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Housing blocks planned for Barrys Point Rd

Barrys Point Rd is the latest part of Takapuna in line for intensified development, with a plan to build two six-storey apartments blocks at its northern end.

A consent application has been lodged with Auckland Council for 102 units at 7a Barrys Pt Rd, a rear site, accessed by a drive-

way, opposite the Countdown supermarket car-park entrance.

The relatively flat rectangular site of 3383sqm is currently home to three businesses – a mechanics garage, a car-battery company and a scaffolding shop. An automotive workshop on a separate title is at the front,

along with a large pet company building, next door to the Mobil service station.

Residential development is a permitted activity on Barrys Pt Rd. Should it become more widespread, it has the potential to squeeze tradespeople further into the suburbs.

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Ouch! Forrest Hill feels the squeeze



Growing pains... A three-storey block of seven terrace houses is being built on one site next to Max Whitehead's Forrest Hill house, with another 12 units coming on the other side. He says his single-storey home of nearly 20 years will soon be "in a tunnel". He sounds a warning for others, page 8.



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Yachties push for carp to control Quarry Lake weed

Radio-controlled yacht enthusiasts want carp introduced into Quarry Lake to control the weeds that are choking their Takapuna racing venue.

But it's not a case of a pest fish being brought in to feed on pest weeds, says the commodore of the North Shore Radio Yacht Squadron, Graham Cross. Rather a limited number of "desexed" grass carp would be let loose – not more of the noxious koi variety already present in the lake.

Cross put his case to the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board's community forum last month, outlining the issues faced by his club's 45 sailors, and the canoe polo players who also use Quarry Lake. Floating weed routinely interrupted racing, causing delays and cancellations, he said.

The self-contained lake, accessed off Northcote Rd, was one of only a few good venues in Auckland used for the yacht racing. Local club members, raced there twice a week year-round. School Waterwise groups also used the venue, said Cross.

He said multiple approaches had been made to Auckland Council for more regular weed clearing.

Floating weed accumulated along the lake edges, including at the western end where the North Shore Canoe Polo Club launched canoes, said Cross. It grew in central areas where it tangled around the keels of yachts. "The moment that happens the race is over," he said.

Weed also attached to course markers and to the polo club's suspended lines. It backed



Fish plan... North Shore Radio Yacht Squadron commodore Graham Cross (above), who wants non-invasive carp (below) introduced to Quarry Lake (top)



up along booms put up to section off areas of the lake.

Club members had to row out in dinghies to rake up and remove the weed. This had been going on for 20 years. The weed was then piled up ashore, becoming smelly, until the council collected it.

Cross said club members were good caretakers of the lake and its surrounds, regularly

removing debris, but they were crying out for help and wanted the board's support.

The national bodies for radio yachts and canoe polo backed their call, he said. "They would love to see us run events, but we simply can't because of the weed problem."

Cross said the council had used a weed-cutting machine on a barge to cut weeds to a level around 80cm below water twice a year, but this had been reduced to annually. The last time this was done was in January, at a cost of around \$19,000, but by Easter the club was again pulling weeds out – "about three boatloads". Cross said this was not a sustainable situation.

Speaking alongside Cross was Peter Willcox, northern regional manager of the Aquatic Weed Management company. He assured the board using grass carp to keep weeds in check was not new, with the council having approved this in other places, including at Auckland Botanic Gardens. His recommendation was for 10 to be introduced to Quarry Lake.

Willcox said part of the work the company already did under contract to the council was managing pest fish and also checking water quality.

The herbivore carp grew to one-metre long, weighed 10-15kg and had a lifespan of 10 to 25 years. They were timid, likely to head to the bottom of the lake if disturbed, and did not bite.

Members received the club's report and asked for it to be sent to the council's Infrastructure and Environmental Services section to come back with feedback on next steps.

