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Appy days for Milford visitors and businesses

A new Milford business app has been launched, aimed at promoting all the attractions of the town centre in one place.

Four stands are also being placed around Milford – two in Milford mall and two on the street – to help locals and visitors find shops and services, special offers, parking spaces,

public transport options, events and competition listings.

But the real focus is a downloadable app, through which shoppers and visitors to Milford can access a full range of services on their phone or tablet.

Direct links to businesses and their locations

are a click away – there's even a link to the Rangitoto Observer's latest edition. Local traffic-congestion updates will also be available.

Special offers are accessed by a QR code which allows monitoring of their effectiveness for businesses.

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Wheely good fun in Sunnynook



Driving force... Fifteen-month-old Aaron was among the children and caregivers enjoying a Winter Fun Pre-School Play session at the Sunnynook Community Centre. More photos, page 7



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Milford app launched

Milford Business Association manager Murray Hill said the Milford shopping centre had survived the Covid-19 lockdowns in good health, and the app, which had been developed over the last 12 months, aimed to keep it that way.

Almost all of Milford's 160 shops were occupied or in the process of being tenanted, he said.

The app and the first stand had cost around \$5000, but developer Naked Marketing had donated a lot of time to the project, Hill said.

He hoped the app would be extended to include community groups, churches and the like.

Once the app had shown its worth, an application to the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board for funds was likely to launch similar apps for the Takapuna and Devonport Business Investment Districts. All would link into the Explore North Shore tourism site.

The Milford Information Site app can be downloaded from the Apple App Store or Google Play.

An initial competition to attract users, will include a Peugeot weekend driveaway and an accommodation package, and also tickets to the French Film Festival at the Bridgeway cinema.



Good info... Milford manager Murray Hill beside a new information stand ahead of the Milford Information Site app launch

Awards recognise value of two-year-old local paper

The 'Shop Local' campaign run by the Rangitoto Observer and sister publication the Devonport Flagstaff during the 2020 Covid-19 lockdown and beyond has been recognised nationally.

It was runner-up in the Best Community Involvement section at the New Zealand Community Newspaper Association Awards.

"Now here is a newspaper worth supporting because of its support for its own community," judge Mary Anne Gill said. "Its shop-local campaign was compelling, and woe betide any resident who shopped anywhere else."

The Observer actively supported busi-

nesses most affected by Covid: the restaurant and takeaway industry and travel companies. It ran free full-page adverts letting people know where they could click and collect deliveries, ran free adverts for travel firms and also a shop-local promotion page.

In the news section, the paper covered stories about businesses operating under lockdown and ran editorials encouraging consumers to use local retailers, rather than shopping on-line.

Perhaps most importantly, it carried on publishing.

While others suspended publication to cut costs, it never missed an edition, publishing hard copies and delivering to stands and

letterboxes as and where permitted by the government.

And when printing was suspended it continued to publish to the usual deadlines with online editions.

"These are cracking good newspapers produced under the most testing of circumstances and a credit to Rob Drent and his team who really did walk the talk," Gill said.

In other results, Devonport Publishing's Destination Devonport publication won Best Feature or Supplement.

"This plucky little supplement perfectly navigates Covid limitations on tourism, cleverly keeping one eye on the hyper-local and the other on the upcoming America's Cup," judge Viv Posselt said.

"It has great retention value, in a format small enough to tuck into a bag as a portable reference."

Former Flagstaff reporter Anneka Brown, who is now studying for a communications degree at AUT University, was runner-up in the Best Junior Sports Reporter category and former Devonport Publishing sales manager Liz Cannon won Best Sales Professional.

The Rangitoto Observer celebrated two years of publication in March.



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2 The Strand: empty for 1093 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 1093 days.



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Bush guardian seeks answers on tree felling

The felling of a mature kahikatea tree on a development bordering the eastern part of Smiths Bush in Takapuna is just one concern for near-neighbour and bush guardian Lyn Potter.

The long-time resident of Karaka St, which has the stand of native bush at its end, was horrified to see the tree chainsawed this month, but she worries most about the impact construction of the multi-home development at 61 Karaka St will have on the adjoining bush.

"It will damage tree roots, and it's going to damage Smiths Bush," she said.

The large kahikatea, which stood very close to the reserve boundary, was quickly reduced to rounds of timber.

Branches overhanging from the reserve were also trimmed.

