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Controversial development sites for sale

A contentious plan to build 48 units on several Lake Rd sections seems up in the air, with the sites now up for sale.

The property at 209, 211 and 2/227 Lake Rd, opposite Takapuna Grammar School, has been listed for sale by a tender that closes on 8 July.

Combined, the land totals more than

5000sqm and is being marketed as "an absolutely ideal spot to reap the benefits of developing".

Owners of the property have twice submitted development plans for the land to Auckland Council.

The most recent was for five three-storey blocks, with the dwellings ranging from

43sqm to 108sqm. The size of the development shocked neighbours and other residents who feared it would lead to greater congestion on Lake Rd.

Auckland Council was unable to provide the status of the latest application before the Flagstaff went to press.

Bakery turns away blind woman and guide dog



Sour taste... Blind woman Lisa Reid and her guide dog Romy were ordered out of a bakery at Hauraki Corner, leaving Reid in tears. Story, page 3.



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Dumb and dumber... smart poles flunk data-sharing

An Auckland Transport (AT) trial of new technology at Devonport's Marine Square has stalled because the organisation cannot access the "smart pole" technology.

The Flagstaff had sought an update on the trial and its results – including the number of uses of electric vehicle (EV) chargers – under the Official Information Act.

AT said: "In relation to your request for information about electronic monitoring and EV chargers, we have had to refuse this part of your request... as the information does not exist."

"Unfortunately, the third-party supplier who installed these smart poles has recently gone out of business.

"This means that AT currently has no access to the data captured by the smart poles, and we are currently working through options for regaining access to this data."

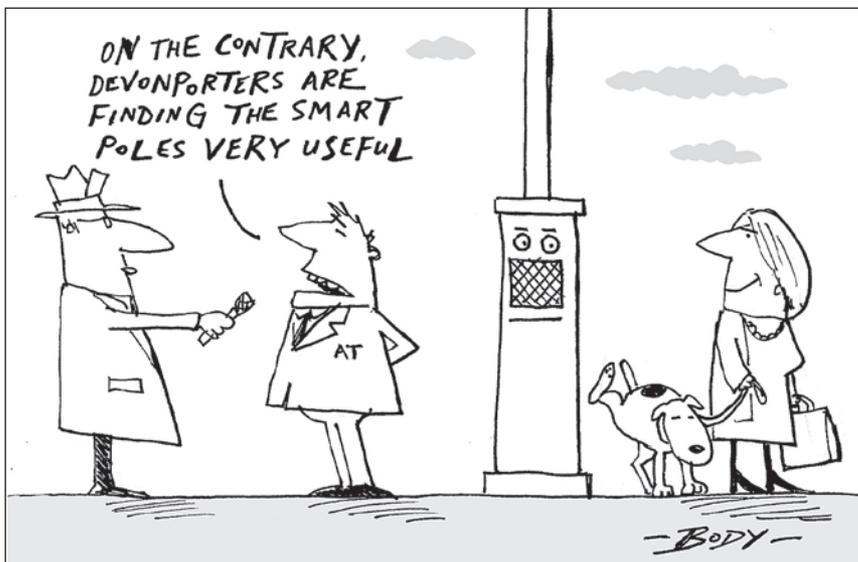
The only data AT has accessed is how much power each of the poles has used. Since the two smart poles with EV chargers were installed in Devonport in 2019, they have used 11,639 kWh and 4,504 kWh respectively, a total of 16,143 kilowatt hours (kWh).

The cost of the Smart Poles project, including the physical infrastructure, was \$153,000, of which \$75,000 was funded by a grant from the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority.

AT told the Flagstaff in July 2020 that it was one year into a five-year trial of this technology and it would be reviewed annually.

The trial aimed to give AT a better understanding of how people in the area "integrate and transition" between various transport modes."

"We call the poles 'smart poles', as all available technology can be contained on the same pole," AT said.



The technologies that could be trialled included:

- parking sensors to better understand the car park's utilisation rate
- environmental sensors to capture information such as air quality
- Counting sensors to understand pedestrian and cyclist movement in the area
- smart lighting that responds to need

• electric-vehicle charging stations to encourage the use of low-emission vehicles.

On a brighter note, the Italian light bulbs and holding mounts at Marine Square have not required any ongoing maintenance or replacement since their installation.

These were the subject of some contention when their importation held up the Marine Square construction project.

Church sale proceeds to stay local

St Luke's Catholic Church in Bayswater has been sold, with housing expected to be constructed on the 3142 sqm site.

Catholic church authorities are refusing to reveal the price paid for the property last month, but say the sale proceeds will stay in the local parish. "It is the intention of the purchaser to develop housing on the site of the former St Luke's," said Auckland diocesan general manager James van Schie.

St Luke's is in the St Joseph's Takapuna

Parish (which includes St Vincent de Paul, Milford). "The terms of the April/May sale are subject to confidentiality clauses. But the full proceeds belong to the Parish of St Joseph's Takapuna and will be used to support much-needed upgrading to those parish facilities in Takapuna, as well as other Catholic initiatives as determined by the Parish," van Schie said.

The history of St Luke's church will be recognised by a plaque.



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Fruit In Season

When we started UGLYS last year one of the main goals was to be able to make use of and encourage people to eat fruits in season.

As it was August it was the height of the citrus season so there was a large variety to choose from. Looking ahead we were a bit concerned that some months there wouldn't be much on offer but we have been pleasantly surprised that in fact just about every month there is something ripening!

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Blind woman and dog ejected from bakery

A spontaneous decision to buy a pie for dinner ended with a legally blind Bayswater woman in tears when she and her guide dog were shoed out of a Hauraki bakery.

"I was balling my eyes out," Lisa Reid told the Flagstaff after the incident on Tuesday last week. "No one deserves to feel like that."

With her two-year-old guide dog Romy leading the way, Reid had been shopping at the Countdown supermarket in the same block, when she decided to pick up a pie from the Holiday Bakery.

She entered the bakery from the rear car park. When she emerged from the passage into the main shop, Reid says she was met with: "Go outside, go outside with your dog."

Reid spoke up, saying she could not see and was legally able to have her dog with her. She says this was met with, "Yes, yes, just leave".

Reid exited, but not before saying she would be in a touch with a letter outlining her rights.

"It's breaking the law, it's against the Human Rights Act," she says.

It was also hurtful and meant her day was "crap" afterwards. "You never get used to it," says Reid of the pain such incidents cause. "I couldn't have a pie for dinner – because I'm blind."

The couple in the bakery, who declined to give their names to the Flagstaff, say they did ask Reid to take her dog away from the counter. They also replied that they knew guide dogs were allowed in shops. A sign on the bakery wall says: "No dogs (except guide dogs)".

"I knew, I understand," the woman said. "But I'm not happy to keep the dog."

She said they had offered for the man to hold the dog in the passage, while Reid was at the counter. Reid says she did not hear this.

When the Flagstaff asked why the couple would not allow the dog to be with Reid at the counter, as was her right, they were reluctant to explain the reasoning. They mentioned cleaning and that Reid had been focusing her attention on the dog, rather than food selection.

After leaving the store, an upset Reid rang Blind Low Vision NZ's guide-dog services for advice, before heading home.

The organisation confirmed to the Flagstaff that it had written a letter to the Holiday Bakery last Thursday. It would follow up with a call to ensure the bakery owners were clear on their legal obligations under both the Human Rights Act and the Dog Control Act, which made provision for guide dogs.

Guide-dog operations manager Wendy Mellberg-Haecker said educating retailers was its main aim with such interactions.

"We have to be aware there are many different cultures here in New Zealand and in some cultures dogs are seen differently."

But the job was to ensure that people understood what New Zealand law required.

To ask someone to separate from their dog was not lawful, she said. "You wouldn't take a cane away from a blind person and a dog is



Ordered out... Lisa Reid says she was told to leave Holiday Bakery with her dog Romy

the same thing." Such cases were upsetting for the person concerned, who should expect to be treated fairly and equally.

Reid says she encountered a similar poor reception at the same bakery more than a decade ago, but that her decision to visit this time was unrelated to that. She says she ventured in on the spur of the moment and that she has no idea if the store was still under the same ownership. "I thought after 13 years it would be all good."

The previous time that she was asked to leave she put it down to ignorance, with staff not understanding the law. She did not complain publicly about her treatment then, but this time she says she felt the attitude she encountered was very condescending.

"It's a personal thing for me in terms of wanting to follow this through," she says. "For me as a person, and also for standing up for people with differences everywhere."

The couple confirmed to the Flagstaff they had been in the bakery for around 20 years.

They said they had seen Reid browsing the store in the past couple of years. She says she has not been there with a guide dog in recent years and cannot remember visiting. The couple told the Flagstaff they had to get on with their work, adding: "The lady can come back now"

Reid says she would not want to. The mother of a 19-year-old university student, who is herself studying psychology at AUT, says she does not want to be seen as a victim and neither should she have to be a crusader, but bad attitudes need to change.

Reid lost her sight due to a brain tumour at

Briefs

Time is money

Nearly \$5000 has been spent maintaining the Alison Clock in Marine Square in the last four years, says Auckland Transport (AT).

AT maintains three public clocks in Devonport – The Alison Clock, the Melrose Clock, at the corner of Victoria and Albert Rds, and the Watson Memorial Clock (on King Edward Pde).

In response to an inquiry from the Flagstaff under the Official Information Act, AT said \$4868.36 has been spent since 2017 on repairs to the Alison Clock. Of this, \$1859.00 was for repairs to the power-supply cable.