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Tyre slashers nabbed

Two 16-year-olds have been referred to Youth Aid after slashing tyres in Milford last month. Residents woke on 19 April to find many cars on and around Stanley Ave with slashed tyres. Tyre Tech Mobile owner Dave Gibbons said he counted around 50 cars with flat tyres when he arrived at the scene. A police spokesperson said police were aware of 13 vehicles that had their tyres slashed in the early hours. The youths are believed to have caused at least \$10,000 of damage. The pair were also linked to a burglary at a nearby premises on the same night, when alcohol was stolen and property damaged. Enquiries into both incidents are ongoing.

Police update local board

Following a wave of crime around the North Shore, the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board is today receiving a private briefing from police area commander Stefan Sagar. The board has previously expressed its concern at the lack of police presence and the rise of crimes such as burglaries, and the limited open hours of local police stations. Jackson said she would like to see more space-sharing arrangements, as is the case with the community constable who has an office at the Sunnynook Community Centre.

Woof! Doggy fun ahoj

The Dog Day Out at Takapuna's Hurstmere Green this Saturday (from 9am to 4pm) includes workshops, stalls for dog products and a canine dress-up pageant with spot prizes to be won. Dogs of all shapes and sizes are welcome but must be on a lead. The day is organised by the Takapuna Beach Business Association.

Children's Day brings fun and games



Children's librarian Sinead McAteer and Jackson Gera, 3, try the traditional Korean board game Yut Nori on Children's Day at Takapuna Library.

The Japanese and Korean tradition of celebrating Children's Day came to Takapuna Library this year.

Staff librarians Tomo Yonei and Tatiana Daysh set up traditional activities of the kind used to mark what is a national holiday on

5 May in Japan and South Korea.

The day celebrates the health and happiness of all children.

Recycled materials were used, with milk bottle caps for tokens and popsicle sticks used as yut-sticks in the Korean game Yut Nori.

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Wastewater pipe repairs begin

A \$5.4 million fix is under way for the main wastewater pipe that runs along the Takapuna foreshore.

The pipe, serving the suburb's residential and commercial areas, is to be relined with polyvinyl chloride, a high-strength thermoplastic material, along 1.6km of its length, using trenchless technology. Access holes connected to the pipe will also be checked and repaired if necessary.

Watercare project manager Johan Gerritsen said work is expected to go through to August. "By relining this section of the pipe we'll extend its life by 50 years and significantly reduce wastewater overflows in the area," he said. "The wastewater pipe will still be in service while we carry out the relining work."

The work will start at Hauraki Rd and progress north towards Eamoch Ave. Workers will be onsite from 7am to 5pm on weekdays and 7am to 2pm on Saturday. Some beach access ways will be temporarily closed and some residents will be contacted about workers needing to access their property.

Some "odour" may be present nearby, but this will dissipate once access holes are resealed.

Watercare's Ben Halliwell previously told the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board it was likely that failures in the pipe were connected to water quality issues at Takapuna Beach. Watercare



Water works... the route of the Takapuna wastewater pipe being relined by Watercare

will carry out environmental monitoring for six months after the work finishes to identify any further issues contributing to overflows or beach water quality.

'AIMES' awards recognise achievers

A former Rosmini College student who won the school's conservation award three years in a row is among the latest recipients of the annual Aimes awards.

The North Harbour Club and Charitable Trust gives out the awards, with cash grants, for excellence in art, innovation, music, education, sport and community service.

Oscar Thomas, 21, received the community service gong for his work in conservation. He's now in the final year of a science degree at the University of Otago, majoring in ecology, and plans to study for his Master's in wildlife management in 2023.

The education award went to former Westlake Boys' High School student Jae Jun Kim, now a junior barrister who also gives his time to Youthline, Auckland Community Law Centre, and the Empower Youth NZ programme. Violinist Christine Haeun Lee, a former Westlake Girls' High School student, who is studying in Germany, received the music award.

