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'Polly's Park' to finally reopen

The restored walking track through Mary Barrett Glade, accessed from Lake Rd and running beneath Ryman's William Sanders Retirement Village, is set to reopen on 30 April.

A late-morning opening ceremony is planned, after which the public will once

again be able to skirt the mangrove-fringed edge of Ngataringa Bay.

Known locally as Polly's Park – after its founder Mabel "Polly" Pollock who died in 2010 – the glade was named after Pollock's adult daughter who pre-deceased her.

The native-bush track is part the

Wakakura Marginal Strip managed by the Department of Conservation (DoC). The track was damaged by slips prior to the Ryman village construction and then remained closed during construction, for safety reasons.

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Anzac Day: community commemorations return



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Solo act... Lieutenant Sam Fox making a solitary Anzac Day observance in Hauraki during the Covid lockdown last year. Traditional public events are back on the programme this Sunday. Details, page 2.



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Polly's labour of love reopens to public

to see it reopened, fearing all of Pollock's hard work – clearing rubbish and weeds and planting natives over a 16-year period until 2009 – might have been wasted.

Now, after financial contributions to an upgrade by Ryman, and work by contractors organised by DoC, Ryman says it is pleased the public can enjoy the area again. Sections of boardwalk have been built and retaining walls installed in some areas.

For now, access to the track will be from Lake Rd only, opposite the northern end of Waitemata Golf Course. Along from the glade, walkers used to be able to head uphill to exit onto Wesley St, but the cul de sac off Ngataringa Rd, on the western edge of the Ryman site, is still blocked off for continuing construction.

A Ryman spokesperson said it was expected that later in the year Wesley St would reopen. Its turning bay and footpaths are to be rebuilt and made wider, with work due to get underway mid-year. "In an ideal world



Pioneer... Polly Pollock in the early 2000s

we would hand it all over at once, but the Wesley construction is complicated," the spokesperson said.

Recognising demand for access from the public, it had been decided to go ahead and open the Lake Rd gate initially, meaning for now walkers will have to exit the same way.

Members of Pollock's family have been

invited to the ribbon-cutting ceremony, along with Devonport community and local-body figures, and Ryman's chief operating officer, Cheyne Chalmers.

They will remember a feisty woman who toiled tirelessly on her labour of love. At times, she had help from community members with planting, but often she worked long hours alone.

Among those attending is Pollock's son Brian, who over the summer holidays travelled from his Nelson home to install a wooden seat that he carved in his mother's memory. It carries details of her family and her life, which included being the first female taxi driver in Auckland.

The Restoring Takarunga Hauraki (RTH) environmental group is looking forward to the reopening so it can extend its pest trapping work to the park. RTH co-ordinator Lance Cablk said it was the "last gap" along the estuary for the group's focus on eradication.

• Environmental efforts, pages 42, 43.

Snapper looks forward to seaborne Anzac assignment

Anzac Day this year will provide a fresh creative challenge for Defence Force photographer Chris Weissenborn.

The Navy Petty Officer, who shot our striking front-page image on Anzac Day last year, will catch the solemn camaraderie of the occasion on assignment in New Plymouth.

"I'll be sailing on our newest ship, HMNZS Aotearoa, for her first home-port visit to New Plymouth," Weissenborn told the Flagstaff before he embarked last Monday. "I'll also be covering Anzac with the crew."

It will differ markedly from last year, when he captured the solo observance by his Hauraki neighbour Lieutenant Sam Fox.

The image of Fox, titled *Stand at Dawn*, is part of an exhibition of work by Defence Force photographers now on at the Navy Museum. The exhibition's name, *Standing Alone – Together as One*, was inspired by his photograph. It is part of a portfolio that has had Weissenborn named as a best-photography finalist in the Voyager Media Awards.

For his part, Lieutenant Fox will this year swap the top of his own driveway for attendance at the dawn parade at the Auckland War Memorial Museum.

• The Devonport parade assembles in Bartley Tce at 9.35am. At 9.50am, it heads down Victoria Rd to the cenotaph for a 10am service.

- Takapuna Grammar will host a dusk service at 5.30pm in the ex-pupils library.
- A remembrance field will be set up at the Navy Museum, where people can make and 'plant' paper poppies. The museum will be open from 10am to 5pm.
- The Rose Singers will perform World War I and II songs on 23, 24 (evenings) and 25 April at 2pm at the Rose Centre, Belmont. Proceeds from the \$10 tickets go to charity. For bookings, phone Ruth on 021 436010.
- The North Shore Brass Band will lead the way in the Takapuna Anzac Day parade. Marchers will gather at Sanders Ave at 9.25am before parading to the war memorial on The Strand for readings and wreath laying. Devonport-Takapuna Local Board chair Aidan Bennett will MC the event.

Free ferry on 25th

Fullers360 is offering free travel for all on its 5am sailing from Devonport to Auckland, to help passengers attending the commemorative dawn service at Auckland War Memorial Museum this Anzac Day, Sunday 25 April.

Additionally, all RSA cardholders, as well as servicemen and women dressed in full uniform, will have access to free ferry travel to and from Devonport all day on Anzac Day.

3 Victoria Rd: empty for 1061 days

The old Devonport Borough Council building at 3 Victoria Rd became vacant on 9 July 2018. It has now been unoccupied for 1061 days. Auckland Council development arm Panuku is deciding the building's fate.



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Young swimmers conquer harbour crossing with dads

Vauxhall Primary pupil Gisele Chetwynd was the youngest entrant into this year's Harcourts Cooper & Co Swim the Bridge harbour swim.

At only 10 years old, she completed the 1km Northcote Point to Auckland one-way swim in a time of 28.07 on 18 April with her father Richard Chetwynd, who also swam the 2km return course the day before.

After taking lessons on and off since she was a one-year-old, Gisele began getting serious about swimming last year and decided she wanted a big challenge. She was eager to follow in the strokes of her father, an avid ocean swimmer, who has competed in events around New Zealand and finished the Alcatraz swim in San Francisco.

Initially apprehensive about swimming in the ocean swells, Gisele began her training in December, at Cheltenham Beach, and recently completed a choppy swim at Torpedo Bay. Come the bridge event, strong currents raised concerns of whether she would finish within the 35 minute cut-off.

"She kept her head down and swam strongly," said Chetwynd. "We're all super proud of her." Gisele came 305th from 431 swimmers, saying after the race she wasn't as tired as she expected. "She's keen to do it again and look for other swims to do."

Eleven-year-old Jamie Wells is another promising young swimmer, who completed the 2km Double Crossing, finishing 10th in the boys 12-14 division in a time of 44.33.

The Belmont Intermediate School (BIS) student has loved the water since he was only a few months old. He joined the Devonport Swim Club aged 8.

Jamie placed first in his division for the 2020 Round North Head ocean swim and also last year was joint winner of the Belmont Primary School Swimming Cup.

At BIS this year, he placed in breaststroke and freestyle and third in backstroke and butterfly, going on to represent the school



Family time on the water... Richard and Gisele Chetwynd completed the 1km Swim the Bridge event last weekend

at North Harbour Swimming Zone Day.

Jamie's dedication prompted his coach to gift an entry into Swim the Bridge, making him the youngest entrant for the 2km swim.

"I'm very excited for him" said his father Richard Wells, after Jamie beat both him and his mother in the race, earning a hot chocolate.

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Lake Rd frustration prompts community brainstorm

One wet day, Devonport resident Sonali Geo decided she had had enough of the traffic. It's a feeling familiar to many on the peninsula, but this determined woman decided she was going to do more than moan about it.

She took to social media to ask if others would join her in coming up with fresh ideas. Within two days, she received more than 400 replies – and two weeks later she gamely chaired a community meeting on the vexed topic.

"I'm looking for lots of ideas and hope to get some that are out of the box, not the usual," she told about 20 members of the public who turned up at the Community House last Thursday night, along with a bevy of Devonport-Takapuna Local Board members and Auckland councillor Richard Hills.

Geo emphasised she wanted things to stay non-political and positive, and for the most part they did. All but one attendee reckoned the congestion on Lake Rd was getting worse. Several said infill housing would only increase issues.

Most people shared well-intentioned suggestions, from separated cycle lanes to designated bus and T2 lanes. Clearways and overbridges were also suggested, along with more accountable public-transport delivery and a clampdown on vehicles rat-running around side streets.

Why not a Whangaparaoa-style traffic flow of two lanes of vehicles heading in one direction, and one lane the other way, alternating by morning and evening, asked one person. How about better-phased lights and some turns banned at pinch-point local intersections, said another.

Despite the Automobile Association emailing its local members last week to again advocate four-laning much of the road, and having a targeted rate to help double the Auckland Transport (AT) budget for the project to more than \$100 million, its plan did not arise at the meeting.

Focusing on safety and trialling ideas rather than pushing for a perfect plan did.

One attendee with experience of transport



Seeking ideas... Meeting organiser Sonali Geo (right) and helper Cath Burnett

planning suggested AT was hidebound for fear of raising community ire, when in the case of some changes – such as removing street parking – pushing on might be for the greater good.

Councillor Hills summarised why AT had already dismissed various options: Dynamic

lanes, like those in Whangaparaoa, would not work because Lake Rd traffic was not "tidal". It was often busy in both directions at once, and was fed by more side streets and driveways. Cost and accessibility ruled out overbridges and shifting cycleways to the side streets would not keep all cyclists off the main road – instead they needed safer passage down it.

Hills noted that \$2 million had been spent already on community consultation, eliciting widely varying views. "AT will say it heard it in 2017 and in 2020."

Outgoing board chair Aidan Bennett issued a plaintive call of "listen to the experts", saying AT deserved the chance to be able to put in place its plan. "My idea is let the plan happen."

Incoming chair Ruth Jackson said perhaps AT should set up an FAQ page, given how many people could not easily find why various options had been dismissed.

