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## Stark numbers underline Lake Rd safety issues

Crash data for Lake Rd shows 30 per cent of reported-injury accidents in the last 12 years involved cyclists, with nearly half of those occurring at crossings or in turning manoeuvres.

"It confirms a very ugly situation we've got on that corridor," Auckland Councillor

Chris Darby said of what the data showed.

Safety was the focus of the Auckland Transport (AT) Lake Rd improvement project.

The high number of accidents on the arterial route is likely to surprise some people, he said.

The data, recently compiled by AT, is based on all crashes reported to police over 12 years to 2021.

It covers the Lake Rd corridor from Esmonde Rd to Bayswater and on to Albert Rd, Devonport.

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## Anzac Day: All ages pay their respects

PHOTO: NELLY FARMILLOE



**Vocal assistants... Navy singer Rebecca Nelson is accompanied by Belmont Primary pupils (from left) Hilary Fry, Zoe Richardson, Nikki Grainger (partly obscured) and Ruby Barber at the Devonport memorial service. More Anzac Day coverage, pages 14-17.**

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# Fur patrol: fears possums invading the peninsula

Trapping in Hauraki has captured an alarming number of possums, with environmentalists fearing the pests have begun a march down the Devonport peninsula.

In, the space of five days, six possums were recently caught by a volunteer trapper in Jutland Reserve, using just two traps.

“It might be a record for trapping possums,” said Restoring Takarunga Hauraki coordinator Lance Cablk. “It makes us think that if we looked more closely they would be in other areas as well.”

Concerns the path of damage to trees, and ultimately birdlife, might stretch further south is likely to see a part-time pest coordinator hired for the peninsula, Cablk said. He believes successful efforts have been made to curtail possums in the past, including by a former caretaker at Takapuna Grammar School. But signs of damage in trees indicates they are invading again, from Takapuna and beyond.

“I’ve been noticing for quite a while that some of the trees in Jutland Reserve were looking browsed,” he said. This was indicated by pohutukawa branches with a lot of visible twigs and not many leaves.

Possums were already present in greater numbers in well-forested areas of the North Shore, such as Birkenhead, Little Shoal Bay, Patuone Reserve off Esmonde Rd and pockets of bush around Lake Pupuke, so “it’s not a surprise they’ve come down to Jutland,” Cablk said. To combat the threat to the whole peninsula, efforts would be stepped up. “Wherever you don’t trap them they are going to get out of control.”

To that end, more volunteers were being



sought to help in Hauraki and in Belmont and Bayswater, with several people having put their hands up in the last week.

Volunteers trapping in the reserves on the Milford side of Lake Pupuke are also seeking more help due to high recent catch numbers.

Cablk said efforts to establish a peninsula “defence line” at Vauxhall would also be advanced. The Devonport end of the peninsula is well served with volunteer rat-trappers, “but possums not so much at this point.” The hope was to step this up, starting in the area where volunteer support for other pests is strong already.

A Nga Manu Maungauika programme is being shaped to create greener neighbourhoods, organised street-by-street by field co-ordinators. This include trapping and planting of natives.

In collaboration with the Tupuna Maunga Authority, work on Maungauika is included.

Traps are already laid at Fort Takapuna, which is managed by the Department of Conservation (DoC). Possums, like rats and stoats, steal bird eggs. To check their presence, DoC pest dogs might be invited in at some stage to sniff them out.

One factor limiting the spread of possums on the peninsula is its few sources of the fresh water they need. Aside from a handful of small streams, water can pool in plants, such as pampas grass clumps, which needed to be monitored. Residents could do their bit by ensuring taps were not dripping and that groundwater was not ponding.

Cablk said Restoring Takarunga Hauraki has sought advice from the Eastern Bays Birdsong Project, which was responsible for trapping hundreds of possums in Orakei and surrounding suburbs.

It would also coordinate with Takapuna North’s Pupuke Birdsong Project. That project’s environmental co-ordinator, Fiona Martin, said recent trapping numbers showed possums were a problem at Patuone Reserve and in Kitchener Park, Milford and at Wairau creek.

“We struggle with people willing to deal with the bigger predators,” she said. Possums sometimes had joeys, but people needed to realise these “nice” furry animals ate baby birds alive out of their nests. They might also attack cats and were destructive of plant life. It was easier to get volunteers to help trap rats, she said.

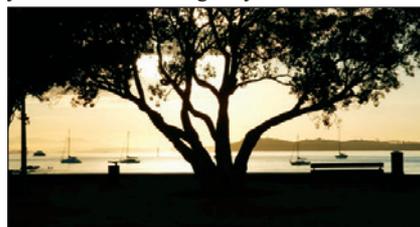
Rat-trapping was still the peninsula pest priority, said Cablk who hopes more lines can be set, particularly along estuary areas.

Interested trappers can email him on pestfreedevonport@gmail.com

## Gull opening edges closer

Work on the new Gull service station in Cheltenham is progressing but an opening date has not, been set.

“Nothing definitive, but it is getting closer,” a Gull spokesman said. “If it is open by mid-year we will be doing very well.”



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## Ferry worker slapped over mask refusal

A Fullers crew member was assaulted on the Auckland to Devonport run when trying to enforce mask-wearing.

Fullers confirmed the incident occurred at 5.20pm on Thursday 22 April.

“A Fullers360 crew member offered a face mask to a passenger to wear on board to comply with the government’s mandatory face-mask requirement on public transport across the country.

“The passenger refused and slapped the crew member’s hand away,” a Fullers spokesman said. The incident was reported through Fullers’ internal, standard safety procedures, but it decided not to lodge a complaint with police.

## 3 Victoria Rd: empty for 1024 days

The old Devonport Borough Council building at 3 Victoria Rd became vacant on 9 July 2018. It has now been unoccupied for 1024 days. Auckland Council development arm Panuku is deciding the building’s fate.

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## 84-year-old unafraid to break the ice

Alan Graham is probably the only skater who recognises the music coming out of the sound system at the pop-up ice rink in Takapuna.

“It’s Strauss – the *Blue Danube Waltz*... with music like this what is there not to like about ice skating?” says the 84-year-old, who fell in love with the activity when he was 15, and attended a ‘Hot Ice’ performance at the St James Theatre in Wellington.

“I was delighted with what I saw – it was something I wanted to do.”

Graham skated in Auckland in the early 50s when he was at university, and then when studying in California.

He continued later at the Paradise rink in Avondale – and now that he can’t drive he still makes the “not particularly pleasant” journey on public transport once a week to skate, a trip that can take one-and-a-half hours each way.

The last couple of weeks with a local rink at Takapuna have “been really special,” says Graham.

And he’s made the most of it, catching the 814 bus from his home at Ryman’s William Sanders village to skate three times a week. He skates for around 90 minutes.

He’s so well known to the Paradise staff, they give him time on the ice by himself before the rink opens and the school holiday hordes arrive.

But Graham doesn’t seem to mind the crowds. “I enjoy passing on some tips to the beginners,” says the former Takapuna Grammar maths teacher.

Few of the young skaters would know he has already had a chilly start to the day.

Seven days a week, Graham walks to Narrow Neck just after 6am for a swim. He aims to be in the sea by 6.30 am and swims a length of the beach. He’s generally in the water for around 50 minutes.



**Skates on... Alan Graham shows the younger generation how it’s done at the pop-up Paradise ice rink in Takapuna last week**

“I’ve done it every day when I’ve been in Devonport over the last 40 years.”

He’s always kept fit with walking and jogging – and skiing, when he lived in Ohakune for 10 years.

But now he sticks to his daily dips and ice skating.

“It’s a smooth action – a bit like swimming

and at my age the transition to movement is much easier on your knees and legs.”

While Graham’s energy is an inspiration, to people half his age, he admits his attempts to “convert a few people at Ryman” to give ice skating a go have so far been unsuccessful... “but I’ll keep trying.”

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# Safety first focus in Lake Rd redesign

Of the 415 reported crashes, there was one fatality, that of cyclist Warrick Jones on 9 March this year after a collision with a truck. Twenty-seven serious injuries were recorded and 133 minor injuries, with 254 crashes not involving injury.

The Lake Rd and Montgomery Ave corner on which Jones died has been the site of three recorded crashes, the other two involving minor injuries in 2009.

Jones's death was still under investigation, police told the Flagstaff. Of the total 161 crashes that resulted in death or an injury, these involved 181 people: 48 being on bikes, 31 motorcyclists, 9 pedestrians, and 93 in vehicles.

"The bald facts are confirming it's a dangerous road environment, particularly for pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists," Darby said. "What I'm urging people to be aware of is the really ghastly situation where some friends, families and neighbours are being harmed on the road."

A high proportion of the cycle incidents occurred at intersections between 6am and 9am, and 3pm and 5pm, in fine weather, with motorists not giving way to bikes travelling on cycle lanes.

Bike Auckland chair Barbara Cuthbert said the report gives hard data to show where road investment is needed.

"It's not just at intersections where 75 per cent of the cycle injury crashes are caused by drivers turning left in front of people on bikes, but for the length of Lake Rd," she said.

The top three contributing factors to the bike crashes involved drivers failing to give way (90 per cent), poor observation (63 per cent), and incorrect lanes or position (13 per cent).

"The priorities must be protected cycle lanes and effective education programmes so drivers understand their responsibilities in sharing the road," Cuthbert said.



Public concern about Lake Rd and whether the \$52 million AT plans would satisfactorily fix its problems have resurfaced in the last two months.

