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AT reconsiders bus project after community feedback

In a major about-face, Auckland Transport has gone back to the drawing board on its plans to cut nearly 50 street parking spaces along the route of the 805 bus service.

The entire project would be looked at again with revised plans on street markings and bus shelters being drawn up, AT said. Any

changes would now be made in early 2023, after fresh public consultation expected this February or March.

Among objectors to aspects of the plan were the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board and a number of residents on Ngataranga Rd and suburban side streets who faced losing

parking outside their homes. This included near intersections where AT had extended yellow lines further around corners than is standard.

A heritage bus shelter was also at risk of removal, with AT declaring it surplus to

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Lake Rd crash driver due in court next month

A man charged with careless operation of a vehicle causing the death of cyclist Warrick Jones is set to have his day in court next month after several delays.

Jones, a triathlete and North Shore father of three, was cycling on Lake Rd in March last year when he was killed in a collision with a vehicle on the corner of Montgomery Ave, downhill from the Belmont shops. He was fondly remembered by cycling groups and North Harbour Triathlon Club which he belonged to. A small memorial to him features an iron bike, his initials and his triathlon number.

A 34-year-old man has been charged with careless or inconsiderate vehicle operation causing death, and is due for his first court appearance at the North Shore District Court on 22 February. He was previously scheduled to appear on several occasions last year but his hearing was postponed each time. The court system was only holding urgent cases under Covid level 3 and its different stages.

Open night for vaxxed and unvaxxed

A sports club is holding a regular open night which can be attended by allcomers – both vaxxed and unvaxxed.

Devonport Squash club has opened its courts to all members on Friday evenings.

The Devonport Squash Club building on Wairoa Rd incorporates a gym, squash courts, a physiotherapist and includes rooms for Pilates and judo classes.

Squash New Zealand has ruled that squash courts can be offered to all (including the un-vaccinated) members if certain protocols are followed, Devonport Squash Club said in an email to members.

“In the interest of inclusivity, and to start alleviating some of the social barriers and division occurring, the club will be commencing a squash session open to all members – for this session vaccination passes will not be checked,” Dave Edwards, Devonport Squash Club vice president, said.

The session will be offered on Fridays after 8pm (when the gym is closed), with courts available to members until 11pm.

Courts have to be booked and opponents named and access needs to be through the main door, with users scanning in using the Covid-19 App. The bar and lounge area will be closed. All “touch points” will be cleaned after the session.

“Unvaccinated players may be in the club during this period. If anyone is concerned/worried they should not attend the club during this session,” the memo to members said.

“Inclusiveness and community have always been cornerstones of our club, and we continue to seek ways to promote these values in our operation,” Edwards said.

“We appreciate that some may be nervous about this initiative. It is important to understand that the session complies with the guidelines from our national body, and given that there will be at least six hours before anyone is back in the club after the session, the risk is negligible,” he said.

• Belmont Racquets Club, which offers tennis and squash facilities, has continued with a no vax-no play policy.

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Main Street business closures

Another Devonport business has closed its doors in the wake of the Covid pandemic.

Jess’ Underground Kitchen (JUK) has shut its Devonport branch. Owner Jess Daniell said it would focus on its remaining three stores in busier Auckland suburbs. Foot traffic has dropped off in Devonport and good staff were hard to find, she said. “We’re really sad to be leaving Devonport. It was a really great store and our customers were loyal, the ones who came.”

While she would never say never about returning to the peninsula, it would only happen if foot traffic increased markedly and the nature of the local shops changed.

“There doesn’t seem to be a town centre anymore,” she said.

JUK’s products are still available online and in supermarkets. Its remaining stores are in Herne Bay, Remuera and Parnell.

Gift store Green Planet has also closed, but not because of the pandemic. Its lease came up for renewal and health issues contributed to calling it a day.

Businesses will desperately need local support in the coming months, says Devonport Business Association manager Katherine Downs. “I think that people are going to be holding tight to what they’ve got and just trying to stay afloat.”

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Friday after Five comeback – now postponed



Street party off – at least in the short term... The team behind Devonport's Friday after Five Festival on Clarence St: (from left) entertainment organiser Lofty Ned, Business Association boss Katherine Downs, event manager Peter Allen, and Tiny Triumphs' Alisdair McKenzie and Ethan Geers

Covid has denied Devonport its Friday after Five street party – for a second time.

A street party planned for 2021 was canned due to Covid crowd restrictions. And it looked like the suburb had lucked in when the Government granted Devonport \$45,000 to extend Friday after Five into a two-day street festival on 18 and 19 February.

However this has come to naught after an Omicron outbreak sparked the implementation of the red-light alert system last Sunday – spelling the end for gatherings of more than 100 people.

Devonport Business Association manager Katherine Downs said organisers decided to postpone the event rather than gamble on a return to an orange-level Covid setting.

“It's looking likely it's going to go on for at least a month, maybe two, and then we're getting into unpredictable weather as well.”

Downs said the shift to red was a blow to the business community but at least they could stay open. “Please keep supporting local businesses. They really need support.”

Friday after Five was billed as a street

party for all ages and in the past had markedly increased foot traffic into the village. People came to the event but often went to restaurants and other businesses afterwards.

In the wake of Auckland's extended lockdown, the government announced a \$10 million local activation programme fund to support the arts and events sectors. The money must be used for new community events or improving existing ones that are free to enter. The Devonport Business Association applied for \$45,496 – about half of the cost of the event.

Entertainment was organised by Lofty Ned, who has run Dance in the Park at Windsor Reserve after the Santa parade for about 20 years. Performers were set to include children's entertainment legend Suzy Cato; live bands Daniel Armstrong and the Monsoons, King Horse Empire and Rymes, singer Janayah Wadsworth; as well as jugglers, food stalls, facepainting and a glow tent.

Friday after Five was cancelled in 2021 due to Covid restrictions on crowd numbers.

The latest postponement will be particularly galling for organisers and businesses hoping for a lift early in 2022.

The festival was what the business fraternity needed after a difficult time, said Alisdair McKenzie and Ethan Geers from event sponsor Tiny Triumphs, had told the Flagstaff prior to the postponement.

“All of us have done it really tough,” McKenzie said. “I think most businesses have taken on really high levels of debt.”

And even after reopening, stresses remained, Geers added. “It takes everything from the mental health of your staff to the physical exhaustion to another level.”

While the event has been postponed Downs said residents loved the Friday after Five concept. “People want it to happen more than once a year... And if we had more money we would,” she said.