Smiths Bush has rare urban-Auckland examples of kahikatea and puriri that are hundreds of years old.

The larger western section – behind the Netball North Harbour courts in Onewa Domain on Northcote Rd – is better known.

But Potter and husband John trap pests in the Karaka Rd section, which is divided from the western chunk by the Northern Motorway, under the umbrella of environmental group Pupuke Birdsong Project.

She believes the felled tree should have been considered part of the reserve.

By allowing development that could be as close as one metre from boundary fences, Auckland Council had to accept responsibility for the accelerating the loss of mature trees generally, said Potter.

When she saw the tree fellers in Karaka St,

she rang the council to check that work on the property had been consented and was told it had been.

But she told the Observer that due to the proximity of protected bush and the fact roots from it would extend under the boundary fence, it should not have been allowed.

A worker on site told her they would be digging down in this area, where exposed roots were already visible, to build a concrete driveway.

She has asked North Shore councillor Chris Darby who it was that gave permission to cull "this precious 100 to 150-year-old kahikatea tree".

Potter says a worker at the site told her council arborists had visited and pronounced the kahikatea dead. "It was a living tree and the trunk also looked healthy after the tree had been felled," she said.

She provided photographs to Darby. She also wants to know whether the correct process was followed in trimming branches from trees in the reserve, and whether the possibility of root damage from the construction was considered.

Darby has undertaken to get the council's regulatory team to look into the chain of events. Potter said he had had told her he would get back to her this week.

Meanwhile, the council is not adding new trees to its notable tree schedule.

This was put on hold last year due to staffing issues, and the work required to process an addition to the schedule. The public are still able to nominate trees for evaluation, with information kept on file "in case the situation changes".



Up and down... Lyn Potter in front of tall kahikatea at Smiths Bush and (at left, above) the felled tree near the bush edge at a Karaka St development.

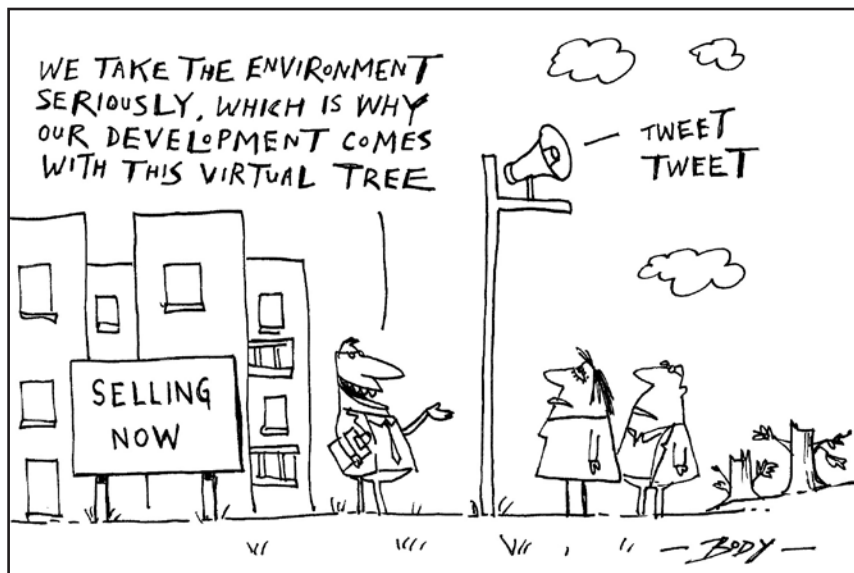
Farro thought to be eyeing Milford main drag

Upmarket food store Farro is understood to be investigating setting up an outlet in Milford. Farro has six outlets around Auckland, including one in Constellation Drive on the North Shore.

The Observer asked Farro whether it was opening a store in Milford's Kitchener Rd, but a spokesperson said she could not comment due to commercial sensitivity.

"We cannot confirm or deny anything at this time."

Bodyline by Guy Body



Hard mahi begins for new chair

Ruth Jackson (pictured, right) began her first ordinary monthly meeting as chair of the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board with a *karakia*—before a resumption of sniping between board members with differing views.

“Sorry if I’m a little slow,” she said before reciting the words of *te reo* that until now have been said by member Toni van Tonder.

Jackson thanked former board chair Aidan Bennett and deputy chair George Wood for their commitment and hard work over the last 18 months. Her own half-term in the top job, under a pre-arranged swap in roles from late April, meant the May meeting was where she really had to get down to business.