Member Jan O'Connor said the board itself was crying out for an update from AT. The plan for cycleways on Bayswater Rd was incomplete and she was unsure how Lake Rd traffic, using a proposed Esmonde Rd T2 lane, would be managed smoothly onto the motorway, along with buses.

Member Toni van Tonder urged that all who could, should consider "being the change" by shifting away from reliance on private vehicles for local journeys.

By this stage, some attendees were wondering what the point of their input was and if there was even a start date for the project. Geo was determined to keep things upbeat, however, and said Hills would take their ideas forward.

Van Tonder said an early start on Lake Rd depended on the council confirming its budget with rate rises.

Geo intends distilling the group's views into a list of best short- and long-term options and aims to make a submission on the Regional Land Transport Plan before close-off early next month.

Local views

"Lake Rd has many issues and it fails for everyone."

"I spent half my life on Lake Rd, and I retired early because I got sick of it."

"While Lake Rd has unacceptable traffic, it should be unacceptable to have more development."

"Traffic is chock-a-block. You can't get onto Lake Rd from Old Lake Rd or Williamson Ave."

"Why do we have to have a \$50m white elephant instead of experimentation?"

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Olympian's new build dubs original house 'minor dwelling'

Olympic windsurfing gold medallist Tom Ashley is building a new two-storey house in Devonport's heritage zone – due to an apparently precedent-setting council decision that further opens up development on small sites.

In a major shift in town-planning convention, an existing cottage at the front of 110 Victoria Rd has been classified a minor dwelling, and the new build at the back of the property the main house.

Minor dwellings are permitted on the single-unit sites in Devonport's heritage overlay, south of the golf course, but it has been widely accepted they would be built behind the existing house.

The Flagstaff approached a neighbour of the Ashley property, who asked not to be named, but said she had lost a lot of sun and privacy and felt she should have been notified by council.

"I believe this is the beginning of the uglification of our beautiful heritage suburb and people need to be aware that everyone is at risk of this happening to them."

The project, on a 546 sqm section, submitted by Cherie Lane and Associates, breaches several Unitary Plan rules, such as: site coverage (36.8 per cent instead of 35 per cent); height-to-boundary regulations; and the floorspace allowable for a minor dwelling – 82sqm instead of 62sqm.

Council planners considered the effects on neighbours "less than minor" and approved the application without any public notification.

Devonport Heritage chair Margot McRae said: "We have huge concerns over this development at 110 Victoria Rd.

"Unfortunately this is just the latest in a trend that is happening all over Devonport – that is overdevelopment at the rear of properties."

Auckland Council's planning strategy is to completely disregard neighbours' amenity values, like sunlight and privacy, she said.

"We have dealt with homeowners who call us in despair at what is being built on the next-door property. They are not consulted about the development because the council planners have considered the effects on neighbours to be minor.



"It's approved without neighbours knowing anything about it until it starts getting built," McRae said

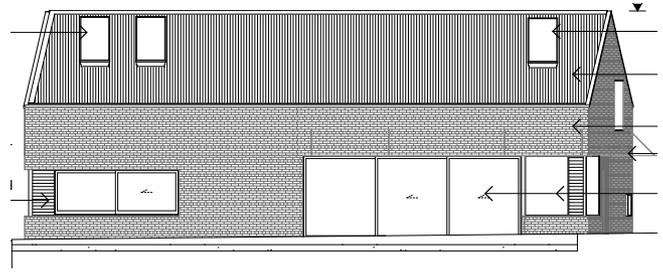
The situation was likely to get worse, with Council's Plan Change 26 approved early this year allow-

ing extensions to reach to within one metre of a rear boundary – down from three metres.

"We submitted against this and showed the council case studies of the effects of large rear extensions on neighbouring houses and on the heritage street value, but it was ignored," McRae said. "The council has a strong pro-development mindset."

Resource-consent decisions over the last few years increasingly disregarded the intent of the Special Character Area Overlay, she said. The overlay is supposed to protect heritage housing areas, including pre-1940 houses.

"While it may be hard to demolish a house, it seems there is open slather on building ugly rear extensions, which have a devastating effect on neighbouring houses and too often are highly



Old and new... The building site at 110 Victoria Rd (top) and a drawing of the new 'main' house (above)

visible from the street."

Pressure on heritage areas is increasing. The government's National Policy Statement on Development will soon come into effect. This directs all councils to increase intensification in cities and towns to create more housing.

Heritage groups are working to persuade councillors and the government to respect the heritage single-house areas, McRae said.

"But changing the council's mindset is like trying to slow the Titanic – however we won't give up fighting to protect Devonport."

Investor Market Slowing

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Banks' approval-turnaround times have improved a few days, which is also helpful. A few non-bank lenders can still manage 80% LVR for investment properties, but at higher interest rates.

The Reserve Bank has reiterated its desire for interest rates to remain low, which will keep overall demand for property at an elevated level. But the risk must surely be to the upside, as the US, UK, China and others get vaccines and are starting to see some economic growth and inflation momentum. This has pushed the US 10-year bond rate up towards 1.70%, which feeds through to New Zealand long-term rates.

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Navy singer's labour of love ensures service

Navy singer Rebecca Nelson is among volunteers helping to identify and look after the neglected graves of former service people.

Rebecca Nelson is on a mission to ensure the many graves of service personnel at O'Neill's Point Cemetery in Bayswater are in optimal condition by Anzac Day.

The Navy reservist and official singer of the Royal New Zealand Navy Band is juggling performances of wartime songs with being a committed member of the Remembrance Army. This nationwide group is intent on identifying, restoring and maintaining the graves of all who served, particularly those that aren't officially maintained.

Volunteers around New Zealand have identified 35,000 graves, but there are an estimated 250,000 in all.

Each has its own story to tell. For Nelson, satisfaction comes from cleaning up blackened headstones so names can be revealed and families united with forebears they did not know about.

A recent example was when a friend helping her with the work was contacted to say that before-and-after shots posted by the Devonport RSA were the headstones of family members who served in World War II. "She didn't know

it was her family, until her grandad told her."

Nelson says the Bayswater cemetery has more than 150 graves of service personnel, but a few more may be discovered under moss and mould. "The history we have here and with the [Navy] base down the road is considerable." It includes personnel who had been awarded medals and some who served at Gallipoli.

Where service people have been buried in family plots, the Remembrance Army adds a ceramic poppy to the headstone so they can be more easily identified.

One such poppy is on the headstone for William Sanders, who died at sea in World War I, and whose bravery was recognised with a Victoria Cross. His memory lives on in the name of a Takapuna street and of Ryman's William Sanders Retirement Village in Devonport.

Cemetery work began pre Covid-19, with help from Navy personnel and Sea Leander cadets in clearing weeds and taking down records. "We couldn't read a lot," remembers Nelson. A special spray was applied to marble to help dissolve mould over time (common bleach should not be used), and granite memorials were given a good scrub.

To date, 114 graves to the left side of the cemetery's historic lychgate have been cleaned or repainted, making names easier to read. Work continues on others to the right.

Ultimately, Nelson would like to see an information board explaining the significance of the cemetery and listing those personnel

buried there. These include Pacific Islanders, who trained for World War I at Narrow Neck but succumbed to influenza before embarking. Their graves are well maintained, separately from those cared for by the Remembrance Army.

Nelson has uncovered a number of other noteworthy graves. A particularly rewarding discovery was that of an officer, Henry Peacock, who trained Maori troops in World War I. "The grave was really annoying me, I couldn't read it. It took hours to clean," she says.

Details revealed included an inscription from his troops to Peacock. Research found that he had become ill on the way overseas, been disembarked at Perth and sent home. His troops held him in such high regard they paid for his gravestone. Peacock's descendants in Nelson only found out where he was buried through the restoration efforts.

The grave of Edith Mary Statham, who died in 1951, aged 97, is now in crisp relief. She spearheaded early efforts to remember service personnel through the Victoria League Graves Committee pre-World War I and then worked as an inspector of graves for the Department of Internal Affairs until 1928, and subsequently as a voluntary inspector for the Auckland RSA.

The grave of the Calliope dock caretaker from 1888-1913, one Captain Alexander Egleton, is another that has been restored, as is that of Military Medal holder Stephen Bond, who died in 1917 after rescuing other soldiers

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at the Battle of Messines in Belgium.

Nelson says her own interest in war graves was prompted by seeing how well those in Europe were cared for. She has sung at official commemoration services and during one trip visited the grave of a great-great-uncle who fell at Passchendaele. "I was absolutely fine knowing how well he was cared for." He was laid to rest in a cemetery with 35,000 graves. "They're so beautifully maintained, and coming over here, it's such a mess."

But now with support from the Navy, the RSA and sponsors, such as Resene providing paint, maintenance and awareness are improving.

But it doesn't come cheap. Replacing missing lead words on old memorials costs \$50 a letter.

With Anzac Day approaching, Nelson says she is heartened by how well the parades are supported locally.

She is working with Takapuna Grammar School on getting student volunteers involved at the cemetery. Nelson also performs in schools and acts as a vocal coach.

Nelson hopes that once the initial clean-up is completed and some broken headstones are re-erected, an annual spray together with repainting every 10 years will keep the O'Neill's graves in good condition.

She has been heartened to see that non-military families are putting more effort into grave-tending too, having seen how well headstones can be cleaned up.

"I'm really quite proud," she says.

Due respect... Rebecca Nelson beside the O'Neill's Point Cemetery grave of Major Henry Peacock and his wife Myrtle, which has been marked with a ceramic poppy



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By Rob Drent

Residents north of the golf course who might have been envious of the planning protections offered in the Devonport heritage area, should look again.

As in other zones, planners and property owners continue to push the size-and-bulk limits in Devonport too.

The latest case to come to the Flagstaff's attention is Olympic gold medallist Tom Ashley's build in Victoria Rd. Properties south of the golf course are supposed to have only one dwelling per site, but a minor dwelling is allowed.

