there was some computer studies and “other geeky stuff” in her undergraduate studies, she didn’t look like a serious economist in the making.

But a summer internship at the Reserve Bank turned her around. With a closer look, she found economics fascinating, and she has been working in banking ever since. Zollner joined ANZ in 2010.

Alongside her career, Zollner and husband Ernst are raising two boys – Max, aged 12, and Leo, 10. Zollner took time out from work after each of the boys was born, and rolls her eyes recalling the very early days of motherhood. She was up to her armpits in nappies during the Global Financial Crisis, but as soon as she was able, was back working part-time hours for the bank, juggling all the usual family stuff with the job.

A quick online search shows Zollner as the Room 16 rep for a toy-and-baking stall for the Devonport Primary School Fair not so long ago.

And then there was the commitment to local

junior scouts or Keas, which involved lots of organisation. “I really loved being a mum and I’ve loved being part of the school years and all the things the kids are into,” she says.

“Even though I was pretty much always working part-time, I don’t think I missed a drop-off or a pick-up. We did have some support sometimes with the boys, but of course it’s always a juggle for every working parent. It’s always been pretty full-on.”

*“People are dreaming if they think economics is not about their lives.”*

Ernst has a demanding senior job in planning, and the lion’s share of parenting had always fallen to Sharon.

But then the ANZ job came up, when the incumbent, Cameron Bagrie, decided to move on. Zollner was encouraged to apply. “I was still working part-time at about half a week and our lives were quite finely tuned.

“The boys were in their primary-school years, I had a great job and lots of involvement in the kids’ lives. I thought I had the best of both worlds. And in a way I did, at that time.

“At first, I thought I couldn’t possibly apply for a big job like chief economist. But it was nice to know others thought I might be right for the job.”

She laughs at the memory of the job interview, once she’d been persuaded to apply: “As a part-timer with lots of parenting in my recent background, I decided to throw in an example of something I’d done with the Keas when asked about my style of managing things. It turned out to be the right thing to say because they were all nodding in approval!

“Ernst and I talked about how we could make it work for our family if I took the job and essen-

tially if we swapped roles. As I stepped up into full-time he has cut back on his working week to take over with more of the parenting stuff.

“Now, when I hear the boys go to him first instead of coming to me, I’m used to it. As a mother – like many other mothers – you know that there is a whole part of you that is not getting much air time. Now I’ve rediscovered myself.”

In such uncertain times, crystal balls are in a spin. For Zollner, tweets, sound bites, and the media are probably now a bigger part of her week.

Everyone in her game, she says, is looking for economic indicators, and these days predictions are getting much closer to real time.

Back in 2012, Zollner made a name for herself with the development of ANZ’s ‘Truckometer’, a data-crunching tool that measures economic activity from the number of vehicles on certain routes around the country.

The Truckometer came about when Zollner was musing one day about all the data she thought might be gathered by the NZ Transport Agency, where Ernst was working. She started thinking about the stories that data could tell. “I got him to flick me some figures at lunch time and I started working with it.”

Some sophisticated maths and modelling later, and bingo, a new real-time economic indicator was born.

But data is all very well, says this self-confessed geek. “You still have to have people to make sense of it all.” When it comes to that, she’s a strong advocate for boosting financial literacy among Kiwis.

“It’s good to see more work being done in raising that awareness. But people are dreaming if they think economics is not about their lives. People who have the least understanding of these things are the most likely to get run over by it. They fail to see the risks and their own realities.”

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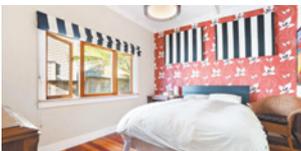
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## Builder James Gibson was a true North Shore man

Local builder and popular North Shore Rugby Club man James 'Gibbo' Gibson died early in September after a six-year battle with brain cancer.

James was a well-known local identity, having grown up on the Shore: an old boy of Takapuna Grammar School, where he met his high-school sweetheart Eve.

With business partner Caarn Davidson and their team at Trueline Construction, he was involved in renovating and refurbishing some of Devonport's finest bungalows and villas. Trueline employed many young up-and-coming apprentices through to qualified builders, and continues to do so.

James was a rugby man through and through, winning four North Harbour championships (three as captain) for his beloved NSRFC in three different grades.

All three of his children are following in his footsteps, currently playing as juniors down at Vauxhall Rd.

He was also a keen fisherman, animal lover and watersports enthusiast, and loved nothing more than watching the All Blacks (win) with his mates, after hosting a barbecue on his deck around the fire, followed by a Sunday picnic down at Cheltenham Beach with his family, watching the world go by under North Head, a tradition that his family and friends hope to continue in years to come.

Gibbo, as he was affectionally known, helped so many in his community, with building advice, working bees at the rugby club and school, fishing tips, and All Blacks selections.

He was never one to shy away with his honest thoughts on anything he had a strong belief in. Whether you agreed or not, James would get his point across and you'd soon work out who was steering the ship.

These traits are already getting passed on and coming through in Kobe (12), Cash (9) and Liv (6), who are no doubt going to be louder than life, like their father. They will continue to give their now famous surname/nickname an ongoing legacy around the peninsula, through the wonderful guidance and strength of Eve. The green-and-whites could yet see more Gibbos bringing home more championships, building more houses, or just reeling in more keepers out on the Gulf.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, dates for commemorations are yet to be set, but a memorial event at the North Shore Rugby Club on Vauxhall Rd is planned to celebrate the life of one of the true characters of Devonport, who was taken far too soon by this terrible disease at just 42 years of age.

