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Anzac services set to be canned

Takapuna's Anzac Day service is set to be cancelled – for the second year.

While no official announcement had been made as the Observer went to press on Tuesday, the government decision on Monday to ban gatherings of more than 500 people

effectively scuppered the service.

Anzac Day parades on the North Shore have traditionally attracted crowds of more than 1000.

In 2019 the Anzac Day services in both Takapuna and Devonport were cancelled

due to fears of a terrorist attack following the Christchurch massacre, where more than 50 people were shot at two mosques.

By Tuesday morning Anzac services had been cancelled in Tasmania, Victoria, New

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Milford School's fair catches last of Summer Daze



Cool fun... Water play at Milford School fair is enjoyed by (in front) Vanisha (12) and brother Viraj (8) Bhana on Saturday 14 March. More photos by Keeley Watson on pages 21-23.

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Cycleway could go through church-site development

Building a new cycle route/walkway linking the Devonport Peninsula with Esmonde Rd through a development on the former Harbourside Church site is under investigation by Auckland Council.

A causeway crossing mangroves connecting Francis St with Esmonde Rd is in the planning stages. Putting the northern section through the new development at 48 Esmonde Rd would offer a more direct route and potentially cost less to build, said an Auckland Transport report to a Devonport Takapuna-Board Local Board workshop last week.

Board members said if the option going through private property was explored an easement was needed to guarantee the boardwalk.

Some board members remained concerned that the new route ran through a major ecological area.

2 The Strand: empty for 738 days

The former Takapuna Library building at 2 The Strand has been vacant since an earthquake notice was issued in March 2018. The 1956 heritage-listed public building has now been unoccupied for 738 days. At some point, its future will be determined by Auckland Council.

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Anzac services hit by virus collateral damage

South Wales and Western Australia.

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board chair Aidan Bennett says a directive on Anzac services would come from council's head office. No decision had been made early Tuesday morning.

However, he adds: "My position is it is very unlikely the services would go ahead."

Takapuna's traditional Anzac Day ceremonies had already been shifted, with the council citing health and safety issues relating to major works on Hurstmere Rd – even though capping parades were to be permitted on the road just a few days earlier.

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board member Jan O'Connor says the contrasting decisions by different arms of council are "extraordinary".

An Anzac Day service has been held in the War Memorial Square on The Strand for more than 50 years, but this year Auckland Council plans to start a parade on The Terrace, proceeding along Killarney St to a service at Takapuna Primary School, to avoid planned road works on Hurstmere Rd.

At the school, the parade will enter through a narrow gate, rather than the school gate bearing the names of WWI soldiers.

O'Connor finds the plans "upsetting", and says they fail to adequately honour war heroes.

Constituents are also unimpressed, she says.

To add insult to injury, she says, the local board recently heard a presentation from

Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development saying the Massey University capping parades, between 21 and 23 April, would meet at The Commons and proceed down Hurstmere Rd to the Bruce Mason Centre.

O'Connor notes there have been delays in starting the Hurstmere Rd upgrade, and questions whether there will actually be health and safety issues in late April, when works are likely to be at an early stage.

Auckland Transport elected-member relationships manager Marilyn Nicholls said in an email that council realised breaking from tradition could be upsetting for some people, especially after the turmoil of 2019.

However the issue was quickly being overrun by measures put in place to stem the spread of the Covid-19 virus.

Toilet upgrade coming

The refurbishment of the toilet block at Gould Reserve on Takapuna beachfront will start after Easter. More play equipment, BBQs and additional seating nearby is also under investigation by Auckland Council.



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Creating a school taonga, one stitch at a time



Granting prestige... Euphymya Lavelle is working on a Westlake Boys High School korowai, incorporating patterns that represent knowledge and success

Euphymya Lavelle takes a needle and thread wherever she goes. Most mornings she sits in a café to enjoy a cup of coffee while she sews a korowai, a traditional Māori cloak.

Lavelle is working on a special korowai to gift to Westlake Boys High School.

Featuring the school colours, it will be used to recognise the top Māori students during achievement awards.

In early Māori times, a korowai was woven from traditional materials such as flax and feathers, and was worn as a mantle of prestige and honour.

Māori families sometimes make their own korowai to give their children during prize-giving ceremonies and graduations but Lavelle believes Westlake Boys High School should have its own, so the top Māori students can have their names embroidered onto the cloak.

“It’s about whakamana or granting prestige and importance for Māori students and embracing our culture.

“This korowai will be a taonga, or treasure, for the school,” she said.

“At the school there is no honours

board for the top Māori student, but when Māori students receive this cloak during a ceremony, they can feel proud too,” Lavelle said.

Lavelle’s son Sam is in year 11 at Westlake, and his older brother James is a former student.

She is proud to come from the Ngāti Porou and Ngāti Kahu iwi, and always

reminds her children to embrace their Māori language and culture.

Lavelle remembers growing up in Northcote without a strong connection to important Māori values.

It wasn’t until she reached university many years ago that she saw an exhibition of Māori artefacts, which inspired her to create her own traditional work.

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National selects North Shore candidate

The National Party has selected chartered accountant and Waitemata District Health Board executive Simon Watts as its candidate for the blue-ribbon North Shore seat.

Northcote Point resident Watts was chosen in a selection meeting of 60 party members on 12 March, defeating a field of four rival candidates, including former Devonport-Takapuna Local Board member Joe Bergin and Kaipātiki Local Board's Danielle Grant.