• Folk in the Park – another popular event on the Devonport summer calendar – has been struck off by the red alert level, The musical mix planned for Windsor Reserve on 13 February has been cancelled.

Howzat: young women take to coaching crease



Pre-match line-up... some of the Junior World Series coaches and captains... Back row from left to right: Issy Smith (coach), Pippa Priddy (captain), Emily Handyside (coach), Holly Alderson, Orla Langdon, Audrey Melhuish, Natasha Busch and Olivia Ross (coaches). Front row: Jasmine Perry, Olivia Priddy, Maia Scott, Raiha Jeory Reynolds (coaches), Isabella Watson (captain). Missing: Kennedy Scott & Scout Hallman (coaches)

The 29th annual children's "Cricket Junior World Series" in Devonport dodged a Covid bullet this week, but rain delayed the three-day event's start on Monday.

The poor weather reduced the number of games that could be played in the three day series.

Covid pre-planning by North Shore Cricket Club organisers meant that when the government announced red light regulations last weekend, the series could still continue, with extra safety measures added. The 180 primary and intermediate-aged entrants were split into groups of 25 for games at Devonport Domain and other local parks.

Club operations manager Gillian Scott said a few Covid contacts or those waiting for test results had lodged late withdrawals.

The red-light setting meant parents who usually watch and attend prize-giving have to be kept at a distance this year.

Young women made up 13 of the 20 coaches supporting the players, reflecting the growing female participation in the sport. A further 21 local teenagers were

umpiring and scoring games. Five volunteers from the junior committee also helped organise the event, which is a big fundraiser for the junior section.

Numbers-wise, girl entrants made up just 10 per cent of players, showing the huge potential for further growth.

North Shore is among clubs leading the charge. Junior chair Anthony Wesney said 20 per cent of its Little League players are girls. "We're starting to get a lot more coming through from primary school."

For the holiday World Series, players were in mixed gender teams, in three age groups matching schools Years 2-4, 5-6, 7-8. The colours of world cricket are on display with players in each division split into six teams dressed and named as New Zealand, Australia, England, Pakistan, India and South Africa. (The nations are selected based on men's world T20 rankings).

Former national representative Clare Nicholson is tasked with encouraging more young women players, in her role as the club's female development officer. Many

of the teenaged female coaches have come through the club ranks, some encouraging winter sports friends from school to try club cricket as a summer option.

Scott said an aim was to take more female players through to its high-achieving teenage grades and beyond. In 2021, its under-13 and under-16 girls teams won their grades. The club has a premier reserve team, coached by Nicholson, and is aiming for a women's premier team soon.

Part of Nicholson's role is recruitment and development, across the age groups. Efforts to boost numbers by liaising with schools have been somewhat hindered by Covid over the last two years, but cricket administrators are expecting that with New Zealand set to host the Women's World Cup in Christchurch next month interest will grow.

In social cricket, women turn out in good numbers for North Shore, with 121 registered for fortnightly Tonk games held on Fridays. The Tonk competition won New Zealand's Cricket's best female engagement award last year.

Coastal seawall proposal publicly notified



Coastal edge... the long-term slip (above) and the proposed coastal seawall (at right)

A large seawall on the coast north of Narrow Neck Beach has been proposed by a property owner to tidy up slip material and prevent further erosion.

Allen Peters has applied to construct the 8m by 10m (at its widest) rock masonry seawall at the coastal edge of 66 and 68 Sealcliffe Ave.

Auckland Council staff have voiced concern about the project, which was much larger than other structures along the coast – the odd staircase and stormwater pipes.

Yuto Tsuchiya, consultant planner resource

consents, said the project did not justify “the functional need for coastal protection” and it “creates additional outdoor spaces for the applicant’s benefit”.

In the 1970s a large slip occurred across both properties leaving a large pile of rubble on the coastal edge including concrete and steel beams used for cliff stabilisation.

“Ongoing erosion threatens the juvenile pōhutukawa that are growing...and the establishing mature vegetation to the head of the cliffs,” Peters’ engineering report said.

The erosion “will also lead to the building debris becoming more exposed over time,” the report said.

It said the project was not a reclamation. However, this was disputed by at least one council officer.

Tsuchiya recommended the application be publicly notified as the “activities will have adverse effects on the environment that are more than minor”. The public has until 9 February to make submissions to Auckland Council on the proposal.

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requirements. AT planned to install other bus shelters on the route, including pedestrian traffic refuges on Ngataranga Rd to cater for residents of Ryman’s William Sanders Retirement Village.

The 805 bus service from Devonport to Belmont turns off Lake Rd at Ngataranga Rd and rejoins it at Kawerau Ave, where shopowners also feared losing parking.

The service, dubbed the route to Ryman, is off-peak and weekdays only. In acknowledgment

Back to drawing board on Ryman route

ing a rethink, AT said a number of residents had submitted that the changes were excessive, given the building of Ryman had already reduced parking availability in the area and that the bus AT had restarted was, in its current restricted hours, of limited use to commuters.

Board member Trish Deans, who pushed for a rethink, welcomed the fresh look at the project

A total of 45 submissions were made, with AT this month saying that after considering

feedback it thanked the neighbourhood and “would be reconsidering the whole proposal”.

“We will re-consult the local community with a revised proposal that aims to respond to the points raised,” an AT officer, Sandy Webb, wrote to those who had made submissions. No changes would be made to bus infrastructure in the interim, the letter said. “Once again, thank you for helping us make better decisions for your neighbourhood, informed by your local knowledge.”

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Childcare centre was small and beautiful for 40 years

Birdsong has replaced children’s laughter in Val Morrison’s back garden after 40 years.

Morrison started the Small Is Beautiful childcare centre in May of 1982, but closed it at the end of 2021 when she retired.

Morrison, 75, is enjoying retirement.

But she adds: “There is a sadness there, but that is life. The sadness is part of the fact that I really enjoyed it.”

Morrison taught English in her native South Africa before emigrating to Australia and then to New Zealand. She worked at Calliope Daycare, and when it closed in the early 80s, Morrison co-opted eight children and some equipment, and Small Is Beautiful was born.

She started in the downstairs of her single-storey home which has since become two-storeyed. Now she and Norm are renovating the downstairs area – including cleaning out 40 years’ worth of toys – so they can rent out the second storey. Her husband was always known as ‘Norm the builder’ to the children.

Norm will possibly miss Small Is Beautiful more than she will. He says he enjoyed the bustle and sounds of the children in their Stanley Point garden.