Rest in peace, mate, and go easy my friend. Shore is the Pride of the Union, but you are the pride of your family.

by Aaron Hewitt



**Pride... James Gibson with his family (from left) Kobe, Cash, Eve and Liv**

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## Don't leave Devonport alone – good design essential

Oh dear, here we go. Council wasting money on design again. I refer to the 'Leave Devonport Alone' letter (Flagstaff, 11 September) No, not exactly.

Auckland Council disbanded its Urban Design Team in March this year. This team of experts with a world of experience has done much to improve the experience of living, working and visiting Auckland. Just ask anybody living or working in Britomart, who can remember what it was like pre-development. The decision to disband this team was an example of cost-cutting at its worst.

Currently, downtown Queen St is a testament to no design oversight.

My hunch is this Urban Design Team did not oversee the design of the new playground in Devonport and will certainly not oversee the improvements for the Band Rotunda. The new playground represents a huge improvement on the previous, 'no longer fit for purpose' equipment. The new design is amateur in parts (e.g. the proportions of the Bean Rock lighthouse have had insufficient design rigour applied), but overall the council should be congratulated on its design-and-build achievements and the visitor numbers will be proof of its success.

Any Devonport resident who gets around our modern community will know there is

plenty of bad design to complain about. For example, the pedestrian access to New World and on and off the ferries; arcades that don't connect equally to safe useable pedestrian access at both ends; a library (that should have been sited on the ferry terminal) that spoils a beautiful park with little connection to the water vista.

Investing in good design is what makes our cities more interesting and vibrant. It also protects them from 'old-fashioned charm' masquerading as progress. We should be pushing our council to spend more money on design, not less.

**Grant Alexander**

## Covid case on Shore reinforces need for masks

A confirmed Covid-19 case who visited a Takapuna gym and The Warehouse at Milford recently is a little too close to home.

I am hoping that the people who shop at Devonport New World and do not wear masks will now think twice about their actions.

I wear mine to protect them. Perhaps now they will give me the same courtesy.

Having mentioned the supermarket, I'd like to thank Mr Ashton and his staff for the care that has been taken to keep customers safe during this pandemic.

**Chris Eagles**

## Council attitude over glyphosate disturbing

It is disturbing to learn that Auckland Council is putting fiscal considerations before the concerns of a large number of its constituents, in making a decision to roll out the use of glyphosate on every street and doorstep in Auckland for vegetation management.

a) When thousands of independent, peer-reviewed scientific studies have concluded that glyphosate is a possible cause of cancer

b) there is no guarantee that members of the public will not be exposed to spray drift

c) scientists are saying that even a small amount of exposure of glyphosate to children is extremely harmful to them

d) scientists are proving that neurological disease can be caused by airborne chemicals.

In other words, council would rather disre-

gard the public health of its citizens and make our streets unsafe for unsuspecting members of the public, by exposing them to a possible carcinogenic and endocrine disruptor.

Even when public consultation by council in 2015 resulted in a clear 70 per cent of Aucklanders voting against the use of this chemical on our streets for vegetation management.

Does this decision make good policy, I wonder?

It also has to be asked, is NZ's Environment Protection Authority finding that glyphosate is a chemical that can be safely poured on Auckland's streets based on thousands of independent peer-reviewed studies? I think not.

**Sharon Byron-McKay**

**TAG (Toxin Action Group)**

## Supermarket parking area was purchased by ratepayers

Mr Ashton, I am pleased you brought up the subject of parking in Devonport (Flagstaff, 3 July).

When the supermarket was built, the council of the time gave it some land for parking. At the time, Devonport was a village full of old people and houses were cheap. The area was full of old houses and as they became vacant the council bought them. We ratepayers paid for them in our rates to provide a car park. This was good for the future.

Now, Mr Ashton wishes to give out tickets to people who park anywhere in the car park. This he cannot do, because he has control only over the area in front of the supermarket.

Don't ask me how old I am. I started school here when the bread and milk came round by horse and cart.

Many a time we would ride in one.

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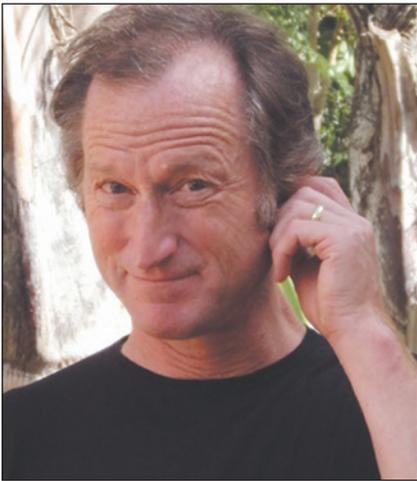
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## Legalisation will make things saner, fairer and safer

By David Slack



I'm in favour of putting better controls on the nation's second-most popular drug after booze. I'm in favour of taking money away from the black market and putting it into healthcare. I'm in favour of a better, saner arrangement than the way things are now.

I'm not in favour of just leaving things to go on the way they are. That would mean no controls on potency. That would mean little protection for young people. That would

mean little access to treatment for people with a problem. That would mean perpetuating a regime that typically sees people on the prosperous side of town getting a slap on the wrist for minor drug offences while Maori and the poor are stopped, searched, arrested and convicted.

People who tell me I'm getting this wrong tell me it'll be bad for our kids; that if we legalise it, the kids will use it more. I understand the anxiety, but we're not going first here. We have the experience of other jurisdictions to reassure us. Nowhere it's been legalised have young people proceeded to use it more. Their rate of use has either stayed stable or declined.