No repairs or maintenance has been required on the other two clocks in the past 12 months.

Marina application on hold

The resource consent application for the 110-dwelling development at Bayswater Marina is currently on hold, Auckland Council said last Friday.

Council is awaiting further information from the applicant, Bayswater Marina Ltd, a council spokesperson said.

No date for Gull opening

Petrol bowsers have been installed at the new Gull service station on Vauxhall Rd, Cheltenham, however an opening date has yet to be confirmed. Gull is waiting for a gas-line relocation to complete the facility, a spokesman said.

TGS main-block tours

Community guided tours of Takapuna Grammar's recently refurbished main block will be held on Saturday 19 June, from 9.30–11.30am.

Parking will be available on the basketball courts to the left of the main driveway.

North Shore Chatham Cup match on Saturday

A large crowd is expected at Allen Hill Stadium on 19 June when North Shore United takes on Eastern Suburbs in the third round of the Chatham Cup. Kick off is at 2 pm. North Shore has won the national soccer knockout competition five times, the most recent in 1986.

the age of 11. She has no vision from her right eye, while that from her left eye is comparable to "looking down a straw".

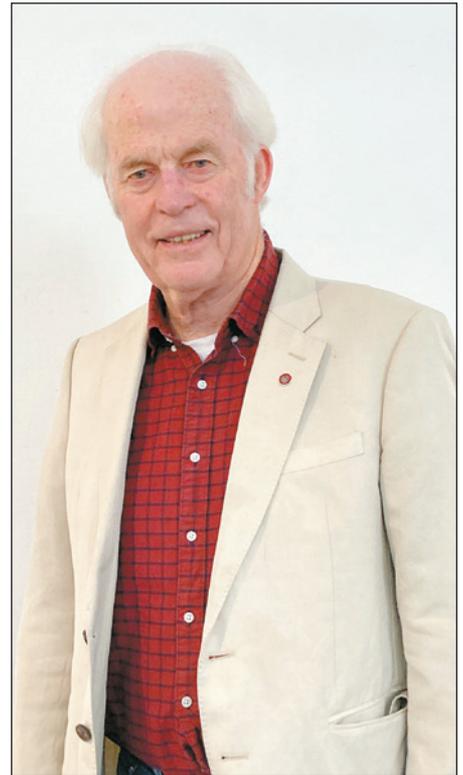
Generally, she is treated well, she says, singling out the bakery's near neighbour in the Hauraki shopping strip, the Village Butcher, as being particularly welcoming to her and Romy.

Food smells appeal to the thoroughly trained dog, her third from Guide Dog Services, making Reid joke in retrospect that being taken out of the bakery probably left Romy just as upset as her, thinking: "Mum, where's the pie?"

Keen collector shares passion for photography



Home is where the art is... Grant Kerr is a passionate supporter of New Zealand art, with a large collection of photographs by Peter Peryer, including his iconic image of a dead cow



Stanley Bay art patron Grant Kerr is offering Devonport the visual treat of a glimpse into his private photography collection.

Photography buff Grant Kerr says he caught the collecting bug as a child, starting with stamps at age eight, before moving on to prints and paintings in his student days studying law at the University of Otago.

Over the decades since, he has had “great fun” amassing one of the best private collections of New Zealand photography.

They Were Young Once is a selection of key works from the walls of his CBD office and his Stanley Point apartment, now on show at the Depot Artspace, as part of the Auckland Festival of Photography.

From Peter Peryer – who Kerr describes as the “grandfather of contemporary New Zealand photography” – come floral studies and unsettling juxtapositions in the landscape that even non-gallery goers may recognise.

These include *Dead Steer* (1987) showing a bloated carcass beside a country road, and “one that everyone likes particularly” of a slide descending into Lake Rotoiti. *Angel Wings*, a close-up of tropical foliage, and *Tulips* are also both on show.

“Peryer’s very good at flowers,” notes Kerr, adding: “My wife, Maggie Barry, tells me he is.”

He says the former North Shore National Party MP and cabinet minister (who had an earlier career as a broadcaster, including hosting *Maggie’s Garden Show* on television) says of tulips that “they’re one of the few flowers that die elegantly”.

The *Dead Steer*’s demise is more challenging. In the 1990s, it prompted then Minister of Agriculture John Falloon to decry its inclusion in an exhibition travelling to Europe as bad publicity for the country’s meat trade.

Kerr, who accompanied Peryer on four road trips, got to know him in the late 1990s while they were both living in New Plymouth. He learned a lot from conversations with the “exacting” artist, which led to his collecting focus shifting. “He talked to me about it [photography] and I got fired up,” says Kerr. “He wasn’t overtly a New Zealand photographer, but it was about his experience of living in New Zealand.”

Photography was also a more affordable interest, in that works by the best photographers sell for a fraction of that of top painters.

Peryer, who died in 2018, once lived in Devonport, but Kerr himself has only been



Floral fantasia.... Tulips by Peter Peryer is among a rotation of works collector Grant Kerr has propped up at home or in his city office-gallery

here a decade or so after his planned two years in New Plymouth turned into 32.

He was a founder of the Taranaki Arts Festival and also was involved in “snatching Womad from Auckland”.

Kerr took himself to Taranaki to use his law degree “before it was too late”. After his Dunedin days, when he flatted with artist Grahame Sydney, he had been diverted to London for three years, using it as a base to play international chess semi-professionally.

“I spent a lot of time in art galleries, because they were warm.”

Travel, taking in some galleries, was the plan for Kerr and Barry until Covid-19 struck. Instead they are renovating, with Barry working on a Master of Creative Writing as well.

Although in later years Kerr, now in his 70s, has bought a few prints by noted international photographers – helped by his daughter Imogen, who works for Christie’s auction house – his heart remains in New Zealand collecting.

Peryer makes up the bulk of his collection of around 300 “keeper” photographs, along with 50 or 60 works by Laurence Aberhart. Marti Freidlander, Anne Noble, Fiona Pardington and Yvonne Todd are among others represented.

With the zeal of his boyhood stamp-collecting, Kerr is always on the lookout to fill the odd gap in his line-up.

“I’m addicted of course,” he acknowledges. As to what might happen with the collection eventually, he is cagey, but notes that “we have to get a culture of philanthropy in there”.

‘Accident waiting to happen’ on Lake Rd



Community action... Peter Smales is working to make bus transport safer for TGS students

A concerned resident is working with Takapuna Grammar School (TGS) to prevent “an inevitable accident” for students using a Lake Rd bus stop after school.

Peter Smales moved to his home on the corner of Lake and Eversleigh Rds on 1 March last year. Once the Covid lockdown lifted, he would see a huge bottleneck of students catching northbound buses at a stop outside his house.

“Kids were backed up and spilling out onto the road... I was really concerned for them ... some sort of accident was inevitable.”

Smales has built a small fence and garden along his boundary to give a sense of uniformity so the kids would line up better for buses. And most days he’s out on the street making sure

they do. More than 150 students use the bus stop after school each day, crowding onto a footpath just over one metre wide.

The answer is easy, says Smales. Buses should pick up the students from turning bays outside the school in St Leonards Rd. That way students don’t have to cross a road to the bus stop and are under no threat from Lake Rd traffic. “One moment’s lack of concentration and there would be major injuries to these kids... I don’t think parents know how dangerous the situation is.”

The risks are appreciated by TGS as well. It now has two deputy principals at the bus stop every afternoon making sure the students are safe.

Deputy principal Jake Lamb, who was at the scene when the Flagstaff visited last week, agreed that a St Leonards Rd bus stop to collect the students travelling north seemed an obvious answer.

TGS has raised its concerns with Auckland Transport, which is investigating.

In the meantime, the school has contacted the bus provider, which has changed its timetabling so the students aren’t waiting long for the after-school pick-up.

A team of deputy principals safeguarding the stop has been operating for around three months. “It’s a perfect storm – intersections, a lot of students crossing the road, and a large volume of cars,” Lamb said.

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Ship ahoy at new-look Montgomery Reserve

Plans for a nautical-themed playground at Montgomery Reserve in Belmont will continue a tradition, and also widen choice for children.

A wooden ship will be centre stage of replacement equipment set upon a rubbery surface, coloured blue and beige to denote the sea and sand. It will include climbing walls and nets, a rope bridge, and tunnels.

Swings, slides, a flying fox, in-ground mini-trampolines and a natural area with stumps and poles will also take the place of rotting and corroded gear considered near the end of its useful or safe life.

The new playground's budget is \$380,000, with Auckland Council keeping costs in check by using its Community Facilities department's in-house design and project-management teams.

Plans outlined to the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board at a workshop last week were welcomed by board members. They incorporate feedback gathered from the community last year, which included calls for more shade, seating and picnic areas.

The existing playground on Montgomery Ave features a boat. This was used as a starting point for the design concept, along with the site's proximity to the sea and former Navy housing.

Of the 108 feedback responses, around a quarter wanted to see the park keep a boat theme. Almost as many people called for shade, which will be delivered by two new shade sails over equipment, positioning more seating under existing trees and planting more trees.

"This looks absolutely jolly fantastic," said board chair Ruth Jackson.

Board member Toni van Tonder, who used the playground when her children were younger, was particularly keen to see the theme expanded further. She suggested it would be a great opportunity for the board to incorporate teo, by using words such as 'moana' spelled out on the blue play base and 'inga' near a planned rocker shaped like a fish.



Casting off... A graphic impression of the new playground planned for Montgomery Reserve in Belmont

"I'm really excited for future families in the Belmont and Bayswater areas," she said. "What you've got here is an amazing playground that is going to be really joyful for a lot of young people."