Having her own child (daughter Lynne is now nearly 50) taught her a lot, she says.

“I would have been unbearable [without that experience]. I would have thought I knew all the answers.

“It just made me realise it’s very hard work having a preschooler.”

As I grew older I became the wise woman of the village as it were. I wasn’t a threat to a young mother.”

One thing that has changed drastically in her time is the regulation of childcare. It is now largely a box-ticking exercise, she says. “There’s an expectation that you all do things one way. That’s not the New Zealand I know.” She is proud of her work with children who had behavioural issues, knowing they could be addressed before the child started school, “and they’re going to fly”.



End of an era... Val Morrison has closed Small Is Beautiful preschool after almost 40 years

Morrison knows a lot of Devonport residents who came to her as littlies, which is why she never plans to leave the suburb. She estimates that 300 to 400 children came through her doors over the years. At a 25th reunion she gave out prizes for things such as attempts at escaping. She asked one woman, now a physiotherapist, how she’d managed to make her way out of the centre. She didn’t remember, much to Morrison’s disappointment. “It so intrigued me.”

In her spare time, she reads, walks, and sings

in the Holy Trinity Church’s gospel group. Her faith has guided her care of the children, including principles of behaviour and respect. “Ex-pupils have come back with their own children, which I found affirming.”

Some equipment, and some children, have been transferred to Belmont Montessori.

While Small Is Beautiful is now consigned to the past it will remain in the memories of several hundred pupils, Morrison thinks she’ll keep the sign on the gate but add ‘permanently closed’.

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Mass chip-sealing hits Devonport streets

Around a dozen Devonport peninsula streets are to be chip-sealed it can be revealed, as resident anger rises over cars being damaged and tar tracked into homes after recent road works.

Auckland Transport plans to lay the chip-seal in the first half of 2022. More are on a draft list for the 2022/23 schedule, which starts from July.

"If this is coming for everyone, then look out," says Cheltenham's David McAlister who is grappling with the poor condition of Oxford Tce where he lives. The road and a section of footpath along it towards North Head were resealed pre-Christmas, but it is cutting up already.

"On a hot day, it is a mass of tar," he says.

The new surface was pulling away from the tar underlay and loose stones were being thrown up by passing vehicles. Cars were pulling out from the kerb were ripping up the chip-seal just by turning their wheels. "This will get on any car and on your feet if you walk on it," says McAlister.

Neighbours were now asking guests to not wear shoes in the house, fearing they would track in loose material. While Oxford Tce may seem like a quiet street, he says it is busy over summer as an access to Cheltenham Beach and Balmain Reserve.

In another part of Devonport, Chris Powell is also dismayed by the road condition after resealing in December along Patuone Ave where he lives. He has approached AT and is unimpressed it has now closed the file. Powell says loose stones are everywhere.

"They (AT contractors) just rocked up, sprayed sticky tar all over the road and then dumped a load of small stones over it. I don't think the street needed it. It makes it more unsafe for cyclists.

"I've had neighbours driving out of their driveways with their wheels spinning."

The work was poor quality, he said, and "as a ratepayer I begrudge that".

Auckland Transport uses the coarse material in preference to more expensive and smoother asphalt, except on roads carrying more than 10,000 cars a day or for busy intersections.

McAlister says he cannot understand how chip-seal was approved as suitable in the first place. "You don't need to be an engineer to know that this isn't good," says the retired airline pilot.

Powell says chip-seal gets into garages and homes from car tyres and shoes. It also forms a slippery surface on which to drive, scooter, cycle and skateboard.

McAlister says it is difficult to find a receptive official ear about the problem. He is keen to work with other people interested in giving the message to AT that ratepayers are not happy with their paving policies.

"I really don't think we can shift it, but we're entitled to say this is a lowering of the standards we expect."

Complaints about chip-seal across Auck-



Tar but no thanks... Look out Devonport if chip seal is spreading says David McAlister

land are not new. Over the years Devonport-Takapuna Local Board members have fielded numerous complaints after sealing elsewhere in the board area, including a deputation from angry Narrow Neck residents. Within the current term, members have raised the matter with AT officials during briefing sessions. But AT continues to stand by chip seal as the standard material used. Targetted for resealing in the next five months are: Kawerau and Aramoana Aves and their side streets, Roberts Ave, Williamson Ave, Wairoa Rd next to the Waitemata Golf Club, Rutland Rd and Cautley St. From mid-year, a draft 2022/23 schedule lists Calliope Rd, a southern section of Lake Rd, Ngataringa Rd, Stanley Point Rd and Victoria Rd for resealing. Bayswater Rd is expected to be resealed in a couple of years. Of all these roads, only Lake Rd has a volume that would qualify for asphalt coverage. Victoria Rd, as it is in the town centre, will also be asphalted.

An AT spokesman said it considered the chip-seal resurfacing on Patuone Ave was to date in good condition. "We have noted some minor flushing spots which we will continue to monitor and action as required."

A newly sealed road was visited by a sweeper truck within 48 hours and a second major sweep done within four to six weeks, with the road regularly checked. "Due to the nature of chip-seal resurfacing, it is expected that there will be some loose chip," AT said. This was monitored during regular site visits, with action taken if it becomes an issue outside of NZ chip seal guidelines.

Powell was not impressed by the results

of a sweeper truck's work on Patuone Ave last week. "There were cars parked on the street which were covering much of the road surface which needed sweeping, and the truck didn't venture into side streets to sweep up the stones that had been pushed around corners." Several roads around the peninsula were in greater need of resurfacing than Patuone, he said.

Auckland Transport said Patuone Ave was an existing chip-seal site and the resealed section was 17 years old. Over time, road surfaces become porous, which lets water in and it can deteriorate quickly.

"One of the main reasons for the AT re-sealing programme is to waterproof the road network. Depending on a road's pavement (foundation) and use (traffic size and volume), a road surface is expected to last between 10-20 years."

"In this case, the main reasoning was that it is an existing chip-seal on a low volume road. "The existing traffic volumes for Patuone Ave are 627 vehicles per day."

Aside from a number of cul-de-sacs and junctions, the main roads that are programmed for asphalt in the Devonport area are as follows:

- Lake Rd: 2022/23 (from Achilles Cres to the Albert Rd roundabout)
- Albert Rd: 2023/24 (from the roundabout south to Calliope Rd)
- Bartley Tce: 2022/23 (AT-owned section running past New World)
- Clarence St: 2022/23 (top end only)
- Stanley Point Rd: 2023/24 (this is the section that runs past Stanley Bay Park to First Ave, including a small section of Calliope Rd)

Devonport whale tail inspired by colourful tale

If you thought you saw a nod to Elmer the Elephant in the whale tail near the Devonport Ferry terminal, you weren't wrong.