And her chairing skills were immediately tested both by her own deputy, Jan O’Connor, and Bennett, with both having to be reined in for speaking out of turn and interjecting.

“We get there by thrashing things out,” said Jackson early on, noting: “I got into this because I’m very passionate about this community—and I’m sure that’s very true for everyone around the table.”

Four and a half hours later, there could be no doubt about the passion in the room, with topics such as asset sales seemingly destined to be thrashed out over and over again, despite the decision-making over this resting with the council not the board.

Jackson delivered on her campaign pledge to open workshop sessions to the public and the media. Bennett again reiterated his opposition,



In the chair... Ruth Jackson

saying it could lead to members’ grandstanding before what he described as a “slanted” media and to undue influence being exerted by pressure groups.

It took the chair’s first casting vote of the meeting to get the move across the line, after a 3-3 split, with Jackson, O’Connor and fellow Heart of the Shore member Trish Deans in favour and Wood and van Tonder joining Bennett against.

The board becomes the fourth of the 21 boards of Auckland Council to open its workshops, reverting to a position it held from 2013 to 2019.

“As much as possible all council processes

should be as open as possible,” said Jackson, who is the first female chair of the board.

In her chair’s report later in the meeting, she recapped the 10-Year Budget Plan presentation she made to the council of the board’s feedback.

This included the unanimously agreed view that Wairau Estuary should be specifically listed to ensure it stayed on the council’s waterway clean-up programme, that Lake Rd improvement planning recommence and that a \$20 million transport fund be reinstated to allow the board to progress plans for the Esmonde Rd to Francis St cycleway. The board also advocated for stronger tree protections and Bayswater ferry terminal replacement.

Jackson told the council the board accepted the need for a one-off five per cent rate rise, spending cuts and higher debt levels. She submitted that airport and port shares should be considered for sale to offset financial pressures rather than selling heritage assets, such as No. 2 The Strand and 3 Victoria Rd, Devonport.

The last point irked Bennett, who said he was disappointed about the inclusion of the call to keep old buildings. “When you were asked about how you’re going to do it, you had no answer. We look silly,” he said.

“That’s the position of the board,” pointed out Wood, in a reminder that the board had passed the recommendation to include the heritage buildings in its list of priorities for feedback.

Clearly, the balance of power has changed, though it may still shift issue by issue.

Castor Bay pipeline replacement project

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Irish Ambassador to recognise Catholic pioneers

The Irish Ambassador to New Zealand will this weekend visit the graves of pioneers Thomas and Mary Poynton who settled on the shores of Lake Pupuke after being instrumental in establishing Catholicism in New Zealand.

The Poyntons – for whom a Takapuna retirement village and a street is named – were among the earliest Catholic families here, setting up missions in Northland before retiring south. They are buried at O’Neill’s Pt Cemetery in Bayswater, which Ambassador Peter Ryan will visit on Saturday 29 May.

The couple arrived from Australia in 1828, and helped bring the first Catholic bishop, Jean Baptiste Pompallier, here 10 years later.

Thomas was born in County Meath, educated partly in France, and transported to Australia in 1822 for his activities with the Whiteboys, a secret organisation fighting for tenant-farmer land rights.

He met Mary Kennedy, the Australian-born daughter of Irish immigrants, in Sydney where they married before coming to New Zealand.

They had three New Zealand-born children and took the first two to Sydney to be baptised in the early 1830s because at that stage there was no Catholic parish in this country.

Upon his arrival, Bishop Pompallier stayed with the Poyntons at their home in Papakawau until his own house was built at Kororareka (Russell).

They were present when he celebrated the first Catholic Mass in this country on 13 January 1838 at Totara Point, Hokianga.

The couple milled timber and made good money from it, allowing the purchase of a large amount of land in Takapuna and Milford, to where they moved. Their daughter, Catherine Shea, sold a large part of this to the Sisters of Mercy in 1899. Sites were later established for St Joseph’s Primary School and Carmel College.

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board member George Wood said the Poyntons were revered in Ireland for their role in establishing Catholicism in New Zealand.

The visit of the Irish Ambassador is testament to that and also noteworthy in that he is the first to be based in Wellington, instead of including New Zealand from a posting to Australia. He has been in the country since 2018.

A new sign for the cemetery, which Wood has been lobbying Auckland Council staff to have put up for some time, has been erected in time for the visit.



