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Horouta Waka Hoe crew Puhi Kaiariki dig deep in the final of the junior 16 women's W6 500 metres on day 2 of the waka ama sprint national sprint championships at Lake Karapiro yesterday. Puhi Kaiariki played their part in an absorbing last race of the day. They finished second, pipped on the line by the Niao crew from Huntly club Rahui Pokeka Waka Sports. Niao clocked 2 minutes 13.20 seconds to Puha Kaiariki's 2:13.35. Gisborne paddlers enjoyed multiple medal success at regional and club level yesterday and that was set to continue in J16 and intermediate events today. Individual racing in all age groups is being held tomorrow. Nearly 3900 paddlers representing 68 clubs in 10 age group divisions are competing at the week-long champs. More on yesterday's action on page 21 Picture by Garrick Cameron

RESIGNATION:

Akuhata-Brown exits transport committee, tired of 'internal politics'

by Aaron van Delden

GISBORNE district councillor Meredith Akuhata-Brown has resigned from the council's regional transport committee, saying she is tired of the internal politics that have left her without a leadership role in her third term.

Councillors voted in support of her replacement, councillor Andy Cranston, at their final meeting for 2019 on December 19.

Mayor Rehette Stoltz said she asked Cr Akuhata-Brown why she had put herself

forward for the committee only to resign a few weeks into the 2019 council term. She said Cr Akuhata-Brown realised she should not have put her name down from the outset.

It was understood Cr Akuhata-Brown resigned from the committee due to a part-time job outside of the council that would take up more of her time than anticipated, said Mayor

Stoltz, who spoke to The Gisborne Herald from the airport in Johannesburg yesterday ahead of flying back to Gisborne following a summer break.

Cr Akuhata Brown said she did not want to go into detail with the mayor about why she resigned.

Yesterday she told the Herald she wanted to make every minute count.

"I'm not going to waste my time, in my view, where I'm not respected or given the space to grow," the 49-year-old said.

She had sat on the regional transport committee since 2013 and was set to be its chairwoman last term before being pipped at the post by councillor Bill Burdett, who put his name forward for the job when he returned to a full council meeting where the chairmanship was being voted on. At that stage Cr Akuhata-Brown's appointment had been all but decided.



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'Kids being kids'

EASY AS: Calm conditions at Midway Beach yesterday made stand-up paddleboarding look a breeze for Lochie Bowden. Last week the swell was up, making surfing and paddleboarding a lot more challenging with all the YMCA holiday programme supervisors working hard to make sure everyone stayed safe.

ALL PICTURES BY LIAM CLAYTON



LET'S GO SURFING NOW: Tiana Awatere tries her hand at surfing as part of the YMCA holiday programme.



WHAT GOES UP . . . Billy Awatere plummets towards the water of the Olympic Pool's diving pool.



PREPARE FOR IMPACT: Messiah Tiopira about to hit the water of the diving pool.

UP TO 90 Gisborne kids a day are making the most of a free YMCA holiday programme which offers the use of the Olympic pools and supervised surfing and stand-up paddleboarding at Midway Beach.

Programme manager Cam McCready said over the course of the programme he sees the kids get more confident in the water and in the end they are catching their own waves.

The feedback they get is that the participants love the water-based activities and the relaxed nature of the programme. They also get to meet other kids of their age, he said. "We provide a great space for kids to be kids," he says.

One of the programme supervisors Mahalia Dobbie said they could have up to 12 boards out at any one time and there was a

ratio of one supervisor for six children. There were usually two supervisors in the water and two on the beach.

She said because some of the youngsters were spending more than four hours in the sea, they were getting some good surfing skills.

A barbecue lunch is provided and they go home tired and happy.

They also have the use of kayaks which they can take out in the ocean when there's no swell or up the river. On wet days they also have the option of going back to the YMCA stadium and doing sport and games.

The YMCA holiday programme is available to children aged 11 to 17 and people need to register outside the Olympic Pool between 9.30am and 10am each morning to attend. It runs until January 24.

LOOKING AHEAD



FOCUS ON THE LAND

- First export squash from Gisborne by sea set to go on board a freighter from this Sunday.
- More novice grade shearing competitions in the offering this shearing sports season.
- The AgriHQ report for the week beginning January 13.



THE GUIDE

THURSDAY

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Drug-dealing film worker's sentencing transferred

SENTENCING for a man who admitted selling drugs at the 2018 Rhythm and Vines concert in Gisborne has been transferred to Auckland.

Maihi Peri Ashford, 26, a film production worker from Auckland, previously pleaded guilty to two charges of possession of drugs for supply, one involving the class B substance ecstasy; the other a class C analogue (n-ethyleptylone) of the drug.

He will be sentenced in Auckland Central District Court on March 13.

The case was delayed in court due to other charges alleging domestic-type offending towards his partner while at the concert. These were dismissed.

In Gisborne District Court yesterday, police opposed the application to transfer the drugs charges, saying it was in the public interest for sentencing to remain here where it most likely to get local media coverage.

It was important to keep the community informed about the issue and impacts of drugs at Rhythm and Vines and other music concerts, Sergeant Aubrey Ormond said.

