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Sacred Grove path could close permanently

The boardwalk through pohutukawa trees at the northern end of Takapuna Beach may be removed, and the walking path permanently closed.

The path through the area known as the Sacred Grove/Te Uru Tapu could not be safely reopened unless trees were sacrificed,

Auckland Council officials told Devonport-Takapuna Local Board members in a briefing at a recent workshop.

The boardwalk was closed for maintenance in June 2018.

Officials cited public safety and cultural reasons for the two options they offered:

To close the whole area to public access; or to close the boardwalk but retain access to the wooden lookout via a path from The Promenade, starting opposite Takapuna Beach Cafe.

This did not go down well with member Aidan Bennett,

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Food fun helps put focus on aid programme



Cambodia to Carmel... Carmel College students (from left) Caitlin Brady, Olivia Gardner, Julianna Remigio, Mrs Denise Camilleri (teacher), Brianna Precious, Lina Jang and Genevieve Lai enjoyed a Cambodian cooking session in one of a series of workshops putting a focus on the work in Cambodia of Catholic charity Caritas.

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Theatre theft case heading for trial by jury

A man charged by police with theft has elected trial by jury after two adjournments of the case in the North Shore District Court.

Theatre president Catherine Boniface said members were despondent that the matter was dragging on. "It's really unfortunate that it's come to this," she told the Observer.

Boniface said it was only at the last

moment that that the accused's lawyers signalled the matter would go to trial.

Volunteers now faced more time off to attend a trial expected in August, she said.

The company known for its summer Shakespeare in the Park productions, lost \$60,000, leaving it struggling to continue operating at a time when it was also dealing with the impacts of Covid-19 lockdowns

on productions.

A Givealittle campaign helped keep it afloat, but cost-cutting measures, including down-sizing rented storage space had been required.

The group is looking forward to staging an Agatha Christie classic, *The Mousetrap*, at the PumpHouse Theatre in Takapuna in a season starting at the end of July.

Council votes to sell old library



Council-owned buildings at 2 The Strand, Takapuna (above), and 3 Victoria Rd, Devonport, will now be sold.

After consideration of public feedback on the possible sale of the heritage-listed former Takapuna Library (which is on the other side of the road from the current library) and of the old Devonport Borough Council building, Auckland Council's Finance and Performance Committee late last month voted without dissent in favour of disposing of the two properties. The full council later endorsed that recommendation.

North Shore Councillor Chris Darby said he and councillor Richard Hills "were both surprised at the low number of submissions on the two properties, considering the voice of opposition expressed earlier, including through the Flagstaff".

Six submitters were in favour of the sale of the former library and five against; 12 favoured selling the Devonport building, while four were against.

The Devonport-Takapuna Local Board recently voted against the sales.

The property at 2 The Strand has been vacant for 1107 days, since an earthquake notice was issued in March 2018.

It is an endowment property, meaning its sale is subject to conditions, including the proceeds being reinvested in the same area.

The Devonport building has been empty for 1059 days.

"Once the council adopts its 10-year Budget at the end of June the properties will be prepared for sale by Panuku and sold in due course," a Panuku spokesperson said.

Cyclist hurt in collision with bus

A cyclist was injured in a collision with a school bus at the corner of Forrest Hill Rd and Richards Ave last Thursday 3 June.

The cyclist, who received moderate injuries, was treated by ambulance staff, after the collision at 8.30am.

The five students on the 042 bus and the driver were not injured. Auckland Transport (AT) said they were transferred to another bus.

Meanwhile, AT said a consultation about safety measures it had proposed for further along the road finished in late May and would be collated for decision-making. The measures are to:

- Install a new pedestrian island crossing at 251 Forrest Hill Rd between Meadowvale Ave and Blakeborough Dr.
- Install tactile pavers, to help visually impaired people find their way to crossings to safely cross roads.
- Paint new bus stop road markings on both sides of Forrest Hill Rd.
- Paint broken yellow lines (no stopping at all times) on Forrest Hill Rd to support the new pedestrian island crossing. This will remove approximately 10 parking spaces.
- Install new signs to highlight the new crossing.

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board member George Wood said while a traffic island had been proposed, he considered a full pedestrian crossing would be a better outcome on what was a dangerous stretch of road.



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Local centres waiting on Covid vaccinators status

Older residents wanting to book in for Covid-19 vaccinations at their local doctor may have to wait a bit longer. A number of larger GP practices that have applied to be vaccinators have told the Observer they are still waiting to hear back from health authorities whether they have been accepted to dispense the doses.

"We definitely want to be part of it and they know it," said the general manager of Shorecare at Smales Farm, Stephenie Quinn. "We are ready to go as soon as they are." Quinn said Shorecare was looking to do after-hours and weekend vaccinations only for those people who could not get to local GPs on weekdays.

The Doctors Fred Thomas medical centre said it was working through the application process, but had no start date yet. When it did, patients from its smaller The Doctors Hauraki Corner clinic would be referred to Fred Thomas for their vaccinations, a spokesperson said.

People aged 65 plus or those with underlying medical conditions are eligible for vaccines now, with a wider staged rollout due from the end of July.

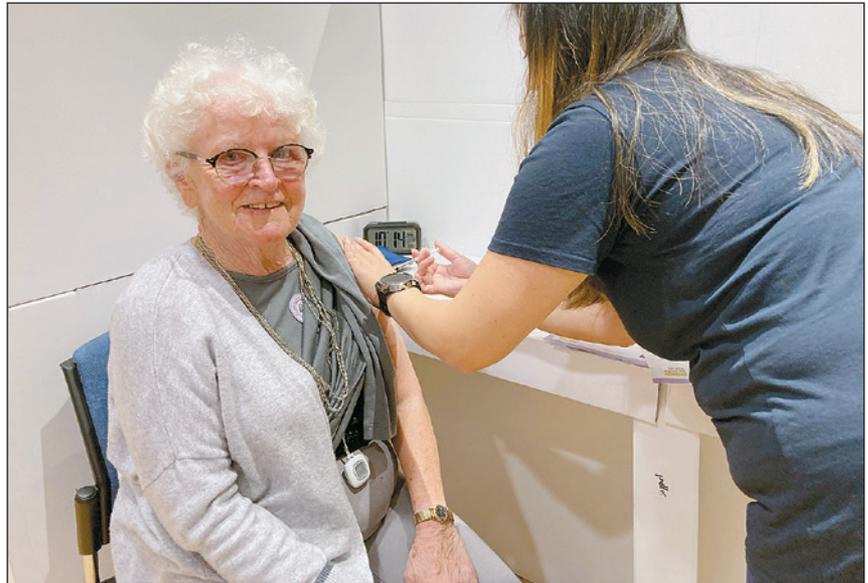
Medical centres say they are receiving calls from the public seeking appointments, but notification of when other groups can get these will come via district health boards not GPs.