The design is among efforts being made to deliver more challenging and appealing play spaces suited to a wider range of ages.

While equipment in smaller spaces is often standardised, increasingly more individualised design is being looked at where budgets and sites allow. Although some community wishes can't always be accommodated due to the cost of running in services such as pipes for toilet blocks or water fountains.

Board members were told an assessment was being made of toilet-block needs in reserves in the board area. If Montgomery Reserve made the list for eventual funding, a water-fountain installation could be considered, though the work was outside the scope of current budgets.

The reserve playground is one of the few high on the list for renewal in Devonport-Taka-

puna.

Discussions about it also touched on the future of an existing petanque terrain that council officials acknowledged had not been well maintained. "Petanque was a fad," observed member Aidan Bennett, although Jackson said it was good to have something for older park users.

Member Jan O'Connor suggested a basketball hoop for older children, but member George Wood said this had not been consulted upon with the community and would change the character of the park, possibly attracting teens into the evening. Jackson said school courts filled the need. The petanque area will remain.

The Community Facilities team will tweak the seat-positioning design in response to board members' views, including for at least one picnic table to be on firm ground to make it accessible for those in wheelchairs. The final plan will come back for approval at the board's July meeting.

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Tackling the PM pays off for United duo

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern hit the back of the fundraising net for North Shore United Football Club last week – without kicking a ball.

North Shore’s club manager Donna Gustaffson and football development manager Ryan Ward were working their way around Devonport last Friday morning, drumming up sponsors for the club’s quiz night, when they went into Correlli’s cafe.

“As I walked in, I saw two well-dressed guys who looked me up and down – then I noticed they had ear pieces in their ears,” said Gustaffson.

“Then I saw Jacinda and [partner] Clarke [Gayford] sitting in the window seat having breakfast.”

Gustaffson felt they should be left in peace, but Ward approached them soon after as they were walking down the street, asking if they had anything they could sign or donate for the auction.

They had nothing with them, but Ardern stepped into Paradox Books, bought a biography of herself by Madeline Chapman, and signed it on the spot.

It will be auctioned with other items at a club quiz night on 26 June.

One of Ardern’s security officers took a photo to prove it all happened.

“It was just so cool... such a generous thing for her to do,” said Gustaffson, especially as Ardern had already purchased a book from Paradox earlier.



Cheeky shot... Jacinda Ardern at Paradox Books with Donna Gustaffson and North Shore football development manager Ryan Ward

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By Rob Drent

The surprise over Wayne ‘Buck’ Shelford’s knighthood wasn’t so much that he received the award, but the media reaction to it: front page of the *New Zealand Herald* and lead item on television news channels.

Sports channels and rugby shows were full of Buck and replays of his memorable moments as New Zealand’s only undefeated All Black captain – and the man who played on in a test match with a stitched-up scrotum.

Then there were the predictable outpourings on social media.

Buck was well and truly “brought back” in the nation’s thoughts and minds.

New Zealand, as far as I perceive, doesn’t have an overwhelming love of knighthoods and the honours system.

But Shelford struck a major chord: a reflection of the man himself and perhaps his time and place in history.

He was a kid from Rotorua who came to Auckland, joined the Navy and, through a lot of hard work, became an All Black.

Watching the Shelford clips, it was like flashing back to bygone area, where money and

mortgages were somehow secondary to a full life, a simpler age where rugby forwards took it up the middle and nobody ever passed to a prop.

After his playing career ended, the man who had demanded that his All Blacks teammates perform the ‘Ka Mate’ haka properly, carried his mana forward in other ways, leading by example through his battles with cancer and weight loss.

He never forgot the grassroots either, returning time and again to North Shore Rugby Club to run camps for juniors in the school holidays.

I saw Shelford play live a number of times for the All Blacks and North Harbour, but my favourite memory was when he turned out for North Shore’s Dad’s Army against the Barmy Army during the 2005 Lions tour of New Zealand.

The match was played at the sports field next to Fort Takapuna on Vauxhall Rd, and Shelford would himself admit he was a kilo or two above his top playing weight. He sensibly enlisted the help of fellow All Black Ian Jones, and together the pair dominated the match ensuring a Shore victory.

Shelford himself was all over the field, anticipating play, making drives, tackles and taking the high ball. Buck was mucking in with his mates. The Poms had no chance.

The idea of cycle shuttles across the Auckland Harbour Bridge, being promoted by the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board, is worth exploring. It’s a quick and easy way to get bikes across the harbour without the need for

a dedicated cycle bridge, which will take years to build and, like many other such ideas, may die on the planning table.

Whether the cycles-on-buses concept can get through the mountains of red tape at city hall – which seems to suffocate good ideas – is another matter.

The cycle/pedestrian bridge, while having its merits, smacks of a knee-jerk reaction by a government keen to get some runs quickly on the board.

Numerous reports have been written about the need for a regional transport strategy – from Taupo north – incorporating the best options for road, rail and ferry.

However, successive governments seem to have little appetite for a 100-year plan, which would also include various solutions to Auckland’s gridlock.

Is it time for some multi-party commitments, based on science and what has succeeded in overseas cities like Hong Kong and Singapore, which started introducing massive public transport infrastructure when they were about the same population size Auckland is at now?

‘I’ve been critical of the *Flight Support for Albatross* sculpture placed on Victoria Wharf. On a positive note, a thumbs up to the new Tāwhirimātea (God of weather) mural, which was welcomed to Devonport wharf last Friday. It’s highly appropriate for the setting, and a colourful addition to the village’s street art.

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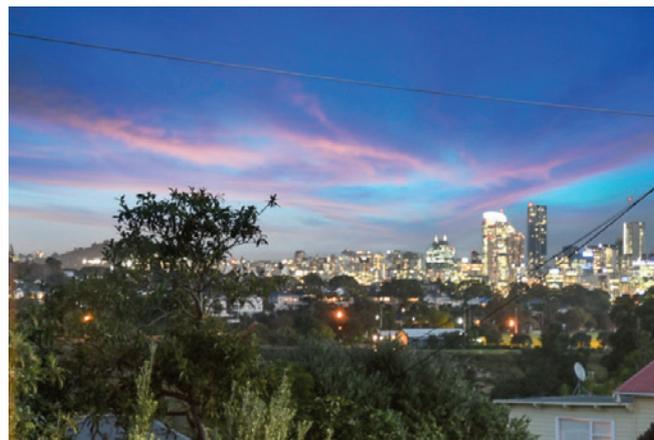
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Bikes on buses a quick-fire harbour-crossing solution – local board

Stripping seats from selected buses for bike commuters going over the Auckland Harbour Bridge has been suggested by the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board as a rapid way of testing cyclist demand.

The idea was put to the council's Planning Committee during the board's submissions this month on the draft Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP).

All local boards were given five minutes each to summarise their key feedback and table more detailed submissions before the committee puts its final version of the plan to the full council for approval.

Bike shuttles were a late entry to the board's list of its priorities, which also includes backing the Northern Pathway as the critical missing link in Auckland's cycle network.

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board chair Ruth Jackson told the Flagstaff, after appearing before the committee, that the bikes-on-buses proposals came after the Liberate the Lane rally and bridge ride last month. It is not included in the RLTP, but the board wanted to advance the idea.

The issue of cycle connectivity had gained impetus, she said, and had been highlighted by the ongoing problems of fitting bikes on ferry services. Though the government had approved a cycle bridge, "you can't wait 5 to 10 years," Jackson said.

If given the green light, Auckland Transport could have shuttle buses on the bridge route within a month or two.

Bike racks should also be installed on the fronts of buses, as was done elsewhere in New

Zealand, she said. This could happen, pending whatever designs were finally advanced by Waka Kotahi to the government to deliver longer term on its promise of a costly cross-harbour bridge for cyclists and pedestrians.

*"You can't wait
5 to 10 years" – board
chair on bike needs*

Kaipatiki Local Board also wants to see a bikes-on-buses trial. Jackson said both sets of board members would confer to see if they could advance a shuttle scheme.

In other key points highlighted to the Planning Committee, Devonport-Takapuna asked for the future of Bayswater ferry terminal to be assured, and for final design work on Lake Rd to recommence as soon as possible.

Bayswater terminal improvements are not in the RLTP, but the board sees the ferry route as a key part of the public transport network.

Lake Rd is in the plan and budgeted for from 2023.

In its more detailed submission points, the board said Belmont town centre (along with Milford centre, Taharoto Rd and East Coast Bays Rd), should be considered a high-frequency transport location eligible for funding from the existing Other Public Transport Minor Improvements budget.

Funding wanted for cycle link from Esmonde Rd to Francis St

The Devonport-Takapuna Local Board wants Auckland Council to dig into its ongoing cycling programme to help fund an Esmonde Rd to Francis St pathway.

This link would connect cyclists from Akoranga station and Takapuna to the Devonport peninsula. It would also help divert them from Lake Rd.

The board request was among its submissions on the draft Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP).

Board chair Ruth Jackson told the Flagstaff that getting the best route from Esmonde Rd, through the Amaia apartments development site to Francis St, was at stake.

Local sides take on Massey

Top-of-the-table North Shore rugby premiers are at home to Massey on Saturday, with kick-off at 2.45pm.

Shore had a 17-6 win over Marist last weekend to take its 2021 North Harbour championship season to 10 wins from 11 games.