But Judge Haamiora Raumati ruled in favour of counsel Michael Lynch's submissions that transferring the sentencing elsewhere would not preclude local media from further publicising the case.

Mr Lynch said Ashford had already travelled twice to Gisborne for earlier required hearings at his own expense, including time off work.

He was on sentences of community work and supervision (for other offending), which could also be affected by the requirement to travel again.

It would not be difficult for local media to get coverage of the sentencing at another court, Mr Lynch said.

Log shipping picks up after holidays

THE slow flow of logs over the Gisborne wharf ramps back up this week with log ship Berge Asahidake scheduled to dock today.

She will be joined by two others in the next few days and one more before the end of the month.

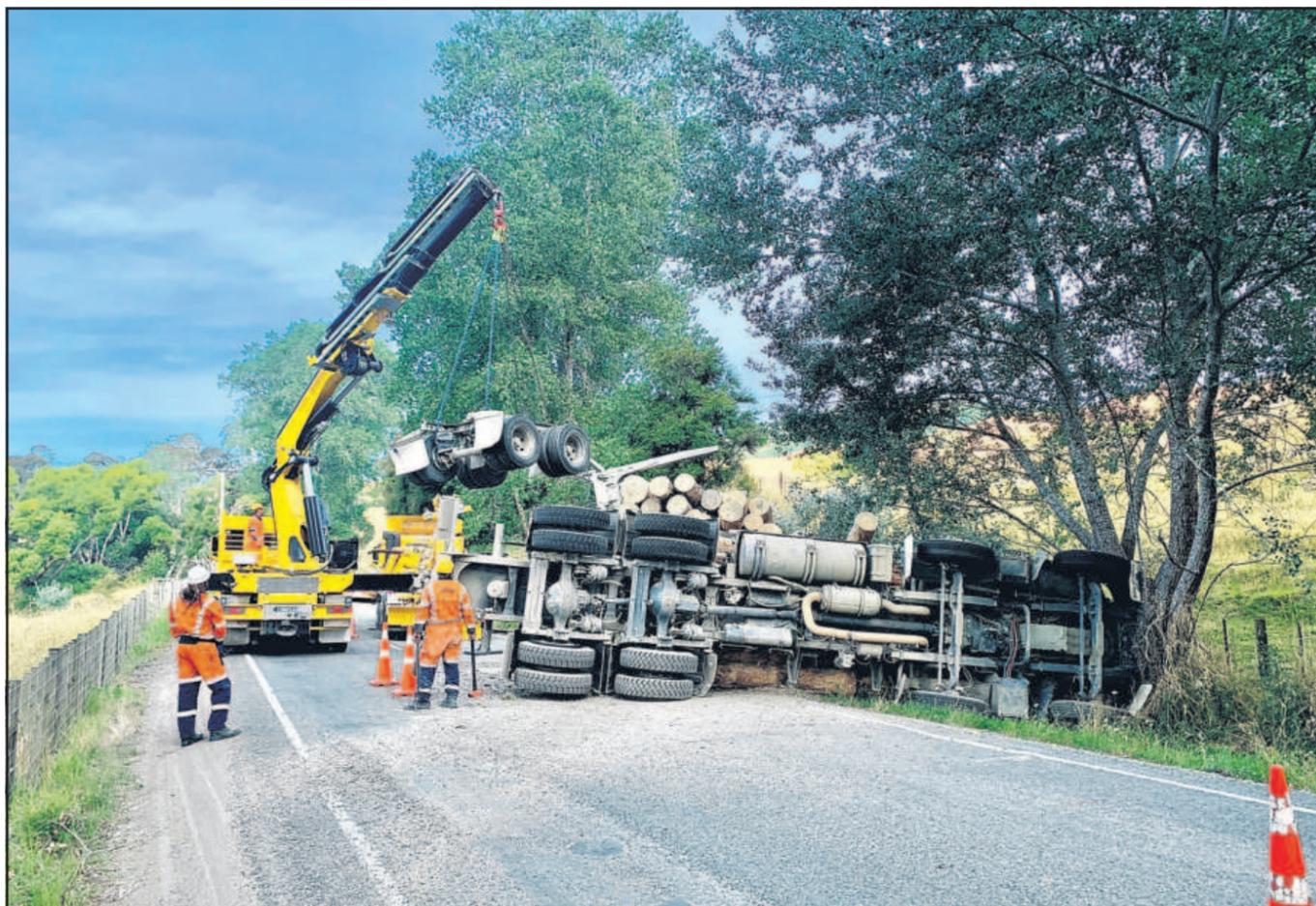
Eastland Group chief operating officer Andrew Gaddum said the period from late December to early January tended to be a slower time for the port because of the forestry industry shutting down for the holidays.

"Normal operations are resuming this week."

The Berge Asahidake will be followed into Eastland Port by the Daiwan Fortune and the Timaru Star, then the Hokkaido Bulker later in the month.

The first squash ship of the season, the Pacific Magnolia, arrives at the weekend.