At 110 Victoria, a two-storey dwelling is being built behind an existing cottage. Height-to-boundary and site-coverage restrictions are infringed. No worries, say council planners: "Effects less than minor" is the standard catch-all.

This application pushes the envelope even further, however. Part of the older house has been removed and the street-front building is being called the minor dwelling while the new house becomes the main dwelling.

Is this really the intention of the Auckland Unitary Plan? To have an old home reclassified to allow a new build? It's potentially precedent-setting for all small sites around Devonport, of which there are many.

Most Aucklanders understand the need for intensification. But again and again Auckland Council allows developers and property owners to overstep its own plan without letting neighbours know, and in the full knowledge most haven't got the money – \$80,000-plus at my last reckoning – or the time to fight council decisions in the Environment Court.



Roll up, roll up... Crowds returning to The Vic

Council needs to offer greater protection and oversight for neighbours of proposed developments. The balance has shifted too far towards development. Surely people should be able to live in their house in a protected area without needing to worry about the possibility of what may or may not be happening next door?

The saying 'When rains it pours' applied to The Victoria Theatre on a wet Saturday earlier this month, when we arrived to attend a 6pm movie.

The cinema has struggled with attendance numbers over the past year due to Covid lockdowns. But on this day, not only was there a queue running out the door and up the street, but the showing of the film we had wanted to see was sold out. Good luck to The Vic and let's hope the demand continues.

The theatre had another major boast on Sunday night when its home-made gelato received national exposure on *Country Calendar* in a story on Northland milk producers.

Black-and-white photography seems to fade in and out of fashion, but the historic shots of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip

on page 24 of this issue are striking. You would expect large crowds to turn out for a Royal Tour visit. But what is interesting is seeing Takarunga in the background. In 1963, it was virtually treeless.

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Belmont pals notch three tennis titles in three years

A team of tennis mates from Belmont Park Racquets Club has achieved a rare feat of winning three pennants in row over three seasons in three different North Harbour grades.

Matt Cashmore, Andrew McDonald, Derrick Travers and Richard Jones won North Harbour's grade-five inter-club competition in 2018-19 and grade four in 2019-20.

In 2020-21, when they were joined by handy lefty Brady James, they took out the grade-3 competition.

With a f winter-tennis pennant win thrown in, the team has been the best-performing in North Harbour for years, and the toast of their club.

Team captain Travers said it had been a great run, but he expected the "wheels may fall off" when it goes up to grade two next season.

"We'll be running into some pretty tall timber up there – some good juniors and some wily old players as well."

While Cashmore, McDonald and Travers started playing tennis again in recent years after long spells away from the game, Takapuna Grammar old boy Richard Jones was a top cricketer who played a test and five one-day internationals for the Black Caps. James is an A2-level squash player.

Cashmore had been a top performer only losing one singles match in the last three years, Travers said.



Having a ball... Belmont Park tennis players (left to right) Matt Cashmore, Andrew McDonald, Derrick Travers, Richard Jones and Brady James



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Veteran prop celebrates 100th game for North Shore

North Shore Rugby premier prop Alex Woonton played his 100th game for the club against Marist earlier this month and a celebration is planned tomorrow after Shore's home match against East Coast Bays.

He is the 34th North Shore player to rack up 100 games for the club.

Woonton started playing for Shore in his early 20s, after meeting club stalwart and All Black great Wayne 'Buck' Sheldford at a rugby training camp.

"I was playing for Papatoetoe at the time and Buck said Shore was short of props. I was travelling over for a while until I moved into the (rugby club) flat."

Transferring to Shore was a great move both in sporting terms and personally, Woonton said.

He made the North Harbour team, playing around 30 games for the union, and was in the Blues development side for four years.

He then moved to Japan, fulfilling a lifetime goal of playing Super Rugby – notching up eight games for the Sunwolves franchise. He also played in Spain.

Returning to New Zealand, "it would have been wrong" to go anywhere but Shore, he said.

"It's definitely a family atmosphere at the club and they have helped me so much personally and in my career. My teammates have been great and the guys at the club are



Centurion... Alex Woonton has joined the 100 Club

second to none.

"After the Marist match, we went back to the club and I was presented with a cake with the number 100 on it – it's moments like that which are pretty special."

He says his two North Harbour premier-ship victories with the club in 2011 and 2014 were highlights.

Woonton believes Shore has as good a chance as any other side of winning the premiership in 2021 "if we put the hard work in".

At age 33, this season is likely to be his last, however. In the future he hopes to coach

and follow the career of his son Archer (3).

North Shore Rugby Club chair Max Webb said Woonton's 100-match achievement was all the more meritorious in the modern era of the game, with senior clubs playing fewer games per season.

Players also tended not to play on as much as they used to, Webb said.

It is expected to be a "big day" at the club on Saturday, Webb said, as the match against East Coast Bays is the only one in the North Harbour championship first round that North Shore is playing at home against a top side.

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Joking aside... Otto Buckton (7) won a soft toy



On the mic... Zara McCoubrey (9) performs



Spot the bargains... Plenty of wares were on offer at Devonport Primary's Fair on the Hill

Pouring rain couldn't dampen the enthusiasm of the crowds who flocked to this year's Fair on the Hill at Devonport Primary School on 10 April.

Fair-goers and organisers seemed unfazed by the deluge.

"Our team worked quickly to reconfigure our normal layout to provide safe and sheltered space for our stalls," says fair coordinator Gemma Barker.

"The children didn't mind the rain and the day was a lot of fun."

While the money is still being counted, this year the organising team hopes to have raised close to \$30,000 for the school.

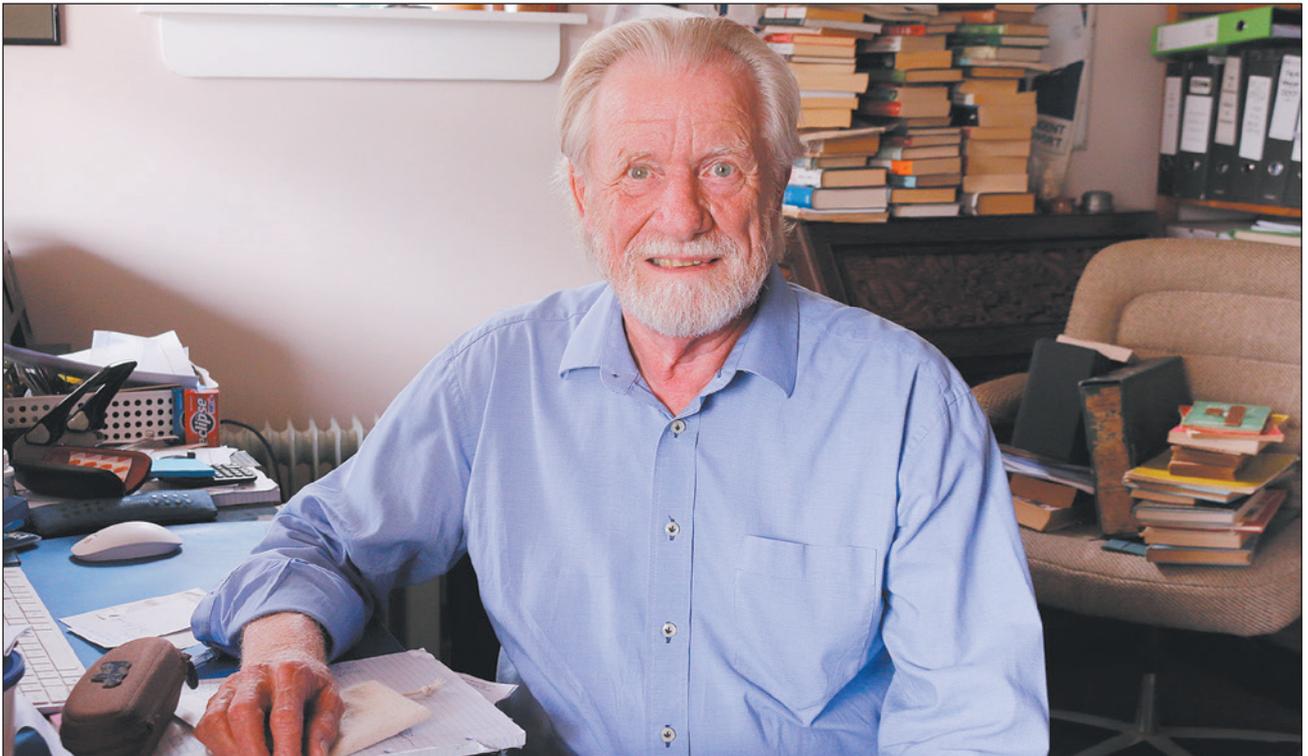
It is expected some of the money will help fund a wish list that includes new basketball hoops, special art materials for a new mural, new furniture for the STEM digital technologies Future Learning Zone, and equipment for the Akomanga Ngahere/forest learning programme.



Sweet job... Milla (11) and Lizzie (14) McKendry making candy floss

Rubbish job led to life at the environmental forefront

In the 1970s, Richard Tong led Devonport's pioneering recycling programme. He tells Helen Vause about the holiday job that hooked him for life – and the metalwork sideline that's left a different kind of mark.



Recycling trailblazer... Richard Tong is now semi-retired and writing books, including a biography of his father and a handbook on waste management

Countless old bricks form the steepish driveway up to Richard and Rosie Tong's home, high up on the side of Takarunga. The bricks, recycled from long-fallen chimneys around the village, are testimony to the philosophy of the bloke who laid the driveway, brick by brick, back in the late 70s: Mr Recycling himself.

Looking back on a life's work in sorting out waste, Richard Tong is now semi-retired, consulting and writing books. But the recycling passion is still burning bright.

