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## Carved welcome gates sought for Devonport

Plans are being hatched to build welcome waharoa or carved gateways for Devonport.

The entranceways, to recognise the area's pre-colonial history, would likely be beside Lake Rd near the Waitemata Golf Club course – close to the existing 'Welcome to Devonport' sign – and at the ferry terminal.

The idea has emerged from the peninsula area's Te Hau Kapua Māori community hui, which gathers together local mana whenua and community representatives.

"This group is very keen to see the development of a waharoa (gateway) or pou established where the 'Welcome to Devonport'

sign is," Devonport-Takapuna Local Board chair Toni van Tonder said. The board was keen to support these efforts.

Elected members, including van Tonder and George Wood, attended a hui, held last year at broadcaster Danny Watson's papakāinga in Bayswater.

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## Junior world series knocks up 31 years



**Hot action...** A new addition to the North Shore Cricket Club's junior world series was a golf cart for distributing drinks and sunscreen by officials: from left Isabella Watson, Krissie Mistry and Kennedy Scott. More pictures p10-11



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# Gates, pou would 'enrich understanding' of history

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Local identity Lofty Ned, who is among those driving plans for the waharoa and pou, said the proposal was "at the discussion stage". He hoped, however, that something might be built within a year.

"There's such a rich history to the place and that's something that has been missing... both for Māori and non-Māori," he said. "Right now we have the colonial history, but we don't have the Māori history."

Seeing Māori history added to the heritage information about Devonport would enrich understanding of the area for both locals and tourists.

"In the schools they are starting to learn more, but not so much around the community."

This ranged from knowing more about the different iwi that had lived in and occupied the area, and stories of the whenua, including its natural springs.

"We're all kaitiaki [guardians]," Ned said. He wants locals to develop pride in the area and be mindful of history.

To ensure this was accurate, the Te Hau Kapua Māori Community hui – which involves locals from diverse iwi backgrounds – would consult widely to ensure its depictions were correct and inclusive, he said.

Skilled carvers such as Ngahiwi Walker and Natanahira Pona are among those involved. They were already drafting plans for pou, Ned said.

Walker is the Navy's Te Moana marae manager and cultural adviser. His wife, Te-rehia, has a similar advisory role at the Depot

Artspace. With Pona, who is master carver at Lake House Arts Centre in Takapuna, and Ned, they have been among those driving the growth of community Matariki celebrations in Devonport over the last few years.

Van Tonder said she hoped the council's new Devonport 'activator' might be able to support the initiative. The council had a Māori outcomes policy, which might help with funding.

The activator position is being funded by the local board to support community development, after the board decided on a new approach to its delivery following council budget cuts last year. These spelled the end of funding for the Devonport Peninsula Trust, which has vacated its offices at the Fort Takapuna barracks. The activator will work from the Devonport Community House.

## Local firearms owners urged to register weapons

Just over 8500 firearms have been registered in the Waitematā district by the 14,444 registered licence holders in the area, which includes the North Shore.

Nationally, 100,000 firearms were put on the registry in seven months, from around 10

per cent of the country's 235,000 firearms licence holders.

Waitematā is among the more responsive areas, fifth behind Canterbury, says the Firearms Safety Authority's executive director, Angela Brazier.

But she is urging more people to register their firearms. This can be done online with the authority.

The registry was set up to deter guns falling into the wrong hands and to make tracing them easier.

## Still counting down to new supermarket

No date has been set for the opening of the new 'direct-to-boot' Woolworths supermarket planned for old Lake Rd.

The food retailer has lodged a resource consent application with Auckland Council to convert the former Mobil gas station into a collection point for goods ordered online.

A Woolworths (formerly Countdown) spokesperson said the company was still working through the consent process. No dates had been set for construction or opening.

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## Pou given pole position at Stanley Bay School



Six pou whenua depicting the values and history of Stanley Bay School will greet new entrants on their first day at school this year.

Principal Emma Tolmie (pictured above) told the Flagstaff the pou were placed at the entrance of the school and at an outdoor meeting space on the back field late last year to welcome people.

Each has a theme. One depicts Māori

history, traditions, customs and local leaders, while others show the school community and learning philosophy.

The wooden poles were designed and painted by students with the help of artist Ruth Christy.

Christy joined the school in term two last year, teaching students basic art skills, then pou design.

Navy staff helped move the pou to

classrooms where students painted them. Parents helped install them.

Christy's time and the materials for the project were funded by a grant from the Ministry of Education through a creatives in schools programme.

This year, the school has funding for carver Natanahira Pona to work with students to create a new gate for the front of the school.



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## Club upgrade will create new outdoor space



**On target...** (from left) North Shore United's board chair Mike Fox, manager Stephen Millham, board member and coach Jack Collinson and football development manager Ryan Ward stand on the northern deck of the clubrooms, which will soon feature a new garden bar, as shown (right) in this design

Afternoons and evenings overlooking the pitch at Allen Hill Stadium will become more enticing, with the major renovation of North Shore United's clubrooms.

The interior of the 1980s building is being recarpeted and repainted, but the centrepiece of the work is extending an existing outdoor deck and adding a garden bar to wrap two sides of the clubrooms, with seating angled for the sun.

Club chair Mike Fox said this would help transform a "very blokey" atmosphere into a more family-friendly space where people could socialise.

With the football club's membership having grown over the last few years, and with women and girls comprising around 150 of a 835-strong membership last year, the board was keen to build on the organisation's community appeal, he said.

"The idea is to entice families to stay longer," said club manager Stephen Millham.

This applied not just on game day, but after evening trainings and the popular Friday First kids' sessions. An opening day would be

held in due course so locals could see the facilities.

The club has set aside \$50,000 from fundraising and reserves for the work, which is being project-managed by club member Mark Collinson, with a mix of volunteer and contract labour. Graham Collie of Atlas Concrete is a big contributor.

If sponsorship and a planned donation drive bolsters funds, other work will be done.

The project began in the second week of January and has a target finish date of March, in time for the opening of the football season. The work includes a new concrete path from the carpark to the changing rooms.