If you regulate, you can direct young people toward safer ways to consume cannabis. If you regulate, you can make the whole scene less thrilling and enticing.

I do see a hazard in a black market targeting underage buyers and I recognise the hazard that gangs deprived of the cannabis market might try to supplant it with heavier drugs.

But the proposed bill carries with it very tough punishments for those who sell or supply cannabis to young people. That looks like a better arrangement than the way things are now.

Meanwhile, a no vote means the current policies remain, and the current problems remain.

So I'm voting yes to: a legal age for consumption; cannabis sold at licensed stores; access to the health services people may need; an end to injustices; and hundreds of millions of dollars in new taxes providing the funding for health and education programmes.

The consumption will go on, whatever we do or don't do. Legalisation will simply be making things saner, fairer and safer. That feels like a better way to go.

• **David Slack is a Devonport resident and a nationally known speechwriter, columnist and political commentator.**

### 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.

## Local board gets behind Vauxhall Rd slow-zone

Community-driven traffic-calming plans have got the ball rolling to improve safety around the Vauxhall Rd shops.

The Devonport-Takapuna Local Board has called on Auckland Transport (AT) to look at what can be done to deter speeding and enhance safety for all road users, in the wake of the Vauxhall Neighbourhood Society proposing changes.

Now, the board wants AT to weigh up suggestions, including a reduced-speed zone and creating more space for pedestrians.

The society's plan (Flagstaff, 11 September) was put to the board's community forum in late August. At the board's September meeting, member Toni van Tonder championed action on it. Residents and business owners wanted something done, she said, and the board could be a bridge between the community and the council.

Her motion, seeking more information and investigation, was passed without dissent.

The pair who drew up the plan, society president Keith Robinson and local architect Ken Davis, were not wedded to its detail, said van Tonder, and what they wanted was to effect change. Among their ideas were colourful road markings, which member Jan O'Connor said would not suit the heritage area.

"Did our heritage not have colour?" wondered board chair Aidan Bennett.

The shops were certainly a neighbourhood gathering place, and with young families in the area, safety was an issue, he said.

"We need to recognise that and slow down the traffic."

George Wood questioned the society's proposal to lower speeds as far down as 20km/h, pointing out that 40km/h was typical around school zones on the North Shore.

"If AT put that in, there would be quite a backlash, from people in the area."

Plans for America's Cup events in Devonport in March are progressing.

The Devonport Waterfront Festival will run across three weeks, taking place from 10am until 10.30pm on 5-23 March 2021, with extra activities on four days.

The Devonport-Takapuna Local Board has now given its unanimous approval as landowner to the Devonport Business Association (DBA) to host the festival on Windsor Reserve.

A large outdoor screen will be set up to show races, and family-friendly entertainment will be staged.

The DBA has been working with Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development (ATEED), which is taking a lead in steering citywide planning for public activities around the Cup.

ATEED officials advised the local board at its September meeting that Auckland Transport (AT) landowner approval, rather than board approval, would now be needed for liquor-li-

cence applications to be made for the four 'special' days.

This follows a decision to relocate a temporary bar area from reserve land behind the library to the road running beside the playground.

Worries about damaging tree roots prompted the move onto the section of King Edward Pde, which will be closed to traffic when the special-licence area applies.

The board voted 5-1 to request that AT grant landowner approval to the DBA to seek a liquor licence for the road area. This should be for 4pm to 9pm on the Fridays and Saturdays of 5-6 and 12-13 March 2021, it said.

Member Jan O'Connor was opposed, saying the location was too near the playground, and that festivalgoers there could instead patronise nearby bars.

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# Cannabis reform a huge experiment unbacked by science

**By Ben Offner**

It may well be that legalising cannabis is the best thing we could do for our youth and the community of New Zealand, and I would fully support it if this was proven. The problem is that we just don't know yet if this is the right thing to do, and there are real risks to voting yes right now. This would be a very hard cat to get back in the bag if things don't work out.

Some observations: Firstly, this is not a referendum on medicinal cannabis, which is already legal.

I note the pro-reform material that "scientific evidence supports legalisation", and even the blurb in our election enrolment packs, which tells us the object of the legislation is to reduce the harm caused by prohibition.

This elegantly sidesteps the advice from the Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor that while in theory this legalisation has potential to reduce harm, we don't know if it will work, because decent longitudinal research has not yet been completed in any jurisdiction where cannabis is legal.

There are also a few fish hooks contained in the proposed legislation.

Our own New Zealand research indicates that the risk of using cannabis is not controlled, moderated or safe unless its use is commenced in the mid-20s. Why was the purchase age of 20 selected?

Added to this is the practical observation

that the actual age of access is usually two years below the legal purchase age, which brings the real age of access too close to that risky time of brain development in the mid-teens.

We still do not have a reliable roadside test that establishes driving impairment by drugs.

One of the main reasons for legalising cannabis is often stated as stopping illicit sales. There is no evidence this will happen. Commercially available cannabis will not be cheap. For this reason, black-market cannabis will still be sold, because it will be cheaper and more accessible, especially to the young.

There is also doubt in my mind over the number of prosecutions quoted by proponents of legalisation. Whilst there is a consensus of about 2000 a year, there is no indication if these are the substantive charge or an extra charge, in addition to burglary, say. I find it hard to believe that this number of individuals were charged only with possession of cannabis, as in my experience police lost the appetite to prosecute for straight possession of cannabis more than 15 years ago.