Takapuna Grammar School (TGS) also plays Massey this weekend, in an away game. TGS is currently in fourth place for the season, after a 22-13 win over Rangitoto College last weekend. The secondary-schools competition is close however, with TGS and two other teams on equal points behind leaders Westlake Boys.



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TGS IB₁ students clean up St Leonards Bay



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

On 21 May, a small group of IB students walked the length of St Leonards beach to

pick up litter. It was not surprising that being the considerate country we are, there was not a surplus amount of litter for us to collect. However, we did leave with about a bag full of rubbish. Throughout the experience, we communicated as a group, pointing out various places that we could go through and clean up. We worked as a team, moving through tight spaces of rocks

that were full of waste that had washed up or been carelessly thrown away.

The experience was eye-opening in the sense that we often found pieces of rubbish that we never knew could end up on the beach — big shampoo bottles, large pieces of plastic etc. It felt rewarding leaving an area cleaner than we found it.

ANGEL JACOBSON

Choir Camp 2021

In preparation for the 2021 Big Sing National Choral Competition, over 100 students from Takapuna Grammar went to Choir Camp at Willow Park Christian Camp, Eastern Beach. From the 21st to the 23rd May, students spent all their time practising their singing, making memories and creating connections. One of the choristers perfectly summed up the camp: "Choir Camp was a great learning experience, not only for our singing, which was undoubtedly beneficial, but also where we bonded with others to collaborate and have fun. I think that Choir Camp is a place where many people can be themselves and just do what they are passionate about, singing!"

There is definitely an amazing culture around the school's choirs, and Choir Camp is the single most important

event for creating this atmosphere. Bonding over such an event brings all of the choirs closer together, positively impacting all the work that they do towards the competition and their performances.

Other students also had a lot of positive things to say about their experience at the camp.

"Choir Camp 2021 was an amazing experience where I formed long-lasting bonds with my peers, and grew and developed as a singer."

"Choir Camp, for me, was a massive learning experience where I was able to grow as both a singer and as a person."

This year's Choir Camp was another huge success and we can't wait for the next one!

**BY ALICE JONES
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Senior Speech Competition

The annual Takapuna Grammar School Senior Speech Competition took place on 28 May. Six senior finalist students competed in front of a Year 12 crowd. Each student had a very well-formed speech that was presented extremely well.

Lara Link talked about how social media presents fake and unreliable news. Jess Weston spoke about how families can take any form. Emma Mason talked about teenagers and their growing daily phone use. Amy Lee spoke about racism and how this has affected her. Maia Scott talked about how women's sport should be perceived as equal to men's. And finally, Rocco Conaghan spoke about the importance of learning first aid.

The competition was very close and with help from our judges, three winners were determined. Jess Weston took out first place, followed by Amy Lee in second and Lara Link in third.

Overall, the competition was executed well by Mrs Jenkins, and everyone who competed did very well and tried their hardest. We are all looking forward to seeing next year's competition.

BY GABRIELLA DELLABARCA

Radio man tunes in for early harbour crossings

Andrew Dickens leaves his Devonport home before dawn each day to host breakfast on the radio. He tells Helen Vause about his long career on the airwaves – and how getting serious about his health paid off.

Veteran broadcaster Andrew Dickens and his family moved across the harbour to live in Devonport just before lockdown late last summer.

For a short while, he enjoyed relative anonymity, exploring the local maunga and beaches and settling in happily. But everyone soon worked out he was that guy from radio.

And he didn't spend much time working from home in lockdown. The veteran broadcaster's work was considered an essential service.

Dickens and his partner, Helen, landed in a cul de sac where everyone was mostly home, waving out, chatting in a socially distanced way and taking care not to trip over each other in their comings and goings.

It's a friendly spot. Even while he chatted with the Flagstaff about his life and times in commercial radio, there was a knock at the door from a neighbour arranging welcoming drinks for another newcomer to the neighbourhood.

After decades in a rambling Ponsonby villa, the couple had decided to downsize, but wanted to be close to the city.

A big apartment in central Devonport was the answer – if they could avoid a daily battle with Lake Rd traffic.

Electric scooters were their first purchase. Dickens reckons they can whizz to the ferry in 30 seconds, cross the water and then shoot off anywhere else they want. A perfect solution, he says. "They're the way of the future."

Not that they help for his own commute. As breakfast host on radio station Gold, he has to drive over the harbour bridge well before dawn – and before the ferries start running – and is wrapping up on air just as the last of the commuters straggle into work.

At 58, Dickens has spent many years in broadcasting, mostly in commercial radio where it's best not to get too comfortable in case they drop the show, take your chair away or, one way or another, show you the door. Sometimes, of course, a broadcaster moves on because of a better offer.

Dickens says getting fired a few times and rolling with it is all part of a career that's taken him through many towns and stations and some stints overseas.

"Sometimes you would see the end coming, of course. These days, better contracts make it more secure but we're paid less," he laughs.

Covid also brought job losses and tightening media budgets, he notes.

Dickens jumped at the chance to host breakfast on Gold, when the station was launched last year, and he was able to hang on to a Monday-afternoon slot on Newstalk ZB.

He's been doing the early morning starts since last July, and says for an early bird like him getting up and off just after 4.30am on



Sweet ride... Andrew Dickens says scooters are the way of the future, though he needs his car for his pre-dawn commute

weekday mornings is a breeze.

Early nights work well in his household, he says, and occasional afternoon naps can cover the rest of the sleep deficit.

As you would expect of a radio host, Dickens can talk a mile a minute in sharp, witty style.

You can tell there could be plenty more words ready to tumble out if there's a story to be told, or repartee to engage in.

Dickens' flair with performance started with drama when he was a student at Auckland Grammar School.

When he headed to the University of Auckland to study law and science, his parents may have imagined their articulate son holding the floor in a courtroom one day.

But just weeks into his student days, someone lured him into campus radio station bFM. "I just loved it from the minute I walked in

the door. The buzz, the excitement of radio. That was it for me, I was hooked and that was pretty much the end of the studies," he recalls.

When the station was looking for a manager, the then 18-year-old leapt at the job, while continuing to work on air.

Not that he told his parents he'd flagged the studies and legal career in favour of a start in radio. They would hear about it soon enough.

"I instantly knew it was for me," says the broadcasting veteran of four decades.

He took jobs where he could find them. In his early 20s, there was the midnight-to-dawn shift in Hamilton.

He also had stints in Greymouth and Whanganui, before returning to Auckland to work for Radio Hauraki.

He found his way to a course in journalism at AUT, adding to his skills, and from there had a period with state broadcaster Radio New Zealand as a journalist and presenter. The cut and thrust, living-on-the-edge lure of commercial radio drew him back, however.

On his OE, he landed a job at an English-speaking station in Monaco and lived in the South of France for almost three years.

On returning to New Zealand, he eventually found the role that turned out to be 'the big one' for him at the time, doing breakfast at Classic Hits.

It became the top-rating music breakfast show, and he had 13 years in the chair until being 'let go' in 2010.

Dickens loves putting music to air but he also enjoys talk radio, thrashing out the issues

and making his opinions pretty clear.

He says it doesn't faze him when the screen in front of him lights up with multiple 'likes' 'hates' or 'right on mate'.

"One day you could overdo it and find yourself out. But I've reached the stage where I'm not afraid of that any more," he says.

"You get past being scared."

"I just loved it from the minute I walked in the door. The buzz, the excitement of radio. That was for me, I was hooked..."

But he is scared of cancer. At 40, he realised his was a high-stress life and that he wasn't bulletproof.

He asked his doctor to start a regime of annual health checks and although he was considered far too young to be worried about prostate issues, he ticked that test box too when he had a moment alone with the lab forms.

For years, there was nothing doing with the prostate. Until, one day in 2019, his doctor called him in to say the latest test indicated trouble could be brewing.

It was, and in November of that year Dickens had his prostate removed. It's all fixed now, he will tell you – and he will quickly flash the scars.

But this health experience gave him one of the frights of his life.

What if he hadn't been checking? His specialist told him the outcome could have been very different had the aggressive cancer been left undetected much longer.

"The unthinkable had just happened to me – we don't do cancer in my family."

What about all the men who might not be checking for prostate problems? Dickens decided he was just the guy to go very public on what had happened to him and he's lost count of how many men wanted to talk to him about their own scares and prostate stories.

He is passionate about the need for men to have regular health checks.

Looking forward, the radio legend says there is still plenty more mileage in him on air and maybe more opportunities lay ahead.

There have been many milestones along the way but one he particularly likes to retell is the meeting of his life partner Helen (and mother of their two grown sons) over 40 years ago, before that fateful leap into radio.

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Years of frustration leads to lack of engagement

I was disappointed to read in your 4 June edition that councillor Chris Darby expressed surprise at the few submissions received by Auckland Council about the sale of 3 Victoria Road and 2 The Strand.

I am sure the people of Devonport feel as dispirited as I do about the years of frustration and lack of support from both council and local board over this issue.

I have tried for 15 years to get 2 The Strand for community use.

This building was gifted, both land and money for construction, to the people of Takapuna. So in that sense, it does not belong to the council at all.

I have written to our councillors and to

the local board and I have appeared before the board, asking that when the sale goes ahead, the building is retained and not demolished.

I have correspondence from a senior planner saying that heritage protections on the building should prevent permission being granted for demolition. Only 'should' not 'will'.

Did councillor Darby think that a few people writing in or appearing waving placards would have made any difference?

These buildings are part of the streetscape of these two town centres. They are loved by many and should be retained for future use.

