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Sunday market will return... eventually

The owner of the Takapuna Sunday Market is adamant it will return and could carry on in its current form for some time to come.

Trish Keith, who co-owns the market with Ess Jenner, says the market will definitely be back and may even be busier than usual.

"We have always found that when the economy isn't good, the market booms," Keith says.

However, the market will be on hold until restrictions against large gatherings are lifted.

Even at Level 1 of the current Covid-19 alert levels, gatherings over 500 are not permitted.

The market averages 3000 customers each Sunday morning, Keith says.

"We can limit stall-holders to a certain extent, but we can't limit the number of customers, so it [suspension] may go on for longer than lockdown," Keith says. **To page 2**

Conjuring up some lockdown magic



Enchanted gardens... spicing up fairy houses and magical installations in Lyford Reserve is one way Sunnynook residents are amusing children in lockdown. Jenni Fox, with children Lyon, 9, and Mika, 5, plus dog Knox, has led the charge with solar-powered fairy houses, and painted rocks

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Hurstmere held up again

After years in the works, an upgrade of Hurstmere Rd has been held up by the Covid-19 lockdown, leaving shop owners once again in the dark about timing.

Auckland Council's project leader, Lisa Spasic, says the government has deemed that work on the project is not an essential service.

"Once we have further direction from the government, we will be able to update the community," Spasic says.

The major upgrade of Hurstmere Rd was due to start in early April, 10 months later than originally planned, creating a time of limbo that made it difficult for shops to order stock in adequate quantities.

Elective surgery deferred

North Shore Hospital has deferred all non-urgent elective surgery, as it clears space for coronavirus patients.

Only people needing acute treatment will be treated – those suffering broken bones or appendicitis, for example.

However, many specialist assessments and follow-up appointments are continuing, either face-to-face or through the use of virtual technology, Waitemata DHB chief executive Dr Dale Bramley says.

The hospital's elective surgery centre has been emptied of patients and its 51 beds made ready for Covid-19 patients, including 37 ward beds and 14 additional intensive care unit (ICU) beds, which more than doubles North Shore Hospital's ICU capacity, Bramley says.

"The Elective Surgery Centre is a separate building to the main North Shore Hospital tower block, connected by an enclosed bridge that allows us to transfer patients between the two as necessary," Bramley says.

"This means we are able to keep Covid patients physically separate from other patients in the main hospital."

In addition, screening tents have been set up outside the emergency department, enabling staff to rapidly screen patients and direct them to the right area to receive care, Bramley says.

The hospital refused to provide information on cases of Covid-19 in the community, referring the Observer to the government website, which provides data by DHB only.

2 The Strand: empty for 766 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 766 days. At some point, its future will be determined by Auckland Council.

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Market expects to return

Stallholders have been concerned for several years, Keith says, as the council moves to develop the Anzac St car park.

However, she sends out newsletters urging them to "Keep calm and carry on".

Keith is in discussions with Panuku development manager Kate Cumberpatch and says she won't make any decisions about potentially reconfiguring the market until she has some concrete options to consider.

Meanwhile, with Mayor Phil Goff talking about a need to reduce council spending in the light of the economic consequences of lockdown, Keith queries whether the development could face further delays.

With no firm plans or dates to build on the car park site, Keith's intention is to keep the market going in its current form.

She has been in talks with Smales Farm management about moving there, but has no plans to do so at present and does not want to split the market up.

No in depth Covid-19 stats from DHB

Suburb-by-suburb statistics of Covid-19 cases were being kept under wraps by the Waitemata District Health Board, despite the Rangitoto Observer requesting them.

Takapuna surfers gain national fame

A lockdown altercation between a local resident and surfers off Takapuna Beach on Sunday went viral after it was photographed and the pictures sent to national media outlets.

Surfing and swimming are banned under lockdown.

Editor finalist in national awards

Rob Drent, managing editor of the Rangitoto Observer and the Devonport Flagstaff, is one of four finalists in the headline writing section of Voyager Media Awards.

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Litter focus switches from school to streets

Famed for cleaning up the Westlake Girls High School grounds by deploying students on lunchtime uniform detention, long-time chemistry teacher Paul Davis is using lockdown to tackle litter in the suburbs near his Forrest Hill home.

Davis, 58, who has taught at Westlake for 23 years, has been heading out morning and afternoon on a walk, sometimes with his wife, Anne-Marie, collecting litter from as far as Takapuna Beach boat ramp, in one direction, and parts of Wairau and Sunnynook in the other.