The next cruise ship, the 684-passenger Regatta, makes the first of her two visits this month on Saturday, January 18.



TRUCK ROLLS NEAR TOKO: A driver escaped without significant injury when a loaded log truck rolled on State Highway 35 yesterday afternoon south of Tokomaru Bay. The crash happened at around 3.10pm about five kilometres south of the bay. "The rig blocked about three-quarters of the highway," an emergency services spokesman said. Firefighters from Tokomaru Bay checked the driver for injuries and directed traffic at the crash site. Firefighters and St John ambulance from Gisborne were called out but were recalled. Gisborne Hi-Abs workers are pictured moving the truck.

Picture supplied

Expecting to challenge 'undemocratic' decisions

FROM PAGE 1

Cr Burdett's deputy was first-time councillor Malcolm MacLean.

This term, as well as wanting to be deputy chairwoman of the regional transport committee — which is being led by Cr Seymour, with Cr Burdett as deputy chairman — Cr Akuhata-Brown wanted to be the mayoral appointee to Trust Tairāwhiti on the basis she had worked in the community for decades.

But the trust role went to another councillor, Shannon Dowsing, who was one of six elected members vying for the position.

Cr Akuhata-Brown said after six years on the committee, she had developed a good understanding of regional transport issues as well as good relationships with New Zealand Transport Agency staff.

She felt the committee was not given an opportunity to debate the appointment of Cr Burdett as deputy chairman at its first meeting on November 21.

Despite this, Cr Akuhata-Brown seconded Cr Seymour's move to appoint Cr Burdett as deputy chairman at the meeting.

"I sensed, in that moment, (the decision to appoint Cr Burdett) was a done deal," said Cr Akuhata-Brown of her decision to endorse Cr Seymour's resolution.

It reflected her frustration at not being considered for the role, but in hindsight she should have "made a fuss" at the meeting and would in the future be focused on challenging decision-making she viewed as undemocratic.

Cr Akuhata-Brown said there were "exciting things on the horizon" for her personal and professional development, and a tilt at national politics may be part of that.

She had potentially lined up a part-time job — to supplement her \$44,009 annual councillor salary — and would study political science extramurally through Victoria University of Wellington.

Mayor Stoltz said she appointed Cr Cranston to the regional transport committee as she needed an experienced Gisborne ward councillor to sit alongside the three rural councillors, including Kerry Worsnop and councillors Seymour and Burdett, who make up the committee along with an NZTA representative.

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Work under way on new playground in Ruatoria

IN what has been called a win for the township, this time next week the tamariki (children) of Ruatoria will have a new playground.

Gisborne District Council community assets and resources manager Laird Kennedy said the playground was prioritised for replacement this financial year. The upgrade began yesterday and, weather permitting, is scheduled to be completed by the weekend.

"The council allocates \$75,000 annually for playground replacements and upgrades," said Mr Kennedy. "This year the budget is being spent in Ruatoria, where we have worked with the community to develop the chosen design."

"The council undertakes annual playground audits to determine how we allocate budget for maintenance and replacements, which takes into account the lifespan of playground equipment and prioritising those with the highest safety risks."

They had achieved complete replacements of

many ageing playgrounds over the last several years, including Waikirikiri Park, Adventure Playground, Tikitiki, Heath Johnston Park, Tokomaru Bay and Titirangi/Kaiti Hill.

"We're pleased we're now delivering this upgrade for the benefit of tamariki and the community in Ruatoria."

"Next year's budget is allocated to the playground in Te Araroa, continuing the council's commitment to providing a high standard of community facilities in our townships."

DOWN IT GOES: Contractors dismantle the old playground in Ruatoria to make way for a new one. Gisborne District Council's \$75,000 budget for playground replacements and upgrades is being spent in Ruatoria this year and next year's budget has been allocated to the playground in Te Araroa.

Picture by Radio Ngati Porou



FAMILY NOTICES

Deaths

Deaths

BRAMWELL, Hugh. — Our beautiful Dad, Grandad, and soulmate to Mum, passed away last Wednesday. We are sad but at peace that Dad's struggle with Dementia has ended. He was the best Dad ever and we will miss his love, hugs, music, and Hughism's every day. Special thanks to the team at Beetham Healthcare for their love and care of Dad, even when he pushed their buttons!

Dad's funeral was held on Saturday. In lieu of flowers, a donation to Dementia NZ would be appropriate. Love you forever Bram, Dad, and Grandad.

— Lobby, Kate and Scott, Mandy and Steve, Jordyn, Fletcher, Camryn, Kobee and Mitchell. xxx

In Memoriam

BOOCCOCK, Bruce

You are always remembered and sadly missed our dear Bruce.

Two years passed already.

Love you forever.

Denise, Grant, Regan, and family

ROGERS, Iaan Thomas (Jolly). — On 8th January 2020, suddenly, at his home, aged 56 years. Loved son of the late Betty and Bert. Dearly loved father of Stallone, Jerome, and Leanne. Loved brother of Elizabeth White (Perth), Jeanette Warburton (Rotorua), Dianne Sligo (Mt Maunganui), and the late Bruce. A loved friend of Louise and Keith, and a loved granddad.

