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## Dog owners maul council beach proposals

Dog owners are barking mad over the council's proposal to impose further restrictions on beach-walking time as part of a dog bylaw review.

About 40 people attended a meeting at Taka-

puna Library on 2 May to talk to the Auckland Council hearings panel about the changes.

A particular bone of contention was the council's proposal to standardise rules across Auckland, so summer restrictions don't end an-

ywhere until 31 March and that all beaches have tight dog restrictions until 7pm in the summer.

Dog owner Stephanie Shore, who works in Takapuna, describes the changes as "brutal".

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## Acting the goat at Takapuna Beach



Saanen goats Steve and Dave are a docile breed who enjoy getting out for walks with owner Grant Solley and meeting people, including children at Takapuna Beach on 30 May. See page 3.



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## More than 100 attend informal Anzac Day service at Takapuna



### We will remember them... the Takapuna Scout Group on parade

Around 100 people attended the informal Anzac Day service at the Takapuna war memorial in The Strand.

The traditional Takapuna service was dropped by Auckland Council this year, when it moved to consolidate remembrance events for safety after the Christchurch massacre.

However Devonport-Takapuna Local Board members George Wood, Jan O'Connor and Jen McKenzie attended the informal Takapuna event, led the singing of the National Anthems of Australia and New Zealand

and laid a wreath.

After the Ode of Remembrance, further wreaths were laid including those on behalf of the Takapuna Beach Business Association,

North Shore MP Maggie Barry and the Takapuna Scouts. Other informal floral tributes were placed alongside. More than 100 poppies were 'planted' in the sand box gardens.



**Honouring the fallen... Tony Dench laying a wreath on behalf of the Takapuna Business Association**

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## Herd the one about beach-lovers Steve and Dave?



**Gentle giants... Goats Steve and Dave weigh in at more than 80kg each. The size of small horses, they are affectionate types and enjoy meeting people on walks around Auckland. They bleat when owner Grant Solley is out of sight.**



**Social climbers... Goats typically like climbing things and Steve and Dave are no exception. Here one enjoys meeting a youngster at Takapuna Beach's Gould Reserve.**

Takapuna Beach is a favourite spot for two giant goats who enjoy socialising with the locals and their dogs.

Steve and Dave are Saanen goats who weigh in at over 80kg and go everywhere with their owner Grant Solley and dog Jack.

Solley loves bringing the goats to Takapuna Beach to run on the sand, socialise and exchange stories with the locals.

"I love seeing people smile and their reaction," says Solley, who has trained the goats himself using food.

"They run down the beach with me and most dogs just give them a sniff-sniff. Some bark and others are just curious."

The goats have visited Takapuna Beach since January this year, and he says, overall, they have had a positive reaction from locals who love to bring their children over to say "Hi".

Solley lives in Whenuapai with Dave and Steve who he says love to be around him as much as they can, even watching TV with him.

He has owned the goats since December 2017 when he inherited them from a friend.

"I said: 'Come on boys, in the car you hop, you're coming home with me.'"

Since then, Solley has taken Steve and Dave all over Auckland for walks, despite some criticism and Dave suffering two dog attacks in Muriwai.

"They just want social time," he says. "They're great company and make excellent pets."

Jack is extremely protective towards the pair, says Solley, despite Steve measuring in at 6'6" when standing on his hind legs and weighing 100kg at his heaviest.

Solley gives them plenty of love and affection. He says they cry out for him if he leaves their sight.

They will continue to visit Takapuna Beach whenever they can.

# Yacht 'beached as' on Takapuna

When a yacht washed up on Takapuna Beach, residents at the south end of the beach lent a hand and were rewarded with bottles of bubbles.

The Bell Bird's anchor chain broke overnight and the two men on board woke up to find themselves "beached as".

One of them was the new owner, sailing it from Okahu Bay to Scott's Landing, according to his father, Dennis Humphrey.

Dennis and Rose Humphrey came down from Leigh to help out, parking their campervan on Hauraki Rd resident Pam Mahy's property.

In the meantime, former Whitbread sailor and boatbuilder Chris Barker, who also lives nearby, went down and led the charge to clean the boat.

"It was a mix of disaster and opportunity. I took some tools down and we cleaned off the barnacles and mussels. His [the owner's] mum picked up all rubbish and put it in the bin," Barker says, adding the barnacles would have made it hard to steer.