He's noticed far fewer bottles and cans since lockdown, and says he initially picked up a lot of single socks – if anyone was wondering why they have single socks in their drawers.

Since then, it's been mainly gloves and masks littering the streets.

Supermarket car parks are one of the messiest areas, but he says they have improved over the years, with a general societal trend towards being more aware of the impact of rubbish on the environment.

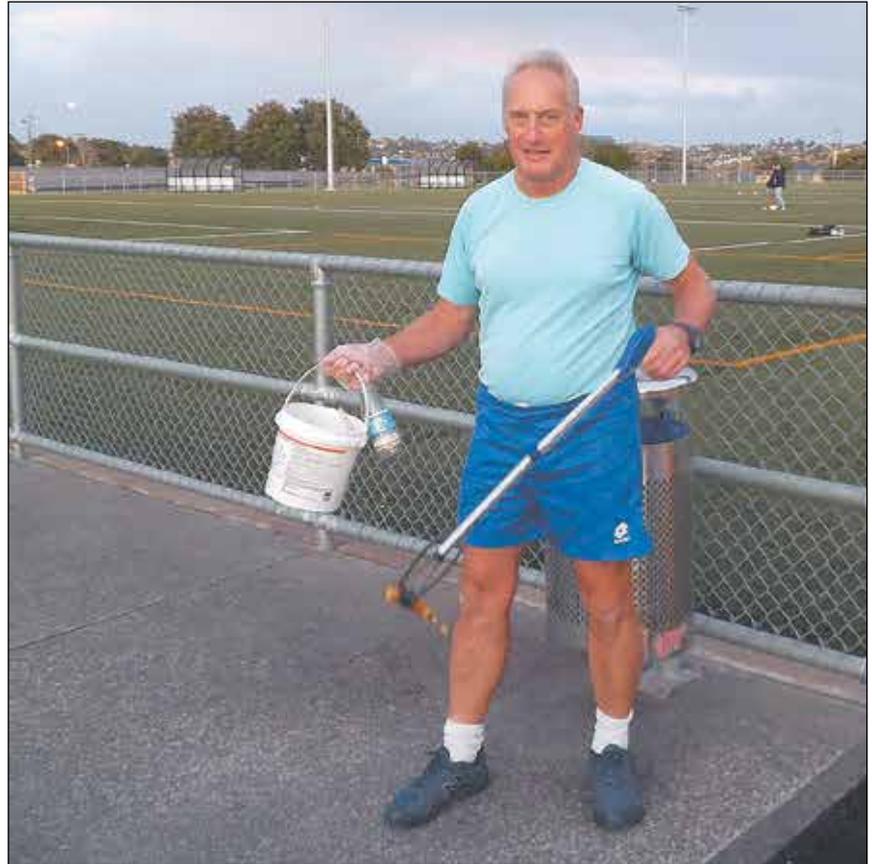
Similarly, the school is far tidier, with evidence of improved awareness including school lunches coming in reusable bags and boxes, and better systems, including the appointment of five environment prefects at the school.

At Westlake, Davis' famous saying is, "I am that someone else".

Students always blame someone else for dropping litter, usually year-nine students or seagulls, he says.

So they expect someone else to pick rubbish up, until Davis drums into them to be that "someone else".

A big change Davis has seen in two decades at the school is the use of technology, something that is proving its worth in lockdown, with students already set up for online learning.



Picking it up... Westlake Girls chemistry teacher Paul Davis picks up litter on his daily walks

It's good but not the same, he says.

In particular, students are missing out on sports.

Davis usually supports school netball teams on Tuesday nights and Saturdays.

"Saturdays will be different now," he says.

There's always his favourite music to

enjoy, including Guns N' Roses, Talking Heads, Taylor Swift and Lady Gaga, which he also plays to students in assemblies, in his role as a deputy principal responsible for year 12s, for their "motivational" themes.

"There is always a line or phrase from the song played that I apply to an educational idea!"



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Board chair blasted over column

From the Chair
By Aidan Bennett, Chairperson, Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

Welcome to my first 'From the Chair' column in Channel Magazine. After being elected to the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board in October last year I was unsure if I would use this magazine to communicate with people from the area, but I have decided it is a good idea. So here goes...

Since being elected in October I have learnt quite a bit about the world of local politics. I call myself a temporary politician, with the aim to stay for a shortish time - not a long time, in an effort to make a difference for our community. After around four months in the chair, I reckon I can...