North Shore National MP and former cabinet minister Maggie Barry is retiring at the general election in September.

Watts, deputy chief financial officer at Waitemata DHB, was one of the unsuccessful contenders for National's Northcote candidacy in 2018, when Dan Bidois was picked to contest a byelection in the seat.

Married, with two sons, he has a strong academic and financial background, having worked in private and public sector roles in the UK, New Zealand and Asia. He has bachelor degrees in management, accounting and finance, and health science. He worked for the Royal Bank of Scotland in London and, in various management roles, helped it survive the Global Financial Crisis.

He returned to New Zealand with his family in 2013 and took up a role at Counties Manukau DHB, moving to Waitemata in 2016.

He also joined St John as a frontline volunteer ambulance officer, and now coordinates other volunteers, as well as attending incidents.

Meanwhile, the Labour Party has confirmed its previous candidate, Romy Udaga, will again stand in the North Shore seat.



Shore seat... Simon Watts is National's North Shore candidate

Case against development costs ratepayers \$64k

Ratepayers have paid more than \$64,000 in legal fees to fight a residents group's court challenge over the Takapuna car-park development, even though the case was dropped before a hearing.

However, the council has agreed not to seek costs from the Takapuna Residents Association (TRA) in favour of getting on with the development of the Anzac St car park, which has been held up by the court action.

The TRA approached Auckland Council shortly before the High Court judicial review, set down for 10 March, saying it was considering calling off the case, Panuku development manager Kate Cumberpatch says.

It asked for an assurance the council would not seek costs and would engage on the development of the site, she says.

The council agreed to not seek costs and to involve the TRA, to the extent it considered necessary, on the design of the civic space.

The TRA raised just over \$4000 on a Givealittle page toward the cost of a review process it estimated to reach around \$45,000 – more if it lost the case and had costs awarded against it.

TRA chair Terry Dunleavy says dropping the case was a pragmatic decision.

The association still wants to reach an outcome the community is happy with. "If you can't get what you want, take what you can get."

The judicial review sought to challenge the validity of consultation on three options for the town square and whether the council's Environment and Community Committee had enough information before it in July 2019 when it chose the option that is now going ahead.

TRA member Iain Rea believes there is still hope another option supported by the local board and designed by architect Richard Reid could gain traction.

However, Panuku's Kate Cumberpatch says the shape of the civic space approved in July is now set in stone.



Case dropped... Iain Rea and Terry Dunleavy still want an Anzac St car-park development the public is happy with

The Devonport-Takapuna Local Board will approve the final design components to be included in the space.

Rea says the TRA will continue to advocate for retaining the Sunday Market in its current form with around 300 stalls, and vehicles parked closely.

He believes the proposed civic space would accommodate around 130 stalls, with stallholders needing to cart their goods from car parks elsewhere.

Cumberpatch says Panuku is working with the market owner on options for continuing, but it won't be in its current form..

The TRA has cancelled a planned quiz night and film evening but is holding a celebratory ceilidh on the banks of Lake Pupuke on 18 April, Rea says.

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Neighbours toast pub decision

A Takapuna bar's bid for 3am closing has been rejected by a liquor-licensing committee, which slammed patrons' drunken behaviour and host responsibility on the popular Hurstmere Rd entertainment strip.

The Elephant Wrestler's application to change its final serving time on Hurstmere Rd from at 1am to 2.30am, with doors closing at 3am from Wednesday to Saturday, was declined by the Auckland District Licensing Committee (ADLC), with evidence of neighbours proving critical.

"Clearly the behaviour of some of the patrons is at such levels that any community would not or should not have to tolerate," ADLC chairperson Gavin Campbell said in the decision.

Later closing would only aggravate noise and antisocial behaviour associated with the Hurstmere strip of bars, rendering the area "almost unliveable", the decision said.

Campbell said unless both monitoring and management of the Hurstmere strip bars is improved the "uncivilised" behaviour will continue.

There were 65 objections and four supporters of the change. Six objectors living near the bar and other pubs along the Hurstmere Strip presented video evidence and photographs to the hearing showing litter, and antisocial behaviour, including vandalism, and people vomiting and urinating on their properties.



Knocked back... the Elephant Wrestler's bid for 3am closing was declined

One told of drunken people having sex on her property and threatening to attack her son.

Police gave evidence of antisocial behaviour up to two hours after closing time.

The decision noted a street warden, required under the resource consent, would finish at 3am, though disorderly behaviour continues later than that.

Residents are thrilled with the decision, with some saying they were surprised.

One objector who spoke at the hearings, Sandra Allen, says it is a victory not just for Takapuna but for the whole city.

Another, Michelle Fleming, describes the decision as a victory for common sense.

"It supports local residents in shaping the

kind of community they want to live in, rather than the environment Auckland Council has unilaterally determined would be best for them," she says.

Counsel Grant Hewison, who represented some of the objectors, says: "The decision recognises there's already a significant problem with alcohol-related harm in the precinct of Takapuna. There needs to be focused attention by the various agencies that have responsibility – the police, alcohol inspectorate, Ministry of Health – on the existing level of alcohol-related harm."

Elephant Wrestler owner Steven Shute declined to comment on the decision or how he might respond to it.