The brightly coloured sculpture is one of 80 large whale tails spread across Auckland, including one at Smales Farm and three in Takapuna, raising awareness for the health of the Hauraki Gulf. The Devonport piece is sponsored by Fitzgerald Taylor and is the creation of former Takapuna Grammar student Esther Cain (23), who does art as a hobby around her work as a massage therapist. "I was one of those kids in high school always drawing under the table," she said. Cain enjoys colour, and said part of her inspiration was a favourite childhood book, *Elmer the Elephant*, by David McKee. "Who doesn't love a bit of colour or something a bit colourful?"

"I came down one of the nights after it was being put up. There were still families taking photos then. It was so cool."

Cain has exhibited other sculptures in galleries "but nothing this big or this public". For her, art is a getaway. "It's something I can do where I don't have to think too much. It shouldn't be stressful; it should be enjoyable."

Cain says she would love to sell more pieces, still on a low-key scale, so people could display them in their homes. She is happy to be involved in Whale Tales Trail, an initiative by the World Wildlife Fund. Her brother, Oliver, is a full-time artist and his whale tail is at Westhaven Beach. Another Devonport artist, Paola King-Borrero, has a piece in Mangere Bridge. "Anything that helps those in need – animals or people – is just amazing. It should be done," says Cain.

The tails will stay up until 18 April and will then be auctioned for the World Wildlife Fund. Eighty smaller tails, painted by schools, will be put on display in mid-March. There is also an app connected to the trail which offers prizes and has an inbuilt pedometer. Marketing manager Bex Waddell wanted to see people support the businesses and organisations behind the trail. "It's about bringing art and the business community together for good to support a very sick Hauraki Gulf."



Brightening up the waterfront...Esther Cain with her whale tail creation

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Pump track progresses

Community led efforts driving the building of a pump track at Woodall Park are set to step up soon, following site preparation work late last year.

A timber jump start is under way, with completion of the figure 8 track to follow after foundations are laid.

The Devonport Rotary Club is leading the project with the Devonport-Takapuna local board paying for concept designs.

Rotary's Bob McGuigan said the project was progressing well. A working bee was planned for 12 February to install lining and metal layers for the track's foundation.

Local tradies are coming to the party as well with builder Peter Clayton helping with the jump start and Gill and Gundry loading in the metal for the track, he said.

The facility is sited to the rear of the park under trees alongside the Devonport Squash Club and Waitematā Golf Club course. Council staff have been helping in the set-up phase, including working with the golf club to adjust its lease where its land adjoins the site. A portion will be classified as reserve.

Board member Aidan Bennett said the real community effort to get the track built went beyond Rotary, to include businesses and contractors supporting the work and volunteers digging. "It's an example of the sort of project we should be supporting," he said, at its December meeting where the project was given final approval.

Public donations can be made through the Givealittle page: Jump Start for Woodall Park Pump Track.

Recommendations on BML plan in March

Key council recommendations on Bayswater Marina Ltd's application to build a large-scale residential development on its reclamation are likely to be made public in early March.

Public submissions on the resource consent application to build 127 townhouses

and apartments on the land should be available this week.

A hearing into the application is likely in late March, early April, an Auckland Council spokesperson said. The appointment of commissioners to hear evidence is still under consideration.

Devonport theatre visited by covid case

The Vic in Devonport is a location of interest for Covid-19.

Anyone who visited the Victoria Rd theatre on Thursday 20 January, between 7.50pm and 10.10pm, needs to self-isolate and get tested immediately and on day 5 after being exposed, the Ministry of Health says.

Earlier this week there were 56 locations of interest listed for Auckland.

\$390k Narrow Neck seawall repair under way

A 93-year-old seawall is being repaired on Narrow Neck Beach.

The seawall repair, estimated to cost about \$390,000, started last week after originally being scheduled for 10 January. It was postponed until 17 January to avoid conflict with a local sailing regatta, Auckland Council operations manager Sarah Jones said.

The project will be staged to minimise disruption, although the work area will be blocked off when machinery is operating.

Works can only be undertaken during periods of low tide, Jones said. The rest of the beach will remain open.

The repair includes removing the outer concrete layer and replacing it with high-strength concrete. The work is aimed at reducing the impact of coastal erosion to the reserve and nearby facilities.

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Colourful addition to Devonport streetscape



Young artists are helping to create a symbolic mural for the environmental group Restoring Takarunga Hauraki. The mural includes tui, the symbol of the group, portrayed hopping across the Devonport peninsula. Isla Forrest (17) and Alfie Murray (14) both from Takapuna Grammar School (above), have been sharing the work with artist Wendy Petterson, an RTH volunteer and former art teacher. The mural is painted on the side of a shipping container used to store the group's tools at the Allen Hill Stadium car park off Lake Rd. Resene has sponsored the project.