A public meeting was called in Devonport by local resident Sonali Geo to collate fresh ideas and the Automobile Association has restated its position that at least doubling the budget to achieve four-laning should be the aim.

Darby said there was no extra money in Auckland regional budgets and the National Land Transport fund towards the Regional Land Transport Plan was oversubscribed.

Keeping the Lake Rd improvements project on track had been a battle, with Waka Kotahi/New Zealand Transport Agency questioning the spend at \$48 million. This has since risen to \$52 million, budgeted from July, 2023.

Darby said he and fellow North Shore councillor Richard Hills would now push to

have an allocation of that money made available earlier for AT to begin preparatory and development work, such as getting consents underway, so the actual roadworks could begin on time. "We need \$2 million brought forward to 1 July this year, to allow those technical experts to work up the design."

Asked if this would allow for any revisiting of ideas, as Geo's community group would like, Darby said there would be some refining of the design by AT and its consultants. A lot of traffic expertise had gone into the design to date, but he hoped "we are all open to being challenged".

"In some ways, it's healthy that there's divergent views; it's healthy because it tests ideas."

Geo said the communities of Devonport, Hauraki and Takapuna wanted a workable Lake Rd sooner rather than later. "We have discussed, moaned, blamed and been consulted about improvements to no avail."

A congestion tax was not an option and, in the face of rising Auckland Council rates, she said: "AT cannot bully us into accepting their plans and proposals with a threat that the funding will be taken away."

Hills has undertaken to present a shortlist of the best ideas put up by the residents' group to AT.

Darby said: "It's understandable that we get very exercised about congestion, and the car in front is the problem, never the car I'm in. But a bottom line of Auckland Transport is that we all arrive safely."

He signalled that the Lake Rd project should be tackled in chunks. "We often look at this as if we've got to build the whole project now," but with a focus on safety, certain problem areas could be tackled first.

"Esmonde Rd needs attention if anything is to flow on." Bayswater and Belmont were other areas of safety focus, including on cycleways.

When the Hauraki end of Lake Rd was widened from the Esmonde Rd junction to the Hauraki shopping centre, Darby recalled the community's concern, but once the work was done, acceptance of changes was high.

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# Emporium of everything but too few customers

Ike's Emporium in Devonport is closing after 20 years of trading.

"It's the only one of its kind," said 10-year-old customer Kate Norris when the Flagstaff visited the store last week.

"It's a sign of the times," said a somewhat older, but equally sad gent, of the outlet's recently announced closure on 19 May.

Customers felt sorry for the shop's long-standing staff. Four workers will lose their jobs, delayed casualties of Covid-19 and the collapse in visitor numbers that has already claimed other businesses in the village.

For a generation, Ike's has met the needs of many local people for bits and bobs, ranging from dress-up costumes and party supplies to haberdashery and art-and-craft needs.

Kate and her sister were in to buy "fidgets" – stretchy monkey-noodle toys. Several women said they were stocking up on fabric and other sewing supplies to avoid having to head up Lake Rd to Wairau Park or beyond.

Owner Derrol Lamb said the decision to close was a tough one, but it had taken on an air of inevitability in the face of the continuing global pandemic. The business had hoped to bounce back, he said, "but it was a lot worse than we thought."

Unlike the company's other stores in Browns Bay and Mt Eden, in Devonport the business relied on tourists buying Kiwiana souvenirs for a good chunk of its income.

"It's going to be a long time before we see cruise ships again," Lamb said.

Ike's staff told the Flagstaff they understood rent and wage costs also contributed to the decision to shut down. Full-timer Raewyn Thompson, who has been with Ike's for more than six years, is job hunting. "I'll miss all the people," she says. Irene Low, who has worked there for more than 15 years, is planning to do more in the not-for-profit sector.

The women have been busy since news leaked out that Ike's was closing. They hope



**Last orders... Irene Low (left) and Raewyn Thompson serve customers at Ike's ahead of its closing**

regulars will pop in to say goodbye during the sale period.

Lamb said while he would "never say never" to reopening in Devonport if trading conditions picked up, this was unlikely. He took over the

parent store in Dominion Rd, known as Geoff's Emporium, from his father, Geoff. The two Ike's stores opened later took their name from his childhood nickname. Deciding to close, he said, "one of the hardest things you can do."

## What are we seeing?

We are seeing exactly what former BNZ economist and commentator Tony Alexander reported last week from a survey of mortgage brokers. That is, investors are pulling back from the market and with talk of this, first-home buyers are a little more cautious of paying up for properties, which has been the case of late.

So the new rules have worked, initially, to slow the rapid property-price escalation, which is a good thing for all concerned.

We also note several banks have now raised their longer-term five-year fixed rates from 2.99% to 3.39%. This is a sign of things to come as growth and inflation appear to be increasing around the globe as vaccines, travel and shortages kick in.

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## Passing the baton on the board



**Three's company... New Devonport-Takapuna Local Board chair Ruth Jackson (left) and deputy Jan O'Connor (centre) chat with National Party leader Judith Collins at the new North Shore electorate office opening. Story, p47.**

The handover of the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board chair from Aidan Bennett to Ruth Jackson occurred last week without much fanfare.

Bennett chaired his final board meeting, a community forum, on Tuesday, following what he described as the honour of being master of ceremonies at the Anzac Day parade in Takapuna.

Jackson takes the helm for the final 18 months of the term – the second segment of a dual chairmanship, a leadership split decided after the last local-body elections. She becomes the first woman to chair the local board. While division has been a feature of a number of board votes, including debates over Lake Rd, Bennett noted that members had worked together in difficult financial times to prioritise retaining local funding from Auckland Council.

At the board's monthly meeting the week before his term ended, Bennett said community and not-for-profit groups, and the business improvement districts (BIDs) in Devonport, Takapuna and Milford, had had their funding continued. However, "totally new projects are unlikely for the next two to three years". He noted that he opposed Jackson's plans to reopen board workshops to the media and was concerned decisions might be made on the basis of who turned up and spoke the loudest.

Takapuna Beach Business Association's chief executive, Terence Harpur, and North Shore councillor Richard Hills attended Bennett's final meeting as chair, with Harpur saying he wanted to acknowledge Bennett and his deputy chair, George Wood. "Thank you for all the work you have put in."

Last year had been a difficult year and many

people were still doing it tough, he said.

Harpur said he also wanted to acknowledge Jackson coming into the role, with Jan O'Connor as her deputy. He was looking forward to working with them to help business. "I just wanted it recorded," he said.

As well as her board duties, Jackson will represent Auckland's northern four boards at the Local Government Association's national conference in Blenheim in July. To cut costs, a full quota of board chairs will not be attending this year.

Jackson said an item of particular interest would be a proposed remit from the association to the Government, seeking to allow councils to reinstate greater tree protections, which were overridden under Resource Management Act change instituted by the previous National Party government.

## Fair-outrage perpetrator yet to be identified

A Devonport Primary School investigation into alleged offensive comments made at its school fair has failed to find the supposed perpetrator.

Allegations that a 21-year-old man was told he could not buy food at the fair because "he was not from here" exploded on social media, where suggestions of racism were made.

Devonport Primary principal Beverley Booth said she had spoken to a representative of the man's family twice and was satisfied

the incident had occurred. "It's not the type of thing anyone would make up."

Finding the man who made the inflammatory comments had, however, proved more difficult. Those working at the stall where the incident is said to have happened were all women.

It was most likely someone standing beside the stall, Booth said, but efforts to identify him had failed.

"The school community is saddened and

upset that this incident happened on our school grounds... the family attends our fair as a calendar event and has come to our fair for years."

Since the incident, the school has moved to reinforce its values of inclusiveness and respect for all the community, Booth said.

Asked about the huge reaction on social media, Booth said she was saddened people had "been pulled apart and become factional and divided".

## In the footsteps of Polly: glade welcomes walkers again



A visionary woman's long labour of love is now recognised and ready for walkers to enjoy again, with the reopening of the Mary Barrett Glade in Devonport last week.

Family of Mabel "Polly" Pollock (pictured above) joined the celebrations on 30 April, sharing stories of the determined woman who carved tracks and planted natives on a site that at various times had been an old brick works and an illegal rubbish dump before she transformed it.

Pollock's grandson Paul Barrett said: "I spent 20 years helping my grandmother build the forest – wheel-barrowing, digging and creating tracks. Even as an octogenarian, she could outlast everyone."

Paul and sister Claire's mother, Mary, was Mabel's daughter. After Mary's death from cancer, aged 39, the siblings came under their grandmother's wing and were her helpers. "Polly found a place that had been forgotten and turned it into a memorial for Mary and a slice of heaven for Devonport," Claire told a large gathering.

Shortly after the ceremony, the heavens opened, with green umbrellas handed out to attendees by Ryman, whose William Sanders Retirement Village sits above the park at the edge of Ngataranga Bay. Polly's son, Brian Pollock, noted the appropriateness of an audience looking like a "green, green forest."

Members of the Restoring Takarunga Hauraki community group spoke of the area's environmental importance and the need for its ongoing care and attention as part of the Ngataranga Eco-Corridor. Then dozens of people entered the glade to enjoy its tranquility.

The track to the glade, entered off Lake Rd, north of Ngataranga Park, is for now a dead end. But with roadwork on Wesley St getting



**Bagpiper Kat Legg calls in guests eager to once more take to the restored tracks of Polly's Park by Ngataranga Bay**



**Paul Barrett salutes at the glade named by his grandmother, its creator, for his mother**



**Mother's legacy... Brian Pollock (right) and Ryman director David King**

underway this week, in the months ahead an exit will be created leading up to Ngataranga Rd. Ryman chief operating officer Cheyne Chalmers, who travelled from Christchurch for the occasion, said: "We were very keen to get it open, so decided to do it in stages."