The only public vaccination centre dispensing them on the North Shore so far is one established for the purpose in the former Warehouse building at the Highbury shops in Birkenhead. Travelling there is an issue for some.

A spokesperson for the Northern Region Health Coordination Centre, which is overseeing the rollout, told the Observer that an announcement about another large Shore vaccination centre would be made soon, when its location could be confirmed.

The Birkenhead centre was providing around 500 vaccinations a day, but it was expected this would ramp up to 1000, the spokesperson said.

While some doctors are willing and waiting to take on the task in their local communities, a number of smaller practices have held off applying. It is understood protocols have deterred them, including time needed for staff training.



Shot!... Long-time Milford resident Beverley Page, aged 85, receiving her Covid-19 vaccination last week at William Sanders Retirement Village, which she moved into two years ago. "I never even felt it," she said after vaccinators pulled out the needle.

The practice manager at Devonport Health Centre, Kartini Joseph, said indications were that the Ministry of Health was looking to speed the roll-out by involving more local GPs, after an initial focus on bigger clinics.

The centre had begun training its nurse team on the online requirements of the national Covid-19 register, but was still waiting to hear if it had been accepted as a vaccinator, she said.

MedPlus Hauraki is also awaiting official approval. It hoped to hear within the month, said practice manager Katherine Williams.

Quinn from Shorecare said it was understandable that the rollout would take time. It was a major matter, involving issues down to ensuring enough fridge space at some clinics. A smaller clinic might have just one fridge to hold a range of vaccines, and would have to find space for the Covid ones along with the likes of flu and measles shots. "It's a big thing,

so that's why they're starting with bigger GPs."

Staff at Shorecare were 99 per cent vaccinated already, she said, with exceptions being for pregnancy and health issues.

Meanwhile, some retirement villages and care centres have begun vaccinating. Metlifecare, which runs The Poynton in Takapuna, said work was under way at all its care centres, while it was working with authorities to support vaccinations for village residents, including at The Poynton.

Ryman's William Sanders Village in Devonport began vaccinating those in its care centre and serviced apartment accommodation last week. Independent residents will be vaccinated from mid-July.

Oceania Healthcare, the operator of Lady Allum in Milford, had not responded by our deadline, with local staff having referred the Observer to head office for an answer.

See-what-works approach for Takapuna streetscape

Various temporary street improvements will be installed in central Takapuna next week in a trial to see what works best for pedestrians, shoppers and safety.

The project focuses on the sections of Huron and Northcroft Sts between Auburn St and Lake Rd.

The elements being trialled include:

- Rubber pads to slow traffic
- New pedestrian island on Lake Rd
- New median strip, traffic island and two mobility parks on Northcroft St
- Rearranging car parks on Huron St to create a wider footpath and make it easier for pedestrians to cross
- Decorative planter boxes
- Wind and rain shelters along Huron St

• Colourful paint on road and pavement. Auckland Council's development arm Panuku says Huron and Northcroft Sts "have long been viewed as windy streets that are unpleasant for people. They are also on a critical walking route between the new car park building, Toka Puia, and the future Takapuna town square."

Instead of working up a design, consulting and then building it, an Innovating Streets for People approach has been taken.

Surveying of local residents and businesses has highlighted issues and potential improvements around pedestrian safety, slower vehicle speeds, wider and more even footpaths, better-designed parking and management of bus traffic.

Temporary installations will be evaluated with the local community, to find out what works best. "The activity is expected to help make these streets more welcoming to people visiting local shops and moving around Takapuna," Panuku said.

The trial measures will take around 20 days to install, starting 13 June, with the trial feedback period to run through June and July.

The temporary designs will require the removal of 23 car parking spaces on Huron St to make way for wind and rain shelters and a wider footpath. The nearby Toka Puia car park building at 15 Northcroft St offers 420 vehicle parking spaces plus cycle parking.

Huron and Northcroft street improvements

Testing new street layouts to make them more welcoming for people

Takapuna's Huron and Northcroft streets have long been viewed as windy streets that are unpleasant for people.

We're working with the community to try out some new ideas on these streets from June 2021 to make them more people-friendly, safe and accessible to everyone.

The ideas came from a series of co-design sessions with the local community in late 2020.

The trial is only temporary – whether the changes become long-term depends on the success of the trial against project objectives and the feedback of the community.

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Boardwalk beneath pohutukawa under



Plains laid... The Sacred Grove at the northern end of Takapuna Beach, with the lookout at right

who said he wanted a compromise position found. The area had been well used by locals, especially at high tide. "A lot of weight is being given to iwi and the trees and not a lot of weight to the community," he said.

Tree health was cited as a major reason for the officials' recommendations. A number of the large old pohutukawa overhanging the boardwalk were reported to be in an unsafe condition for people to walk under.

To rectify this, removal or extensive pruning would be required, which some of the trees might not survive.

The boardwalk remains fenced off, maintenance having been put on hold while the wider issues were investigated.

A vote on what action to take is expected at the board meeting next week. "There's a lot to chew over," said chair Ruth Jackson.

The grove's history as a site of significance to Maori was factored into the officials' recommendations.

To mana whenua the trees were said to be a living link to their ancestors, used to hang the deceased for natural decay, prior to the burial of their bones, likely by Lake Pupuke.

The senior project manager for the council's Community Facilities division, Kaitlyn White, acknowledged the area was valued by local residents, for easy access off the beach at high tide and for walking and resting.

A lot of people wanted it kept open, she said, especially near neighbours from the apartment buildings behind the grove.

The officials came in for extended quizzing, with one noting "clearly there's not an appetite around the table for closing the boardwalk".

Member Jan O'Connor said maintenance of the boardwalk had been inadequate over the years. She asked if removing dead wood from some of the grove's 20-odd trees would reduce the safety risk.