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Albatross sculpture 'truly awful'

I thought it extremely fitting that your article (Flagstaff, 4 June) for the new 'sculpture' on Devonport Wharf, ran on the same page as an ad for Uglys. It really is truly awful.

I wish ratepayers had been given a vote before that thing turned up, at our expense.

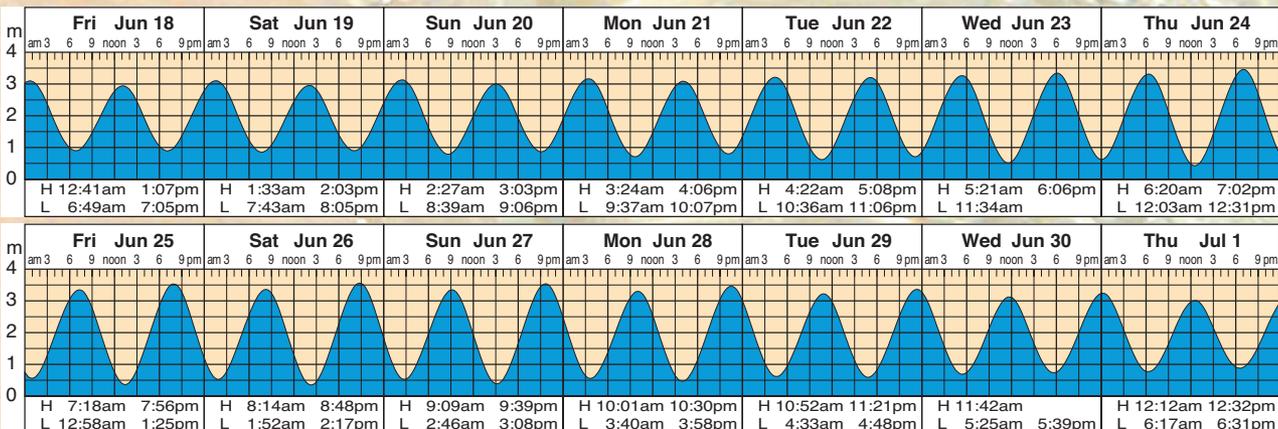
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Reduce cars? You're dreaming

It's healthy to see so much opinion on our main access route, the ferry system, and the buses, bikes, safety, etc., in the Flagstaff (Letters, 4 June).

Tom Robinson and Jan Mason both contributed some good ideas, and even Simon Sheen finally came forward with a fashionable idea to reduce and/or get rid of cars with his analogy on weight loss, and general mockery that's not useful in a healthy debate.

The idea of reducing cars sounds lovely as you romantically wander around in a dream state, but in reality that is devolution. We have evolved to be mobile and now, as we enter the inevitable electric world, things will change. This is in spite of the fact we don't have enough

electricity that can be generated without mass destruction to build more so-called clean generators needed for electric buses, ferries and cars.

Anyhow, Mr Sheen's declarations that some want a "superhighway" with more lanes, more cars, more fast food, etc., is a nonsense and certainly not my view.

Minor road widening would be for pedestrians and bikes, but not at the expense of vehicles and commerce.

If you don't take care of your local businesses, the town centre dies.

I'd not be surprised if Mr Sheen's family uses their car like most of us.

Using cars differently is a good idea, however. Peak congestion is caused by school

transport. When I was a kid, we walked, biked or bussed, but now many take the kids in the car, causing Auckland-wide mass congestion twice a day. Let's ban school drop-offs by car – teach the new generation to use the bus when practical.

There are also lots of kids taking cars to school, paid for by Mum and Dad, adding to the jam.

We mostly drive to shop, to dine out, to visit friends. If you were a hermit and friendless, you could ditch the car.

I say we let Mr Sheen redesign Lake Rd with AT. He can walk and bus everywhere as a fine example to the rest of us.

Ron Dykman

Selling Victoria Rd building won't make a dent in council debt

No 3 Victoria Road has been vacant for almost three years, and this is of great regret to local people.

There was a very positive joint application by the Depot, Devonport Museum, Devonport Rotary, Grey Power and the Devonport Volunteers to use the building for community purposes.

The hurdles placed in the way of this group included having to accept liability for public safety until earthquake-strengthening could take place.

This was daunting, and very unusual, as it is usually the building owner's responsibility, rather than the tenants'. Also puzzling, as the site's condition is no different from many others in Victoria Road, with time limits for seismic-strengthening some years away.

Sadly, an agreement with Panuku was not reached, and no other offers materialised.

As regards the quoted "low number of submissions" against the sale of this building (Flagstaff, 4 June), I suspect most people wouldn't have known which list, or which dense document it was buried in. This lack of specificity is ironic because council was instructed to consult, after a judicial review, as previous consultation processes were found to have been inadequate.

Auckland Council has tried for nearly three years to sell this building as their (our) debt level is a growing monster.

Selling this community asset won't make a dent: giving community groups space would increase the foot traffic, the viability and sustainability of Victoria Rd.

It's very sad that this building could have been in use, rather than standing empty for so long.

Trish Deans, Devonport-Takapuna Local Board member

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Checkmate: Stanley Bay School claims

Sixty-four pupils from Stanley Bay Primary and Devonport Primary Schools, competed in a Peninsula Schools Chess Tournament last Wednesday.

Organised by Chess Power and hosted annually by Stanley Bay School, the event provides a whole day of chess, with volunteer parent adjudicators and chess clocks, led by Chess Power coach Christoph Turner.

“It’s a great opportunity to focus, learn, and have fun,” says volunteer Catherine McNellan.

She’s been involved with the Stanley Bay School chess club for a number of years, pushing for more female students to get involved.

“It’s been very encouraging to see such a strong female turnout this year.”

Reflective of previous years, this year’s contest was tightly fought between the two participating schools, with the score tied at 20-all ahead of the final round.

Stanley Bay finally triumphed, 23½ to 22½. Its top four students will represent the school at an upcoming regional tournament.

“Chess has really been growing on the peninsula” says McNellan. “It only takes a few passionate kids to kick things off.”



**Overall individual winner
Ed Buisson-Hiriart, Stanley Bay**



**Top female competitor
Maisie Wu, Stanley Bay**

On the board... (from top) Zalt Van Loggerenberg, Devonport Primary; Alex Hawkey, Stanley Bay; Lisa Murata-Gutierrez, Stanley Bay

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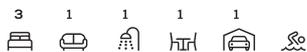
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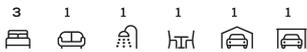
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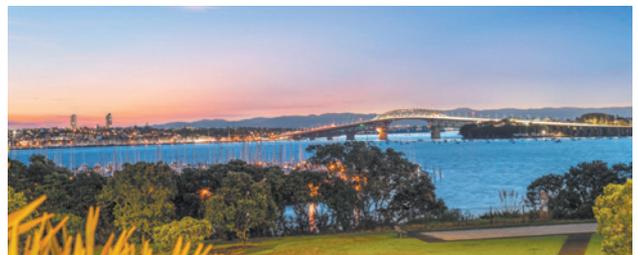
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Ryman village residents eager to get Covid shots

Long-time Devonport local Pat McKay says her Covid-19 vaccination was “just a pin prick”.

The sprightly 89-year-old – who used to lead the Devo Walkers group and still regularly joins their outings – was among the first people to have a shot administered locally, when Ryman’s William Sanders Retirement Village began its programme for residents this month.

Around 120 people were vaccinated on the first day, said village manager Murray Bain.

Residents were “beyond keen”, he said. Among those to get the first of two shots required were 58 people in the village’s care centre, along with its serviced-apartment dwellers, including McKay, and some staff.

Those living in independent units would be next in line, by mid-July, said Bain.

Meanwhile, older people in the community, who wish to have their Covid shots done by their GP, rather than at the North Shore’s only public vaccination centre in Birkenhead, are still waiting for a start date.

GP clinics that have applied to be vaccinators have yet to be given the go-ahead by health authorities. This would widen the number of health professionals who can administer to those aged over 65, or with health conditions, ahead of a wider public rollout in the second half of the year.

After the jab, McKay sat with fellow apartment resident Beverley Page, aged 85, who told the Flagstaff: “I never even felt it.”

Page, who moved into the village from Milford two years ago, has a daughter in England. Although her primary reason to get the vaccination was for protection, she does have in mind a possible trip.

Bain said the proactive Ryman programme included vaccinating staff.

“It would have been nice to see it happen sooner, but we can only work as fast as the vaccination is available,” he said.



At the sharp end... Ryman resident Pat McKay received her first Covid-19 vaccination this month from nurse Laura Macdonald. Beverley Page (right) was also pleased to get her first shot.



Another retirement-village company, Metlifecare, also has its programme underway, including at The Poynton in Takapuna.

Oceania Healthcare, which runs Lady Al-lum in Milford, said it had not set a date for its vaccinations yet.

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Just keep moving, advises wellness practitioner

Holly Moss is at the forefront of a growing exercise movement, designed to keep older people active.

But it's gently done for the Devonport chair-yoga teacher, who specialises in helping those with limited mobility.

Working with people aged from their late 70s to late 90s, in both the community and in rest homes, has made Moss a firm believer that anyone can benefit from keeping up appropriate exercise.

"One man when he first came in had a walking stick, and now he doesn't use one any more," she says.

Seeing the transformation that exercise can bring, especially when allied with sound breathing techniques and good nutrition, underpins her teaching.

But it was lockdown last year that inspired Moss to commit her expertise to paper, leading to the recent publication of her first book, *Chair Yoga and Nutrition for Seniors*.