Collinson's son, Jack, who is on the club's board and also its senior women's coach, says the club had decided to get on with the clubrooms work itself rather than waiting for long-planned Auckland Council ground upgrades. "We got a bit tired of waiting." Consents for lights were obtained several



years ago, but they have not been installed and other planned work did not proceed due to Covid budget cuts. An old pipe fence around the pitch needs replacing.

The club is now more urgently focused on working with council to upgrade the clubrooms at Bayswater Park, where the bulk of games across all grades are played.

Millham said the council building there is "ghastly". Built in the 1940s for rugby league, it had open showers and no separate female facilities. A meeting was held on site last week.

Council staff will soon take three options, – ranging from demolition and replacement, through a partial rebuild to doing nothing – to the local board for its view. Budget will need to be found for any work to proceed.



## Young athletes taste success at showcase meets

Devonport peninsula athletes performed strongly at the country's biggest athletics event for children, the Colgate Games, held this month in Auckland and Dunedin.

Competing over three days under the banner of the Takapuna Athletics Club, local athletes, aged seven to 14, were among a 67-strong club track and field contingent at Mt Smart Stadium, with a smaller number heading south the following weekend.

The games – which launched the national careers of top athletes Zoe Hobbs and Devonport's own Jacko Gill – drew more than 2000 junior athletes this year, including Australian state teams from Victoria and Queensland.

At their conclusion, 14-year-old Connor Brady from Bayswater – who collected seven medals (three gold, one silver and three bronze) – was one of four athletes awarded a Nick Willis scholarship for outstanding performance. He hopes to compete in Australia this year.

A newcomer to the Colgates, Leo Simons from Devonport, also won a gold, in the Grade 10 boys long jump.

Club president Dan Brady said the club's athletes, many of whom attend Belmont Intermediate and Takapuna Grammar School (TGS), had turned in some fantastic performances, bringing home a stack of other medals, including silvers to Romey Jewell in the G12 400m, Jacob Howell in the B14 400m, and Kate O'Connell in G11 high jump.

Post Covid the club had gone from strength-to-strength, with an emphasis on retaining athletes after primary school and working in with winter codes, Brady said. Athletics provided a fantastic platform of cardio, strength and speed for other sports in its off-season, he said, while offering rewards in its own right.

His son, Connor, had found one of his most personally rewarding results was bronze in the 4x100m Grade 14 relay, competing with an all-local lineup, including his long-standing team-mates from North Shore Rugby Club, Jacob Howell and Baxter McNaughton, who live in Devonport, along with rising shotputter Alex Hallie, from Bayswater.

In individual competition in Auckland, Connor won the Grade 14 shot put and 400m, and took silver in the 100m hurdles and bronze in discus. As well as featuring in the third-placed boys relay team, he gained a further bronze as part of a mixed medley team, again with Jacob and Baxter, and Jess Lathwood and Bella O'Neil.

Brady backed up his North Island performances in Dunedin, by repeating his shot-put gold and coming second in the 100m hurdles, just pipped by a visiting Australian.

Colgate bronze medals gained by peninsula junior athletes in addition to the above went to: Jake Tuck, grade 10, 1500m; Leo Simons, grade 10, high jump; and the grade 10 4x100m relay team, where Simons was joined by locals Lachy Sara and Miller Jewell from this area.



**Quick combo... (from left) Baxter McNaughton, Jacob Howell, Connor Brady and Alex Hallie, who won bronze in the Grade 14 4x100m relay. Right: Romey Jewell, who won silver in the Grade 12 400m, competing in a relay for Takapuna Athletics Club.**



### Seniors also shine

Brady said the club's older athletes were building on the fine performances some recorded at the New Zealand Secondary School championships held in Christchurch in December. From this, peninsula thrower Kate Hallie had been selected for the national under-18 team to compete at this year's Australian secondary school championships. Two other local club members had qualified for their respective U20 world championship events: Sascha Letica in the 5km cross country and James Ford in 400m and 800m.

Devonport local Thomas Cowan, who attends Westlake and runs for the Harbour Bays club, has also bettered the U20 standard for the 800m.

Brady partly put the flow of good results from the Takapuna club to its introducing structured training squads for sprints, hurdles, throws and jumps. The community-based culture of the club also helped with camaraderie and retention, he said. "Any time someone meets international selection criteria or wears the silver fern, the entire club is so proud."

This year, the club hoped to have three members selected for the Paris Olympics: shotputter Gill and polevaulters Eliza McCartney and Imogen Ayris (all former TGS students).



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Bus rides in a single zone, such as to Takapuna on the 814 route, will cost another 23 cents, rising to \$2.60.

Auckland Transport (AT) announced the city-wide fee rises this month, saying they were needed to help meet sustained operating-cost increases. Introduced as part of an annual review, rises average 6.2 per cent.

"This year we are having to increase fares to keep up with the rising cost of running and maintaining Auckland's public transport network," said AT's director of public transport and active modes, Stacey van der Putten.

"In recent years we have been mindful of the impacts Covid-19 and extreme weather have had on our customers. We deferred last year's fare increase until April and in 2022 there was no increase at all," she said.

But costs had spiked, driven by inflation and staff shortages, forcing the increases.

AT is predicting that public transport patronage will continue to grow. The introduction later in the year of contactless payments for fares via debit/credit card, Apply Pay and Google Pay was expected to make usage easier for those without a HOP card.

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## Fallen native tree used for tribute to glade's creator



**Rest easy... (from left) Restoring Takarunga Hauraki's Lance Cablk, Anne McMillan and Kathy Farquhar try out the new bench at Mary Barrett Glade. Below: an inscription tells how the seat was carved from a tree that fell in the glade.**

Brian Pollock hopes the Mary Barrett Glade his mother Mabel 'Polly' Pollock laboured to create in Devonport will prove an inspiration as a mini-forest to other Aucklanders.

Nelson resident Pollock is delighted a seat he made from native timber as a tribute to his indomitable mother has been given pride of place at the entrance to the glade.

It was installed by members of the Restoring Takarunga Hauraki environmental group where the track into the glade begins on Lake Rd.

The glade is part of the coastal-fringe Wakakura Reserve managed by the Department of Conservation (DoC) between Ngataranga Park and the Ryman William Sanders Retirement Village.