The track has been gated off since June 2018, during Ryman construction, but earlier access issues caused by slips and tree falls had bedevilled it. Ryman contributed to track restoration and signage, working with land manager, the Department of Conservation.

But the area's preservation, after Pollock's death in 2010, took a concerted community effort to ensure her work was not swallowed by weeds and neglect. In 2016, public fundraising and an Environment Court case brought by the Devonport Peninsula Precincts Society ensured public access.

That the glade was created in the first place was a testimony to Polly's determination. The nurse, turned first woman taxi driver in Auckland, and mother of four, had no intention of retiring, persuading former landholders the Navy to let her into the Wakakura coastal strip in the 1990s. Brian Pollock says they doubted she would be able to complete the

work, but his steadfast mother proved them wrong. "She never gave up, she got the whole thing planted," working into her 80s.

Paul admitted he thought his grandmother was probably a "bit nuts" initially, but seeing her in her element, planting kauri seedlings that were now adult trees, and having her work publicly recognised was endorsement of her vision. "Polly wanted to practically demonstrate what came before on the Devonport peninsula," he said.

Claire said her grandmother had lived a full and adventurous life, taking pride in receiving a Green Ribbon environmental award from the government in the early 2000s.

Locals with longer memories remember her ocean swimming daily at Narrow Neck beach and parking on Lake Rd and unloading her hatchback full of tools to work on the glade.

Now others can learn more about Pollock and her contribution from an information board at the site. Signage gives the park its name in honour of Mary. And Polly's name is likely to endure as well.

"Mum was really pleased people called it Polly's Park – it recognises her work," Brian said.



**By Rob Drent**

A few years ago, the sound of a chainsaw starting up in Devonport would trigger two calls: to the council – a protected tree is coming down, Stop Work; and commonly another to the Devonport Flagstaff alerting us to the news. On more than one occasion, we headed to the ‘scene of the crime’ and photographed neighbours surrounding a tree preventing further destruction.

All this changed when the then National government removed the blanket protection of trees over a certain height. Nominated trees were placed on a protected list, but all others are now at the mercy of the tree fellers. It’s hard to know how many trees have been lost from Auckland and Devonport over the last decade, but it must be many thousands – especially with the amount of construction going on.

The trend with development now seems to be that a clean site is gold: a blank canvas whereby designs, driveways and drainage can start from scratch without the need to accommodate trees.

The loss of urban trees seems completely at odds with the Labour government’s commitment to reducing New Zealand’s carbon footprint and increasing our biodiversity. Proactive local environmental groups, like Restoring Takarunga Hauraki, are attempting to create a better environment for birdlife at the same time

as the wholesale removal of mature trees.

In this issue, we’ve got a story about possums venturing south from Takapuna being trapped at Hauraki. Ironically, the decline in the numbers of host trees as the possums move south through the rapidly developing Hauraki/Belmont area is likely hamper their progress as much as anything else.

A solution needs to be found for the crush of bikes on Fullers ferries. The problem has worsened over recent years, particularly with the retirement of the Kea, a vessel better equipped to take cycles than those in the current fleet.

The issue was plainly foreseeable, but with not enough done to avert it. For years, Auckland Transport and Auckland Council have been advocating cycling and public transport.

Given Auckland’s rapidly growing congestion, it was inevitable commuters would turn to riding their bikes to ferries. Result: pinch points getting on and off the boats.

A radical solution: a dedicated bike/scooter ferry at peak times between Devonport and Auckland. Anyone who has been to Asia and seen scooter ferries operating would know this is not as far-fetched as it may sound.

Demand for bike/scooter transport will only increase as electric bikes drop in price. A precedent exists in Devonport as well. A dedicated car ferry used to operate prior to the opening of the Auckland Harbour Bridge in 1959. Maybe the first electric ferry on the Auckland-Devonport route can be trialled specifically to take bikes-scooters?

The impending closure of Ike’s Emporium in Clarence St after 20 years will surprise many. Its huge selection of bits and bobs seemed to offer something for every type of shopper.

Only having a layman’s knowledge of what makes a retail business tick, I didn’t realise how much of its trade came from visitors. I’d assumed most of its business would have been local. With winter arriving and no overseas tourists returning to Devonport, the Covid bite has yet to be fully felt by many shops. Some are saying opening the travel bubble with Australia may not make much difference, as most of the visitors will be Queenstown-bound. Once again, I’d urge all residents to shop local.

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## Carved rifle honours forebears who fought at Gallipoli



Devonport's David McAlister (below, right) has continued the recognition of his Maori heritage with the carving of a replica Lee Enfield Rifle to honour his grandfather (above) and two great-uncles who fought at Chunuk Bair, Gallipoli as soldiers in the New Zealand Maori contingent.

McAlister's grandfather Ngamoana Tutere (Jack) Ropata (above) returned home, wounded and suffering from pleurisy, with brother Herehere. Another sibling, Pahia, was killed in action.

It took carver Clive Fugill around two months to complete the work, which includes eight heads: one to represent the kaitiaki or guardian of the rifle, three for Ngamoana and his two brothers, and four more to represent McAlister's ancestors.

The rifle hangs alongside a three-metre totara carving, which traces McAlister's heritage back to the Tainui canoe.

He only became aware of his Maori ancestry after his mother died, when he was 24. McAlister's interest in retracing his whakapapa has grown since, and more so following his retirement from flying for Air New Zealand.

"Everyone wants to know where they have come from," he says.

Wi Parata, another ancestor, was an early Maori MP and took the Bishop of Wellington to court in 1877 over a piece of land given to the Anglican Church, which Parata wanted returned to Ngati Toa.

As with most genealogical trails, some loose ends remain: McAlister has yet to locate his grandfather's burial place and the reasons his Norwegian grandmother left her home country remain a mystery.

He hopes his research and carvings will be passed down to his grandchildren, so they too can gain an appreciation of what went before.



**Reflecting his place in history... David McAlister (above) next to the carved Enfield rifle and totara history panel, which welcome guests to his Devonport home. Top left: McAlister's grandfather Ngamoana Tutere (Jack) Ropata who fought at Gallipoli with the New Zealand Maori contingent, which later joined forces with troops from the Otago Mounted Rifles.**

# Windows dressed to put Anzac spotlight on women

The results are in for this year's Anzac window-dressing competition.

Run by the Devonport Returned Services Association, the event asked participants to showcase this year's national RSA theme of 'Women in Service'.

A judging panel of four took a tour through Devonport to assess the entrants, whose displays later created talking points for the public at the village's Anzac Day parade.

Unique entries included a New Zealand flag by Bear Brothers crafted entirely from denim off-cuts, and a display including music at Bookmark.

After much deliberation, the judges determined this year's winner to be Fitzgerald Taylor boutique stationer – the recent winner of an America's Cup window-dressing contest as well.

Store owner Kim Snowball's display included enlarged posters of stamps featuring three women in military uniform, adorned with poppies she had handmade. These were accompanied by handwritten letters to the featured women, thanking and acknowledging them for their service.



The display at Bookmark (above) was accompanied by period music, while Fitzgerald Taylor's window (left) included handwritten letters



On trend on parade... The display from denim specialist store Bear Brothers used fabric off-cuts

Prize winner... Kim Snowball (right) of Fitzgerald Taylor boutique stationer. Far right: the Anzac window at Devonport Flowers.



# Crowds flock back to local commemorations



**Acts of remembrance... A cadet with TS Leander, Gabrielle Warner (left), on duty at the flagpole. Navy Commander Kerry Tutty joins Captain Mark Worsfold in laying a wreath.**

After two years of disruption following the aftermath of the Christchurch mosque shootings in 2019 and Covid restrictions last year, the Devonport Anzac parade was back on the programme for this year's commemorations.

Hundreds turned out for a much-anticipated return to tradition at the Devonport War Memorial.

Marching down Victoria Rd, the parade was led by pipers and a drummer from the Royal New Zealand Navy.

Master of ceremonies Chris Mullane led proceedings at the memorial, which included an address by Captain Mark Worsfold (MNZM), acknowledgements of Women in Service,

wreath-laying, and the reading of *The Ode* by Commander Maurice Kennett in English and Korin O'Brien in te reo Māori.

Bugler William Filimoeihala performed a compelling rendition of *The Last Post* from the balcony of the Esplanade Hotel, overlooking the crowd.

A strong youth presence was to the fore. Scripture and prayers were read by Stanley Bay School pupils George Dodd and Calliope Levitt-McSkimming, and the Belmont Primary School Bellbirds joined accomplished singer AMUS Rebecca Nelson performing *Poppies and Pohutukawa*.

Ninety-nine-year-old year old Ron Child

and 11-year-old Ava Trapski both recited poems from the special Anzac issue of the *Toi Toi* journal.

Takapuna Grammar School (TGS) student and RSA Youth Ambassador Sidney Glenie-Crosby gave the Anzac Dedication.

"It was brilliant to see such a broad cross-section of all ages this year," Mullane said later.

Earlier, more than 40 passengers travelled on a special free 5am ferry sailing from Devonport to Auckland to attend a dawn service at the Auckland War Memorial Museum.

Takapuna Grammar School (TGS) rounded out the day with its poignant Dusk Service at the school library.