"Quite a few of my yoga students contacted me and said they wanted to do some chair yoga and they didn't remember what to do," recalls Moss.

She began photographing family members performing routines designed to improve mobility and balance. The step-by-step exercises are suitable for beginners, or those who just want a guide for do-it-yourself at-home sessions. "Hopefully we don't have another lockdown, but it's perfect if we do."

The idea behind chair yoga is that older people's worries about balance and falling are taken out of the exercise equation.

"They're concerned about getting up and down off the floor at yoga classes. The chair takes that away." Exercises can be done while sitting, or the chair can be used as prop.

Moss says the popularity of chair yoga is growing fast and demand for teachers like her outstrips supply. She takes three classes a week in a large retirement village in Northcote and one at Devonport's Harmony Hall, but could easily do more if it were not for wanting to keep up her complementary nutrition practice.

As with nutrition, Moss got into chair yoga purely by circumstance rather than by design. After studying business in the UK and working as an analyst in Germany, she came to New Zealand intending to stay for a year. That was 21 years and two children ago.

When her now 18-year-old daughter was young, she was plagued by food intolerances. Finding help proved tricky, leading Moss to enrol to study nutrition at Auckland's Wellpark College of Natural Therapies 10 years ago. She went on to set up her own practice in Kerr St.

Later, Moss returned to the college to become a yoga teacher, an extension of having attended yoga classes herself over many years.

She found herself specialising in teaching seniors "completely by chance" in that the first yoga job she saw advertised was at AUT, on its Never Too Old programme.

"I'm really lucky to be doing what I'm do-



It's a stretch... Yoga teacher Holly Moss says she would like to spend more time at yoga herself, but between taking chair-yoga classes, her book and her business, she only gets to practise once or twice a week

ing," she says. "It's joyful."

Since writing her book, Moss has been involved in an Auckland Council programme, Live Longer and Stronger.

She launched the book at a well-attended event at Devonport Library and is keen to see as many libraries and rest homes as possible pick up on it.

Her message to older people is, essentially, use it or lose it. Those who are wheelchair bound, carrying an injury or suffering from stiffness, can be helped to do what they can. "You can work around it."

People have an appetite to know more about

how fitness and diet connect and she is regularly quizzed about this. "I always get asked about green tea."

Keeping moving and eating well is always worthwhile, says Moss. So is being open to learning, which she is inspired to see in older people, trying the likes of breathing, meditation and mindful movement.

"A lot of older people are not so aware, but they get it very quickly. They find it easier to slow down than some young people."

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AT lambasted for failing to engage

Auckland Transport (AT) officials left an improving-engagement session with a flea in the ear from the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board.

Key frustrations from the board members were a failure by AT to give them timely updates on roading projects and a lack of engagement with the community's safety concerns.

Examples of the latter were resident-driven suggestions to improve pedestrian safety on Vauxhall Rd, Devonport, and similar concerns about speed on Beach Rd, Castor Bay.

"AT could improve their community standing with a better response mechanism," said board member Aidan Bennett. "If the community comes with a problem and an idea there should be a better response."

In the case of Vauxhall Rd, residents had presented detailed and researched ideas. "I'm sure they went away from here and thought the council put them in the bin," said Bennett.

Even if the transport experts' answer to suggestions was a no, AT could make a better fist of how it communicated this, he said.

The need for more engagement on Lake Rd and discussions on the future of the Bayswater

Marina ferry lease were also raised by members George Wood and Toni van Tonder.

Board chair Ruth Jackson said the festering traffic problem at Castor Bay kept coming up at community meetings, yet its attempts to organise a site visit with AT and the local residents' association had been futile.

"You just have to stand there and watch and it's a problem waiting to happen," said Bennett. Jackson concurred, saying locals had learned to be really quick on their feet – "running across the road with their prams so they don't get run over".

Traffic-calming measures were being introduced in some areas, yet van Tonder said "all we've heard about is why we can't do it".

Jackson said she would like to see AT once more send an official to give monthly reports to board meetings. These had been stopped last year, when Auckland Council's review into council-controlled organisations (CCOs), including AT, had signalled the need for more and better engagement. This led to the session with the board early this month, one of a series with all local boards to advance the review's findings and discuss how better to work together.

AT's elected-member relationship manager Marilyn Nicholls, who was at the meeting along with representatives from other CCOs, said the monthly updates in person were stopped due to restructuring.

She maintained she still bombarded the board with lots of information. AT was genuine in its desire to engage, said Nicholls, and was looking at methods around this.

Jackson said a monthly report gave visibility of AT's work. The board wanted to know what was coming up, so it could share what was often good news with their community. "The most frequent questions we get are, 'Why is the road closed?', 'Why are there road cones here?'"

Watercare, Panuku and Auckland Unlimited also sent representatives (in person or by Zoom) to discuss engagement. The board's feedback was primarily that it wanted to be kept more in the loop.

Unlimited wants to streamline processes around major events and, through its Screen Auckland arm, do more around facilitating filming. Jackson said boards should not be cut out of giving landowner approval for this.

Well-known reserves in line for Maori naming

Eighteen parks and reserves have been nominated by the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board to be given Maori names. Among those on the peninsula are Narrow Neck Beach Reserve and Northboro Reserve in Hauraki.

The names will be used in tandem with English names, as part of a citywide Auckland Council programme to better recognise te reo and indigenous history.

The Te Kete Rukuruku programme's dual-naming strategy and new signage will be rolled out in phases.

The board narrowed down an initial selection of sites at a workshop session this month, with its shortlist yet to be confirmed at a full monthly meeting. This will then go to the council's Te Kete Rukuruku team, which will work with iwi to discuss and agree which parks will be named and by which iwi.

Mana whenua will then research and provide a name and narrative for the selected parks. It is expected that the names, once gifted, will be accepted.

"You don't lose an original [English] name. That name stays as is," explained local-board adviser Maureen Buchanan. Parks management would also be unaffected. Rather, the dual-naming project was about encouraging te reo use in everyday life, she said.

Beaches and bays are not included in the programme. Neither are reserves on Department of Conservation land, even if managed by Auckland Council, as is the case with Devonport Domain. The domain's naming is outside council jurisdiction.

Local-board member Trish Deans said she would love to see Torpedo Bay get a dual name

Dual names in the offing

The full list of dual-naming candidates from the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area includes these larger sites: Castor Bay Beach Reserve, Milford Beach Reserve, Narrow Neck Beach Reserve, Auburn Reserve and Quarry Lake Reserve (both in Takapuna), Sunnynook Park and Windsor Reserve (Devonport). Other reserves, listed by area: Milford – Nile and Seine Reserves; Forrest Hill – Knightsbridge and Linwood Reserves; Crown Hill – Marsh Reserve; Hauraki – Hauraki Corner Reserve and Northboro Reserve; Devonport – Balmain and Stanley Bay Beach Reserves; Belmont – Montgomery Reserve; Bayswater – Belmont Park.

*These board nominations may not all be accepted for dual-naming status and are also subject to formal board ratification.

to recognise its importance as a landing place for the Tainui waka, but it too falls outside the scope of the project.

Buchanan advised first putting forward sites the public would see as having some particular significance. From an earlier long list of around 30 possible sites, members picked larger well-known ones first, but dropped some that were more obscurely sited.

Board member Toni van Tonder said of one such spot: "It's not valuable enough for this important process."

Members sought to include a good geographic spread of reserves in their nominations, to kickstart Te Kete Rukuruku across the whole Devonport-Takapuna area. They included

Sunnynook Park in the north and Milford and Castor Bay Beach Reserves.

A notable dropping from the larger sites was Kennedy Park in Castor Bay, which encompasses the historic Rahapora Pa site. "We know this area is incredibly important to Maori history in our area," said van Tonder. Some other members were concerned, however, that the relationship of the pa land within the larger named park should be clarified and that the Rahapora name could be lost in any wider iwi dual renaming. "That's for them to deal with," pointed out van Tonder.

Buchanan advised members that if they were unsure for now it would be best to hold off. Nominations could always be put forward again later, she said.

Reserves named after individuals of local note (as distinct from overseas dignitaries) were mostly avoided in initial nominations, to prevent provoking any family or community sensitivities until the intent of the dual-naming programme is better understood.

Woodall Park was also dropped from the initial list, given Narrow Neck Beach Reserve opposite was already nominated.

The first phase of Te Kete Rukuruku in the local-board area has a budget of \$20,000 for 2021-22. One park per local board, across Auckland, will be chosen as a flagship of the programme, featuring more extensive interpretative signage. Others sites would receive their simple dual signage in the normal course of sign replacements, a council spokesperson said.

This and iwi availability to undertake the research meant the changes were unlikely to be seen on signs for some time, she added.

Grassroots Lake Rd campaigners vow to carry on

Auckland Transport (AT) may be “fobbing off” their ideas, but campaigners who want to ease congestion on Lake Rd say they aren’t giving up.

Devonport woman Sonali Geo, who organised a public meeting on 15 April and has since been presenting residents, suggestions to AT, says she is disillusioned, but not defeated.

“I don’t want it to fall into the background. It’s a pressing issue.”

With more infill housing on the peninsula, demand on the road would grow and planning needed to acknowledge this, she said. Yet AT’s \$52 million concept design for Lake Rd would do little to improve traffic flows, instead focusing on cycleways, pedestrian improvements and public transport.

Geo, a cyclist herself, says a multi-pronged approach is needed, but public-transport options do not work for a lot of people. People with two or three connections would be rising before dawn just to get to work. Some had told her they would have to leave home the evening before to get anywhere in time.