Pollock made the bench seat in 2020, using a fallen tōtara from the glade, which was established and maintained by his mother over 16 years.

She died in 2010. Although she created and named the glade for an adult daughter who predeceased her, many people still refer to the area as Polly's Park, recognising her determination in carving a community asset out of wasteland.

"Auckland has so many more places for mini-forests," Brian Pollock told the Flagstaff last week.

He said the glade and the seat was an ex-

ample of how native trees could be re-established, bringing all the benefits they offered communities and the environment. The glade attracted birdlife and helped protect and filter streams and the shoreline, mitigating floods and storing carbon, he said.

The Restoring Takarunga Hauraki (RTH) environmental group, with a core group of supporters drawn from the Ryman village, these days helps maintain the glade along the mangrove fringe, with weeding, trapping and planting. Its members were instrumental in having Pollock's seat installed.

Initially, when Pollock carved what he dubbed Polly's perch, he quietly placed it mid-way along the glade's track. It was

removed and put into storage when the track was closed to the public by DoC during the retirement village's construction.

Pollock said he was thankful the seat had finally been reinstated for the public. It features the name Polly on the backrest, while another inscription tells of the tōtara the seat was made from.

"Native forest does grow fast enough in part of a lifetime to be useful as timber," Pollock said.

RTH co-ordinator Lance Cablk said in another bonus for track users, students from Takapuna Grammar School had made a simple wooden bench seat that had been installed part-way along as a resting place.





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Giving it their all for England... junior players Eli Little-Codling, aged 9, and (below) Otis Christiansen (8) size up the ball





## Hundreds turn out for junior world series

North Shore's junior world series took on a professional air in its 31st year with the introduction of a drinks cart – much needed on Monday in the high temperatures.

Officials were also able to distribute sunscreen and help with umpiring decisions from the cart (borrowed from Waitemata Golf Club) zipping around Devonport Domain.

More than 160 kids took part in the three-day event, with teams representing cricketing countries in junior, middle and senior age competitions. The senior players had the added bonus of batting on the domain's grass pitches, many for the first time.

Premier and adult North Shore players padded up at lunch time with young cricketers getting a prize if they bowled them out.

All young players received a special participation medal this year.

**Concentration... Ten-year-old Maggie Sievers (right) lines up a bowl for Australia under the eye of coach Pippa Priddy while (below) Anna Gray (9) bats for Pakistan**



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# Shark dies after being netted at Narrow Neck

The carcass of a shark around two metres long that got caught up in a net at Narrow Neck was left to rot on the beach last week.

The Department of Conservation (DoC) told the Flagstaff that because the bronze whaler was not a protected species it was not the department's job to remove it.

The dead shark was seen by locals being freed from a net by a fisher on Wednesday 17 January. That evening it was rolling around in the shallows and a day later had washed up on the sand. By Tuesday it was partially covered with sand under the lower cliffs of Fort Takapuna.

Its presence – and smell – attracted interest from dogs and walkers south of the main beach, with a number of people taking photographs.

Some questioned why a net was allowed at the urban beach. It is unclear whether the net involved was a set net or drag net.

The use of nets has in the past concerned some ocean swimmers who say they pose a tangling risk, especially at dawn or dusk or if left unattended.

A week earlier, a dead juvenile bronze hammerhead washed up at Narrow Neck. Around one-metre long, it was photographed on 11 January, lying near the boat ramp, close to a net. It was later said to have been taken away in the boot of a vehicle.

A live shark was also reported close to shore over the holiday period at the Hauraki end of Takapuna Beach.



**Beached as... the two-metre bronze whaler left to rot on Narrow Neck Beach last week**

DoC said that both the species seen at local beaches and numbers of sharks reported were normal for this time of year.

"It is very common to see bronze whaler sharks up to 3m long close to beaches throughout the Hauraki Gulf," said marine technical adviser Clinton Duffy.

While DoC liked to be kept informed by divers, fishers and the public (with photographs if possible), it did not take responsibility for disposing of the bodies of non-protected

species of sharks.

"We do occasionally recover carcasses of those species to assist researchers," Duffy added.

Carcasses of protected shark species – great whites, basking, oceanic whitetip, smalltooth sandtiger (deepwater nurse shark) and whale shark – were recovered, however, to allow deaths to be investigated, particularly where illegal targeting or non-reporting of accidental bycatch was suspected.

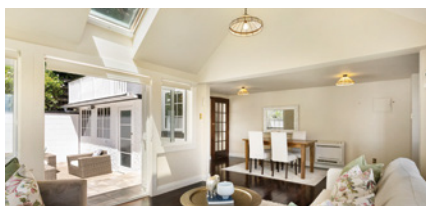
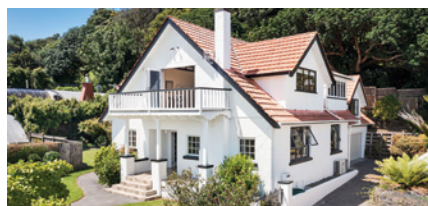
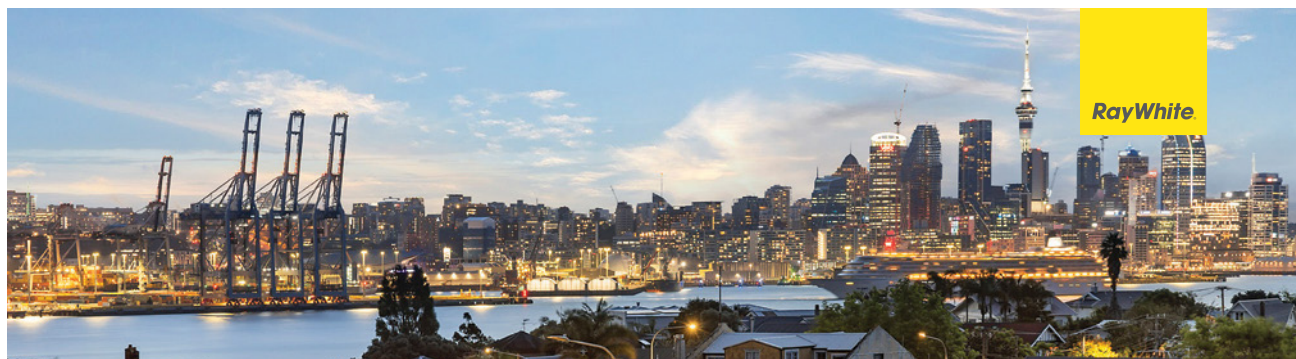
The bodies of these species were used for research purposes, to gather evidence for compliance purposes and to prevent illegal removal of and trade in body parts, he said.