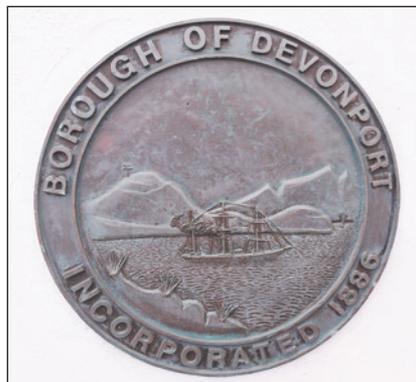
We've come a long way with recycling here and all over the world, but it's still very much a work in progress, he reflects, offering his freshly baked cheese scones – the best you'll get in Devonport, his wife Rosie rightly claims.

When Tong stepped into the lead with local recycling, he was barely out of university and not thinking it would be his career – that his first real job would turn out to be the job of his life.

It started with a summer-holiday labouring job for the Devonport Borough Council at the end of 1972, when Tong had just embarked on his Bachelor of Science.

It was hot, tiring and grubby stuff. But rather than being desperate to get back to uni, he found himself fascinated by the truckloads of junk coming in and what was happening with it all, in the glorious smelly jumble of the tip. In those days, before more sophisticated waste management came to town, the dump was still a magnet for seagulls and small boys.

Up until rubbish fired his imagination, Tong laughs to recall that he'd probably been dreaming about a more glamorous life – perhaps in



Metalwork...The bronze plaque Richard Tong made for the former Devonport Borough Council chambers.

marine biology, maybe like another Jacques Cousteau, he grins.

A few years after his first foray into the affairs of Devonport's rubbish, when Tong heard that a number of environmentally focused organisations had targeted the Devonport Borough Council (DBC) as a progressive body likely to get serious about recycling, Tong wanted to be part of it.

With his master's degree barely completed, he wrote to the council expressing his interest and putting forward his ideas. In fairly short order he found himself in his first permanent job – as Waste Management Officer.

It was 1976. In developing the local recycling

scheme, Tong led the first comprehensive recycling programme in the country. It became a model internationally, and Tong became a widely recognised expert in the business.

His new scheme was launched in May 1977, with the separate collection of recyclables picked up on a four-weekly cycle. Householders were quickly on board, working out what to put out when with the aid of a dedicated calendar. "I was given the opportunity to make every mistake by myself and that's probably what I did in the beginning. But we had to learn on the way, because I had no real idea of what people would do or what they'd be sending our way."

He was soon to find out, as he and the recycling team waited with their newly marked-out bays at the ready to separate waste into what could be recycled and sold on. "Within days, those separate bays were buried under a mountain of roofing iron, car parts and old appliances. It was back to the drawing board," Tong recalls.

When the market for recyclable plastic proved unreliable, piles of it would be visible from Lake Rd. But as Tong and his team mastered the logistics, the project turned heads and found critical support from high places.

"One weekend, we were outside at home and the then Mayor, Pat Sheehan, came walking up our path in his shorts. He'd popped in to tell me that the scheme had his full support and that if anyone or anything got in my way I should come to him directly. He said to me 'you are on the right track with this'.

"At the time I was pretty overawed and probably mumbled to Rosie about putting the kettle

on. But of course it was a fantastic affirmation, and I was delighted.”

Tong says there were literally hundreds of visitors to the scheme. One he’ll never forget is a senior figure from local government in London, interested to learn about the acclaimed new system in action.

“I was really looking forward to sharing what we were doing here, when I went down to meet him off the ferry. We crossed the road and went into the borough council offices. He stopped, looked around and said in surprise, ‘Oh, this is a rather small place.’

“Obviously he’d thought we were part of a much bigger place with our leading recycling scheme here in little old Devonport.”

Tong himself moved on from the hands-on days – when even coming home from an evening out he would stop his ute to pick up anything kerbside that he thought had been accidentally left behind.

For the past two decades, he’s run his own consultancy specialising in resource management and environmental projects.

Is he disappointed with where recycling is at today? “No, not at all. People are people and we’ll always have slip-ups. And these days, people buy far more so we have far more stuff to handle. But we are making progress – just not in the collection process. I firmly believe, even 41 years on, that our core ethos of providing the highest-quality recyclables paired with a flexible service that can adjust to changes in the marketplace, remains central to real, successful, sustainable recycling.”

Tong met Rosie at university. They rented around Devonport, then bought their dilapidated villa on the hillside in the same month as the recycling launch in 1977.

Years of renovating followed, much of it done by Tong himself, with he and Rosie hauling materials up over that brick driveway to their first and only home to date.

Not wasting things and reusing materials was very much the way of his upbringing, Tong says.

It was a way of living handed down in early

childhood in the UK by his parents, who had clear memories of a family grocery business going under during the Depression.

Tong, whose father, John, was a clinical psychologist, grew up in the grounds of a mental-health institution, before coming with his family to New Zealand in the 1960s.

John, who was this country’s first clinical psychologist, had been a prisoner of war (POW) in World War II, when he managed to escape captivity 13 times.

When the family moved to Canada, the younger Tong recalls as a 16-year-old having to drive the big family Pontiac on long distances because his father’s wrists had been savagely damaged by a cruel captor in his POW years.

“I was given the opportunity to make every mistake by myself and that’s probably what I did in the beginning.”

A biography of his father is one of the books Tong has been working on. Unsurprisingly, another is a handbook of waste management. The third book in progress he describes as history from an environmental perspective.

From time to time, Tong has shown a creative side that’s grown from a childhood love of woodcarving. He has left his mark in various sites around the village with small bronze and cast-iron pieces he’s created for particular purposes. The first of them was a 600mm bronze crest he made and presented in 1984 for the front of the old council building.

At the Torpedo Bay wharf, there is a memorial plaque he designed and commissioned



Heads up... Tong carved a replica of the stolen Devonport fountain horses so replacements could be cast

in memory of the late Mick Gannaway – who championed the reconstruction of the wharf.

At Stanley Bay School, there’s a bronze memorial plaque he designed for the late Ross Grant, architect for the school upgrade.

In 2011, he carved a replica of the Victorian horseheads stolen from the fountain near the library, and supervised castings in iron for reinstallation.

And up on the summit of Takarunga there are two bronze relief maps designed and commissioned by Tong, identifying the landforms of the region. This was another of his own initiatives: “Well,” he says in his no-nonsense fashion, “it was pretty obvious that there were lots of people going up there who had no idea what they were looking at.”

One of the Tong bronze pieces may be coming to the end of its public life, however, in its current spot, at least.

He’s always maintained that he’d be taking back the plaque he contributed to the frontage of the former council building on Victoria Rd. Now it seems the day for following through on that resolution could be fast approaching.

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Looking back: The Royals in Devonport in 1963



Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, who died this month aged 99, walked down Victoria Rd with Devonport Mayor Fred Stevens during their 1963 New Zealand Royal Tour.

A large crowd of supporters gathered on the street and leant out of second-storey windows for a view of the royal couple. Takarunga can be seen in the background and the Esplanade Hotel to the left.

The Queen and Prince Philip descend the steps on Devonport Wharf as they depart after the North Shore leg of their tour



Prince Philip inspects the Naval guard in 2002



The Duke in Devonport... Prince Philip at the dedication of a wall of remembrance with Chief of Navy Admiral Pat McHaffie and LTCDR Laurie French (with sword), Guard Commander for the 100-person Royal Guard

20 Years ago from the Flagstaff files

- The Department of Conservation (DoC) presence on North Head is challenged in the High Court by the Friends of North Head, led by Robyn Langwell and Kevin Ireland. The group wants DoC removed from its premises on the mountain. Friends' lawyer Rhys Harrison tells the court that DoC acted unlawfully by moving onto North Head. Crown counsel Lisa Haven says DoC occupied the mountain to provide benefits to the whole Auckland area.
- Prime minister Helen Clark is among several Labour Party MPs, including Police Minister George Hawkins and Speaker of the House Jonathan Hunt, who attend the opening of Brenda Hartill's *Metamorphosis* exhibition at the Flagstaff Gallery.
- Booker Prize-winning author Margaret Atwood reads from her acclaimed novel *The Blind Assassin*, to a packed audience at Devonport 3 Cinemas.
- A plan to remove a 3.5-metre claret ash tree from Rata Rd is rejected by the Devonport Community Board.
- Russell Smith is the second Devonport resident in six months to win a car in Westpac Bank's monthly prize draw, taking home a \$20,000 Nissan Pulsar.
- The demolition and rebuilding of Torpedo Bay Wharf is delayed by several months due to legal problems in changing the ownership of the wharf from the Department of Defence to North Shore City Council.



Taking on DoC in the High Court... Robyn Langwell and Kevin Ireland

- A tray of rings worth \$600 is stolen from Talavera in WJ Scott Mall, by a team of female shoplifters.
- A three-bedroom Cheltenham villa is on the market for \$437,000.
- The historic former National Party headquarters in Wynyard St is being moved to make way for a three-storey commercial and residential building.
- Volunteer Spence Buchanan has become the 14th North Shore Rugby Club life member.
- Team New Zealand head Ross Blackman is the Flagstaff interview subject.



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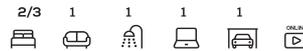
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Briefs

Last sailing

The William C Daldy will have its final public sailings of the season this weekend, leaving from Victoria Wharf. The historic tugboat will then remain berthed for maintenance until the next summer season. Interested visitors can board the Daldy when volunteers are at hand over the weekends. Tickets for 90-minute trips, departing on Saturday at 11am and 1.30pm and on Sunday at 3pm, are \$35 for adults, \$15 for children and \$90 for families of four. Book at eventbrite.co.nz.

Skates on

Winter has come early to Takapuna with the opening of a temporary ice rink in the public space at 38 Hurstsmere Rd. The covered rink – 25 metres by 10 metres – has been set up for the school holidays and remains open until 2 May. Run by Paradise Events, in conjunction with the Takapuna Beach Association, it will be open daily from 10am to 10pm (except on Anzac Day, when it opens from noon). Tickets are \$15 for adults and children, and \$9 for preschoolers (aged 3–4 years only), with family passes \$49.