I am not your conventional politician. I am going to call a spade a spade, irrespective of whether it makes me unpopular or popular. My focus is on doing good for my community - not on getting elected next time round. I believe that will take care of itself if I gain the respect of the community for what I achieve.

Taking the chair
I was thrilled to be the highest poller at election time, of all the candidates standing for the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board in 2019. This was unexpected. But the strong endorsement I received from voters meant I could play a stronger leadership role than first anticipated. So I put myself forward to be the chair, and that was endorsed for the first half of the three year term. I have certainly jumped in the deep end!

Joining me on the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board for the three year term (in voters general order) is Jan O'Carroll (ge-elected), George Wood (re-elected), Tom van Tonder (new member and my running mate), Ruth Jackson (new member) and Trish Deans (new member).

After over four months, I can report that we are working well together. There are some differences, but we are learning to work through those for the good of the community.

I see this as being absolutely crucial. Getting that respect so we can work together.

This is with community groups and also with all parts of the council organisations - including Auckland Transport (AT) and Purimu. I believe I have made some good progress on this and will continue working very hard on it.

Very Good Plans
Doing a complete rebuild means I can look at things from a totally fresh perspective. During the very thoughtful inclusion process that the new Devonport-Takapuna Local Board members have been through we have been exposed to the planning and structure of Auckland Council.

While things are not perfect, what I have been pleasantly surprised by is the very good and structured planning that takes place, with a strong focus on the future. This is a real-life demonstration that our politicians, but the citizens, a good

No decisions are made at the workshops. All decisions are made at the monthly Business Meetings held on the first Tuesday of every month that are fully open to the public. My full reasoning on this change can be read on my website... www.aidear.com/tdtlb.co.nz

Fresh thinking needed
My fellow local board member Tom van Tonder and I stood on a lot of fresh thinking, and that is what we are following through with. This needs to be applied to the area of funding and getting things done in our community. The bottom line is that money is tight. There's very little appetite for extra increases in rates, so we need to find other ways to fund making things happen.

I believe there needs to be some fresh thinking around property that Auckland Council terms that is subject to requirements. It is not being fully utilised, or is stagnating. There are many examples in our Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area. I am advocating for us to use a process that has been called opportunism.

This doesn't always mean selling - a thought that sends alarm bells to many. But it does mean considering options of reusing space for the community from the many under-performing legacy assets that we have. They must not sit and do nothing and cost us money.

If you are keen to learn more you can read my thinking about this issue on my website... www.aidear.com/tdtlb.co.nz

Hurstmere Road Upgrade
The long-awaited upgrade of Takapuna's shopping strip of Hurstmere Road (between Lake Road and Arrol Street) will be getting under way over the next few weeks. I have seen the plans for the road and they are very good.

The road becomes one-way from Lake Road and to the Arrol roundabout. The road becomes more of a shared space and there will be more active transport options than

"A focus for me as the new Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Chair is establish good relationships with all key people & entities that we need to work with to get good outcomes for our community. I see..."

In his own words... Local board chair Aidan Bennett has been criticised for using his own magazine to discuss board issues after the media was banned from board workshops

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board chair Aidan Bennett is under fire for banning the media from workshops then using his own magazine to give his take on board decisions.

Bennett claimed to have thought hard before launching his double-page column in *Channel's* March edition, but several board members, including Ruth Jackson, were not impressed.

"I don't believe he has revealed anything specific in his column that isn't already publicly available," Jackson says.

"However, I don't think it's appropriate for all media to be excluded from our workshops when he owns a media outlet.

"I'd like the media to be readmitted, so it's a level playing field."

Jackson intends to admit the public in the second half of the board's term when she takes over as chair, as she believes it will help the community engage with local issues and improve governance.

Bennett argues using his column to discuss board issues is no different to other board

members using social media to expound their views, or alternatively their own website, which he does too.

Despite twice using the phrase, "I have seen plans..." then going to say they are "good", Bennett claims those plans, for Hurstmere Rd and Lake Rd, were already or shortly afterwards in the public domain.

"I do not intend to use my column, or any other platform, to announce any information that will not be available to the public," Bennett said in a statement.

The Lake Rd plans were presented to an 11 February board workshop, but Jackson says Auckland Transport (AT) staff did not allow board members to have a copy of the plans, nor were they posted with other presentations online several days later.

Jackson says she requested a copy of the presentation, but was told Lake Rd's development was "too controversial" and AT did not want the plans leaked ahead of public consultation.

Bennett says his column appeared in *Channel*

on 6 March.

