North Shore Times

Trains on track for Shore

TOM DILLANE

Transport agencies expect to select a preferred mode of rail line through the North Shore this year.

A joint statement from Auckland Transport (AT) and the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) says a decision on upgrading Auckland's Northern Busway should be made in 2017 - and it will be rail, not more buses.

A time frame on when this rail upgrade will occur has not been set.

"It is expected that progress on the selection of a preferred rail mode will be made this year, followed by further work on the likely alignment and timing," AT and NZTA said.

"This work is identifying the potential rail modes that may be considered in the long term.

"This investigation is considering both light rail and heavy rail, as well as variations using both."

The decision on rail comes in response to recent AT projections the Northern Busway will reach its capacity in 2026 - 20 years earlier than originally expected.

In AT's September 2016 North Shore Rapid Transit Network (RTN) strategic case, it projects, by 2026, increased patronage on the Northern Busway will "manifest in overcapacity conditions" at Albany, Sunnynook and Akoranga bus stations.

However, the joint AT/NZTA statement insists no "definitive date" is known when the busway will be full, but planning for a "post-busway system" was under way.

"When the busway opened, this [its capacity] had been expected to be beyond 2046 but, following greater than anticipated customer growth, the North Shore RTN study highlighted the busway will come under increasing pressure earlier."

Interim improvements to the busway before rail could include: lengthening bus station platforms, improving ticketing technologies, and creating a new operating centre to better manage bus flow.

Green Party transport spokesperson Julie Anne Genter says North Shore rail still needs financial backing from the National Government to happen.

"It's great news for the rail to the Shore campaign that AT clearly identified there will be rail developed to the Shore but, without commitment from central Government for funding and a time frame, there's still a huge risk it won't be started in time," Genter says.

Auckland Transport media relations manager Mark Hannan stresses any rail upgrade to the Northern Busway can not occur before the Additional Waitemata Harbour Crossing is built, which is projected anywhere from 2030 to 2048

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FROM THE EDITOR

I was really moved this week by the Wellington College boys who went along to support the girls in their protest against rape culture. Rape is not about sex, it's about violence, power and hate. It's very very disturbing some school-age boys have this kind of hatred of women. The Roast Busters case in 2013 brought these types of attacks into the public arena. Since then, reports from across the country suggest these attitudes are widespread, especially at boys' schools. The impact on the young victims is huge and will affect the rest of their lives. It shows us misogyny is still an issue in this country. Further, the pressures on young people are unprecedented. Parents and schools need to have those really difficult conversations about consent, respect, alcohol, social media and pornography. I don't envy them. Most parents would wish these weren't issues teens had to deal with. However, this week's protest sent a message young woman want us to have those conversations. - Jodi Yeats

1. PRINCESS ACADEMY

An interactive musical show for girls ages 3 to 8 years old. March 18, from 11am till noon, Windsor Park Baptist Church, Mairangi Bay. Cost \$20. Contact 021 062 6295.

2. ST PATRICK'S DAY

Join in the St Patrick's Day celebrations at one of the many events in the North Shore. See What's On for more information.

3. CHOOKAS

West End favourites played by Auckland Wind Orchestra, including Phantom of the Opera and Les Miserables. All ages. March 19, from 2pm till 4.30pm at Holy Trinity Church, Devonport. Cost \$10.

4. OUTDOOR MUSIC

Bring a rug and a picnic to Music in the Gardens, a live, outdoor music event as a part of celebrating communities. All ages welcome. March 17, from 5.30pm till 7.30pm at Opaketai Beach Haven Gardens, Beach Haven.

5. TEENAGE DRIVING

For parents worried about their teenagers driving. R15. March 20, from 6pm at Event Cinemas, Albany. Admission free.

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Appeal lodged over daycare

ZIZI SPARKS

Residents of a beachside suburb are continuing the fight against the creation of a large daycare in the area.

Auckland Council has granted the owner of a former church in Campbells Bay consent to turn the building into a daycare to accommodate up to 150 children.

Consent was granted in late 2016, and the Campbells Bay Community Preservation Society has appealed aspects of the decision in the Environment Court.

Society president Chris Davis says the main concerns relate to the conditions imposed on the approval of the consent, which were not as extensive as the society hoped.

"The decision was obviously, to us, disappointing," Davis said, at a meeting of society members on March 9.

Davis said, since the application was approved, the society has sought formal and informal advice from barristers specialising in town planning matters, town planners and traffic experts. The society has enlisted the help of a barrister, acting probono, and is focusing the appeal on issues around traffic movement and control, pedestrian safety, and the use of public land for car parking.

"They try mediate it amongst

The Campbells Bay community is appealling parts of a decision to turn this former church into a daycare.

themselves to come to an agreed compromise," Davis said. "If that's not successful, then the parties need to decide whether to proceed to the Environment Court hearing."

At the community meeting, it was unanimously decided the society would proceed on that basis. The developer of the property did not want to comment on the appeal.

THE STORY SO FAR

2013: Church declared structurally unsound. Cost of earthquake-proofing too much for the parish.

May 2015: Former church sold for \$3.35 million.

February 2016: Plans for a daycare opposed by residents concerned over loss of bush, traffic chaos, and lack of car parking and demand.

March 2016: Application for resource consent notified.

May 2016: Resource consent submissions close with 227 in opposition, one in support.

October 2016: Consent hearings held over three days. Fifty submitters speak.

December 2016: Consent granted in subject to 50 conditions March 2017: Appeal lodged in

FUNNY PET PHOTOS

The North Shore Times is running a competition to find the funniest pet photo. The best photo shared with us before March 24 will win a \$50 Prezzy card, thanks to Pet Funders. Share your photos on social media by using #shorepets and tag us in: on Facebook North Shore Times, on Twitter @Shoretimes, on Instagram northshore_times or find the North Shore Times page on Neighbourly.co.nz. Alternatively you could email to nsnews@snl.co.nz. Tell us who took the photo, where on the Shore you live and the name of your pet.