Iaan's funeral service will be held at Evans Chapel, Ormond Road, at 1pm on Friday 17th January, followed by private cremation.

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Bereavements

THEO BROEKE

We, the family of the late Theo, would like to express our sincere thanks to all our friends for their support at the loss of our dearest husband, Dad and Opa.

Thank you for the flowers, cards, food, and your presence at Theo's final farewell.

"With love we remember."



SHEARING HEADLINERS: Dion King, right, competing in the 2016 shearing at the Wairoa A&P Show. King is expecting to be plugging in his blades again for the 2019 edition while Kiwi shearing great Sir David Fagan (above) will be judging.

King picture by Liam Clayton, Fagan picture by Whanganui Chronicle



World-class field sharpening blades for Wairoa Show

A SPECIAL guest judge, the appearance of world champions and a test match will provide plenty of excitement in the shearing at the Wairoa A&P Show this week.

Organiser Nuku Hadfield said Shearing New Zealand chairman and Kiwi icon Sir David Fagan will be at the Show.

"He is leaving his handpiece at home but is coming as a judge this year.

"David is the most well-known shearer in New Zealand and it will be good for the young ones to have him as a judge."

The Wales development team will start a four-week tour in Wairoa with a test match against New Zealand's best up-and-coming shearers.

"The development test match with Wales is a good focus for the New Zealand shearers," said Hadfield.

"It is an opportunity for them to experience an international level of competition."

The top two shearers from the open competition heats who have not represented New Zealand before will take on the Welsh combination of Cederig Lewis and Llion Jones.

Matches will also be held at the Taihape A&P Show, Rangitikei Shearing Sports in Marton, the Aria Waitangi Day Sports and the Franklin A&P Show's Counties Shears.

Wairoa hosted an international in 2007 when Scotsmen Gavin Mutch and

Hamish Mitchell beat Hawke's Bay ace John Kirkpatrick and Russell Knight of Apiti. The Scottish pair went on to win the world team title in 2014 and Kirkpatrick won the 2017 world machine shearing crown.

Mutch won the world teams title again last year with another Scotsman, Calum Shaw.

Stratford-based Mutch and Kirkpatrick are expected to return this year along with another former world champion and reigning Golden Shears champion — Hawke's Bay's Rowland Smith.

Former New Zealand shearing champion Dion King has made a return to winning form this season and is also on the cards for the Wairoa Show.

An intense contest is expected.

Hadfield said Wairoa shearing had been successfully developing local shearing talent.

"Wairoa is one of the only shows with a locals final. That gives an opportunity for those young ones to experience what it is like to be in the finals."

"The Swann family are a good example. They have been part of the shearing for a long time, Ryka is the next one in the family coming through the ranks at novice level. Keith has been making some finals in the intermediates and has gone full-time shearing now.

"This is a family who have benefited from the local shearing contest and it is great to see them doing well."

Out to attract new people to rodeo

RIDERS are counting down to another edition of the ever-popular rodeo at the Wairoa A&P Show this week.

Wairoa Rodeo Club president Ash O'Connor said a survey completed a few years ago showed that rodeo and speed shearing were two of the most popular events at the Show.

The club has about 20 members and every year the two-day event runs like clockwork.

"We have a tremendously good team and everyone knows their job. There is not a lot of organising to do."

Working bees this summer have resulted in gates being rehung, posts replaced and yards and chutes renewed in and around the arena.

Recent additions to facilities include new stands.

O'Connor attributes much of the club's success to the management skills of club secretary Harmony Wallace, whose association with the club stretches back nearly a decade.

Several others have contributed

hugely over the years.

O'Connor, a farm station manager at Raupunga, said the late Jeff Young was president when he was vice-president.

"This is the third rodeo without Jeff at the helm."

Other notable rodeo personalities of the past include former Wairoa milkman Gary "Pinto" Wilson — a patron and club president in the 1980s — the late Ray Governor of Frasertown, and life member, the late "Limo" Huata.

Friday's rodeo is seen as important promotion for the club and it is hoped it will attract new members.

"We are trying to get new blood in there," said O'Connor.

While there are no members competing this year, Graeme Gannon of Tutira was national saddle bronc champion in 2017 and 2018. He retired from competition but is still part of the club.

The Wairoa rodeo starts at 5pm on Friday and the action continues from 8am on Saturday with the New Zealand Rodeo Cowboys Association rodeo. — Wairoa Star

Missing from the shearing event this year, however, will be the voice of renowned commentator Koro Mullins.

His sudden death last year shocked the local shearing community.

Mullins was an advocate for shearing and the wool industry, and commented at international and local shearing events.

"He will be very sadly missed," said Hadfield.

Conditions 'ideal' for cyclone on way to NZ

THE MET Service says conditions are ideal for a tropical cyclone to form north of New Zealand later this week and potentially create dangerous swimming conditions on beaches down the East Coast of the North Island, including this region.

Fiji currently lies in the path of the storm then potentially Tonga and the storm tipped to track close to New Zealand's east coast by next Monday.