The Lake Rd plans went online on 16 March, accompanied by a media release announcing the start of consultation.

Fellow board member Trish Deans is also uncomfortable with Bennett's column, saying Bennett is using his position as an editor to promote his personal views and beliefs.

"Aidan's column is not a reflection of the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board's position on the issues that are currently being debated," Deans says.

"His column lacks an in-depth discussion of the matters the board must address. Only when the local press can attend workshops will a balanced view be published."

Further, Dean believes that with the national lockdown causing redundancies in journalism the local board should now invite the local press to attend workshops.

"The press must be able to inform the public and give voice to the different viewpoints. The public should be kept fully informed."

Academic critical of effort to control debate



Critic... AUT head of journalism Greg Treadwell says secret workshops hide important processes

A journalism academic says banning the public from board workshops goes against the principle, enshrined in official information legislation, of transparent government.

Head of Journalism at AUT Greg Treadwell says the move to secret local board workshops hides important democratic processes from ratepayers.

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board chair Aidan Bennett says that in banning the public from board workshops he is following the same "proven formula" of 20 out of 21 local boards in Auckland, and that open-business meetings are where decisions are made.

He says open workshops stymie debate and compromise the quality of information presented by council and CCO staff. "The board workshops are where the board does its real hard work gaining information that allows us

to make good and well-informed decisions."

However Treadwell believe's Bennett's view that the presence of the public and media will compromise the quality of information is "misguided."

"Most long-term politicians I know think an informed public is a more helpful one. And that's a widely informed public, not a narrowly informed one. To make workshops secret and then tell people how it is on your blog doesn't inspire trust.

"These attempts by the DTLB to hyper-control the narratives around its governance will in the end cause more headaches than they cure.

"After all, one purpose of both the Official Information Act and Local Government and Meetings Official Information Act is to involve people more in government, because that's better government."

Planting planned for Wairau Estuary

A \$20,000 planting programme in the Wairau Estuary is the first in a series of “enhancement” steps implemented by Auckland Council to improve water quality in the polluted tributary.

Concern over contaminants flowing into the estuary and downstream into Milford Marina and onto North Shore beaches has been growing over recent years.

A public workshop was held last August by council’s Healthy Waters team to get community feedback and update the public on pollution-control work.

The Wairau Estuary Enhancement Plan has been developed by Healthy Waters to

include native planting, weed management and erosion control to help water quality.

“Planting the estuarine environment with native species will aid in filtration of contaminants and sediment, and increase shade and coverage, ultimately providing an enriched habitat for native fish and birds,” a report to the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board said.

The project will complement work on a proposed boardwalk along the estuary being developed by the board, the Milford Business Association and Milford Residents Association.

A time frame for the planting has yet to be set.

Bike hub proposed

Establishing a bike hub to teach residents basic cycle maintenance skills is under investigation by the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board.

Bike hubs also reduce the numbers of trashed bikes, by reconditioning old models for reuse.

The option to spend \$10,000 on a hub scoping study was put to the board at a budget workshop in March.

The initial investigation would identify:

- Community partners and a location for the community-led hub service in the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area.
- How to secure funding from “other sources” to help set it up and run it.

If the project went ahead the hub would need “multi-year” funding from the local board.

The purchase and set-up of the bike hub would take place in 2021-2022 a report to the board said.

Help your neighbour become sustainable

An “econeighbourhood” programme is set to be trialed in the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area.

An econeighbourhood is made up of six or more neighbours from different households, linking together to achieve greater sustainability.

In the \$30,000 trial, a project co-ordinator would set up four to six groups, each of which decides what sustainable actions they want to do.

The co-ordinator then supports these goals.

Groups would receive 12 hours of facilitation, support and up to \$1000 to fund activities.

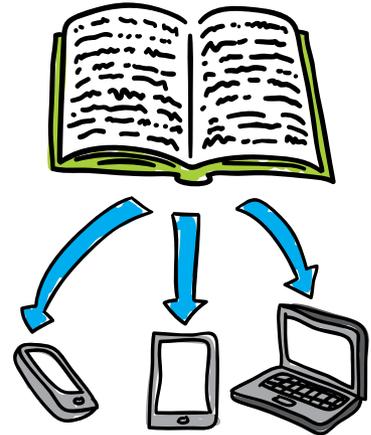
The trial was put to the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board as part of its 2020-21 work programme.

Other similar econeighbourhood groups have already been running at other local board areas.