Other winners were Zoe White (arts), Murdoch Thomson (innovation) and Alicia Hoskin (sport). Musician David Paligora won the Judges' Special Award, and soprano Tayla Alexander the Ross Finlayson Award for strong leadership qualities.

Briefs

Health staff call strike

Healthcare staff including dietitians, pharmacy technicians and social workers have voted to strike this month. The workers, who picketed North Shore Hospital last month, want better pay and conditions and more staff employed. Public Service Association members have now voted to work to rule (only their allotted hours and taking all breaks), from 9-20 May and to strike on Monday 16 May. Union organiser Will Matthews said although some progress had been made in negotiations, it was not enough. "We're at the point where nothing else can be done without the Government authorising the DHBs to make a better offer."

Smales adds roading

Work under way at Smales Farm is in preparation for future development, not imminent construction. "We are just adding to our roading network and site-wide infrastructure," David Smale told the Observer. Development of a further commercial building was on hold for now, he added. The site is zoned for multi-level apartments and offices.

Wood thrown onto road

Police said they would speak to a man who threw timber onto Esmonde Rd hitting two cars about 6.20am last Tuesday. Local residents suggested a connection with a house they say has been linked to previous issues. "No serious damage has been reported and we will be speaking to the individual involved," a police spokesperson said.

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Health problems inspire teens' winning tech entry



Joint project... Westlake Girls High students Sumi Wang, Estelle Fernandez and Shreeji Patel won a national technology competition with their graphic novel and augmented-reality video

Seeing her cousin go through Crohn's disease – and how people treated her differently because of her illness – inspired Estelle Fernandez and her friends to create the winning entry in a national tech challenge for high school students.

Estelle, 15, Shreeji Patel, 14, and Sumi Wang, 14, won the Tahiri Rua Toru Tech Challenge with their graphic novel and augmented-reality video which aims to increase understanding of invisible disabilities.

The Westlake Girls High School students would now like to get their book into school and public libraries.

Estelle's cousin was around nine years

old when diagnosed with Crohn's disease, a bowel condition which causes symptoms including abdominal pain, diarrhea, fatigue and malnutrition.

"I've seen her go through everything and seen first-hand how she started to be treated differently when she was diagnosed," Estelle said.

Her cousin even lost a few friends because people thought she would give the disease to them, she said.

"It's not contagious. It's not all this horrible stereotypical bad stuff."

The graphic novel, *Colours at the End of the Rainbow*, introduces cartoon kids with

conditions like Crohn's, ADHD, bipolar disorder, fibromyalgia and diabetes, and illustrates how they feel when people make fun of them.

A QR code is then used to link to the Overly app, which plays a video overlaying the original page.

Sumi said she created an animation to show how the characters feel when people understand their invisible disability.

The trio say it took them a few months from brainstorming to the final product. Their book also has health information on each disorder and ways to help people with the conditions.

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You're next for this – resident

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"This could happen to you folks as well" – that's Max Whitehead's warning to other North Shore residents.

His single-storey family home in Forrest Hill is being sandwiched between fast-rising three-storey developments.

To one side of his house, seven terrace house units are being built. On the other side, he recently learned, 12 more are planned.

Whitehead says the home on William Souter St he has lived in for nearly 20 years will lose morning sun. "I bought my home because it faced north, it's going to be in a tunnel soon."

When the Observer visited, the road, which runs off East Coast Rd, was coned off just around the corner from his house to allow for yet more building. A real estate agent has told him another 12-unit development is going up on a large section a few doors along. A few more houses down, another home is on a large section is being sold.

"The parking in the street is already impossible," Whitehead said. Instead of having two people next door it was likely there would be at least 14 on one side and more again on the other property.

"It's all the utilities, all the parking, waste, traffic... it's going to cause significant pressure."

He worries Auckland Council is not taking the looming pressure on infrastructure seriously enough and that the public, unless directly affected, is apathetic.