New Takapuna hotel opens soon

Takapuna gets a new 51-room hotel early next month, with the opening of the Quest opposite Smales Farm and near North Shore Hospital.

The five-storey building (shown in a design image above) on the intersection of Taharoto Rd and Shakespeare Rd has been designed to meet the needs of business and domestic travellers.

It includes apartment-style accommodation and will be run as a franchise operation by Albany resident Jun Pyo, who began work for the brand in Parnell in 2003, after studying hotel management. His goal was always to become a franchisee. “And now here I am,” he says.

In the next 15 months, Quest Apartment Hotels New Zealand is opening seven properties across the country. Demand has remained strong, despite Covid-19, with occupancy at 65 per cent last year.

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Playground shaping up nicely after community input

A new Sunnynook playground promises to meet a variety of needs. It is being built amid changing thinking on play spaces prompting growing debate between local politicians and council officials that show engineering good design outcomes is more than child's play

Sunnynook's new playground behind the community centre is for now a construction site, but could soon provide a happy example of when community and council come together.

Out has gone the old plastic set-up and in its place in Sunnynook Park will be an extended play space that can double as a venue for smaller community events.

By using the centre's existing wooden rear deck and creating a forecourt off it, a mini-stage and gathering area will be created. The new play equipment will be sited further back to ring the area.

The push for a playground upgrade and a more versatile space for everyone to enjoy came from the community around four years ago. Local Board member George Wood took up the cause for the growing suburb.

Auckland Council's Community Facilities team delivered a concept that community centre manager Bronwyn Bound is excited by. With work having finally begun in April and expected to take around 10 weeks, weather permitting, it should be ready for use from late June or July.

A foretaste of how the reimagined area could function came in February when a jazz duo played on the deck and a couple from

the centre's indoor bowls group showed the way in dancing. Bound envisages the extra space will allow for more such evenings in summer. "The Glenfield Greyhounds club could provide food or get a special licence," she says of the neighbouring family-friendly league club.

Gatherings in an enhanced space to foster a sense of community are also part of the vision of the Sunnynook Residents Association. It is also lobbying for a pump track in the park, to appeal to older children.

While comments at the recent Devonport-Takapuna Local Board meeting suggested the extra spending for the pump track would be unlikely soon, board members for the second meeting running discussed the shape of playgrounds to come across their area, from the Devonport peninsula up through Milford and Forrest Hill to Sunnynook.

A proposed new playground design for Linwood Reserve in Forrest Hill sparked debate that traversed everything from the best colours and materials to use, to the style of swing seats for different aged children, and the ideal of site-specific design and equipment style, all matters normally decided by council officials.

This illustrated the interest that board members and the communities they represent take in their facilities. It also showed that when the council delivers designs that the public like, the benchmark is raised for facilities in other parks and reserves.

After Nile Reserve playground concept designs were highlighted in the last Observer – sparked by a call from board member Toni van Tonder to weigh up if what was offered was a plastic fantastic or an opportunity wasted to go down a more natural path – member Wood said he had received feedback on the orange equipment chosen. "It's become a topic of conversation."

He noted the plan for Linwood Reserve showed bright green equipment. "Some colours may grate."

Member Jan O'Connor insisted she liked the green, but said seating needed to be closer to the children's equipment to keep caregivers nearby. "I like the orange," countered Aidan Bennett, after earlier saying it was a matter for officials.

Van Tonder was pleased a shade sail had been factored in at Linwood Reserve, but accepted a water fountain could not be included for lack of plumbing.

Community posts have included calls for more local input at the planning stages, with residents noting that Hauraki's Lake Town Green stood out as a particularly toddler-friendly reserve, with its own toilet and shade sails. "An early opportunity for consultation feedback is given to the public, but it is often only when more detailed designs are already developed that the comments flow.

The board meeting also saw a new style of design for Oliver (Kawerau) Reserve in Devonport, which takes into account its coastal setting and incorporates Maori play elements, developed with input from local iwi. Due to its setting, a shade sail will not be included.

Like the Linwood Reserve renewal, which is estimated to cost \$180,000, the Kawerau development with a similar budget is expected to begin in November.

Before either get under way the board amended a recommendation of approval for the concept design to provide for the chair and deputy to approve officials' final decisions around placement of furniture and the colour schemes of equipment. This was done because officials want to order the equipment soon to meet the construction start times.