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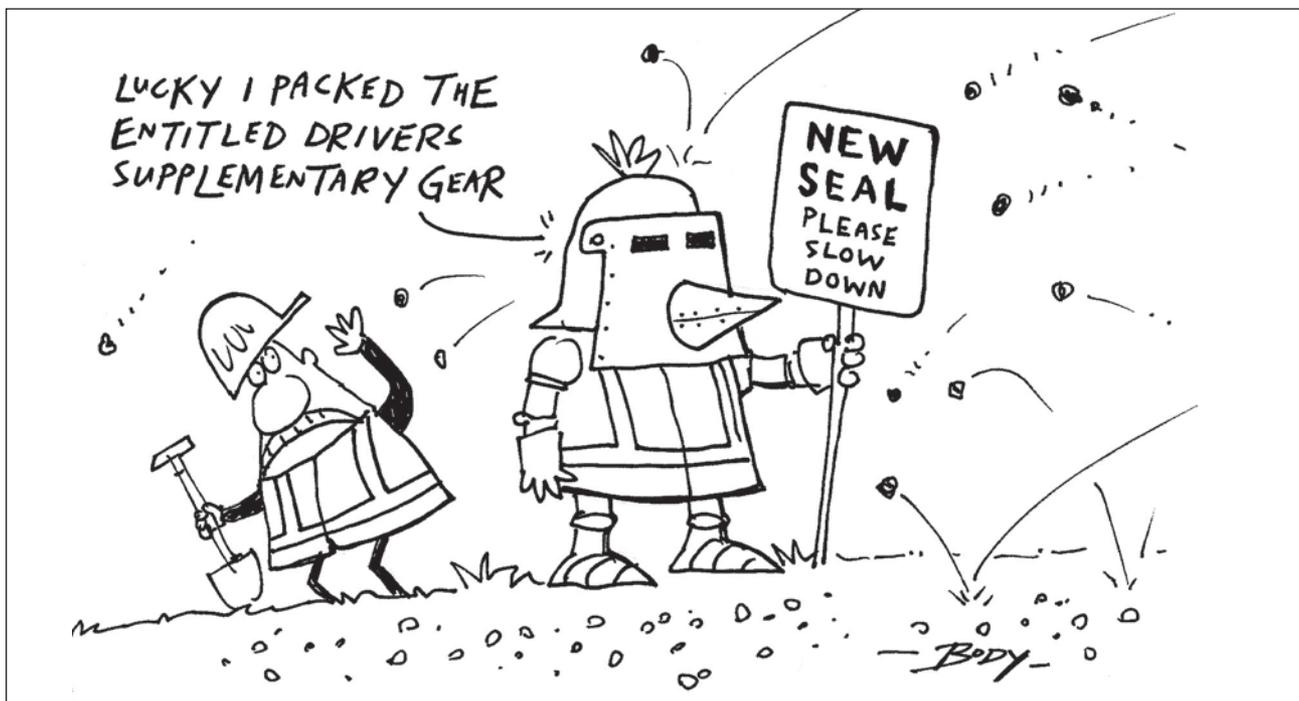
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NAVY ANSWERS CALL FOR AID

Devonport residents may have noticed an exodus of Navy ships last week (18, 22 January) as New Zealand answers the call for humanitarian aid to Tonga.

Three Royal New Zealand Navy ships have been deployed to Tonga to assist the island nation in its recovery from an undersea volcanic eruption and tsunami on 15 January.

HMNZS Wellington and HMNZS Aotearoa departed Devonport on 18 January. Wellington, one of the Navy's two Offshore Patrol Vessels, is transporting hydrographic survey and diving teams, as well as a SH-2GI Seasprite helicopter.

The survey and diving teams will assess changes to the seabed in the shipping channels and ports. They will also assess wharf infrastructure to assure the future delivery of aid and support from the sea.

HMNZS Aotearoa, the Navy's 173-metre Maritime Replenishment Vessel, is carrying bulk water supplies, and humanitarian and disaster relief stores. Both vessels arrived in Tonga last week.

Early indications are that water will be among the priorities for Tonga. Aotearoa



HMNZS Wellington departed Devonport Naval Base for Tonga on 18 January, followed by HMNZS Aotearoa and HMNZS Canterbury.

carries 250,000 litres and can produce 70,000 litres per day through its desalination plant.

HMNZS Canterbury, with two Air Force NH90 helicopters and NZ Army engineers on board, was at time of writing being readied to leave on 22 January.

The mission continues a busy series of deployments for Wellington. In July 2021 she delivered COVID-19 vaccines to

Tokelau and a remote island in the Cook Islands group. In November the ship carried out fisheries patrols in the Western Pacific, returning and being sent out within days to undertake maritime patrols in the Solomon Islands during a period of civil unrest. Aotearoa, which undertook a Southeast Asia deployment last year, is due to sail on its maiden mission to Antarctica next month.

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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Dread for future development allowed by new housing rules

As anticipated in my last letter to the editor, one of the properties I have been watching has been sold to a developer.

One cannot blame the vendor as naturally, they want the best price for their property, and one cannot blame the developer as he's only working within the rules.

But this is a poorly drafted, inconsiderate and even cruel piece of legislation (the housing enabling act) which destroys the known environment of the immediate neighbourhood. It results in the owners of those properties most seriously affected, in choosing to sell and relocate with all that implies; new schools for children, a new home to be found, new friends to be made etc... potentially extremely stressful.

This piece of legislation was approved by both Labour and National in an attempt to improve/solve the housing stock problem.

Potentially there could be six, three storeyed

apartments on this site, which not only means loss of sunlight and privacy to adjacent properties, but potentially another six cars parked on a street that is already one way due to the pressure on parking.

Additionally, there is, in all likelihood, going to be a year of construction time with the associated tradies vans struggling to find parking near the site.

The height in relation to boundary rule of six metres and 45 degrees would be a joke if weren't so incredibly inconsiderate and ineffective.

In mid-winter when the sun is at its zenith, it is only 30 degrees above the horizon. At this time when the warmth of the sun is most desirable, these building will cast shadows far beyond the immediate properties.

We see this sort of development sprouting up everywhere and frankly, it fills me with dread for the future.

Keith Humphreys

Cycle lane concern

We are very concerned at the proposal to provide separated bike lanes too narrow for cyclists to pass safely.

We have for many years, cycled to Takapuna three to four times per week and hope that our experiences may be helpful to the planners.

Cycling speeds on this road mainly range between 15 and 50 km/h There is a wide disparity in age ,experience and rider numbers.

Many bikes now have wider handlebars while electric bikes produce a pattern of riding quite different to standard bikes, particularly producing higher speeds up hills. At present a cyclist, with regard to other traffic, can pass safely but the new proposal will cause frustration and danger, often resulting in the option to ride in the car lane.

Perhaps the better solution would be to provide a two-way bike lane on one side of the road only and of sufficient width to provide for safe cycling.

Mike and Jan Martin

Clubs' family bastions

In reply to Helen Frobisher's Letter to the Editor, Flagstaff, December 17.

I'm reasonably confident the cricket and rugby clubs are not 'bastions of white male privilege' as Helen states. On page 23 of the same Flagstaff edition her letter is published there is a full-page advert for the Cricket Junior World Series being held at the cricket club in January, and Page 32 has a half-page article on female cricket for ages 5 to 50 plus.

The rugby club is the same, with competitions for boys, girls, mixed, men's and women's teams. On big game days, when the Premier and Seniors play, the rugby grounds and clubrooms are packed with all ages. It's a family affair. **Ed Prinsep**

Bus shelter destruction short-sighted

With reference to the article "Restore Parking on Ryman Route – Local Board." (Devonport Flagstaff, December 3, 2021) and in particular the comment "under threat the no longer used Wesley St bus stop shelter may be demolished by AT" I back local resident John Allen in his bid to save

this heritage shelter as a place for pedestrians to rest.