"With the boardwalk there we are inviting an audience into the trees... so it would be very hard to manage," said the council's

senior urban forest specialist, Steve Kerebs.

For "zero risk to the public" around six trees would require removal if the boardwalk was to be reopened, he said.

A number also required propping up, and some would have to be wired to keep them stable.

Some were not in a healthy state. At least one tree appeared to have been poisoned some years ago, along with several others on private land having been heavily pruned, with crowns partially removed.

Tree removals would not need to take place if the boardwalk structure was removed, Kerebs said, but taking out dangerous branches overhanging public areas would still be required.

It was proposed to properly fence off the southern end of the boardwalk to deter people congregating on it. After-hours drinking was mentioned as a risk.

While Bennett said he understood the importance of the trees and the views of iwi, he noted that public consultation came after two options had already been chosen by officials.

"I don't think at the start of the process the community was consulted. It's an urban area, we should be able to get a compromise," he said.

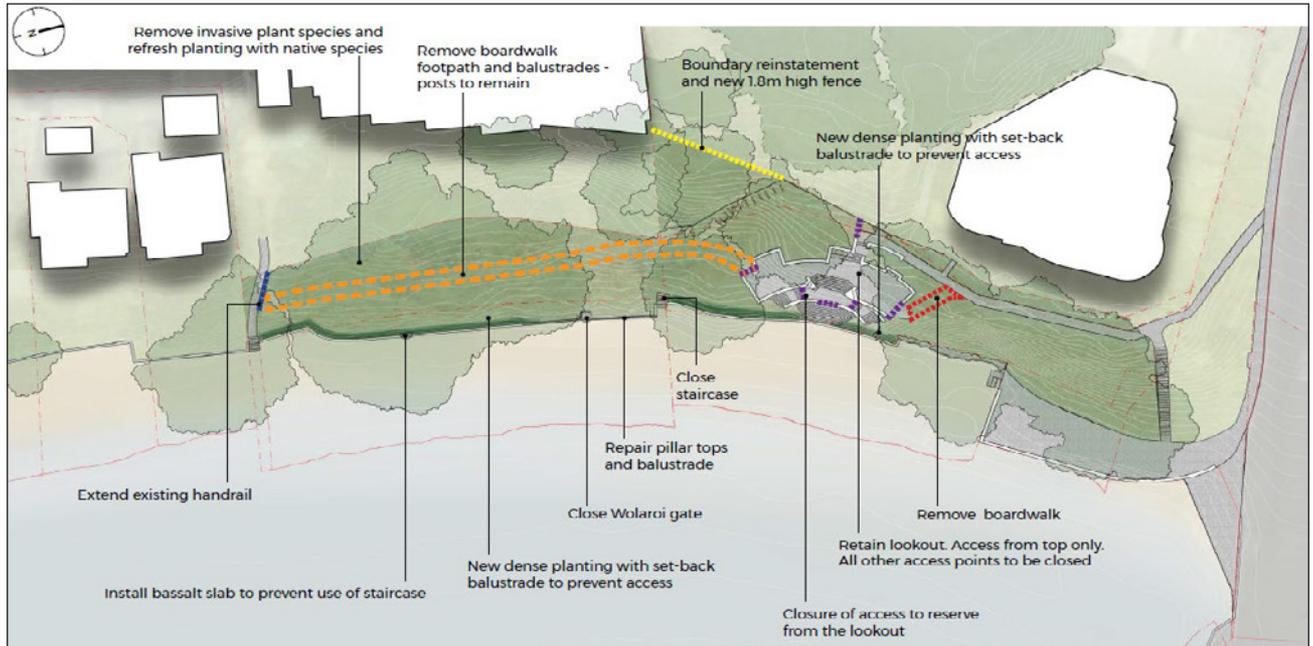
The officials did not agree that the community had not had a say.

Kerebs also said the area was classified for conservation, not as a recreational reserve.

White said residents at the Rocks, Mon Desir and Sands apartments had been consulted, along with mana whenua. An online submissions process and a drop-in session at Takapuna Library was also held in 2019, drawing 328 submissions, with 43 per cent in favour of total closing and 23 per cent opting for the second option, retaining the lookout.

Since then a refined design concept, Option 1B, had been arrived at, allowing for beach access easements to remain for apartment property holders at either end of the area under discussion, said White.

threat in \$880,000 plan for Takapuna waterfront's Sacred Grove



Safety first... The plan of one of the options for the Sacred Grove, including removal of the existing boardwalk. While the path from The Promenade to the lookout would stay, the link boardwalk here would go

A resource consent was unlikely to be granted to allow the rebuilding of the boardwalk, given the situation with the trees, she advised. Heritage New Zealand would also likely oppose this.

Mana whenua wished to see the boardwalk stay closed, but did not object to the lookout remaining open, she said

Member Trish Deans asked about Sacred Grove's status as wahi tapu and was told by White this was a matter for both Heritage New Zealand and iwi. The site was recognised as pre-European.

Member Toni van Tonder said, "Some people are going to feel really sore about what's on the table."

But it was important to do right by the trees, she said. Cultural aspects could be noted with interpretation panels and pou agreed in consultation with relevant iwi, she suggested.

She was told about seven iwi were involved.

"Would we get some agreement to get the right narrative?" van Tonder queried. She also asked if the budget would allow for those "cultural props". It would, officials said.

O'Connor said she would like to see a different option from officials, to allow for a restructuring of the boardwalk.

Jackson wanted a fuller breakdown of

how a \$880,000 renewals budget – likely to be well over \$1 million if separate seawall repairs were factored in – would split between the boardwalk, trees, lookout and other aspects the project required.

Enough work had already been done by officials, said Local Board area manager Eric Perry.

A budget for the site work had been carried forward for three years now and a "kick the can" option put this money at risk of being lost.

"The board needs to be put in position to give a formal direction via way of a resolution," Perry said.