DoC would not be drawn on the use of nets on urban beaches, saying this was a fisheries matter.

"Our view on set nets, which pose the greatest threat to protected species, is that fishers should follow the relevant fisheries regulations," Duffy said. Wherever possible the net should be kept in sight, so any accidental catch could be released alive.

Reports can be sent to DoC by emailing sharks@doc.govt.nz or on 0800 DOC HOT (0800 362468), or anonymously via the Protected Species Catch app.

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## Local premiers stalwart new head coach at Shore

After a glittering playing career with North Shore premiers notching more than 200 games, James Hinchco is back as head coach.

Hinchie, as he is affectionately known, started playing for North Shore Rugby Club as a five-year-old. He lived just around the corner from the club playing fields.

He played for 33 years in the green-and-white stripes, finally hanging up his boots in 2018, having played 201 games for the premiers.

On his coaching appointment Hinchco said: "With Rua [Tipoki, who coached Shore to a North Harbour championship last season – in Shore's 150th year] stepping back, the club was keen to give guys coming through a chance."

Hinchco is joined by Jason Ross, who will be backs coach. The pair coached Takapuna Grammar School's first XV together for four years.

Belmont pharmacist and former North Harbour player and coach Allan Pollock, who has coached professionally in New Zealand and overseas, will act as a technical advisor.

"Polly's son Rex plays for us so he was coming to watch us anyway," Hinchco said. "He's got a wealth of experience and is a great guy to bounce ideas off."

The seasoned management combo of Mike Simpson and Mike Warmington completes the line-up.



**From player to coach... James Hinchco (with baby) celebrating with family after his 200th game for Shore premiers in 2018**

Hinchco said most of the 2023 championship team were back for 2024, and will be bolstered by former North Harbour mid-fielder Jimmy Little.

Lochie McNair, who was Shore's starting hooker last season before badly breaking his leg mid-year, has recovered well and was hoping to join the premiers again, Hinchco said.

The North Harbour club season starts after

Easter. The draw has yet to come out, as the union is waiting to see which clubs can field premier teams.

An interesting dynamic has been introduced this season with Super Rugby side Moana Pasifika basing itself at North Harbour stadium. Its fringe players will be playing for local club sides, such as Northcote and Takapuna, so North Shore will have plenty of good competition in 2024.

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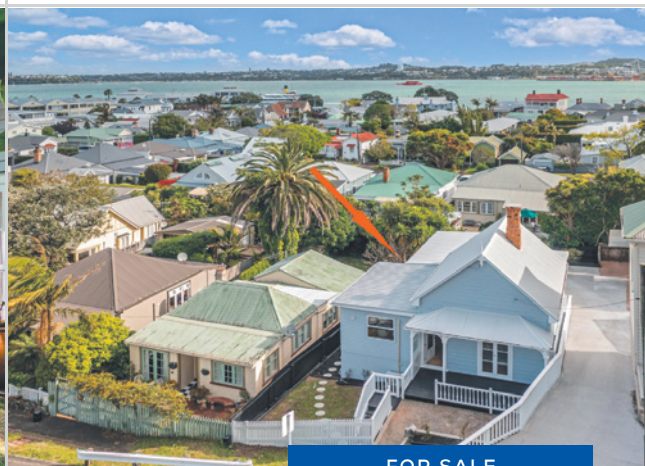

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# Club official helped foster generations of athletes

North Shore athletics stalwart Michael Hartshorne leaves a near four-decade legacy of supporting the sport through volunteer and leadership roles.

Hartshorne, who died at his home in a Devonport retirement village on 16 December, was 81.

Until 2022, he was president of the Takapuna Athletics and Harriers Club, a position he held for 28 years. He was also club delegate to the Auckland Athletics Centre on junior committees and annual meetings.

For club members, Mike wasn't just a backroom official. He was the encouraging face of the weekly club nights he organised, alongside his wife of 59 years, Meryl.

In 2019, Athletics New Zealand awarded the couple – who met at Takapuna Grammar School (TGS) – with long-service awards. The national organisation noted his profound contribution to grassroots athletics in Auckland.

Hartshorne took equal pride in introducing newcomers to athletics as to creating an environment for top athletes to thrive. These include the club's international representatives Jacko Gill, Imogen Ayriss and Eliza McCartney.

With a new crop of rising talent emerging from the club this summer, he leaves the club in great heart.

Current president Dan Brady, who took over after illness led to Hartshorne stepping back, said his predecessor was responsible for thousands of children experiencing athletics and, through it, growing confidence and building lasting friendships.

The club's intention is to work with the family to decide on a fitting and lasting tribute.

Auckland-born Hartshorne grew up in Beresford St, Bayswater, with two brothers and two sisters.

He developed an early love of sailing and went through Bayswater School, before high school at TGS and a career as a quantity surveyor.

His passion for athletics came later, when his two young daughters, Kara and Kylie, joined the club. Like many parents, he and



**Long-time volunteers... Meryl and Mike Hartshorne were familiar faces running the Takapuna Athletics and Harriers Club weekly club nights**

Meryl went along to watch and before long got hooked on helping out. "When we both left, they just continued on because they loved the sport," Kara said.

Mike often organised the running races and Meryl regularly oversaw discus. Both tall and trim, they became familiar figures to generations of young competitors and their families.

Travelling was long a love of the Hartshornes, who worked overseas before they returned to raise their children in New Zealand.

Mike set up his own quantity surveying consultancy business and teacher Meryl founded an early childhood centre in Northcote.

He was president of the New Zealand Institute of Quantity Surveyors from 1983-84

and also edited its journal.

Before settling down, the couple ventured as far as the Soviet Union in the 1970s. They also spent time working in Australia and the United Kingdom and caught boats to Japan and to the United States, where they bought a Mustang convertible and embarked on a big road trip.