Whitehead took his concerns that quiet suburbs were being changed dramatically to the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board's community forum last month.

The employment-law consultant, who works from home, said he wanted to emphasise to elected members why he thinks they should speak out on proposed Auckland Unitary Plan (AUP) changes, which will make intensification even easier than that he already sees happening.

"When we're going to see six-storey buildings going up, it's going to get worse."

Board member George Wood, whose home is further down the same Forrest Hill valley, said he could face this greater intensification, given the area was now zoned for terrace housing and apartment building. He pointed to \$2 million-plus prices being paid by developers for land in Sunnynook. Member Jan O'Connor said the new housing legislation would exacerbate this.

Board chair Ruth Jackson said intensification was already obvious in Auckland, but the looming changes were "pushing it over the top".

Whitehead won't face six-storeys on his street, but he told the Observer he thinks many people don't realise how many homes can already be built next to them. In his area, to be zoned for three three-storey houses as of right, it's clearly not that hard to get many more dwellings approved.

On the need for more housing, Whitehead pointed to the nearby Pupuke Golf Course. He



New neighbours... Max Whitehead outside the development next to his home that will grow by another level

loves his morning walks across its near-empty fairways, but says: "Thousands of people could live there and we've got five golf courses on the North Shore"

Spoiling leafy streets where people already live happily does not add up, he said. He points out his once quiet area is not elite and has not in the past attracted huge prices, but it does have the appeal of the double Westlake zoning and good connections. "It's a nice comfortable suburb."

Sections near his have sold for \$2.5m and \$2.46m. He too has thought of selling, but along with partner Maree Saunders and their 21-year-old daughter, Paris, it's been their loved family home – until now.

End of the Golden Weather: North Shore ambience under threat

The ambience of suburbs needs to be considered in housing intensification changes, says seniors advocate Bill Rayner.

"In Takapuna buildings of up to 10 storeys will be allowed and it will affect how people will enjoy the beaches... the changes are likely to destroy the ambience of the whole North Shore," he warned.

The Milford Residents Association shares this concern, pointing to the likes of pohutukawa-lined Minnehaha Ave and O'Neills Ave off Hurstmere Rd as having a special character that could be lost. These streets are "iconic" and their overall streetscape should be retained for future generations, the association has submitted to Auckland Council.

Rayner, spokesman for North Shore Grey Power, says debate about special character areas in the council's proposed Auckland Unitary Plan (AUP) revision should be about more than houses. The changes forced by a housing-enabling law, rushed through Parliament last December and supported by both the National and Labour parties, impacted widely, he said.

Rayner was speaking at a community meeting held in Devonport last month, where the focus was largely on heritage. His concerns echo those of people outside the immediate Devonport area, where overlays based on historic character remain, allowing single-houses of no more than two-storeys per section, rather than the three-storey, three-unit standard that will apply as of right across the city.

Along the northern beaches, this promises to change the low-rise seaside character enjoyed by both residents and visitors. And as can be seen in areas such as Forrest Hill, Sunnynook and Hauraki, developers are already able to obtain permission under the existing Auckland Unitary Plan to build more than three units on many suburban sections. This will become easier when boundary distances are relaxed under the enforced plan changes.

Takapuna is further impacted being a metropolitan centre, where high-rises are allowed on side streets leading down to the beach which are part of the centre's expanded terrace housing and apartment buildings (THAB) zone, where blocks of six storeys can be built. Only beachfront homes remain as single-house sections, given they are in the coastal zone. Those immediately behind can rise higher.

A smaller THAB zone beyond Milford's immediate town centre also allows developers to build beyond three storeys to a maximum of six, but it does not extend down to the coast. Castor Bay and northern beaches have heights capped at three-storeys.

• Feedback on the planned changes closed last Monday 9 May. Auckland Council will now consider the feedback before nothing changes to the Auckland Unitary in August. Then it will call for submissions.