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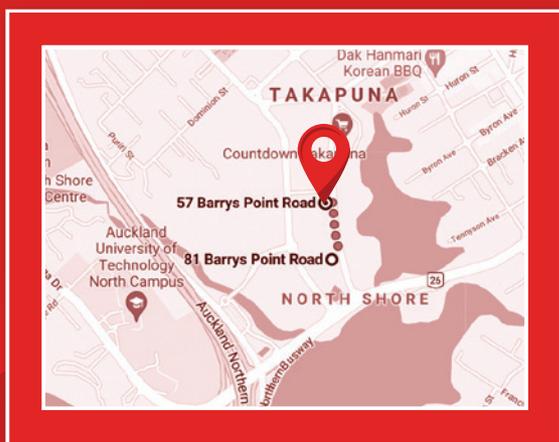
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Well-known reserves lined up for Maori names

Eighteen parks and reserves have been nominated by the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board to be given Maori names. Among them are Milford Beach Reserve, Sunnynook Park and Castor Bay Beach Reserve.

The names will be used in tandem with English names, as part of a city-wide Auckland Council programme to better recognise te reo and indigenous history.

The Te Kete Rukuruku programme's dual-naming strategy and new signage will be rolled out in phases.

The board narrowed down an initial selection of sites at a workshop session last week, with its list yet to be confirmed at a full monthly meeting. This will then go to the council's Te Kete Rukuruku team, which will work with iwi to discuss and agree which parks will be named and by which iwi.

Mana whenua will then research and provide a name and narrative for the merit-worthy parks. It is expected that the names, once gifted, will be accepted.

"You don't lose an original [English] name. That name stays as is," explained local board adviser Maureen Buchanan.

Parks management would also be unaffected. Rather, the dual-naming project was about encouraging te reo use in everyday life, she said.

Board members sought to include a good geographic spread of reserves in their nominations, to kickstart Te Kete Rukuruku across the whole board area.

Dual names coming

The full list of dual-naming candidates from the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area includes these larger sites: Castor Bay Beach Reserve, Milford Beach Reserve, Narrow Neck Beach Reserve, Auburn Reserver and Quarry Lake Reserve, both in Takapuna, Sunnynook Park and Windsor Reserve, Devonport. Other reserves, listed by area: Milford – Nile and Seine reserves; Forrest Hill – Knightsbridge and Linwood reserves; Crown Hill – Marsh Reserve; Hauraki – Hauraki Corner Reserve and Northboro Reserve; Devonport – Balmain and Stanley Bay Beach reserves; Belmont – Montgomery Reserve; Bayswater – Belmont Park.

*These board nominations may not all be accepted for dual-naming status and are also subject to formal board ratification.

Buchanan advised first putting forward sites the public would see as having some particular significance.

From an earlier draft list of around 30 possible sites, members picked larger well-known ones first, but dropped some that were more obscurely sited. Board member Toni van Tonder said of one such spot: "It's not valuable enough for this important process."

A notable dropping from the larger sites was Kennedy Park in Castor Bay, which encompasses the historic Rahapora Pa site. "We know this area is incredibly important to Maori

history in our area," said van Tonder. Some other members were concerned, however, that the relationship of the pa land within the larger named park should be clarified and that the Rahapora name could be lost in any wider iwi dual renaming. "That's for them to deal with," pointed out van Tonder.

Buchanan advised members that if they were unsure for now it would be best to hold off. Nominations could always be put forward again later, she said.

Reserves named after individuals of local note (as distinct from overseas dignitaries) were mostly avoided from initial nominations. The idea being to avoid provoking any family or community sensitivities until the intent of the dual-naming programme is better understood.

Beaches and bays are not included in the programme. Neither are reserves on Department of Conservation land, even if managed by Auckland Council, as is the case with Devonport Domain. The domain's naming is outside council jurisdiction.

The first phase of Te Kete Rukuruku in the local board area has a budget of \$20,000 for the 2021-22 year. One park per board across Auckland will be chosen as a flagship of the programme, featuring more extensive interpretative signage. Others sites would receive their simple dual signage in the normal course of sign replacements, a council spokesperson said.

This and iwi availability to undertake the research meant the changes were unlikely to be seen on signs for some time, she added.

Takapuna issues survey under way

Opinions on local issues are wanted by the Takapuna Residents Association, which has a survey running until July.

The group has emailed around 1200 residents on its database, with other locals wishing to have an input being invited to its website to do so. Preferences around the future of Takapuna's central car-park space,

including the weekly Takapuna market, and public assets, such as the library, are among the topics being covered.

Responses to the short survey are confidential. Results will be reported back to the community.

Find the survey here: www.surveymonkey.com/r/ilovetakapuna.

Briefs

Water views

The state of local water quality will be the subject of two public meetings this month. North Shore MP Simon Watts is hosting a meeting on Thursday 17 June, from 7 pm at the Pupuke Golf Club. Auckland Council and Watercare speakers will outline issues and answer questions. The Milford Residents Associations's annual meeting on 29 June, will include an update from the Wairau Estuary Environment Protection Society (Weeps). The AGM stars at 7.30pm, St Pauls Church, Otakau Rd.

Project progress

After a year stacked at the bottom of East Coast Rd, pipes parked as a COVID-19 budget measure will be rolled out during phase two of the Milford Town centre stormwater upgrade set to start in late June. The \$8m project, at the intersection of Kitchener Rd and Shakespeare Rd, will improve localised flooding and quality of water discharging into the Wairau Estuary. Intersection work, including tunnelling for the pipes, will take around two months, followed by around six months work along Fenwick Ave, and installation of a treatment device under the reserve where Omana Rd meets Kitchener Rd.

Still unclear if Shore will keep concerts

The final venues for concerts planned at Takapuna Beach during the America's Cup but postponed due to Covid-19 have yet to be decided.

The concerts have been rescheduled till 5 and 6 March 2022, but organiser Laurence Carey of Waterbourne said he was still working through location options and permits with Auckland Council.

Mission Bay was being considered as a venue, but Takapuna was still in the mix at this stage, he told the Observer last Friday.

The four concerts – including top stars, Dave Dobbyn, Tami Neilson and Hollie Smith – were put through a gruelling Liquor Licensing Authority hearing over permission to supply alcohol at the events.

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AT officials lambasted for failures to update and engage

Auckland Transport (AT) officials left a session on engagement with local boards with a flea in their ears from Devonport-Takapuna's elected members.

Key frustrations from board members were a failure by AT to give timely updates on roading projects and a lack of engagement with community-driven safety concerns.