Daughter Kara recollects the convertible, which they brought back from the US, was not a practical vehicle and being right-hand drive presented difficulties with the Harbour Bridge toll gates.

Mike, a quiet but determined man, enjoyed watching top competitors. He travelled to world championships in Germany and China and to Olympic Games in Mexico and London, where daughter Kylie still lives with two of the Hartshornes' four grandchildren. He was also a big All Blacks rugby fan and held season tickets for Blues games at Eden Park.

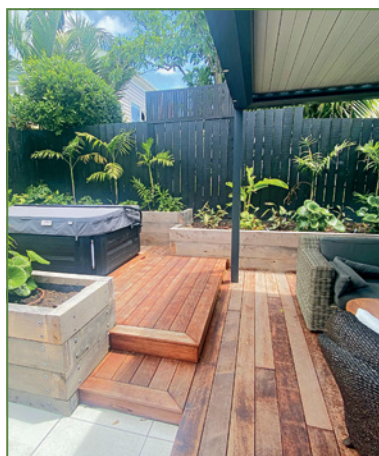
The couple moved into the Ryman William Sanders Retirement Village in Devonport several years ago. Mike lived with cancer for some time, but died peacefully at home, with Meryl at his side.

The return to the suburb she grew up in, and where they married at Holy Trinity Church, also brought them closer to daughter Kara, who on return from overseas had settled in Bayswater with her family.

Her two children are now third-generation members of Takapuna Athletics Club and this month did well at the North Island Colgate Games. It was a bittersweet moment for the family that club life member Mike was not there to see Romey Jewell, aged 12, win a silver medal in the 400m race for her age-group and brother Miller a bronze in the 10-year-old boys 4x100m relay.

A minute's silence in Hartshorne's honour was observed at the meeting in Auckland.

Kara, who is on the club committee, says the moving tributes since her father's death have underlined his contribution to building the sport from the grassroots with countless hours of volunteer work. She is particularly proud that many comments recognise the family-friendly environment he was instrumental in creating.



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## Bob Wattam: sailor, skier business and family man



**In his happy place... Bob Wattam skippering Wild South outside Devonport Yacht Club (left) and (above) alongside wife Anne behind the counter at the North Shore Furniture company**

Bob Wattam, a prominent member of Devonport Yacht Club and owner of the village's last furniture shop, has died aged 87.

Wattam was born in Cambridge in 1936 and lived in the rural areas of Karapiro and Waimate before moving to Devonport in 1951. His father bought the North Shore Auctioneering and Furniture Company in Clarence St. While attending Takapuna Grammar Bob did deliveries after school using the families' 1948 Ford Anglia.

From an early age he showed a talent for building and as a child assembled wooden boxes he sold for a penny. This skill continued into building rafts and canoes and then into a lifelong love of boat building, several of which he built and sailed. Sailing was his passion but he also loved skiing. He met wife Anne on the ski-fields and married in 1962. For many years they were prominent members of the Alpine Sports Club.

Wattam built their first house in Beach

St (now Hanlon Cres) but the couple later moved to King Edward Pde for 41 years, and then Jubilee Ave for 11 years. Anne passed away last year and Bob in early January.

Wattam sailed numerous yachts out of Devonport Yacht Club including: Mischief, Wild South, Mustang, Spitfire and Vision. He was club commodore from 1964-66 and also served as sailing secretary and president.

He raced both in New Zealand waters and offshore and cruised the South Pacific. He was said to know every rock and reef of the Bay of Islands so well that he did not need a GPS; likewise his knowledge of the Hauraki Gulf was so extensive he didn't need to consult charts.

Bob and Anne bought the North Shore Furniture Company from his father in 1977 and ran it for more than two decades before closing down the business and selling the

building (which later housed Ikes.)

He was active in the Devonport Business Association and instrumental in convincing the Devonport Borough Council to construct the well-used Flagstaff terrace angle parking

Wattam was also a keen tramp and had walked every track in the Waitakere Ranges – a feat now made impossible due to Kauri dieback restrictions.

Friends and family packed the Devonport Yacht Club last Saturday for his funeral service. Granddaughter Zoe remembered his kind and caring nature and as "the first man who winked at me".

Always active, one of his favourite phrases was "get a wriggle on," Zoe said. She would always remember Bob telling her chaos was an external thing: the way to control your life was through your own mind.

Bob Wattam is survived by children Janet and Robert and grandchildren. Robert, Benjamin, Daniel, Zoe and James.

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## Flate-rate charge for green waste is outrageous

I recently took some green waste to the Devonport Community Recycling Centre (now Resource Recovery Devonport). In the back of my hatchback I had a black plastic garden sack three-quarters full, very light, easily lifted, and a few extra twigs and thin foliage trimmings from a young tree. The volume was quite small. I was shocked to be told that cars and hatchbacks are a flat rate of \$35 for green waste.

The last time I took a slightly greater amount of green waste to the recycle centre it cost \$9 by weight and that didn't seem very long ago, though the staff assured me the new charges have been in place for over a year. When questioning why they no longer charge by weight I was told that trailers and vans are charged by weight but cars and hatchbacks by the flat rate. I won-

dered whether, if I had the same amount in a trailer, it might be cheaper and the answer was "possibly".

I find this flat-rate charge, a fourfold increase, outrageous. Pensioners cannot afford this. What are people supposed to do when we only have a very small amount of green waste in the boot of our small cars? Are they trying to discourage small volumes/cars from our 'community' recycle centre? I could not bring myself to pay \$35 to dispose of a few leaves and garden clippings so I took it home again to try to find another solution.

**J M Leighton**

**Richard Linthwaite of Resource Recovery Devonport responds:**

Almost a year ago we introduced a fixed rate for carloads of materials, a common

practice at similar sites throughout Auckland. This speeds up processing and gives customers certainty on costs. The \$9 rate referred to here was a minimum charge. It was increased to \$15 in February 2023. This minimum charge is applied in cases such as this where a customer only has one or two 50-litre rubbish bags. In this case the customer was offered the \$15 option once our staff realised the vehicle only contained such a small amount of material, but they declined to deposit their waste.

