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Elephant Wrestler back in the ring again

A Takapuna pub is renewing its efforts to stay open until 3am.

The Elephant Wrestler at 138 Hurstmere Rd is appealing the Auckland District Licensing Committee's decision to reject its application to serve drinks until 2.30am, with doors closing at 3am, between Wednesday and Saturday.

The grounds for appeal include questions over the reliability of the evidence presented to the committee.

The decision noted reports of disorderly behaviour continuing after closing time and expressed concerns a warden would finish work at 3am, when poor behaviour on the streets continued later.

The appeal says the street warden, required under an amended resource consent, and security staff would stay until the area was cleared.

The appeal also queries the evidence of neighbours related to historic events, especially when Bin Bin Delux was operating, and to bars in the area generally, not specifically the Elephant Wrestler.



Still fighting... the Elephant Wrestler's bid for 3am closing was declined

It says the Elephant Wrestler has never had its licence suspended and was described as a "good operator" by police witnesses.

"Notwithstanding, the committee inexplicably suggests the appellant should have faced enforcement proceedings."

The panel was unconvinced vandalism and nuisance behaviour would not be worsened by later closing.

When the application was notified, 65

objections and four statements in support were lodged.

The evidence was heard by a panel of three representing the Auckland District Licensing Authority, with chair Gavin Campbell signing the decision.

The appeal is lodged against the police, with any of the objectors who spoke at the December hearing allowed to be interested parties. The Alcohol Regulatory Licensing Authority has yet to set a hearing date.

2 The Strand: empty for 752 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 752 days. At some point, its future will be determined by Auckland Council.

A message from the publishers of the Rangitoto Observer and Devonport Flagstaff

This issue of the Rangitoto Observer is the first online-only edition, after decisions made by the government under its Covid-19 lockdown provisions.

After first saying all media were essential services, the government ruled last Friday that in terms of printed media, only daily newspapers were.

As this issue went to press, the New Zealand Community Newspapers Association (of which we are a member), and the Magazine Publishers Association were in talks with the government challenging the decision. The Free Speech Coalition has called for a judicial review, saying it unconstitutional for the government to decide which journalists could stay working.

Until the lockdown forcing us to move home, we had intended to keep working and publishing. Our printers and delivery people would be

working under government-enacted health and safety guidelines. Printed material has very low risk of transmission, and any concerns can be alleviated by hand-washing after reading.

On Tuesday, Prime Minister Jacinda Arden said only selected community newspapers in rural areas could operate. Other papers and magazines were banned from printing and had to work from home.

We will continue to move around the community, reporting in a safe manner.

In a democracy, a government should avoid dictating which parts of the media operate and which don't.

It is a fast-changing situation, but for the meantime we will continue publishing our two newspapers (Rangitoto Observer and Devonport Flagstaff) online.

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Exercising in lockdown: a challenge for everyone



Suitably subdued... On day one of lockdown, Takapuna Beach (pictured) was quieter than usual, while Milford Beach seemed packed

Going for a walk will help us stay sane, but editor Jodi Yeats finds the Milford to Takapuna walkway hard to recommend during lockdown.

On day one of shutdown, 26 March, I moved from the chill of the office to the warmth of Milford Beach to check out the coastal walkway.

Despite the government suggesting more than 20 people at the beach would be problematic, I counted around 100 people, and another 20 swimmers. The contrast with the eerily deserted streets of Milford was alarming.

While most dogs were on leads, one excited dog ran around wildly from group to group, potentially spreading infection.

We have been advised to go on solitary walks.

At the end of the beach, a woman in a flowery bathing cap entered the water between the rocks. Further along, a father entertained

a toddler by investigating a rock pool. These seemed safer activities than the relative bedlam at the beach.

The coastal trail was beautiful and interesting, as always, but its spiritual benefits were offset by the challenges of avoiding other walkers.

While most paused, so we could navigate narrow sections without colliding, others pressed on, forcing me to clamber over the famed 200,000 year-old lava fields.

“Two metres, Cam,” was one woman’s comment to her mate.