"Luckily, a high pressure system over the country would likely protect us from any severe weather," forecasters said.

"The storm is set to bring a very deep and sizeable storm (ex-tropical) to lie east of the North Island, close enough to bring an enhanced southeast winds flow and bigger swells from the east.

"This may be good for some surfing spots but also more dangerous beach conditions from Northland to Coromandel, Bay of Plenty to East Cape, Gisborne and down to Hawke's Bay and maybe even Wairarapa."

Twice-daily compliance visits keep eye on summer campers

A TOTAL of 1200 summer camping permits have been issued so far this season with registrations now taking place online.

More than 600 vehicles have been recorded as freedom camping since the end of November.

Gisborne District council compliance officers are visiting sites twice daily and have issued over 25 notices, predominantly for camping in prohibited areas, or for vehicles not being self-contained.

Other issues around rubbish dumping and camping in prohibited areas have arisen, but a GDC spokesman said education from compliance officers had been well-received by locals and visitors alike.

GDC made a commitment to increase monitoring of freedom and summer camping areas this season.

The Marina Carpark was closed to freedom camping after complaints that it was having an

adverse impact on public access, amenity, user safety and the environment.

There are now three freedom camping areas in Gisborne, all with a three-night limit — Kaiti Beach, Makorori and Motu. Camping is only permitted at these sites in a self-contained vehicle on formed public parking areas.

From April to September five more areas become available for freedom camping, in Tiniroto, Tolaga Bay, Kaiaua Beach and at two

sites in Tokomaru Bay.

Summer camping requires a permit and is available at Turihaua Beach from December 26 through until February 1.

Other summer camping areas are Turihaua Point, Pouawa Beach, Waihou Beach/Loisels, Tolaga Bay, Kaiaua Beach, Tokomaru Bay, Waipiro Bay and Doneraille Park.

Campers must have a chemical toilet and display the permit on their vehicles.

Anzac nurses help out after fatal eruption

NURSES who dropped everything and travelled to Whakatane following the Whakaari/White Island eruption have been thanked for their selflessness and kindness.

Six Australian and one Kiwi nurse quickly went to Whakatane Hospital to help hospital staff after the fatal eruption on December 9.

The nurses from Queensland, Western Australia, Tasmania and Southland arrived shortly after Christmas.

They were typically staying for around two weeks and were working rostered shifts.

Royal Brisbane Hospital clinical nurse consultant Madelaine "Maddie" Hooper was one of those who volunteered without hesitation when staff were asked if they could help.

"I remember seeing the reports of the White Island eruption on the news," Ms Hooper said.

"I was quite upset to hear about it and when they asked if anyone would be interested in going to help out I put my hand up straight away. I've worked at Christchurch Hospital as well for a couple of years so I had this intense feeling of 'oh no, New Zealand.'"

Her godmother's family was from the Whakatane area, too.

"Although I'm an Aussie, I do feel a connection to New Zealand."

Ms Hooper found out she had been selected on Christmas Eve and was then put on standby to be ready to leave from December 27 onwards. She arrived in Whakatane on December 30.

"It's actually been an amazing experience for me and I'm just so happy to have been able to come and help out. We've had such a warm welcome and reception from everyone; from the staff here, the people at the accommodation, to locals, everyone has been so generous and so grateful that we're here. It's been spectacular really."

Bay of Plenty District Health Board interim chief executive Simon Everitt thanked all of the nurses for dropping everything to help.

He said their assistance meant some staff members who had been caught up in the White Island event had been able to get much-needed support over the busy holiday period.

"I want to express our heartfelt gratitude on behalf of the Bay of Plenty DHB and Whakatane Hospital staff," Mr Everitt said.

"We greatly appreciate our friends from Australia helping us out in a time of need, especially in the face of the emerging situation with the bushfires there."

Whakatane Hospital Coordinator David van Dijk echoed the message of thanks and said the nurses' attitudes "has been phenomenal".

"They have given 100 percent from the moment they arrived," van Dijk said, and he commended their flexibility, willingness to work and their knowledge and experience which was utilised in the Emergency Department and Acute Care Unit.

"It's been a very positive experience following on from a very sad one of course."

— NZ Herald



HAVE A HEART: Kerrin Nalder, Healthy Advocate Tairāwhiti branch of the Heart Foundation is looking for collectors.

File picture

Study finds sharp drop in birth rate as a result of miscarriages in 1918 flu pandemic

THE 1918 influenza pandemic in New Zealand resulted in thousands of fewer births, particularly in the 1919 year, largely because of miscarriages from influenza infection during pregnancy, researchers have found.

The study, involving researchers from the University of Otago, Wellington and the University of Auckland, has been published in the New Zealand Medical Journal.

The researchers estimate that in the year 1919 there were 3756 fewer non-Maori and 239 fewer Maori births than in the pre-pandemic year of 1917.

Lead researcher Professor Nick Wilson says the declines represent a "birth rate shock", as they involve a sharp decline in birth rates per 1000 population of 17 percent for non-Maori and 20 percent for Maori.

The reductions in the birth rate in the pandemic year of 1918 (relative to 1917) were less, at nine percent for non-Maori and seven percent for Maori.