However, my main concern is that referendums are not the best way to decide on solutions to complex problems. The solutions are not usually binary, yes or no choices. Here we have a stark choice between continued prohibition or a full legalisation, where large multinational corporations can vie with

local small providers in a fully competitive commercial environment, albeit with some regulatory control.

There are other alternatives, not least, decriminalisation, such as Holland has used successfully. This is already the track of the New Zealand experience, with drug possession being approached as a health issue rather than a criminal one, a policy that was introduced only 10 months ago – too recently to be bedded in and for meaningful research to have been completed.

Referendums also lend themselves to manipulation through false news and narratives. Don't we have MPs to make decisions like this, which should be led by science?

The bottom line is that we just do not know if this is going to work. If we vote yes, we will actually be turning our country into a huge petri dish for the rest of the world to study. We will also be left holding the baby if our experiences are not as positive as we are promised – and that is too much of a risk.

**• Ben Offner is a Devonport resident who served 32 years in the New Zealand Police, including 10 as a detective, then 18 years in leadership and management roles. He now teaches eight-year-olds at a Sunnynook school.**

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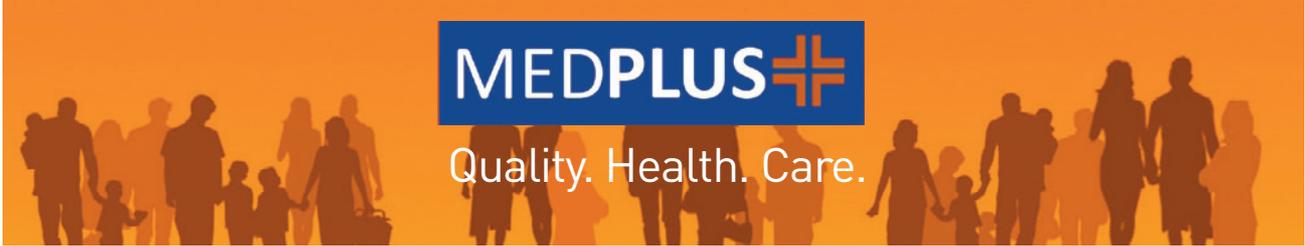
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# Iwi themes in Devonport Domain playground



**Playful space... An impression of how the new designs for Devonport Domain playground may look**

A new playground at Devonport Domain is likely to incorporate elements of Maori history.

“The site has significant cultural history that is not well illustrated... previous interventions on the site have been unsympathetic to its cultural and historic context,” a report to a Devonport-Takapuna Local Board workshop said.

“Council staff and iwi propose to co-design a ‘playful’ space that celebrates the significance of the site while acknowledging its history.”

Iwi have opposed excavation, meaning any construction will be comparatively low-key.

The “playful interventions” would need to have small or above-ground foundations, the report said. For example, carved and sculpted seats, rocks, logs and balancing items that can be played on.

“This cultural theme could contrast well with the other playgrounds in the local area, balancing the naval-history playground at the Navy Museum and the European-style destination play space at Windsor Reserve.”

Revised designs will be resubmitted to the local board.

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# Woodall Park pump track moves towards resource consent

The new Woodall Park pump track will have jumps to suit all levels of riders.

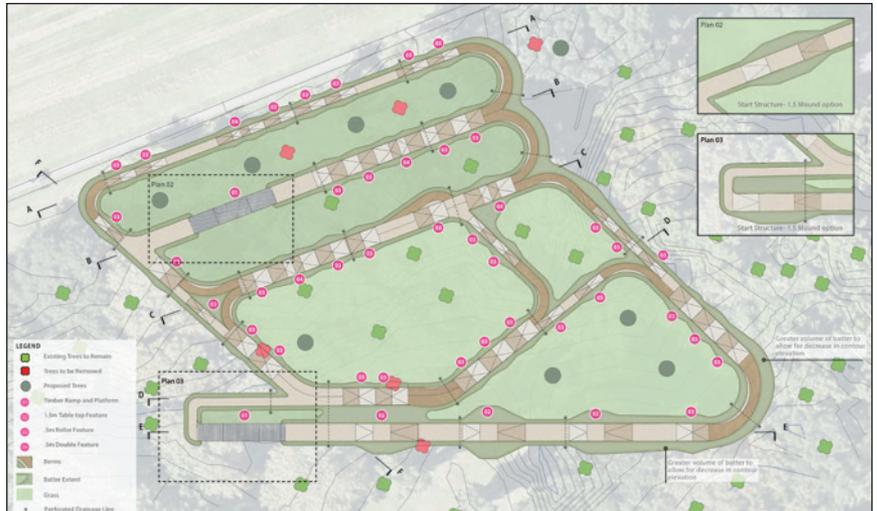
An informal track has been operating at the Narrow Neck reserve for a number of years. Devonport Rotary, track users and Auckland Council have been working to build a new track that will be maintained and constructed to safety standards.

Council is finalising designs and consents, a Devonport-Takapuna Local Board workshop was told.

“There is no construction funding currently allocated, but Rotary have indicated they can source funding,” the workshop was told.

Volunteers will maintain and rebuild the track, while council will take over and maintain built structures like the timber retaining-wall area.

Council will report back to the board for design approval. The project is likely to be built in two stages.



