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## Axed ferry and rideshare services cost a fortune

The Stanley Bay ferry and AT Local ride-share were “haemorrhaging” money in 2020, official figures reveal. Between them, they lost more than \$1.4 million.

The real cost of the Stanley Bay ferry in 2020 was \$18.69 per passenger. Ferry patronage was 39,778 in 2020, down from 65,982

in 2019 – a large drop, even taking Covid-19 lockdowns into account. The service lost \$743,339 over 2020.

AT Local cost \$15.02 a fare in 2020 – losing \$796,709. That was an improvement on 2019, when it cost \$34.28 per patron. Users increased massively in 2020 – from 17,963

in 2019 to 46,394 – but it was not enough to save the service.

Auckland councillor Chris Darby said he and Auckland Transport had taken flak for canning the Stanley Bay ferry and AT Local. But it was hard to back services that were “haemorrhaging public money”.

## TGS rowers a few lengths ahead



**The pride of TGS rowing... U18 coxed quad-sculls Auckland school champions (from left) Imogen Butcher, Daisy Butcher, Sydelle Langis (cox), Annabelle Knowles and Skye Lang. Story, page 5**



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# Board workshops set to become public again

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board workshops will soon be open once again to the public.

Ruth Jackson will take over as board chair from Aidan Bennett from May. The mid-term swap was agreed after their election in 2019, when the Heart of the Shore ticket of Jackson, Jan O'Connor and Trish Deans gained three of the six seats on the board.

Jackson gave an overview of what her priorities for the board would be, when she spoke at a meeting of the Devonport Community Trust this month. Open democracy was top of the list, she said, with workshops a great place for people to learn more about the background to decision-making.

At the board's monthly meeting, agenda items are more often rubber-stamped than explained. Jackson said if the public attended workshops, they would be better able to give timely feedback to board members on matters they may have knowledge about.

"I look at the local board being a collaboration with the community, not us dictating," she



**Transparency returns...  
Ruth Jackson**

said. "It's giving the community the absolutely best chance to know what is going on." To help with this, workshop topics would be notified publicly in advance.

Media and public access to the workshop

meetings was overturned at the start of the board's term, with Bennett using his casting vote to break a 3-3 split. Jackson said she would do the same when her time as chair started if she was not able to persuade Bennett, George Wood and Toni van Tonder to support the move to reopen the meetings.

Other matters Jackson wants to focus on include continuing the advocacy already underway for better water quality and cleaner beaches. This was being done in conjunction with the Kaipatiki Local Board to ensure North Shore got "a fair crack" of Auckland Council's targeted water rate.

Better bus services and putting the brakes on the stripping of council assets were other priorities, she said.

Jackson told the trust meeting that work currently in the pipeline in the local area included improvements to playgrounds, such as the one at Devonport Domain, and toilets for Laketown Green in Hauraki. The development of a community-resilience plan, prompted by Covid-19, was also coming along well, she said.

## Polly's Park could reopen in April

Polly's Park may be reopened by the end of April, says the Department of Conservation (DoC).

The walkway off Lake Rd, along the edge of Ngataringa Bay, has been gated off for several years. Among those who have been calling for it to be reopened – so the public can once again enjoy the contribution of its creator, the late Mabel 'Polly' Pollock, who cleared weeds and planted natives – is

Pollock's son, Brian.

Recently, he quietly left a bench he had carved in his mother's memory in a glade along the path.

A DoC spokesperson told the Flagstaff the area had been deemed part of the construction site of the retirement-village development Ryman was carrying out above it. It has also been closed for a track upgrade on the department-managed land, which is part of the Wakakura marginal strip.

Construction sites had to be closed to the public for health and safety reasons, the spokesperson said, but the aim was to have the area reopened before the end of April.

"We hope that once all is completed, we can reopen the track for all Kiwis to go out

and explore the wonderful native forest."

A Ryman spokesperson said that exiting from the track uphill onto Wesley St, at the east end of the Ryman site, would not be possible straight away as this was the main truck access for construction work. The road did not have a footpath and it was blocked off to the public for safety reasons.

When the track was reopened, people could walk along it, but would then have to return to Lake Rd to exit. It was hoped that later in the year an exit to Wesley St and out to Ngataringa Rd would be made available.

"Plans to widen Wesley Street and install a pedestrian footpath, paid for by Ryman, are currently under way. Covid permitting, it is hoped this work will be completed by October," the spokesperson said.

By that time, another building would have been finished, meaning fewer trucks would be entering the area. Ryman said the reopening process for the upgraded track, which it had paid for, had taken longer than desired, not helped by lockdowns and the number of stakeholders involved.

"We very much look forward to seeing the whole community enjoy this unique native-forest area again."

## 3 Victoria Rd: empty for 1005 days

The old Devonport Borough Council building at 3 Victoria Rd became vacant on 9 July 2018. It has now been unoccupied for 1005 days. Auckland Council development arm Panuku is working through the options for the building.

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## Earthquake work on landmark building sends gallery packing

Another long-standing Devonport business is shutting up shop, but Art by the Sea will reopen in Takapuna rather than be lost to the wider area altogether.

The dealer gallery has occupied its corner site on King Edward Pde for 29 years, being run by Mike and Linda Geers for the last 19.

“We have loved being here, but we have to move because the building has to be earthquake-proofed,” Mike Geers told the Flagstaff.

A final exhibition will open in late February, with the move to Hurstmere Rd (opposite the Bruce Mason Centre, in the old GPK premises) made in April.

“We’ve been supported heavily by the community and will miss Devonport,” said Geers, who hopes former customers will still visit.

Although the gallery had an option from its landlord to move back into the strengthened building, uncertainty about how long the work would take had prompted the reluctant decision to move. Geers said upon learning late last year the gallery would need to move out for six to 12 months, he looked hard for suitable temporary accommodation in Devonport. “The terms were prohibitive,” he said.

Unlike other businesses to have shut in Devonport in recent months, Geers said the loss of tourists was not a driving factor in the decision to relocate.

Although some independent travellers sought out the gallery, visitors were not a main income stream for Art by the Sea. He felt “guilty” about quitting Devonport and its loyal customers when the village faced ongoing quiet times, but it was a necessary business decision.

The move to Takapuna would also take Lake Rd out of the equation. Travelling up and down the choked route had been a prob-



**Sad to leave... Mike and Linda Geers are moving their gallery from Devonport after 19 years**

lem for some clients, he said.

Geers said he would miss the Devonport community and the gallery’s stunning seaside location.

“People walk through the doors look at the beautiful art and the view of the sea... it’s a respite from the wider world.”

Geers, a Birkenhead resident, hopes the gallery’s final show, by sculptor Joe Kemp, will also serve as a chance to say thank you to Devonport. A powhiri will open the exhibition tomorrow (27 February) and function

as a way to “bring the wairua back to the people and place”.

• The gallery was broken into at 12.50am on 14 February. The offenders, who jemmied open the door and broke its lock, appeared to be looking for cash, but none is kept on the premises overnight.

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**By Rob Drent**

It was a grim Monday heading into work. A strong rain-filled easterly was ploughing up the harbour with waves crashing up Windsor Reserve beach onto the grass. The night before, the government announced Auckland was returning into Covid level-3 restrictions.

For most Devonport businesses that meant shutting up shop, joining the businesses which had already gone (the Flight Centre, Cushla's, Devonport Ice Creams, Mixt) and those forced into reduced hours – like House of Travel, which opens from 9am till 2 pm.

A few remained partially open at level 3 – mainly cafes and bakeries, trying to pay at least

some of their overheads.

Many commentators and health experts had predicted another Covid outbreak, but it was still a shock. How many of these setbacks can businesses take?

February is traditionally a busy time for Devonport, with tourist numbers peaking. This year, overseas visitors are blocked from coming. More than \$6 million is traditionally spent in Devonport in February by international passport holders. That's gone in 2021. February trading has now taken another knock.

The real impact will be felt this winter, a traditionally tough time for hospitality. It's a cracked record – but our local businesses need our support more than ever.

I find it hard to believe the plan to build 48 dwellings on two sites down a long shared driveway on Lake Rd isn't going to be publicly notified. Twenty neighbours can have their say on a project that breaches a number of Auckland Unitary Plan rules for the mixed housing urban zone. But this has far greater implications for the Devonport peninsula.

If approved – even in a reduced form – the project will create a precedent on the number of dwellings that can be squeezed onto sites. The impact on Lake Rd traffic from this, and other large developments, will affect all peninsula residents. The Unitary Plan is rabidly pro-development – its supporters saying it had to be to force Auckland to grow upwards rather than out. But there needs to be a staggered approach – transport and other infrastructure

must come first.

Thirty-five years ago, I covered the Rodney County Council. Cross-leasing was becoming rampant on the Whangaparaoa Peninsula, causing many problems. The Council put a stop to it until sewerage and roading could catch up. The government is replacing the Resource Management Act. The Auckland Unitary plan should be looked at in tandem.