"We estimate that around 80 percent of the birth rate deficit in 1919 was from embryonic and foetal loss due to influenza infection in pregnancy. Some of these would have been miscarriages very early in pregnancy that the pregnant women would not notice — and others which they would have."

Another of the study authors, Professor Michael Baker, said a smaller role would have been played by the deaths of adults during the pandemic, which could explain about 12 percent of the decline. While this is the first such New Zealand study, the findings are broadly similar to those in other countries, Professor Baker says.

"However, one county in Arizona in the United States had a much higher 43 percent reduction in the birth rate nine to 11 months after the peak of pandemic deaths."

An immunisation specialist, general practitioner and co-author of the study, Dr Nikki Turner,

Background on the 1918 influenza pandemic

- The pandemic killed an estimated 9000 New Zealanders (in addition to all the foetal deaths described in this new study).
- It is the largest natural disaster in New Zealand's history — and far greater than the largest non-natural disaster (the 1979 plane crash into Mt Erebus, which resulted in 257 deaths).
- It imposed a particularly heavy burden on Maori and on the young adult population (with peak death rates among those aged in their late 20s).
- In response to this pandemic, New Zealand invested more in public health and adopted a new public health law in 1920.
- More recently, New Zealand has also invested in pandemic plans and stockpiles of some critical supplies.
- In November 2019, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern unveiled a national memorial to the pandemic.
- Official figures show 155 people died from the influenza in Gisborne, Wairoa and the East Coast.

says the findings of the study can inform better planning around future influenza pandemics.

"In a pandemic, we should prioritise protection of pregnant women from infection using all the proven means available.

"These include actions to avoid contact with sick people, prioritising these women if pandemic vaccines are in short supply, and even prioritising them for access to antivirals and ventilators in hospital intensive care units if they get sick."

Dr Turner says these issues are also relevant to present-day flu seasons, as seasonal influenza in pregnant women also causes miscarriages.

"There is even an increased risk of death for the women themselves.

"Indeed, the World Health Organisation gives a high priority to vaccinating pregnant women and New Zealand has provided free flu vaccinations for pregnant women since 2010.

"Unfortunately, we don't have good data on the current rate of influenza vaccination in pregnancy in this country, but it is thought to be low, at under half of pregnant women.

Free flu immunisation for pregnant women is available from April 1 each year from a GP surgery or participating pharmacist.

For more information about influenza or the influenza vaccine, talk to your Lead Maternity Carer or doctor, go to www.fightflu.co.nz or call 0800 IMMUNE (0800 466 863).

Year of nurses and midwives

2020 is the year to honour the work of nurses and midwives.

The World Health Organisation has made 2020 the International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife.

2020 is the 200th anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale, one of the founders of modern nursing.

In Aotearoa, 2020 will be a year of acknowledging nurses who have made a contribution to nursing and healthcare, including indigenous Maori nurses.

Nursing and midwifery are distinct professions and each will be celebrating via their respective entities and organisations.

Nurses working throughout New Zealand make up the largest health workforce in the country.

There are more than 56,000 nurses in the health workforce, making a difference everyday to the lives of all New Zealanders.

Every day, New Zealand midwives welcome around 168 new babies into the world.



Midwives are at the birth of every baby — in homes, in primary maternity units; in hospitals.

Midwives stand alongside women, partners and whanau.

They are wise companions on a universal journey that begins in pregnancy, continues with the birth of a baby and culminates when the woman and her baby are transferred to Well Child care.

In Gisborne, the Nurses and Midwives of Tairāwhiti (NAMOT) Awards will celebrate and commemorate achievements from the past 12 months.

Heart Foundation looking for collectors

by Wynsley Wrigley

ONE in five kiwis die of heart disease. This is what makes the annual Heart Foundation Appeal so important.

This year's appeal will be held on February 21 and the Foundation is looking for collectors in Gisborne.

The foundation hopes to have collectors at various locations including the CBD, The Warehouse, and Ballance

Street Village.

Those interested in helping can ring 0800 BIG HEART (0800 244 432) or go online to www.heartfoundation.org.nz/get-involved/big-heart-appeal/street-collection/volunteer-gisborne to register their interest.

The Foundation thanks collectors for their big-hearted support volunteering as street collectors to help fund vital heart research.



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BRIEFS

Counterfeit \$100 notes

HAMILTON — Waikato retailers are being stung by a woman repeatedly handing over fake \$100 notes during purchases. Police are investigating a spate of counterfeit money use in the region.

CCTV footage on the Waikato Police Facebook page shows a black-clad woman, possibly in her 20s or 30s, handing over the notes.

"We have investigators on the task but could do with some community assistance," it said. Retailers are warned to be extra vigilant about accepting large notes. — NZ Herald

Surge of new e-scooters

AUCKLAND — Hundreds more e-scooters are being rolled out on Auckland streets by Singapore-based company Neuron and Uber's JUMP.

On Friday, Neuron started launching 880 of its orange e-scooters and today, JUMP begins the roll out of 735 e-scooters.