A kayaker slipped by, close to the rocks, defying the Coastguard’s call to stay off the water.

As the Coastguard points out on its website, pretty much all of the 3700 people it rescued last year didn’t expect to get into trouble.

Takapuna Beach was far more quiet than usual, with around 60 people along its much longer span than Milford, including a couple of swimmers.

I decided it would be safer to return along the road, with its wide footpaths, plus a few interesting historic homes, not least the eccentric Algie’s Castle, a captain’s 1924 tribute to his ancestral homeland.

Seemingly in their own world, joggers and people staring at their phones came too close, meaning I had to swerve out onto the road.

People were out trimming hedges, painting the house and otherwise catching up on jobs at home.

Teddy bears waved from windows – a brilliant idea to enhance outings with children getting restless at home.

I returned thinking we need to do better than this. Walking outside is good for our mental health, and there are local historic, literary, war and art walks available online to explore.

But, we need to think more creatively about how to get outside while also staying in our “bubble”.

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Locals stock up on last-minute ‘essentials’

Fine wine and freshly roasted coffee beans were among products Milford and Takapuna residents were panic-buying as lockdown loomed.

Queues stretched down the street outside Meebz Coffee Roasters in Milford all morning after Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announced the level-four lockdown, which has closed businesses and confined residents to their homes.

“We are usually busy, but nothing like today, with lines out the door,” Meebz owner Michael Tan said last Tuesday.

The most popular product was beans, but people were also stocking up on ground coffee for plunger, filter or stovetop use.

“People can’t live with bad coffee for four weeks,” Tan said.

The closedown will have a huge impact on the business. Half its income comes from selling beans to cafes, which have also closed, and the other half from shop sales.

Nearby, at Glengarry’s Takapuna, store manager Dylan Lydford said it was busier than at Christmas, with people stocking up on all types of alcohol.



Full steam ahead... a queue waited on the street for coffee from the Meebz crew (left to right): Han Lee, Mike Tan and Rachel Chalmers



Games and crafts still popular

Old-fashioned staples for rainy days with the family proved popular in the lead-up to the pandemic lockdown.

Games, arts and crafts and plenty of books flew off the shelves at Takapuna’s Paper Plus, according to owner Michael Zhang.

Jigsaw puzzles were probably the most popular item, but traditional pastimes for families, including origami and painting materials, were also popular, Zhang said.

He was anxious about his business and had written to the overseas landlord to enquire about rent relief, but had not heard back.

While Zhang thought the business could survive the initial four-week closedown, with government help for wages, he admitted it would get difficult if the lockdown were extended beyond that time.

Old-fashioned fun... Families bought games and crafts to keep children entertained during the Covid-19 lockdown, PaperPlus Takapuna owner Michael Zhang says

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Escapism pulls in customers



Ways of escape... The Booklover bookshop's Olivia Spooner says readers weren't seeking anything too thought-provoking as they bought books ahead of the lockdown

Escapist and uplifting books were the most popular sales at a Milford bookshop in the two days leading up to the Covid-19 lockdown.

The Booklover bookshop's trade was similar to a busy Saturday, owner Olivia Spooner said.

"People are buying books that aren't too depressing or that they will learn something from," she said.

"They're looking for books that offer an escape rather than anything too thought-provoking."

Spooner, who bought the store last July, was closing her doors for four weeks and facing an uncertain future as to whether the business could survive.

Her lease was the big overhead and she was waiting to hear back about a rental holiday.

Security beefed up

Security patrols are working through the night in the Milford shopping centre, while police have beefed up patrols to counter crime.

Milford Business Association manager Murray Hill put up 90 Matrix Security stickers in the 48 hours before the lockdown started at midnight on 25 March.

Hill was keen to send a message the now-empty shopping centre is under protection.

Hill said he had spoken to police who were increasing patrols in all shopping centres.

"They were pleased to hear we were being proactive and still had Matrix security patrols operating," Hill said.

The security company is based nearby in Smales Farm and could get to Milford quickly, he said.