Latest design... how the new pump track will look

## Looking Back

## 20 years ago from the Flagstaff files

- An imitation Glock pistol was pointed at four Devonport teenagers at Ngataranga Skateboard Park, who were then robbed of a skateboard and backpack. Police arrest a 17-year-old youth and three accomplices at Hauraki Corner shortly after the incident, and charge them with aggravated robbery.
- Belmont shopping centre is being laid with Aussie bricks after North Shore City Council considers New Zealand-made bricks not as hard-wearing.
- More than 20 years after winning the battle to save Ngataranga Bay from being infilled, the Ngataranga Bay Society has reformed to fight the proposed Bayswater Marina village. Around 25 people descended on the Devonport Community Board to vent their anger at the proposed development. Chris Darby, Ngataranga Bay Society chair, and Bryan Sawyer are prominent.
- The Devonport Methodist childcare crèche is allowed to remain open for three years, after North Shore City Council was warned that a bank alongside it was unstable and could collapse. Council ban children from playing



Flagstaff interview subject... surgeon Nick McIvor

- under the bank. Wheelchair mobility-scooter user David Bidwell tells the Flagstaff he had warned the council of the bank danger several years before.
- Devonport Toxic Action Group spokesman Dean Reynolds resigns from the Devonport Domain Working Party after the community board decides it will spray the domain.
- A Stanley Bay family commissions artist Eliza Sagar to paint a Michaelangelo-like work under their balcony. She takes around

- 250 hours to complete the project.
- Owners of a heritage-listed beachfront house, who are refused consent to rip down the property and rebuild on the section, appeal the decision.
- North Shore City Council commissioners voted 3-2 against the proposal to build a three-unit residential building at 10 Rata Rd, despite 95 of the 105 public submissions supporting it and the council's planner recommending consent be granted.
- Luxury Stanley Point apartment block Devon Park is threatened with closure unless fire-safety issues are addressed.
- Narrow Neck Play Centre celebrates 25 years.
- Devonport surgeon Nick McIvor speaks about a trip to Papua New Guinea performing operations and training young doctors.

## Briefs

**FEEL-GOOD FRIDAY:** Bringing Devonport alive with a Friday After Five celebration is still on the cards, but the vibrant street party is now planned for 4 December, with summer rather than spring considered a safer bet for planning purposes. The Devonport Business Association hosts the family-friendly evening event, with music, entertainment, face-painters and food vendors set up along a closed-off Clarence St, between Victoria Rd and Wynyard St.

**FASHIONABLY LATE:** The Fashion on the Wharf show, scheduled for Thursday, 12 November, will be deferred, likely until early 2021.

“We remain optimistic that people will again want to, and feel confident in, coming together in celebration,” said Devonport BID manager Shaulyn van Baaren. Times were challenging, but risks needed to be factored in. “Postponing these events will hopefully see us back at a level where we are able to gather in greater numbers and are confident to do so.”

## Glow festival cancelled

The Glow lighting installations event in Windsor Reserve during Artweek Auckland has become another Covid casualty.

It will be put in the calendar for next year, with plans to bring it back bigger and better.

Glow@Artweek is a collaboration between Unitec and the Devonport Business Association. Business Improvement District (BID) manager Shaulyn van Baaren said the decision not to stage it this year was not an easy one to make.

The project and weekend event had run for six years and was one of the most popular on Artweek's calendar, she said.

It was set to take place on 18-19 October.

Unitec's School of Architecture head, Peter McPherson, said the installations second-year students created for Glow were normally part of their course requirements, taking time, energy and effort to build.

But with too much uncertainty about alert levels and whether the installations could be completed and displayed at a public event, a rethink had been required. “We don't want to put them in a situation where they're not able to satisfy their requirements due to circumstances beyond their control.” McPherson said a virtual alternative, displaying their ideas in a digital space, was being considered.

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## Contractors blamed for snarl-ups

Repeated traffic bottlenecks on Lake Rd at the beginning of the month have been blamed on contractors.

Auckland Transport (AT) says traffic management was not well handled. This led it to issue a stop-work notice on the private contractors who were managing traffic that was related to connection work to a residential building site south of Hauraki Corner. On occasion, daytime traffic backed up to Devonport, causing lengthy delays, as contractors manned stop/go signs and funnelled traffic into single lanes with road cones.

Prior to those problems being resolved, there were issues with large metal plates laid loosely on the east side of the road, also related to work from the same site. The plates clanked loudly when driven over, disrupting nearby residents, especially overnight. After several days, the plates were roughly fixed in place to limit the clanking, using protruding large metal pegs. The plates were in place until 14 September.

The road surface has been patched with asphalt. The Flagstaff has asked AT when the road might be resealed and who will pay for this.

Peninsula residents' complaints about the project got the attention of both AT and elected officials. North Shore councillors posted online earlier this month that they had approached AT to get action on the works.

The Flagstaff asked AT what had gone wrong in the first place to cause such disruption. After AT's intervention, traffic management around the site resulted in far less queuing. Some of

the work was done in the early evenings when roads were quieter.

A spokesman for AT's temporary-traffic management team said it had imposed a stop-work order on 31 August, which was lifted on 7 September. "The principal failure was poor execution by the contractor on-site with contributory failures in the planning of the operation by the contractor," AT said.

The stop-work order was lifted based on AT receiving a corrective action plan. Conditions included ongoing auditing.

Both the contractor and the site traffic-management supervisor were also issued notices of non-compliance, AT said. Extra conditions were placed against the site to ensure effective monitoring and actions were taken in accordance with their works' access permit and the code of practice for temporary traffic management.

When asked why the connections to the second house being built on the property were not laid in when the first new house at the site was built last year, to minimise disruption on a main road, AT said it could not comment on this.

"Best to direct this question towards those undertaking the work," it said.