**In uniform... Scouts Melissa Busch (left) and Sophia Hay, with Kea leader Grace Ramos, all of the 1st Devonport Scout Group**



**Busy day... North Shore MP Simon Watts was at the Auckland War Memorial at dawn, then at Browns Bay and Devonport services, before attending Takapuna Grammar's at dusk**



**Scenes from the day... Medals were worn – by veterans, service personnel and young family members alike — as the Devonport community held its traditional Anzac events for the first time since 2018**

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## Fun events just the ticket for trust organiser

From her Fort Takapuna office, Maria Teape helps 'make community happen'. She tells Helen Vause about the pleasure she takes in seeing generations of locals enjoy themselves – sometimes in a scary way.



**Community-minded... Maria Teape outside her Devonport Peninsula Trust office at Fort Takapuna**

From the window of Maria Teape's office in an old barracks building on Fort Takapuna, she has a perfect view rolling down across grassy slopes to Narrow Neck Beach and the sea. In summer, there are swimmers and small boats, and year round dog walkers cross the foreground.

In all, it's a pretty good spot from which to be overseeing a calendar of events that brings a regular dose of fun for local kids and families.

Teape's been in the job as community coordinator for the Devonport Peninsula Trust (DPT) for more than nine years now, longer than her predecessors.

At more events than she could easily recall, countless happy kids have come and gone, growing up with the memories of enjoyable occasions.

And that makes Teape happy in the job she loves.

"Sure, it's quiet up here, but it's beautiful and I'm very easy to find," she laughs, waving out the window at the distinctive DPT flag fluttering on the grass outside.

She's in charge of "making community happen".

From preschool play sessions to the Bay-

swater Halloween Trail, kids athletics and much more, she's proud of the free events she, her team and volunteers organise and run. They are also firmly committed to supporting events initiated in other corners of the community, from midwinter swims to music festivals down in the village.

At this stage of her career, Teape can't think of a better job. And for the mother of two grown-up children, it's brought her back to the playgrounds and beaches of her own childhood.

Teape is very much a local girl. She can claim to have been born in Devonport's Pentlands Hospital. "Okay, I must have been one of the last," she laughs.

She went to Belmont Primary, Belmont Intermediate and Takapuna Grammar schools, and now lives in Bayswater Ave with her husband Nigel and kids Max and Michaela. Home is the house she grew up in, as her mother Kerrie was brought up in before her. Kerrie, one of the Simmonds family, met her Swiss husband-to-be, Bruno, on her travels before bringing him home to start a life together on the peninsula.

Kerrie's father Neal grew up in Stanley Bay in a house that his parents built in

First Avenue. That couple were Teape's great-grandparents, Mary (nee Spragg) and Harold Simmonds.

Mary's father, Wesley Spragg, an influential man of the day, owned land in the Waitakeres, which he eventually left to the city – an area now known as Spraggs Bush. In Auckland history, he is noted as a very successful butter manufacturer, a benefactor – and a vigorous temperance campaigner.

When Teape and Nigel set up in her



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childhood home, her working life involved long days over the bridge in the city. For 10 years, she worked in bank administration, running projects that included preparation for the 'Y2K' bug, when it was feared computer systems could crash as the millennium rolled over in 2000. Banks were among the institutions that worked hard to counteract any potential disasters.

"We can look back and laugh now, but it was very important at the time and a huge amount of work went into the lead-up to the millennium," she recalls.

When her daughter was born over two decades ago, Teape imagined that she would take maternity leave then return to her job and corporate life in the city.

Three years later, when son Max was born, her city job was a distant memory.

But like many other women at home with small kids, she'd found it hard to replace the peer support a job brings, or meet other mothers in her new life at home in the suburbs.

"I guess it hadn't been something I'd thought about. But having kids brings about big changes and somehow you have to get out there and meet people, meet other mothers.

"You need to see what there is out there on your doorstep."

First moves to reach out included joining the local Plunket committee, then becoming committee secretary.

She became a Playcentre parent, committed to hands-on preschooling and surrounded by local parents and small children. As her children moved on to school, she seized the opportunity to become a parent helper at Waterwise on Narrow Neck beach.

"What an incredible privilege Waterwise is for us. We'd have parents new to the country who just couldn't believe they were out there doing this with their kids."

After a decade of full-time parenting, she'd squeezed in a bit of writing and a

diploma in communications. She'd eased back into work as a coordinator for the Cystic Fibrosis Association, when she saw the job with her name on it. The DPT was looking for a new coordinator and Teape saw her future.

Today, after the worst year for events everywhere, and the greatest focus on community well-being, her wide smile and enthusiasm have endured.

"Obviously it was hard to plan, but no one knew what was going to happen next," she says.

She's proud of the very successful Takararo Spring Festival launched last year, which drew hundreds onto Cambria Reserve on a

*"It's certainly a very highly engaged community with many interest groups for all ages."*

November Saturday afternoon, to shake off the worst of the winter and lockdowns. The next morning, she and her team were down at the beach at Windsor Reserve helping with the winter-swim event.

"I really feel community is at the heart of life," says Teape, who believes Devonport is pretty well served with unique public events. "It's certainly a very highly engaged community with many interest groups for all ages."

And, she says, youth volunteers, are easy to find and great to work with, pulling things together on the day.

Some fixtures like the summer Kids Athletic Series, have been running since well

before her tenure. Hundreds can recall rolling up to have a go at running and jumping activities on late-summer afternoons at the North Shore Rugby Club grounds.

Similarly, the free preschool play sessions at Windsor Reserve and Bayswater Park have a long history, with as many as 60 parents and kids showing up at the Devonport session and around half that number in Bayswater.

Just through these two events, hundreds of parents and kids have had hours of fun and made strong connections with others. You can't beat the value of that, says Teape.

But times are changing in the early-childhood scene in the neighbourhood, she says. In the last five years, numbers coming to the play sessions have fallen.

"It's a combination of things. Increasing numbers of women are returning to work earlier and there is more high-end childcare built. That, plus the fact that we've lost a lot of families with the big chunks of government housing that have gone.

"We're yet to see what sort of change will happen with family demographics when the new housing is filled."

Public feedback indicates the annual Halloween Trail down beside the Bayswater cemetery is up there among the peninsula's most popular events. The last Halloween Trail attracted around 2000 people.

Teape says the trust can't yet confirm whether the Halloween Trail will be on again this October, but admits it's a favourite with her team and their volunteers.

"It's pretty full-on, but it's so much fun. We have to get down there and get it all set up pretty quickly in a very short space of time before the crowds show up. I know people love it."

For now the scary critters are packed down flat in many boxes in a store room, looking very quiet and harmless. Word will come soon enough if they're going to be busted out for more screams, shrieks and large-scale family fun.

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# Multiple factors behind ferry-bike logjam

The Flagstaff reported recently about the impact of the boom in riders taking e-bikes and e-scooters on the Devonport and Bayswater ferry services.

Since early March, Fullers Ferries has been working with Bike Auckland and Auckland Transport to adapt to the increased numbers.

The combination of factors leading to this increase could be seen as a perfect storm.

We need to remember that Devonport's Kea has been retired from the ferry fleet, along with her capacity to carry up to 30 bikes. Ferries replacing her at peak hours had space for only 12-20 bikes and scooters. It didn't help that the Stanley Point ferry service closed, resulting in people biking to the Devonport ferry.

An important factor in the change is the 16

per cent increase in cycling numbers across Auckland between 2016 and 2019. Since Covid, there's been new interest in cycling, including biking to ferries.

E-bikes and e-scooters are also affecting commuter travel. E-bikes 'flatten' the hills', enabling longer cycling commutes. E-bike sales are expected to equal sales of new cars in New Zealand next year. E-bikes have extended average cycle commutes from 4km to 12km. This means we have more people biking to ferries, and their bikes can be more awkward to move around decks than pedal bikes. Add e-scooters into the mix, and deck pressure results.

The 'storm' hit after the summer holidays, as commuters returned to work and university. Bikes and their owners were denied boarding

at Devonport and once or twice at Bayswater, due to full ferry-deck space.

Bike Auckland is working closely with Fullers Chief Operating Officer and AT's Ferry-Services Manager to manage growing demand so as to get people, bikes and scooters across the harbour in safety and comfort. I've been impressed by the willingness to trial solutions and record results. I don't have space here to report more, but hope to do so in the next Flagstaff.

Meanwhile, Bike Auckland thanks non-wheeled passengers travelling on ferries.

Bikes and scooters can 'get in the way', and we all have morning deadlines.

Despite this, most ferry travellers are patient and courteous. We really appreciate it.

**Barb Cuthbert, Bike Auckland**

## Architects share heritage erosion blame

Referring to the article ('Olympian's new build') in the Flagstaff 23 April, Auckland Council's continuing practice in this area dismays me.

Another example is in Buchanan St, where a lovely historic cottage and cottage garden has been butchered and incorporated into an awful modernistic new build that is totally inappropriate to the character neighbourhood.

This too was passed as having effects 'less than minor' despite excessive excavation, and height-to-boundaries that exceed the amount allowed.

Both effects have reduced neighbours' sunlight, cut off mountain views, and impacted upon privacy and right to quiet enjoyment.

What many may not realise is that

builds can impact on neighbours for two years or more. Extended construction continues past the excavation: nail guns and skill saws to tile and paving cutting.

In this case, the reduced boundary limit allows for large LPG bottles and HVAC systems extremely close to neighbours' homes - something that would be less of a problem if the reduced boundary had not been approved.

While I can't understand why people would want to buy into a character area planning to erect a modern home, I also feel that the architects have to bear some responsibility for the rampant erosion of our local heritage and neighbourhood values.