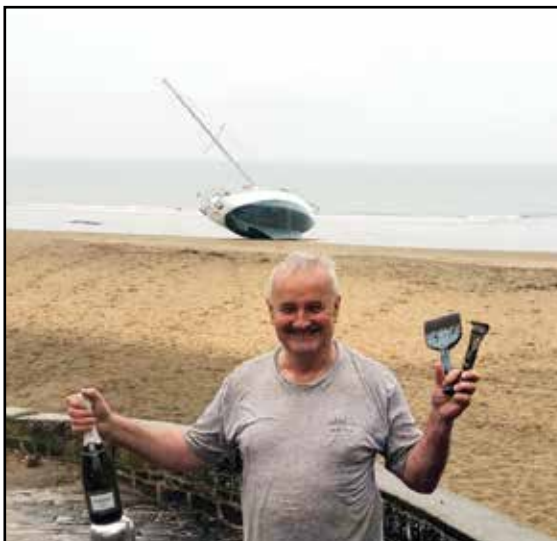
Another friend had lent the men an anchor and a runabout arrived from Leigh to help tow the Bell Bird, which had no motor on board, off the beach.

In the end, on Monday evening, it was family who saved the day, Dennis Humphrey says.

"Three or four family members pulled the mast down [with a halyard attached to it] and rocked the boat. When the boat was freed from the sand, the waves could lift it."

It was a stressful experience for the family who are relieved it is over. They thanked Barker and Mahy with bottles of wine.

Acting harbourmaster Christiaan Moss says a patrol boat was in contact with the owner, but there were no safety concerns, so no further action was needed.



**Above: The new owner of the Bell Bird had a rude awakening on Easter Sunday, after the anchor chain broke overnight. Photo: Chris Barker. Left: Veteran sailor and boatbuilder Chris Barker holding his tools and a bottle of bubbles, given in thanks for his assistance. Photo: Rachael Bridger.**



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## Dogs have their day volunteering at hospice

Two canine helpers make delivering drinks to hospice patients even more fun and brings normality into their lives at a difficult time, a volunteer says.

Takapuna resident Sandra Allen has been visiting patients with the "World Famous Mercy Hospice Drinks Trolley" on Mondays for 11 years, more recently assisted by Cavalier King Charles spaniel Remy and border collie Meg.

"Yesterday, they were both on two patients' beds, invited, of course. You can imagine Meg on someone's bed," Allen says.

Meg and Remy wear official volunteer tags and are tied to the drinks trolley until patients invite them over for a pat or a cuddle.

Dog owners, past dog owners and children, in particular, enjoy the dogs' visits. Plus, they are a great distraction, Allen says.

Allen started doing alternate weeks with a work colleague, then after two years, made a weekly visit herself.

Remy came first, as she is Allen's own dog, and Meg, a "grand-dog" belonging to Allen's daughter, started two years later.

As she delivers the drinks, which are donated by companies and individuals, Allen chats to patients about "all sorts of things".

"I remember going into this guy's room and he was watching the cricket on Sky. I gave him a beer and could bang on about the cricket.

"You'd think he'd won Lotto. It's putting normality into people's lives."

Dogs can sense when people are unwell and they show compassion and offer affection, Mercy Hospice volunteers coordinator Nix Johnson says.

"They do have an empathy and an awareness for people who are not well," Johnson says.

Around 600 volunteers assist with care for about 300 patients in Auckland DHB who have life-limiting illnesses. The majority



**Free hugs... Takapuna's Sandra Allen says patients are delighted by visits from the ever-affectionate Meg (left) and Remy. Right: Remy shows off his hospice identification tag**



of the hospice service's work is in the community, with around 11 inpatient beds at the Ponsonby hospice.

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## Dog owners hot under the collar

"We like to have takeaways on the beach, as well as walking and that will be far too late for the kids if we want to swim with the dog," Shore says.

Forrest Hill resident Chris Grattan says it feels like the council is moving backwards, when cities around the world are more progressive, and allow dogs on public transport and in cafes and restaurants.

"I hope the council is treating dogs as a positive part of life," Grattan says.

He felt the low attendance at the two-hour event was because it was poorly promoted. He received a notice in his letterbox just three hours before the meeting.

Another dog owner, Rachel MacGregor, said the council's own research found that 75 per cent of dog owners north of the harbour bridge like to walk their dogs on beaches.