A Stanley Bay parent called the other day, furious at the impact the clogged Lake Rd was having on school buses. That day, the Takapuna Grammar School bus took an hour and a half (7.45am to 9.15am) to make the 5 km journey from Stanley Bay. Apparently the driver wouldn't let the students off the bus due to safety concerns.

While I have sympathy with the parents and the children, it shows that buses, like cars, don't really work when congestion reaches a peak.

I've long advocated a tram on Lake Rd as the best solution to move large masses of people reliably from Devonport to Takapuna.

Great to see Devonport shot-putter Jacko Gill succeeding on the senior stage – he's thrown further than Olympic medallist and world championship winner Tom Walsh four times in a row in local competitions this season. It's been a long and dedicated road for Gill since he rose to international fame as a 15-year-old winning gold at the 2010 World Junior Championships. Roll on the national champs in March – it should be a real showdown.

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## TGS rowers triumph against older rivals

Takapuna Grammar School (TGS) Rowing Club's Under 16 girls coxed quadruple-sculls crew jumped two age categories to win the Under 18 Auckland Secondary School Championships this month.

Rowers Daisy and Imogen Butcher, Annabelle Knowles, Skye Lang and coxswain Sydelle Langis have been unbeaten since they began rowing together two years ago.

Pushing off the pontoons next to the older girls they raced against in the championships at the Head of the Harbour regatta at Lake Pupuke was "really nervewracking", Skye told the Flagstaff.

"They were about a third taller than all of us and had these massive arms and thighs."

She said the crew tried to race just as they normally would, despite the age gap.

"Our coaches told us to go out there and give it our best shot," said Daisy.

"After the first few strokes of the race, we realised that we were in front. This surprised us, but we decided not to get our hopes up as we still had 900 metres to row."

Three-quarters of the way through the race, Sydelle decided on an early sprint to the finish. "We managed to finish in first place, which we were all stoked about," Daisy said.

"We were absolutely ecstatic," Skye said.

Coached by Katie Halliday and Jessica Hamlin, overseen by the club's head coach Mike Tolhurst, the crew has been dominant on the water since their first season rowing together, competing in coxed-quadruple



**On the water... the TGS team going for gold at the Head of the Harbour regatta**

sculls and as two double-scull crews.

Daisy and Imogen also won the Under 16 double-sculls championship at Pupuke, while Annabelle and Skye won the Division 2 race.

The regatta on 13 February was attended by 26 schools, 876 competitors, 100 coaches and 2000 spectators from across Auckland.

Last year, the crew went unbeaten in all regattas, including the North Island Club Championships, the North Island Secondary Schools Championships, and as a relay squad in the New Zealand Indoor Rowing Championships. They also won silver in the Women's Intermediate Coxed Quadruple Sculls at the New Zealand Rowing Championships. They were named school crew of

the year at the Auckland Rowing Association annual awards.

The girls were disappointed not being able to contest any national titles, with the 2020 Maadi Cup in March cancelled due to Covid-19. For the current season which started later last year they have won gold at five major regattas and at the North Island Club Championships held in January.

Their goal is to win the national Under 16 titles in both the quadruple and double sculls.

At the Head of Harbour regatta, TGS won 13 events and was fourth school overall, behind Westlake Boys High School and Auckland Grammar School, who tied for first place, and Diocesan School for Girls in third.

## A weekend of two halves for Shore cricketers

After a solid performance against Takapuna in the Hedley Howarth two day competition on Saturday at Devonport Domain, the North Shore Premier cricketers crashed out of the one-day championship the next day at the same ground.

After a shaky start in the two-day match

losing its openers early, Shore posted 207 all out, with Riley Mudford scoring 94 and Jock McKenzie 55. At the end of the first day's play, Takapuna were 84/3, with Shore seeming to have the advantage.

It was a different story on Sunday in the semi-final of the Jeff Crowe Cup one-day

championship against Howick Pakuranga. Shore slumped to 52/6 and never really recovered.

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Over the next 20 years, further clubs were created around the Shore, with Devonport finally gaining its remit in 1977 (44 years ago).

The key centenary project across Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific is the regional Rotary Give Every Child a Future Pacific immunisation project. Its aim is to vaccinate 100,000 children across nine Pacific Island countries against rotavirus, pneumococcal and cervical cancer and establish sustainable vaccination programmes in each country.

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In addition, the Rotary Peace, Remembrance and Community Forests Trust was established in New Zealand to provide some funding to projects where Rotary facilitates and leads partnerships within the community on a project to tackle climate change or plant Forests of Peace and Remembrance.

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**Feeling folkie... Devonport's Linda and Greg Whitcombe, from the group Tamlin, played some Irish folk tunes**



**Capping off an afternoon of music and camaraderie... Eric Thomas (left), and John and Maggie Davy**

# day of love

Around 350 people attended Folk in the Park at Windsor Reserve on Valentine's Day.

Organisers were happy the event avoided both the rain and the Covid-19 lockdown that followed.

"There was a good vibe as local families and visitors gathered and shared a picnic in such a beautiful setting," event organiser Hilary Condon said.

"All of the musicians brought their unique style of folk music to the stage, giving listeners a broad sample of what can be heard at the Devonport Folk Club on any Monday night."

The Devonport-Takapuna Local Board gave a community grant of \$2000 to the folk club to help with event costs.



Loving the show... Janit Point and Graham Harris



Matthew Holt, Robyn Holt and Melanie Sheehan at the Boys and Girls Brigade sausage stall



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# AT faces campaign after rejecting Vauxhall Rd safety plans

People power is again being deployed in an effort to convince Auckland Transport (AT) it needs to do more to make Vauxhall Rd safer.

Local resident Matthew Meikle has clocked traffic routinely speeding on Vauxhall Rd, reinforcing calls from the community for AT to slow traffic around the pedestrian hub at the Tainui Rd intersection.

At the very least, a raised pedestrian crossing should be installed, says Devonport-Takapuna Local Board member Toni van Tonder.

She tabled the results of Meikle's survey at the local board's monthly meeting last week, along with a letter from the Takapuna Community Constable, Jasmine Bundle, supporting safety improvements.

"I personally witness many speeders in the area when off duty and believe the crossing is overdue for an upgrade," Bundle wrote.

She added that she would be happy to work with board members and locals to advocate for action. "Matt has provided some invaluable evidence around issues surrounding this busy hub and the dangers around the pedestrian crossing," said Bundle.

During a week in November, Meikle used a hired handheld radar speed gun to clock speeds in morning, afternoon and evening blocks, finding drivers travelling through the pedestrian crossing at speeds well in excess of 70km/h on a number of occasions.

Drivers exceeding the current 50km/h speed limit by close to 10km/h were commonplace,

his results show. Close calls as traffic turned right out of Grove Rd were also noted.

Van Tonder said the call for traffic-calming measures was raised in October, but the board was yet to hear back from AT. Proposers Keith Robinson, representing the local residents group, and architect Ian George had received a letter from AT stating it did not consider the area's crash history merited such measures.

AT noted just four crashes in 10 years, saying three were non-injury incidents and one a minor injury, with two of them involving alcohol. A skateboarder badly injured in the area late last year was not included, said Van Tonder, with AT deeming his actions as dangerous.

Anecdotal evidence of many near misses was put forward in the original submissions, which proposed a raft of calming measures.

Van Tonder said while these would have been a 'nice to have', the 'need to have' was a more prominent raised crossing.

"We all know that locals in the neighbourhood do know what goes on in the area more than outside organisations that come in for a short time," van Tonder told the board.

She wants to keep the pressure on AT, with the help of council staff, with the aim of having a crossing put on AT's works programme.

When asked for his view, the board's senior adviser, Tristan Coulson, said: "My advice to them was they go back and try again."

Later in the meeting, member Trish Deans suggested that when AT considered a flagged 30km/h for Devonport's main shopping street, Victoria Rd, it should look again at Vauxhall Rd, with a view to lowering the speed limit there as well.

## No money for Allen Hill improvements

The upgrade of the Allen Hill football grounds, the home of North Shore United, is years away, it seems.

As part of a deal with Auckland Council, the club was to make the grounds a public park in return for an upgrade of the fields, surrounding parking and entranceways.

However, Covid-19 cutbacks to council budgets put everything on hold.

"There is no funding approved for at least the next three years," an Auckland Council spokesperson confirmed last week. "It was originally partly growth and partly renewals funded, but was put on hold as part of the Emergency Budget. Staff are working with the club to find a way forward," the spokesperson said.

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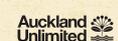
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## AT Local fan van Tonder steers against the bus lobby

The loss of AT Local has been lamented by Devonport-Takapuna Local Board member Toni van Tonder, who says the Auckland Transport (AT) decision to scrap the “widely loved” ride-share service is “very frustrating”.