Two six-storey blocks planned for Barrys Point Rd site

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It fits well with Auckland Council moves to intensify around the Takapuna metropolitan centre and Northern busway stations, however.

The application has been made in the name of Eden Two T3 Development, a registered limited partnership company with an address in Epsom. "The proposed development will make efficient use of the existing [Business] mixed-use zoned site to create modern dwellings that contribute to Auckland's housing supply," it says.

The application says the rear site will be cleared to build two detached towers, with a courtyard area between them. Block A will consist of 24 two-bedroom units and Block B will have 53 two-bedroom and 25 one-bedroom units. Every unit will have a deck.

A total of 46 on-site car-parks will be provided, along with a fenced space for 108 bicycle parks and landscaping.

"The site is considered to present an opportunity for take-up of alternative transport modes to private vehicles due to proximity with public transport lines and walking distance to Takapuna metropolitan centre and several schools."

A peak of 41-51 vehicle trips per hour was expected, which Barrys Pt Rd could cope with, the application stated.



Density... the blocks planned for Barrys Point Rd will contain 102 residential units

The land use consent being sought is over-height for the zone, but the applicant said its assessment of this and several other small infringements of the applicable development standards concluded any adverse actual or potential environmental effects would be less than minor. It was consistent with the Auckland Unitary Plan, the application to council said.

A five-storey, three-building apartment complex already exists just north-west, at 130 Anzac St, bordering Fred Thomas Dr.

"This site is an example of a high-density

residential activity in the immediate area," the applicants noted.

Land on the other side of Barrys Pt Rd is part of the terrace housing and apartment building (THAB) zone.

Council planners will determine whether to grant permission and what conditions should apply.

An overlay for Defence purposes applies to the area, with an airspace designation as an approach path to Whenuapai air base, but the applicant said this did not present a consent issue.

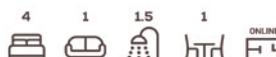


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Retirement-village site receives Maori blessing

A ceremony has been held to bless the almost 7000sq m site of the five-storey retirement village that will overlook Lake Pupuke.

The Ryman Healthcare development on the site of the old Takapuna fire station property off Killarney St is about to progress from preparatory earthworks to the upgrading of public stormwater drainage, then readying for the building of the basement.

Ngāti Whātua o Ōrākei representatives performed karakia to acknowledge those who had gone before and calling for protection for builders and those who will live at the village.

Expected to be completed in 2024, it will comprise 89 apartments – 59 independent living and 30 assisted-living suites – along with amenities, including a movie theatre, hair and beauty salons, a bar and a cafe.

The basement will have 76 car parking spaces. By Ryman standards it is considered a boutique development.

Ngāti Whātua’s Matt Maihi said the ceremony late last month also expressed support to the whenua and community.

“We feel that, spiritually, we are all connected, and we wish you all the best with what you do,” he said. “It doesn’t matter what your beliefs are, this is just all about a good spiritual feeling and outcome for everyone.”



Blessing... Members of the Ryman Healthcare team look on as (from left) Wyllis Maihi, Connie Maihi and Matt Maihi from Ngāti Whātua o Ōrākei conduct a karakia

Ryman Healthcare’s corporate affairs manager, David King, said the karakia meant a lot to the team and its builders.

“The village will be a great place to live, and a source of great comfort to people needing care.”

The site, including two adjoining properties Ryman purchased, fronts onto Killarney

St and looks back across Killarney Park to the lake, with a side vehicle entrance from Antis Pl.

The village is yet to be named with Ryman typically choosing to name its properties for an outstanding New Zealander with local connections. Its cost was put at \$120 million when the project was announced in 2020.

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Teen cyclist chases his pro-rider dreams

Seventeen-year-old Westlake Boys High cyclist Lewis Bower has headed to Europe to chase his dream of riding professionally.