Both companies stress a focus on safety with bigger wheels and larger footplates for the city's hilly terrain.

Last month, Singapore-based Beam introduced about 200 e-scooters in Auckland and plans to have its allocation of 880 scooters for rent by next month.

In late November, Auckland Council and Auckland Transport announced four companies had been granted licences to operate 3200 rental e-scooters for six months — the existing Wellington-based operator Flamingo and the three new operators. — NZ Herald

Man clocked at 236kmh

OTAGO — A motorcyclist wearing sneakers, cotton pants and no gloves who was allegedly clocked at 236kmh near Cromwell has been charged with dangerous driving.

Otago Lakes-Central road policing unit head Senior Sergeant Glenn Wilkinson said the 27-year-old Queenstown man was travelling at the "remarkably stupid speed" when he went past a police patrol car on State Highway 8, in Northburn, about 4.30pm on Sunday. The man is due in court tomorrow. — NZ Herald

Search for kayaker

CHRISTCHURCH — The search for a missing kayaker on a Canterbury lake is now focused on finding the man's body.

Police expect to resume the search for the 59-year-old on Lake Ellesmere today. The Christchurch man was paddling out to check fishing nets when he got into difficulty on Saturday morning, Detective Brent Menzies said.

"While no one was with him at the time, police believe he has come out of his kayak, which has then been pushed away by the prevailing wind."

Search teams found the kayak on the Kaitorete Spit later that day. — NZ Herald

'Tragic act of heroism'

by Melissa Nightingale, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — A father who died after rescuing his child from the water at Seatoun Wharf couldn't swim, his wife says.

Wellington man Valeliano Mita rushed to his son's rescue in the harbour on Saturday despite not knowing how to swim.

The 40-year-old leapt into the water after his son fell in.

The boy was rescued by members of the public and Mita was taken to hospital in a critical condition.

He died a short time later.

Mita's wife told the NZ Herald she missed her husband, whose tragic act of heroism sparked emergency calls in the capital city's eastern suburbs about 8.35pm on Saturday.

Mita's son was expected to make a full recovery, police said. Mita's death will be referred to the coroner.

Residents around Marine Parade described several ambulances, police cars and a fire truck blocking off the street as ambulance staff performed CPR for a long time on Saturday night.

A small crowd of onlookers had gathered on the wharf during the incident.

One neighbour, who asked not to be named, said a child could be seen wrapped in a towel at the scene.

Mark Cleverley, who lives a few doors down from the wharf, first noticed a gathering of emergency services as the sun set.

Once two ambulances arrived he knew something terrible had happened, he said.

But swimming around the Seatoun Wharf was generally considered safe by locals, Cleverley said.

"What happens is the youngsters jump



HERO DAD: Valeliano Mita (inset) died after jumping off the Seatoun Wharf to save his son. NZ Herald pictures

off the wharf all the time. There might have been a bit of jumping there and someone's hurt themselves."

Cleverley said there had been some of the usual Wellington winds blowing. "It's pretty open there."

Several other residents described the sea as typically choppy and wild, and said the beach had been quiet throughout the day.

Senior lifeguard Jonathon Webber, who is an advisory board member for Drowning Prevention Auckland, said the incident was

"a real tragedy".

He said such scenarios, where someone dies trying to help another person, result in about 2 percent of fatal drownings.

"Typically the person in trouble survives and the would-be rescuer fatally drowns," Webber said.

Those who notice someone in trouble in the water, Drowning Prevention Auckland advises, should check for danger before attempting to provide the person with flotation and calling 111.

Ex-cop faces two charges for assault

by Sam Hurley, NZ Herald

AUCKLAND — A former top cop who worked at National Headquarters has been charged with assault and strangulation after an incident in Auckland on New Year's Day.

Lui Alofa, who rose to the rank of inspector during a more than 25-year career in blue, appeared in the Auckland District Court last Friday.

The 55-year-old, also known as Lou, was granted bail and is due back in court next month over the two charges, which include one count under the 2018 strangulation or suffocation law.

He did not seek suppression, court staff confirmed to the NZ Herald.

Police could not comment about the case while it was before the courts, but a spokesperson told the Herald a man was charged after an alleged family harm incident in Avondale on January 1.

The Herald has contacted Alofa for comment about the allegations.

Before leaving the police in 2016, Alofa held several high-profile positions across the country.

Police could not comment about the case while it was before the courts, but a spokesperson told the Herald a man was charged after an alleged family harm incident in Avondale on January 1.

During the last six years of his career, he was the duty operations commander for Auckland where he oversaw and controlled serious crime scenes and critical incidents.

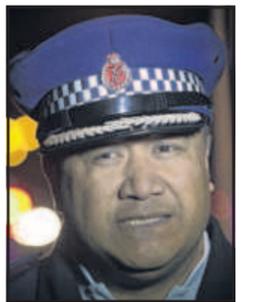
He was also previously a strategic adviser for the Maori, Pacific & Ethnic Services Group at Police National Headquarters

in Wellington, and earlier had been a Senior Sergeant at the Glen Innes station in Auckland.