Pandemic analysis

How pandemics have influenced geopolitics, is the subject of University of Auckland associate professor Stephen Hoadley's Jack Lyon Memorial Address at Devonport RSA Hall, at 5pm on 2 May. Tickets are \$30. Contact northshore@labour.org.nz for bookings.

Four lanes required – and no cycleway

The bottom line is that Lake Rd must be made into four lanes between Esmonde Rd and the Albert Rd roundabout. Nothing else will suffice. No dedicated cycleways, bus lanes or T3 lanes are possible (but see below).

At present, this is the case between Esmonde Rd and Hauraki Corner. Therefore, between Hauraki Rd and Albert Rd must be made four lanes – two lanes each way.

This will leave no room for a cycleway. Parking cannot be allowed either.

If a cycleway is insisted upon (an exercise in stupidity – this from a keen cyclist), it could only be achieved by building a skyway dedicated for cycles from Albert Rd to Hauraki Corner.

A similar result could be achieved by a two-lane skyway dedicated for cars travelling one direction only, with a cycleway beneath. But this would create its own set of problems and be more expensive.

Don Hall

Development fills a housing need

Thank you for reporting so thoroughly on all the wonderful new high-density housing developments happening on the peninsula. It is exciting to see our community making such a significant contribution to creating more homes for New Zealanders, and doing our part in helping to solve the housing crisis.

One per cent of New Zealanders are homeless. That is the highest rate in the 35 wealthiest nations (OECD). Hundreds or thousands more homes on the peninsula are just what we need to help home our overflowing population and stabilise a fragile house-price bubble.

I find it especially exciting that these large developments are happening here, because we used to be leaders in national issues such as recycling and nuclear policy. But recently, Devonport has become known as a neighbourhood of conservative and privileged nimbies. This recent shift back to social-progress leadership shows that we have in fact not forgotten our values.

I look forward to positive reporting from the Flagstaff about more of our community's contributions to the housing crisis.

Bevan Rudge

Community accepting te reo change

In the last 10 years, I have watched and celebrated as teachers in our local kura have increasingly included te reo Māori in their everyday lessons; as our local libraries have offered te reo language courses not just for beginners, but for those further on their reo journey, noting with astonishment how quickly classes have filled up. It was only a few weeks ago when matua Mark Rainey offered reo Māori and tikanga lessons to the community that over 400 people put their hand up.

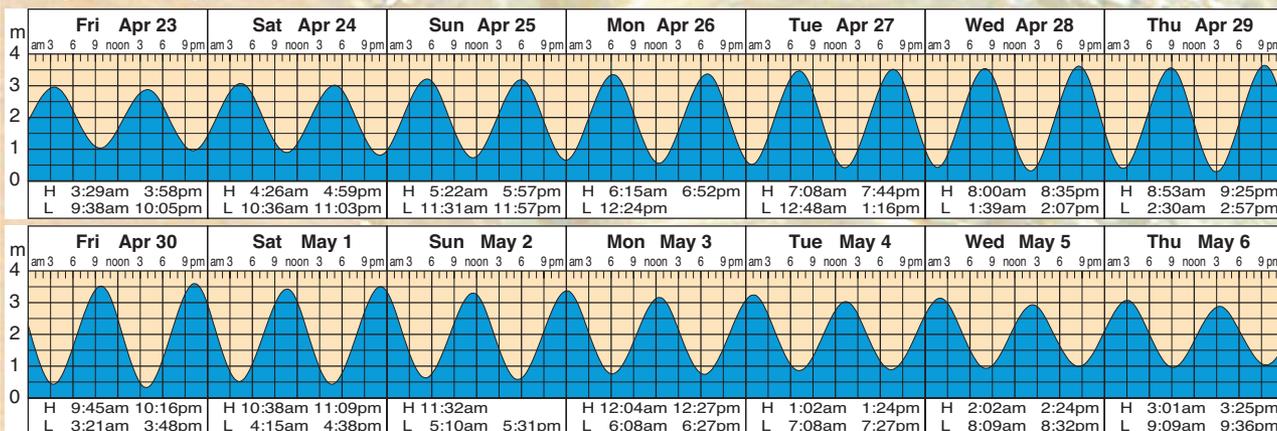
It feels like we've finally twigged to the fact

that our Māori culture, our national language and our cultural history is what makes Aotearoa unique. Every one of us that lives here has the right to learn more and be given access to our indigenous culture. To Mr Dykman, who wrote of the "nonsense" (Flagstaff, 9 April) on double-naming parks and mountains showing "total disrespect of our history to appease those who do nothing for our town in any meaningful way": I challenge you to consider how well those comments land in a community that quite clearly knows better. **Toni van Tonder**

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Cars and commerce should be Lake Rd priority

In the 9 April Flagstaff, four of our Devonport-Takapuna Local Board members are pleased Lake Rd is 'back on track'. Consultation on the Regional Land Transport Plan is open until 2 May, before the next phase occurs – apparently a very expensive, detailed and point-of-no-return plan-drawing process.

They say already that perfection is impossible. A defeatist attitude before we get started equals bad leadership and a certain stupid outcome, with one to three years of total chaos and stop-go idiots everywhere.

You would hope the real situation, that cars and commerce are of primary importance, would be recognised now, but the PC mob are already backing a disaster: you'll probably die waiting in hideous lines of patient drivers who think Auckland Transport (AT) knows the science best.

AT has already decided the dumbass plan, that's almost a certainty.

I've said before that criticising is futile if you don't have any constructive solutions so, for the board members and AT, here is a hit list for proper management of Lake Rd.

1. Have an overall scheme for traffic that connects intelligent, decongesting road design beyond Lake Rd; i.e. through Takapuna and into the city, a vision that includes extending and renovating the Harbour Bridge

before it collapses.

2. Create three wide car lanes that run 24 hours a day, computer-controlled to give two lanes priority at rush hours, and that monitors pulses and puts traffic lights in sync. Needless to say, remove all power poles and have light poles hard to the road-sides. Take a metre off as many properties as possible on either side of the road.

3. Put school drop-off zones on the Takapuna Grammar frontage and build under-road pedestrian crossings.

4. Ticket slowcoaches and those who stop at random because they are so courteous. These people often leave five car lengths in front, drive at 30kmh and cause massive delays.

5. Replace traffic lights with roundabouts and, again, ticket people who can't drive their way out of a paper bag.

6. Ticket and tax sports cyclists who ride three abreast and abuse drivers as well as obstructing them. Ticket those male bike riders, solo usually, that see their bikes as entitled as cars to a lane of their own. Those guys usually have the foulest mouths, too.

7. Design the road renovation to be super fast, leaving two clear lanes at all times. Put the pedestrians and bikes away for a while or aggressively manage them to suit. Cars are the priority, like it or not.

8. Put a free left turn into Bardia.

9. Cancel the hideous stop-go motorway ramp lights – a proven fiasco.

10. Do roadworks between 10 pm and 6 am every night and get the road clear during daytime. Get it done and get it done fast.

Don't repeat the Tamaki Dr fiasco of four lanes set up for mass head-ons, massive bike areas and footpaths but chaos on the road. The car lanes are so narrow it's a joke, but it suits the brigade that plans to force us out of our cars, while public transport is crap and set to remain as crap for decades.

Ron Dykman

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SCHOOL NEWS



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Head Prefect Conference

On 7 April, 60 head prefects from all the schools in the North Harbour region came to Takapuna Grammar School for the Head Prefect Conference.

The morning gave everyone the opportunity to learn about each other's schools and take away ideas that can be implemented in their own schools. The students also looked at some of the biggest issues schools face and how the Head Prefects can work together to help resolve these.

Pippa Wetzell (ex-TGS Head Girl) spoke about her career and experience managing workload and the difference that the little things can make. This helped the students to understand the role they play as the head prefects in their respective schools. The students now aim to implement new initiatives in their different schools and meet to reflect later in the year.



Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival

Following on from the recent Shakespeare *Mean Girls* show – which was enjoyed by enthusiastic crowds over four nights of performance – Takapuna Grammar School was represented at the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival by various mini-performances based on Shakespearean 'Mean Girls'.

TGS enjoyed some notable successes, with the *All's Well That Ends Well* cast being picked to compete in the national finals in Wellington. Lea Nova Tisch, star of the *As You Like It* production, similarly made an impression, winning automatic entry into the National Shakespeare Production – an opportunity that provides the chance to attend the Globe Theatre in London. Likewise, Olivia Mills (*Much Ado About Nothing*) and Reece Marks (*Cleopatra*) won a South Seas Film and Television three-day Acting for Screen workshop. Olivia was recognised for 'Embodying the Truth of a Character', and Reece for 'Stage Presence and Conviction'. Freya Said also won a stage-combat award from the NZ Stage and Screen Combat School for her physical work in *The Taming of the Shrew*.



Ninja firefighters off to nationals

Devonport firefighters are off to the national finals of a ninja-warrior style Combat Challenge event next weekend.

Led by Dan Brady, four members of the local brigade will compete. They are among the nine who attended the North Island championships held in Aotea Square over the weekend of 10-11 April.

Brady, a volunteer senior firefighter, won the under-40 division and also came first in a co-ed tandem title, setting a record with a female firefighter from Titirangi, Lauren Malkin.

Three relay teams from Devonport also competed, one coming second. "A number were new to combats," said Brady, praising the entire team effort.

Phil Claxton, Mark Edwards and Olli Barnfather are going to the nationals with Brady.

Next up for some of the firefighters, including Brady, will be a charity Sky Tower ascent at the end of May.

The brigade kicked off its fundraising with a recent public display of an engine in Devonport. **Pictures, pages 50-51.**



Rescue drill... Dan Brady in action at the North Island champs

Bowls land giving racquet club room to grow

Belmont Park Bowling Club has had its lease extended and amended to allow nearly half of its site at 46 Roberts Ave to pass to the neighbouring Belmont Park Racquets Club.