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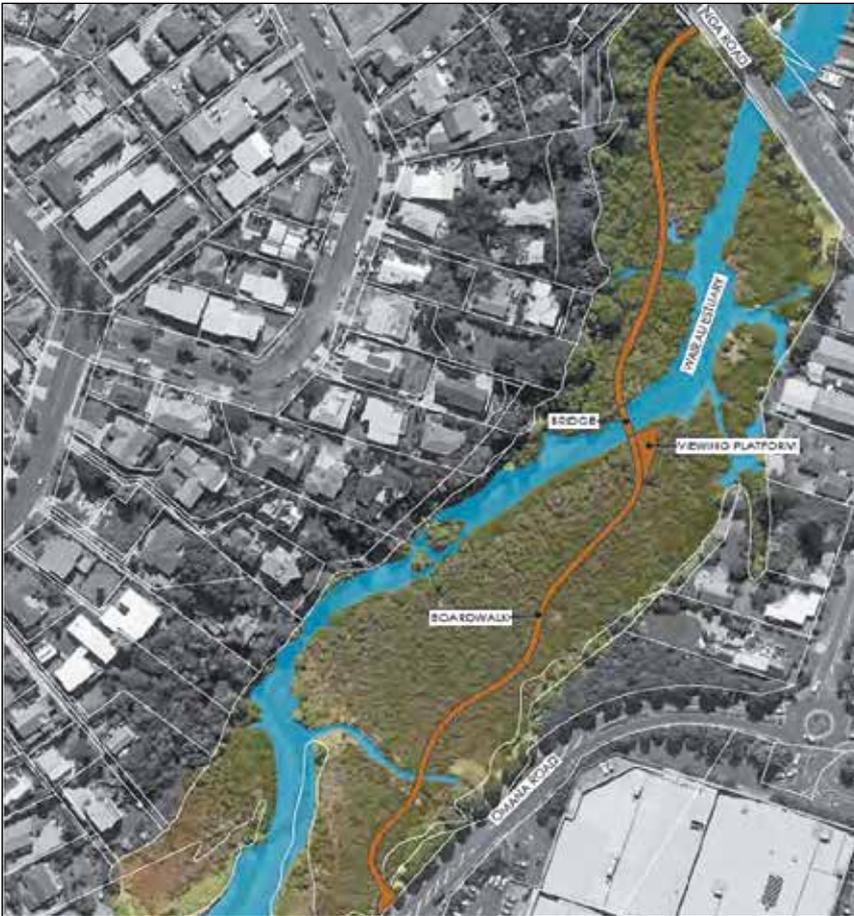
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Boardwalk budget still awaiting approval



Concept design... the new boardwalk's route through the estuary

Work towards a Wairau Estuary boardwalk continues, but the project has a \$1.65 million budget shortfall, a Devonport-Takapuna Local Board workshop was told earlier this month.

Auckland Council has budgeted \$300,000 for the project, which is enough to prepare designs for a resource consent.

However, construction costs of \$1.65 million have yet to be approved. The proposed timber

boardwalk is 390m long by 3m wide, connecting Omana and Inga Roads.

Concept designs will go out for community consultation over the next few months, with a report to the local board in June.

The Milford Business Association and Milford Ratepayers Association are closely involved in the project, committing to raising up to \$75,000 towards it.

Shore residents more worried about coastal impact of climate change

Sea-level rises and erosion top the list of concerns for North Shore people when questioned about climate change.

Coastal changes were rated as the most important climate issue for 37 per cent of Devonport-Takapuna residents who took part in the Auckland Council survey.

That compared with 20 per cent of wider Auckland residents.

Other key areas of concern for Devonport-Takapuna residents were: access to public transport (34 per cent); risks from flooding (32 per cent), and effects on the local environment (29 per cent).

The survey was part of a council move towards greater emphasis on climate change in its decision-making.

The Devonport-Takapuna Local Board raised concerns about air pollution in Auckland and biosecurity risks being exacerbated by climate change.

"A specific issue with Lake Pupuke was highlighted, with the water level rising from stormwater and runoff from roads. This has been causing overflows in some areas," a council report says.

Coastal erosion and management of stormwater were other top concerns for the board. It wanted to see better drain maintenance and storing of excess rainwater.

"Improving access to public transport was seen as a key to increasing usage.

"The board wants council to work with Auckland Transport to provide charging infrastructure for electric vehicles, but did highlight concerns about their affordability," the report says.

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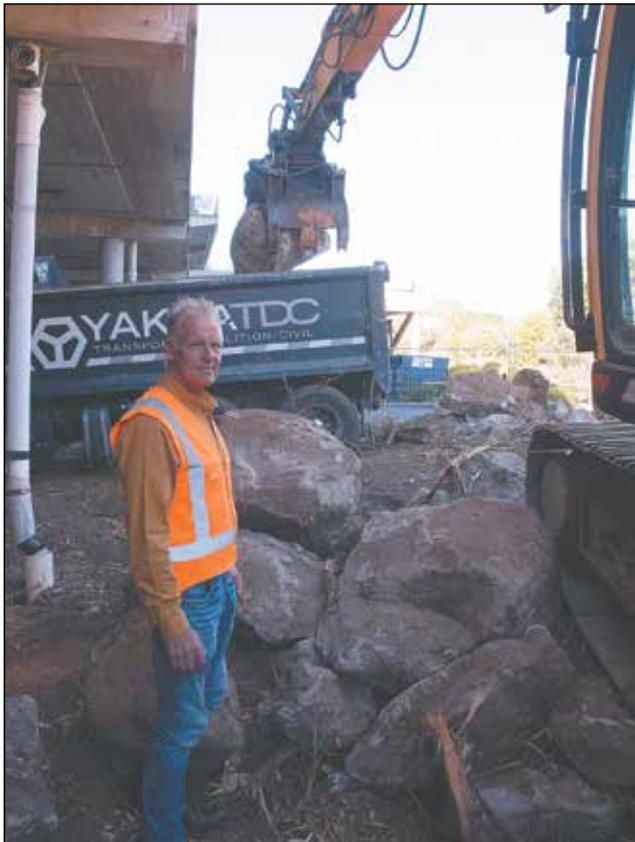
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Basalt rocks dug up for mall apartments set to be recycled