Lewis left for Belgium late last month for three months of racing for the Lead Out Cycling Academy team. The final-year student from Devonport will continue his studies while in Europe.

Already training 15 hours a week, he is aiming for some road-racing results to catch the eye of the professional racing teams.

Even a place in the lower ranks of professional cycling would provide him with a bike and accommodation, and the frequent racing unavailable at home.

"In New Zealand, you can play rugby every weekend, but with cycling there's maybe one race on every month."

He plans to race at the Junior World Road Racing Championships in Australia in September.

He has been race riding since Year 7 at school. He also played football, but has focused on cycling since the start of last year.

In November 2021, Lewis was named male Young Sportsman of the Year by College Sport Auckland.

His first national title was in the U19 Criterium at the New Zealand National Championships in November 2020.

Before he left for Europe, Lewis raced once again in the national championships, winning the U19 time trial and coming fifth in the road race.

Lewis enjoys the travel involved in his chosen sport.

"With cycling you're always finding new roads and exploring new parts of New Zealand. It's also another way to travel the world," he says.

He's also got a taste for the speed of racing. "I just love the thrill of going fast."



Going for it... Lewis Bower hopes to catch the eye of professional cycling teams in Europe

Lewis received a \$3000 grant as part of the North Harbour Club and Charitable Trust AIMES awards for young achievers, which has funded his flights. He is being

billeted with a host family, but needs to pay insurance, entry fees and living costs.

He hopes a local business may offer sponsorship.

Local rowers picked

Two students from Westlake Girls High School, Phoebe Dobson and Sophie Dykgraaf, were recently picked in the 12-strong under-18 girls' North Island team to race the South. Alex Logan from Westlake Boys made the boys' lineup.

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Fancy a wild night out?

Calling all nature hunters: a local environmental group wants to take you on a night-time expedition.

Pupuke Birdsong plans a busy month of green events ranging from weeding to explorations that include night-time guided nature walks.

One is at Lyford Reserve on 21 May at 7pm and another will be held at Kitchener Reserve at the end of Pierce Rd, on 4 June at 7.30, with the potential to add more if there is a demand.

"They are to see another side of nature," Pupuke Birdsong manager Tabitha Becroft said. "The aim is to get people really interested in things they don't always see."

The Kitchener Reserve walk will go along the edge of Lake Pupuke, with the aims of seeing eels, pest fish, spiders and hopefully weta, and hearing the distinctive call of the ruru (morepork). "It's to kind of get people excited again about what we have in the natu-

ral spaces we do have." Those interested can register through the group's Facebook page.

Tree planting is also coming up at Sylvan Park and Brian Byrnes Reserve, along with weeding days.

A community hui at Milford Kindergarten is set for 25 May to discuss the Lake Pupuke Puriri Forest which has an important role in the ecosystem.

"That type of ecosystem would have covered a lot of the area surrounding Lake Pupuke," Becroft said. "It's also one of the only places in the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board [area] where we have original trees."

Pupuke Birdsong also lends traps, and is also offering free bait stations with a month's worth of bait to encourage more backyard trappers.

"In terms of the bigger picture of climate change, this is the first step of making changes for people," Becroft said. "If you care then you can make changes."



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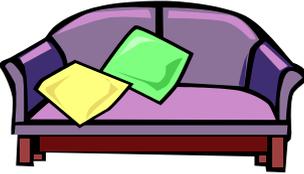
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Matriarch... The nursing work of obstetrics matron Eliza (Elvie) Cargo (above left) was honoured with the unveiling of a plaque at North Shore Hospital, attended by her grandson Steven Bell and former colleagues, including June Orrell (left) and Brenda Vujcich

Plaque honouring first matron given new location

The first matron of North Shore Obstetric Hospital has been remembered after a plaque given to her by her colleagues was rediscovered.