At least one shop in Takapuna had cleaned out its stock to avoid any chance of theft.

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Board votes against 'going to the people'

A move to increase the number of locally held community forums in the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area has been rejected.

Board member Ruth Jackson wanted to double the number of community forums held in surrounding suburbs – rather than at the board offices in Takapuna – from every two months, to monthly.

But the motion was defeated at the board's meeting last month. Members Jackson, Trish Deans and Jan O'Connor voted in favour, while George Wood, Aidan Bennett and Toni van Tonder voted against. Chair Ben-

nett used his casting vote to reject the idea.

Deans said the forums allowed the public to be better engaged with the board.

O'Connor said only 32 per cent of the public voted in the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area in the last local-body election.

"We do not excite the public – if they don't come to us we need to go to them."

The community forum was an ideal way for residents to come forward to voice issues in their neighbourhood, she said.

Jackson said the whole point of being a local member was to engage with the

community.

"If we don't encourage more community involvement, I don't know what we are doing here."

Van Tonder was concerned about the increased costs of staff and venue hire incurred by going out into the community.

The numbers of community forums in local suburbs could be increased if numbers at the two-monthly forums warranted it, she said.

Wood said few residents turned up during community board times a decade ago, when meetings were held in local areas.

Sign removal gets complicated

Removing an errant no-parking sign near Takapuna Beach known as a "money machine" for parking wardens on the weekends has been caught up in red tape.

Apparently the sign was put up a couple of decades ago in Hauraki Rd, near the house of a local politician of the day, whose wife didn't like cars parking outside on the weekends.

It is one of the few signs across Auckland banning weekend-only parking. Beachgoers can happily park on the street all day on Friday, but the following day parking on the road comes with a \$50 fine.

"It's well known as easy pickings for

traffic wardens – they head there first thing on Saturdays," Devonport-Takapuna Local Board member Jan O'Connor said last week.

Board members want the sign gone, but its removal by Auckland Transport (AT) is not as simple as it seems.

AT has a new policy where it needs four residents to complain about a local issue before it will send out a localised letter drop to gain a consensus of opinion.

Only one resident has complained about the sign.

Some board members wanted AT to remove the signs immediately, but others

could see the point of the red tape.

Member Toni van Tonder said reacting to one complaint could lead to knee-jerk reactions on issues.

Board chair Aidan Bennett said it wasn't the board's role to tell AT what its processes should be. The simplest way to get the sign removal process moving was to contact the complainant and get them to "rustle up" a few like-minded neighbours, he said.

O'Connor said AT seems to pick and choose how it deals with residents. For example, when a yellow line on a road was proposed, it would do a localised letter drop, she said.



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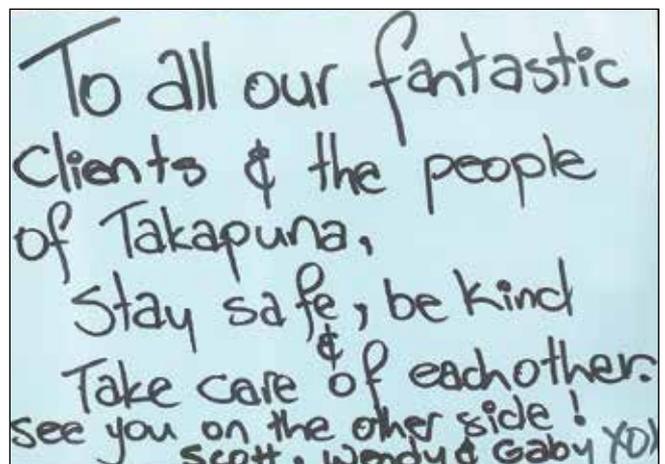
Supermarket takes extra precautions



Super safe... Milford's New World introduced Perspex screens, masks for staff, one-way systems in aisles and floor markers to separate people in queues. Security guards were employed to limit customer numbers.



Deserted... The streets of Milford (pictured), Takapuna, Forrest Hill and Sunnynook have been deserted since the Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern, announced a state of emergency on March 25 and a four-week shutdown, starting midnight that night, in response to the coronavirus pandemic.