People were hugely disappointed by AT’s decision, announced in late January as part of a move to boost public-transport services on the lower half of peninsula, she told the latest board meeting.

Van Tonder said she had taken a different position on the pro-bus changes to other members, but knew from feedback that many in the community agreed with her.

After an extended trial of two years for AT Local, transport behaviours had changed, she said, with some households, including her own, having abandoned their second vehicles in favour of using AT Local to connect to ferries or for shorter trips.

The on-demand electric-vehicle service suited busy households and this was shown by the high numbers of people who answered AT’s call for feedback, van Tonder said. Many of the 704 respondents – more people than answered a previous consultation on Lake Rd – came from age brackets outside the seniors who primarily responded to such surveys. “Then they’ve gone and been

ignored.”

Of two transport models offered by AT – Option A being bus only and Option B peak-time buses supplemented by a scaled-back AT Local service – 52 per cent of people favoured retaining the choice with AT Local, yet Option A was selected.

When it announced the changes, which take effect from March, AT said it chose the bus-only model for a number of reasons, including cost and the ability to service more areas more often and with fewer vehicles. The preferences of older customers, who were big public-transport users and less comfortable with the app technology of AT Local, were also a factor.

Van Tonder said AT Local fans were given a Hobson’s choice. Option B had reduced AT Local to an off-peak service covering a smaller area, omitting Bayswater, Belmont and Narrow Neck. “The options that were presented by AT weren’t adequate,” she said. “I feel like the decision was made before the consultation was even taken.”

Another disappointing outcome was that the new 805 bus service (from Devonport ferry terminal, travelling down Lake Rd, then turning west onto Ngataranga Rd and via other side streets to Belmont) was to be off-peak only. People in this area would not

be able to use the bus for peak-hour work commutes, and like others north of the golf course they had lost AT Local.

The result would be a “whole section of the Devonport peninsula no longer accessing public transport and being likely to be going out and buying cars”, she said.

Van Tonder’s report to the board, backed by several letters from residents with their names withheld, was received.

Member Trish Deans said later in the meeting that she would like to see the 805 bus service extended to peak hours and possibly travel direct through to Takapuna, rather than requiring a change of bus at Belmont.

AT had earlier told the Flagstaff that it was not possible, within current budgets, to extend the 805 schedule. This is because it would require the use of a third dedicated bus to cover all lower-peninsula journeys, given the introduction of more frequent services on the Stanley Bay and Cheltenham routes. Services for the Ngataranga Rd area might be reviewed in time, and the new 805 route would be promoted, but bus-use figures from when a similar 815 service last ran in 2018, showed just 28 trips a day, including peak-time journeys. AT Local records showed an average of 9 pickups between 7am and 9am.

## America’s Cup excitement comes to Windsor Reserve

Race Days By The Sea kicks off next month with the Navy’s Pipes and Drums band at Windsor Reserve.

The six-day event series, which ties into the America’s Cup racing schedule, will add to the fun of the first two weekends of racing, which begin on 6 March.

Windsor Reserve will feature a large screen showing the races along with live performances, games and activities, including workshops for children in circus, gymnastics and drumming.

Local food vendors Akdeniz, Manuka and Vondel, and the Vic Gelato cart, will offer food and refreshments on-site.

The Devonport Peninsula Trust will host a family fun day on 7 March, from 12pm to 3pm, with a bouncy castle and preschool play corner. The event will also include face-painting, sausage sizzles and a baking sale with 1st Devonport Scout Group and Takarunga Playcentre. Jazz duo Fran & Leo and indie band The Comb will perform.

During the two weekends of races, the Tūpu-

na Maunga Authority will host an arts festival on Maungauika, with sound installations to tell stories of the maunga.

Organisers say they can align Race Days By The Sea events to Covid alert-level 2 restrictions, should that be necessary, with many elements still able to go ahead.

**Race Days By The Sea: Friday 5 March, 3-8pm; Saturday 6 March, 12-8pm; Sunday 7 March, 12-7pm; Friday 12 March, 3-8pm; Saturday 13 March, 12-8pm; Sunday 14 March, 12-6pm.**



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# Guardhouse crumbles while iwi battle government

The historic Fort Takapuna guardhouse continues to deteriorate due to unresolved Māori land-claim issues.

The guardhouse is included in the Marutūāhu Iwi Collective Redress Deed 2018, which has been initialled and ratified, but not yet signed. This means the redress is still to be implemented.

“The Fort Takapuna guardhouse building is still to be vested in the Marutūāhu Iwi. It will vest on settlement date, following the passage of the settlement legislation. The settlement legislation is yet to be introduced (after the deed is signed). There is not yet a time frame for that to occur,” a spokesperson for the Treaty Settlements office said.

Progress of the Marutūāhu settlement is currently awaiting the conclusion of overlapping claims processes, she said.

Ngati Whatua has disputed the settlement. Its claim that the government had no right to enter into agreements with Marutūāhu over land in its region is currently being heard in the High Court at Auckland.

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board member and former chair of Devonport Heritage Trish Deans understood “there is a problem between two iwi in regard to the ownership of this building.

“The previous local board, particularly Mike Cohen, tried in vain to get this building upgraded at the same time as the other buildings. It is a great shame this didn’t eventuate.”

The barracks building is important and



**Dilapidated... the guardhouse at Fort Takapuna**

should be retained and restored, she said.

“It’s very much part of the Fort Takapuna story, where the Māori and Pacific contingents gathered before they left to fight in World War I, and never to return. It’s on the fence line where Princess Te Pua came to visit her men who were incarcerated for objecting to participation in the war while the land issues remained unsettled.”

The building was part of the defence strategy to protect Auckland and train soldiers.

“The importance of the stretch of defence sites across the Gulf and inner-city headlands are yet to be fully appreciated by Aucklanders. They sit waiting to have their significance realised.

“I would hope the two iwi can use this opportunity to tell more of the tragic story for young Māori men and their Pacific brothers who went to foreign lands and fought in a war that wasted so many lives,” Deans said.

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## Car thieves hit Hauraki

Police say they will increase their presence in Hauraki in response to a recent spate of car break-ins.

In the early hours of 14 February, at least seven vehicles were tampered with. The Area Commander for Waitemata East Police, Inspector Simon Walker, said this week that strong leads were being followed to identify those responsible.

In a separate matter, two youths had been arrested for a burglary on 4 February and would be dealt with through the youth justice system.

Residents posted online about car break-ins in Sydney St, Norman Rd, Crichton Tce and Harley St, from where credit cards were stolen. In one case, three cars parked on one driveway were broken in to. CCTV footage, showing two men, was taken at one of the properties.

“Police are aware of a number of vehicles that have been broken into over the past seven days in the Hauraki area,” Walker confirmed to the Flagstaff last week. The reports were being investigated by the Tactical Crime Unit, he said, and more police would keep an eye on the area over the coming days.

Thieves used a range of techniques, but most offending was opportunistic, said Walker. “In some of these matters it has been reported that vehicles targeted have been left unsecured overnight with items of value left in the car.”

Police advised people to leave vehicles locked, with valuables removed or out of sight. Other precautions included parking, where possible, in a secure garage or a well-lit area, and to check that sunroofs and windows were closed. If going out, car keys should be taken too, and house or business keys should not be left in vehicles. Personal documents, especially passports, should also not be left in cars.

Anyone seeing suspicious activity or offending was asked to ring 111 immediately. Victims of crimes were asked to report it to the police as soon as possible on 105.

## Board seeks answers over motel use

Concern about motels being used for welfare accommodation in the Takapuna area has prompted the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board to unanimously call for a clearer picture on the extent of the practice.

Families being housed in premises unsuitable for long-term stays, and the impact on the wider community, prompted the call for council staff to get more detail by working with relevant government and social agencies.

The Takapuna Business Association is also worried that visitors seeking accommodation in the area may not be able to find it.

It is understood up to half a dozen motels are hosting clients placed there by the Ministry of Social Development.

Deputy board chair George Wood told the board’s monthly meeting last week that: “If there’s going to have to be temporary accommodation in motels, there has to be better social services wrapped around people and more policing.”

Crime was up in the area, he believed, and local policing had been reduced.

Families should not have to stay in accommodation without proper cooking and laundry facilities or space for children to play, he said.

Member Jan O’Connor said moteliers were being paid millions when Government money might be better put into building more social housing in suitable locations. “It’s something we need to discuss as a community.”

Board chair Aidan Bennett said it was not the board’s role to come up with solutions for

national problems, But Wood pointed out a 2019 change to the Local Government Act tasked councils with considering the social and cultural well-being of citizens. The board could act as an informed advocate on the matter, he said. All members agreed a fuller understanding of the issues was needed, although Bennett did not want council staff tied up doing reports and research.