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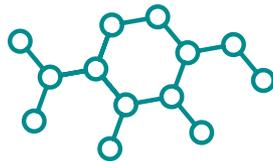
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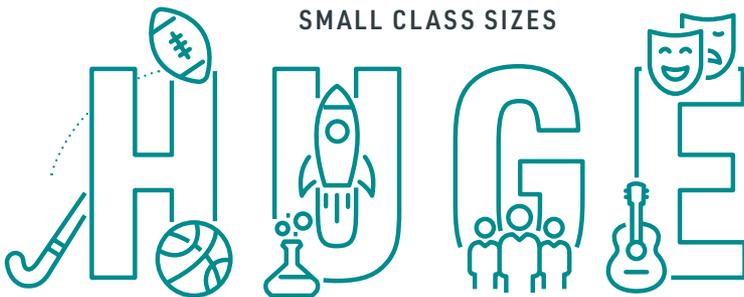
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WBHS old boy became top rower

Eric Verdonk, a former top rower and old boy of Westlake Boys High School, died last week, aged 60, of cancer.

Verdonk won bronze medals in the single-sculls events at the 1988 Olympics, 1986 Commonwealth Games and 1990 World Rowing Championships.

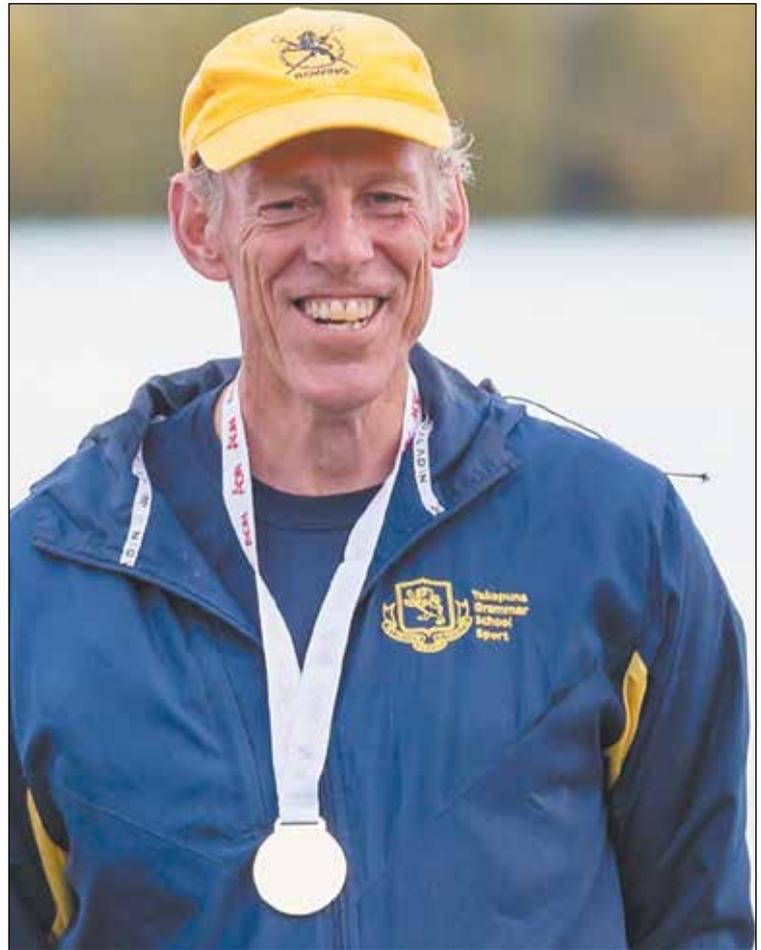
Recently he returned to the North Shore, once again stamping his mark on local rowing.

He joined the Takapuna Grammar (TGS) rowing club in 2017. The last two seasons were among the school's most successful, winning numerous medals at the North Island school champs and the Maadi Cup, the national championships.

At the recent North Island secondary schools champs, TGS achieved its best-ever result at a regatta, placing third overall and rating as the top co-ed rowing school. The club's rowers reached 15 A-finals and five B-finals, and achieved seven podium finishes (five gold medals, one silver and one bronze).

"Eric was a world-class mentor, guide, coach and all-round gentleman who brought the pride back to Takapuna Grammar School Rowing Club. Although he will be deeply missed by all, his legacy will live on," the rowing club said on its Facebook page.

In March 2020, TGS made Verdonk a life member of the rowing club.