MacGregor says many beaches, including Takapuna, have incorrect and conflicting information on signs, and that advice further conflicts with the council website. Most dog-owners want to follow the rules but can't find accurate information, she says.

Last year, there were tensions on Takapuna Beach between people who thought summer rules started at Labour Weekend and those who thought they started with daylight savings.

There is only one dog park north of the bridge, in Paremoremo, and a dog-designated area in Wellsford, so, there is no real alternative to walking dogs on beaches and parks, Jill Parsons and Claire Tierney said, adding there are 35,000 dogs registered north of the bridge.

The two options the hearings panel is considering for beach access are the status quo, where local boards decide on all rules for each beach, or standardised times and seasons, with boards deciding on what rules apply within those.

Under the Dog Bylaw of 2012, summer runs from Labour Weekend to 1 March and daytime is 10am to 5pm. However, local boards can vary timings for each beach.



**Opinions unleashed... Dog owners share their views at the Takapuna Library. Right: Stephanie Shore likes to enjoy takeaways on the beach with all the family, including dog Paddy, and says 7pm is too late for the kids. Below: Rachel MacGregor (with Stanley) says dog owners struggle to find accurate information.**

This has resulted in a wide variety of rules for beaches around the city, which the council is looking to standardise. Devonport-Takapuna Local Board member Jan O'Connor says it's only four years since the board heard community submissions and decided on local dog beach rules, so they don't see a need for another change.

Consultation ran until 10 May, with a decision due in August.



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## Westlake Boys Big Band blows away competition

The Westlake Boys Big Band have won gold at the National Youth Jazz Competition after just two months of practice.

The band travelled to Tauranga on Friday 5 April to compete against 17 other bands from across New Zealand.

"We've been wanting to go for a few years but haven't been able to make it," says musical director Hayley Barker.

Barker wanted to see how the band would do with so little preparation time.

"This festival is just about jazz. It's good for the kids to go to something which just focuses on jazz music."

After their performance on Friday afternoon the band received a 15-minute workshop with the adjudicators.

"It was pretty brutal," says Barker. "They said, we need to fix this or this isn't great, but it was also a massive learning experience for them."

Amongst the adjudicators was Rodger Fox, a renowned jazz trombonist and big Band leader who commented that the band had "great energy in the opening piece".

At prize-giving, the band was one of four to receive a gold award.



**Going for gold... Saxophonist Boston Blomfield takes a solo for the Westlake Boys Big Band, led by musical director Hayley Barker**

The band is made up of 18 students, aged 14-17, with instruments including piano, bass, drums, saxophone and trombone.

Barker says the students loved being away and doing something that was just for the

big band.

"I'm so pleased with how the band stepped up," she says.

"I'm so proud of them and they all desperately want to go back next year."

## Teacher inspires boys to get behind Hospice

A teacher's story has inspired more than 100 Westlake Boys High School students to volunteer for North Shore Hospice.

Emma Eaglen, the school's priority-learners advisor, asked students if any would like to volunteer for an organisation that is special to her.

Eaglen's husband, Andrew Porteous, who passed away last year, received amazing support from North Shore Hospice, she says.

"It was the relationship that I built with Hospice North Shore that led me to want to find a way of supporting the work that Hospice does for families and to promote the care that

is available," she says.

Eaglen has organised a hospice volunteer to speak at the school, and has shared her own story with the students.

She was amazed that 115 students from years 9-13 put their hands up to volunteer.

"The students are empathetic and strong young men from all different cultures and religions. They have been very reliable and engaged in helping families who are going through difficult times," she says.

So far the students have undertaken two garden clean-ups for families who have a lost

loved one. The boys worked for several hours felling trees, weeding, clearing out a bank of debris and shovelling a pile of mulch.

Seventeen of the students are volunteering in the hospice shops.

Eaglen is working with the volunteers on a 'Cuppa for Hospice' awareness event and a food-parcel drive.

They also plan to organise more garden clean-ups and community events.

"This is a character-building exercise where the students are helping because they know it is the right thing to do," she says.

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# Stinky duck dump closes council office



**Dead in the water... More than 30 dead ducks were dumped at the council's Takapuna office to protest at perceived inaction over an outbreak of deadly botulism**

Auckland Council's Takapuna office was forced to evacuate after a protestor dumped more than 30 rotting dead ducks and eels in reception and outside the main doors in protest over an outbreak of deadly avian botulism.