I submit that it could be retained as a depository for books to be exchanged in like manner to a similar shelter in Wicklow Rd – a true community asset.

Colin Tubbs

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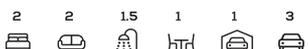


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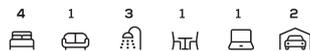
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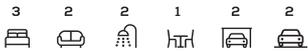


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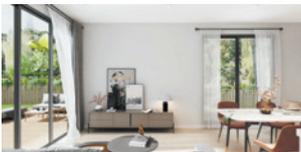


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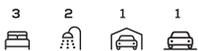
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Foul play leaves football field torn up



Fixed for winter... Donna Gustafson in the centre of the donut attack

Bird poo on security camera sensors provided a lucky escape from detection for vandals who spun donuts on part of North Shore United's soccer ground.

Club manager Donna Gustafson said its security cameras failed to turn on "because the welcome swallows had moved in and there was bird poo on the sensor". The cameras are now recording 24/7.

The club's outer pitch was already under repair for uneven areas, but it will now

take longer.

"Thank goodness the temporary fence was up protecting our very new grass" on the main field, Gustafson said.

Over the last 12 months the club has also had buildings tagged and bottles smashed across its carpark.

Auckland Council will pay to repair the damage, with work set to be finished before the winter football season. Council operations manager Sarah Jones said the

damage was comparatively minor and would be cheap to fix.

"The fields are due to be sanded regardless. The fields are currently closed for the summer with no play occurring, and will recover before the winter season," she said. The police have also been informed.

Gustafson said overall she wanted more people to use the space. "If more people are here enjoying the space it will divert people who are disruptive from coming down."

August completion likely for new public housing

The public housing development on the corner of Lake Rd and Bardia St is fast taking shape, with glazing recently installed and an expected completion by August. It will include a mix of 48 apartments and houses.

Kainga Ora project manager Nick Sey-

mour said prospective home occupiers would be shown through the new residences over the next month.

The development includes a community room on the ground floor of one of the apartment buildings.

The new housing replaces a smaller number of old state homes and is sited within walking distance of three schools, shops and on the main bus route.

Kainga Ora says the development would help reduce homelessness.

AT's slower school speed rejected by board

Speeds on Hauraki streets near the primary school should be reduced to 40km/h instead of the 30km/h limit Auckland Transport wants, the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board has recommended.

Board chair Ruth Jackson drew up recommendations deviating from AT's Safe Speeds initiative, which is for a consistent 30km/h limit to be progressively rolled out around schools across the city. This prompted an amendment from member Toni van Tonder to stick with AT's programme.

"We've had workshops on the Safe Streets initiatives and the reason why AT is doing it," said van Tonder. This included evidence that lower speeds saved lives. "We've heard from schools that they really want to slow traffic down."

The board had been asked for feedback from AT on Tranche 2A of its proposed changes which affect two schools in its area, Hauraki and Sunnynook primaries. This will be considered before final decisions are implemented, with changes due to be in place by mid-year.

Board member Aidan Bennett asked:

"Where did 40km/h come from?"

George Wood, who backed Jackson's motion, said people in Sunnynook had told him they would prefer a 40km/h limit, to be more consistent with other limits, rather than introducing another step. Compliance would be more likely.

Jackson's motion noted that 40km/h was already the existing speed limit outside schools.

Lowering speeds further meant people were less likely to die, said Bennett, supporting van Tonder's "fact-based" but unsuccessful amendment to support 30km/h and to include extra streets. AT wants 30km/h to become the norm both immediately outside nominated Safe Speed schools and on the feeder roads to them, saying communities and schools were wanting it to be safer for children to walk and bike locally.

Jackson's motion noted that community feedback when the matter went out for public consultation late last year had been limited and had not delivered clear consensus.

Bennett and van Tonder voted against the proposal.

Ship ahoy! Pirate-themed playground gets go ahead

Montgomery Reserve's \$381,000 nautical-themed playground upgrade is to proceed, after final plans were approved by the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board in December.

Concept designs had been shown to the board mid last year after consultation with the community which was keen to retain an existing boat theme to replace equipment that has become dilapidated. A centrepiece will be a pirate-themed boat, complete with climbing ropes and nets. The junior play area will get swings, a flying fox and some landscaping.

"It's a really exciting playground," said board member Toni van Tonder, who has young children. Other members were equally enthusiastic, with chair Ruth Jackson saying it "looks absolutely epic", and predicting local families would love it.

To save money, a monkey bar and adding elements of cultural design had been removed from the plans, council project manager Stephanie Barker told board members. A toilet was also beyond the scope of the project, but drainage would improve the boggy ground at the Belmont reserve. Work is set to start soon.

Proof of vaccination needed at libraries, pools

Vaccination passes will continue to be required at Auckland Council facilities, including pools, libraries and galleries, until at least June.

In early December the council made an interim decision to require vaccination passes at the majority of places they run, and this has now been extended with the support of mayor Phil Goff. Councillor Alf Filipaina, chair of the council's parks, arts,

community and events committee, said it was not an easy decision but there were still ways for the unvaccinated to access services such as click and collect options for libraries.

The pass requirements cover libraries, pools and learn to swim lessons, galleries, recreation centres and council offices. It does not include accommodation at regional parks or venue hires.

Street fighting men

The street-front window of a Devonport business was broken during a fight between young men on the footpath in front of the shop.

Police responded to the incident on Victoria Rd on Wednesday last week (19 January) after 9pm. When they arrived those involved had left, but witnesses were spoken to.

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For journalist Jim, work was always fun

Approaching his final deadline retired Devonport journalist Jim Eagles was still working. He had a book on the history of the North Shore Rugby Football Club he wanted to finish writing and ecological newsletters to edit.

"He loved to work, he considered it fun, Jim never stopped working," recalls the wife of 53 years Chris Eagles. Despite a sudden diagnosis of terminal pancreatic cancer in November, the consummate professional soldiered on until just four days before his death at home on 15 December. A few months earlier Covid lockdown had put paid to the 76-year-old's regular efforts trapping rats on Maungauika.