Residents had also wanted to know why Auckland Council planners or AT did not require the developer to future-proof connections to the site, thus reducing disruption on a main road.

The Flagstaff has filed a further question with council's planners seeking to clarify this.

## Gifts welcome first occupants of Oneoneroa

The first residents have settled into their new homes in stage one of the Oneoneroa development in Belmont. Twelve of the first 13 houses built have been sold, with the remaining two-bedroom house expected to be settled on soon.

Oneoneroa is the first major hapu-led residential development in Auckland, with Ngati Whatua Orakei Properties planning to build about 350 more houses on the site off Eversleigh Rd in the months ahead.

The subdivision on former Navy land was launched in late 2019. To mark the first occupancy this month, residents received an electric bike per household, a kono (food basket) and an AT Hop card as koha from the developer. A kowhai seedling propagated at the Ngati Whatua Orakei nursery, Oahu Rakau, was included in the kono.

Anahera Rawiri, head of culture and external relations for the development company, said: "It is a very significant moment to welcome the first members of the new Oneoneroa community. We wanted to make it as special for them by adding a personal touch with the kono, hand woven by one of our expert weavers, Kororia Witika, using harakeke grown in Ōrākei."

Among those who have moved in are an engaged couple, Corinne Lee and Robin Findlay, who have secured their first home. Another new arrival is long-time peninsula resident,

Chris Twiss, who is relishing having a new three-bedroom home in a handy location, with his daughter, who attends nearby Takapuna Grammar School.

Twiss said he was keen to see a creative and dynamic community emerge, blending old and new. "This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to do something incredibly unique with this community, and as a hapū-owned development, there's more confidence in the kaupapa and stewardship you might not find anywhere else," he said.

Lee said Oneoneroa had appealed to the couple because it felt different to other developments. Moving in had confirmed this, with the warm welcome. "Coming from an architecture and building background, finding something that suited our tastes was tough at first, she said.

"It's just the right amount of contemporary, and while it's a terraced home, it doesn't make you feel boxed in. My mum actually found it first and loved it too. She's bought the three-bedroom diagonal from us."

Rawiri said Ngati Whatua wanted to build a sustainable community as well as stylish architecturally designed homes. "We purchased this whenua in 2013 as part of our Treaty settlement and knew then we had a long-term vision for this area. As a hapū we're so proud to reach this milestone and see our vision come into fruition."

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Outside of Rotary, she coordinates the Pink Ribbon collection in Devonport each October and the Pink Ribbon breakfast each year in May. She recently organised a charity art auction for Make A Wish Foundation with work by local artists Andi Merkins and Paddy Stafford-Bush.

Lynda believes everyone should spend time putting back into the community we are fortunate enough to be a part of – any little thing that can make a difference to someone else's life to make it easier and more pleasant and to add a smile to their day.

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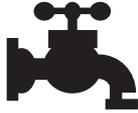
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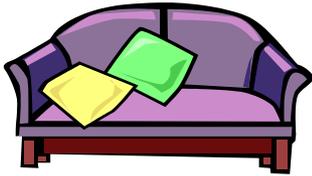
The retro caravan that will house the Devonport Visitor Information Centre will be painted by street artist Jonny, near Windsor Reserve, during the school holidays from 2 to 4 October.

Children will be invited to suggest a name for the caravan, which is a 1974 Liteweight model.

It has been renovated and refitted to serve as an information centre, and a roving Devonport promotional vehicle. After painting it will be located near Devonport Wharf to serve visitors, but the Devonport Business Association (DBA) hopes it could also be sometimes available after hours for community groups.

The purchase and refit of the caravan is a DBA-run project entirely paid for with funding from Lotto New Zealand and Devonport Rotary.

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## Melrose playground to be shifted

The playground at Melrose Reserve, Shoal Bay Rd, is to be moved to a new location, due to concerns about flooding.

"The existing playground is in a flood zone," said a report to a Devonport-Takapuna Local Board workshop.

"Rebuilding in the same place is likely to affect neighbouring properties in flood conditions already."

As part of the relocation, the playground will be upgraded.

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# Takapuna

SCHOOL NEWS



# Grammar

SEP 25, 2020

## TGS Student Wins Poetry New Zealand Yearbook Student Poetry Competition

Pippi Duncan, Year 13, has seen success after success in 2020. Her poetry has been lauded by many, including author Tracey Slaughter, judge of the Poetry New Zealand Yearbook Student Poetry Competition. Slaughter was so taken with both of the poems Pippi entered that she awarded them joint first place. Presented here are these poems.

### 11.11 pm

The hometown at night-time smells like resin  
and water and the flicking off of light switches,  
of crickets and motorway noise, of cold  
that slips about your neck  
like a wet towel. Winged things scatter  
in the grass; houses leak onto the street:  
jigsaw pieces of porches and timber  
weatherboards painted white. Lamplight,  
goodnight stories, a clatter of voices  
like the scraping of a plate.  
The trees stand solitary. Clouds wring  
the odd star out of the dark. We're  
walking on nothing. We're the road, unlined.