The Devonport-Takapuna Local Board has approved the arrangement on council-owned land, subject to a public notification process.

The second bowling green will now be used for extra tennis and squash courts, with the main bowling green retained.

An arrangement was made in December 2020 to transfer sessions of the SeniorNet community group to the racquets-club building. It had previously met in a women's bowling clubroom that is no longer in use.

The bowling club's community lease extends until 2029 and carries a peppercorn \$1 annual rent.

The racquets club has more than 500 members, compared with fewer than 45 for the bowling club, although casual players bolster the latter's support.

THE NAVY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

NAVY CELEBRATES MARAE'S 21ST BIRTHDAY



2021 marks the 21st anniversary of the opening of Te Tāua Moana Marae in Ngataranga Bay, Devonport. To mark this special occasion, a four-day birthday celebration was held last week to reconnect with those who helped with the journey to date, reflect on those who have passed, celebrate how far we have come and recognise the importance of continuing the journey for the next generation of sailors.

The first powhiri held was to welcome Kiingi Tūheitia Potatau Te Wherowhero VII (the Māori King) and his party to the marae. Following speeches and protocol, Whenua Kaye and Deputy Chief of Navy Commodore Melissa Ross cut the birthday cake.

The four-day celebration included a powhiri for the people on Saturday, followed by 'pa wars', the Joe Hilton Touch Tournament. A Kapa Haka festival followed, featuring performers from across the Defence Force, and then an evening function. The weekend concluded with a church service at the marae on Sunday.



Devonport Naval Base security reminder – for the safety of the community please take care and remain outside the 60-metre perimeter of the Naval Base at all times. This includes when swimming, diving, kayaking, fishing and sailing.

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John Vogt – a radical educational thinker

Pioneering educator and Devonport resident John Vogt has died aged 77.

Vogt taught for 50 years and is remembered for his early achievements in alternative and special education, and locally for his English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and relief teaching at Takapuna Grammar School (TGS).

Vogt had a passion for working with teenagers and is remembered by students, parents, colleagues and friends for his relentless optimism and his drive to help young people figure out their place in the world.

He was the son of Norwegian-born teaching professor (Tony) Herlof Anton Vogt. Growing up in a home bubbling with creative ideas and people, John developed radical views on education, which sparked innovative teaching.

After working in Norway and travelling in the United Kingdom, Europe and the Middle East, Vogt returned to New Zealand in the late 1960s, attending Auckland Teacher's College.

He taught in Waipu, and then rural Nakusp, Canada, then a town of hard-drinking lumberjacks, pot-smoking Vietnam war-draft dodgers, and New Zealand immigrant teachers.

He returned to Aorere College in Mangere, a school exploring more effective ways of educating its mainly Māori and Pasifika students, who were being failed by the mainstream education system.

The young teachers were encouraged to follow their instincts in teaching and explore better ways to engage the school's students.

After Aorere College, Vogt took a break to become a 'house husband', which was so rare in the 1970s that the *New Zealand Herald* wrote an article about him.

Vogt joined Auckland Metropolitan College (Metro) in Mt Eden, a radical "school without walls", which operated from 1977 to 2001. His preschoolers would accompany him to school, playing in the sandpit, or being entertained by students.

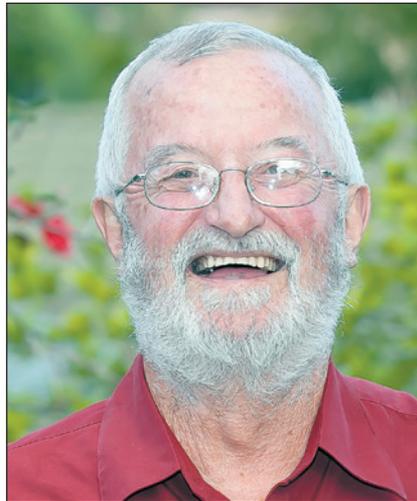
One of only two state-funded alternative schools in New Zealand, Metro provided a generation of teenagers with an unconventional education. The school's motto was 'Dare to be Different. Learn to Make a Difference'.

Vogt embodied the school's ideals on active learning, recognition of individual differences between students, cooperative class planning and governance by teachers and students, with the aim of making learning more related to real life.

He taught at Metro from the late 1970s to 1999, holding the role as Metro's director (principal) for three years.

The school had a citywide catchment, but drew one third of its students from the Devonport peninsula, at a time when the suburb was more unconventional than it is today. The liberal thinking of many Devonport parents didn't fit with the mainstream education available at Takapuna Grammar and other local schools.

In the 1980s and 1990s Vogt and his Devonport students were a regular fixture on the ferry over to town, where they took a bus on



Pioneering educator... John Vogt

to Mt Eden. Or if he needed to drive to school, Vogt would fill his yellow van with students.

Metro produced more than its fair share of artists, musicians, academics and creatives in its 23 years of operation. The educational powers that be of the time, however, were dead set against the entire concept of the alternative school, and Vogt fought a fierce battle to keep Metro open.

Special education and disability were an everyday part of the family's life. Hone, Vogt's oldest son, had intellectual disabilities. Wife Angela taught special education and went on to be the principal of The Wilson School in Belmont. While John completed a diploma in special education, he never worked in the field, but was an advocate for disabled children and adults for 50 years.

In the early 1990s, the couple, along with other parents, co-founded New Dawn Partnership, which offers quality day care and continuing-education opportunities for individuals with intellectual and/or physical

disabilities, after they leave a school setting. New Dawn, which operates out of an old Scout hall at Lake Pupuke, provides individualised community-participation day programmes with activities such as music, dance, singing, health, fitness, creative arts and crafts, and more. John was chairperson of New Dawn twice and youngest son Paddy has also held that role.

After Angela died, Vogt married Maddy Fanene, a former staff member and parent at Metro, and a well-known Devonport local.

When John left Metro, he moved back into mainstream teaching at TGS, but brought his own creative teaching style.

At TGS, Vogt taught ESOL as well as being a fixer and a filler, and gained a reputation for turning around unruly classes. Students who may have been written off for not fitting into the system in other classrooms often found a champion in Vogt. He retired in 2012, but returned virtually full-time as a relief teacher for the next eight years.

Thanks to one of his loves in later life, beachcombing and collecting, Vogt, with the help of Maddy, transformed the family villa in Burgess Rd into one of the most eclectic homes in Devonport, decorated with curios he gathered from garage sales, op shops and overseas holidays. The fence was adorned with found objects collected on his regular walks in the neighbourhood. He called it his "changing work of art".

Vogt swam at Torpedo Bay daily until a few months ago. He and Maddy were regulars at the Harmony Hall house, where he was often the only man and enjoyed charming the bingo ladies.

Vogt died on 25 March after a short illness. He was husband to the late Angela, and then Maddy, father to Hone, Jackson, Abigail and Paddy, and had a special relationship to Hili, and her children Hikurangi and Piritahi.

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Labour

Gordon Ell leaves legacy in conservation and journalism

Family, friends and those in the conservation and publishing fields are mourning the passing of Gordon Ell, who died in Devonport on 1 April. He was 81.

Ell and his wife Ruth, a former Community Board member who has been active in many local organisations, have lived at Belmont and Hauraki for more than 50 years.

Ell was born in Christchurch and trained as a print journalist before working for the Tourist and Publicity Department and being posted to Malaya with the New Zealand Army.

On his return, he worked in newspapers before becoming a pioneer in the new age of news broadcasting in the 1960s.

Gordon and Ruth married in Oamaru in 1965 and moved to Takapuna in 1967, when Ell was appointed head of television current affairs for the Auckland region.

In the early 1970s, Ell set up his own independent film-production company, Bush Press Communications Ltd.

He produced a number of documentaries on New Zealand's culture, history and natural history, including working with wildlife photographer Geoff Moon and anthropologist Dave Simmons, with whom he made *The People Before*, exploding the myth of 'the great migration' and exploring an alternative theory of how the Maori people first came to Aotearoa.

He then moved into publishing books under the Bush Press imprint, written by himself and other authors on New Zealand's natural and historic heritage, from a popular series of field guides to native birds and plants, to his best-selling book *Encouraging Birds in the New Zealand Garden*.

Other topics included gold-mining and kauri days, Maori archaeology, culture and customs, and tourist and museum guides.

He was a finalist in the AIM Children's Book Awards in 1993 with a book for young people on Abel Tasman, and also found



Dynamic duo... Gordon and Ruth Ell at the opening of an exhibition at Takapuna Library in 2019

success in later years with the thriller *The Ice Shroud*, which was shortlisted for Best First Novel at the Ngaio Marsh crime-writing awards in 2017.

Ell wrote more than 30 books, still widely available in libraries around the country, and he continued writing up to the time of his final illness.

His love of the outdoors and passion for sharing stories of New Zealand's heritage were evident to all those who knew or worked with him.

Reflecting his commitment to nature and conservation, Ell joined the North Shore branch of Forest and Bird, and rose to branch chair and then vice-president and president

of the national organisation in the 1990s.

He was also editor of Forest and Bird's magazine and represented the society on several boards and committees, including the Conservation Authority, and was involved with the establishment of the Rakiura and Kahurangi national parks.

In recognition for this work, and his contribution to journalism, he was awarded an ONZM in 2000.

Gordon and Ruth Ell had two daughters, both of whom attended Takapuna Grammar School: Fiona Ell, an associate professor at the University of Auckland, and writer Sarah Ell. He is also survived by four grandchildren.