The Auckland Council office closed at 1pm on 26 April, with a witness reporting a terrible stench, after Torbay artist Jeanine Oxenius dumped the polythene bags of decaying ducks. She wanted to highlight council inaction after she reported finding the bodies in Torbay's Awaruku Reserve.

"I reported those dead ducks three days earlier and asked for them to be picked up. They still didn't pick them up and I continued picking them up over the course of three days," Oxenius said.

If ducks get botulism and die and aren't removed quickly, other ducks feed on the maggots and get infected too, becoming paralysed and dying.

Oxenius is currently caring for around 30 unwell birds and estimates she has cared for 100 over summer.

She had previously delivered a box of dead ducks to the council office to alert staff to the issue, as well as dumping ducks in reserves and playgrounds over summer.

Council staff worked from home or helped with the clean-up. Head of operational management and maintenance Agnes McCormack says it was appalling that staff were confronted in such a distressing way.

"The reception staff at our Takapuna service centre are not responsible for wildlife in Auckland's waterways and confronting them with dead animals is disgusting and insensitive."

The council has a target to respond to all calls relating to avian botulism within 12 hours, McCormack said.

Council records showed it received four calls relating to avian botulism in the Torbay/Long Bay area that week and all were responded to within four hours, she said.

"It is not a valuable use of ratepayers'

money for a contractor to be stationed at a park at all hours of the day, and, as such, we appreciate visitors reporting dead ducks to the council by calling 09 301 0101 so that we can quickly remove carcasses to reduce the spread of avian botulism.

"Unfortunately, avian botulism is a recurring issue that we hope to see reduced as people become more aware of the dangers of feeding ducks in ponds and wetlands."

## What is avian botulism?

Avian botulism typically occurs during extended periods of hot, dry weather that promotes the growth of botulism toxin-producing bacteria, naturally present in pond or lake sediment.

Very low water levels make it easier for ducks to come into contact with sediments and bugs containing the botulinum toxin.

The situation is exacerbated when ducks are fed bread, which rots in ponds and promotes the growth of botulism bacteria.

The health of the water also plays a part. The active bacteria that cause avian botulism grow only in a nutrient-rich substrate, such as in areas with large amounts of decaying plant or animal materials.

Birds become paralysed and can drown.

## What can be done to prevent avian botulism?

Surveillance of sites and prompt removal of carcasses

Avoid feeding the ducks. It is better to encourage waterfowl to forage naturally. Don't feed the ducks bread – it can rot in ponds and promote the growth of botulism bacteria.

If you do feed the birds, feed them on land. Seeds and grains are best for their diet.



# Jack the Duck missing in action



**Ducking out... Ashlynn Rogers befriended Muscovy duck Jack and is now worried as botulism has hit Lake Pupuke ducks over summer and Jack is missing in action**

When Ashlynn Rogers heard about the dead ducks dumped at the Takapuna council office, her first thought was, "I hope it isn't Jack."

Rogers, who is a member of a duck botulism awareness group, befriended a Muscovy duck at Lake Pupuke, who is currently missing.

"I would be horrified if he ended up on the floor like that, in the foyer of a building."

Rogers contacted protestor Jeanine Oxenius, who confirmed none of the ducks were from Lake Pupuke.

Further, Oxenius said she had kayaked around Lake Pupuke and hadn't seen a dead Muscovy – to Rogers' relief.

Rogers, 27, formed her bond with Jack, named after her partner, midway through 2018.

First, she met a pair of friendly Muscovy ducks on a family trip to the PumpHouse.

Rogers went back and a third Muscovy duck, Jack, had joined them. He was tiny, compared with the others, who were pecking him.

Rogers started feeding Jack, with barnyard layer pellets, to help him build up.

Jack was timid at first, but soon warmed to Rogers.

"After a couple of weeks, he'd let me hand-feed him. He was cute and soon he wouldn't leave us alone.

"One day, we went there and he'd van-

ished, along with the other two Muscovies. We went back twice but he wasn't there."

Rogers searched Instagram under #Muscovy and found a duck that looked like Jack in Takapuna. She contacted the woman who had posted who confirmed it probably was Jack and said he was at the end of Northcote Rd.

Rogers and her partner went to the spot near the North Shore Rowing Club, and were reunited with Jack.

"We saw him and he came up to us, wagging his tail. We saw him there twice. My partner and I never saw him again."