**Grant Gillon, 15 Buchanan St**

## Not so minor

Auckland Council now seems to regard what were once considered 'rules' as guidelines that can readily be infringed if planners decide there are no effects from the infringement. This makes for some very unhappy neighbours.

In some cases, rear development is better than making unsympathetic changes to a heritage house. There are too many examples of badly designed second storeys that ruin the integrity of an original villa or cottage. In the case of 110 Victoria Rd, however, turning the original house into a minor unit is a new and worrisome development that could lead to old homes being made into facades or acting as mere window-dressing for modern rear houses.

Devonport Heritage will be asking Auckland Council for an explanation as to why this was allowed as the minor dwelling at 20sqm over maximum permitted floor area.

**Margot McRae, Devonport Heritage**

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## Population needed for public transport comes at a price

On the reopening of Polly's Park, an auspicious occasion, one would imagine that Polly would turn in her grave watching those who have been responsible for killing the kauri, rimu and other species on her strip.

While commercial interests are boasting of the creation of a green corridor across Devonport, at the same time they are erecting a concrete jungle of a scale never seen on the North Shore. But it seems too hard to stop these independent commissioners who said it's okay.

I'm still fuming about the Bayswater Marina land – given away for \$3.7 million – over a marine reserve, a public asset given away in effect without public tender or transparency.

I suspect the retirement places on the big property in Handley Ave were also gifted short of its full value. How much was it exactly sold for? Who got that property? Transparency?

I applaud Toni van Tonder (Flagstaff, 23 April) for challenging my ideas on renaming or double-naming all our parks, etc. I do get it that it's not PC to speak up on such matters.

However, Toni, by means of saying our "community that quite clearly knows better",

sets out to degrade a viewpoint, which is a dodgy antic our leaders play these days, usually without clear explanation of your alternative view.

I will always remember Mt Vic and North Head fondly as named, parked up at sunset, fish and chips from Reba takaways, seeing the city lights intensifying after the sunset. Can't drive there now, and the name: Mt where? I didn't vote for these changes.

The ASB and all banks have disappeared from Devonport. A transition to Big Brother controlled banking: no accountability, no personal service. If you don't have a phone or laptop, you can't bank in Devo. Well done Mr Big.

With this Lake Rd fiasco heating up, I heard a ghost from the past on the radio, a Ms Helen Clark, going on about Amsterdam and Copenhagen, and just how wonderful those places are with all the bikes and footpaths, fewer cars and good public transport. Her opinions permeate through our local dreamers who want the same here. But over there, they have tens of millions of people crammed into dirty crowded environments, with totally destroyed ecosystems.

You can easily jump on a train, bus or tram but that can't economically be achieved here in Devonport or Auckland.

Affordable public transport or bikes are therefore a fantasy only fools believe are reality – or those that seek massive population expansion to pay for it: a contradiction of the global-warming aims proclaimed by Jacinda Ardern. She will be using taxes to put us off the road all too soon.

Our preferred method of transport is the car, it's freedom. Us car drivers are apparently responsible for global warming – and yet half of Devonport seems to have supercars faster than mine.

Massive population expansion is the real threat to our environment, not cars or CO<sub>2</sub>. Furthermore, public transport is the perfect mode to spread the proclaimed-lethal virus.

Devonport is an island. With the next outbreak, I plan to gate off our people for their own safety.

Bring back Independent Devonport governance. I'll only be letting fast cars in at the checkpoints.

**Ron Dykman**

## Spruce-up for Bayswater access needed

Now that the proposed new Bayswater ferry terminal is not in Auckland Transport's immediate plans for the next few years, some upgrade maintenance of the current facility needs to happen. It was always thought that with a new ferry terminal a full makeover would occur.

I have asked Auckland Transport to give the area a real good spruce-up. The potholes in the large car park need to be filled and the ultimate outcome would be a coat of seal to make the area clean and tidy. The potholes in the path to the ferry also need some repairs.

Auckland Transport will also be asked to assign a security officer to patrol the area.

Hopefully these improvements will make the ferry service a more attractive proposition for people traveling to Auckland city centre.

**George Wood,**  
Devonport-Takapuna Local Board



**Problem potholes**

## Marinas need urgent review

It is long overdue for the Minister of Conservation to urgently review the need and sustainability of existing and proposed marinas.

The tragedy is that these marinas occupy former public open space, being part of the Waitemata Harbour, able to be used by all Aucklanders.

The reclamations adjoining the marinas were justified to be used exclusively for marine-related uses and boat storage, not commercial real estate to be used for exclusive, multimillion-dollar apartments, which can be built anywhere. They are now almost exclusively closed off for use by the general public.

Outstanding, visionary conservationists like Sir Dove-Myer Robinson, Darcy O'Brien (Auckland Commissioner of Crown Lands for the former Department of Lands and Survey and foundation chairperson of the Hauraki Gulf and Bay of Islands Maritime Park), and Arnold Turner, the inspiration for the Auckland Regional Park system, would view this direction with increasing alarm. It must be stopped now.

**Bruce Tubb**

## 'A satirical triumph'

The creation of your fictitious character 'Ron Dykman' is, for many of us, the highlight of the Flagstaff letters. To distil petty prejudices, NIMBYism and populist conspiracy nonsense into a barely believable local character is a satirical triumph. His ongoing views on Lake Rd are as constructive to the debate as Liberace was vital to test-match rugby league.

Your creation brilliantly picks up on complex topical issues and, like the simpleton Mike Hosking made flesh on the page, provides plainly preposterous solutions. I trust plans for a mini-series are well advanced for your modern-day Colonel Blimp. More of this sort of thing please.

**Simon Sheen**

## Letters to the Editor

We welcome letters on local issues that are not overly long. Nomes-de-plume or unnamed submissions will not be printed.

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## Out of step

I note the steps have been removed from Cheltenham Beach to North Head and the access closed for more than a week.

There was one rickety step, but the rest of the steps were in good condition. Hundreds of people a day walk up and down these steps.

The contractors only needed to repair the one loose step. When will the steps be reinstated?

**Roger Weir**

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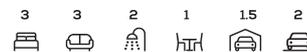
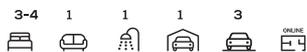


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## Call for set-net fishing ban at Narrow Neck

Set-netters are driving along Narrow Neck Beach to set and recover their gear, putting lives at risk, local resident and keen swimmer Craig Norris told a Devonport-Takapuna Local Board community forum last week.

Norris wants Auckland Council to include a ban on set-netting in its Public Safety and Nuisance Bylaw. At weekends and over summer, vehicles on the beach had become a regular and dangerous occurrence, he said.

Once in the water, the nets were hard to see and endangered water users in a popular recreational area. Swimmers, kayakers, paddleboarders, kite surfers and even children on Waterwise courses could become entangled.

"Typically they drive down the ramp and drive north and south to set them. This is a public-safety hazard."

Norris had reported at least a dozen vehicles to Auckland Transport. One call-out resulted in the police recovering a stolen vehicle.

After Norris's lobbying, a council official was

looking at better signage to warn against illegal driving on the beach, but Norris urged the board to back stronger action.

A precedent for a set-net ban had been created at Arkles Bay and Shakespear Regional Park, he said. "Narrow Neck is as busy as those beaches."

The fishing method was incompatible with high-use recreational areas and its impact on the challenged fishery resource in the inner Hauraki Gulf should be considered. Most of the fish that were caught were small reef fish, said Norris. "People are typically gutting and carcassing on the beach. It's offensive behaviour – it attracts gulls and dogs for the bones."

Board member Trish Deans noted there had also been recent issues in Bayswater and at Shoal Bay, with vehicles accessing the shore-front. Norris said he thought any ban should take in these areas as well as Cheltenham and other peninsula beaches.

At busy times at Narrow Neck there could

be more than 100 people in the water, he said.

The board asked its officials for advice and was told that the council essentially managed the beach, but water activity fell under the control of the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI).

The Whangaparaoa set-net bans were "legacy" measures from the days of Rodney Council, before local-body amalgamation. For the current council to extend the by-law to cover more areas would "take a long time of poor behaviour to get," an official told the board.

Set-netting is generally permitted, if it complies with MPI guidelines, which set out rules on the size and distance apart of nets and that they must include clear identification.

But Norris said: "Set nets in my experience are often very poorly marked."

"I've swum over them and thought I'm glad I didn't get tangled in that."

His submission was received, with Norris later telling the Flagstaff he would look to continue to push for action.

## Board wants boat speeds curbed

The maximum recreational-boat speed within the Waitemata Harbour Zone, should be 12 knots, not the 18 knots envisaged in a new Auckland Council Navigation Bylaw, the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board has recommended.

This reflects the majority of public feedback from 28 submissions made locally and the advice of sailors concerned about safety and wake wash along the inner-harbour foreshore.

Some called for the speed limit to be set at 5 knots, including the Devonport Yacht Club and the Classic Yacht Association. Emergency craft and ferries would be exempt from the rules.

A 5-knot inner-harbour speed was common overseas, said three representatives from the yacht groups, who spoke at the board's last meeting. They presented photographic evidence of wakes caused by craft travelling at the current 12 knots.

Chad Thompson said the speed of some

launches "endangers not just yachts but kids on beaches." Wash hitting the shore caused concern to locals and damage to fixtures and contributed to sand shift, he said. Some launches also flouted the existing rule that they drop to 5 knots when within 50 metres of another vessel.