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## Simon Watts must oppose National's mining and drilling madness

Simon Watts, as a candidate at a recent general election hustings, when asked whether he would, if elected, support his political party or his constituents on any given issue, stated he would put the people of North Shore first.

While locals continue to rebuild after terrifying weather events, Watts is now Minister for Climate Change.

On the very day he was attending COP28, at which it was agreed that fossil fuels must be phased out, we had the grotesque spectacle of his own government announcing new mining and drilling plans.

Watts has now to make good on his undertaking: he must support his constituents over the madness of his party.

**Simon Sheen**

## Bike lane is an ugly addition

Our ancestors left a beautiful suburb with many practical and aesthetic things to enjoy.

We should endeavour to maintain this heritage.

Regarding some recent local contracts, this is changing.

The bike lane between Kerr St and Calliope Rd looks as if it was designed and built by a kindergarten. It would win international prizes for ugliness and impracticability.

One hopes some improvement is coming.

**Alec Hill**

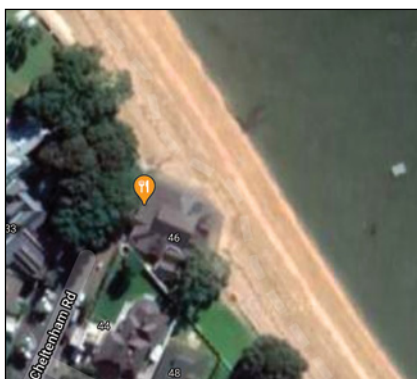
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## Pontoon position three years ago



In relation to the recent articles about the pontoon at Cheltenham Beach being too far out, the image above gives the position of the pontoon in February 2021.

(You kindly printed a letter that I wrote about Stanley Bay pontoon at the time.)

I was advised by council that a new Resource Consent authorised the pontoons to be 50 metres from the shore (don't know if that meant mean high-tide mark).

The Stanley Bay pontoon appeared for a few days last summer, still at the distant mark, and has never seen the light of day again – a shame if the pontoon is still in existence.

**Barbara Iversen**

## Takarunga 'improvements': from bad to verse

'Twas once beautiful, our Takarunga, Well-known for its fresh air and fun. So folks would go up for a dog-walk, a picnic, or maybe a run.

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## Local golfer shoots for Royal Troon at Millbrook tourney

Devonport golfer Ike Oh is in with a rare chance to compete at an international event being held as part of the 152nd annual Open Championship at Royal Troon in Scotland.

The 23-handicapper, who plays at the Waitemata Golf Club, won a draw – run by Golf New Zealand to encourage nine-hole play – to compete with seven others from across the country in a 9-hole event before the New Zealand Open at Millbrook, near Arrowtown, in March.

The two best scorers will go on to the Open Championship to face other amateur players from 22 countries around the world.

“Just winning a trip to Queenstown is an amazing prize... let alone being in with a chance to go and play the lead-in event for one of the world’s most special golfing majors,” Oh said.

The Korean-born 71-year-old, who took up golf in 1982, was playing midweek with friends at Waitemata when he entered the ‘Make Time Play 9’ competition.

He was not focussed on winning, merely submitting his scorecard to go into the lucky draw as a monthly winner.

“I love playing with friends and my wife – enjoying the fresh atmosphere of green grass and trees. I play golf with my friends once a week for 18 holes, and two or three times a week with my wife for nine holes, as she started playing golf several months ago.”

But now he plans to take the opportunity seriously.

“I feel a bit like Lydia Ko/Ryan Fox. I’ll certainly be hitting the driving range and putting greens over the coming months, to get in a bit of extra practice, as there’s a lot on the line for winning.”

Golf New Zealand development manager Thiem Nguyen said Make Time Play 9 had drawn a lot of entries in the summer months.

It encourages golfers of all ages and skill levels across the country to participate in the shorter-format game, with the chance of a prize providing an experience Nguyen said money could not buy.

Oh, and other monthly winners, receive return airfares and accommodation to compete in the national final.

A final draw for a place in the New Zealand selection event will be held in mid-February.

The top two will travel to Scotland to compete against 40 other players.

“Two lucky amateur Kiwi golfers who play the sport for the pure love of it will have the opportunity to play on the same golf course as Rory McIlroy, Ryan Fox, and the best professional golfers in the world in conjunction with the Open Championship,” Nguyen said.

“I know that Ike, along with the other qualifying finalists, will be excited about the Queenstown experience, and will practising incredibly hard over the coming weeks and months to sharpen up their games – with an eye to securing that elusive spot to play in the world finals.



**In with a shot... Ike Oh is scheduling in some extra practice to improve his chances of winning a place in a tournament ahead of the Open Championship in Scotland**



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# Fishing & Boating

**Fishing Report for February '24**


Here we go again for another year, we are all back to work and those lazy days floating around on the sea are all but a memory.....or are they? The weather continues to be settled so I say get out there as much as you can, whilst we can.....

There have been good reports of healthy snapper being caught quite close to home. All the channels with decent tidal flow are fishing well, but the trick is early in the morning or at dusk. Fish, like us, will be lazy during the hot days and feed up early and late afternoon.

Motuie Channel, Sergeants Channel and Rakino Channel would be good areas to target. Get the wind with the tide and drift through the edges of the channel using curly tail soft baits, dragging them out the back a bit. This should spark up some interest from the ever curious, and hungry snapper. If you start hooking up, make a note of your location and keep drifting over the same spot. Snapper will hold in the current and wait for the bait to be presented to them, remember hot fish are lazy fish.

If you are into Kingfish then now is the time these magnificent fish are in our harbour. We have been catching them all around the inner harbour marker buoys. Use top water lures, stick bait or poppers. If you can use live bait, this is by far the best way. There is a bit to live baiting so come in and talk to us if you need help. Kingfish fight hard so you need strong gear and be prepared for a proper scrap with these powerful fish.

Out further the work ups are few and far between but there is still snapper on the bottom in 40-50 m of water. Long slow drifts over larger areas will produce fish but you need patience.

We look forward to seeing you all in store soon, we love fish stories so come in and have a natter.