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Slip-slidin'... Beauden (11 months) tries out the play equipment



Rock'n'roll... Kids were bowled over by a recent Winter Fun Pre-School Play session at the Sunnynook Community Centre. The free indoor sessions run by the Takapuna North Trust are also held at the Community Hub, 3 Gibbons Rd, Takapuna. For dates and details see takapunatrust.org.nz.



Quality time... Mum Polina and five-month-old Lucas (above left) concentrated on an activity, while Aaron (15 months, above right) hit the floor crawling

Residents to be asked what kind of Takapuna they want

Locals will be surveyed on whether Takapuna should be a "high-rise metropolitan centre" or a "laid-back seaside suburb".

The idea of the survey, titled Takapuna the Way You Want It, was promoted by the chair of the Takapuna Residents Association (TRA), Terry Dunleavy, at its annual general meeting this month.

Dunleavy told a small gathering that he was worried about apathy among the Takapuna community about the manner and direction of local governance.

He called for the association to become "overtly political" in advocating for the area's interests. Its committee agreed last week on questions to put to the 1200 residents on its mailing list and to be posted on its website.

As well as seeking an indication of the vision of what residents want Takapuna to be, they will be asked if they agree to: retention of the present carpark at 40 Anzac Avenue, and the Sunday

market held there; sale or retention in public ownership of parks and public spaces such as No 2 The Strand; and retention of the Takapuna Library on its present site.

Dunleavy spoke forcefully at the AGM, with little opinion coming from the floor.

Although, at age 92, he said he was ready to step down, he added that he would box on for another year "if it will help us sort where it is we want TRA to go and how we get there". There were no other nominations for the chair's role.

He said his own view was that Takapuna has never been and should never become a metropolitan centre crammed with high-rise buildings. He settled his family here in 1971 because "I knew this to be a quiet, peaceful seaside suburb, affording a laid-back but very comfortable lifestyle."

Local opinion had been brushed aside by the council and its property arm Panuku, he claimed. Having a survey that, unlike "Panuku's

mass-produced version" did not include outsider opinion would be useful.

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board member Trish Deans told the meeting that progress by Panuku on selling part of the central car-park to developers was unclear and that this may slow plans to close it and build the town square that will link to Hurstmere Rd.

She noted that the board had recently stated its opposition to selling community assets, including No. 2 The Strand.

She urged TRA members to attend board meetings and workshops so they could hear varied opinions.

An audience member speculated that Panuku might sell off parking to a private operator. Another suggested the TRA "need to be seen to be more than a single issue association."

Deans noted that most of the complaints that came her way as a board member were about zoning and development.

Westlake yachties dominate national keelboat regatta



Thumbs up... Westlake 'Green' beat their schoolmates to win the national schools keelboat champs

It was mate versus mate in the 2021 Harken National Secondary Schools Keelboat champs, with two Westlake Boys teams going to the wire for the title.

The Westlake 'Green' team – Brayden Hamilton (skipper), Mason Mulcahy, George Lee Rush, Cam McGlashan and Ben Brighthouse – won the final race of the

regatta hosted by the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron to win the championship over Westlake Red – Josh Hyde (skipper), Zach Fong, Ethan Fong, Cody Coughlan and Korban Redfern.

Hamilton and his crew found form at the perfect time, coming second in the third race, then carrying momentum into the final

race, building a huge lead to sail away and win the regatta on countback.

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WBHS sets the Harbour schools rugby standard

Westlake Boys High School is setting the pace in the North Harbour secondary schools rugby competition, with three emphatic wins to start the season.

It beat Orewa College 33-8, downed Takapuna Grammar 47-3 and last weekend hammered Rangitoto College 66-10.

Westlake scored 10 tries to one – with Xieden Ulrich posting three – in front of a crowd of several hundred at home.

The win leaves Westlake and Manurewa as the only unbeaten team after three rounds. Takapuna Grammar edged out Whangarei Boys 23-22 last weekend in a slight upset.

Westlake coach Mark Manihera said the side was tracking well. From a talented WBHS squad of 28 players, 17 have been nominated for North Harbour under-18 honours and five for the Blues under-18 team.

The final rep squads are selected in August.

Thirteen players returned to this year's Westlake first XV squad from 2020, with all the boys hoping for a full season uninterrupted by Covid-19 lockdowns and restrictions.

"They're all pleased to be back playing footie," Manihera said.

The team started the North Harbour season on the fly, with seven pre-season games, including matches against Napier Boys High, Kelston and Sacred Heart.