Since then, which was in January, summer has been fraught for Rogers, as botulism has claimed a number of ducks on Lake Pupuke.

While it has been a bad summer for botulism on the lake, the previous summer was worse, Rogers says.

It is saddening for animal-lovers, like Rogers, to see the ducks get paralysed by botulism, as they can drown.

Rogers doesn't support the protestor's actions as she thinks she targeted the wrong people.

However, she agrees Auckland Council needs to do more, both putting up informative signs, especially warning people not to feed ducks with bread, and monitoring parks where there's an outbreak.

Suitable foods include barnyard layer pellets, specialised duck food, frozen peas



**MIA... Jack, last seen in January, was not among the dead dumped at the Auckland Council building**

and corn.

Filtration of popular sites, like Western Springs, would help, too – for example, using fountains as in Queenstown's public gardens, Rogers says.

Another issue is a lack of bird rescue services: "If people see a bird drowning or in trouble, there's no one to call, except someone from our group [the Facebook group Duck Rescue Auckland – botulism outbreaks]."

People also need to know not to dump pet ducks in parks, as they can't usually survive more than a few days in that environment.

# 'Davids' pick up sling against 'Goliath' drinking hours

Thank you for the article in last week's *Observer* regarding the split between concerned residents and the Takapuna Beach Business Association regarding the application for 3am closing of the bars in Hurstmere Road.

Unfortunately, what is not apparent from any accounts of the 'split' is the lived experience of local residents in the Hurstmere Rd and adjacent area. Our concerns frequently make us appear like fun police, especially when claims such as bars having "a good record of dealing with intoxicated punters" are made. (And I'm sure they do. The staff work very hard in these establishments.)

However, what goes unsaid is what happens when intoxicated punters leave these same establishments! There is not a weekend goes by that there is not urine, vomit, broken bottles etc in doorways and on the surrounding streets. There is not a weekend goes by that there are not fights, endless shouting, vandalism to parked vehicles and to property... etc, etc. Whose responsibility does the fallout become then? Auckland City Council doesn't come and clean up, and the bar owners certainly don't! It would be fairly safe to assume that none of the bar owners even live in the area.

And that is the whole point. Even though Hurstmere Road provides bars for entertainment and socialising, which is fine, they are also embedded within a community. And that community is comprised of ALL of the people who live, work and play in it. So when

members of that same community speak up about the impact of living with the fallout once intoxicated punters leave the bars, especially with talk of extending the drinking hours even further, isn't it important that these members of the community have as much heft with their views as the Takapuna Beach Business Association?

The safety and the wellbeing of a community is what is at stake here, and it is a serious matter. Will the profits of the 'Goliaths' trample over the very real and relevant concerns of the 'Davids' – all of us individuals who have no clout but who literally pick up the pieces every weekend for the bar owners? It's time for some honest facing of the truth of the impact on the community. All of us 'Davids' have been very accommodating for years and years but to now ask to extend the drinking hours is to blatantly put profit before the people who are conveniently forgotten about in the process – the residents just trying to get on with their lives.

**Lauren Sleeman**

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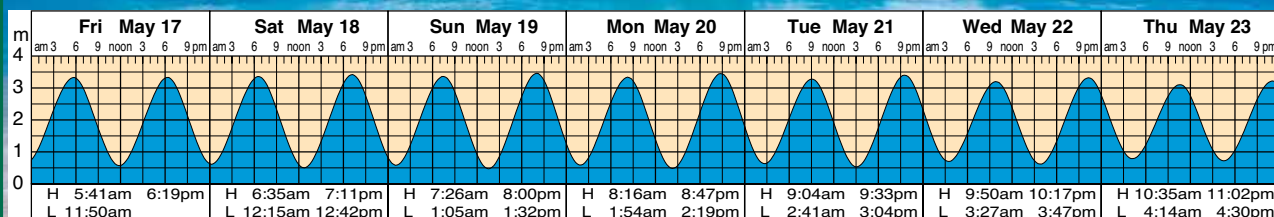
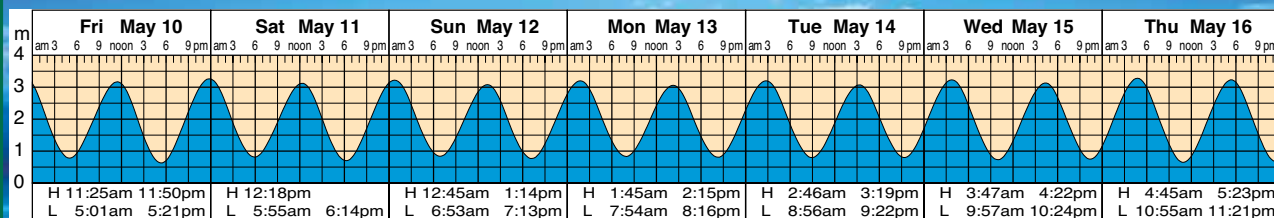


