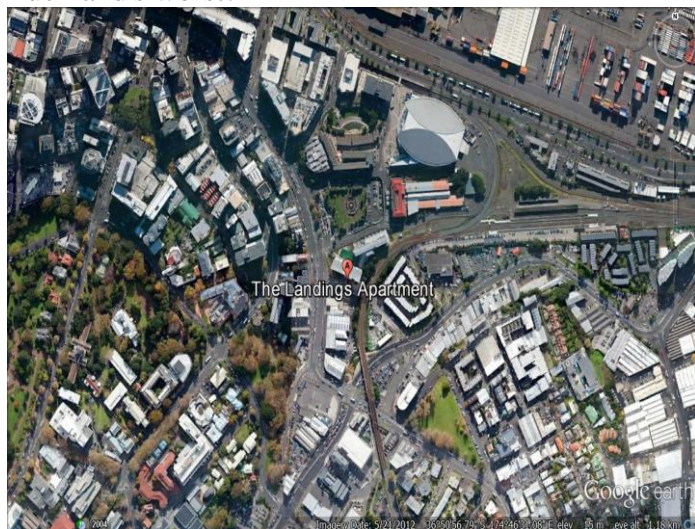


## The Landings Caught in a Grinder

The headlines were certainly dramatic enough: 'Apartment owner blocked out of her unit in dispute with body corporate.' and even more shockingly, 'Elderly woman found dead in her Auckland apartment after eviction notice.' The reports were on Stuff.co.nz and the apartment buildings involved were *The Landings* on the corner of Beach Rd and Te Taou Crescent CBD. Stuff reported the following, 'An elderly, partially blind woman, was found dead in her Auckland apartment after allegedly barricading herself in the bedroom in fear of eviction. The sudden death of Ann Martin comes as residents battle with *The Landings* body corporate over rising repair costs and building delays. "I'm still in siege mode here," Martin wrote in an email to a home owners association on January 15. "Still no word from anyone as to what's going on. But I guess something's going to happen, just when and how I don't know." I looked *The Landings* up on Google Earth and found this. Note the very aggressive drawn bows cutting across the complex from the railway lines and Beach Road. These must be some of Auckland's worst!



The Landings - Note the Drawn Bows directly over the complex from the rail lines and Beach Road.

## Asian Students Attacked

### Albert and Myers Park the focus yet again!

As with the drawn bows from Te Taou Cres and Beach Rd over *The Landings*, so are Myers Park and parts of Albert Park suffering from this pernicious kind of sha qi (killing qi). One must beware of such things where ever we are!

Quote:

'To follow the Tao shows the beauty of action without effort'

## Ettie Rout

**In past issues of this newsletter, I have written about strong, determined Kiwi women; many way ahead of their times. Let's look at another.**

One very strong minded woman on a mission, who so enraged the New Zealand establishment she became persona non grata for a period, was the wonderfully colourful Ettie Rout. Born far ahead of her time and originally from Tasmania, 24th Feb 1877, the family moved to New Zealand at the end of 1884. As a young woman, she gained wide public attention for her cycling, for being a vegetarian, and as a free thinker, then still very much a revolutionary concept; and her interest in physical culture, an early form of physical fitness training.

With the event of WWI, she became involved with the set-up of the New Zealand Volunteer Sisterhood, inviting women between 30 and 50 to go to Egypt to nurse wounded Kiwi soldiers. This was frowned upon by the government of the day however. Nevertheless Rout went ahead, arriving in Egypt in Feb 1916. She was became desperately concerned at the rates of venereal diseases amongst our New Zealand troops serving on the battle fields of Egypt first and then later of France and Belgium. She made it her mission to work for safer sex provisions for the men; successfully fighting for the introduction of anti-VD kits; even spending a period of time actually supervising a Paris brothel so the men would have somewhere safe to go. Accused of 'trying to make vice safe', she quipped, 'I see no reason why it should be left dangerous.' She so outraged the strait-laced conservatives at home, who maliciously saw to it that she was banned from being mentioned in New Zealand newspapers. In spite of it being primarily her efforts that got the New Zealand Armed Forces adopting VD kits for the men, she received no recognition from the New Zealand authorities, even though she did by the Australians and French. Her work polarised people. She was described by one French doctor as "the Guardian Angel of the ANZACS". Pompously, a Bishop pronounced in the House of Lords that she was, 'The wickedest woman in Britain.' By contrast, HG Wells regarded her as an "unforgettable heroine".