Manihera expects the biggest threats to come from Whangarei Boys High, Manurewa High and traditional foe Rosmini College.

This Saturday, 28 May, Westlake plays Whangarei Boys away, TGS plays Manurewa away and Rosmini hosts Orewa College.



On attack...Westlake fullback Robin Herbert (left) against Rangitoto last weekend

Takapuna club aims to end mini-slump

Takapuna premiers has lost its last two North Harbour rugby competition games to slip to third on the championship table.

The team lost to 29-24 to Massey last

Saturday and the week before went down 39-10 to North Shore under lights.

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Young and old put their heads together

High school students and senior citizens teamed up in Takapuna last week to come up with solutions to community issues, with the winning group tackling the topic of extending digital connectivity by suggesting young people could visit retirement villages to school up residents.

The annual Inter-generational Dialogue event drew 25 students from five schools, matched with older adults recruited from the community. Six students helped facilitate the groups.

Takapuna North Community Trust manager Sarah Thorne said that it was impressive that the students had shown up on a teacher-only day – effectively a day off school for them.

The trust ran the session in collaboration with its Devonport Peninsula equivalent and the Takapuna Library. This was the 11th year it has been held.

Ideas around improving access to digital communications were particularly relevant, given 30 to 40 per cent of New Zealanders were not digitally connected, said Thorne.

The question was posed: As the way we work increasingly moves online, how do we continue to connect with those who aren't?

The solution of pairing up students and retirees was chosen as the winner by the judges: Wendy Bailey, patron of Devonport Community House; Fiona Brennan, chief executive of Auckland North Community and Development; Lisa Dam, Takapuna children and youth librarian; and Xavier Forsman, Auckland Libraries Poukōkiri Rāngahau Māori (senior librarian in Maori research).

Thorne said attendees were invited to join a working party to implement the solution.

On a similar theme of enhancing technological abilities at a time when banks were no longer offering a cheque service, students suggested banks be encouraged to go out into the community to train people on how to use internet banking. (A number of banks offer in-house lessons, but with branches closing, easy accessibility can be an issue for the elderly.)



Pooling ideas... Wise old heads and keen young brains combined at the Inter-generational Dialogue event held at Takapuna Library

Targeted technology courses for seniors

One-on-one help for older community members needing help using technology is being offered on set dates at Takapuna Library and the Sunnynook Community Centre.

The free informal advice sessions are in addition to more structured in depth courses that run from time to time at the same locations.

People are welcome to bring along their mobile phone, tablet or laptop for help to learn how to better connect, discover and communicate.

The Technology for Seniors Made Easy sessions are run on a casual drop-in

basis, rather than the longer courses, which require pre-booking.

A need was spotted to provide this more flexible approach for one-off questions. Examples of the sort of questions that have been asked are a mobile phone user wanting to know how to send photographs from his device, and another wanting help with resetting a computer.

The next sessions with a technical expert are at Sunnynook on Thursdays, 4 and 25 June, and in Takapuna on Friday, 10 June. They run between 9am and noon, with tea and coffee provided.

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Reserves consultation 'bungled' – resident

People wishing to submit against the sale of council reserves were stymied by a confusing Auckland Council consultation process, a Sunnynook resident, Tabitha Becroft, says.

"I think it was bungled," she told the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board.

Becroft detailed concerns about inadequate notification and signage that saw around a dozen opponents of the sale of a sliver of Linwood Reserve in Forrest Hill submit to the wrong one of two processes running simultaneously around the disposal and rezoning of open space council land.

Her case put to the board's monthly community forum was on behalf of the Sunnynook Community Association and herself as a resident.

It included making an impassioned plea for the retention of the 130sq m of land, which runs from Woodstock Rd between two properties into the main body of the reserve.

"No piece of open space is useless – once gone, it's gone forever," said Becroft. With intensive development in Sunnynook and Forrest Hill, retaining even tiny green

spaces had environmental and social value and would help the council meet its climate change commitments.

Board members mostly agreed that the process seemed less than ideal, and while some thought the land offered no ongoing community value, questions were raised as to the likely returns from selling it compared with the cost of doing so.

Jan O'Connor urged Becroft to make a complaint to the council about the submissions process, which included a notice tacked to a tree. The community association should have been advised about the matter, she said.