INDOOR FIRES

Public consultation has started on a draft bylaw that sets out rules for how Aucklanders can use their indoor domestic fires. The Draft Air Quality Bylaw will establish rules for indoor fire, which were in a regional plan that has expired. To read the draft bylaw and make a submission, visit shapeauckland.co.nz. Submissions close March 27 and public hearings will take place in April. The bylaw is intended to be in place for winter 2017.

NEW DEVONPORT FERRY

Fullers is adding a fully computerised ferry to its their Devonport service. It is leasing the Australian Capricornian Surfer from Australia for two years to relieve pressure on the 30-year-old Kea. Fullers will also evaluate the suitability of the alternative propulsion technology for Kea's eventual replacement. The new ferry starts within a couple of weeks.

COMMUNITY FUNDING

Community groups have until March 31 to apply for a financial grant from the Fonterra Grassroots Fund. Last year, Awatuna Sea Scouts in Browns Bay and Chelsea Pony Club in Birkenhead were among schools, surf lifesaving groups, volunteer fire brigades and others who benefited. The grants of \$500 to \$5000 are divided into three categories: Bringing communities together; Caring for our environment; and Making our communities safer. To apply for a grant, go to facebook.com/ FonterraGrassRoots.

Stunned by generosity of public

ZIZI SPARKS

Koen Aldershof was sick of his long hair but didn't want to cut it without a good reason.

Cancer is a cause close to the 20-year-old's heart, because his mother died of breast cancer in 2010. So, he thought he would shave his head for a cause.

Although he shaved before the official Shave for a Cure period from March 20 to 26, Aldershof intends to continue fundraising as long as he can.

Aldershof went to the Browns Bay Market on March 5 and invited passers-by to cut a piece of his beard or hair for a donation.

So far, he has raised more than \$700, of which \$300 came from the Browns Bay Market. "I was really stunned by how many generous people would just donate and not cut my hair. I had the idea anyone who makes a donation could cut a bit of hair off," Aldershof says.

"There was this one guy I didn't know at all. He chucked in \$50 and then just ran off. That's the most generous thing."

The Browns Bay resident had been growing his hair since 2014 and says, since the chop, he's been living in beanies and caps.

Shave for a Cure is Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand's signature fundraising event. This year, more than 750 people have signed up for the shave and registrations are still open.

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Koen Aldershof participated in Shave for a Cure. He invited anyone at the Browns Bay Market to donate and chop.

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Takapuna toilet block vomit-worthy

TOM DILLANE

A visit to a million-dollar playground shouldn't end using a toilet block that makes your child almost vomit.

That's how parents are describing the public toilets next to the Takapuna Beach playground.

Since opening in August last year, the Takapuna Beach playground has been hugely popular, with hundreds of children visiting it daily.

But what people are not so keen on is the condition of a toilet block situated directly next to the playground built sometime in the early 1990s.

North Shore residents were asked their thoughts of the toilet cleanliness block's Neighbourly.co.nz and responses were universally damning.

"I literally feel like rubbing hand sanitiser from my face to my feet whenever I've had to use it, let alone my toddler who of course insists on touching doors/walls/ etc," Birkdale resident Kristy Pala wrote.

"Took my daughter in there the other day and it was so disgusting-dirty and very smelly! My daughter almost vomited at the stink :-(" Hauraki resident Jillian Goodman wrote.

"This toilet block has been substandard, unclean and badly maintained and cleaned for years. It's an embarrassment to Takapuna," Hauraki resident Annette Ashton wrote.

Auckland Council maintenance manager Paul Cliffe said the Takapuna Beach toilet block is cleaned twice a day, every day.

'As well as the scheduled cleaning, critical calls received regarding health and safety issues are dealt with within one hour of receiving the call," Cliffe said.

Cliffe said the toilet block was built during the early 1990s and structural renovations had been completed in the past three years.

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board deputy chair George Wood said Auckland Council has a poor track record of maintaining public toilets in the area.

'It's appalling that those facilities have been let go, and we've been asking for an upgrade and sprucing up," Wood said.
"The place inside absolutely

stinks and it needs a good clean up. I think we need to look at the maintenance of the thing. That is, does really need to be rebuilt or replaced?"

Options for renewal of the toilet block will be tabled with the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board later this year.

Shower facilities at the Takapuna Beach toilet block are hardly pristine, but Auckland Council claims they are cleaned twice a day, every day.

Just a few metres from the new Takapuna Beach playground is the over 20-year-old toilet block. TOM DILLANE/FAIRFAX NZ

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Home builder claims delays cost \$100K

SIMON MAUDE

A home builder claims he has been stung an estimated \$100,000 by Auckland Council delays.

Brendan Gray says the delays on his Castor Bay construction site are symptomatic of an "inefficient, unhelpful" council.

Gray started work on his fivebedroom, 280sqm family home last year, but matters came to a head late February when he was told a building inspector couldn't visit his work site for five days.

Earlier, anticipating the council would meet its own promised inspection window of one working day, Gray called in an expensive, in-demand piling contractor and machinery.

The quantity surveyor estimates the five-day wait cost him \$3000 to \$4000, while other delays cost another \$96,000.

"I had this piler on site on Wednesday getting the site ready, he wanted to crack into it on Thursday, but council had to sign off," he says.

"Two days [wait] is bad, five

"Two days [wait] is bad, five days is ridiculous. [Auckland Council is] the most inefficient and unhelpful organisation."

Since starting his build, Gray says he has racked up hours repeatedly trying to get past the council's main telephone number - the only one it will supply - to talk with building staff to try and solve a litany of issues.

"I would guess, so far, council issues, delays and incompetence have cost me \$15,000 to \$20,000 for resource consent redesign, \$65,000 for road stability issues, \$3000 to \$4000 for piling delays," one of Gray's emails to the council reads

"All up we are at nearly

\$100,000 extra cost that should not have been incurred."

He regrets embarking on the Castor Bay build.

Auckland Council building control general manager Ian McCormick says the council "sincerely apologises" to Gray for his experience.

"We have taken steps to ensure the issues are not repeated," he says. "We hope to meet with Mr Gray as soon as possible to case manage his project and make sure there are no more inspection

delays."