Olympic-medal winner, valued mentor and all-round gent... Eric Verdonk

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Estuary boardwalk a step in the right direction

It was with delight that I read Auckland Council has budgeted \$300,000 towards the Wairau Estuary boardwalk (Rangitoto Observer, 20 March). I see this as the start of the long-awaited overhaul of the estuary to transform it into the “jewel in the crown” that it rightly deserves to be. The council needs to take into consideration the water quality in the estuary to achieve this.

Milford WEEPS (Wairau Estuary Environment Protection and Swimming) had a very successful public meeting in February

where local councillors showed their support and said they were “absolutely committed” to a solution, but we now need those words to be put into action. Over 2000 signatures collected from residents wanting Auckland Council to make the estuary and Milford Beach safe for swimming by 2025 strongly indicates the wish of the public for the council to eliminate the human sewage from the water.

A recent report out of the Netherlands has found coronavirus in sewage water. This is on

top of the other 130 viruses already found in sewage, which is one of the reasons Wairau Estuary is permanently marked unsafe for swimming.

Investing in the boardwalk is a step in the right direction, but please Auckland Council do not rest on your laurels just yet!

Ruth Newcombe, spokesperson for Milford WEEPS

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A village of ideas

Ideas as simple as drawing hopscotch in chalk on a footpath to entertain children during lockdown are being suggested under an “It Takes a Village” initiative being run by the Takapuna North Community Trust.

Residents have started sending in videos and photos of their ideas for keeping children entertained, with the key focus to “keep it local”.

Trust manager Sarah Thorne says older people can be feeling isolated during lockdown and suggests people call an older person by phone and ask for their ideas, which could be for a rhyme, game or recipe.

The only rule is the activity should be safe to do while socially isolating.

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Chairman can't run board like a business

An open letter to Devonport-Takapuna Local Board chair Aidan Bennett:

Kia ora, Aidan. Well, you said it yourself: "I call myself a temporary politician... a complete newbie." And it shows! And you need to do something about it! And soon! Or you will be very temporary.

I realise it must be difficult for you, coming to community governance from having established your own successful and valued business, Benefitz, and publishing the magazine *Channel*, that reflects with accuracy and insight the lifestyle and values of our North Shore community – in total an enterprise in which your ownership gives you the right to call the shots as you personally see them, and you stand or fall on how well your customers respond. That's the nature and the challenge of private enterprise, and long may it remain so.

But community governance is an entirely

different field that demands a completely different approach. Instead of you telling your staff and customers of Benefitz what you want done and how, in governance, the customers (the community) tell you what they want done and how, and instead of telling you have to learn to listen. Your performance to date indicates that this is a lesson you have yet to absorb and put into practice.

I'm told that you insisted that your topping of the poll entitled you to be first choice as chairman of the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board. Your board agreed. Fair enough: that's in accord with democratic governance. But chairmanship of a public body like the board is not the same as being boss of a private business. As chair, you are but prima inter pares (first among equals), required to speak for the majority of your colleagues, not just for yourself, and through official public

media established to enable the board to communicate with its community in a neutral and informative manner.

Your use of your own publication, *Channel*, and your own personal website to communicate news and views about DTLB activities violates these long-established principles of community governance.

Even more so, when one of the first of your many uses of the chair's casting vote was used to exclude residents and ratepayers from workshop meetings of DTLB, with accompanying exclusion of news media. Not a good look when a publisher uses this method to deny access to his media competitors.

That instance also told me that you don't understand the long-standing convention about a casting vote (CV), which was introduced as a deadlock-breaker. Convention has it that because it is unwise to change a status quo unless there is a clear majority to do so, a CV should be used simply to resolve a deadlock by being cast in favour of the status quo. CV is not a gift of a second vote to a chairperson as his/her personal plaything; it is to break a deadlock to enable business to proceed, leaving things as they are/were in the absence of a clear majority decision to change.

You might also ask yourself whether there is too much "I" in what you publish, when, if you're speaking as chairman of your board, "we" is more appropriate.

So, Aidan, good luck with your chairmanship, but remember you cannot run the board and our community as though it's your Benefitz business.

Terry Dunleavy,
Chairperson, Takapuna Residents Association Inc

'Unnerving' that compulsory acquisition kept quiet

Re the Northern Pathway (ex Skypath) access design; It is a positive to see Auckland Transport (AT) has extended the original online feedback period of 12 days.