Signs of the times... Many messages offering information and encouragement appeared outside local shops, cafes and restaurants.

Time to take stock and perhaps read a book or two

Simon Heffer, an author and leading newspaper columnist, had a book collection so large the top floor of his London home was collapsing. His wife wanted him to prune it back somewhat. His answer: move house to a bigger one.

While not threatening the structural integrity of our cottage, I too have a large number of books at home.

I have at various times been a collector, following my interests rather than value. Over different eras I've been an avid rugby fan (1970s); had an armchair interest in mountaineering (1980s) and appreciated all kinds of journalism and newspaper tales – all of my adult life. I've also collected authors I enjoy: Maurice Gee, Janet Frame, William Trevor, Brian Moore and Ian McEwan.

A shrink would say I have a deep psychological connection to books. I grew up surrounded by them. For 10 years my parents owned an old-fashioned stationers: a mum-and-dad version of the modern day Paper Power or Paper Plus. We stocked everything, from fireworks to fish hooks. But it was the books I loved. Every summer, cartons of new releases would arrive for holiday reading. I was allowed to read them, as long I didn't crease or mark the new books before they went back on the shelves. I must have been careful as customers never complained.

Since those formative years, I've always

felt comfortable in bookshops – whether they sell new or second-hand books.

When living in England in the early 90s, I used to buy a book and CD a week – to give some enjoyment as well as structure to the discipline of saving for travel. A good bookshop to me is alluring, almost seductive; the promise of finding an interesting new author or a hidden gem almost akin to hearing a new song for the first time.

I've carted books around with me from house to house. How could I part with the 1971 *Rugby Annual* with the fantastic picture of Ian Kirkpatrick scoring an 80m try against the Lions in the second test, or *Sea Stories for Boys*, quite likely the first book I purchased, with a voucher from winning an ASB essay contest as a 10-year-old at Whangaparaoa Primary.

Some people regard books as clutter, others like myself see them as part of a home's aesthetic and character. I love visiting a friend or someone I've never met and checking out their books. Glancing at someone's reading matter is somehow much more intimate and revealing than their choice of taps or lounge furniture.

In adult life I've been lucky enough to buy some substantial bookshelves for my collection, which might seem chaotic but is arranged to my own particular taste and peculiar ordering system.

My partner finds it slightly odd that I can remember where every book was purchased and the reason. The collection's growing size I blame on Devonport: what is a booklover to do in 23 years of local lunch hours but to browse in the two (at one time three) quality bookshops in the village, and perhaps even buy a volume or two?

Sometimes I've been highly organised in my reading habits: a thriller, followed by a biography, then by a novel, then anything I choose.

I can't get rid of books I've read. They become intellectual treasures. Others I've been saving up for a rainy day – or a lockdown.

All my other hobbies and pastimes – tennis, squash, seeing friends – have now been suspended, with personal contact forbidden.

What better time to get within two metres of a book?

I'm thinking about tackling *Wolf Hall* by Hilary Mantel, a Booker Prize winner I've set aside for just such an opportunity, or a biography of Maurice Gee, a memoir by Barry Humphries, a reread of *A Year in Provence* by Peter Mayle or a dip into William Trevor's wonderful short stories, the essays of Martin Amis or anything by Rose Tremain.

Something to get lost in, and put my current worries and concerns over the Covid-19 virus aside.

Rob Drent, Managing Editor

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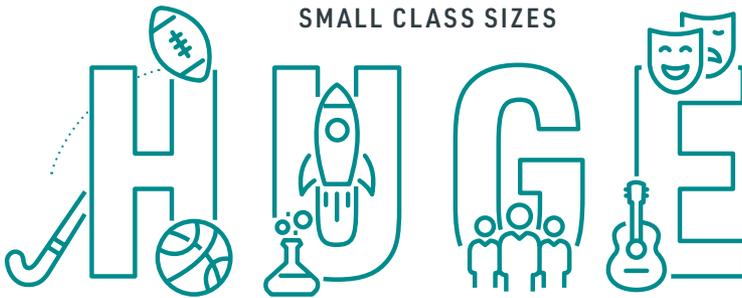


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Healthcare workers need childcare

I am a healthcare worker at North Shore Hospital. I am writing to provide a different perspective on the biggest trouble that we are facing as a healthcare workers. My views are completely my own.