The public meeting proposed a number of ideas for AT to look at, including promoting a ride-sharing app, rat-run reduction measures, diverting school bus drop-offs to side streets and using minibuses for more frequent services to take commuters up Lake Rd and on

to public-transport hubs such as Akoranga bus station, which would make getting further afield easier and faster.

“AT assigned a case officer and we heard back it can’t be done,” Geo told the Flagstaff.

The group tried again – armed with rat-run drone footage shot by local Dave Casey – to push for a trial banning turns at some side streets. “They said it’s not possible and they won’t do it.”

North Shore councillor Richard Hills had assisted as an intermediary with AT, in passing on requests.

But Geo said it seemed AT had an agenda, regardless of what residents and ratepayers thought and experienced.

“I’m facing the reality that AT and the council do what they want to do. That is why we are very frustrated.”

Budgets were often cited as reasons that things could not be done, but Geo believes trialling small measures is achievable. Longer-term thinking is needed for transport generally, she says, pointing to the Government’s costly plan to build a cross-harbour cyclist and pedestrian bridge. A second crossing should include vehicles as well, she said.

For now, Geo will box on with the Lake Rd campaigning, despite feeling it’s not getting anywhere fast.



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Net success...

Top: At Ngataringa, Mala Krzanic-Sullivan (left) beat Geri Martin for the women's singles title, and Jake Thompson (left) beat Eddie Biss in the men's competition.

Above: At Belmont Park Racquets Club, Mayzie Mortimer was girls under-18 champion, and Gordon Chen (right) defeated runner-up Luke Bodle to take the men's singles title.



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Search on for missing rugby cartoons

North Shore Rugby Club is searching for historic cartoons that went missing in the 1980s.

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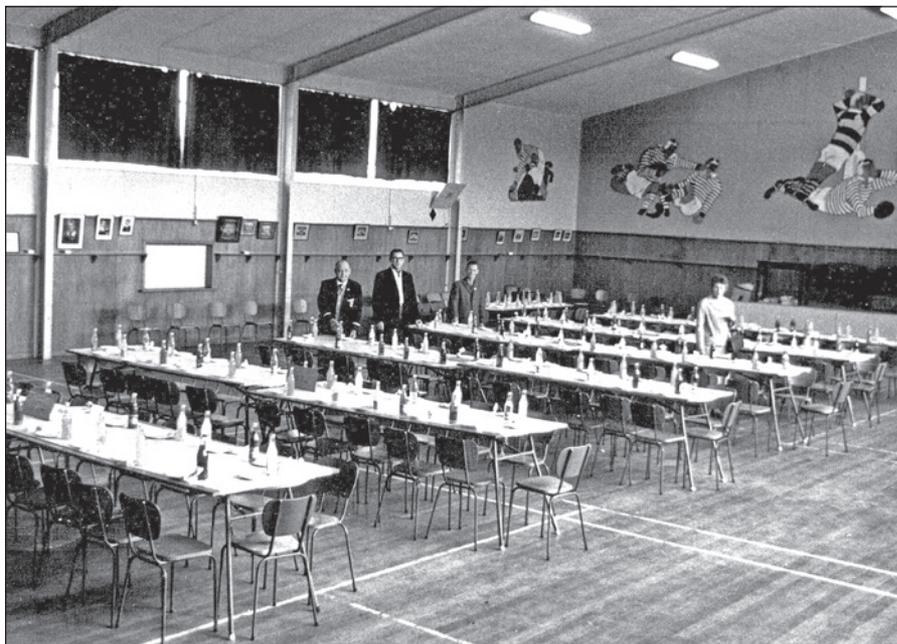
Journalist and former newspaper editor Jim Eagles, who is coordinating a book on the club's history, said the cartoons were put up in the 1970s "by the amazing Peter Lamont, a wonderful player, coach and administrator for the club, and they were a focal point of the hall".

The club, which is celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2023, hopes to be able to replicate the cartoons.

Only one photo exists of the cartoons, taken during the preparations for the club's centennial dinner in 1973.

"It would be hugely helpful if we could locate other photos of them or even the cartoons themselves," Eagles said.

If you have more information, contact Eagles at jimeagles45@gmail.com.



Rare photo from 1973... the only surviving image of the missing cartoons

THE NAVY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

NAVY HONES NEW DIVE CAPABILITY

You may not have seen much of HMNZS Manawanui, the dive and hydrographic vessel, around Devonport Naval Base lately.

That's because the ship has been in the Hauraki Gulf training its divers in a capability that involves a very large, square hole right through the centre of the ship.

Known as a 'moon pool', the hole brings sea level inside the ship. It means divers and devices can be lowered through the hole, rather than entering the sea from the side.

It's an extremely controlled process. The divers use a large 'wet bell' – a diving bell with two open sides – which is lifted by a gantry system. Up to three divers can then enter via a loading platform. The bell is then lowered into the pool, descending below the ship, whereupon the divers can exit the bell and start working.

The divers use Surface Supply Breathing Apparatus (SSBA), which involves air supplied from the surface via an umbilical hose to the divers' helmets. The umbilical also supplies communications, camera feeds and



lights from the ship.

If a diver gets separated from the bell, they have their own air supply on their back. In addition, the wet bell has multiple air cylinders as well. If communications are lost or extra help is needed, a separate dive cage can also be lowered through the moon pool, containing a back-up standby diver.

The ship also lowers, via a crane, a

remotely operated vehicle (ROV), which has propulsion, cameras and claws, all manipulated by a ROV pilot in the ship. If the divers were over a wreck, the ROV could keep an eye on the divers, or conduct a search on another part of the wreck.

It's all part of bringing the Navy's second-newest ship, after HMNZS Aotearoa, closer to operational readiness.

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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Devonport Midwinter Swim returns with a splash

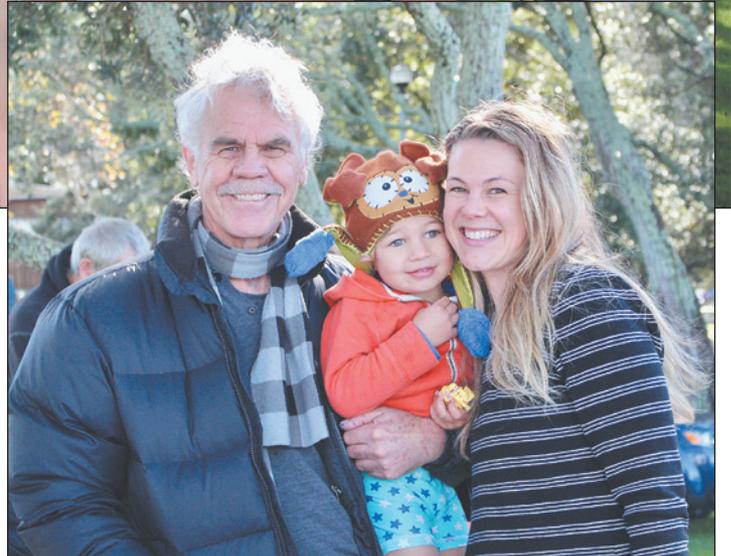


Pre-Covid splashback... Devonport Midwinter Swim fun in 2019 (above) and original organiser Aja Lethaby, with father John and son Leo

After a year off due to the Covid freeze, Devonport's midwinter swim is back this Sunday 20 June at Windsor Reserve at 11.30am.

Celebrating the winter solstice for the 21st time, all manner of wacky and colourful costumes are expected, followed by soup, prizes and a Devonport Sea Scouts sausage sizzle.

Devonport Druid Chris Mullane will officiate.



20 years ago from the Flagstaff files

- The secret construction of a cell site antenna in Belmont has seen tensions reach breaking point with an alleged assault on a Telecom contractor.
- Mrs T – Valda Tokina – marks 35 years of teaching at Devonport Primary.
- Around 80 people descend on the Navy Marae to express concerns over Babcock's proposed dry dock in Stanley Bay.
- Devonport musicians Finn Andrews and Cameron McLaren are offered a trip to England to secure a recording deal.
- Parking problems worsen around Devonport schools.
- North Shore City Council's vision for Bayswater point leaves no room for a marina village to be built on the land. Only a small part of the reclamation would be available for housing, with most left as a public space, the council plan said.
- Opposition mounts to moving the Devonport Visitor Information Centre from beside the library to inside the old Devonport Borough Council building. It was estimated \$90,000 would need to be spent to renovate the council building to incorporate the information centre.
- Parking wardens are handing out tickets in large numbers around sports venues on the weekends, particularly on Saturday mornings around the North Shore Rugby Club grounds. Traffic staff say drivers park illegally because they are too lazy to walk any distance to sports grounds.
- Georgia Cervin, the top-ranked 11-year-old gymnast in New Zealand, is selected to go to the World Youth aerobics champs in San Francisco.
- Bayswater and Hauraki Primary Schools introduce drug-education programmes for students.
- Bad weather is blamed for the poor amount of produce from Devonport streets' olive trees.
- A statue of Mexican revolutionary Pancho Villa is stolen in broad daylight from the WJ Scott Mall.
- A record number of people – more than 40,000 – went through the Devonport Community House in 2000.
- Martin Snedden, the new CEO of New Zealand cricket, is the Flagstaff interview subject.

Repairs at ‘geyser’ spot

Interim repairs are underway to stop water “geysering” from a pipe at the Seabreeze Rd pump station into the adjacent duck pond. But more work will be needed to fully fix the station’s pumping gear.