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# Champagne Travel

**Mary Buckley, from helloworld Travel Milford travelled to Reims, a town at the heart of the Champagne region of France.**

## These were the highlights:

The main attractions in Reims itself are the magnificent Cathedral and of course the numerous Champagne houses. It takes about 45 minutes to travel by train from Paris, so an easy day trip if you are short of time. We stayed two nights, which is enough to soak up Reims.

Reims is known as the City of Kings because Reims Notre-Dame Cathedral is where France's kings were coronated between 816 and 1825. A total of 33 kings were crowned here. Reims Cathedral is truly magnificent. The original building on the site was built in 496AD, but the current beauty was completed by the end of the 13th Century.

Of course, the main reason to travel to Reims is the Champagne.

There are many houses to choose from and all fairly close together, so a few can be visited during a two night stay. We pre-booked a tour of the historic Veuve Cliquot Champagne House. While learning all about Madam Cliquot we had the opportunity to descend the long staircase into the wine cellars and toured around a small percentage of the massive trail of caves that house millions of bottles of vintage champagne. The tour was completed with a wine tasting of a glass of the yellow label champagne that we all know so well and also a glass of the 2004 vintage.

We only visited Reims briefly, but the Champagne region is worth further investigation for those who enjoy the idea of a leisurely tour around the many Champagne houses and quaint French villages. There are plenty of car hire options in Reims, so we recommend pick up and drop off the car here if you decide to investigate Champagne further.



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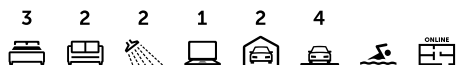
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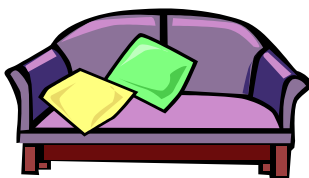
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## Concept plan coming for new Takapuna town square



### Square or thoroughfare?... an artist's impression of how the square might look

Takapuna's new town square needs to have features that encourage physical activity and promote wellbeing, according to an academic who has researched public spaces and health.

Auckland Council development arm Panuku has selected landscape designers Isthmus to lead the design of the town square, with a concept design due to go out to the public for consultation in July.

AUT professor and Takapuna resident Erica Hinckson says her research shows people will use public space for activities as long as they aren't empty concrete jungles.

"I would like to see a place that can be transformed into different spaces for different types of activities and events.

"It needs to include a playground, a library, a place for teenagers to have a go at basketball, for people to attend an exhibition or meeting."

She says the town square should also include trees and gardens, which research shows promote wellbeing.

While Hinckson supports the building of apartments on the 40 Anzac St site, as intensive living gets people out of cars, she wants to see detail on the town square.

Her research with AUT students shows squares with nothing in them do nothing to encourage activity and health.

The town square is part of a controversial development, with many residents concerned the loss of the car park on Anzac St will hit retailers hard, and concerns about the Sunday Market.

Local opposition forced Auckland Council to run two rounds of consultation, with the second narrowly endorsing its "Unlock Takapuna" development plans, with 55 per cent support.

Developers have just submitted expressions of interest in the hope of being selected to work with Panuku on some or all of the 6000sqm available. Panuku will manage the town square project, which has a budget of \$7 million.

Work on the public space can only start once the \$28m, 420-place car parking building in Huron St is completed, expected to be mid next year. It will be accompanied by \$5.5m of street upgrades on Huron and Northcroft streets.

Hinckson was in a group of residents that submitted on the square. Another, Claudine Page, who sits on the council's heritage advisory panel, says Isthmus has the capability to

deliver a great town square, but will be limited by its brief.

She says, at 3000sqm, the square is too small. She would also like to see a community building next to restaurant Madam Woo.

"It is not a square, it's just a thoroughfare. A square is a decent size and is for decent-sized gatherings," she says.