McCormick acknowledges the consenting process "can be chal-

lenging".

Council does "its best" to book inspections within one working day, but in circumstances like bad weather or heavy bookings, inspections can be "pushed out to five days", he says.

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McCormick says.

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best to attend inspections

The council is now working to streamline its consenting process.

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MISSING PAPERS AT LIBRARY

The local library has always been a vital focal point for any community, certainly an electronic device can access any printed record current or historical but it is essentially single focus and can never replicate being in a library, reference or otherwise. The restructuring of libraries referred to in a previous letter appears to be part of a plan to divert funds allocated to somewhere else; where exactly appears to be a grey area. Takapuna is fortunate in having a very fine well laid out building, used extensively by students and has very good reference and fiction sections. Also a very large section devoted to magazines with reading desks for newspapers, again a wide selection of NZ and overseas weekly papers. It is here that the first signs of the restructuring has appeared; this month copies of many if these, I give a few noticed so far, the *Times of London, New* York Times, Guardian, Straits Times, all world renowned for their editorials and other commentaries and general

excellent content, have been discontinued.

Peter Walsh Campbells Bay

COURTESY MIS-PLACED

Beach Haven to Birkenhead motorists enduring the snail pace down Onewa Road are contributing highly to the time it takes with their own good natured, but ridiculous courtesy extended to system beaters infiltrating the route, lower down Onewa Road, from side roads.

To avoid other slow motorway access routes, they originate from as far as Greenhithe.

The worst, Woodside Avenue, for example, has very few residents commuting at this time of day, but flows out one to one due to the mis-placed generosity and accommodation of drivers in the queue.

Several "poachers" get away with asserting entry to the lane quite aggressively, as of right. The bus drivers, on the other hand, maintain an excellent service, are awake to these practices and show no mercy to the cheats. Changing the bus/carpool lane to

Cost cutting at libraries.

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accommodate the very few T2 vehicles would not alleviate the problem, but probably just be enough extra cars to disrupt the bus timetables.

Peter Dodd Chatswood

TALKING HEALTH

Your recent article in the February 28 issue on headache cures reinforces that great old **GET IN TOUCH ONLINE**

"We need to be vigilant and not afraid to ask someone if they look suspicious"

Tanya Erceg, via Facebook

truism that "there is nothing new in the world".

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Let the wisdom that made the body, run the body from the inside out, not the outside in.

Dr Barry Rushton Chiropractor/college lecturer

ONLINE CHATTER

There have been reports of some parking lots being privatised in the bays, namely in Browns Bay and Mairangi Bay.

I support local businesses and want to use free parking facilities so that I can do that. Paid parking in these small shopping areas will put locals off.

Lyn Garrard from Torbay via Neighbourly

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User grief at HOP card site 'full of bugs'

TOM DILLANE

It's the most used payment card in New Zealand after Visa and Mastercard, but Auckland Transport (AT) admits many users are "unhappy" with its HOP cards.

In particular, the AT HOP website, which users say is unreliable in topping-up funds accurately and has constant bugs in its digital-interface.

To fix the situation, AT says it will be releasing an updated version of the HOP website mid-2017.

"We currently have a update under development which will help make the website clearer," AT media relations manager Mark Hannan said.

"We don't wish to downplay the issues some of our customers have had but it does need to be seen in the context of a hugely successful system with 90 per cent of journeys now using the card."

AT said there are more than one million HOP cards in issue, with an excess of 150 million transactions on them each year.

A small poll of 33 public transport users on Neighbourly.co.nz, had a 58 per cent disapproval rate with the AT HOP website.

North Shore residents' comments were particularly critical of how difficult the site was to navigate, and the level of callcentre customer service when a problem arose with topping up.

"Have had so many problems

with AT HOP's online portal. Full of bugs and appalling customer service when you try to sort it out. They certainly know that we haven't got an alternative, so treat their customers like fools," Rothesay Bay resident Alex Priestner wrote.

"We also had multiple issues

with that website, both at registering and when our daughter loses her card and we need to block it. I end up having to call them every time. It is one of the worst websites in terms of usability I've seen," Birkenhead resident Marie W. Persson wrote.

Another problem with AT HOP

cards raised by commuters was the delay in funds being attached to an AT HOP card once they have been deposited on the site.

The AT HOP website has a disclaimer if you top-up before 10pm, in 98 per cent of cases, the funds will be ready to use the next day.

But, the site also states it may

There are over one million AT HOP cards in circulation.

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take 72 hours for the funds to be deposited.

"We are looking at different options, but would recommend that customers use auto top-up, which means the credit is applied to their card when it is tagged on and has reached a set cash balance," Hannan said.



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Build and grow your business

Joy of nature walks

Shirner Kenny, 29, marketing and communications manager at Business North Harbour, lives in Browns Bay

How long have you lived here and where are you from?

Originally from Cape Town, South Africa. We moved to New Zealand 12 years ago and started off living in west Auckland but, after a year, we moved to the Shore.

Describe your neighbourhood.

Quiet. We live around the corner from a reserve with a pond and playground. It's good for a quick walk to get some fresh air.

What is your earliest memory of the Shore? Moving here 11 years ago, it did not look the way that it does now. We didn't have this many buildings, playgrounds or traffic! The Albany mall wasn't even built yet.

What are the greatest advantages to living

The lifestyle, the beaches and easy access to everything: I live 10 minutes away from work, shops and five minutes away from the beach.

Where is your favourite North Shore beach and why?

Long Bay is a favourite for family get togethers. We usually set up a picnic all day with our family with lawn games, barbecue and

Who is the person you admire the most and why?

My mum. She's such a warrior! She's been through so much in life and she always comes out stronger at the other end. She's taught myself and my sister to be resilient and considerate of others.

What do you like least about the Shore and how can we fix it?

The dreaded traffic.

I would like to see more people using alternative modes of transport, like e-bikes, scooters, carpooling etc. That way, we will clear up some traffic, more parking will be available

"Long Bay is a favourite ... we set up a picnic all day with lawn games, barbecue and swimming."

Shirner Kenny

and people will become more active!