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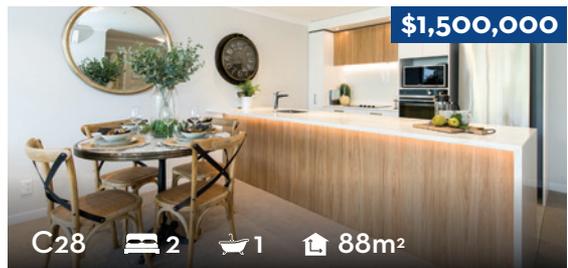


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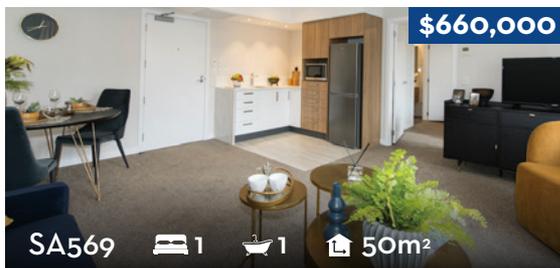


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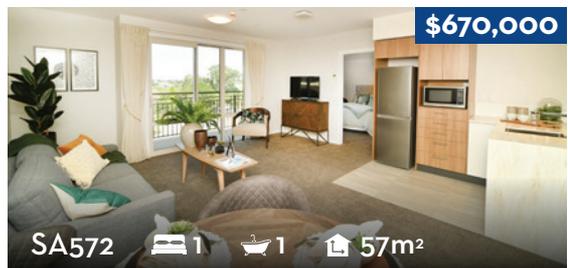


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Community input sought for emergency plans

A public hui to discuss emergency planning for local communities was held in Takapuna this week.

“It’s a flagship project for Auckland and good on the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board for investing in it,” said organiser Yvonne Powley.

Ahead of the meeting, held after the Flagstaff’s deadline, Powley said she was hoping for a cross-section of people from across the board area to share their views on how communities could best prepare for emergencies and disasters.

Residents groups and representatives from key organisations had been invited, and interested individuals were also welcome.

“This is a project that is dear to my heart,” said Powley, the recently retired head of Auckland North Community and Development Inc (Ancad), a social-service umbrella group.

Powley was asked by the board to oversee a project into how the area could become more resilient with emergency planning.

Several local-board members said last year that Auckland Council leadership was lacking over emergency planning and that for its area’s sake the board should step in with its own plan.

While the first Covid-19 lockdown in March last year had prompted some excellent community action – including impromptu and existing residents groups helping isolated people with shopping – some of those involved later suggested better organised structures



Dear to her heart... Yvonne Powley is overseeing a community-resilience project

would make it easier to rally help again if more sudden disasters, such as storms or tsunamis, were to strike.

Powley said emergency-management approaches had changed over time and a community-led response was needed.

“Of course Civil Defence and emergency management will be there, with Navy, Police and St John, but a connected resilience community will handle any disaster better.”

Different areas faced their own challenges and would need their own responses. This could start at street and neighbourhood level

and spread to board-wide approaches.

Devonport, for example, faced the possibility of being cut off by inundation. Other coastal areas were also exposed, whereas inland communities would likely focus on different concerns.

Brainstorming with as many people as possible from different communities would give a better idea of what was wanted. Powley said it was likely area meetings would be held following the initial planning session. The aim is a better understood and more futureproofed plan.

Powley said getting a clearer understanding of the needs and resources in the board area, which ranged from the Devonport peninsula, north through Takapuna, Milford and Castor Bay and across Forrest Hill to Sunnynook, was a vital early step.

Some communities might naturally group together, while others might be more self-contained. “We’re not dictating what those borders would be.” Instead, local people and experts could offer insights. “We want the community themselves to say, ‘this would be good’.”

Things had changed since an emergency plan was looked at more than 10 years ago, said Powley. Issues such as climate change were better understood.

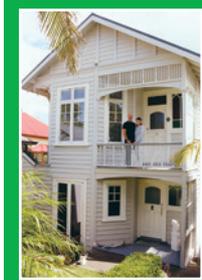
A representative of the council’s Auckland Emergency Management team was invited to the meeting to give a scientific overview. Local approaches were to be canvassed and discussion groups formed.



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Environmental funds boost on way

Efforts to plant natives, eradicate pests and bring back birdlife are set for a big boost across the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Area.

Board members have discussed more than doubling the amount allocated to the Restoring Takarunga Hauraki and Pupuke Birdsong projects. This would see \$110,000 spent in the 2021-22 financial year, up from \$50,000.

Currently, each programme has a part-time environmental coordinator to spearhead community volunteers in trapping and weeding reserves. They also advocate and educate around environmental issues, run workshops, distribute plants and encourage bird counts and healthy home gardens.

"They're both incredible workers and work well above the hours they are paid to do, and they make a measurable difference," says board member Toni van Tonder.

Council staff recommended more support for the coordinators' work due to the heavy demands on their time. This would allow them to be paid for more hours and to build on what they are doing already.

Board members were well disposed to



The former coal bunker where Takarunga Hauraki is setting up a plant nursery

this at their April workshop to discuss the next budget, which will be finalised and approved in June. Spending is tight, due to Auckland Council financial constraints, with the renewals budget restricted, but the board has retained its local discretionary fund and is keen to support initiatives that have proven successful or where there is clear community need.

In Devonport, the Takarunga Hauraki group is setting up a nursery area behind The Claystore to supplement what it grows at Mt Cambria. It has installed shade cloth over an old coal storage bunker, to the side of the Allen Hill Stadium car park.

Van Tonder told the Flagstaff tough calls had to be made on "nice to haves" such as an idea for bike hubs that she had been keen on.

"It's not the time to try new things, but to get behind the things that are working."

The coordinators would burn out if they weren't supported, she said.

The community had also signalled it wanted environmental action. To that end, the board is also backing more work on tracking industrial pollution in the Wairau Estuary.

In workshop discussions on its draft programme, it signalled that a dog park at Barrys Point Reserve was not a priority and it would be better to drop spending on Movies in Parks in favour of using the funds in other areas.



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Seniors pitch in on eco-corridor project

Half a dozen Devonport retirement village residents turned up at a weeding morning, the day after hearing about the Ngatarunga Eco-corridor Project.

Environmental coordinator Lance Cablk was pleased with the interest, which ranged from seniors digging in to others taking a look at the latest section of reserve (beneath Lake Rd, behind the pumping station on Seabreeze Rd) being cleaned up by community volunteers of the Restoring Takarunga Hauraki group.

Around 50 people gathered at Ryman's William Sanders Village last week to hear from Cablk and two other speakers about local initiatives to re-establish native plants and birdlife in the area. One resident, Kathy Farquhar, has been a regular helper for some time.

Restoring little pocket parks made a big difference, said Cablk. Nearby Achilles Reserve was an example and soon Polly's Park, beneath Ryman's, would be added to this network, starting with pest-trapping efforts.

The idea was to create an eco-corridor to attract birds across from the Hauraki Gulf Islands, ultimately linking through to the Waitakeres.

Residents noted possums were present at Polly's Park and were pleased to hear the glade would be coming in for more attention. They asked plenty of questions and noted how the ecology of the area had changed over time.

This was illustrated by historic photographs and a video clip on the spring-fed stream in Achilles Reserves, which is part of the national Million Metres initiative, which aims to help fund and support local waterway-restoration projects.

Next in the pipeline are plans to plant trees alongside the concrete water channel



Digging in... environmental coordinator Lance Cablk and Takarunga Hauraki member Anne McMillan

on the Seabreeze Rd border of the Waitemata Golf Course.

Takarunga Hauraki group member Anne McMillan, a recent retiree, told the audience: "The land has been modified a lot and we have lost a lot of trees."

Tree coverage in Devonport was down to 18 per cent, whereas in the Kaipatiki Local Board area west of the motorway it stood at 30 per cent.

Open grassed areas (which were once wetlands) did not provide much habitat for insects, hence the emphasis on replanting natives.

A benefit is that this would also help shade and cool water in the channel by the golf course which, in tandem with plans to

make the channel more akin to a natural waterway by adding rocks, would make it more attractive to native fish species such as eels and inanga.

The Achilles Reserve stream currently flows via a culvert to the water channel, meaning aquatic life cannot get upstream. Longer-term, it is hoped a fish ladder may be provided.

Ngatarunga and Shoal Bays, and the eastern coastline of the peninsula, were significant areas for birds, Cablk said. Residents trapping rats and possums and keeping cats indoors at nights could help safeguard them. Last year, Bellbirds had been sighted during lockdown and rare Shore Plovers were spotted at Cheltenham Beach.

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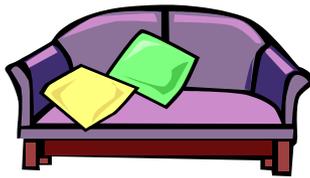


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Firefighters a hit with youngsters



Young recruits...Dan Brady shows off the Devonport fire-engine hoses to Chelsea (9) and Levi (5) Fowler

Devonport firefighters are in training for a charity run to the top of the Sky Tower next month. A team from the fire station got a head start in fundraising for the event at a recent weekend display on the Devonport waterfront.

Families turned up to a fire engine parked at the edge of Windsor Reserve and watched

the crew take turns training on a treadmill while wearing 25kg of gear.

Devonport volunteer senior firefighter Dan Brady, who is a veteran of around a dozen Sky Tower climbs, said donations from the public had raised \$958 for the charity Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand (LBC NZ).

Among those who popped down to show support was Devonport woman Sandra Russell, with her grandson, Asher Cullen.

Russell, who suffers from myeloma and had just got out of North Shore Hospital a few days earlier, said she had been helped out over the years by LBC NZ. Like many other organisations, it was finding funding difficult due to the impacts of Covid-19.

Fire-crew members ran on the treadmill for up to half an hour while wearing full uniform and heavy oxygen gear.

Volunteer firefighter Phil Claxton said top performers in the 328-metre Sky Tower climb up 51 flights of stairs could crack 10 minutes.

The Bayswater local and software-company worker has been a volunteer firefighter for around 10 years. "It's a bit of a fitness thing and you feel like you're doing something for the community." As well as attending call-outs, volunteers trained for two to three hours each Monday.