Examples of the latter were around pedestrian safety on Beach Rd at Castor Bay and along Vauxhall Rd in Devonport. "You just have to stand there and watch and it's a problem waiting to happen," said member Aidan Bennett of Beach Rd. Chair Ruth Jackson concurred, saying locals had learned to be really quick on their feet – "running across the road with their prams so they don't get run over".

The festering problem kept coming up at community meetings, she said, yet board attempts to organise a site visit with AT and the local residents' association had been futile.

Bigger picture projects such as the need for more engagement on Lake Rd and discussions on the future of the Bayswater marina ferry lease were pointed to by George Wood and Toni van Tonder. "AT could improve their community standing with a better response mechanism," said Bennett. "If the community comes with a problem and an idea there should be a better response."

Traffic-calming measures were being introduced in some areas, yet at Castor Bay "all we've heard about is why we can't do it".

Vauxhall was a similar case. Its residents presented ideas, said Bennett: "I'm sure they went away from here and thought the council put them in the bin." Even if AT's answer to suggestions was a no, it could make a better fist of how it communicated this.

Jackson said she would like to see AT resume sending an official to give monthly reports to

board meetings. These had been withdrawn at the point last year when Auckland Council's review into council-controlled organisations (CCOs), including AT, had signalled the need for more and better engagement.

AT's community engagement officer, Marilyn Nicholls, who was at the board meeting along with representatives from other CCOs – who are undertaking a sessions with all local boards to advance the review's findings and discuss how better to work together – said the monthly updates in person were stopped due to restructuring. But she still bombarded the board was lots of information. AT was genuine in its desire to engage, said Nicholls, and was looking at methods around this.

Jackson said a monthly report gave visibility to its work. The board wanted to know what was coming up, so it could share what was often good news with its community. "The most frequent questions we get are, 'Why is the road closed?', 'Why are there road cones here?'"

Other CCOs, Watercare, Panuku and Auckland Unlimited, also sent representatives (in person or by Zoom) to discuss engagement. The board's feedback was mostly that it wanted to be kept more in the loop.

Watercare mentioned work with the Wairau catchment working group. Pipeline replacement and a pump-station refurbishment in Alma Rd, Milford, were planned for August/September, with a Seine Rd pump station to come.

Panuku's property role with the Unlock Takapuna project had town-square naming, a lease for the market and the siting of the war memorial on its agenda.

Unlimited wants to streamline processes around major events and through its Screen Auckland do more around facilitating filming. Jackson said boards should not be cut out of giving landowner approval for this.



Poleaxed on Lake Rd

The sight of more than half a dozen knocked-over street and traffic signs confronted residents along Lake Rd from Takapuna to Hauraki over the last weekend of May.

The vandalism, described as "wanton damage" by Devonport-Takapuna Local Board member George Wood, was quickly put right by Auckland Transport (AT) the following Monday, but not before residents vented their fury online.

An AT spokesperson said replacing each pole cost about \$80. Depending on whether there was also damage to signs, the cost could rise another \$100.

For safety reasons, poles were required to bend/break if hit by a vehicle, she said. They were manufactured to a national standard specified by Waka Kotahi / New Zealand Transport Agency.

Because signs were damaged for a range of reasons, crashes being the main one, specific data was not kept on how many signs and poles were felled by vandalism. Wear and tear and loss of reflectivity was another reason for replacements.

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Korean Garden set to transform empty Barrys Point reserve

Paul Seong Hwa Lee was a student at Rosmini College when he first put the case for a Korean garden in Takapuna. Now, more than a decade later, he's an architect overseeing the dream of his community to create a special place for all to enjoy.

Lee hopes breaking ground on the garden will come quickly – after long years in the planning – but he is awaiting final sign-off on a licence to occupy the chosen site at Barrys Point Reserve.

The key approval has already been won from the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board as landholder of 37 Fred Thomas Dr, so the council form-filling should be a formality.

Board members congratulated Lee and other members of the Korean Garden Trust when he outlined its plans last month to create the garden in three stages. "It's awesome," said chair Ruth Jackson.

Money is in hand to begin the work, although more will be needed to complete the second and third stages of the project over the years ahead. Lee said there was sponsor interest from within the Korean community and this would grow once the project started to take shape.

A bare bit of grass to the south of the Lake House Arts Centre will be shaped into a place of contemplation. It will have views to the city and in the other direction to the playing fields of Lee's old high school. He is reluctant to get ahead of due processes around the licence from Auckland Council, but told the Observer that the next step for the trust would be an on-site pre-construction meeting. "Once it is finalised we will begin the digging."

Stage one is the building of a war memorial garden, which will acknowledge both Korean and New Zealand veterans of the Korean War. A centrepiece will be two rocks, one from South Korea and the other from Great Barrier Island. The large rock from Korea has been on site for some time. The memorial will incorporate a flower bed laid out in a yin-yang-shaped pattern.

Board member Trish Deans thanked the trust representatives for recognising New Zealand veterans in Korea.

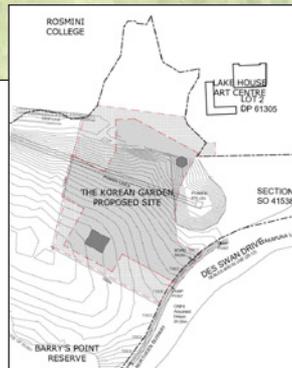
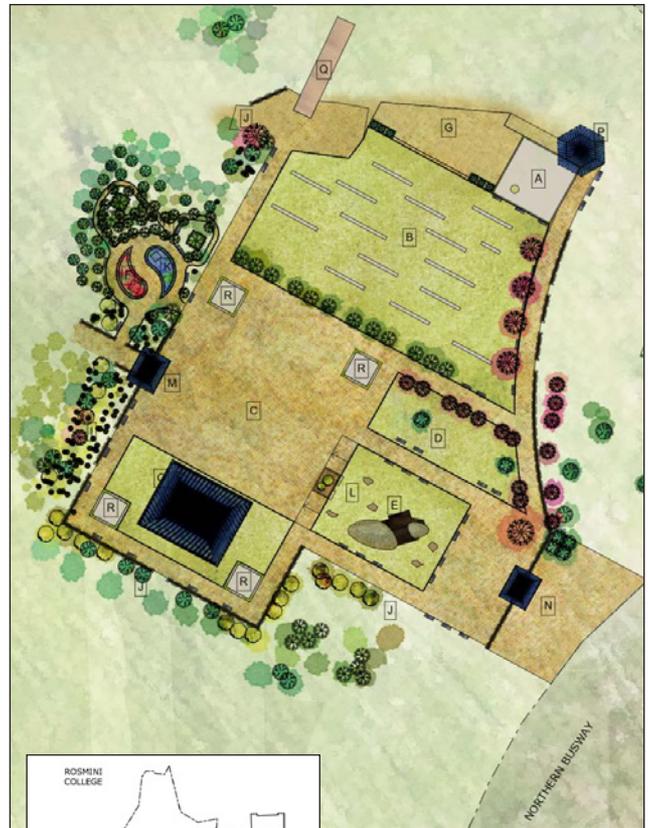
Later stages of the project will include the building of a pavilion and create an area where the public will be able to gather for performances and cultural celebrations. Planting and paving will also feature, to transform the flat grassland into an inviting space. Lee said it was hoped events could be held as often as monthly in the planned space that would fit several hundred people.