Where is the best place to have a meal? The Merchant Bar & Kitchen. I love the view, the food, the service and the outdoor strip - during summer or winter - works best at sunset, as you have outdoor heaters.

What are you doing this weekend?

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Auckland Council has proposed its budget for the next financial year and they are looking for feedback from Aucklanders on a range of topics in it.

Up for debate are regional topics including rate rises, spending on transport, collaborating on homelessness, a visitor surcharge and a living wage policy for council staff, and local topics including funding for parks and community facilities proposed in your area.

Rates Levels

One area that continually concerns many Aucklanders is rates and how they might be increased. For the 2017/2018 financial year, the council is proposing three options - a 3.5% rates increase (that's around \$1.55 a week for an average-value residential property) would allow council to do more in the transport and infrastructure space. A 2.5% rate increase (around \$1.10 a week) would allow council to deliver on our current programme without cuts to services. Or there's a third option of a 2% increase (.90c per week) which may mean some cuts to services.

There's over 1.5 million people who call it home - if you're passionate about your city, now is the time to have your say on Auckland's direction for 2017/2018.

Tourism Promotion

The council is also asking for input on how they pay for tourism promotion. Currently they spend between \$20-\$30 million of general rates money each year on promoting major events and attracting more visitors. Their new proposal is a targeted rate on accommodation providers which could be passed on to visitors to this city. The money saved from promotion would be invested into much needed transport infrastructure which visitors and Aucklanders desperately need.

For Auckland Council to tackle the most

pressing demands in respect of housing and transport – at the same time promoting economic vitality and opportunity – they need Aucklanders' feedback to make sure they get it right.

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The lost art of sewing or modern art form?

LAINE MOGER

Sewing is a lost art to an entire generation, say contemporary seamstresses, who blame our throw-away society.

"Clothes made in China have almost made redundant the art of sewing," seamstress Lynn-Marie Young says.

"They used to be so expensive, so sewing was a practicality. But now you can pick and choose."

However, while she admits that the traditional need for sewing has dwindled, with this comes a new permission to push past the traditional boundaries of practicality and into creativity.

Young has been running her school, Sew Inspired, for six years, covering everything from hand sewing, craft, accessories and clothing.

Sew Inspired teaches specifically younger sewers, from ages 9 to 15 years-old and creativity is a feature of all classes. Young says her classes are almost always fully booked.

"I believe creativity is an integral part of our wellbeing," Young said.

"There is a different energy, when you are using your hands. That feeling when you make something from start to finish is inspiring and energetic, and I love the creativity that comes with kids."

Seamstress Corinne Graydon

Dolls and soft animal toys are just one of Sew Inspired's projects.

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owns Stitch'N Time, a clothing alteration store in Browns Bay and she too says she is always busy.

Both her and her employee Daniella Blundel share around 30 years experience and they have noticed a gap in knowledge.

"What we do, it is a skill," Graydon said.

"But we see the jobs that other people do at home and it's appalling. Some people can't sew a button on and that blows us away."

Graydon says imported clothing and people sewing cheaply

overseas is what has changed sewing in the modern age.

"When stuff was made in the 'old days', if the garment was not correct or out then it would be redone."

Now, if overseas imports are

faulty then they are sold for even less money and the quality is very poor, she said. However, in spite of all

recent changes Graydon said that the need for her store is never going to go away.

"I still enjoy sewing and there is a definite creative aspect to it," she says.

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Govt won't monitor Shore streams

LAINE MOGER

North Shore's streams and rivers are not required to meet any standard for human health and safety, according to an environmental organisation.

Forest & Bird has released a series of maps highlighting which streams and rivers are covered by the Government's newly announced "swimmable" water standards.

North Shore's map shows almost every stream and river is excluded from the new monitoring system, including Wairau Creek at Milford Beach.

Forest & Bird's chief executive Kevin Hague said only larger rivers, marked in blue on the map, must meet the proposed standards. "The rest, including the smaller rivers that flow into these larger rivers, are exempt from any standard."

The new "swimmable" reform targets waterways over 40 centimetres deep, the practical swimming depth determined by the policy. However, Hague argues, smaller streams are popular for children to play in, which places Kiwi families at an unacceptable risk of contracting illness.

Green Party followed Forest & Bird's announcement with a media release stating Nick Smith "cannot be trusted" to look after New Zealand's rivers and lakes.

Water spokesperson Catherine

Delahunty says New Zealand needs a new, genuine plan for swimmable, clean rivers.

Environment minister Nick Smith says the "swimmable" reform has set these targets because they need to be practical.

"It would be unworkable on a national scale to target the smaller streams of the size in the North Shore," Smith said.

He added that North Shore streams have "different dynamics", such as being marine environments or estuaries, therefore are not covered under the new freshwater reform.

However, this does not mean they have zero protection because of the National Policy Statement for freshwater management, Smith says.

Auckland Council's healthy waters strategy and resilience manager Andrew Chin says that, in general, to improve the water quality in North Shore's larger streams, the water quality in smaller streams that feed into them must be improved too.

BIRD

Lucas Creek is

the only North

Shore river to be

included in new reform.

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The National Policy Statement and the Auckland Unitary Plan cover all streams and rivers. Therefore Auckland Council will focus on all waterways, not just those over 40cm, he said.



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ST PATRICK'S DAY

Live music: Listen to traditional Celtic music from the Heartstrings Trio, acoustic quitar with Sasha Witten-Hannah, cello with Natarani and Bohdran drums and percussion from Alan McDonald. March 17, from 9.30pm till 12.30am at The Backyard, 31 Northcote Rd, Northcote.

Irish special: Guiness specials and live music this St Patrick's Day. March 17, from 4pm till midnight, The Good Home, 83 Birkenhead Ave. Admission free.

High tea: Join Bishop Patrick. March 17, from 1pm at Liston Hall. Cost \$20 per person. Contact rebecca.grbin@gmail.com or contact

021 398 278 to secure tickets.

GROUPS

Adult painting: Paint with a glass of

alcohol and let the creativity flow. Two hour acrylic canvas painting March 17, from 7.30pm till 9.30pm at The Commons, 21 Hurstmere Rd, Takapuna. Tickets \$65. Contact 021 081 88030.