### Class of 2020

is stamped on your back. No leavers gear  
yet but you're ready already  
between the shoulder blades –  
itch notched on a hook – a divot  
from all that hunched-up internet digging – yeah, there,  
that's where the wings'll go. just imagine

the 12-point bold-font yellow. licking up like fire.  
cleansing, right? imagine this year hanging in your closet –  
folded in a box in the attic – collecting mothballs. except  
your school mascot is a lion instead of a bird.

it'll be roaring. not flying. So okay  
you get no wings you get teeth  
locking onto the hood and claws  
clawing at drawstrings – but  
colour scheme's the same.  
navy. gold. we'll look like royalty  
loping down the stairs, hands clean,  
hair grown out,

photogenic as hell. imagine.  
you'll bite up into your smile 'cause  
hey, this is the year we were gonna get it for sure,  
we were gonna sleep for longer, believe in a God,  
harden up – face the real world –

and we did.



## TGS JUNIOR CONFERENCE 2020

On the final two days of Term Three, Takapuna Grammar School's junior cohort will take a break from their regularly scheduled timetables to partake in an extensive junior conference. Junior students will enjoy a range of activities, including keynote speakers, performances, panel discussions and breakout workshops devised and run by school staff.

Among the guest speakers will be Kevin Biggar, a motivational speaker and workshop facilitator. Biggar describes himself as the 'Big Challenge' guy, talking about how to take on significant challenges in one's personal and professional lives.

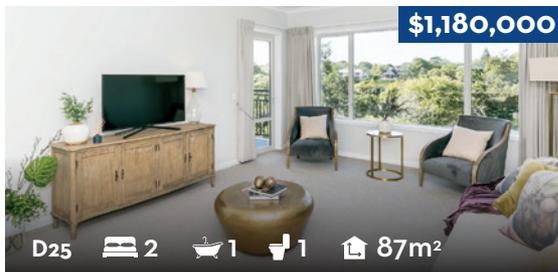
There is a huge variety of breakout workshops available for students to sign up for. The focus of these workshops range from making pirate treasure maps to learning how to iron a shirt with ease.

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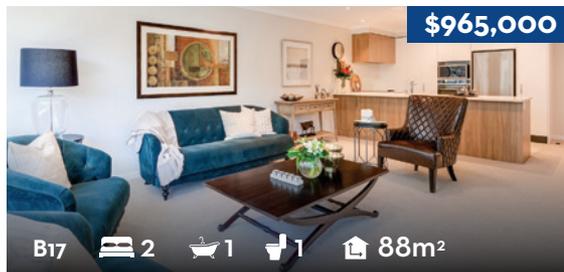


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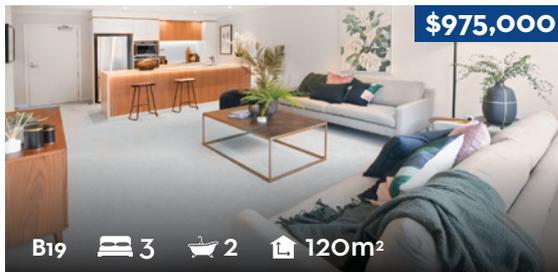


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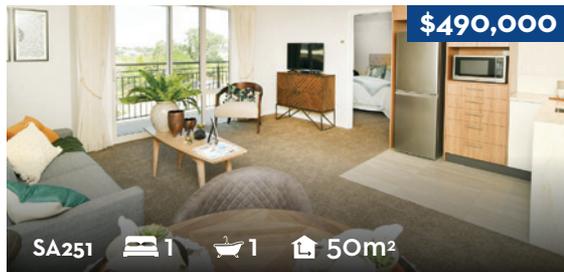


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# Wise and witty words from young speechmakers



**Prizewinning orators... (from left) Dorothea Waldron, from Stanley Bay School, who placed first in the Devonport Peninsula Inter-School Speech Contest, with Paegan Barlow, Bayswater School, in second. The third-equal place-getters, Maddy Wylie and Ruben Newton, both attend Vauxhall School.**

Fourteen well-spoken primary students did their schools proud at the Devonport Peninsula Inter-School Speech Contest last week.

The Year 5 and 6 finalists offered insights into current events and issues, and quirky explorations of personal passions. Topics ranged from learning from pandemics of the past and online study in the future, to being allowed more time on devices and understanding the power of cute.

A particularly timely and mature call was made during Maori Language Week by Paegan Barlow from Bayswater School, who spoke convincingly on 'Why Te Reo Needs to be Taught in Schools'. Her entry was awarded second place.

Dorothea Waldron from Stanley Bay was named overall winner, for delivering a clever speech, entitled 'Coffee'. It stood out for confidently combining interest, researched content and clear delivery.

The equal-third place-getters, Maddy Wylie and Ruben Newton from Vauxhall School, both developed their topics of 'Why Cats are Better than Humans' and 'Why I Should be Allowed to Eat KFC for Dinner Every Night' by weaving interesting facts and amusing asides into their opinions.

Other entrants also built strong cases for their subject matter, ranging from the appeal of pigs to poetry. Several added a dramatic flourish in their delivery.

The final was held at Hauraki School and judged by the Devonport Flagstaff's chief reporter, Janetta Mackay, who was impressed by the consistently high standard.

Hauraki principal Clarinda Franklin said normally the winners of the annual penin-

sula event would go on to compete against other Auckland schools, but Covid-19 had disrupted arrangements this year.

Results: Dorothea Waldron, 1; Paegan Barlow, 2; Maddy Wylie and Ruben Newton, 3=. Finalists: Chiara Albrecht, Sheryl Barnard, Teo Bessier, Cuintin Borella, Evie Brodie, Keira Byers, Georgia McNally, Rebecca Rose, Lucia Sweetman and Lily Sharplin.



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## WHAT'S ON @ Devonport Library

### Kia ora tātou,

It was lovely to have everyone back in the library after moving to Level 2 - hundreds of books came back and it felt like hundreds went out again. No one was going to get caught without something to read! But do remember the e-books. There is an amazing selection of fiction and non-fiction.