He recommended member Ruth Jackson, who will take over as chair in April, should attend a meeting on the topic called by the business association.

Member Trish Deans questioned whether the association was the right body to be coordinating future action.

Jackson said gaining a better understanding of the issues would be the board’s best way to determine next steps. She said the plight of children – who through no fault of their own were homeless – needed considering, as their education and health could suffer without suitable accommodation. “These kids, simply by being in homes that aren’t stable, just fall through the gaps in the system.” Tapping into groups such as Auckland North Community and Development Inc (ANCAD) and welfare-accommodation providers would be useful, she said.

Wood said more facts and figures would help guide the board – “whatever we can get.” The board’s strategic broker has been asked to help organise a briefing for the board to gain more understanding of the issues and the role it might play.

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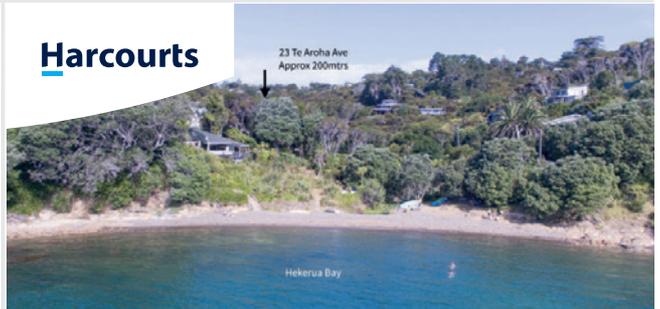
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# Classic-yacht pioneer still hoisting the sails

Recently made a life member of the Classic Yacht Association he helped found, 70-year-old Chad Thompson still sails the graceful 1920s-era vessel his family bought in 1941. He tells Helen Vause about his love for the sailing craft of yesteryear – and appreciation for the high-tech yachts of today.

For a day, two Italians from the Luna Rossa Prada America's Cup team had their eyes on a different prize.

Far from the high-tech world of Cup racing, they were in the heart of a fleet of classic boats tucked in at Mahurangi for a spectacular annual regatta and racing over Auckland Anniversary Weekend.

Surrounded by gleaming timbers, brass and craftsmanship, the air thick with the stories of these classic old vessels, the Italian pair had joined Chad Thompson and the crew of *Prize*, amid what is probably the world's largest turnout of classic boats.

"They loved it," says Belmont resident Thompson. "It would have been a very different scene for them, but all these classic boats together have to be a pretty stirring sight and experience for anyone."

For those like 70-year-old Thompson, with a liberal dose of saltwater in their veins, many of these boats are a lifetime passion.

*Prize* is a bit of a youngster among the fleet, but she's been cutting a fine figure on the harbour since the 1920s. And she was in the hands of the seagoing Thompson family long before Chad and his siblings were a twinkle in a sailor's eye.

*Prize* is a Charles Bailey A-Class classic. Not counting her bowsprit, she is 13.1 metres long. Launched in 1923, she caused a bit of stir in well-heeled, yacht-owning circles, more than holding her own in the racing scene of the day.

And in the last couple of decades, it seems the world has fallen increasingly in love with the sight of *Prize* and her gracious century-old sisters under sail.

In the war years, like most of the glamour fleet in the city, *Prize* was laid up for the duration. But Thompson's grandfather Alf was a sailing man who had his eye on *Prize* for his boys, who had already been racing mullet-class boats from when they were barely in their teens.

The Thompson family is said to have paid £700 for *Prize* in 1941. Bressin Thompson, Chad's father, had her racing on the Waitemata



**Saltwater in his veins... Chad Thompson has been sailing on his yacht *Prize* since he was a nine-year-old** Pictures Liz Waters

to success after success.

In the mid-1950s, she took out the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron points prize five times, four in consecutive years – a feat said not to have been bettered yet.

By the time he was nine years old, Chad was sometimes deemed sailor enough to be part of the *Prize* crew, but maybe not on those days of near gale-force southerlies when only the keenest of racers would brave a day on the sea.

Over the years, *Prize* had seen a couple of modifications to her sailing rig. But in 1976, when the squadron changed the rules on spin-

ners, the Thompson family weren't up for another change and dropped out of racing in favour of family cruising.

Chad and his sister Mary-Ann had an idyllic childhood, spending weekends and long summer holidays sailing the Hauraki Gulf, getting to know every anchorage and the boating community of the day.

"It was a wonderful way to grow up and we all just loved getting away on *Prize*," says Thompson, just back from a weekend sailing off Waiheke with offspring, including grandchildren, who are equally enamoured of the beloved family yacht.

"We had none of the luxuries and convenience food boats have these days. But I remember great big dinners and a lot of happy times away. And of course we didn't have the longer-range forecasts we can get these days. So sometimes, if the weather turned, we'd be stuck out the back of Great Barrier Island having a marvellous time and not able to get back to school," laughs Thompson. "That was just what boating families did – we worked with the wind and the weather."

Back in the 70s, nobody thought of *Prize* and others like her as "classic".

By the 90s, says Thompson, words like 'old clunkers' started to be applied to Auckland's kauri craft by those who wanted newer, faster and lower-maintenance yachts and launches.

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The old boats were becoming less popular – some were falling to bits – and mostly they were seen as just a cheaper option for a new generation to get into boating.

“Some people just thought they’d had their day. And of course they couldn’t compete with the new models for getting out around the gulf in a hurry. Plenty would have thought you were nuts to want to work on them.”

But Thompson had absolutely no interest in trading Prize for a newer, faster model. He thought she had decades of great sailing ahead of her – and he was pretty confident there would be lots of like-minded boat owners who would agree with him about boats in Prize’s age group – and those quite a bit older.

“We are lucky in New Zealand that boats of this age can have a very long life. It’s the combination of kauri and our temperate climate that keep them strong and dry.”

Thompson figured the future for the old boats lay with having a club of their own. In 1995, with John Gorter, Hamish Ross and Greg Scorpas, he formed the Classic Yacht Association (CYA) and put out the call for other ‘old boat’ owners to sign up.

They were soon joined by fellow enthusiasts and regular meetings attracted vigorous turn-outs as their numbers grew.

The year before the CYA came to life, Prize underwent a major restoration, emerging as a strong, dry, nearly new vessel. In the following years, more old boats were brought back to life through painstaking restoration, often diligently assisted by Thompson and others.

Today, the association has 320 members and 250 boats. They are well connected to groups overseas and some of the finest of the fleet have featured proudly in glossy international publications. Every year, the association has a calendar of around 25 events and the Auckland public are lucky enough to be treated to the glorious sight of the sails and fine lines of boats such as Waitangi, Little Jim, Ariki, Rainbow, Rawhiti, Thelma – and of course Prize. As often as not, Thompson is in the thick of the organisation before taking the helm of his old favourite.



Classic hit... Thompson and crew aboard Prize.

“We do best sailing amongst ourselves and not mixing it with modern yachts, because the way we sail is different,” says Thompson.

“We sail through the water while they bump along over the top. And anyway, they’re a bunch of screamers,” he laughs.

These days, not so many classic yachts are left still languishing in backwaters, awaiting restoration. Although there are plenty of tired old launches that are ripe for revival, he says.

“But bringing an old boat back is a huge job. It can be a big strain on family relations because it can take over your life.”

For his tireless efforts over the last 25 years, Thompson was recently made a life member of the CYA. And he’s delighted that years ago he made the decision to quit the family business of producing wheelchairs to make the world of classic boats his life.

He has had 20 years of marketing and running charter vessels. He’s also put his formidable skill and experience to work teaching others to handle their own boats, of all types. It’s a whole other challenge, he grins. He’s far too discreet to tell tales, apart from one reference to some blokes who’d over-imbibed and capsized their dinghy.

“Some people just want to be confident of

getting out of the marina safely. Others are complete beginners. I’ve never been totally flummoxed but there have been a few challenging moments.”

One piece of advice is common to all, he says: “Get your forecasting right and go with the weather. Go where the weather will let you.”

In her current life, 98-year-old Prize is lined up at the city waterfront with the rest of the gleaming classic-charter fleet.

Not all her admirers want to take it slowly under sail, and some have been known to drop in to a rendezvous spot by helicopter, just for a taste of old times on board.

While Thompson and friends may sail clear of modern vessels, the foiling yachts of the modern America’s Cup have him as awed as the rest of us.

“They are fantastic. There is so much talent and design and new technology in them that it has to impact our boats of the future. So much is learned from these boats.”

When the shiny Cup fleet of 2021 is tired and replaced with the newcomers in a few years hence, Prize will have celebrated her century, and be sailing on to plenty of future birthdays.

“There’s no reason she won’t long outlast me,” says Thompson.