Zonta: Group working for the advancement of women worldwide. This month we have presentation of year 12 leadership awards to wonderful young women in North Shore schools. March 20, from 6.30pm for the dinner meeting. Bookings essential. Contact Gail Pianta for details on 021 686 516.

FOR FAMILIES

Birthday celebrations: Pride of **Beach Haven Community Market** celebrates its tenth anniversary this St Patrick's Day. Chairman Neil Murphy extends a special welcome to all those who have been coming for the whole ten years. March 18, from 8am. Lunch is served at noon. Beach Haven hall, 336 Rangitira Rd, Beach Haven. Shared lunch and concert. Contact 09 480 8069. Market day: Face painting, Coffee Guy, Mr Whippy, sausage sizzle, cupcakes, beauty, cotton shop and many more stalls. March 18, from 9am till 1pm at ABC Glenfield, 26 Manuka Rd, Glenfield. Free.

Summer fun: A chance to meet other mums and dads in the community, while a van full of toys occupies preschoolers. March 20,

Pride of Beach Haven Community Market celebrates 10 years.

from 10am till noon at Jutland Rd Reserve, Hauraki. March 24, from 3.30pm till 6pm at Milford Reserve, Craig Rd. Contact 021 416 778 or roanna@takapunatrust.org.

SPORTS

Indoor basketball: Kick-start the weekend with a game of basketball. March 18, from 8am till 10am at AUT Sport & Fitness centre, Northcote. Two hours \$8. Door sales only. **Cancer prevention**: Healthcare professionals share knowledge regarding cancer, including how to prevent and manage cancer. In English with Chinese interpretation.

March 21, from 10.30am till 12.10pm at Glenfield Library.

ZIZI SPARKS

SHOWS

White Night: Auckland Arts Festival's night-time celebrations opens, White Night White Works, a ioint exhibition of works from invited Northart member artists and students from Hungry Creek Art & Craft School. Opening March 18, gallery is open 6pm to 10pm, Northart gallery.

WORKSHOPS

Poetry workshop: Guest poet Janet Charman speaks on

Events:

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discovering short forms of poetry. March 21, from 10am for 10.30 start. Northcote Point Senior Citizens Villa. 119 Queen St, Northcote. Entry Fee \$10. Visit iww.co.nz or phone O21 846 687.

Sausage making: Tutor Julie Craig takes participants through how to create both original and tried-andtrue recipes. A hands-on class, making Bratwurst Sausage. Cost \$60. March 19, from 1pm till 3pm at Kaipatiki Environment Project Centre. Contact admin@kaipatiki.org.nz or 09 482

Communication skills: This course provides delegates with the fundamental skills for effective interpersonal communication. The skills include listening, using nonverbal communication. presenting oneself and resolving interpersonal conflict. March 17, from 8.30am till 4.30pm at Aristotles North Shore, Link Drive and Sunnynook Rd, Wairau Valley. Contact 09 410 0545.

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What's On

MONDAYS

World Music: Come along and join in Argentinian dancing and singing. Monday afternoons from 1.15pm till 2.45pm at Albany Community House. Contact Jorgelina 022 309 7557. Gold coin donation.

Walking group: Keep fit and meet new friends. Meet on the veranda of Highbury House, Birkenhead. To join call Angela on 09 480 5279 or email admin@highburyhouse.org.nz. Senior singers: For anyone who

Senior singers: For anyone who enjoys singing, come along and join this friendly group, which is attached to 60s Up. Rehearsals during the day. Contact 09 445 9972 for more information.

Probus club: This group is proud of its friendly legacy with interesting monthly speakers and variety of gettogethers that includes movie trips, garden groups, coffee clubs and more. Contact Kath on 09 444 8573 for more information.

TUESDAYS

ESOL class: Beginners and intermediate levels. Tuesday afternoons, from 1.15pm till 2.45pm at Albany Community House. Contact Deirdre O21 127 7801. Cost \$5 donation.

Law clinic: Services include relationship property, domestic violence, child custody, wills, estate planning and administration,

enduring powers of attorney, protection of personal and property rights. Free clinic Monday morning from 9.30am till 11.30am. Glenfield Community Centre, Glenfield Rd and Bentley Ave, Glenfield.

Male choir: For those who want to sing in a male choir come along Tuesday nights from 7pm till 9pm at Senior Citizens Hall, Birkenhead. No audition required. Contact Ken Curnow 09 443 5354 or visit northshoremalechoir.nz.

WEDNESDAYS

Walking group: Enjoy the

company of others and a cup of tea while keeping fit. Weekly walks on a Wednesday morning from 9am at the foyer of the Sunnynook Community Centre. Walks will be cancelled for weather. Contact 09 410 4902.

Garden Club: This friendly group meets the first Wednesday of the month at 1pm in the Torbay Community Hall. New members welcome. Trading table, raffles, exhibit plants and produce from the garden. Guest speakers and regular bus trips to places of interest. Contact 09 473 0404.

ART AND FEMINISM

Mairangi Arts Centre hosts a Wikipedia Edit-a-thon, as a part of a global campaign to rebalance the representation of women on the internet and encourage female editorship. Manager Angela Suh said this event was a good way to encourage the centre's employees, artists and volunteers. Only 10 per cent of Wiki editors are female, which presents a strong gender bias in the the largest repository in the world, Suh says. Help restore the balance March 18 and 19, 10am till 2pm Mairangi Arts Centre. BYO laptop. Contact christine@mairangiarts.co.nz.

Shanti Niwas: A culturally appropriate programme for older people of Indian or South Asian origin. Wednesdays, from 10.30am till 12.30pm at Glenfield Community Centre, Mission Hall. For more contact Nilma or Naveed on 09 622

THURSDAYS

Indoor bowls: All welcome. Gold coin donation. Cup of tea/coffee provided. Thursdays from 1pm till 3.30pm at Sunnynook Community Centre.