Large basalt rocks used for landscaping outside Milford Mall are set to be reused in the proposed Wairau Estuary walkway project.

The rocks have been excavated to make way for the Omana North apartments, being built by mall owner New Zealand Retail Property Group (NZRPG).

NZRPG project management office director Andy Fear says, during the construction, they will be removing at least 20 tonnes of basalt rocks, which they are donating to the Auckland Council to help offset the costs of construction for the proposed boardwalk.

“Omana North has awaited approval for almost five years but NZRPG wants to help support the community and local residents to do what they want to do to improve the area, too,” says Fear.

“We will be supporting the community by improving pedestrian walkways and crossings around Omana Rd.”

Milford Business Association helped broker the deal. Manager Murray Hill says, “It’s really good that the council is saving money because we can get these rocks for free and hopefully this will be enough to build the new boardwalk.”

The apartment block construction will take 24 months to complete. The entrance to the level one and two car parks via Ihumata road will be closed for the duration of the construction. Access to indoor and outdoor parking will be available via Omana Road.

Omana North will comprise of 63 luxury one, two- and three-bedroom apartments and will feature expansive views of the Gulf, Rangitoto and Milford Marina.

Planned partial closure for 14 months of Omana Rd has been put off, after the Milford Residents Association asked the Council about planes for the 82 bus and there were none. The closure was to enable construction of the apartments and demolition of part of the existing car park.

Recycling rocks... NZRPG’s Andy Fear hopes excavated rocks will be used for the Wairau walkway

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Bus user spending adds up, council report on Milford bus use finds

Bus passengers travelling to Milford spend more money in the town centre than car users, a survey has found.

Car users spend more per visit than bus passengers, but bus users travel to the centre more regularly, so spend more per month, according to an Auckland Transport (AT) survey on the impact of a bus stop upgrade in Milford.

“On average, bus passengers visit the Milford shopping area four times more often than car users over a month.

“Consequently, their typical average monthly spend in the Milford shopping area (\$26.30 per visit x 12 visits per month = \$315.60) is notably higher than for car users (\$50.74 per visit x three visits per month = \$155.22).

Four car park spaces were removed to make way for a new bus stop behind the Countdown supermarket in November 2019.

“Despite bus passenger numbers through Milford increasing from 350 to 4000 per month, the local business association expressed concerns about the installation of the layover,” an AT report said.

Given the increase, even if only 46 per cent of passengers bought something in the shopping area and the spend was small, the cumulative impact was positive, especially over time.

Most car users parking in the Milford shopping area found it easy to find a car park, the survey found.

Heart-patient group launched on Shore

A new heart support group is holding its first North Shore meeting at the Mary Thomas Community Centre in Takapuna on April 2.

Heartbeats was started on the Hibiscus Coast by Trent Lash, who suffered a heart attack early in 2019 and wanted to link up with others who had had a cardiac arrest, surgery, a pacemaker implanted or other heart problems.

He'd been through post-hospital rehab programmes, but found there was a void when they finished.

“Heartbeats (on the Hibiscus Coast) started with nobody and now we regularly have 40 people attending meetings from 100 members.”

The group aims to provide better understanding of heart disease, give other members and families help in dealing with rehabilitation and provide a forum for sharing concerns, insights and solutions.

“We believe everyone can benefit and learn from sharing individual experiences and knowledge with others who have had similar life-changing events.”

• Heartbeats meets at Mary Thomas Community Centre, 3 Gibbons Rds, Takapuna, 2 April at 10 am, and the first Thursday of each month thereafter.

Local board seeks community input

The Devonport-Takapuna Local Board will have a stall at an upcoming outdoors movie in Milford in an effort to get community input into its plans.

The board is developing its annual budget and wants to know community priorities.

The Milford and Castor Bay residents' associations are urging locals to put cleaning up the Wairau Estuary and Milford Beach on the list.

The Secret Life of Pets screens at Milford Reserve on 20 March. The event will run from 5.40pm to 9.20pm.

Have your say...

Lake Road Improvements



Auckland Transport is proposing upgrades to Lake Road – this includes new separated cycling facilities, transit lanes and intersection upgrades for Bayswater Avenue and Esmonde Road, plus a Belmont Centre upgrade. Consultation on the proposals is open until Sunday, 12 April 2020.



Artist impression
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Plans to mitigate Hurstmere Rd fallout unlikely to be enough

The impact of the Hurstmere Rd upgrade on Takapuna businesses is difficult to gauge, but it will be immense.