The citywide disposal issue, referred to as Plan Change 60, came up again later in the meeting. Trish Deans said the board should push for the hearings panel to consider the misdirected submissions as late submissions, which there was precedent for.

The decision over the land's fate will be made at council level, not by the board which recorded a motion opposing the Plan Change where it related to disposing of reserves.

"Like you George [Wood], I consider this land is rubbish," said Toni van Tonder,

after Wood pointed out a better paved entry existed into the reserve around 30 metres up the road.

The land had been valued at \$10,000 in 2015, she said, but the time being taken over it and the cost meant "it should never have been put on the list". With only two likely buyers for it, being the adjoining property owners, her view was that "someone is going to get it for a song and then have a massive increase in their own land value."

Aidan Bennett said the land should be sold if the neighbour was prepared to pay over the odds for it – "otherwise it's not worth doing."

O'Connor's view was that the council was happy enough to see developers take subdividable sites or use zoning to build more units on one section because it increased rates revenue. "Nobody is actually adding up how much more rates we're getting from subdivisions."

Chair Ruth Jackson had to use her casting vote to get Deans and O'Connor selected to give board feedback to the Plan Change 60 hearing and another on reserve status revocation.

Birdsong Project leader steps down

Pupuke Birdsong Project co-ordinator Fiona Martin has resigned after 18 months leading the growth of volunteer groups working in community reserves.

The busy part-time role, guiding weed-ing, planting and trapping by the public and liaising with Auckland Council parks staff, will continue with an interim contractor, Tabitha Becroft, a community activist

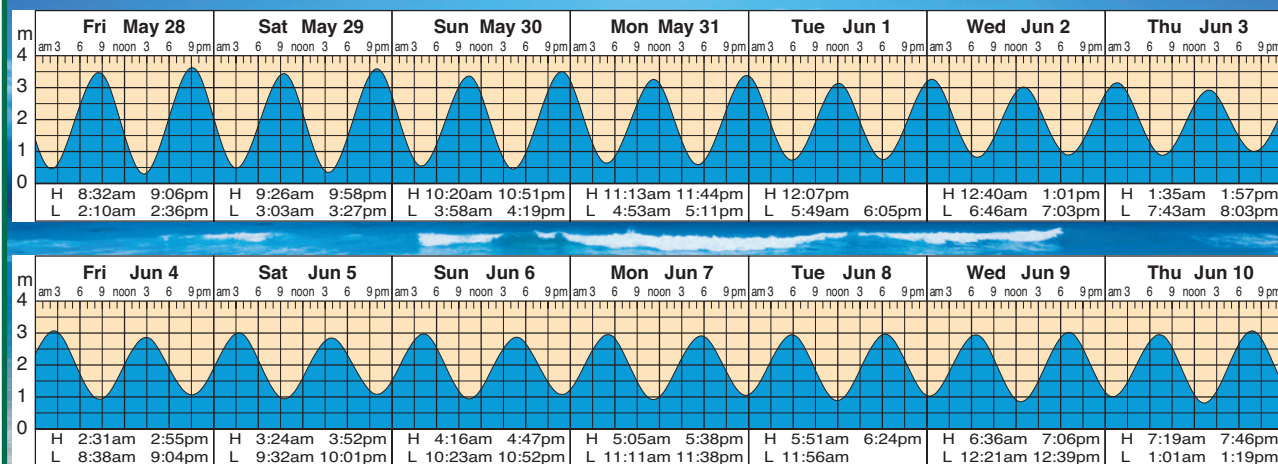
who already tends to Lyford Reserve in Sunnynook.

The role is backed by the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board and overseen by the Takapuna North Community Trust, whose manager, Sarah Thorne, paid tribute to Martin's hard work and the project's achievements to date. Her resignation was accepted with regret.

The board is looking at extending resources for environmental work in its area, partly in response to growing community participation, which in the last year saw the number of groups in Takapuna to Sunnynook rise from nine to 25.

Volunteers wishing to contact the interim co-ordinator can do so by email to enviro@takapunatrust.org.nz

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Paranormals at the PumpHouse

Things are about to get spooky at the PumpHouse Theatre.

Paranormal research group Haunted Auckland's *A Night of Paranormal Investigation* returns on 12 June.

Its team will spend the night conducting experiments, demonstrating different technology and teaching the ins and outs of paranormal research. While paranormal activity is not guaranteed, guests will be able to use an array of equipment and get first-hand experience in an allegedly haunted location.