"Modern lightweight ferries are better than 30-tonne gin palaces," noted Richard Dacre. Graham Pedersen said the club needed lookouts for approaching vessels if it was using its slipway, due to the risk from wakes. Problems with moorings were also reported.

A benefit of the America's Cup was that the speed limit for spectator boats was temporarily dropped from 12 to 5 knots. "When 500 boats went past, the wake was what it should be along by Devonport yacht club," said Thompson.

The local board nominated member Trish Deans to present its view to a council by-law panel next month. The panel is also likely

to discuss further whether paddleboarders, kayakers and jet skiers should be included in the requirement that craft have two means of communication in case of emergencies. Member Toni van Tonder questioned if this was reasonable or practicable.

Jan O'Connor said she would like to see more enforcement of speed limits for jet-skiers, including outside the by-law zone. "They're meant to be 5 knots or under within 200 metres of Takapuna Beach."

George Wood said a responsible approach to sea speeds was needed by Auckland Transport. "People who go swimming off the North Shore need protection."

But like other members, he was not in favour of a late move by Ruth Jackson and Deans to suggest 5 knots as a blanket speed, given the existing speed was 12 knots and the proposal was to raise it.

# Simon Watts

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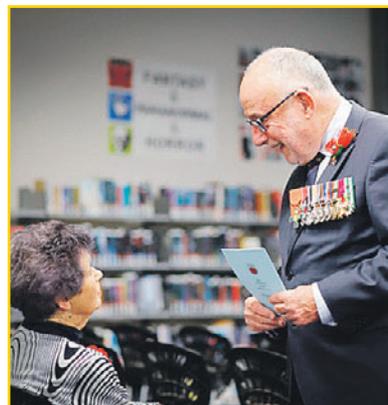


## Anzac Day Dusk Service

On Sunday evening, we hosted our annual Anzac Day Dusk Service in the Ex-Pupils Library. It was great to see some familiar faces from the past and so many medals proudly on display.

Thank you to everyone who attended and those behind the scenes who helped contribute to mark this important occasion on the TGS calendar.

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## Junior Social

The Junior Social took place just before the holidays – on 15 April – in Te Poho School Hall with over a hundred Year 9 and 10 students joining in on the 'Glow in the Dark' theme.

The Junior Committee set up the hall and put together a fun and exciting event for all the juniors to get involved with. A big thank you to Hudson Curren, who took care of the sound and lighting, and all the prefects for making the night possible.



# Rippa start for first peninsula 'World Cup'



**United Nations... participants in the school-holiday Rippa tournament at North Shore Rugby Club**

More than 180 peninsula schoolkids became international rugby players at the Rippa World Cup hosted during the school holidays at North Shore Rugby Club.

Competing over two days, they played seven-a-side games, split into teams across three age groups: under-9s, under-11s, and under-13s.

The teams, coached and refereed by rugby players from Takapuna Grammar School, comprised a mixture of boys and girls with varying abilities and skills.

Just like the annual cricket 'World Cup' run locally, each of the teams represented a different country. Sides included New Zealand, Australia, Scotland, England, Ireland, France, South Africa, and Argentina.

"The Rippa World Cup was all about sportsmanship and having some friendly competition," says organiser Brad Westgate. "We wanted to create something fun that would keep kids active and it also takes some pressure off parents for the school holidays."

Australia won the under-9s, South Africa the under-11s, and England the under-13s. South Africa led overall, with top-three placings in all age groups.

The tournament helped raise funds for the club's Leavers' Tour, an annual farewell to its junior Year 8 players.



**All Black power... Under-11 New Zealand players (from left) Lily McLean (9), Ema Wilson (10), both of Stanley Bay School, and Micah McClintock (9) of Takapuna Primary**



**Camaraderie... England under-9s players (from left) Seb Peacock (8), Tom Congdon (7) and Hunter Bruce (7), all from Belmont Primary School. Above right: Post-match congratulations for the trans-Tasman rivals.**





**Hoist it... Charlie Richardson (9) of Belmont Primary launches a kick for the England under-11 side**



**Ball in hand... Scarlett Westgate (9) of Vauxhall School in the Ireland under-11s**



**Almost... Action from the Australia versus England under-11s match**



**Team building... The Ireland under-11s in celebration mode**



**Talking strategy... Australia's under-11s in a huddle with coach Noah Tu'isila from Takapuna Grammar**



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# Wakatere dominates Starling nationals

Wakatere sailor George Lee Rush won the national Starling dinghy champs at Kohimarama last month – leading home a number of top finishes by clubmates. Josh Hyde placed second, Robbie Woolridge third, Tom Pilkington fifth and Josh Hilder seventh.

Although racing was close in the 106-boat fleet, George was in dominant form, winning three of the eight championship races and coming second in two others.

He had only spent around three hours in a Starling before the championships, and had never raced the class before. He effectively learnt how to sail the boat in the 22- to 24-knot winds on the first day of the regatta.

According to the Sail World site, the title puts George, a two-time winner of the New Zealand Optimist National Championships, in elite company.

“He has marked himself as a serious, versatile sailor who can stand out amongst the best in the country,” Sail World said.

“He joins ranks with Russell Coutts, Craig Monk, Dan Slater, Simon Cooke and Peter Burling, who each also won this title in the early stages of their sailing careers.”

**Star in the making...  
George Lee Rush with his national Starling trophy**



# North Shore rugby on a roll as Takapuna clash looms

North Shore premiers are equal top of the North Harbour rugby competition after a 19-11 win over Kumeu last weekend.

The Shore side is undefeated in five matches and plays at home to Silverdale this Saturday, 8 May at 2.45pm.

An intriguing local derby against arch-rival Takapuna the following week is shaping as one of the key matches of the season.

Takapuna is equal with Shore on points but lost to Kumeu earlier in the season.

The Takapuna match at Onewa Domain may be played on a Friday night, to give players the weekend off.

Shore coach Frano Botica said his side was tracking well but had yet to put together an 80-minute performance.

“We’ve had some very good patches and some very average patches,” he said. Coaches were still experimenting with selection options: “It is very competitive in the forwards,” Botica said.

The only current concern was a shoulder injury to experienced prop and captain Alex Wootton, who recently notched his 100th game for the premiers.

He suffered the injury against East Coast Bays, missed the game against Kumeu and won’t play this weekend. However, a return against Takapuna is likely, Botica said.

The competition was once again tight and possibly even closer this year, with traditionally mid-table teams, such as Kumeu and Marist, much stronger in 2021, Botica said.



**In the balance... Captain Alex Wootton on injury comeback**

## North Shore United faces table-toppers

North Shore United beat Auckland City 3-2 last weekend and are eighth on the Northern Premier League football table. They play top-of-the-table Auckland United this Saturday.

North Shore has won three and lost three matches so far this season.

## Belmont boy medals twice for Westlake

Westlake Boys athletes rounded out a strong season of regional performances by taking two top spots at the North Island secondary school athletics championships last month, with Belmont runner Alfie Steedman medalling twice.

Alfie won gold in the junior boys 800m in 2:07.86 and silver in the 1500m in a time of 4:24.07.

Nick Davies won the intermediate boys steeplechase, in 6:18.86, with Cameron Maunder coming second in the intermediate boys 3000m.

# Cheltenham swim draws the crowds

Alex Dunkley won the Narrow Neck to Cheltenham swim last Saturday in a time of 27.07 minutes. Donal Barry was second and Frank Braden third.

The first woman home and fourth overall was Ella Crowe in a time of 29.45. Katie

Curd was the second-placed woman and Hannah Klein was third.

The Devonport Swim Club annual event sold out days before the race start, with 163 competitors completing the 2.3km course.

# Netballers back in good numbers

Netball at the North Harbour courts is getting underway for the season, with premier and senior club play beginning last week and school grading progressing. Overall, the numbers playing – around 800 teams – are very slightly down on 2019, in a bounceback from the abandonment of the 2020 season due to Covid-19.

Netball North Harbour (NNH) president, Lynette Brady, said while some schools were fielding slightly fewer teams than usual, others had noticed a pick up.

The top-tier Premier 1 competition of eight teams features two teams each from the well-established North Shore clubs, Shore Rovers and Westlake. These teams include a mix of old hands and a number of former top school players, including from Westlake

Girls and Takapuna Grammar. City-based champion club, Collegiate, also fields two teams in the NNH competition, with the grade rounded out by sides from AUT club and Harbour Force, a team established by former Silver Ferns coach and player Yvonne Willering, featuring experienced representatives.

The competition is bolstered later in the season, when the top few sides also get back players now involved in the National Netball League, the competition, which acts as a feeder to the ANZ premiership franchise sides.

Brady said NNH had completed improvements to the indoor arena's roof during the hiatus last year. Premier 1 teams play under cover there on Tuesday evenings.

# Waterwise invites locals to school up as instructors

The Devonport Schools Waterwise instructor course kicks off this month, broadening its base to include people from the community in addition to new primary-school parents.

Since its inception in 1990, Devonport Schools Waterwise has helped 20,000 children learn to sail, overcome fears, build teamwork and make independent judgements about water safety.

“Waterwise offers our children a unique opportunity to have fun responsibly and challenge themselves to take part in a wider world beyond the beach,” said Dan Skelton, Waterwise Committee Chair and Devonport Primary School instructor.

“This year, we thought we should just put it out there to the community: if you’ve got a love of the ocean and want to help us create that connection for our local children, many of whom wouldn’t otherwise have this opportunity, then we invite you to join us,” he said.

“Especially this year, because of Covid, perhaps there are people in our community with more time on their hands, or simply with more flexible working arrangements that allow them to participate in something like this.