Squash: Attend free social nights at

the Shepherds Park squash club situated at the end of Cresta Ave, Beach Haven. Thursday nights, children from 6pm till 7pm and adults from 7pm. Further information from paulcornish@xtra.co.nz or 027 437 9423.

FRIDAYS

Coffee group: Just come along and enjoy a cuppa. Friday mornings from 9.30am till 10.30am at Albany Community House. Gold coin donation.

Ukulele band: Friday mornings from 10.30am till noon at Albany Community House. Contact Barbara 021 1222 481. Cost \$5 donation.

Unfinished objects: Join any time, to finish those projects. Wi-fi available. Coffee and tea on hand. Fridays from 9am till 11.30am at Highbury House, Birkenhead. Cost \$20 per school term.

ALL WEEK

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The sport of gateball is off to a roaring start: the first New Zealand International Gateball tournament was held in Takapuna on February 18 and 19. Seven teams from Japan, Australia and New Zealand took part.

GATEBALL NZ

The garden at the Devonport Community House is restored thanks to the hard work of Bunnings team members and volunteers, including attendees of the Devonport Community creche. The volunteer day was held on February 24.

Janine Kruger gives the Salvation Army's Shane Healey some of the 1868 food cans collected by Resene's North Shore stores. RESEN Long Bay Regional Park was awarded an annual Green Flag by Auckland Council, representing a high quality of horticultural standards, cleanliness, sustainability and community involvement. ZIZI SPARKS/FAIRFAX NZ

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More building projects needed, say principals

ZIZI SPARKS

Principals are frustrated by a lack of long-term planning, as they face ever-increasing student numbers.

North Shore Principals' Association president Craig Holt says new buildings are at the top of the agenda.

"On the whole, the principals I talk to are all saying they are experiencing roll growth and will be over the next three to five years," Holt says.

The Ministry of Education has a number of building projects on the go across seven Shore high schools, two intermediates and 14 primaries.

However, there's still a high level of frustration around the strategic planning of when and where schools get new classroom spaces, Holt says.

"I think the ministry [of education] is doing the job they can with the resources they have. It seems to be we chase our tail in terms of planning for roll growth."

Holt says, his own school, Willow Park, doesn't have work planned, but it needs some.

North Shore Secondary Schools Principals' Association president and Long Bay College principal Russell Brooke says he expects population growth to affect his school around 2023.

"Long Bay Primary School is going up by 50 to 60 children every year and that's going to The main block at Takapuna Grammar School is being upgraded. Inset, Long Bay College principal Russell Brooke.

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follow through," Brooke says. "We're desperately trying to get the Ministry of Education to look ahead but their focus is on the next five years."

Associate Education Minister Nikki Kaye recently announced \$4 million to fix Long Bay College's leaky buildings, as well as the block damaged by fire on February 24.

Weather tightness is also being addressed at eight North Shore schools.

"People need to realise leaky building across New Zealand are as big as a natural disaster. It's its own disaster. It's a huge thing for the Government to try sort out," Brooke says. "There's about \$1.5 billion worth of leaky buildings. They're conflicted by trying to get things sorted out quickly and looking ahead."

The Ministry of Education's

head of the education infrastructure service, Kim Shannon, says the Shore building projects will ensure there are enough learning spaces for students and upgrade school buildings.

The total cost of building and repairs couldn't be provided by the ministry because this would "undermine commercial negotiations".

Classrooms upgraded and added

ZIZI SPARKS AND AMY BAKER

On the Shore, 11 schools are getting 46 new teaching spaces and 10 schools are having 51 teaching spaces upgraded or replaced, between them.

Figures include schools where property work has been announced or building is under way to add new teaching spaces to accommodate roll growth, or to upgrade or replace existing teaching spaces.

Chelsea, Milford and Sherwood schools are also having four non-teaching spaces, like libraries or staffrooms, added or

"Having the new classrooms will future-proof the school."

Peter Marshall, Greenhithe School

improved between them.

Birkenhead College has roof repairs under way and Takapuna Grammar School's main block is being redeveloped. Repair work is also under way at Rangitoto College.

Meanwhile, Greenhithe School principal Peter Marshall is optimistic with work on six new teaching spaces and six replacements expected to be completed by May.

Having the new classrooms will "future-proof" the school for any growth and give it the capacity to up its roll by around 100 students, Marshall says.

Years 4, 5, and 6 have already benefited from new classrooms built in 2011 and 2013 and the new classrooms will be for year 1 and 2 students meaning that all year levels in the school now have relatively new facilities.

The school roll expanded from around 400 to 600 students between 2008 and 2016.

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Mobile library helps children in Vietnam

AMY BAKER

History buff Hayley Morrison never thought she'd end up working in international devel-

24-year-old Massey masters student, along with her sister, Tamra Ewing, now heads up a literacy charity called Motorbike Book Club (MBC) - a mobile book library for village children in Vietnam.

As the name suggests, the books are transported on the back of a motorbike to places where books - let alone libraries are hard to come by.

"I'm passionate about education. I see the value in it - the power of literacy to really transform and open up children's worlds - and same with my sister," Hayley says.

Started a year ago, the library now has some 300 titles mostly picture books - which have been hand-translated from English to Vietnamese. It includes favourites such as *The* Very Hungry Caterpillar, We're Going On A Bear Hunt and the Spot series.

Expenses for the Motorbike Book Club are around \$300 NZD a month. Until recently Hayley and her sister used all kinds of fundraising methods, including bake sales, gardening and cleaning to get the programme off the ground.

Their latest stint however - a concert and poetry event, and Hayley's first trip to Vietnam in 2014, where she stayed in a volunteer house run by non-profit Hearts For Hue.

speaking at churches and schools - raised \$6000, a success that means they can now put their energy into expanding the programme.

Tamra has volunteered intermittently in Vietnam during the past decade at non-profit Hearts For Hue. While on a summer break from uni in 2014, Hayley visited her there.

The idea for the library came to the sisters when they were back in New Zealand and out to lunch at a Vietnamese restaurant, chatting about what they could do to help the children they'd worked with.