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## Hot property: Oneoneroa stage-two homes presold

The second stage of the Oneoneroa housing subdivision in Belmont is breaking ground now, with its Ngati Whatua developers saying they are taking a gradual approach to working out the best mix of housing across its landholdings.

With Auckland Council consents in place, building work will begin in May on the 16 stage-two homes.

Around 300 homes are likely to be built on the 7ha of iwi land off Eversleigh St in the next five to 10 years.

“We will go with what the market wants,” says the iwi’s properties group development manager, Gemma Park.

Right now, two-bedroom terraces and duplexes are proving popular with Auckland buyers and provide economies of scale to build, she says.

But the latest properties to be marketed off the plans also include two three-bedroom homes and two four-bedroom homes, all of which have already been sold. Pre-Christmas, four terraces that are part of stage two were also put on the market.

“The existing community is what’s attracted the people that are already living there now,” says Hariata Ngatai, a communications executive with the iwi.

The beauty of the site’s size is it allows for the development of a mini-community, she says, with the aim being to ensure a variety of quality homes that added to the area’s appeal. “We’re trying to create diversity.”

The iwi can potentially build as high as 13 levels in the zone, but if it does any multi-level developments, these are more likely to be four-storey blocks for which it already has consent.

Oneoneroa’s first dozen owners moved into their homes last year.

Four of the stage-two homes will front onto Eversleigh Rd. Earthworks off Lowe St will be followed by more work on Whetiko



**Meeting the market... an artist's impression of Oneoneroa stage-two homes to be built on the corner of Eversleigh Rd and Lowe St**

Way, which is off Rutherford St, where further site preparation has been done. Building on the lower part of the site and around Hillary Cres is some way off.

In response to Flagstaff questions about the relatively slow pace of development, the spokespeople say that this was deliberate: Ngati Whatua did not want to flood the market. It also wanted the flexibility of adjusting designs to suit demand rather than taking a cookie-cutter approach.

The iwi has been busy with Fletcher in a large joint venture at Kowhai Ridge in Massey, building several hundred houses, Ngatai says. It is also building 10 homes for kaumatua at its base in Orakei.

“We’re not like every other development. Our remit is to make sure we act in the best interests of our hapu members.”

This means thinking is long-term, rather than directed by the need to turn a short-term profit, she says.

“We’re still very committed to the area

[Belmont],” says Park. The current plan is to build 20-30 homes a year.

The old Hillary Cres area and lower portions of the site will be developed later. “We’re going to be here for a long time, we’re not going anywhere.”

The iwi’s wish is to not suddenly overpopulate the area. Commercial space and small shops may be added to the scheme later. It is hoped to cooperate with the council to enhance walkways in the area.

A sales office has been set up on the corner of Eversleigh Rd and Lowe St. Other work in the pipeline includes tidying weeds and filling a large hole on the harbour side off Lowe St. Undergrounding of powerlines at the bottom of the site is being looked at.

As part of its Treaty settlement, Ngati Whatua also acquired Navy housing in Roberts Ave. A number of older homes from there were relocated to Northland.

The iwi also has holdings in Hauraki, on Birchfield Rd and Marsden St.

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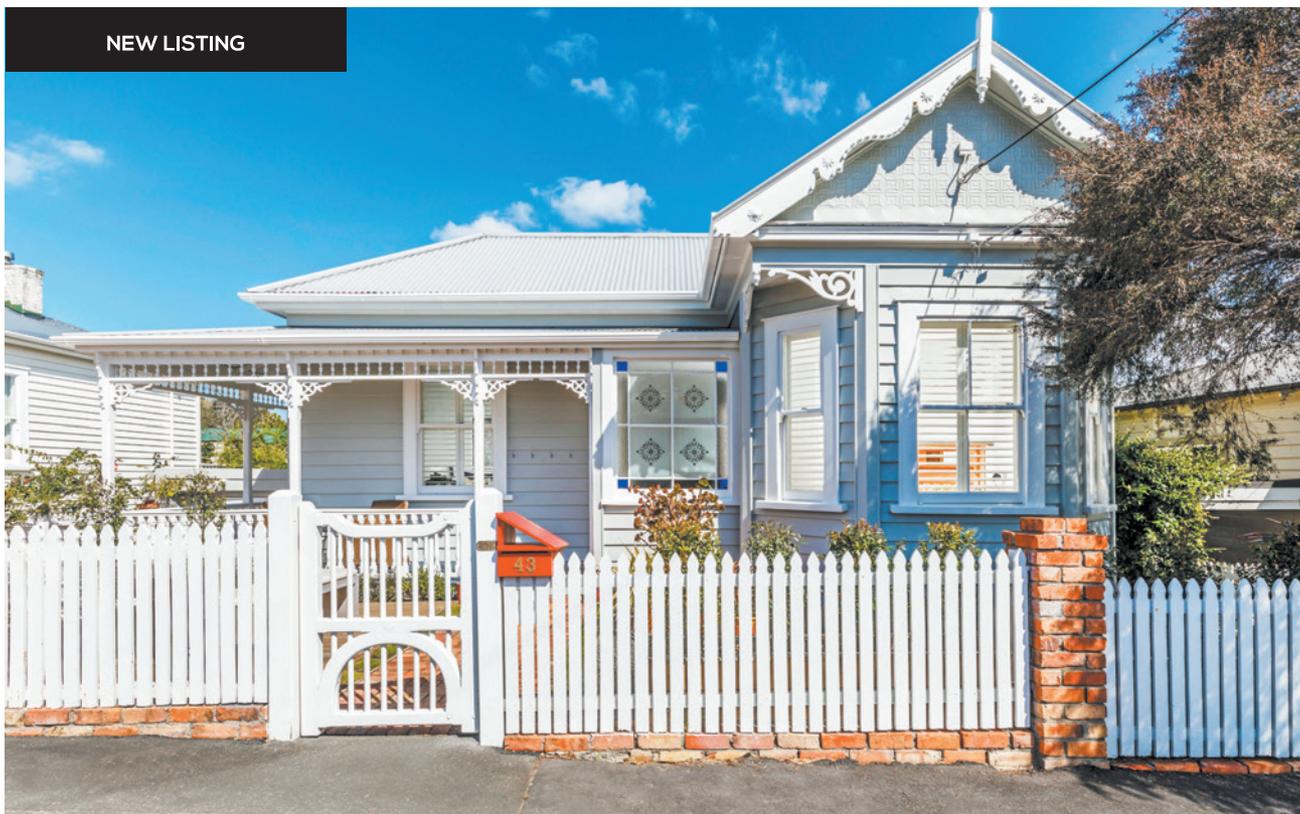


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## DEVONPORT

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106 VICTORIA ROAD

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From the street, 106 looks like many of the neighbouring villas. Its elegant frontage, established formal garden and original concrete steps lends little clue as to what lies within. Once inside however, its a whole different story...While the four bdrms, ensuite, family bthrm and formal sitting may not come as a complete surprise, this character villa goes 'one step further' with a sympathetic and striking extension that embraces a large sleek, cleverly designed kitchen with dining and informal living. An oversized architectural window bathes this space in light while encompassing intimate views of Mt Victoria.

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This beautiful home sits within the original homestead of 53 Vauxhall Road which has been tastefully divided into four apartments. Built in the 1910's the home still has the lovely character of days gone by with stunning wide polished kauri floorboards, a double sided brick fireplace, stained glass windows, and exposed timber high pitched ceilings.

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This modernised board and batten townhouse offers two bedrooms, two living rooms and has off street parking for two cars. There is a lovely private West facing retreat off the living room which is ideal for entertaining friends or simply a quiet haven for you.

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**Letter**

**Hoping for the best after decision on maunga**

The Maunga Authority won a legal challenge over the felling of exotic trees on Auckland's volcanic cones.

Would another court come to the same decision if they considered the world environment and the prudent use of public money? People around the world champion the preservation of forests everywhere. The Maunga Authority has not declared any change to this policy. One hopes for the right treatment on our local maunga.

**Alec Hill**

**Help coming for environmental group**

Efforts will be made to provide more help to the Restoring Takarunga Hauraki (RTH) group at the urging of Devonport-Takapuna Local Board member Toni van Tonder. A storage area for tools, other than the back

of the RTH coordinator's car, is needed along with places to propagate and store plants.

Council staff will scope out options, which might include providing space at the Clay-store or shade houses at 27 Lake Rd.

**Bennett applauds DBA**

The Devonport Business Association was praised for its work in tough times by Devonport-Takapuna Local Board chair Aidan Bennett, who attends association meetings. He noted communities all over the country had been hit by the Covid visitor downturn, but that locally America's Cup yachting and Race Days by the Sea activities next month would be something to look forward to.

**Plunket staying put**

Plunket has gained a new 10-year lease to stay in its Devonport clinic on council reserve land on Wairoa Rd, Narrow Neck. After public notification and iwi engagement, there were no objections to the move. A peppercorn rental of \$1 a year will be charged.