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## Cash-strapped local board eyes peninsula sports-club funds

Local sports clubs looking to renew their peppercorn clubroom leases on council land may face annual fees of \$1300.

The Devonport Squash Club and the Takapuna Boating Club dodged a bullet late last year, having lodged their renewal applications before the Auckland Council fees policy took effect, but the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board signalled at its December meeting that it would hold a workshop on how best to apply the fees in 2024.

The charge might be phased in, and the board has discretion on who is charged.

But clubs with a commercial element to their operations, such as those running a money-making bar or renting out rooms to other groups, will come under more scrutiny on their financial position.

"We're providing a facility that offers them the opportunity to make money," said local-board chair Toni van Tonder.

Though profits were largely ploughed back into facilities and operations, the board, which was facing its own budget cuts, had to look at finding its own revenue sources.

It was not intended to charge clubs that were not in a position to make money. Encouraging community sports participation

was important.

All clubs pay just \$1 for their clubroom ground leases currently. The new council fees regime is to better cover its own administration costs. Council is also encouraging boards to add maintenance fees into some leases.

During discussion of the squash club lease renewal, the board heard the club made \$68,000 a year in returns from use of the gym.

Membership revenue was less than \$20,000.

Van Tonder acknowledged the work the club had done on its facilities and said there was no intention to penalise it. But she recommended that the fee for leasing be reviewed after two years, rather than the five years that has been standard.

This would better reflect the changing approach that would be applied to applications lodged by other clubs, with the aim of bringing them into line over time. The squash-club lease itself was approved for a 10-year term, with a 10-year right of renewal.

Council staff also made clear that clubs would not be charged for using sports fields, after member George Wood raised this fear.

He voted against the lease renewal under the new review terms, which was passed 5-1.



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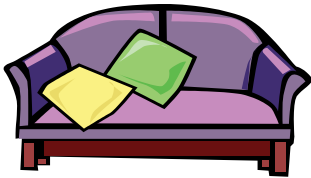
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## Girls 1st XI Third Place at Nationals



After a huge year for the TGS Girls Cricket 1st XI which included winning the Auckland Championship, winning the National qualifying tournament and being named TGS Team of the Year the girls were excited to play in the National tournament held at what is arguably NZ's home of cricket, Lincoln University.

While having a day rained off meant only four of the six scheduled games were played, including not having a final, which may leave lingering 'what ifs', the team can be hugely proud of winning three of their four games played (only losing to tournament winners) and placing 3rd in NZ, also being the highest-placed co-ed school in the country being the only one to make it to the top 6.

Audrey Melhuish (above, in centre) was named as the TGS tournament MVP while Rishika Jaswal (top right, second from right) was awarded joint tournament MVP alongside Emma McLeod from St Matthew's Collegiate (the tournament winners).

A big thank you to everyone who has helped and supported the team along the way. TGS had the biggest parent/family cheer squad at the tournament. Thank you to Mrs Nixon for coming to support the girls. Director of Cricket, Michael Tillett was brilliant at the tournament supporting the team as were team managers Johanna Melhuish and Kent Hallman. Coach Johan puts his heart and soul into the team and has given them top-quality coaching throughout the year, thank you. Well done, 3rd in New Zealand!

## More Sports Scholarships awarded to TGS Athletes

Congratulations to our student athletes who have signed athletic scholarships to attend universities in the United States starting in February & August 2024.

**Rea Kearns**  
(Indiana University)  
for Rowing

**Harry Tu'isila**  
(Belmont Abbey College)  
for Rugby

**Skye Lang**  
(University of San Diego)  
for Rowing

**Maia Scott**  
(Tusculum University,  
Tennessee)  
for Football

**Maggie Squire**  
(Princeton University)  
for Diving

**Heath Barrett** (Rugby)  
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## 20 years ago from the Flagstaff files

- Boardsailor Tom Ashley is selected for the national Olympic team for Athens.
- Garth Ellingham wins the Starling class in the sailing nationals, while sister Kate was first girl home in the P-class division.
- The dry summer is creating ground issues for North Shore Cricket Club.
- Devonport Food and Wine festival regulars threaten to boycott the festival as proceeds will go to a detoxification centre for P-addicts.
- Overflowing litter bins and rubbish sacks on the streets over the summer period prompt complaints from locals and shopkeepers alike.
- Devonport's historic Moreton Bay fig has been injected with insecticide to halt further defoliation caused by aphid infestation.
- A meeting is held to discuss a memorial to the people of Devonport at Mt Cambria.
- Susanne Grosswiler Pergomet exhibits at the Depot.
- Life-drawing classes start up at the Wiki-toria building on Mt Victoria.
- The life of ARD Fairburn is commemorated at the Devonport Library.
- North Shore premier cricketers have a large lead in the Auckland two-day competition
- Yachtsman Philip Keall is the Flagstaff interview subject.

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## Seasonal splashdown delivers a wet Christmas



More than 200 people took part in the annual Christmas Day jump-off at Stanley Bay Wharf. Started 10 years ago by Linda Simmons, the jump-off has grown into an annual Stanley Bay community event, which is now facilitated by Rachel Hamilton. Opposite: Clara Simmons made the leap in a Santa costume. Above: The crowd gathers on the wharf.

## THE NAVY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

### UPCOMING 'SCHOOL TO SEAS' EXPERIENCE

Applications are still open for Devonport Naval Base's annual School to Seas Wāhine camp, showcasing the Navy to a group of year 12 and 13 school students from around New Zealand.

The camp is about empowering young women with confidence and curiosity about Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) careers in the marine industry.

During 14-20 April, the students will get hands-on experience with machinery, robotics and electronics, planning and executing a real naval navigation exercise, using a bridge simulator and developing resilience and leadership skills with specialist workshops from women in leadership.

Throughout the camp, the students are shown how the subjects they are currently studying at school can be practically applied to careers in the Navy and the wider maritime industry.

Last week, the Defence Force ran the inaugural Teachers' Edition for School to Seas and its Air Force equivalent, School to Skies. Teachers received an introduction to military skills, principles of flight, aviation planning, the day-to-day life of Navy personnel, firefighting, leadership and navigation skills,



at both Devonport Naval Base and RNZAF Base Auckland.