I moved to New Zealand from the UK in 2018. I live in Devonport. I love Auckland and the people here.

As an immigrant with no family support around and with a child, this time is the hardest of all.

Healthcare workers are frontline in this crisis, but the community has left them alone to fight the battle. Healthcare workers have family and kids too, and some have elderly relatives in their house as well (though I don't).

With the closing of childcare services, my child is been turned down by all the home-care facilities, because I work in a hospital. I have colleagues who are going through the same.

I think that the community can play their

role by those who are young and healthy offering the option of looking after the child of a care worker within their street or close locality.

We have strict measures inside the hospital which minimise the risk.

Please share this burden. We are happy to fight this together, some on the field, some in the background. Do not isolate us. We are humans too!

Gazala Alam

Not for Panuku to decide what's 'set in stone' for civic space

Regarding the discontinuance of the application by the Takapuna Residents Association (TRA) for a judicial review in the High Court of the Auckland Council's decision to sell off parts of the Hurstmere precinct car park known as 40 Anzac St (Rangitoto Observer, 20 March), and the agreement of the council to involve our association in the design of the civic space "to the extent it [council] considered necessary".

TRA contests this proviso ("considered necessary").

Our view is that what happens at 40 Anzac St must meet the wishes and needs of the Takapuna community, and the best body to make that determination is the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board, which has been elected by residents and ratepayers in the area to represent their interests.

It is not for unelected officials in a council-controlled organisation (CCO) like Panuku to decide what is or is not "set in stone".

On an issue of such local importance, if

"controlled organisation" is to have any meaning, it must mean that Panuku confines itself to carrying out the decisions of the local board.

With 40 Anzac St, the opposite seems to have been the case.

We have a new Devonport-Takapuna Local Board, whose members will bear the political consequences of what happens at 40 Anzac St.

It is TRA's strong submission that it is that new board, and that board alone, that should have the authority for final decisions, including the right to start the whole process again from scratch if they are not satisfied that what finally happens meets the needs and wishes of the community and the businesses 40 Anzac St was established to serve.

We in TRA have our own views of the need to retain open space, and at least some car parking at 40 Anzac St, as well as a viable Sunday market, and we will make our case to DTLB.

But we are firm in our belief that final decisions must rest with DTLB, and not with an

unelected advisory body like Panuku.

The DTLB, as our immediate local authority elected to protect our interests as Takapuna residents and ratepayers, should also urgently address the question of whether it is appropriate to charge on with changing the face of our suburb when the world and the country is in the grip of a pandemic emergency which is taking over our lives with so far uncontrollable reach and speed?

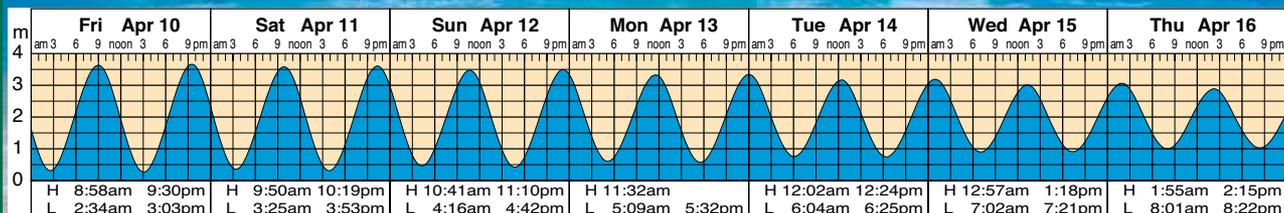
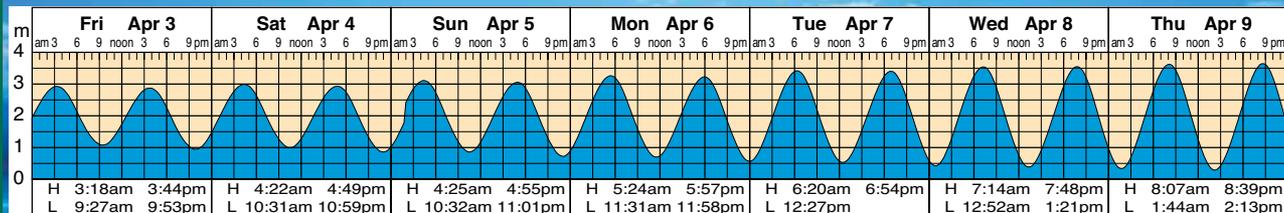
Covid-19 is an unprecedented threat and demands an unprecedented response, applied with urgency and a spirit of practical realism that the only changes that should be imposed on our people and their accustomed ways of living are those essential to preserve our health and well-being.