Currently assisting in two fishing villages, the programme is run remotely from New Zealand. Volunteers from Hearts For Hue do the work on the ground in Vietnam such as translating and transporting the books.

an undergrad, the Unsworth Heights resident says she initially thought she would become a history professor, but ended up taking an international development paper as an elective and "fell in love with it". Tamra is now studying fulltime to completing her Masters in International Development.

Have you future proofed your portfolio?

I am often asked to assess investment portfolios that were set up years ago and left to wallow, holding assets that in the current investment environment are no longer appropriate.

Without making occasional changes to the mix of investments held, or the amounts allocated to each investment class, a portfolio of investments may underperform given certain market conditions.

A growing portion of the research I read every day is focusing on technological and medical advances, including the next generation of cancer drugs, iPhones, laptops, apps, 3D printing, advances in cloud computing, or the next Big Thing - "Artificial Intelligence". Ten years ago, most investment portfolios would not have had shares in the companies that are bringing this technology to the world, mainly because many of these companies did not exist then. Just as my client's investment objectives change over time, the mix of investments held in an investment portfolio must also be regularly reviewed to ensure they suit the current investment environment. Some clients want to know if they are on track to meet their investment goals, while others want to chase the highest rate of return. Recognising that there are many and varied approaches to successful investing, I can create a plan to help my clients achieve their goals.

If you would like to have a no obligation meeting with me to discuss your investments, I would love to hear from you.

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17. Unedited (of a film) (5)

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6. Filled with envy (7)

or white flowers (6)

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- 8. Vessel on the 50c coin (9) 9. Scottish equivalent of NZ's 10. Dodge, avoid (4)
- 11. Defeat through better thinking (6)
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THE TOP 10

1. What is the full title of the award Willie Apiata received

2. When was The Pentagon built: 1940s, 50s or 60s? 3. In which film does Haley Joel Osmont say: 'I see dead 4. Which scientist turns into The Incredible Hulk? 5. Napoleon's last battle was at Waterloo. Which country is Waterloo in? 6. Which art movement began in Paris in the 1860s? 7. Who said: 'There were three of us in the marriage, so it got a bit crowded'? 8. Who was buried in 1901 with a plaster cast of her dead husband's hand? 9. The Olympic motto is Citius, Altius, Fortius. What do the words mean? 10. Which English adven-

world trip in 1577? NZ CROSSWORD

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17. Uncut, 19. April, 21. Bach. Clipper, 15. Shannon, 16. Stance, Exam, 4. Crocus, 5. Adapt, 6. Jeal-ous, 7. Urewera, 12. Viaduct, 13. Down: 1. Fiend, 2. Radical, 3. Container, 23. Exult, 24. Methanol. Update, 18. Kaka, 20. Pun, 22. Outwit, 13. Collie, 14. Crisis, 17. Endeavour, 9. Pal, 10. Duck, 11. Across: 1. Fervency, 7. Undue, 8.

TOP 10

Stronger, 10. Francis Drake. 8. Queen Victoria, 9. Faster, Higher, Impressionism, 7. Princess Diana, 4. Bruce Banner, 5. Belgium, 6. 2. 1940s, 3. The Sixth Sense, 1. Victoria Cross for New Zealand,

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New serviced apartments at Bert Sutcliffe Retirement Village

Newly settled resident Esma believes she made the right decision for her future when she moved into a serviced apartment in the Bert Sutcliffe Retirement Village.

Esma had been living happily in her townhouse in Albany, but decided that it was time to put something in place for when she gets older. She looked at the serviced apartments at Bert Sutcliffe and decided that the benefit of remaining free and largely independent while receiving help with meals, cleaning, linen and towels fitted her needs exactly.

"It gives you more peace of mind about coping with ordinary, everyday needs as you get older," Esma says. "I'm still very fit, although I have had a couple of falls. I've come for the peace of mind and the care facilities that are here if I needed them. I won't be contemplating moving anywhere else."

Esma enjoys the delicious meals served in the dining room at lunchtime, and has the basics to make her own breakfast and tea in the apartment.

"You can organise to have three meals a day provided if you want; there are different rates for different services."

She finds the apartment suits her needs, with its big lounge, en suite and heat pump air conditioning. She still drives her own car: "I'm very independent and can come and go as I please."

At the same time she has quickly

Esma enjoys the combination of independence and being able to call on some daily services.

made many friends, and enjoys the company and good fun of the various group activities, games and shopping excursions.

Newly released serviced apartments are now available at Bert Sutcliffe Retirement Village. One-bedroom apartments with full en suite are available from \$340,000.

Ryman is still offering early bird specials with 2016 rates locked in; this offer remains until the end of March 2017. For more information or a personal appointment please phone Leanne or Liz on 483 2226.

Bert Sutcliffe residents launched Project Delicious with a special lunch tasting menu.

Lunches have never tasted better!

A food revolution is under way at all Ryman villages, with a complete menu revamp that includes new menus and more choices in an exciting mix of good old-fashioned favourites and new things to try.

Project Delicious is a Ryman initiative that has taken a completely fresh look at menu choices, kitchen design and resources.

The menu will offer more variety, including three options for lunch. Project Delicious will also reorganise the kitchen space and will remove the serveries out of the village lounges.

Bert Sutcliffe Retirement Village manager Marika Laflamme says: "In village life, the quality of everyday living is important; we regard Spacious ensuite serviced apartments are now available.