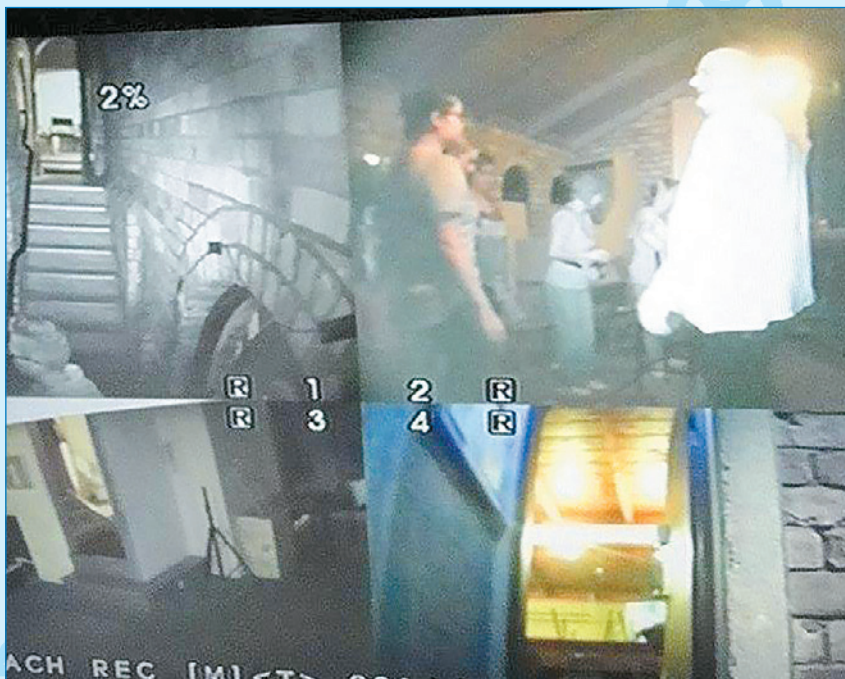
"We love returning to the PumpHouse," says Mark Wallbank. "It's a fascinating location with a wonderful community-based history, and the team are grateful for the generous ongoing access they allow us."

They are also hoping to see appearances from The PumpHouse's 'resident ghosts' Cicely Margaret (Peg) Escott and Mike.

Peg, who died in 1977, was a writer, poet, and playwright very connected to the venue, while Mike was a former caretaker.

"It's fantastic to see people learning about what we do and coming to face their fears," says Wallbank, who encourages investigators to bring a sense of humour and an open mind.

A Night of Paranormal Investigation, 12 June, 7pm-midnight. Tickets from pumphouse.co.nz.



Things going bump... Spooky images supplied by Haunted Auckland, whose show is being hosted by Takapuna's PumpHouse



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Original show in Mandarin hits the PumpHouse

After lockdown delays, North Shore Chinese community theatre group Felix Creative Theatre this weekend brings an original play performed in Mandarin to the PumpHouse Theatre.

Set in New Zealand, *Dearest Strangers* follows the stories of three couples at different stages of marriage, and the challenges they face in their relationships and within themselves.

Created by its actors and directors, it was inspired by the film *Perfect Strangers* and explores family, friendship, and love.

"We don't see many plays in Mandarin on in Auckland, and we have such a big audience who otherwise wouldn't have the chance to see shows like this," says Felix Creative organiser Stephanie Luo from Forrest Hill.

"Being a Chinese-New Zealander myself and someone who loves drama and plays, creating this representation for our community is incredibly valuable."

Founded in 2015 by Fan Luo and Fei Li, non-profit Felix has grown steadily, producing five original shows.

Its 2017 show *Flattering Era*, scripted by Fei Li, travelled to the 5th Guangzhou Non-Professional Theatre Festival in China, where it received the Comprehensive Expressive Performance Award.

Dearest Strangers is the first production where the company has used a collective approach, tailored to its all-amateur cast.

Work began on it in 2019, but Covid-19 delayed the show's release. The company continued rehearsals over Zoom and is excited to finally perform it.

"Using our whole crew in the creative process has been a great way for our amateur actors to learn," says Luo. "It helps them develop an understanding of how a show is created."

Dearest Strangers, 29-30 May at The PumpHouse. Tickets from \$30 at pumphouse.co.nz.



Stage time... Guan Huang from Forrest Hill (left) and Hongfeng Ling from Ponsonby in rehearsal for *Dearest Strangers*

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