Applications for students close mid-February. See [nzdf.mil.nz/school-to-seas](https://nzdf.mil.nz/school-to-seas) for application details.

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# The Queen of Soul set to soar in Takapuna!

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"The show is more than showcasing Aretha's greatest songs; it's a story about family, loyalty and victory, layered with glorious harmonies and sassy repartee" says Gold Coast-based Kiwi producer Monique Cribb.

"Not only was Aretha the undisputed Queen of Soul, she also changed the landscape of R&B music. With her incredible four octave vocal range, and a hurricane of a voice – she is one of the most successful divas that has ever lived.

"I wanted to honour her legacy with the highest regard, so when I went looking for a singer who could connect with Aretha's journey, and the voice to match, I couldn't go past Australia's finest soul singer, Angie Narayan."

Angie's extraordinary talent was showcased on the hit reality TV show, Australian Idol. Dubbed Australia's 'Soul Mama' by Ian Dickinson, she has continued to blow people away with her ground-breaking voice.

The show is a wonderful trip down memory lane for anyone who is an Aretha fan. "We start in the 1960s, when Aretha's career began, taking you on an intimate musical odyssey through her life. The 1960s was all jazz



and blues, the 1970s with disco, and 1980s with pop. Aretha constantly reinvented herself which is why she had a career spanning over 50 years."

Joining Angie on stage are performers Ezekiel Narayan, Shelley Davies and the incredible Faith Sosene, top 5 finalist who blew Australia away in The Voice Season 11, together with an electric band!

You can expect all your favourite hits like 'Natural Woman', 'Think', 'Say A Little Prayer',

'Son of a Preacher Man', 'Chain of Fools' to name a few.

RESPECT has received rave reviews:

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"Absolutely the closest thing to watching Aretha live!"

**You can catch RESPECT for one night only on Friday 9 February, 7:30pm at the Bruce Mason Centre, Takapuna. Tickets available at Ticketmaster.co.nz**

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Taking you back to the 1960s, you'll explore her childhood, the church, meeting her Husband, the Civil Rights Movement and the profound impact the song **RESPECT** had on the world! 'Natural Woman', 'Say A Little Prayer' and 'Son of a Preacher Man' are just a taste of Aretha's classics you can expect! Moving into the 70s and 80s, 'Sisters are Doin it for Themselves' and 'Freeway of Love' are just some of the hits guaranteed to have you up dancing out of your seat! There is one big surprise near the end of the show that no one expects but has people literally in tears!

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## 'Dog listener' brings show to Rose Centre

Auckland puppies are set to benefit from a comedy show coming to the Rose Centre in Belmont next month.

*Mad Dogs and an Englishman*, performed last year at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival and on the European circuit, is the brainchild of dog-behaviour expert and stand-up comedian Tony Knight.

The keen supporter of animal charities is donating half the proceeds of the show to Auckland Puppy Rescue.

The Englishman, who is known as the 'Dog Listener', has had a series of television and radio shows over 25 years, all proffering his good-humoured advice.

He promises his one-hour live show will appeal to all those who love dogs. Even those dragged along reluctantly by a dog lover, will find plenty to laugh at, he reckons.

"Dogs don't attend the show – they already know this stuff – although people will wonder if I already know their pooches when I act out what they can do."

Knight believes his approach to training offers dog owners a way to gain insights into their animal's behaviour and improve it.

His show unravels a variety of doggy doings, including what our four-legged friends are actually thinking.

He imitates various breeds and their antics, and will also share the top three mis-



**Canine comedy...** Tony Knight is a dog-behaviour expert and comic

takes he says people make with their pets. Audience members get an e-book of tips.

Knight and family currently have two dogs: Gypsy – "a kelpie crossed with a fruit bat apparently" – and Lewis, whose image appears on the show's poster. Both

are rescues and he says he is not sure who chose who. "That's the way it works out sometimes."

• *Mad Dogs and an Englishman*, the Rose Centre, Sunday 11 February at 12.30pm. Tickets, \$27, at [events@humanitix.com](mailto:events@humanitix.com)

## Actors sought for *Curious Incident*

Company Theatre is casting its net wide for its next play, based on the popular mystery novel *The Curious Incident of The Dog in the Night Time*, by Mark Haddon.

Auditions will be held next weekend, 3-4 February at the Rose Centre in Belmont.

The play won seven Olivier Awards when first staged in London.

It has a cast of 10, including the lead character, Christopher, a teenager with autism.

To book an audition slot or for more details, readers can email director Suzy Sampson: [suzysampson@mac.com](mailto:suzysampson@mac.com)

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Luxury meets in this fourth-floor Mon Desir apartment at Takapuna Beach. With two double bedrooms, two bathrooms, and a sunset balcony, the 98sqm space is perfect for couples, featuring rare extras like two car parks, walk-in wardrobe, and air-conditioning. Enjoy a hassle-free lifestyle in central Takapuna, with Mon Desir offering a beachfront pool, gardens, and a gym. Don't miss this fantastic opportunity for modern coastal living.

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**WAIHEKE ISLAND | 20 WAIMANGU ROAD**  
**It's All About The View**



If a 'living in the view' location is what you're looking for - your search is now over! Imagine life on top of the hill surrounded by pasture, bush and panoramic views of the inner Gulf. This family-friendly 4 bedroom/3 bathroom home on two levels enjoys total privacy, 4-car garaging and kaleidoscopic views from Rangitoto to the Firth of Thames. You'll love the 7ha (17 acres) approx of mature native bush to discover and protect, and the property adjoins Waiheke's largest coastal reserve for those who enjoy more extended nature walks.

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**WAIHEKE ISLAND | 473 SEA VIEW ROAD**  
**Walk or Swim at Onetangi Beach**



Embrace the Northside beach-bach lifestyle without the hefty price tag! This tidy 2-bedroom home, just 250m (approx) from Onetangi Beach, offers a separate sleepout/studio. Conveniently located near the 'Jacobs Ladder' public walkway, it's also within walking distance to Onetangi shops and a bus stop. Perfect as a low-maintenance holiday home or for remote work, the gently-sloping 1,442sqm (approx) section holds potential for further development, presenting an opportunity for a larger house or other enhancements.

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