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board chair Ruth Jackson said the problem centred on the small green pump-station building on the south side of Seabreeze, near the corner with Lake Rd.

Residents should not be worried about sewage outflows, she said. The station handled stormwater only, not wastewater, which was managed from the bigger building on the northern side of Seabreeze Rd.

Signage had been put up recently to let residents know work was underway.

Community concerns led Jackson to quiz Auckland Council’s Healthy Waters department, which told her that when repairs began it was found that only one of the station’s two pumps was working.

Replacement parts from overseas were required which, with current shipping issues, could take time. The initial problem with the pump was picked up during a routine regular inspection, Jackson said.



Pond progress... Works underway at the Seabreeze Rd stormwater pump station

How the Seabreeze pump station and pond works

Stormwater handled by the pump station, mostly from the duck pond itself, is not considered a risk to human health.

Any smells people might notice, especially on hot days and in droughts, were caused by the pond having higher than usual levels of organic matter in it from nearby trees, the ducks and people feeding them. The smell is from rotting organic matter, not sewage.

Trials of oxygenating the water to improve water quality and lessen odours have not been successful.

The pond, probably constructed in the 1960s, is, like the pumping station, below high-tide level. At low tide, water drains naturally to Ngataranga Bay. At high tide, the pump drains excess

water from the pond to the bay. It is also used to manage pond levels after heavy rain.

Such “old school” ponds are no longer built. They were designed to simply hold water to prevent flooding. In so doing, they merely contained silt and contaminants, rather than removing them.

In heavy rain or flooding, silt is washed downstream as there are no filters to prevent this. Dredging and sucking out silt from the pond can be required every seven years or so.

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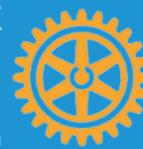
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Our main project this year will be the Pump Track in Narrow Neck.

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Enviro club soars in popularity



Giving environment the green light... from left Sean Brownlow, Bianca Stokes, Jade Poppelwell and Nikolas Sedelmayr

The Takapuna Grammar School Environment Club is growing as quickly as the number of natives they are planting.

From 80 members last year, the club now numbers more than 100.

Last week, the group returned to Kawerau Reserve, which it has been weeding, planting

and caring for over the past three years.

“It’s awesome to see how the plants we put in three years ago have grown,” said Sean Brownlow, who joined the group in 2017 and is now a team leader.

Jade Poppelwell said working practically in the environment had a wide appeal.

“It’s a fun group and we get things done—the students enjoy getting out of the classrooms.”

Anna Baine, Auckland Council local parks community programme ranger, said the group had planted between 700 and 800 plants to help enhance and restore the reserve.

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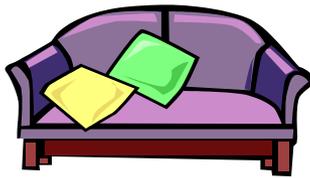
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Devonport

Two Devonport musicians, a generation apart, have both launched their original music to the public with the release of new singles this month.

Bryan (Paraeana) Connell and Apera Woodfine both grew up locally, with guitars never far from hand.

Bryan (Paraeana) Connell is making a solo-performance comeback after being around Auckland music and recording for years.

Soul Fool, which went live on Queen's Birthday weekend, is the first of a number of planned releases.

The 58-year-old carpenter, boat skipper and musician's solo performance has been a long time coming, he says.

He won a contest on Radio Hauraki with an original song when he was around 17 years old, and ever since has had a hankering to make more of his own music.

Over the years, Connell has played with covers bands, sometimes at local spots; he has many happy memories of playing the Masonic Hotel on a number of New Year's Eves.

Back into his music now, he plans new single releases every couple of months.

For 16 years, he has been skippering his charter boat out of Bayswater Marina, taking keen fishermen all over the Hauraki Gulf. Often he's been known to break out his guitar on board, with new lyrics and music rolling around in his head an accompaniment to the fishing.

"I get quite a bit of my inspiration out on the water in my boat where I love to be. Music and the sea and are my passions."

Connell is one of Devonport's 'Pentlands' maternity hospital babies. He's been playing guitar and making music for as long as he can remember.

He has Maori heritage, and the name Paraeana, the te reo version of Bryan, stayed with him for his performance life, ever since he first used it during kapa haka as a pupil at Belmont Intermediate.



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songsmiths launch new original tracks

Before becoming a charter skipper, Connell spent years building and fitting out recording studios. Now he's decided the time is right for recording and releasing music.

Soul Fool has a classic and Latin sound, and Connell likes to play nylon strings.

"It's a café style – people can still talk and appreciate the music in the background at the same time."

He has more lyrics and original sounds in the pipeline and will soon be playing at Botticelli's in Takapuna.

Apera Woodfine (Te Atiawa) is proud the song he's releasing at the end of the month is "my best work ever".

The single is *Ka Rere Tātou* (We will fly), the product of many months of work for the 28-year-old musician, from writing the lyrics and composing the music, to recording and producing.

The lyrics are in te reo Maori. This is a very important feature of his work because Woodfine believes it adds to the available options for people who want to listen to the Maori language.

"It's very accessible music for anyone to enjoy. But I really want there to be a lot more things for people who are interested in the language to enjoy. There isn't a lot of content available to people who want to hear the language, other than the traditional stuff that everyone loves. I'm very keen to be part of helping to expand what's available with new and different stuff for people to listen to in Maori in the future."

Woodfine is a student of te reo Maori and Japanese, and says he can claim to be almost fluent in the former. He's also pretty good at speaking Spanish, after living and performing in Spain until Covid and lockdowns hit and he took the chance to come home.

"I've got Covid to thank for what I am doing with my music now. I'm very much more invested in it and in living here now."

He'll be playing at Tiny Triumphs later in the month.



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Weather god blows in to liven up ferry terminal



Big picture... Navy petty officer Shane Westbrook welcomes a mural depicting Tāwhirimātea to Devonport Wharf last Friday

A new mural celebrating Devonport's connection to the sea and wind was officially welcomed last Friday.

Tāwhirimātea (God of Weather) by Trina Wirihana adorns a wall at the Devonport ferry terminal.

The mural was a colourful addition to Devonport's "arts-based community", Devonport Business Association president Dianne Hale said at the welcoming event.

Auckland Transport Property Optimisation Specialist Cam Mitchell-Sisler said the installation aimed to bring "some light and vibrancy back" to Devonport Wharf.

"We want to bring people back to this place and make it a bit of a destination."

The ceremony included a blessing with two pūkāea (trumpets) representing the breath of Tāwhirimātea.



Cake-worthy... Devonport BID manager Shaulyn van Baaren cuts a cake to mark the mural-welcoming



Collective ready to wow at charity gig

For 10 years, Wonderfish have been jamming and performing a couple of times a year. Now after a break of a year, the latest line-up of the lively collective of musicians is readying for a show with a purpose at The Vic Theatre in Devonport next weekend.

The current collective is a multi-talented 15-piece band adding up to more than the sum of their considerable parts. Band leader Nick Edgar says, "I'm very lucky to be working with such a creative bunch. We've got some seriously talented musicians in the band, including Devonport local, keyboard wizard Paddy Cornfield."

Cornfield performed Beethoven's *Emperor Piano Concerto* with the Devonport Chamber Orchestra in April. With Wonderfish he relaxes into a different groove, enjoying being part of the diverse line-up, which performs with a distinct soul/funk vibe.

Since the inception of Wonderfish, it has always donated all profits to charities, such as North Shore Hospice and Supporting Families in Mental Health. The beneficiary this year is Crescendo, a charity empowering rangatahi to make positive changes in their lives through their successful music, film, radio and photography mentoring programmes.

This year's collective has a four-piece horn section and six vocalists, plus keyboard, guitars, percussion and drums. Its repertoire will include tracks written especially for the show, reinventions of songs by other artists and some



His other side... Wonderfish keyboardist Paddy Cornfield is better known as a classical pianist

old favourites.

The band is: Robbie McKegg, Mary Cornish, and Geoff Brogan (all vocals); Alex McKegg, Al Baxter and Nick Edgar (all vocals and guitar); Johnny Burdon (lead guitar); Glenn Coldham (bass); Paddy Cornfield (keyboards); Rusty Knox (drums); Gary Hunt (percussion); Leon Barge and Owen Johnstone (both saxophone); Gary Neill (trumpet); Cam McLean (trumpet, trombone).

Special guests Hoop will open the show on Saturday 26 June, with their eclectic blend of indie folk/pop. Tickets are available at the Victoria Theatre or online at www.thevic.co.nz.

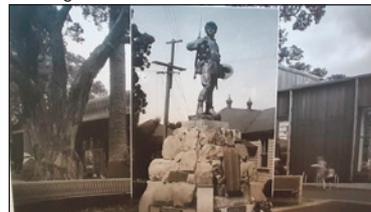


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Tēnā Koutou katoa

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Or view the last days of our photographic display by Sampford Cathie.....and take in the photos of historic Devonport, an Auckland Festival of Photography Satellite exhibition. We have it showing until 20 June.



We have two after-school activities, which are casual, free and great for wintery afternoons: Wednesdays Lego Club and Thursdays Games Expo. Both are on at 3:30-4:30pm. No need to book, just turn up and join in.

No winter hibernation for us! A series of activities, such as No-sew Bunting to Creative Cooking with Love-food-hate-waste, are planned for Sundays. Check our Facebook page or the in-house flyers for dates and details. Rhymetime for Dads is also on Saturday 3 July at 10:30am. Check also for our July holiday events and activities, which will be coming up soon, too. We'd love you to join us in the library for these.

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