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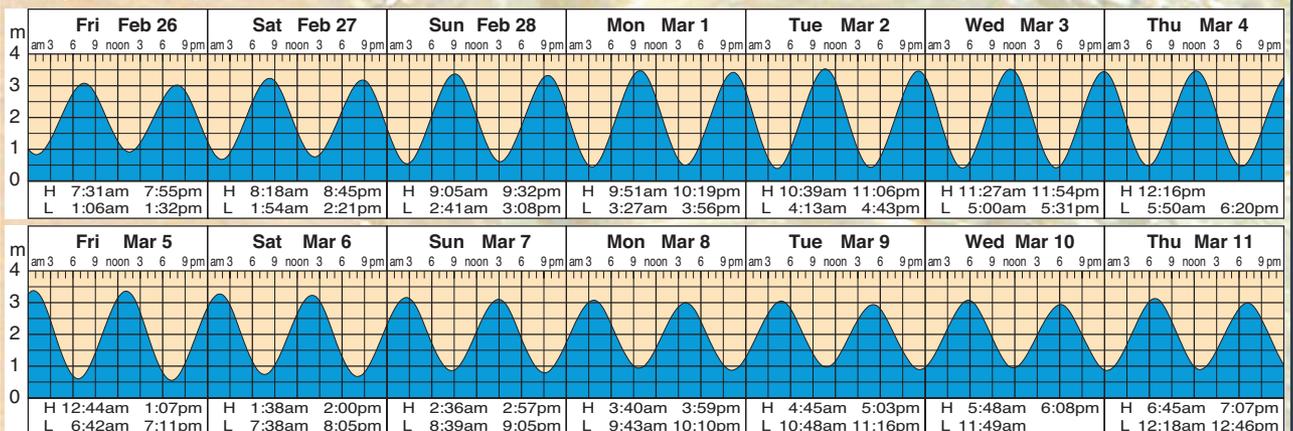


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## Hauraki water pipes probed to find pollution sources

Hauraki properties are being checked by Auckland Council staff looking for polluting pipes.

The external work is to determine if stormwater and wastewater pipes are incorrectly connected or damaged, which could affect water quality on Takapuna Beach.

Testing by Citycare Water, a contractor for the joint council and Watercare project, will continue into March.

If problems are found with any pipes, gully traps or manholes, follow-up drainage investigations may be needed.

These involve using non-toxic smokes and

dyes or CCTV to track if pipe discharges are mixing or overflowing.

Residents have been notified by letter and told services will not be disrupted.

The work is part of ongoing efforts to identify issues affecting the city's water quality.

A specific focus on Takapuna Beach two years ago identified a number of illegal wastewater connections in the vicinity, many

historic. Removing them helped improve water quality.

This month, a bubbling-over manhole was spotted by a local resident, who alerted council workers taking routine Safeswim water-quality samples at the beach.

This enabled a faulty connection to be traced back and fixed, said the Safeswim programme manager Nick Vigar.

### Tidy-up urged

Maintenance of council parks and verges is not up to scratch, says Devonport-Takapuna Local Board chair Aidan Bennett.

The view was shared by other board chairs across the city, he told the board in reporting back on a forum where the chairs called on cash-strapped Auckland Council to do more to keep up standards.

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# Takapuna Grammar

SCHOOL NEWS



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## Takapuna Grammar School House Relays Go Ahead Post-lockdown



Like the rest of New Zealand, staff and students at Takapuna Grammar School had an unexpected lockdown last week, due to the recent reappearance of Covid-19 cases.

While many events that had been planned for the third week of the school term had to be cancelled, students were lucky enough to enjoy the yearly house relay races. The event always sees plenty of colourful costumes, close races and hot sun; this year, despite the unexpected disruption to the week, was no exception. These photos capture the spirit of the event, where the school's five houses – Ihi, Kaha, Maia, Mana and Wehi – competed.



## Bowling ‘youngsters’ show old order how it is done

After just six years in the game, Jerry Belcher has become the Takapuna Bowling Club’s singles champion. To do so, he beat Takapuna Grammar School (TGS) old boy Stanley Bay’s Clayton Hockley who, despite being much younger, has been playing bowls longer, having taken it up in his early teens.

On the path to their hotly contested final, both men beat more experienced bowlers, including former national-title winners.

Belcher’s win confirms him as a rising star in the game he took up in midlife. He held off fast-finishing 25-year-old Hockley, 21-17, in the competition held in January.

The Birkenhead resident signalled his form when he teamed up with John Janssen before Christmas to collect the club pairs championship. He followed that by making the last eight in the national championship pairs held in Auckland over New Year.

Belcher beat Graham Skellern, the club

champion of the last two years, in his singles semi-final, while Hockley defeated club legend Trevor Forward. At 53 years Hockley’s senior, Forward has amassed six club singles titles over the years.

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# THE NAVY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## NAVY TAKES ON CHECKPOINT DUTIES

Devonport’s sailors backed the New Zealand Police at three road cordons during Auckland’s Level 3 lockdown this month.

The largest contingent was on State Highway One at Te Hana, north of Wellsford, where Lieutenant Rob Badger and 22 sailors helped police oversee around 20,000 vehicles over 48 hours, day and night. A small group of three sailors also assisted at the southern checkpoints. LT Badger says they were stood up at short notice, and quickly achieved a ‘battle rhythm’.

“We were on the ground from 22.00 on Monday night. We divided into three watches, with seven persons on each watch for eight hours.” Their job, right alongside the police, was to vet every vehicle that wanted to cross the border, either leaving Auckland or coming in.

“We had personnel counting vehicles being let through, and those being denied. We checked the reasoning and rationale behind their travel. We could see vehicles being backed up at least 300 metres at busy times. But it was a quick process. Our mantra was compassion and kindness. If people had good reasons and evidence,



they were let through.”

It was still long, arduous days on four lanes of asphalt, says LT Badger. “We had rain and more rain, incredible humidity, and then blazing sun. We were well provisioned but boy, we were sweating. It was a challenging environment to work in. There was not a single instance in those 48 hours when a Navy person didn’t present with PPE. We had 18-19-year-old junior sailors at

the border, doing a superb job. They were completely in sync with police.”

The team’s engagement with the public was positive, but it could be emotional. “We had people going to tangi, and that’s where the iwi liaison officers would help us. Some people were going to see sick relatives, others were going to Starship Hospital. We had locals saying, thanks for keeping us safe.”