"There's nowhere else in Takapuna that's flat to hold a gathering. Takapuna has a paucity of open space in comparison with Devonport.

"I think it's a mistake and once we have done it, we can't get it back."

Panuku is hosting a programme of activities at the site of a demolished building at 38 Hurstmere Rd, which will inform Isthmus's

concept design, including where the boundaries need to go to ensure the space is sunny and sheltered, Panuku development manager Kate Cumberpatch says.

"Panuku will set controls and parameters to get the outcomes we want and the biggest outcome we want is a great town square," she says.

Panuku can override the requirements of the Unitary Plan, if required, to ensure the height of surrounding buildings and set backs allow sunlight onto the public space.

Takapuna Beach Business Association chief executive Terence Harpur says surveys show the project enjoys strong local and business support.



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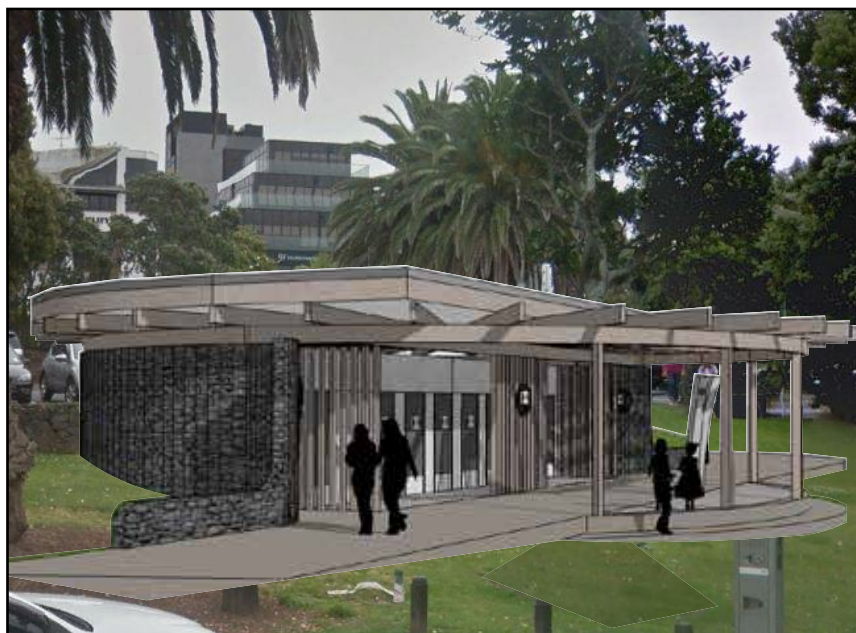
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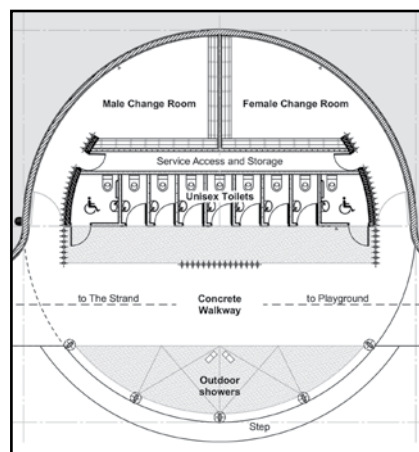


New public toilets are proposed for Takapuna Beach at a cost of \$1.2 million.

The toilets are to be located next to the new childrens playground alongside The Strand.

The current ablution block will be demolished as part of the project which is expected to start in April 2020 and take around six months to complete.

Public consultation on the new toilets plan closes on May 20.



**Beachfront... an artist's impression of what the new toilets will look like (above) and the interior design (at right)**

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# Fay Freeman keeps several balls in the air

At 73, Takapuna sports administrator Fay Freeman is often on the run to keep up with her busy lifestyle – and still manages to fit in 55 km a week for enjoyment.

Over the past 45 years, Freeman has completed 20 half-marathons and four marathons, including a half-marathon along the Great Wall of China, climbing steep inclines in 37°C heat, and steps of uneven sizes believed to have been made that way to slow down invading enemies.

Freeman has a life-long love of sport. She played netball as a girl, and went on to become an international umpire, touring to England with the Silver Ferns and officiating at test matches in New Zealand.

She has been self-employed as a consultant since 2001 and says she wakes up each day with a real sense of purpose.