“If you are keen and have primary-school-aged children, there’s no excuse.”

Waterwise is run by volunteers, mostly parents, who complete a standardised training and certification programme, learning everything the way the children learn: from water safety to basic sailing skills, and at the same time having fun.

Devonport Schools Waterwise is a registered charity, with seven local primary school members: Bayswater, Belmont, Devonport, Hauraki, Vauxhall, St. Leo’s and Stanley Bay. Instructors from each school operate half-day sessions for their students, most during term one and four, while some run sessions in term one and two.

Waterwise instructors, along with parent helpers, contribute more than 5000 hours of their time each year. Hundreds of instructors have participated over the years.

Currently, Waterwise Devonport has 100 trained and qualified volunteer instructors across the schools, many of whom continue with Waterwise for years after their own children have left primary school. But the push for wider community involvement aims at securing a steady flow of new blood, said Skelton.

The next Waterwise instructors course is scheduled for May-June 2021 and costs \$50 per instructor (at cost). For more information on school sessions or how to sign up, please contact your local school office or [devonportwaterwise@gmail.com](mailto:devonportwaterwise@gmail.com).



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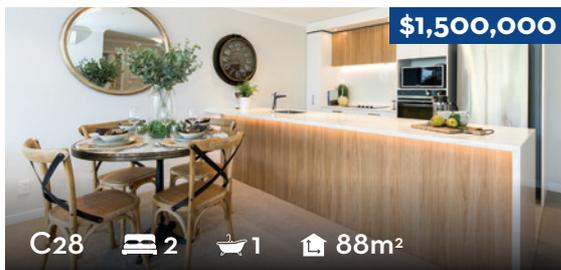
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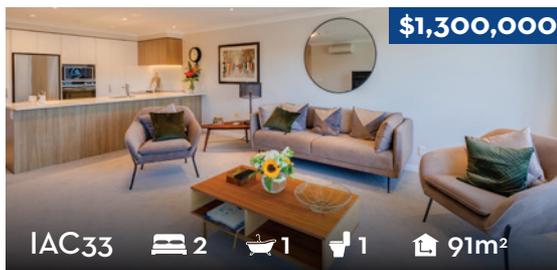


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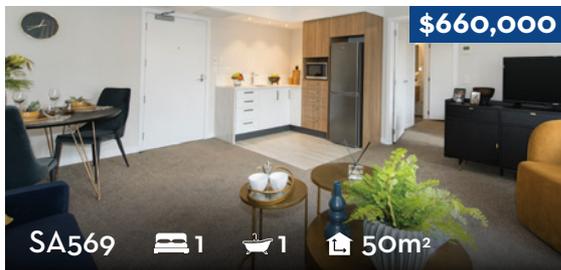


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## 20 years ago from the Flagstaff files

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- They never rode a wave at nearby Duders Beach but 315 members were recognised with a "Duders Bay Surf Club" sign erected outside their Masonic Tavern HQ.
- Devonport residents complain to the community board about the noise generated by film crews working at night, most recently the cast of *Ozzie*, starring Rachel Hunter.
- Flagstaff journalists Evan Harding and Rob Drent win national awards. Harding won best junior reporter and best photographer at the New Zealand Community newspaper awards, while Drent was runner-up in the senior-journalist category.
- Ngataranga Bay society chair Chris Darby challenges Bayswater Marina Ltd to listen to the voice of the people after a North Shore City Council survey found only 15



**TVI boss... Shaun Brown**

per cent of 1800 respondents wanted hotels or motels on the site. Just 20 per cent wanted housing. "The public has responded

- in a very definitive manner," Darby said.
- A 100-year-old skeleton found buried outside the Masonic Tavern is handed to Ngati Whatua for burial.
- Belmont Intermediate school (BIS) singer and actress Amy Yalland stars in *Les Miserables* at the Bruce Mason Theatre, performing a solo version of *Castle on the Cloud*.
- BIS sports stars are also featured. Alyx Hodgson won the 400 metres at the North Island athletics champs and came second in the 100m and 200m sprints; Eleanor Elbourne won the 400m at the Auckland vs Waikato Athletics meet; and Brendon Pickerill won the North Harbour Schools Triathlon.
- Volunteer Spence Buchanan has become the 14th North Shore Rugby Club life member.
- TVI Boss Shaun Brown (pictured above) is the Flagstaff interview subject.

## Cyclists seek dedicated lane on Harbour Bridge

A lane of the Auckland Harbour Bridge set aside for cyclists and pedestrians is feasible and warranted, says lobby group Movement.

With the future of Skypath uncertain due to design and load issues, the group says converting a vehicle lane to other modes of transport would be one way Waka Kotahi/the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) could deliver in the shorter term.

"The cost would be a lot less than an estimated \$500 million for a stand-alone [non-vehicle] bridge," said spokesperson Christine Rose.

The group, which grew out of the SkyPath Trust, outlined its call to the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board, sharing NZTA's own prediction that 2700 cycle rides would be made each day.

"That's interesting to hear, but we haven't been briefed, said Toni van Tonder, a keen cyclist.

Board members and the public are in the dark on how commitments to deliver a cross-harbour link to marry city and Shore cycleways will be achieved.

Movement said: "We can't wait for Waka Kotahi."

A redesigned stand-alone route would take too long to achieve, as it was not consented or funded, said Rose.

Instead, the group wanted a week's trial of a lane closure set up soon; then one month set aside for cyclists in summer; and later a lane kept free for cyclist and pedestrian use until such time a permanent solution could be built.

Concrete dividers could form a safety barrier, with access from Curran St on the city side. A slip lane under the motorway, or up to Onewa Rd and then on to the SeaPath, could link the northern side.



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We have also had the occasional amusing encounters, since the only people who usually come to your door unexpectedly these days are family, friends or neighbours. One instance, a while back, I had knocked, waited and was just walking away when through the frosted glass, I noticed someone ambling up the long hallway. It was only at the last moment that I realised they were naked and struggling with a dressing gown. I backed away apologetically and simultaneously he turned around and said happily "well I'll get back in the bath then!".

We do get the occasional person who, when seeing someone they do not know with a clipboard and a big smile, just go "not interested mate".

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# Resilience planning kicks off

Around 80 residents from Devonport to Sunnynook turned out to a public meeting in Takapuna last month to discuss emergency planning.

The aim is to develop community-led disaster-response strategies for Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area residents and have them in place by mid-2021.

Auckland Emergency Management (AEM), an arm of Auckland Council that takes a citywide role in what was once Civil Defence coordination, summarised the risks to stimulate audience discussion. Groups from Hauraki, Bayswater, Belmont and Devonport joined those from further north to respond with ideas.

AEM's principal science adviser, Angela Doherty, outlined risks locally and the need for preparedness. High-priority hazards in the board area included coastal inundation and extreme weather events, such as tornadoes, storms, floods and high winds plus pandemics, she said. Loss of utilities and infrastructure needed to be considered.

Disasters would impact groups differently, from the need for apartment building dwellers to work out how to access their homes if key cards did not work, to how those who did not speak English would be brought into the loop.

Doherty touched on tsunamis and volcanic dangers. Tsunami sirens (not installed locally) were just a back-up option, she said. Text alerts, media broadcasts and social-media posts were considered more effective ways to warn more people.

The meeting was initiated by the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board, which engaged

## Resilience checklist

- Have a home and work plan
- Make an emergency stocktake
- Inform yourself on local risks
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Auckland North Community and Development Inc (ANCAD) to collate and facilitate updating existing plans. In the wake of the first Covid-19 lockdown, the local board concluded that updated plans were needed.

ANCAD's recently retired head, Yvonne Powley, who set up the initiative, said it was "a bit of a flagship project" for Auckland.

Board deputy chair George Wood said the Christchurch earthquakes had shown that suburbs could suddenly be left without services. The public needed to know where to go and what to do, especially in the absence of a civil-defence presence in the board area.

"It's a pleasure to see so many people here for the shakedown of this plan," he said.

A facilitator guided groups to come up with initial area-specific suggestions. Workshops will be held on preparedness (20 May) and scenario exercises (3 June).

## Letters to the Editor

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## Collins gives office opening the blue light



**Best electorate office in New Zealand?... Leader of the Opposition, Judith Collins, opens the restored heritage office of North Shore MP Simon Watts in Takapuna last week**

National Party leader Judith Collins opened North Shore MP Simon Watts' new electorate office last Friday, describing it as the "most tastefully appointed" in the country.

It is certainly one of the best located – off Hurtsmere Rd on Earnoch Ave and several hundred metres up from Takapuna Beach, in a former postmaster's quarters, redesigned by architect Lloyd Sinton.

Collins, unsurprisingly, was impressed by the blue entrance door, although quite pleased the "whole building was not blue."

She predicted a bright future for the new MP, elected last year. He was already working on the shadow ACC and finance portfolios.

At the office entrance, she said she hoped to soon see 'Hon.' accorded to Simon Watts North Shore MP, a title given to those who become Ministers. "But that involves the small matter of getting into office," she quipped.

Watts said the new office was a beautiful location "that reflected the electorate."

"The door is always open here and people

should not hesitate to pop in to say hi."

A disability ramp gives better access for the disabled, whereas the electorate office of former North Shore MP Maggie Barry was upstairs on Anzac St, without a lift.

The opening was attended by members of the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board: Ruth Jackson, Jan O'Connor, and George Wood; North Shore Business Improvement District managers: Terence Harpur (Takapuna), Murray Hill (Milford) and Shauly van Baaren (Devonport); and various well-wishers.