The SkyTower event is being held on 22 May. Since the wharf display, Brady said donations had continued to come in, including a generous \$500 from Devonport Electrical.

Anyone wishing to support the effort could go to <https://firefighterschallenge.org.nz/dan-brady>



If the helmet fits... Firefighter Olli Barnfather with (from left) David (2) and Stefan (11) Konoplenko and Harvey Guo (4)



Cabin fever... and Ethan (6) and dad Matthew Barrett, above, check out a fire engine

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Nancy is committed to her supportive role within the community, providing free first-aid kits to schools and local groups, and she welcomes all requests for help with local community initiatives.

A Devonport local for the last 20 years, having grown up, studied, worked and lived here, Nancy has owned 7 Day Pharmacy since 2018, a local business that has been in operation since 2009. Her goal is to ensure every need of people in the community she loves is met with the best care and attention.

"I want to bring the local pharmacy back to what it used to be, a true

community service where clients become friends, knowing all their needs are provided for by professionals they know and trust."

Nancy is passionate about what she does, explaining that of all the new services she and the team now provide, the sleep clinic is the most rewarding: "You saved my nights" and "You saved my marriage" are just two examples of the feedback she's received from satisfied customers. Research shows if you treat sleep apnoea, you can gain more than 10 years of life, and dramatically improve its quality.

The pharmacy's sleep clinic offers an initial assessment using an overnight sleep test. Raw data is sent to an independent sleep specialist, who supplies a three-page report, detailing a diagnosis and recommendations on how best to help the client. This service is currently on special offer until the end of May for only \$49 (usual cost \$99).

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Author puts the spotlight on a different activist Kate

Diana Morrow is keen to ensure New Zealand does not forget a 'great Kate' of our early feminist history.

The Devonport-based researcher and author is not referring to widely recognised suffrage champion Kate Sheppard, but to the lesser known, trailblazing Kate Edger, who 16 years before women secured the vote, became the first female to graduate from university here.

Both Kates were suffrage activists, but before Sheppard rose to national prominence from Christchurch, Edger was making headlines in Auckland.

She attended lectures with male students and upon her graduation newspapers praised this example of a young woman who could clearly cut it in higher education. Edger went on to teach, then to be the headmistress of Nelson Girls College, but later married and returned to her home town.

Morrow became intrigued by the Edger family around 15 years ago when she was living in Ponsonby and researching its history. "It struck me they held quite fascinating views for the time."

Edger's father, Samuel, was a prominent preacher and one of Kate's sisters ran a school in the inner-city suburb. A strong dissenting streak ran through the clan, including the view that its mostly home-schooled women were capable of matching men intellectually.

After long considering writing a book on the whole family, Morrow eventually settled on Kate's story as one worthy of more than a single chapter. For while Edger's name is remembered for her university first, little else about her impact on our social history is well explored.

Like the better-known Sheppard, she was part of the temperance movement that helped rally support for women's suffrage, as a just moral cause to embed Christian values and moderating feminine influence in society.

Both were brought up in families with non-conformist religious views and in her later years, Edger was a strong supporter of justice causes and doing what Morrow describes as "nascent social work".

Morrow secured funding from the Ministry of Culture and Heritage to spend time on the recently published *Kate Edger: The Life of a Pioneering Feminist*. She began work on the book "on and off" from 2017, but it was over lockdown last year, in the period charm of her Stanley Pt villa, that it really took shape.

Edger left few personal papers, but the public record offered pointers.

"There's room for a lot more work on the early feminists," says Morrow, who explains their motivations were different from the 1970s feminists she has studied. So too was the regard in which they were held. "They were motivated by religion, also gendered



Early feminist history... Author Diana Morrow became intrigued by Kate Edger and her family while researching the past of Ponsonby

notions of compassion, sympathy and moral purity," she says.

Their unpaid work for suffrage was followed "for many decades onward" by a sense of duty to give back.

Morrow said Edger's story made her appreciate anew some of the things she has taken for granted – "like the right to an equal education". Common ground with modern feminism included concerns around violence towards women and children, and unequal pay.

Canadian-born Morrow has lived in New Zealand since the 1980s and considers herself a Kiwi now. She has worked variously as an archivist, tutor and writer for museums and galleries. When her children grew up she completed a doctorate. Her husband,

John Morrow, is deputy vice-chancellor at the University of Auckland.

Edger's story has a Canadian-Kiwi twist too. Kate long believed herself to be the first female university graduate in the then British Empire, but she was in fact pipped by a Canadian. Where Edger stands out over earlier American graduates, and later British ones, is that she attended co-educational classes, rather than being shunted off to women-only colleges.

Kate Edger's name lives on at the University of Auckland, with the Kate Edger Trust set up to support women's education and provide scholarships. A most fitting fundraiser for the trust, is the renting of academic garb to women for graduation ceremonies.



WHAT'S ON @ Devonport Library

Tēnā Koutou tatou

As we speak, we have farewelled the first school term and welcomed in the school holidays.

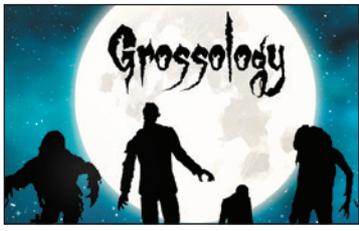
Our holiday programme has focused on our ANZAC commemorations for the first week but our ANZAC display and Trail competition will continue right through to the end of the holidays. Our display highlights local Devonport ANZAC heroes, which makes it more poignant and special.

After the holidays, we will launch our Games Expo. If you are between 8 and 14 years, hop on down and bring your favourite game. Or test one of the games prepared. The selection will change, our competition chess set will be there and welcome back to our Minecraft fans.

Our Lego Club collection has been bolstered with a generous donation of Lego recently. The club is a casual and relaxed affair, held on Wednesdays after school during term time, with participants creations displayed for the week. This Saturday 2-3pm, we will have Lego Monsters, so you can build your own Frankenstein.

We hope you all enjoyed your night out at The Vic with the Devonport Library Associates and the RSA. Keep an eye on our Devonport Library Facebook page for upcoming events for either school holidays or for other events and programmes we may have.

And a reminder, too, about the Digital Essentials Pathway, the FREE four-week course designed for seniors who want to develop their digital skills. Spread the news to those you know. More details are in the library, on Facebook or contact Toby at Tech Tutors on 021 148 1834.



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Festivalgoers... One Christian Nicholson work shows a cross-section of entertainers at Sweetwaters, from Chris Knox (front) to the Screaming Meemees (centre) and visiting Australian singer Peter Garrett (left)

Pop-art painter inspired by lively

The New Zealand music heyday of last century has inspired North Shore painter Christian Nicolson's latest exhibition. Among leading New Zealand bands referenced in his works are Blam Blam Blam and the Screaming Meemees, which respectively featured foundation members who jammed together while at Westlake Boys High School and Rosmini College.

The exhibition, called *Ready to Roll*, owes its name to the influential television music show, which ran from 1975 to 2001. Nicolson was too young to truly tune in during the early days. But he says many of its featured artists made the "Kiwi music I grew up with".

Names such as Split Enz, Hello Sailor, Shona Laing, Dave Dobbyn – and those from the Flying Nun label seen mostly on *Radio with Pictures* – all resonate in his pop-art influenced portraits and screen-printed imagery.

Works include mashed-up collages of

characters. One, entitled *Sweetwaters*, features Chris Knox in the festival foreground and the Meemees in the middle.

"They're pretty stylish I must say, pretty much the coolest band we produced in that era," Nicolson reckons.

He says he is a nostalgic person, with a lot of his work based on childhood. "Being in love with music and being a muso myself I thought it was good to bring out our music heroes."

As well as the 20 paintings he has on show at Art by the Sea gallery in Takapuna, are sculptures of Tim Finn, Che Fu, Bic Runga, Dobbyn and Knox.

He even invited some of his musical heroes along to a busy weekend opening of the exhibition. Former Mockers frontman Andrew Fagan had a very rock'n'roll excuse: he was on tour.

The still-resident North Shore brigade of Blams, in Mark Bell and Tim Mahon, were asked to drop by, as was Jordan Luck.

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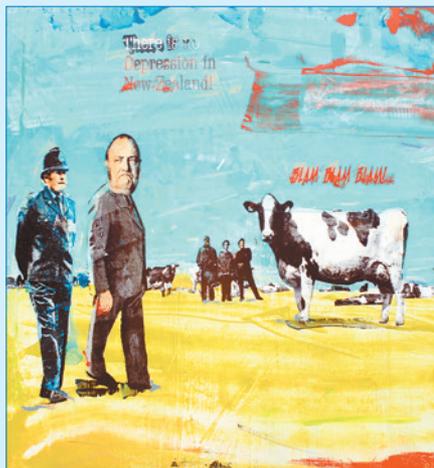
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NZ music scene

Nicolson contacted some of the musicians for permission about adapting imagery, while others of his heroes that he has represented more impressionistically he hoped would hear about the show on the grapevine.

Nicholson fondly remembers playing at the Masonic in Devonport, with his band, Goon.

They still occasionally get together, but the hotel's shell now houses apartments. It sits just across the road from the original Art by the Sea building, with the gallery business having recently relocated to Takapuna.

Nicolson is chuffed to have been asked by gallery owner Mike Geers to be the artist for its opening exhibition in the new premises.

He hopes his music-tribute show will remind people that New Zealand music, as seen on *Ready to Roll*, was as good as that from anywhere.

• *Ready to Roll* by Christian Nicolson is on until 27 April at Art by the Sea gallery, 162 Hurstmere Rd, Takapuna.



Finn pickings... Musical brothers Neil and Tim Finn appear as superheroes in one of Christian Nicolson's works
Above left: Blam Blam Blam's break-through hit, *There is No Depression in New Zealand*, recalls an era of angst on the airwaves

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