Eliza Cargo, who was known as Elvie, died in 1976, but her grandson Steven Bell and two former colleagues, June Orrell and Brenda Vujcich, were on hand to see the plaque honouring her re-unveiled last month. It was first put up almost 60 years ago, but appeared to be grown over by vegetation until it was rediscovered by a contractor during demolition work as part of the North Shore Hospital upgrade.

“I think [it’s] really awesome that the contractor who discovered it thought to care for it,” Bell said after unveiling the plaque.

He said the best part about it was that the plaque had been produced by her colleagues. “It wasn’t put up by a political decision. It was put up because of the level of respect held for her by her colleagues.”

Cargo, born in 1909, completed her nursing training at Auckland Hospital around 1937. She served with the New Zealand Army Nursing Service in Italy, Egypt and New Caledonia during World War II and with J Force in Japan after the war.

After her military service, she was in charge of the Devonport Obstetric Hospital for nearly seven years. When the North Shore Obstetric Hospital opened in 1958, Cargo became its matron, a role she held until 1964, overseeing many young nurses in the process.

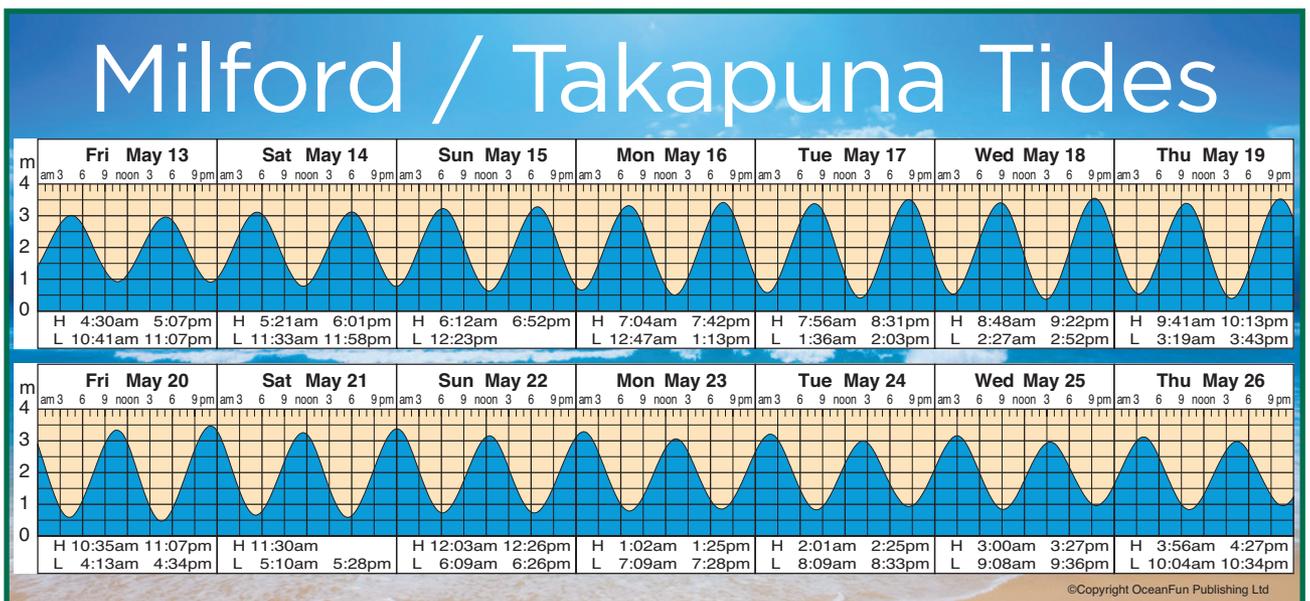
Brenda Vujcich was among them. “She influenced us greatly in our early training and was a very efficient and gracious sister who we all admired,” she said. “I remember her so well because she had a big influence on us.

“She was very very lovely with us.”

The hospital at that time had a grand total of 44 beds, including six casualty beds. More complex cases were sent to Greenhithe. The original block Cargo worked in was demolished last year to make way for construction of Tōtara Haumarū – a new four-storey building due to open in 2023.