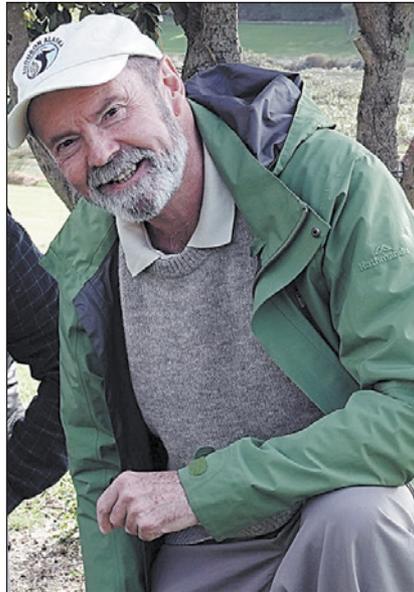
Eagles didn't quite finish the rugby book, but the bulk is written as the club approaches its 150th anniversary. The project was both the sort of research challenge he enjoyed and a nod to his own family's history, interwoven in Devonport for seven generations. His parents, Ralph and Molly – dubbed the Duke and Duchess of Devonport – were stalwarts at the club and in the community.

Eagles was proud of his Devonport roots. His great-great-grandfather, William Oliver, was among the very first English settlers in the area, arriving in Auckland in 1840 and farming and building in Devonport a few years later. Kawerau Reserve, at the bottom of Kawerau Ave was once more commonly known as Oliver Reserve to commemorate him. He is buried in Devonport cemetery at the base of Takarunga.

James Alexander (Jim) Eagles was born at Pentlands maternity home in Buchanan St in 1945. He and his two younger brothers grew up in the family home on Kawerau Ave. He left Takapuna Grammar School at age 16 to take up a cadetship at the New Zealand Herald.

As a youngster he founded the North Shore Ecological Society with a friend, presaging a lifelong interest in the environment.

Retirement nearly 10 years ago gave him more time to devote to the natural world,



A passion for journalism transferred to work in nature later in life... Jim Eagles

especially a passion for shorebirds.

Through holidaying in a family bach at Kaiaua, an association with Pukorokoro Miranda Naturalist Trust grew. Each year godwits from Alaska fly to New Zealand, stopping in number at Miranda, with a few also visiting Ngataranga Bay.

To raise awareness for them to become bird of the year, Eagles was the driving force of a project that in 2015 filled Windsor Reserve with thousands of painted cardboard bird cut-outs for 10 days. He first visited schools and clubs to get them to join in, also persuading then Prime Minister John Key and North Shore MP Maggie Barry to participate. The public coloured in their own cut-out birds by making a small donation to the trust.

Eagles also helped raise \$25,000 for satellite tags and to bring in an overseas expert to help track Pacific golden plovers. The first to be caught was named "Jim,"

rather than just being given a number.

With friends Garth Cumberland and Rex Paddy he began trapping rats on Maungauika around five years ago to protect birdlife, and later, after its founding, he worked with the Restoring Takarunga Hauraki group.

Eagles' last full-time job was eight years as travel editor at the Herald, where the prolific writer took readers around the globe, telling off-the-beaten-track stories. He also mentored younger feature writers. Favourite trips included Antarctica, the sub-Antarctic islands, the Arctic and along the Silk Road.

Prior to travel writing he headed the paper's business section, following stints in the regions, as editor of the Bay of Plenty Times in Tauranga and Hawkes Bay Today.

After decades working in journalism jobs around New Zealand, the Eagles returned to Devonport shortly after the turn of the millennium, to a home in Eton Ave, near the rugby club. Later came a move to overlook Cheltenham Beach.

"He just felt at home here – everyone he loved came from here," said wife Chris. They met in England, finding instant rapport as young journalists working at the Brighton Evening Argus. After his allotted time in England expired, a move to Ireland followed. Eagles became the first non-Catholic, non-Irishman hired by the Irish Press Group, going on to report on the "Troubles", win an award for an investigation and make money selling stories back to English papers.

In 1971, New Zealand called the couple home, and Eagles took up a job as political editor of the Sunday Herald. He co-wrote a book on the 1972 election, before returning to the Auckland newsroom. Then came a decade-long venture into newspaper ownership, with a fellow Devonport couple, Terry and Judy McGrath. The quartet bought the Northern News which was based in Kaikohe, revitalising the paper, starting other editions and winning community newspaper awards.

A move back to city life in Wellington beckoned, with Jim going from deputy to editor of the National Business Review, taking it from weekly to daily publication. Then he had a short stint as deputy editor at the Auckland Star where closing threatened, prompting five years owning the Gulf News on Waiheke, before another last round of journalism in the regions.

Jim had two daughters, Alex and Victoria, and five grandchildren, who live in Tauranga and Australia. One daughter was unable to get through MIQ from her home in Queensland in time to farewell her father, but made it out for a private family-held cremation before Christmas.

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Cooks chew over recipes of vegan goodness

A vegan recipe club is the latest addition to the Devonport food scene.

Organiser Sarah Ley-Bucherer hoped attendees would have a glass of wine, bring dishes to try, and swap recipes.

Seven people turned out to the first evening, on 13 January. A highlight was a “cracker recipe” made of lots of seeds and boiling water squashed together.

“Everybody really said how much they enjoyed it. It was a way to get together to chat about the food,” said Ley-Bucherer, a dietician who has run cooking classes in the past.

Most attendees were not completely vegan but ate that way as much as possible, said Ley-Bucherer, who now in her seventies is more conscious than ever about healthy eating.

A booklet of recipes from the meetings was a possibility down the track.

Meetings are held at the Stanley Bay Bowling and Petanque Club, where Ley-Bucherer is president.

All are welcome, and those interested can contact Ley-Bucherer at



Healthy eaters... Wendy Bailey (left) and Jane Dodds attended the first meeting of the Vegan Recipe Club in Stanley Bay.

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The meetings are set for the second Thursday each month and cost \$5 per person. Ley-Bucherer wants to keep the

group relatively small so is considering a second group.

“I just want people to learn to eat better,” she said.



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Preschool play sessions spread parenting knowledge



Windsor Reserve wonderland Winnie Stanley, who has just turned one, enjoyed reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, while Gloria Cahan, 11 months, was having a great time in the red barrel

Play dates in the park have returned for 2022. The free events, held every Tuesday at Windsor Park in Devonport and every Thursday at the Rose Gardens in Belmont, bring together caregivers of under-5s for some play time for the tots and some meet-and-greets for the adults. Discussions range from birthing stories to childcare options when the kids are older, says the Devonport Peninsula Trust’s summer events assistant, Hannah Catterall, whose own children have attended the play days.

It was a way to bring young families together and make connections, she said. “I came to this for years and that’s what I loved –it was accessible and it’s free.”