This must become the immediate task at all levels of governance, and all else must be put on hold until the pandemic is over.

(Abridged)

Terry Dunleavy, chairperson, Takapuna Residents Association

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Campground in lockdown

Takapuna Beach Holiday Park is in lockdown and not accepting any new arrivals.

Owner-operator Steve Edwards said any camper vans at the holiday park at the time of the Covid-19 lockdown were allowed to stay.

The occupants were self-isolating in their vans for a month and banned from coming and going. Community facilities at the campground had all closed down.

However, the campground had had some "clearing out", Edwards said.

Some customers had left for New Zealand homes, while many overseas travellers had departed to catch flights to the United States or United Kingdom.

Fund launched to support DHB pandemic response

Charity Well Foundation has launched a Covid-19 Action Fund to support Waitemata DHB in its local response to the pandemic across North Shore, West Auckland and Rodney.

The fund will be used to support the rapid establishment of remote patient monitoring for those with underlying health conditions, including respiratory conditions, diabetes, heart conditions, and patients with compromised immune systems.

The initiative, led by Waitemata DHB's Institute for Innovation and Improvement, will allow specialist hospital staff to monitor and care for the most vulnerable in our community within their own homes, keeping them out of the hospitals unless absolutely necessary.

Funding from the Perpetual Guardian Foundation and Liz and Paul Blackwell, owners of Albany Pak'n Save, has provided the initial funding needed to kick-start these efforts.

Further funding is now needed to provide more remote monitoring systems for more people in the community.

The Well Foundation is a charity supporting North Shore and Waitakere hospitals and community health services extending up to Rodney. If you would like to find out more about its Covid-19 action fund, or to donate, visit covid19.wellfoundation.org.nz

Waitemata DHB is the largest District Health Board in New Zealand with a population of 630,000. Approximately 70,000 of those people are over the age of 70.

The DHB says local health services are facing the reality that new models of care, outside of our hospitals, are needed and critical care needs to be delivered safely in patients' homes during the pandemic. Remote patient monitoring has been identified as part of the solution.

It says patients will be taught to use remote monitoring devices that record heart rate, temperature, blood oxygen level, and breathing rate.

Clean-beach campaigners glad of inquiry



On a mission... Dr Guy Armstrong, who is leading the charge to clean-up the Wairau Estuary and Milford Beach, welcomes the inquiry

Advocates for clean beaches on the North Shore are welcoming a government inquiry into water quality.

East Coast Bays MP Erica Stanford, along with Auckland MP Chloe Swarbrick, has campaigned for the Environment Select Committee inquiry.

"Chronic infrastructure failures are causing sewage to leach onto Auckland's beaches, putting the public's health at risk," Stanford says.

Stanford believes systemic failures and a lack of transparency from officials are letting the city down.

"It might suit the government to level the blame at rural New Zealand, despite considerable investment from farmers to protect our waterways.

"But the reality is Auckland has the worst levels of E. coli in the country and infrastructure failures have left our beaches unswimmable."

The public is sick of hearing about council projects and plans, past and future, Milford Weeps (Wairau Estuary Environment Protection and Swimming) spokesperson Dr Guy Armstrong says.