## North Shore MP and former DHB manager slates health reforms

Innovative trials using technology to help deliver better health care could be derailed at North Shore Hospital by sweeping changes to the health sector, says the National Party member of Parliament for North Shore, Simon Watts.

Watts, a former deputy chief financial officer at the Waitemata DHB, said the board was delivering some of the best health outcomes in the country. With the health sector suffering a workforce

crisis, he said it was vital to keep thinking smart, as was being done locally, by using new diagnostic tools to relieve pressure on staff.

Watts feared the surprise moves by the Government announced this month to replace all DHBs with a national health agency from mid-2022 might instead result in a centralised bureaucracy.

National's short-term health priority and "total focus" was seeing vaccinations for Covid-19 and influenza rolled out faster, he said.

### Congestion charges

Congestion charges for motorists should be supported in principle, but only if public transport was up to scratch to provide commuters good options besides driving private vehicles, Devonport-Takapuna Local Board members decided. Their feedback will go to Auckland Council, which is responding to a parliamentary select committee.

### Hui needed to sort out park naming

Four thousand dollars is being set aside by the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board for hui with iwi to get the dual naming of parks back on track. Auckland Council's Te Kete Rukuruku programme of adding Maori names to its reserves to recognise mana whenua and history became bogged down last year, after Ngati Whatua said it deserved

more weight than a number of other iwi. A hui is to be held with all iwi with an interest in the area, in the hope of getting the work on track locally.

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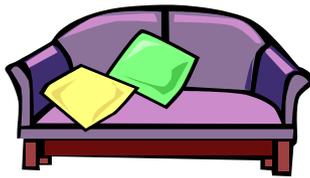
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# Rocking his moves on runway

Takapuna Grammar student Rocco Conaghan likes to stay on his toes for opportunities. The keen 15-year-old dancer is planning to give modelling a go as part of the volunteer crew bringing Devonport's Fashion on the Wharf show alive this month.

"I love the stage and performing," he says. Rocco is quietly confident he won't be too worried about appearing before an expected crowd of 250 people and says "it's just to gain experience".

It's already been a character-forming year for the Year 11 student, who made the national news headlines over the summer holidays for saving the life of a five-year-old at the Miranda Holiday Park. He was at the park's pool with friends on 4 January when one noticed the girl floating in the water face down. A man pulled her out and Rocco calmly stepped up amid the panic to perform CPR. His ability to do so was thanks to a first-aid course he had taken in preparation for teaching younger dancers.

Dance is also what got him involved in Fashion on the Wharf, which takes place on 20 May. "I'm a dance club teacher at Vauxhall Primary and the teacher there recommended me. I said: 'Sure thing'."

Rocco figures he will be in good hands, working with others who have been involved before in the popular event, which was not held last year due to Covid-19 lockdowns.

Around 40 volunteer models will wear the clothes and accessories of local businesses in what is usually a sell-out evening staged by the Devonport Business Association. At least 25 volunteers will work behind the scenes.

Business Investment District (BID) manager Shauly van Baaren says tickets are already selling fast. Ten per cent of the money raised goes to the Dress for Success charity, which equips people with clothes and a support service to help them in returning to the workforce.

Rocco is not entirely a novice to the runway, having two years ago participated in



Runway ready... Rocco Conaghan

Takapuna Grammar's own fashion show.

He belongs to a group called Encore Theatre, based in Remuera, and is rehearsing for its performance of *Seussical The Musical*, coming up next month. Rocco says the challenge of musical theatre is that it demands performance skills other than dance.

He began dancing at nine, with a group called Pocket Rockets, based in Stanley Bay, learning contemporary, hip hop and jazz dance styles.

Like many teenagers, Rocco is grappling with what his future might involve, saying: "I'm really passionate about musical theatre, but think should I do something a bit more secure, like medicine or law."

Of the rescue, he says he gets asked about it quite often and it had a big impact. A happy reunion with the girl he saved and her family took place in February. "It definitely hasn't left my mind yet."

• Tickets to Fashion on the Wharf range from VIP packages, including a meal at Devon on the Wharf, through to various categories of seating – some including a goody bag for guests – and standing-room entry.

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## Arts outreach builds on beauty of wood

Plans are afoot to tour the Wood Sculpture Symposium.

Large carved pieces are shown each year at the Lake House Arts Centre in Takapuna, but now the centre is seeking to share the artistry with other venues.

Lake House manager Grae Burton outlined his ambitions to the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board, which is one of the centre's backers.

Early interest has been shown by Estuary Arts in Orewa, but other venues are sought for a selection of the works.

One suggested is the Takapuna public space at 38 Hurstmere Rd.

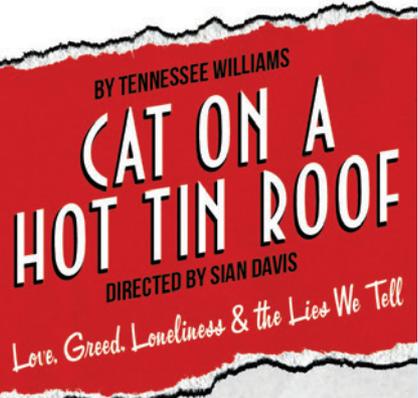
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A new initiative - the Thursday 10.30am **Seniors Morning Tea** - is gaining popularity with a free tea/coffee and biscuit supplied by the Vic with the movie ticket. The next two films, to be shown are *Land* (6 May) and *James and Isey* (13 May).

A one-off screening of *Turn of the Screw* by writer, producer, director Alex Galvin will be shown on 16 May with producers in attendance for a Q&A session afterwards.

## LIVE!

The Live At The Vic series is taking shape with some great acts confirmed for this year. First up is the Julie Lamb Outfit, an eight-piece funky pop group on 21 May - tickets only \$12.50

Others lining up include The Wonderfish Collective (26 June), Lead Zipline, a Led Zeppelin tribute band with an international line-up of musicians (2 July), the Auckland Jazz Orchestra CD release show with Caitlin Smith (30 July) and Auckland ensemble **The Acetones**, who will perform their Kiwi brand of Jamaican Tunes (20 August).

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Get dressed up for an eclectic, brassy evening of entertainment this Saturday 8 May. Music For Our Mothers is an annual concert hosted by North Shore Brass (pictured above) to celebrate North Shore mothers.

The evening affair at the Spencer on Byron Hotel in Takapuna will include cabaret-style seating in the ballroom, snacks, drinks and live performances from the award-winning band, conducted by Harmen Vanhoorne, with featured soloists, and from the North Shore Brass Academy Band, led by Andrew Leech.

"Our audiences adore the cabaret style," says North Shore Brass president Owen Melhuish. "They love listening to great music in the relaxed atmosphere."

North Shore Brass is the largest musical organisation on the Shore and works with schools, including Takapuna Grammar (TGS) and both Westlake Boys and Girls. Its members range in age from 8 to 80. Among

them is TGS old boy, David Paligora, who was introduced to brass at school and now teaches others.

As well as playing with North Shore Brass, Paligora is a member of the National Band and has performed with the Auckland Philharmonia and New Zealand Symphony Orchestras.

North Shore Brass dates back to 1921. The academy band began in 2013, with a handful of members, and has since expanded to more than 40 musicians who regularly play in community concerts and competitions, including this annual tribute. Brass and percussion players practise in a band room on Taharoto Rd, Takapuna.

On 25 April, the North Shore Brass band also led the Anzac Day parade up Lake Rd to The Strand war memorial in Takapuna.

- Music for Our Mothers runs from 7pm to 9pm, with tickets (including for tables) available on Eventfinda.

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## NORTH SHORE SCHOOLS COMPETITION



# Young actors in fresh take on classic play

Amalia Schroeder can't wait to get her claws into the key role of Maggie 'The Cat' in the classic Tennessee Williams play *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*.

Playing the iconic character is one of the "most delightful challenges a young actress could be tasked with," she says. "It is a lot of fun to bring out Maggie's embodiment of both the elegant beauty of a cat, and 'cat-tiness', and desperation for affection from her gorgeous but disinterested husband."

Schroeder, aged 22, is counting down to the show opening in her first part with Company Theatre. The classic American play of greed, deceit, repressed love and sexual desire and is made into a movie starring Elizabeth Taylor and Paul Newman. It opens next week at the Rose Theatre, Belmont, directed by Sian Davis.

Aleksandr Staprans will play the unfulfilled Maggie's husband Brick, alcoholic son of family patriarch Big Daddy. The US-trained actor, 28, and now living in Auckland, is making his New Zealand stage debut.

Eight adults and four children make up the cast, with the children alternating nights. The two boys, Arlo Brodie and Arlo Collins, are pupils at Belmont Primary School. The other two child performers are sisters Jemima and Madeleine Park.

*Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* is the local group's first production this year, after a lockdown-disrupted 2020, which nevertheless still allowed for the celebration of Company's 40th anniversary.

During rehearsals, Schroeder has been bringing to life the flowing language of Williams' script in an old-school southern accent.

"The play gives me the wonderful experience of connecting with an incredible



**New leads... Amalia Schroeder and Aleksandr Staprans team up to intensify the stage in Company Theatre's latest production**

cast of performers, and truly riding the rollercoaster of emotions through the course of the single hot Mississippi night it is set in," she says.

"Once the lights are up, you're on the

hot tin roof, and there's no jumping off!"

*Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* runs from 15 to 29 May, including matinees. Tickets are available from \$20, at [www.iticket.co.nz](http://www.iticket.co.nz)



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