The Observer, in partnership with the Takapuna Beach Business Association, is running a campaign to help businesses directly affected get through the disruption.

When the works start in April, a monthly double page spread in the Observer (one page paid for by the business association and the other by us) will feature news and

updates which will hopefully help keep people shopping. We are also offering cost-price advertising for any affected businesses.

As editor of the Devonport Flagstaff, I saw first hand the devastation public works can have on businesses. Downtown Devonport underwent a restructure around five years ago, with the development of Marine Square, a wharf upgrade and new library construction all happening at the same time.

The fallout on adjacent businesses was massive. Customers stopped shopping and turnovers tumbled. Many enterprises never fully recovered and closed or downsized operations: Devonport Lingerie closed within two years, Art of this World downsized and then moved out of Devonport, and Mecca sold to new owners, the sellers fed up with the treatment of a commercial ratepayer (they cited council offers of rent holidays to competing restaurants at the wharf and Wynyard Quarter.)

For Hurstmere Rd, the \$20,000 marketing boost offered by the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board (to be administered by the Takapuna Beach Business Association) is fantastic. The fact it's been approved

at the start of works, rather than midway through when the businesses are at crisis point, is proactive.

But it is unlikely to be enough. The Devonport works were supposed to take less than a year, but dragged on for two.

Customers didn't want to come into dusty shops with noisy road works outside. Parking spaces disappeared and shoppers aren't always willing to visit stores which can't be reached easily from their cars.

Businesses in the Devonport restructure felt a faster work programme would have made a massive difference; night and weekend shifts could have speeded up construction. Design options need to be carefully considered as well. In the Devonport Marine Square project, work stalled at one stage when Italian bulbs for street lights were unavailable.

Let's hope lessons have been learned from other projects around Auckland so businesses can at least break even and a key shopping precinct survives and prospers – one of the main goals of the work.

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Low barriers among moves to minimise Hurstmere Rd disruption



Pow-wow... Auckland Council's Lisa Spasic talks to the local board's Aidan Bennett (left) and the business association's Terence Harpur about major works

Low metal fencing rather than hoardings will line Hurstmere Rd during protracted major roadworks, to ensure people can see businesses are open for trade.

The upgrade of the shopping strip is due to start in the first half of April and continue until mid- to late-2021, depending on weather and other factors, the council's project leader says.

Hurstmere Rd businesses have been concerned about the impact on trade.

Auckland Council is working to ensure the roadworks are completed as quickly as possible, senior project and programme leader Lisa Spasic says.

The contractor is obligated to make sure pedestrian access to businesses is maintained during business operating hours.

A traffic management plan will allow one lane of northbound traffic throughout construction

The council plans to keep locals informed about progress via regular newsletters, and will have a full-time stakeholder liaison manager in frequent contact with business owners.

The Takapuna Business Association is supporting its members through information,

advocacy, business advice and mentoring programmes, plus lots of extra marketing, competitions, giveaways and events to keep Hurstmere Rd vibrant during the construction, chief executive Terence Harpur says.

"Getting through construction disruption is never easy for a business," Harpur says.

"We therefore ask our community to please shop local and continue to support businesses through this time."

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board chair Aidan Bennett says the project has been in the pipeline for a long time, so it is a thrill to see it finally happening.

Some of the key design elements include: a northbound one-way street; a southbound cycle lane and additional cycle parking; a 30km/h speed limit; 28 parallel car parks, four mobility parks and additional loading zones; wider concrete pavements with six formal crossing points; a cleaner, sustainable stormwater treatment system with eight new rain gardens; 16 new native puriri trees and 60 new cabbage trees; an environment that reflects Maori cultural values and local stories; and new street lighting and street furniture.

Board puts up \$20k to counter upgrade pain

Takapuna businesses affected by the fallout from the planned Hurstmere Rd upgrade have been given a \$20,000 marketing boost.

The Devonport-Takapuna Local Board has put aside \$20,000 to provide "mitigation and support" for businesses during the upgrade set to start in April.

Auckland Council officers have recommended the money be given to the Takapuna Business Association, which will use it for a marketing campaign: Support Your Local.

- The allocation of the \$20,000 to the Takapuna Business Association was to be confirmed at the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board meeting this week, after the Observer went to press.

Cabbage tree leaves 'like plastic bags'

Planting cabbage trees (ti kouka) along Hurstmere Rd is akin to lining the road with plastic bags, a local board member says.

The trees, which will be planted in rain gardens alongside the road as part of a \$12 million council upgrade, drop leaves that don't break down and have to go out in general waste and so to landfills, Devonport-Takapuna Local Board's Jan O'Connor says.

They are not suitable for collection as garden waste. "It's like tying plastic bags in the trees," she says.

The upgrade will also see pohutukawa replaced by puriri trees on the street.

Car-park closure could be delayed

As Hurstmere Rd businesses face the double whammy of major roadworks and the coronavirus, the council is considering delaying the further blow of the closure of the Takapuna car park.

The car park at 40 Anzac St was due to close in the winter, when Auckland Council opens its Gasometer car park with 420 new short-stay spaces.

The council plans to sell part of the Anzac St car park to developers.

Panuku confirms it is in discussions with the local board about options for the period between the opening of Gasometer and construction starting on the new town square, which has been delayed.

One option would be to keep around half the Anzac St car park open, North Shore councillor Chris Darby says.