Perceived here by her detractors, as obsessive, cantankerous, undiplomatic she was years ahead of her time, Her life was to end tragically in Rarotonga when in September 1936, she took a fatal overdose of

quinine. <sup>1</sup> From a Four Pillars perspective she was a weak earth person. Weak earth people are usually, considered intelligent, intellectual and flexible. Other famous weak earth Kiwi women were Katherine Mansfield and Nancy Wake, the *White Mouse* of WWII's French Resistance. Wake was certainly every bit as feisty as Ettie Rout but more on Nancy Wake in a following Newsletter.



Ms. Ettie Rout

### Upcoming Radio Slot

**Danny is due to give a guest appearance on 95bFM's Early Morning Radio slot at 8:40am Friday 13th, May. Tune in and hear him with Max and Vince!**

### Quote

*"Neither should a ship rely on one small anchor, nor should life rest on a single hope."*

Epictetus

### Hong Kong Feng Shui Master Predicts the 'Moon will swallow the Sun'

In talking of the Yang Fire Monkey Year, one celebrity Hong Kong feng shui master expects an incendiary mix as the monkey combines with the fire element, but also says 2016 will be a boom time for clever innovation, and may well see women in the ascendant. "The monkey is recognised as belonging to the refined metal element, while fire represents the sun." The same master says it could also spell trouble for United States presidential hopeful Donald Trump now coming under heavy criticism for his sexist views, as he campaigns for the Republican nomination. "The divination for the US is that the sun will be eaten by the moon... the sun represents men and the moon represents women. The sun eaten by the moon means it's likely a woman will dominate and win." <sup>2</sup> Time will tell I guess!

**Better Home and Gardens run feng shui survey:** Fortune.com, recently reported on a survey run by Better Homes and Gardens, looking at the influence

feng shui is having on real estate markets in the USA. The results are fascinating.' Of those surveyed, 79% of Chinese-American home buyers said they would pay more for a house that followed feng shui standards; while three-quarters of Chinese Americans said they could see feng shui deal-breakers, such as a house's location at the end of a dead-end street. Other feng shui buyer turnoffs included homes that have the front door and rear doors aligned. A bed placed in the "death position" — that is, with the foot of the bed directly aimed at the door, perceived to be one of the biggest taboos. Of those surveyed, 41% indicated this would detract them from buying the home right away. Respondents said they would pay an average of 16% more for a home that followed feng shui principles.' The same article reported that, 'Some home sellers can benefit from adopting some of the principles when staging their house, and that information has been offered from the likes of HGTV, and a cottage industry of feng shui experts has sprung up, offering their services.'

'However, luxury housing developers have also taken the cue and are including feng shui elements in their amenities and floor plans. The Grand at View Sky Parc, a condominium development in Queens, New York features a rooftop park, integrating the feng shui elements of water, wood, fire, earth, and metal. The entrances were situated to counter negative energies, and stones, plants, water and wood were placed strategically as well, with geometric forms creating layers of space. And feng shui has even moved on up to the highest end of real estate. Developers of the waterfront Ritz-Carlton Residences in Miami Beach, which will be priced from \$2 million to \$40 million, flew in a Hong Kong feng shui expert to work with the architect on incorporating feng shui principles.'

From this one might be forgiven for wondering whether feng shu, in all its many disguises in the good old US of A, is finally going mainstream???

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