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Section 101 Sale & Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 1st Notices BBC1 Birkenhead Brewing Company Ltd has made an application to the District Licensing Committee at Auckland for the renewal of an On Licence in respect to the premises situated at 17 Birkenhead Ave, Birkenhead and trading as Birkenhead Brewing Company. The general nature of the business to be conducted under the licence is as a tavem. The days on conducted under the licence is as a tavem. The days on which and the hours during which alcohol is sold under the licence are Mo to Sa 12pm to 12am, Su 12pm to 11pm. Ewing Bean Ltd has made an application to the District Licensing Committee at Auckland for the issue of an On Licence in respect to the premises situated at 1-7 The Strand, Takapuna and trading as The Coffee Club. The general nature of the business to be conducted under the licence is as a restaurant. The days on which and the hours during which alcohol is intended to be sold under licence are Mo to Sa 8am to 12am, Su 8am to 11pm. Narindera Enterprises Ltd has made an application to Narindera Enterprises Ltd has made an application to the District Licensing Committee at Auckland for the renewal of an Off Licence in respect to the premises situated at 4/83 Apollo Dr, Albany and trading as Apollo Drive Liquor Spot. The general nature of the business to

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BNY NZ Ltd has made an application to the District Licensing Committee at Auckland for the issue of an Off Licence in respect to the premises situated at Shop S100, 219 Don Mckinnon Dr, Albany and trading as Japan Home Mart. The general nature of the business to be conducted under the licence is as a retail shop. The days on which and the hours during which alcohol is intended to be seld under the licence are Mo to Su Barm to 10pm. to be sold under the licence are Mo to Su 9am to 10pm. The application may be inspected during ordinary office hours at the offices of Auckland Council at Orewa, Takapuna, Henderson, Manukau, Papakura, Pukekohe and 35 Graham Street, Auckland Central. Any person who is entitled to object and who wishes to object to the issue or renewal of the licence may not later than 15 working days after the date of the first publication of this notice, file a notice in writing of the objection with the Secretary of the District Licensing Committee, Auckland Council, Private Bag 92300, Victoria St West, Auckland. No objection to the issue of a licence may be made in relation to a matter other than a matter specified in section 105(1) of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. No objection to the renewal of a licence may be made in relation to a matter other than a matter specified in section 131 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

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The general nature of the business conducted under the licence is Restaurant.

The days on which and the hours during which alcohol is sold under the licence are: Monday - Saturday 10am - 12pm.

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The application may be inspected during ordinary office hours at the office of Auckland Council at 1 The Strand, Takapuna.

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Any objections must be in relation to matters specified in section 105(1) of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. The Secretary of the District Licensing Committee. Private Bag 92300, Victoria Street West, Auckland 1142.

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One club two New Zealand champions

FELICITY REID

In an unprecedented double, Pupuke Golf Club has seen two of its former members reach the pinnacle of the domestic game.

Both the reigning men's and women's New Zealand Open golf champions, Michael Hendry and Lydia Ko, started their golf careers as children on the club's challenging course in Campbells

After a 14-year wait without a homegrown winner, Hendry triumphed in a three-way playoff to claim the title of the 2017 ISPS Handa New Zealand Open winner at Millbrook on March 12.

Hendry is the first non-Australian to win the Brodie Breeze Trophy in six years.

Pupuke was already known as the club where 2016 New Zealand Open winner Ko began her rise to become the world number one women's golfer, and now the club is able to boast a unique double with Hendry's victory on Sunday. Although it has been a few years since both professionals have been regulars at the club, they are fondly remembered by members, according to the club's general manger Lesley MacDonald.

"Lydia's dad was in the day before yesterday signing up family members here to play golf," MacDonald says.

"We are in constant contact with Lydia, especially as she is a life member here. There are loads of members who remember her, doing cartwheels down the course between shots. Michael is also well remembered and their names and photos are all over the clubhouse."

The club hopes that Hendry and Ko's victories will inspire the next generation of players to reach similar heights.

With a number of talented youngsters already as members, the club has committed to investing in a number of programmes to develop golf on the North Shore with a particular emphasis on youth golf.

"Youth is the future of golf, and with aging memberships, golf clubs won't survive without strong youth development programmes," MacDonald says. "There are several members, such as John Kavanagh, who give up hours of personal time looking after our juniors. Owen Woolley, our patron, organises an away trip for the juniors every year at the end of the year for golf and prize giving. All done in his own time."

The club helps fund the junior programme through donations from on-course advertisers.

Michael Hendry won the 2017 ISPS Handa New Zealand Golf Open this month. He credits Pupuke Golf Club for nurturing his talent as a young golfer.

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NZ BMX riders in tough field

SPORT REPORTER

World junior BMX champion, Maynard Peel, will be one of the stars on show in the North Harbour 1000 on March 26.

Peel, from the Sunset Coast BMX Club in Waiuku, won the world men's junior title in Columbia last year and will come up against a strong field in Rosedale.

North Harbour BMX club president Greg Pryce describes the annual event as "BMX at its best - fast, skilled racing showcasing top New Zealand talent"

Pryce says the superclass field for the event is the strongest it has been in a number of years.

North Harbour's number 1 rider and defending champion, Michael Bias, will have to work hard to keep the title on his home track. He will have to contend with fellow New Zealand team member Cole McConie from Te Awamutu in what will be a very competitive mens race.

Local rider Ashley Williams will lead a competitive field in the women's superclass.

The winners of the superclass will take home a cut of the total prize pool of \$1000.

The Albany Toyota North Harbour 1000 will see approximately 200 BMX competitors ranging in age from 5 to over-50 from across

New Zealand taking part. Racing starts at 11am at North Harbour BMX Club, 159 Bush Rd,

Rosedale. Entry is free.

Sport and Recreation Minister Jonathan Coleman launched a new rugby league education programme at Birkdale North School.

Balls and books combine in the classroom

SPORT REPORTER

Cultivating leadership and an active lifestyle is all part of a new rugby league education programme that ties in with the

upcoming world cup.
The Rugby League World Cup
2017 education resource is a range
of curriculum-based learning and
teaching resources for children in

Years 1 to 8.

"It's a fun and interactive way to promote learning through rugby league," Sport and Recreation Minister Jonathan Cole-

man says.

"As well as helping children learn and develop leadership skills it also helps them develop a life-long love of sport and physical

"The programme complements the wider work underway to tackle childhood obesity through the Childhood Obesity Plan."

The education resource was developed in conjunction with New Zealand Rugby League and was launched at Birkdale North

School on March 10.
Coleman was joined by former
Kiwis representative Jerome

Ropati and current Kiwi Fern Krystal Rota at the launch event.

The education programme is part of the legacy from New Zealand's co-hosting of the 2017 Rugby League World Cup.

The world cup kicks off on

The world cup kicks off on October 27. New Zealand is co-hosting the event with Australia and hosting partner Papua New

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