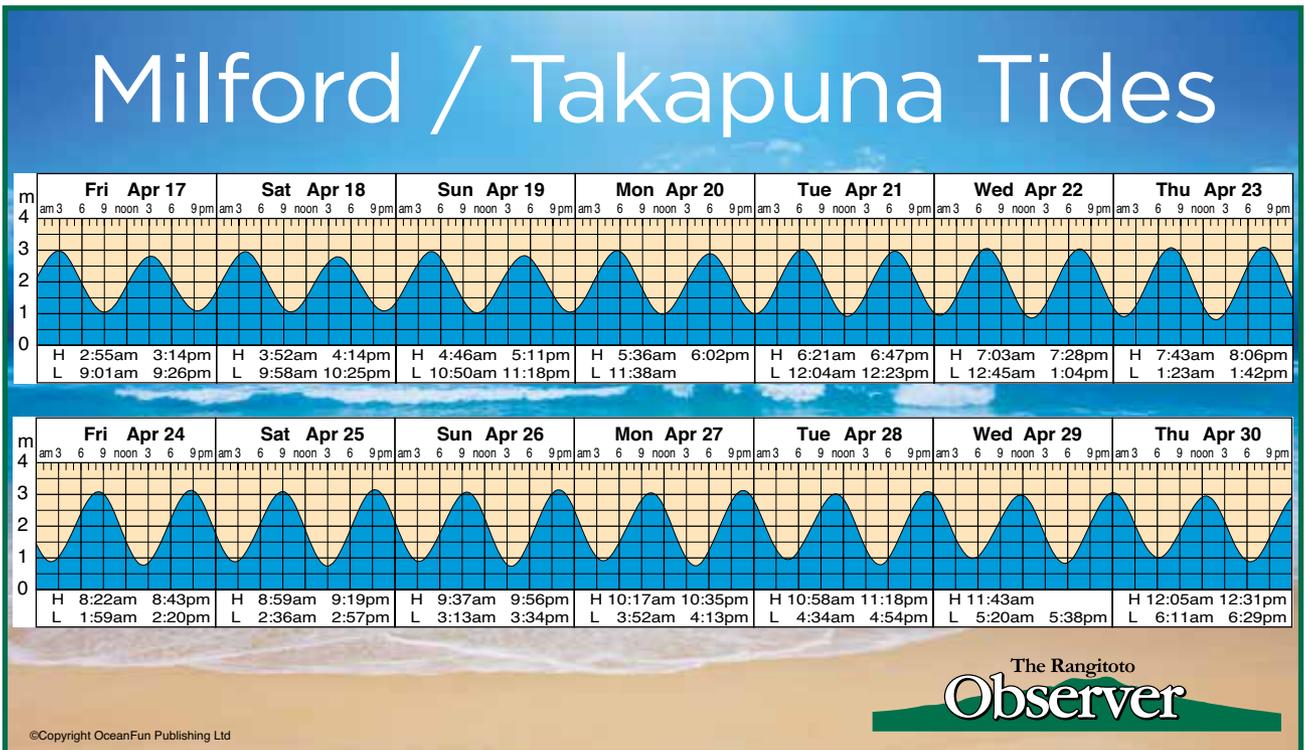
Hopefully this will give more residents time to respond. However, I hope those who take part will be aware that the AT info barely mentions some very important facts. For example, there is no detailed close-up map of the planned Northcote accessway, which makes it very hard to judge the merits of the project.

I am also deeply concerned we are not being told that the current design will mean seven homes in Northcote Point will be compulsorily taken and demolished. It is

unnerving, in my opinion, that the process of compulsory acquisition has been kept so quiet, then started before feedback is complete.

And for those who don't think a few houses in Northcote matter, please remember there could be homes inconveniently close to other projects around the city. Should AT feel free to take those as well? I hope those who choose to give feedback will take account of the lack of detail for the project, and that they will have compassion for the homeowners who will be forced out. Perhaps the design could be modified to avoid demolition of residential property?

Lyndsay Brock



Budgeting workload doubles



Good advice... Yvonne Powley says the North Shore Budget Service is helping clients apply for the assistance they're eligible for

Budgeting services have been in hot demand as the government lockdown to avert a deadly Covid-19 pandemic hits businesses, employees and community groups in the pocket.

In the first week of lockdown, the North Shore Budget Service's workload almost doubled, with advisers seeing people struggling with debt and loss of work.

The North Shore budgeting advisor and two volunteers have gone from working with an average of 20 people a week to 40.

"The service has been assisting with financial mentoring, wage subsidy applications and calmly reassuring stressed clients," manager Yvonne Powley says.

"We are having to keep a sharp eye on what the government is putting in place and assisting clients apply for what they are eligible for.