Cargo’s plaque sits in the garden outside the Whenua Pupuke Building.

Later in life, Cargo lived at Howick where she died in 1976.





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WHAT'S ON @ Takapuna Library

NZ MUSIC MONTH

Takapuna Library is hosting a screen-based exhibition of live music photography by a collective of photographers called *FromThePit*. Founded in 2019, *FromThePit* is an annual curated exhibition of images of New Zealand musicians playing live in New Zealand. It is a celebration of the craft and art of live music photography.

We also have a selection of beautiful musical instruments and books on display.

RHYMETIME ON ZOOM

We will be continuing with Rhymetime over Zoom on Wednesday mornings at 10.00am alongside Birkenhead Library Te Whare Mātauranga o Te Onewa- Northcote Library and Devonport Library.

Rhymetime sessions include songs, movement and finger rhymes suitable for ages 18 months to three years.

RhymeTime on Wednesday 11th May will include some NZSL to celebrate and participate in New Zealand Sign Language Week!

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Tunesmiths get chance to win studio time

Aspiring young songwriters are in with the chance to record their work in a professional studio. The Depot Artspace and Sound Studio in Devonport is running a competition during Music Month this May that is open to all North Shore intermediate and secondary students.

Studio manager Noah Page hopes entries will exceed the 60 received last year, the first time the competition was held. Page will join a panel of industry experts and last year's senior winner, Freya, to pick the top two in each age group. Winners get a day in the Depot studio and second-place gets a half-day.

Sound engineer Neil Baldock, who con-

ceived the competition last year, will also lend his ear to the judging. Baldock, who ran the studio for a time, is now a freelancer.

Page says the studio has bounced back to being busy again, post-lockdowns.

Page got his own start in the industry through a Music Commission internship, fresh out of high school in Hamilton. He says this helps him understand others starting out and looking to record for the first time. "We put this together [the competition] so they don't have to worry so much about how much it's costing."

Results will be announced in June. Entry details are on the Depot's website.

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Open Evening 2023 Enrolments

Families of prospective students in 2023 are invited to attend the evening, to look around the school and receive information on the enrolment process.

The evening will be held on Thursday 26th May, in the College Hall starting at 4:00 pm, (please see our website www.carmel.school.nz for more detail).

If you are unable to attend or would like further information, please read the enrolment information posted on the website, call 486 1132 ext 704 or email admin@carmel.school.nz



Lake House pops up with new exhibition option



Recovery is the theme at the Lake House Arts Centre in Takapuna as the creative world emerges from two years of pandemic restrictions.

A new pop-up gallery for artists to exhibit and sell their work, and the return of the O’Neills Library room from a shop to a gathering space, are among the new projects at the centre, manager Grae Burton said.

Last weekend, an open day was held to welcome people back after the lifting of gathering limits. “It’s a big reset for us,” Burton said

The sale of art has nosedived over the pandemic. The Lake House has just completed its Great Art Sale, where artists could bring in their work to sell commission-free, but sales were down about 50 per cent on the previous event.

The new pop-up gallery allows artists to hold their own events, with wall space to hang art, tables to display any 3D work, and a projector for audiovisual capability.

Artists have access to the gallery from Friday to Sunday, including after-hours and the Lake House helps with sales. This compared to artists paying to hire a space for two to three weeks while not generating any income. “Most art sales happen at opening or exhibition events.”

In another refresh, the exterior of the Lake House building is being painted.

Also coming up is outdoor sculpture exhibition Tipua, on Hurstmere Rd, Takapuna, on 21 and 22 May, with the support of the Takapuna Beach Business Association.

*Those wishing to use the new pop-up gallery should contact art director Hannah Berry on arts@lakehousearts.org.nz.

Welcome back... Manager Grae Burton at the Lake House Arts Centre

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