The Korean Garden Trust was set up in 2009, with 10 founding members. This had grown to 100, Lee told the meeting.

Dating back to 1997, Korean volunteers first began contributing to the local community with work at Lake Pupuke. But after discussions with the former North Shore City Council and Takapuna Community Board, Barrys Point Reserve was arrived at as a good site for a garden.

It has available space with good transport access and high visibility. Necessary resource consents to use what was once a landfill site have been obtained already.

The board granted the charitable trust a 10-year lease, with a 10-year right of renewal. A sum of \$150,000 it set aside for the project in 2015 and carried over will be made available in Auckland Council's current community facilities works programme.



Garden view... A plan for the Korean Garden at Barrys Point Reserve, with the initial war-memorial garden at left incorporating a yin-yang flower bed. Inset: A map showing the site in relation to Lake House and Rosmini College.

The trust will be responsible for future costs and ongoing maintenance of the garden, which is expected to become a visitor attraction. Its aim is to promote understanding of Korean culture. Lee said Barrys Point would be home to the first public Korean garden in New Zealand. Two similar gardens had been set up in Australia.

Board members welcomed the thorough outline of the project Lee gave. This included the tabling of detailed designs that came from Lee's architectural practice, Black Tree.

The growing Korean community in Auckland has a strong base on the North Shore.

Bikes on buses quick-fire Harbour Bridge solution, says board

Stripping seats from selected buses for bike commuters going over the Auckland Harbour Bridge has been suggested by the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board as a quick-fire way of testing demand.

The idea was put to the council's Planning Committee during the board's submissions last week on the Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP). Bike shuttles were a late entry to a board list that includes backing the Northern Pathway as the critical missing link in Auckland's cycle network. The board also

wants more services on the Northern Busway accelerated to better meet growing demand on the North Shore; improvements to the busy Sunnynook bus station, overbridge and surrounds, for more feeder buses; and measures to encourage walking and cycling to connect people to transport hubs.

Following a five-minute presentation to the planning committee, Devonport-Takapuna Local Board chair Ruth Jackson told the Observer that the bikes on buses ideas came after the Liberate the Lane rally and bridge

ride last month. The issue of cycle connectivity had gained impetus, she said, exacerbated by the ongoing problems commuters were having fitting their bikes on ferry services. While the government had approved a cycle bridge, "You can't wait for 5-10 years," Jackson said.

If given the green light Auckland Transport could have shuttle buses on the bridge route within a month or two. Buses should also install bike racks on their fronts, as was done elsewhere in New Zealand, she said.

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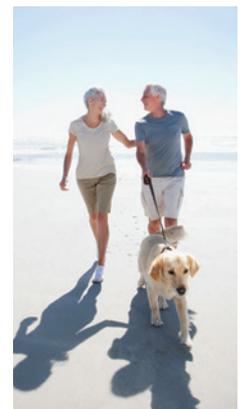
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Celebrating graduates set Takapuna buzzing

Graduating Massey University students brightened the streets and helped top up the tills in Takapuna late last month. A total of 1603 students graduated from the Albany campus, with 1428 of them being capped in person at one of eight ceremonies held at the Bruce Mason Theatre.

Many lingered in the town centre to celebrate. "It's fantastic to see so many families enjoying a meal out and celebrating this milestone together, said Takapuna Beach Business Association chief executive Terence Harpur.

"Takapuna's restaurants and cafes are thrilled to host so many families during the week, many of whom have travelled from outside the area to celebrate together," he said.

With the main shopping stretch of Hurstmere Rd undergoing construction work, students instead paraded along The Strand and past the beach to rejoin Hurstmere Rd and head to the theatre on 25-27 May. Among them were 43 PhD candidates and 307 masters graduates, along with those achieving bachelors degrees.

Harpur said that while the upgrade (which has ended parking along the block) was always going to cause disruption, the association was pleased that extra pick-up and drop-off spots had been installed in the Anzac St car park. "All accessways have remained open and all businesses are open and ready to welcome customers."

Twenty new short-term parks had been added in the public car park behind the shops, he said. Auckland Transport had also set parking costs to 50c an hour for those who paid with its AT Park App in the Killamey St and Toka Puia parks.

Harpur said the works were progressing, with new tree pits being dug, blockwork built and drainage lines poured. "They will soon start to pour the new footpaths, which will really give a sense of what it's all going to look like."

He thanked people for still shopping local. A Shop & Win promotion with \$10,000 in prizes now on would make that even more attractive.

The works were put on hold last year due to Covid-19 budget constraints and for the America's Cup. They resumed after summer and are due to finish before Christmas.



Caps off... New graduates indulge a traditional celebration outside the Bruce Mason Centre

Random parkers 'snaffling library spaces'

A Takapuna Library user is calling for a crackdown on non-library goers filling up its designated underground parking space.

Kevan Leadbeater says not only do people heading elsewhere park there, they also overstay the P60 time limit.

This comes at the expense of regular library users, who may be older or with children.

Since Leadbeater first began bringing his daughter to weekly Wriggle & Rhyme sessions at the library, he has seen the problem worsen. She is now at school, but he still visits to pick up books either weekly or fortnightly. He often sees people circling for a free park. "I'm certain that people are parking there to go to the beach and to work," he said. The playground was another drawcard.