"I have got a lot to give and I can make a real difference to organisations, based on experience. I can build relationships based on trust and confidence.

"I like to maintain mental strength, intellectual development and learning – I'm a life-long learner."

Freeman thinks she could be part of a trend, citing examples around the world of older women leading productive working lives.

"Look at Nancy Pelosi [speaker of the US House of Representatives]: she's 79 and she's said to be one of the most powerful women in the world."

Ruth Bader Ginsburg is 86 and an associate justice of the US Supreme Court, another powerful position, Freeman says.

"There are wonderful role models around the world."

If there is ageism, Freeman, who looks fit and energetic, is blind to it, saying she works in an area where experience is valued.

Freeman's consultancy works with clubs and sports organisations in Auckland and as



**Often on the run... Fay Freeman, 73, is at the top of her game.**

far north as Kaikohe on strategy and planning.

Two days a week, Freeman is employed assisting the chief executive Triathlon New Zealand, chiefly with governance and supporting the board, but also working with High Performance Sport New Zealand on compliance and reporting.

Another current role is as co-chair of the 2021 World Softball Cup, with 12 teams expected to compete in Rosedale, including the Black Sox.

Freeman is also involved in North Harbour Rotary, having just finished a term as president and, on the day we met, was off to Rotary youth leadership training at Muriwai.

Freeman held senior management roles at North Shore and Manukau City councils, working in the planning and management of leisure and arts centres, swimming pools, libraries and other community facilities.

In 2006, she was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to netball and sports administration.

A life member of Netball New Zealand and former president, Freeman was awarded a life-

time achievement award at the New Zealand Sport and Recreation Awards in 2005.

Community work is high on her agenda. As chair of Mon Desir Management resident group, Freeman is dismayed the council is taking so long to develop a management plan for the Sacred Grove of pohutukawa, boardwalk and seawall in front of the apartments, now due out in May for consultation.

A presentation to Rotary on the new town square impressed Freeman, who likes the way Panuku is already using part of the space for various activities, such as outdoors table tennis and performances, to get an idea of how people are likely to use the public space.

Widowed since 2006, she likes to travel several times a year, often with family members. She has three adult children and seven grandchildren.

An upcoming trip to Europe and the UK, with her daughter, will take her from Prague, Venice and Rome to Liverpool for the World Netball Championships.

In Freeman says her life is "full on" but it keeps her at the top of her game.

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Gabe took out the New Zealand Junior Open in late April.

Earlier in the month, Gabe (18) won gold in the boys under-19 division at the Oceania

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## North Shore vs Takapuna shapes as key match

The Takapuna vs North Shore premier rugby match this weekend is shaping as a key game for both teams as they seek to get their championship hopes back on track.

Both teams lost last weekend. Takapuna's unbeaten run came to an abrupt end with an eight try to nil, 48-6 thrashing by East Coast Bays.

North Shore meanwhile had a narrow loss to Northcote 20-13. It is now at fourth in the competition.

Shore and Takapuna square off at Vauxhall Rd this Saturday at 2.45pm, with a crowd in excess of 1000 expected.

At Onewa Rd last Saturday, Takapuna started well with a number of big charges by prop Brad Leuila and hooker Steven Misa. Ruck infringements by East Coast Bays yielded easy penalties for Takapuna first five Jon Elrick. And after 10 minutes the home side was up 6-0 and appeared to be trucking along nicely.

East Coast Bays though had other ideas and following a couple of handling errors by Takapuna it scored one try, then another and then another. Just on half time it scored a fourth to go into the break 22-6. Takapuna was on the back foot to such a degree that it even forsook an easy (for Elrick) shot at goal for a touch finder in an attempt to score a try. The one-way traffic continued in the second half with four more tries to Bays. Takapuna's most promising attack saw Bays winger Jack Beasley grab an intercept and run 80 metres to score. The teams were well matched in some areas, but East Coast Bays excelled in keeping the ball alive, had fewer handling areas and its defence was superb. Takapuna was too one dimensional in its attack and East Coast Bays easily defended the one-off-the ruck battering ram runners. Takapuna's tackling was woeful. Too many no arms tackles saw East Coast Bays players bounce off or unload the ball to other runners.

Plenty to work on for Takapuna then, leading into this week's key derby match.



**Feeding the outsiders... Talimoni Finau in action (above), while Jon Elrick cuts through a gap (below)**



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