The school holidays are approaching and Devonport Library has some great activities planned - make your own fairy or your own fantasy world. There will be a scavenger hunt that will go throughout the holidays, with the chance of a prize at the end.

A film, intended for 11 years and over, will be showing on a Saturday afternoon in the holidays. Please check our flyer in the library or our Facebook page/website for information regarding times, particularly if there are any unexpected changes to being able to deliver our programmes. (We're all getting used to those!)

All going well, our book group will start up again on Wednesday 30 September. On Wednesday 7 October, also at 10am, we are looking forward to Devonport

writer, Vivienne Lingard talking about her new book *The (Almost) True Story of a Man Called Jack* - a fictionalised memoir about her father. We look forward to seeing you, **Noho ora mai.**



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## Book review – Dictatorland: the Men who stole Africa

On the surface, a rumble through African history over the last 100-or-so years could seem a repetitive catalogue of despots and corruption, with little to teach us other than ‘power corrupts’.

But in the capable hands of former BBC journalist Paul Kenyon, his *Dictatorland* offers much more.

All the usual suspects of post-colonial forbearance – including Robert Mugabe and Colonel Gaddafi – are profiled, alongside the political machinations that brought them to power.

Kenyon’s strength is how he intermingles the rise of the dictators with other forces at play: the dying days of the colonial regimes and rise of their replacements; the diamond, oil and cocoa industries.

It’s no academic study. Historical data is expertly woven into Kenyon’s own on-the-ground reporting and interviews with exiles, warlords and refugees.

The true cost of Western foreign policy is laid bare – Africans end up paid a pittance to supply oil and chocolate to the West, while their leaders salt millions away into Swiss bank accounts, at the same time as grabbing photo ops on the world stage with leaders such as Tony Blair and Barack Obama, who knew full well the carnage being wrought on the wider population.

*Dictatorland* is journalism in its highest form, shedding light on some of the world’s darkest areas, such as Eritrea: one of the most repressed and secretive countries, second only to North Korea in its lack of press freedoms.

In New Zealand, journalists have been criticised recently for challenging Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and health chief Ashley Bloomfield over the handling of Covid-19 border controls. Read this book and you’ll see that any loss of press and individual freedoms can lead down a slippery and often treacherous slope.

Kenyon does offer some hope for Africa – four or five countries are doing okay, gauged on the Western scale of stable government, increasing life expectancy and overall economic health.

He does caution on China’s increasing influence in the area, as the emerging economic/colonising power – a global trend, with history in danger of repeating itself on the African continent – which is why this is an immediate and important work.

**Reviewed by Rob Drent**  
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# Family story brought to life in fictionalised memoir

When Devonport resident Vivienne Lingard set out to tell her father's story, she wanted the freedom to bring its universal themes to life. She chose fiction, rather than a catalogue of fact, to bring heart to her first book, *The (Almost) True Story of a Man Called Jack*.

Family dynamics and social history blend in the book, which is launched this month. Lingard believes readers will relate to themes which, while intensely personal to her, are also widely recognisable New Zealand markers of a time and place.

That time straddles the 1950s and 1960s, until her father's death when she was 18 years old. "I was very close to him, and I remember him with great love," she says of the hard-worker who went from an orphanage to running small bookshops and a travelling library.

John (Jack) Frederick Lingard Fowlds passed on to his daughter a love of the arts. That has taken her from working in advertising, as an illustrator and a tutor, to gaining an MA in creative writing as a mature student.

With two brothers and a sister, Lingard grew up in a ramshackle house in Silverstream, Upper Hutt. Now living in a spacious apartment in central Devonport, where she wrote the book, she was surprised to discover several of her neighbours shared links to where she grew up. One even remembers her mother Kathleen as a primary teacher.

By fictionalising the account of her parents, Lingard says she was better able to give them voice. "I just love the way you can form characters and make dialogue," she says.

Telling Jack's story was partly at the urging of Lingard's granddaughter and as a way for wider family to gain insights into their past. But she believed it would also resonate with other readers, particularly those who might have experienced the dynamics of difficult family circumstances or loss.

Lingard describes her father as an outgoing, kind man, and her mother Kathleen as a

thwarted tough cookie. Jack, who had a hard upbringing in an orphanage, doted on his children, with simple pleasures such as a bag of sweets to eat while they listened to weekly stories on the radio.

Response to the book has been good, with launch events planned at Circa Theatre in Wellington this week and at the Depot in Devonport next month.

While in Wellington, Lingard will also speak at Unity Books and travel down memory lane for a session at the Naenae Library, where records of her father's book stores are on file.

Devonport has her heart now, however, with Lingard, aged 72, feeling right at home after a busy life in which she says she has never before felt the same sense of belonging. "I found such a terrific community here."

After 20 years in Auckland, and with plans to build on Waiheke, she says it was the "the best accident" when her husband, an academic, saw an advertisement for their Victoria Rd apartment. With room for both of them to have offices to work from and for visiting adult children, it seemed meant to be when they were the only bidders at auction for it three years ago.

With a spot with a view to write from, Lingard is already busy on her next book. She also takes art classes and writes a blog.

• *The (Almost) True Story of a Man Called Jack* by Vivienne Lingard, published by Copypress, is available at Paradox and Unity Books.



Author Vivienne Lingard

Vivienne Lingard will speak about her book at Devonport Library, at 10am, on 7 October, Covid-19 alert levels permitting.

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