This year, with more people out and about and more metered parks near the beach, the squeeze had worsened, he said. Others he had spoken to at the library agreed with this, he said. "You go to the library and no way does it coRelate to the number of people inside."

Leadbetter wants the rules enforced in the Auckland Council car-park, but says he has seen little sign of any patrolling. A recent

call to the council yielded a promise that someone would respond to him, but he had heard nothing. Devonport-Takapuna Local Board member, Jan O'Connor was more receptive to a call.

Senior librarian for community engagement Anne Betts confirmed the park is a busy one, especially in summer.

Enforcement was a matter for Auckland Transport (AT), she understood. But AT told the Flagstaff the car park was not its responsibility. An Auckland Council spokeswoman said the council was aware of the issue. Any changes to parking enforcement would need to be assessed by the Local Board, she said.

"Noone wants to take responsibility" is Leadbeater's view.

Betts noted the car-park, accessed from either Gibbons Ave or The Strand, had signs advising it was for library parking, with its P60 limits marked.

Next door, one entrance up The Strand, there is a separate underground Wilson car-park that comes at a cost. Public car parking is available from Anzac St, behind the Hurstmere Rd shops and at the Toka Puia building off Huron and Northcroft Sts.



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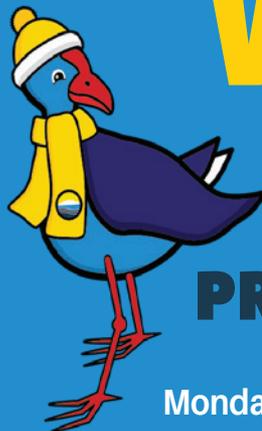
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Takapuna's female bowlers enjoy season of success

Takapuna Bowling Club's champion women, Wendy Jensen and New Zealand Black Jack Selina Goddard (pictured), led the way in what has been the competitive club's most successful season to date, in winning a record six North Harbour Bowls team titles.

They were supported by up-and-coming players Lisa Parlane and Sky Renes.

A further highlight was placing second at the Bowls NZ National Women's Interclub tournament, which attracted entrants from 480 clubs.

The club also qualified for the final of the Bowls 3Five competition. This shortened event is three games of five ends each, designed to enhance spectator interest.

Jensen features in the mixed 3Five team, along with Simon Poppleton (skip) and Lisa Parlane.

They defeated Hikurangi BC at Bowls Orewa to qualify for the national final which will be contested in Wellington this weekend, 12-13 June, at the Naenae Bowling Club.

A win will give automatic entry into the televised series of Bowls 3Five.

Earlier in the season, the club's 7s team were national runners-up. That team consisted of Jensen and Parlane, plus Selina Smith, Anne Doreen, Robyne Walker and Adele and Connie Mathieson.



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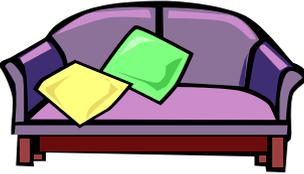
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Early cultural crossover acknowledged by envoy

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The occasion was the visit of the Ambassador of Ireland, Peter Ryan, to the graves of Mary and Thomas Poynton at O'Neill's cemetery in Bayswater.

Ryan thanked people for remembering the "seminal role of the Poyntons", before "Mo Maria" was sung by a group of around 20 people. Residents of Takapuna and Milford attended, along with Devonport-Takapuna Local Board members George Wood and Trish Deans and North Shore MP Simon Watts. Monsignor Bernard Kiely, Vicar-General of the Auckland Diocese, was there also, along with representatives of the Sisters of Mercy and Society of Mary.

Mary and Thomas Poynton hosted Bishop Jean Baptiste Pompallier in the Hokianga when he first arrived and were present at his celebration of the first Catholic mass in this country in 1838. They eventually moved to Takapuna, buying a large tract of land around Lake Pupuke. After their deaths some of the land they owned was sold by family to the sisters and later used to establish Carmel College. Another block became St Joseph's Primary School.

Ryan, the first Irish ambassador to be based in New Zealand rather than adding us on from Australia, was in Auckland as part of his mission to foster Irish and New Zealand relations. He said the cemetery visit – during which he placed flowers and sprinkled water from Ireland and New Zealand – was an opportunity to recognise the resilience and faith



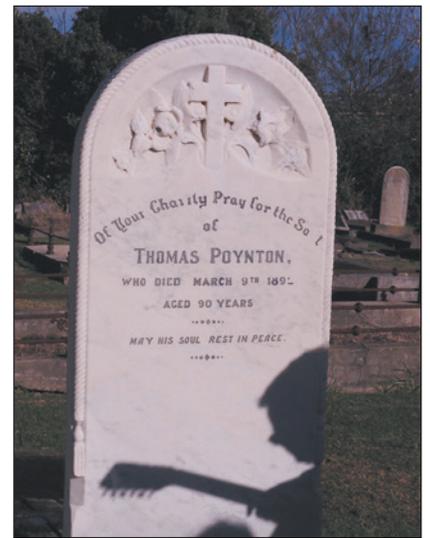
Poyntons honoured... North Shore MP Simon Watts and Devonport-Takapuna Local Board members Trish Deans and George Wood were among those at the visit of Irish Ambassador Peter Ryan (in pale blue jacket) alongside Monsignor Bernard Kiely at O'Neill's Pt Cemetery

of the Poyntons and of the Irish generally. Connections were strong, with one in six New Zealanders said to have Irish ancestry.