"What matters to us, the public, is that our beaches be made swimmable, soon.

"Timelines and milestones are meaningful to the public, not lists of works."

Armstrong says he is "sick of hearing the party line espoused by the mayor and deputy

mayor that 90 per cent of overflows will be stopped by the central interceptor".

"Who will fix up the [sewage] overflows on the North Shore's beaches?"

Prior to the super city being formed in 2010, the North Shore City Council was investing \$5 million a year in improving beach water quality, Armstrong understands.

"Then, two years ago, [Auckland Council's] healthy waters got \$2 million for the whole of Auckland," he says.

"They were celebrating but, up until then, they had nothing for eight years."

Former North Shore City Council Mayor George Wood agrees. "We had a huge investment on the North Shore to get our wastewater upgraded and improved because people on the North Shore had a real concern about beach water quality," Wood says.

The council also cleaned up streams, mapped stormwater outlets and qualified to become the only Auckland authority to gain a licence to discharge stormwater, he says.

"We did that work but, in 2010, it came to a grinding halt."

Wood hopes the government inquiry will lead to development of beach water-quality standards.

"Beaches can be green or red [under Safeswim], but what does that mean? Who knows?"

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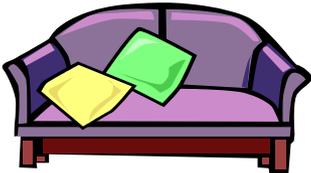
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Top Westlake athlete excels at national champs

Westlake Girls High School student Kaia Tupu-South won the national under-20 women's discus title in Christchurch last month.

She puts her winning throw of 53.96m – a personal best – down to the effect of intense competition at the New Zealand Track and Field Championships. She had never before bettered 50m.

"I would never have done that [distance] in training, but in a competition there's so much excitement... The atmosphere and everything gets me doing things I've never achieved in training," Kaia, 17, says.

Kaia also won a silver medal in the U20 women's shot put.

More than 600 of the country's top track and field athletes attended the event from 6 to 8 March.

For Kaia, who is head prefect at Westlake, it continued on from a shot-put victory at the Australian Track and Field Championships last year.

She has also qualified for the World Athletics Under-20 Championships in Kenya for both shot-put and discus, although these have been postponed because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Kaia puts her success down to training six days out of seven for strength and agility, as well as practising throwing.

She is enjoying her home-based schooling in the current level 4 shutdown, as she can choose her own timetable for training and schoolwork, where she has also been excelling.

Kaia was junior Dux in year 10 and top scholar in year 11.

Golden girl... Kaia Tupu-South threw a personal best of almost 53.96m to win gold in discus at the national Track and Field Championships in Christchurch



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Milford teen sailor blows away rivals in windy capital

The fickle winds of Wellington proved no match for a Milford teenager and his sailing partner in the 420-class national-championship regatta.

Westlake Boys' Mason Mulcahy, 15, and Wellington's Andre Van Dam, 18, won 10 out of 11 races and claim the national title at the all-ages event held at Evans Bay on 14 and 15 March.

"It is quite hilly there, so the wind was quite heavily affected by geographic features," Mason says.

He and Andre trained together in Wellington ahead of the race to get familiar with the conditions, which Mason says helped, along with being consistent and not taking too many risks.

The 420 is quite a technical yacht, requiring tuning the rig to get it going as fast as possible, Mason says.

He and Andre have been sailing together for about a year, when possible, and came eighth in the 420 World Championships in Portugal last July.