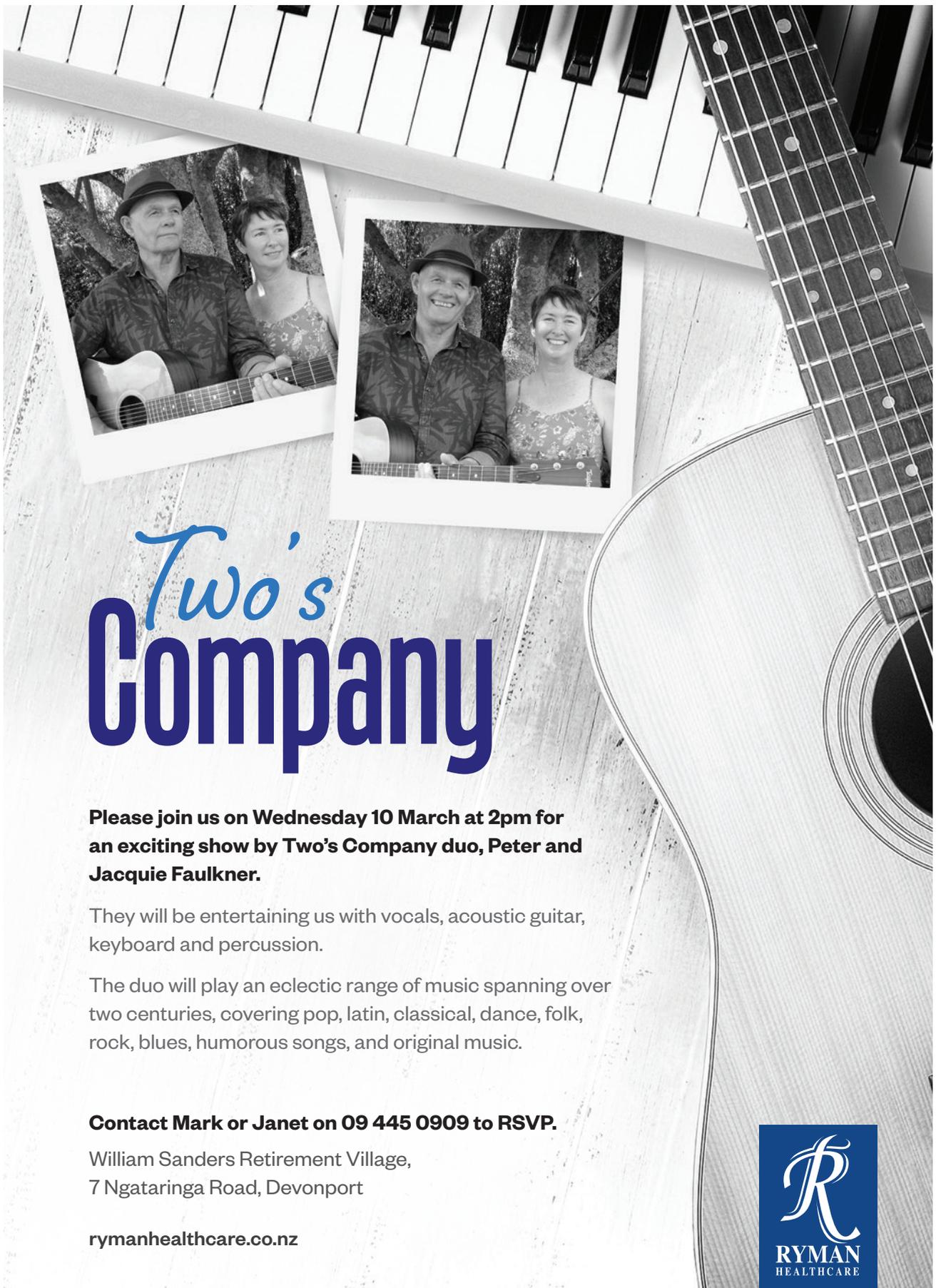
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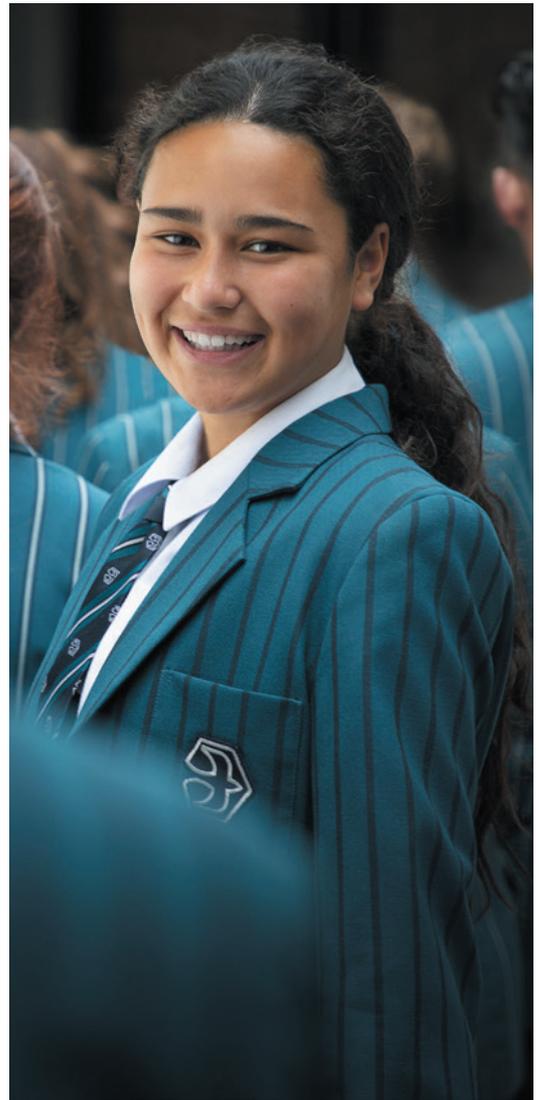
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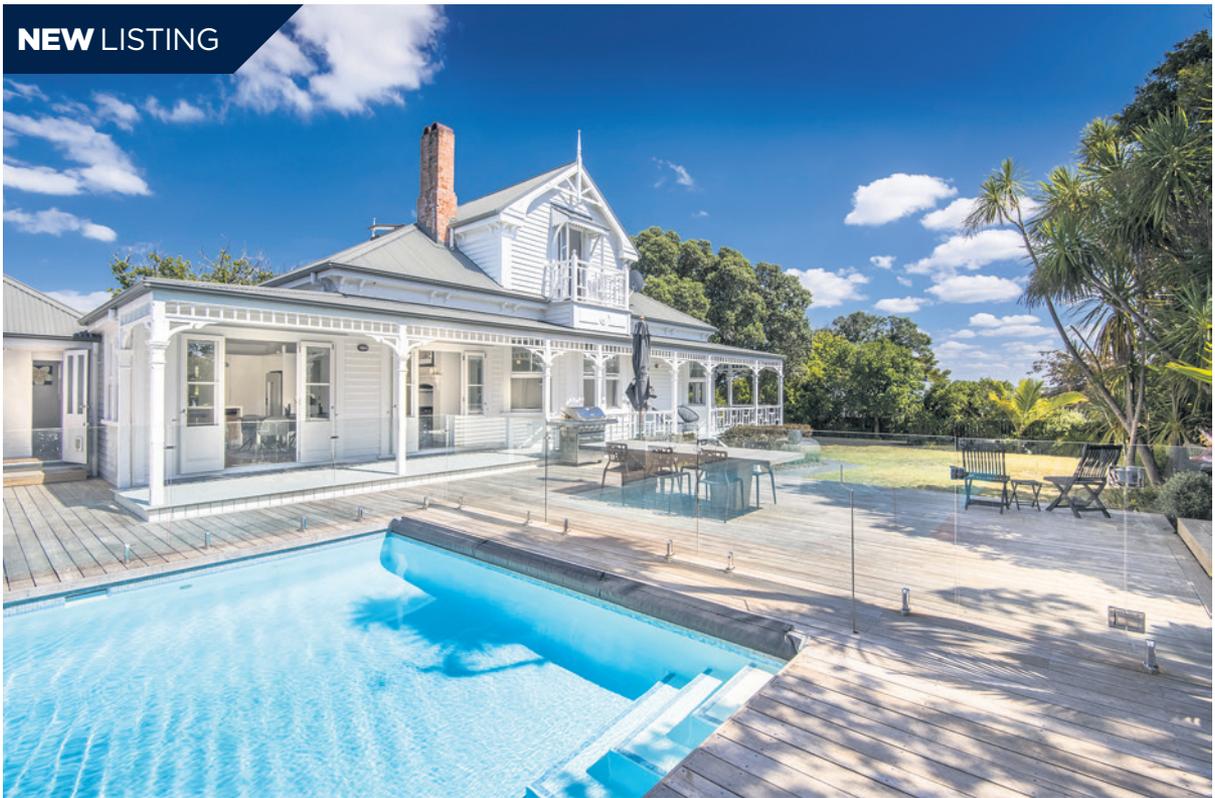
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# Summer sprinting success sends TGS athlete to nationals

Takapuna Grammar School student Samantha Korck has been selected for the Auckland team at the New Zealand Track and Field Championships.

The 16-year-old will be competing in the Under 18 division in the 100m, 200m, 400m and 800m, plus the 4x100m and 4x 400m relays. She currently the fourth-fastest 100m sprinter in the country in her age group.

Samantha heads to the nationals having competed in multiple events this month, including the North Island Interprovincials at AUT Millennium, where she won the Under 18 women's 800m and came second in the 100m and 200m.

She later competed in the Under 18 events at the Auckland championships at Mt Smart Stadium, placing third in the 100m, fourth in the 200m and 400m, and fifth in the 800m. She was particularly pleased to break one minute for the 400m.

Most recently, she ran in the Porritt Classic

in Hamilton, where she placed fifth in the open women's 200m.

"I love all the events, but I feel really powerful in a 100m and 200m sprint," Samantha says.

"I love the energy I get from racing and the training behind it."

Earlier in her career she had run more 400m and 800m events, and says she still loves the kick at the end of an 800m race.

Samantha says it's hard to decide what events will be her best. For now, she is mostly training for the shorter sprints.

"I think as a 16-year-old trying to balance a social life with sport is hard. But having a team at the track to train with becomes your social group," she says.

"I had the outlook I would be missing out on social events often held during the summer months, but seeing my hard work and determination pay off is worth every bit of sacrifice."

The New Zealand Track and Field Championships will be held at the Hawke's Bay Regional Sports Park in Hastings, from 5 to 7 March.



**Best foot forward...  
TGS athlete Samantha Korck**

## Ayris vaults up rankings

Takapuna Grammar School's 2018 Sportswoman of the Year, Imogen Ayris, is on the rise in the pole-vault rankings.

The 20-year-old University of Auckland student is now ranked fourth-equal in the Commonwealth. She set a personal-best vault of 4.5 metres late last year.

Missing from the rankings is another former Takapuna Grammar (TGS) student in Olympian Eliza McCartney, whose last few years' vaulting have been interrupted by injury, illness and Covid disruption to international events. McCartney was a last-minute withdrawal at an athletics meet in Hastings last month, where she had hoped to make a comeback after returning to training.