Heading north... One lane of traffic northbound, parallel parking, rain gardens and native plants are among plans to upgrade Hurstmere Rd

Balloons contributing to waterways' pollution

Regarding your item on plastic pollution (Rangitoto Observer, 6 March), I would like to draw attention to water balloons.

I am concerned about the impact of these tiny playthings on our environment, birds and fish. In the water, parks and gardens, birds will be attracted to these colourful little items, often becoming choked or tangled.

The manufacturing company, Zuru, states on their packaging that the balloons are

biodegradable. But how long do they take to degrade? How long will they last when left on the lawn or washed into our harbour and waterways?

I believe more information should be circulated in our schools, and amongst the general population, reminding people that what is dropped in the gutters washes down the drains and into our harbour and waterways. Perhaps window or bumper stickers with a simple, catchy message

would make people more mindful of this.

Yesterday I observed a significant number of spent water balloons lying close to a drainage inlet. One shower of rain would see them washed into the drain, adding to the careless pollution of our city waterways.

NB: Bouquets to the staff at Xtreme Entertainment, Target Court, for clearing them away when their attention was drawn to the possible environmental impact.

Cherrie Keane

Time to rename our local board to better reflect the area's history?

With the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board finalising its short and medium term plans and budgets for the future, one big-picture question it could and should address is whether its name is appropriate for the geographic area it covers.

Extending south from Sunnynook and Castor Bay to Devonport and Stanley Bay, with borders of State Highway 1 to the west and the Hauraki Gulf to the east, is it appropriate that its present name relates only to the southern end of the peninsula, while ignoring northern areas such as Milford, Wairau Valley, Forrest Hill, Sunnynook and Castor Bay?

In fact, Devonport is twice indicated, as the name Takapuna derives from a

freshwater spring that flowed from the base of North Head (Maungauika) into a swamp behind Cheltenham Beach.

Given that in this modern day, the name Takapuna relates more closely to our famous beach and its fringing moana, should we be looking for a water feature that distinguishes the northern parts of our local board area? That answer is easy: the Wairau Stream.

This suggests that Takapuna Wairau is a more accurate and fair description of the geographic area covered by our local board, and is a change that our proud and unified community should support.

Takapuna-Wairau Local Board, anyone?

**Terry Dunleavy, Chairperson
Takapuna Residents Association**

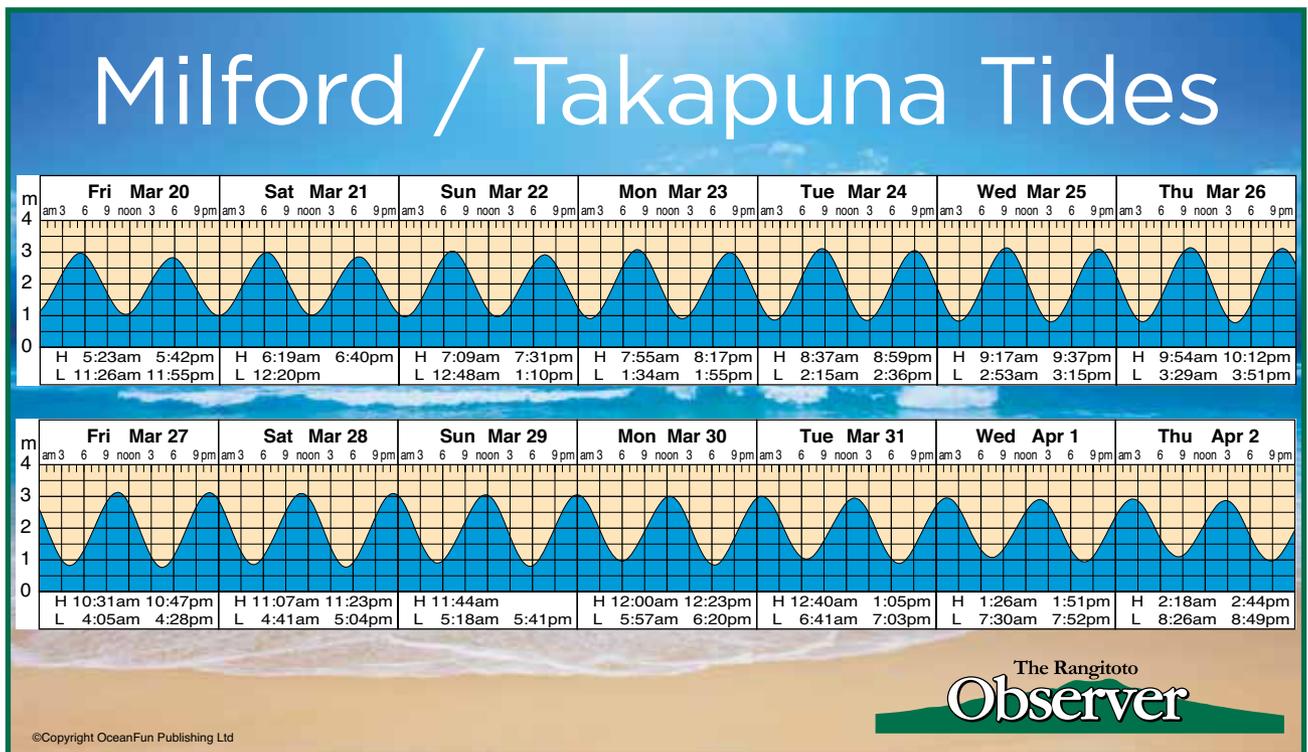
Panuku salaries hardly 'basic'

In the course of searching for something else I came across information about the cancellation of bonuses for Panuku staff, and searching their website discovered that some 78 of them received more than \$100,000 in the 2019 year, and two at the top receive \$510,000 and \$640,000 respectively.