"Considering we have no idea how long we might be at level 4, or how long the recovery will take, we know it is important for clients to be as careful and budget as much as possible at this time."

Powley, who is also chief executive of Auckland North Community and Development (ANCAD), says community groups are also needing assistance, especially with IT.

Fortunately, ANCAD had been working with Massey University, meaning staff were already set up for Zoom meetings and able to seamlessly transition to working from home.

"The crisis has led to a level of cooperation between the agencies we have never seen before, and the sector is committed to working smarter and finding strategic responses to the needs that arise," Powley says.

In particular, the North Shore Family Violence Network has had to step up its operation, including weekly online meetings.

"The Waitemata Police family-harm in-

tervention team at the North Shore Policing Centre received double the number of family violence reports during the first week of the Covid-19 lockdown, with the Waitemata district receiving an overall 16 per cent increase across Waitakere, Rodney and North Shore communities," Deb Humphries, ANCAD's

family violence prevention coordinator, says.

In the first full week of lockdown, there were 62 reports of family violence made to the North Shore policing unit, compared with 22 in the same week a year earlier. The week before that, there were 59, compared with a weekly average of 30 before lockdown.

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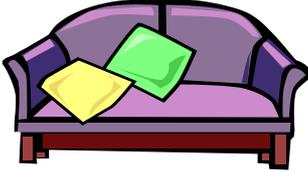
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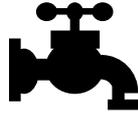
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1 You take advantage of great customer service and expertise

You are their friends and neighbours, and locally owned businesses have a vested interest in knowing how to serve you. They're passionate about what they do. Why not take advantage of it?

2 You create and stimulate "Community"

Local business owners know you, and you know them. Studies have shown that local businesses donate to community causes at more than twice the rate of international chains.

3 Local businesses are more entrepreneurial

Creativity and entrepreneurship are what the New Zealand is founded upon. Nurturing local business ensures a strong community and keeps NZ as a pioneering country.

4 You embrace what makes Takapuna unique

You wouldn't want your house to look like everyone else's in NZ, so why would you want your community to look that way? Supporting our local owned businesses helps to keep Takapuna town centre unique. Its keeps a wonderful shopping experience next to our beloved white sand beach.

5 You create more choice of shops and services

Locally owned businesses pick the items and products they sell based on what they know you like and want. Local businesses carry a wider array of unique products because they buy for their own individual markets.

6 Keep Takapuna a beloved destination for locals and visitors

The more interesting and unique your

community is, the more we will attract new neighbours, visitors and guests. This benefits everyone!

7 More of the money you spend stays in our community

Studies show* that for every \$100 you spend at a locally owned businesses, \$68 will stay in the community, compared to only \$43 when you spend at a neighbouring centre/overseas owned business.

8 Spending locally creates more jobs for you and your neighbours

Local businesses that are doing well create more jobs and higher-paying jobs for you and your neighbours. When you shop locally, you help create more jobs in retail, hospitality and personal services, as well as professional support jobs.

9 Reduced environmental impact

Buying from a locally owned business conserves energy and resources in the form of less fuel for transportation and less packaging. – help reduce waste and climate change!

10 Spending locally frees up Auckland Council/Govt spending to be spent on other things

Shopping in a local business district means less infrastructure, less maintenance, and more money available to beautify your community. Also, spending locally instead of online, ensures that your sales taxes are reinvested where they belong – in your community!

So come on, support local! - Support what makes Takapuna what we all love and treasure.

**Terence Harpur,
CEO – I LOVE TAKAPUNA / Takapuna Beach Business Association**



Below is a list of businesses that offer online purchasing of Gift Cards and E-Gift Vouchers that are still available for purchase.

Grab a Gift Card for your favourite store now!

HOSPITALITY

House of Chocolate
Mexico
Sal's Pizza
Tucks and Bao
Madam Woo
Burger Burger
Taylors on Hurstmere
Centro Cafe
Street Organics
Mortar and Pestle
Joe's Eatery
Takapuna Bar
The Lab Eatery
Botticelli Italian Restaurant

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Federation
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Lululemon
Mecca
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Mummum
Paper Plus
Pacific Paddle Company
Rodd & Gunn
Stevens

HEALTH & BEAUTY

Morgan and Morgan
Barbershop Co
Haven Skin Spa
Destination Hair Studio

ENTERTAINMENT

Monterey Cinema
Escape HQ

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PRICE | \$8.5M

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LEWIS GUY 021 867 355 | 916 6000

GREENHITHE | The Kingfisher Country Club



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