Ayris, the current national women's pole-vault titleholder, has trained over the years with McCartney, together with fellow rising North Shore talent Olivia McTaggart.

The younger women share the same Commonwealth ranking and an equal-50th world ranking. Ayris matched McTaggart's personal best before Christmas, only to have her rival extend hers by 5cm to 4.55m this year, still 15cm short of the Olympic qualifying mark.

McCartney also needs to clear the mark to compete at Tokyo, if the Games proceed. Her personal best is 4.94m.

Fellow former TGS pupil, Jacko Gill, is second in the Commonwealth shot-put rankings, behind Tom Walsh. The pair are ranked 18th and 8th on the 2020 world list, although in competition to date this year, Gill has had the edge on Walsh.

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# Expect the Unexpected



**An innovative kitchen by Certified Designer Marianne Gailer from Kitchens By Design has totally transformed and revitalised the interior of this Browns Bay home.**

It's been almost ten years since Sharon and Brian Slater first moved into their home. The original kitchen had a scullery and a small breakfast bar that could only seat two people, max. At that time, Sharon says their two girls were quite a lot younger, but as they have grown and started to cook and bake, the kitchen layout didn't work for them, plus it was beginning to look tired.

"At first we thought about just doing a makeover, but they couldn't get the flow working and just kept stagnating. In the end, we realised that we needed a whole new kitchen."

"We came across Kitchens By Design by accident," Sharon says. "We happened to park right outside their Byron Ave showroom in Takapuna, looking for a café, and thought I'm definitely going to have a look around here. Marianne [Gailer, kitchen designer] opened the door for us and in we went. She was really helpful. We were immediately impressed with her knowledge."

Brian says he was taken with the three kitchens on display. "They were all quite different. At that stage, we were still looking at a makeover. But once we compared the

pricing we'd been given for a makeover and what it would cost to pull the whole thing out and start again, it made much more sense to put in a brand-new kitchen."

*What was your brief to the designer?*

"Our must-haves were a bigger, better breakfast bar; better layout and use of space; and having a bit more of a focal point, which we both agreed was the window. We always wanted that marble look and also some dark timber somewhere, because we already had dark wood in the rest of the house," says Sharon.

"The thing that really surprised us was that when Marianne came back with the first concepts, they were completely different from our preconceived ideas of what we thought our new kitchen was going to look like," adds Brian. Sharon says it took a bit of time to get used to the idea of getting rid of the scullery, but once we thought it through, what Marianne proposed made perfect sense.

*What was the most memorable moment of the process?*

"When everything was pulled out, it was pretty scary. But the day we went out to the factory to see the new kitchen all set up, it looked spectacular. That's when we finally got a feel for what our new kitchen was going

to look like. That day was a highlight for us," says Brian.

And now that it's in, Sharon says she loves the overall look of her new kitchen, especially the breakfast bar. "We love it when people see it for the first time and just go, wow!"

Brian works a lot of work from home, and he says the new island is a perfect space to work. "It's at a good height and the lighting is excellent. It always was the hub of the home, but it's even more so now."

*How did you find the experience of working with Kitchens By Design?*

"Right at the beginning, Marianne said to us, trust me, and she was right," says Brian. "We would never have been bold enough to do what we ended up with, but it couldn't have worked out better. There's nothing we'd change. Richard [Cripps, owner of KDB] is a perfectionist, and was really easy to deal with. Everything was handled so smoothly all the way through in a really transparent way."

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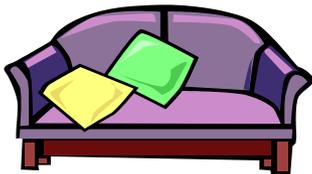
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### Tēnā Koutou tātou

At the time of printing, we will have had our In-house programming deferred until Level 1 status is reached. Our children's programmes have had a bit of a stop-start beginning so far this year, BUT we are pleased to announce as a conclusion to Lunar New Year, our Family Lunar Experience, moving to Saturday 27th February, 10:30am-12pm. You are invited to bring your friends and family to join in with Lunar craft and activities. Stay as long or as briefly as you have time for. You are all welcome.

We will resume our Monday Storytime, Tuesday Rhymetime, and Friday Wriggle & Rhyme, all at 10am, once we have Level 1 clearance. Hopefully we have been able to see you earlier this week already.

And our Wednesday Book Discussion Group will be happening at the usual time of 10am, under Level 1.

We have had a lot of enquiry about the Te Reo classes held at the library. The classes this year are full and starting up in March. But don't despair, we are happy to take names for 2022.

If you want to know what is happening at the library, check out our in-house promotion, but also keep an eye on our Facebook page for any updates or more information.

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## Tartan Kiwi returns to lead Depot



### Coming home... Amy Saunders

It's been a bittersweet experience for new Depot Artspace manager Amy Saunders, having returned to New Zealand to a disrupted first few weeks in the top job at the community arts hub. "I felt we'd escaped lockdown, having come from Scotland," she told the Flagstaff from her Vauxhall home during the recent level-3 interruption of settling into the role.

After working under lockdown conditions in Edinburgh since March 2020, being home in New Zealand was a relief and a privilege, she said. "It felt like we were running from hot lava."

With her Scots husband and two young daughters, she emerged into summer after their mandatory two-week stint in an isolation hotel ended in late January.

The family had always planned to come back, ready for their elder girl, 5-year-old Isla, to start school here.

But, as with so many things, Covid was an added complication. Luckily, finding a house was not an issue, because the couple had bought in the area years ago, meaning they could quickly settle back into Kiwi life near the beach.

Saunders wants to adjust and get to know the team before talking about plans for the Depot. These will include factoring in how to deal with the big challenges Covid-19 has posed in the creative community.

Having seen how it hit the vibrant arts scene in Edinburgh – where she has worked on and off in arts-management roles for more than a decade – Saunders is convinced nurturing community, grass-roots connections is the way forward. But she remains ambitious about aiming for world-leading standards, saying: "I'm an optimist. I'm a believer that if you're doing things with great value, they will get supported in the end."

A strong CV that ranges from working

on Edinburgh's famous festivals to a time at Creative New Zealand, helped secure Auckland-raised Saunders the Depot job.

She takes over from long-time manager Lynn Lawton, who has opted for a part-time role steering the centre's creative-skills programme. The legacy he and Depot creative director Linda Blincko have created is one Saunders appreciates. She notes the Depot has been a visionary organisation in the arts space. "We will build on what has been lovingly created," she says.

Saunders, who graduated from the University of Otago with a BA (Hons) in History and a B.Com in Marketing, spent time in London. On returning to Auckland, she added journalism to her qualifications, studying at AUT.

A stint at a business paper preceded publicity work, including handling public relations for the Auckland Arts Festival. During this, she helped launch the Spiegeltent venue in New Zealand, which led to an invitation to work on this in Edinburgh.

Saunders loved living in warm-hearted Scotland, which had many parallels with New Zealand. Being there during "the golden age" of festivals was a boon. This ranged from working for the umbrella organisation, Festivals Edinburgh, to her last job on the Fringe Festival, which normally attracts thousands of visitors across hundreds of venues. Last year, the pandemic necessitated a big switch to online performances.

As one of the diaspora returning home, Saunders sees this as a positive to the country arising from Covid-19. The Depot has also recently added a new music-studio manager, Neil Baldock, a New Zealander who has worked in the United States. And new curator, Nina Dyer, is on board from Wellington.

"The Depot is a gem – inside the gem of Devonport," says Saunders.



## Art for sale, one careful owner



**Home where the art is... Artist Linda Gair (left) with the Depot's new art curator Nina Dyer, and a selection of works appearing in the Pre-loved/Re-loved exhibition**

Second-hand art pieces are being given a new lease of life in the *Pre-loved/Re-loved* exhibition at the Depot Artspace.

The exhibition opened last weekend, with over 100 pieces on display and up for sale until 14 March. Including paintings, ceramics, photography and sculpture, it aims to help art owners find a new home for some of their pieces.

Linda Gair, a local artist living in Bayswater, is downsizing. She has submitted a number of works from her extensive collection. "These particular pieces, I am ready to pass them on," she said.

Gair's pre-loved works are from established New Zealand artists, including Fatu Feu'u, Jenny Dolezel, Robyn Gibson and Yonel Watene, a former Takapuna Grammar student who exhibits across New Zealand.

"I have a very small space. There's no point in having these big works, that I have loved and collected, in the ceiling space. They might as well be enjoyed by others," Gair said.

Depot Artspace's first *Pre-loved / Re-loved* exhibition was held in 2014.

The Depot will also be advocating for the introduction of Artist Resale Royalties legislation that would entitle an artist to receive a royalty payment (normally a percentage of the sale price) from the sale of their artwork on the secondary market.

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