“It’s like a hive of knowledge that people can come to and you don’t have to pay or have social privilege to come. You can just come and be.” The Devonport events run until March 29, with the Belmont days finishing on March 31.



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Contribution by a Junior Student to Music

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Emily McNamara

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Gemma Leathley

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Illegal campers need to be held to account

Illegal camping at Narrow Neck Beach has gone unchecked over summer due to a lack of council staff to enforce the rules.

"It brings up a wider issue of council's ability to enforce our own bylaws which doesn't seem to be very strong. The illegal camping is a symptom, not a disease," Devonport-Takapuna board chair Ruth Jackson told its December meeting.

"These are issues that need to be addressed at council level."

Multiple reports of camping and parking on beach reserves have been received by board members or reported to council. It is also happening further north. Castor Bay resident Ian Revell said a large group of about 20 people were camping when he arrived home from holiday on 2 January. Another group arrived in the following days. He complained to the council hotline but had no follow-up. When he called the police, he was told they do not have the authority to enforce bylaws.

Jackson said council security contractors, who normally do tasks like locking park gates, have had their powers expanded so they can now educate people on and enforce bylaws. That was a start, but more needed to be done to ramp up enforcement. "When you as a resident call up the call centre you should be able to expect that something should happen."

Instead, people are getting told the council will get back to them within three days. "People in the community are angry. They ring the call centre and nothing happens. They do the right thing by reporting things online and nothing happens."

"We just don't have the resources and that's an issue."

Auckland Council compliance manager James Hassall said the council had received a number of reports of prohibited freedom camping. Staff investigated and educated visitors, and security officers patrolled popular areas in the evenings. "However, due to the volume of complaints received, we were unable to attend all reports."

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Local high schools name their 2022 student leaders



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Head Girl: Ivy Mitchell

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"Being in the position to represent the school community has been a goal of mine since Year 9. "I want to empower students to step outside of their comfort zones and grab opportunities that define who they are."



Takapuna Grammar School

Head Boy and Girl: Rohan Sherlock, Maia Davidson

Rohan said he was really looking forward to leading his peers. He is in the school's first XV rugby team and in their premier water polo team.

"In 2022, I hope to contribute to our already great school culture."

Maia said she was still taking in the privilege of being head girl. "Both my parents and two aunts were educated here and I am proud to keep the family heritage alive."

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DEVONPORT COMMUNITY NETWORK MEETING

Thursday 10 February, 10:00am-12:00pm

Devonport Yacht Club, 25 King Edward Pde, Devonport

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For more information contact Maria ph: 445 9533 or email: maria@devonportpeninsulatrust.nz.

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Band Rotunda, Windsor Reserve, Devonport Waterfront

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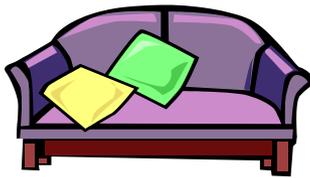
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Shakespeare in the Park plays to smaller Covid red audience



Rehearsal time... *The Merchant of Venice* features (from left) Mark Wilson as Bassanio, Meg Andrews as Portia and Adele Tunicliff as Nerissa PHOTO: MATTHEW DIESCH

Shakespeare in the Park is a summer institution on the North Shore, with Belmont resident John Charlton (inset) once again playing a key role.

Charlton has been involved in Shakespeare in the Park since 2014. This year he is playing the Prince of Morocco in the *The Merchant of Venice*, a boastful warrior who seeks the hand in marriage of Portia, the rich heiress. The actors can bring their own individuality to the characters, he said. "It's what you make of it."

"I've been doing Agatha Christie as well,

but for Shakespeare I love the language. The language is so rich."

Originally from South Africa, Charlton has lived in New Zealand for almost 23 years. Shakespeare gives an idea of how entertainment has changed. In Shakespeare's time – the 16th century – actors used to be paid through patronage, he said. "Shakespeare was the Netflix of that era."

Forrest Hill's Cassandra Atkinson plays Lucetta in *Two Gentlemen of Verona*, a waiting-woman to Julia, the main heroine. She is also the second outlaw. "It's quite a small

cast so a lot of us are doubling up," she said. Atkinson (41) he did her dissertation on Shakespeare in her English Lit degree – but has not done any performing since high school. She loves the setting next to Lake Pupuke. "Every time I come to rehearsal I can't believe my luck that I live here."

• Shakespeare in the Park runs until 19 February at the PumpHouse's outdoor amphitheatre. Tickets are \$27 for an adult. It will continue under the red covid setting with a cap of 100 audience members, with audience and staff masked and vaccinated.

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Artist explores environment connection

North Shore artist Michelle Mayn is on a continuum of exploring the human relationship with the environment including the declining state of the Hauraki Gulf.

Having spent a lot of time on Takapuna Beach growing up and with ties to Devonport where family served in the Navy, she has noticed the changing condition of rock pools along the coast.

“You can see the deterioration in the quality of life in all the little rock pools... How do we bring back the life force, the mauri?” she wonders.

Her latest sculptural pieces on show at the Depot Artspace look at the related issues of the land and the stress it is under. Mayn is one of three artists featured in the Future Propositions exhibition, alongside two Australian photographers, in a show that focuses on ethical relationships in a changing world. For her work, Mayn has been gathering eucalyptus leaves locally and intends incorporating rocks sent by one of the other participants. She is familiar with the Australian landscape, having spent four years living in Sydney when she was young.

“We spent many weekends travelling to favourite spots” – including the Blue Mountains. “Those memories of the Australian landscape and unique fauna are present in the materials that I’ve worked with for this show.”

Mayn is best known for her woven pieces, with several of her striking works made of harakeke currently suspended over water in an exhibition on at the Auckland Botanic Gardens. Now aged in her 50s, with a background in fashion design, textiles, and business, she came to weaving in 2007, training in traditional and contemporary Maori weaving at Unitec. She has been a full-time artist since 2012, gaining a Masters degree in visual art at AUT in 2020.

Materials fascinate her as does responding as an artist to people being caretakers for the rapidly changing natural world around us. Mayn says themes often emerge from work she is involved in. The state of the Gulf is now firmly in mind for future exploration.

“I think that is something I might pursue.”

• Future Propositions is one of two shows that opened the year at the Depot. It runs until 16 February. The second exhibition, called Haere, Hae-There, Hi There, is by a young painter, Dylan-Blanc Huata. It has gritty themes of growing up with inequality, violence and addiction.



Nature in focus... Michelle Mayn to exhibit at the Depot



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