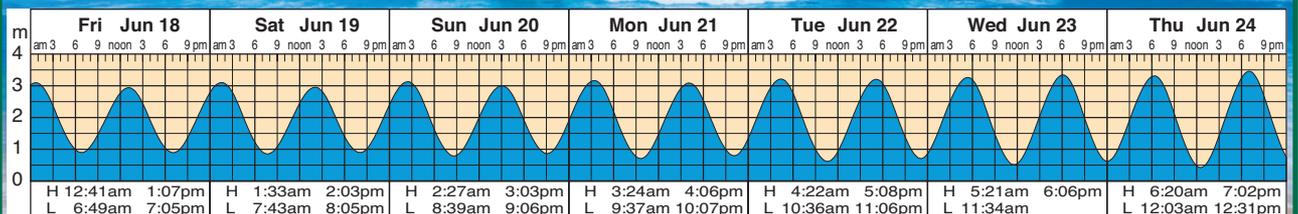
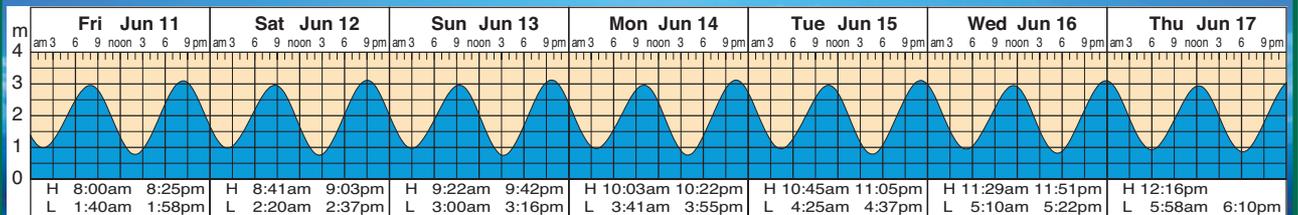
He outlined his own arrival here in 1818, when the Governor-General gifted him a korowai and a Maori kuia told him that she had Irish ancestry dating back to the 1860s.

It is believed that the Poyntons and Bishop Pompallier most likely spoke together in French, but the bishop learned te reo. His Mo Maria hymn is widely sung, including in Catholic schools.

Forrest Hill resident Margaret Field, a descendant of the O'Neills for whom the cemetery was named, said her forebears were friends of the Poyntons, despite religious differences. "There was always a great friendship between the Irish in New Zealand – mostly because the English didn't like them."

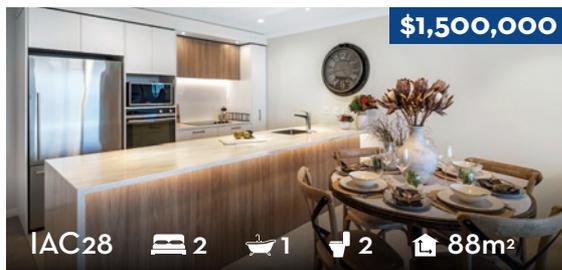


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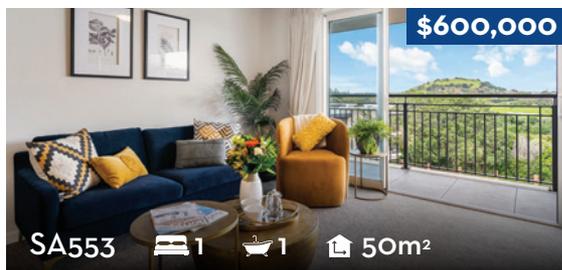


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Open day's dress-up fun

Trying on costumes, watching comic performances and backstage tours were all crowd-pleasers at the PumpHouse Theatre's recent open day.

"We've had 30 to 40 people trying on clothes," said Lyn Carlyle, of Shoreside Theatre, which stages shows at the Takapuna venue.

This had included an older woman who slipped into some *My Fair Lady* finery.

"People like the surprise of it in the mirror," said the wardrobe mistress of 16 years' standing. The PumpHouse helped out with its own box of dress-ups used in educational classes for young visitors.

PumpHouse manager James Bell said the turnout was pleasing. The aim was to encourage awareness and appreciation of the heritage theatre and its versatile spaces.

Some visitors signed up to become Friends of the PumpHouse, on the day before a celebration of the founding of the trust that drove its establishment. (See story below)



Yo ho ho... Six-year-old Nicolas Ribeiro tried on a pirate's costume and wanted a sword.



Friends indeed... Original Friends of the PumpHouse (from left) Angela Antony and Genevieve Becroft, with the current chair of the theatre trust, Peter Burn

Founders share PumpHouse memories

A colourful sunset over Lake Pupuke was a fitting theatrical backdrop for a cocktail function to mark 50 years since the founding of the trust that saved the PumpHouse.

Around 75 original members and newer supporters gathered on 24 May to celebrate the milestone.

The former water-pumping station, built in 1905, was in a state of disrepair and bound for demolition when the community began rallying to save it.

The North Shore Theatre and Arts Trust, which formed in 1971, still runs the venue. Current chair Peter Burn acknowledged the hard work of the many people who have kept the PumpHouse going over the years. He spoke also of the diverse programme of events it had ahead.

The evening included a reading of the play *Saved*, by Peg Escott. The Milford-based writer was a key member of the team who formed the trust.



Top Westlake Girls choir hits the high notes



Sing stars... Westlake Girls Cantare choir pictured during an Anzac Day performance at the Auckland War Memorial Museum

Cantare, the premier choir from Westlake Girls High School, is looking ahead to the Auckland regional round of the Big Sing Festival this month. Three times in a row it has been a gold-award recipient at national level of the annual competition run by the Choral Foundation, and it is again keen to excel.

A series of concerts and performances in the lead-up is helping tune up the singers in time for the festival on 24 June. Cantare will perform a free concert (along with six other Westlake choirs) at the Westlake Schools Combined Choral Concert on Tuesday 15 June at the Westlake Boys Auditorium from 6.30pm.

This follows the choir being invited to sing at prestigious events, including a recent performance with the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra at its Discovery Concert, and two performances at the Auckland War Memorial Museum as part of the Anzac commemorations on 25 April.

Choir director and head of music at Westlake Girls Fiona Wilson says she is excited for the choir to be performing again after most of their performances were cancelled last year due to Covid-19.

This included a planned international tour, with performances in Boston, Toronto and

Carnegie Hall in New York.

“The cancellation of the US and Canada tour scheduled for April last year was devastating for the students,” she says.

“We were three weeks away from departing on what should have been the trip of a lifetime.”

But the disappointment appears to have motivated the students still in the choir to make the most of every opportunity since, she says.

They were grateful for what had recently been possible in New Zealand.

The choir’s musical standard was noticeably stronger, despite disruption to rehearsals during lockdowns earlier in the year.

“We are really looking forward to be performing back on stage at the Auckland Town Hall and showcasing the depth of musicality in this choir,” she says of the looming Big Sing.

Cantare has another special date to look forward to in November, when it has been invited to perform in concert with the Royal New Zealand Navy Band for Armistice Day.

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