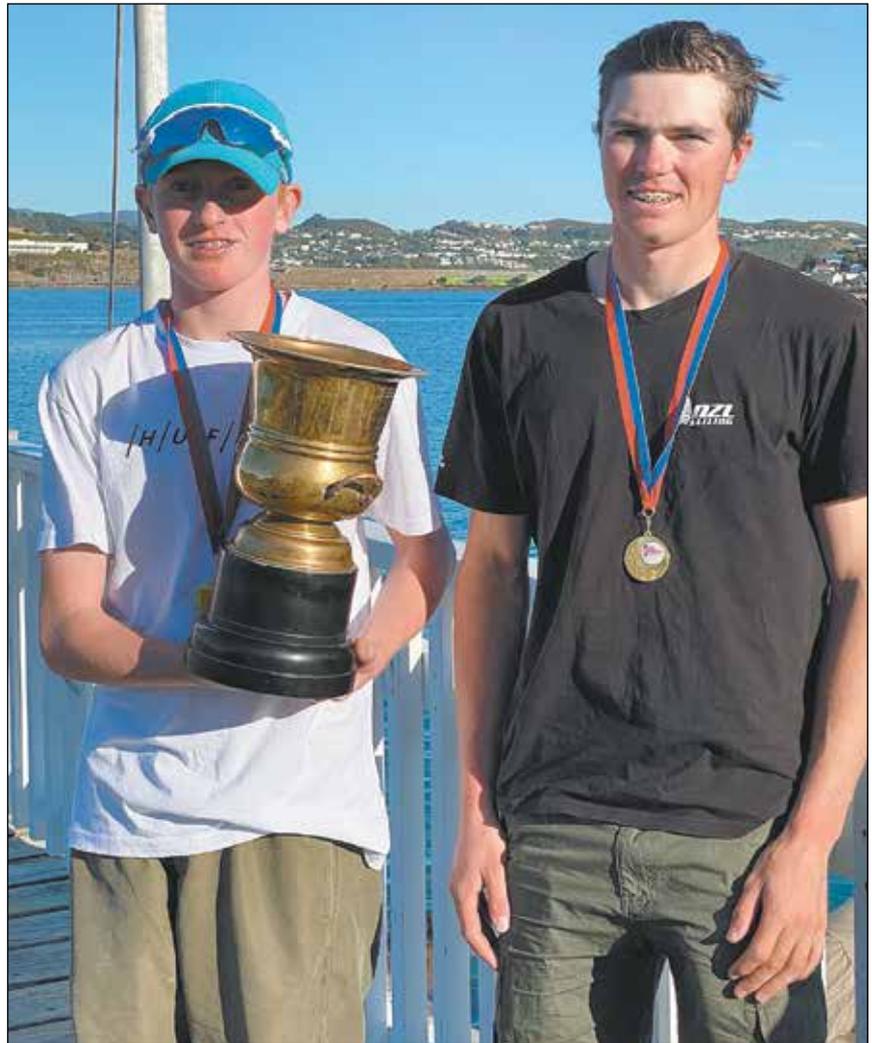
Andre is moving to Auckland soon, which will make training easier.

The pair were planning on going to this year's worlds in France, but that is unlikely now, because of coronavirus pandemic restrictions.

However, there's still the possibility of competing in the Youth Sailing World Championships in Brazil in December.

Attending major regattas sets Mason's school work back, making him work hard, on his own, to catch up, but "that's a good skill to have," he says.

Mason has worked his way through the various classes of yachts at Murrays Bay Sailing Club.



Pure gold... Young sailors Milford's Mason Mulcahy, 15 (holding trophy), and Andre Van Dam, 18, won the 420 national champs



Game plan... Sticking to what they learnt training on the Waitemata Harbour helped win the 420 national champs, says Mason Mulcahy (helming), who sailed with Andre Van Dam (stacking out)

New World Takapuna expands into empty forecourt



Takapuna's New World supermarket has expanded into the forecourt of Shore City to allow adequate social distancing.

The supermarket is one of the few essential services still operating in the mall.

Both Takapuna and Milford New World supermarkets are controlling the number of customers who can enter and have given staff

protective equipment, such as gloves and masks, to wear.

At the Milford store, staff are behind Perspex screens and markers on the floor guide customers to walk in one direction around the aisles, so they don't need to pass each other in a confined space. Staff members are at the door to reinforce the policy of 'one customer out, one in'.

Expanding...

New World Takapuna's owner Doug Cochrane has extended the store into Shore City's forecourt to allow social distancing



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