Bonus payments were not stated, but these salaries can hardly be called basic, in my opinion.

I find it hard to understand why bonus payments are needed for an organisation such as Panuku. One has to wonder how much the bonus payment was for each of the persons who were involved in Panuku's devious project to take over the Takapuna car park, in spite of the very strong opposition from Takapuna residents.

John Shears



Bodyline with Guy Body



Letters to the Editor

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Hauraki toilet block priced at \$264,000

A new toilet block for the Lake Town Green Reserve at Hauraki Corner would cost \$264,000.

Public pressure for toilets at the reserve has been building over the years, especially from parents with toddlers.

Auckland Council has investigated four locations within the reserve, with a \$264,000 concrete-style prefabricated unit option chosen as the safest, with the least impact on the reserve.

However "the impact on neighbours may be contentious," a report to a Devonport-Takapuna Local Board workshop said. No budget has been set aside for the project.

If it is approved for the 2020/2021 works programme, public consultation and a more detailed design will follow.

Church mixes it up for Neighbours' Day event

Takapuna Methodist Church's "neighbours' medley" event at 38 Hurstmere Rd on 28 March from 11am to 3pm will include a pop-up library/book swap, bicycle maintenance and tips on breaking the ice with neighbours.

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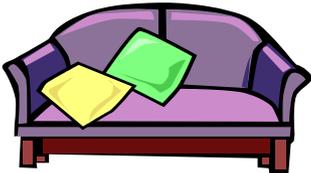
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The forest – a cure for the critics?

The new Takapuna civic space is being portrayed as resembling a forest-clearing gathering place.

Glossy slides showing a forest at the centre of Takapuna, with arrows pointing to the Hauraki Gulf, Lake Pupuke and the Waitemata Harbour, were included in a Panuku presentation to a Devonport-Takapuna Local Board workshop earlier this month.

The slides are at odds with the views of the project's critics, who regard the proposed space as too small and crammed in.

The concept design of the space, at what is now the Anzac St carpark, centres around the word Takapuna, with taka meaning an assembly or gathering point, and puna meaning a spring, Panuku told the board.

Key elements would include:

- A water-play feature.
- The retention of existing trees and addition of others, along with green spaces.
- New seating and dining areas.
- An elevated climbing-play area.
- Provision for events and markets (including allowance for 85 stalls).

The Anzac St carpark has been scheduled to close in July/August, when the Gasometer carpark opens, though the closure could yet be delayed. (See story, page 11.)

Board members want the location of public toilets and the relocation of the war memorial currently at 1 The Strand specified in the design, along with public seating.

The Takapuna Sunday Market closure date had yet to be finalised, the board was told, as had details of the water-play feature.

A final design report will be presented to the board in the next few months, followed by an opportunity for community input on the plan.

Shaping up... an artist's impression of the new public space at Takapuna



Marketing Takapuna... An image from a slide showing how the open space in central Takapuna will work according to Panuku



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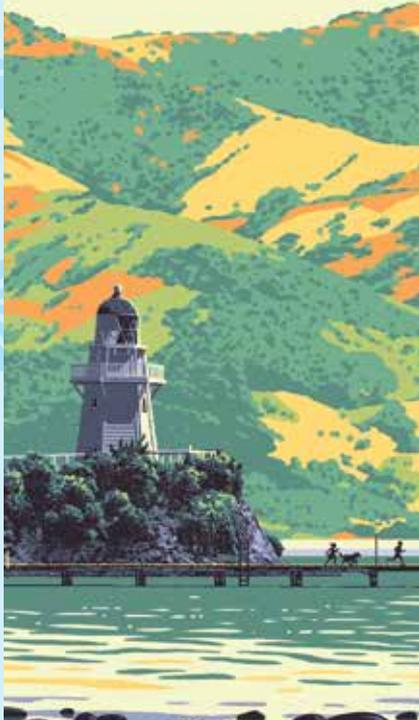
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Dreams of freedom inspire paintings



Dream world... A series of paintings under the title *Journey* helped Alex Shin win a top art scholarship

A passion for Disney and a yearning to escape tiresome school life has earned a former Westlake Boys High School student a scholarship and a place in a major art exhibition.

Shin, 17, listened to music from Disney works to help him focus and explored his real-life journey in the genre of fantasy. His artwork tells his story about trying to reach his goals at school.

Last year, Shin was awarded a scholarship to pursue painting, and now his Year 13 art portfolio will be featured in the 2020 NZQA *Top Art* exhibition.

Top Art is an annual touring show featuring a selection of the NCEA Level 3 portfolios that achieved Excellence in Visual Art.

"I was really surprised and excited that my portfolio was selected for the *Top Art* exhibition. I never expected this would happen to me, but I believe I was able to get this huge achievement because I worked hard, and never gave up," Shin said.

In his college years, Shin's achievements didn't come easily, and even painting was hard work.

For the past three years, he spent four hours painting every day, creating an escape to another world.

"My real life was boring, tiring, and every day is the same. I wake up, go to school, get rushed, stressed by homework, then sleep, and repeat. I wanted to be freed from this and therefore I created my fantasy world in my paintings," he said.

Shin's artwork follows a dreamy, happy, non-restricting world with absolute freedom and no limits.

The main idea of escapism is represented by a difficult journey to find a mysterious



Alex Shin

castle in a magical world with his best friend, a guardian humpback whale. The castle in his paintings symbolised his ambition and the whale symbolised his positive frame of mind.

Shin was also inspired by Disney movie artwork which is full of colour and unique characters.

He used several techniques, including different art media such as pencils, pastels, acrylic painting, watercolour, and digital painting.

"I like to paint my artwork in detail, so I usually painted with a tiny brush to achieve the detail of my subject matter," he said.

Shin is now studying at the University of Auckland, majoring in fine art at Elam Art School.

He aims to create a new portfolio for the animation industry, with the longer-term goal of being a Disney animation artist.

The NZQA *Top Art* exhibition will be at Westlake Girls High School from 8 to 12 June.



Playing support role for Shakespeare proves to be no bed of roses



Second fiddle... Suzy Sampson as Shakespeare's wife, Anne Hathaway, wears her black mourning gown while reading her husband's will

Shakespeare's wife got a poor deal, culminating in being left his 'second-best bed' in his will, says an actor playing Anne Hathaway in an upcoming play.

Experienced actor and director Suzy Sampson, from Castor Bay, will be performing in a modern play about Shakespeare's wife, Anne Hathaway.

Written by Vern Thiessen, *Shakespeare's Will* tells a different side of the story about the English playwright's life through the eyes of his wife.

Hathaway was 26 when she fell in love with 18-year-old William Shakespeare.

Hathaway was later left behind in Stratford

while Shakespeare established himself in London.

"The play gives a really good insight into what life was like for a woman during that time," said Sampson.

Hathaway and Shakespeare had three children together before he died at the age of 52 in 1616. The storyline follows Shakespeare's death and his will, which was a poor deal for Hathaway. He left his house and money to his daughters, his son having died at 11.

Shakespeare's Will is on at the Pumphouse Theatre in Takapuna from 25 March to 28 March at 8pm, with a 2pm Matinee on March 28.

Milford public artwork will cost ratepayers more than \$135,000

A new illuminated sculpture in Milford Reserve, commemorating the country's suffragettes, will officially open on 27 March.

The planned opening event of the polished steel sphere, Beacon, by Lang Ea has been cancelled because of Covid-19.

At night, the artwork will be lit up with a violet light, the colour adopted by British and then later New Zealand suffragettes.

Lang Ea quotes Kate Sheppard saying, "We are tired of having a 'sphere' doled out to us, and of being told that anything outside that sphere is 'unwomanly'."

Auckland Council is paying \$135,000 plus further installation costs, from its regional public arts fund, a media release says.

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Young North Shore artists help raise racism awareness

Lake House Arts has gone ahead with an exhibition of children's art aimed at raising awareness of racism, though coronavirus concerns led it to call off a community open day and concert planned for this weekend.

The "This is us" open day will instead coincide with the gallery's annual open day in September.

The exhibition opened on 15 March, the one-year anniversary of the Christchurch mosque shootings, and runs until March 27.

It features children's artwork inspired by the "Give Nothing to Racism" campaign. The work comes from schools across the North Shore.

"We want to provide an empowering opportunity for children to understand they can say "no" to racism through action and expression, and that they can positively influence their community through their art," says Lake House Arts operations manager Grae Burton.

The exhibition also aims to show support for the victims and families of the Christchurch mosque shootings.

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Art with a message... Lake House Arts community engagement coordinator Marion Breinhorst putting up work for the "This is us" 2020 children's art exhibition

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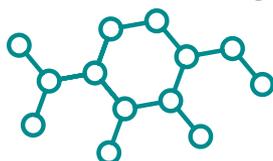
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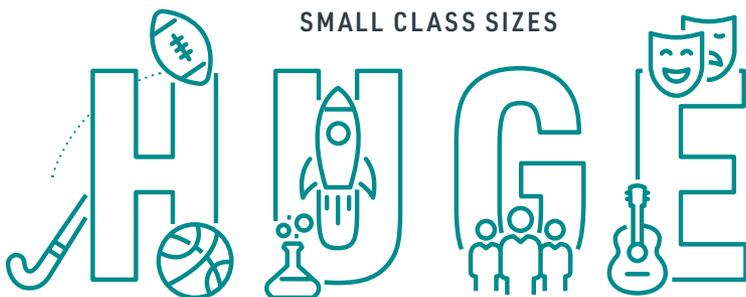
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Social butterflies flock to Milford School Fair



Full-on fun... Claire Wang (5) runs down a bouncy slide at Milford Primary School's Summer Daze fair on Saturday, 14 March. The school's fundraiser was reasonably well attended, despite public concerns about Covid-19. The weather turned on the sunshine, as families enjoyed food stalls and trucks, entertainment by the school choir, face-painting, games, craft activities and silent auctions.

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Community soaks rays at Milford School's 'Summer Daze' fair



Flossing... Esther (8), Hannah (6), Sarah (4) and Deborah (2) Choi enjoy a traditional fair favourite



Fancy make-up... Amelia Morrison (7) enjoys face-painting



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