After leaving the police, Alofa turned to a legal career and, from 2017, studied law at Auckland University, according to his LinkedIn profile.

He now describes himself as "legal counsel" — focusing on commercial, employment and insurance law and the Harmful and Digital Communications Act.

Court documents list Alofa's occupation as a barrister, while Companies Office records show he is the sole director and shareholder of the Auckland-based firm No Fuss Legal and Management Limited.



Lui Alofa

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NCEA results now live

WELLINGTON — NCEA results are now live on the NZQA website.

About 140,000 Kiwi students can now check to see how they fared in their 2019 exams.

Students can head to the NZQA website which is expecting a heavy amount of traffic, if the 2018 results are anything to go by.

Students can log on to the online exam platform and view marked digital exams from January 22, while printed exam papers will be returned to students from late January. For the first time, exam papers will be returned in recyclable paper envelopes, rather than being wrapped in plastic.

NZQA said its call centre would stay open until 8pm today.

"We have expanded our call centre with trained staff to ensure we can answer any queries students may have about their results, as well as a specialist team of experienced advisers to offer further

guidance," a spokesperson said.

"The call centre can be contacted on 0800 697 296 or helpdesk@nzqa.govt.nz.

"For privacy reasons, we can give results and NSNs only to the students concerned."

After receiving their marked papers, students have until February 19 to apply for a review or reconsideration.

There is no cost to request a review, while the fee for a reconsideration will be refunded if a reconsideration leads to a change in grades.

"Reconsideration fees can also now be waived if students meet financial assistance criteria."

Students who sat New Zealand Scholarship exams will be able to view their results online from February 5 and apply for a review or reconsideration until March 6.

Statistics on national attainment will be made available on the NZQA website in April. — NZ Herald



RUNAWAY BUS: The driverless tourist bus rolled backwards on to the baby and pram on the corner of Victoria and Albert streets in central Auckland yesterday. NZ Herald picture

‘My baby is under the bus’

by Nikki Preston, NZ Herald

AUCKLAND — A child in a pram was dragged from under a double-decker bus in Auckland yesterday after the driverless vehicle rolled backwards.

Bystanders raced to the aid of the little girl and her mother when the tourist bus struck them as it moved along the city-centre road.

Satender Phogat, who works at Kebab Time on Victoria St, said people were crossing the road on the green pedestrian light when he noticed the bus rolling backwards just after 1pm.

He saw the driver was not in the bus, which was travelling at between 10kmh and 12kmh, so his initial reaction was to try to stop it.

“I was not expecting the bus going backwards without the driver.”

He said he tried to stop the bus, but it was too heavy.

Within a few seconds, other people, including workers at the nearby construction site, also helped.

But by then a mum who was pushing a stroller with a baby had disappeared under the bus.

The City Sightseeing Tours bus crashed into a construction site on the corner of Victoria and Albert streets.

“I was in shock. I didn’t want to

see what happened because she was screaming and I can’t see and explain what happened . . .”

An older woman then stepped in behind the bus and pulled the mother out. “She was saying, ‘Oh my baby, my baby was there and is under the bus.’”

The driver started running after the bus as if to hop in it but Phogat told him to stop and not to move the bus because someone was under it.

Phogat and another man who works nearby then grabbed the baby, who appeared uninjured.

“The baby (went) under the bus from the back and we took out (the child) from the front so the whole bus passed over the baby.

He said he checked the baby’s hands and feet and the child appeared not to have been hurt.

“It’s a miracle they were safe. I was expecting they must be dead under the bus.”

Phogat said he didn’t feel like a hero and never wanted to see anything like it again in his life.

“I don’t want to see this situation. My heart rate is like . . . my whole body was sweating.”

He said he spoke to the older woman who pulled the woman out and she said she wasn’t thinking clearly when she

stepped behind the bus to help. Her body just reacted to the situation.

Phogat said the driver was in shock and kept asking over and over if anyone was under the bus. They had to reassure him everyone was okay.

It appeared the bus wasn’t in gear and the handbrake was off, which caused it to roll, Phogat said.

Jade Smith was just walking out of Countdown on Victoria St West when she heard a huge bang and people screaming.

“At first I thought it was some kind of bomb as it was so loud but heard someone shouting “the baby!” so ran towards the bus — then I see a bus coming backwards down the hill and a pram behind it with no child in.”

Smith said many tried to help.

“A huge crowd ran towards the bus as soon as they heard a child was involved, to try to help.

“As far as I knew, there was a mum and child under the bus which made my heart sink.” People were crying and in shock, she said.

Once people noticed petrol was leaking from the bus, they started yelling for people to move back as they feared it would catch fire.

St John confirmed two people were taken to Auckland City Hospital with moderate injuries.

Resuming household support to hundreds

NAPIER — Hawke’s Bay District Health Board is reinstating household support services to more than 600 people, who were sent letters last week notifying that the service would be suspended for them.

Last week, hundreds of elderly and disabled people were told they would lose access to Household Management Services.

Hawke’s Bay DHB apologised for sending the letters and said the notification was sent out after a reassessment of the service.

One of those people, an 88-year-old woman with a bad arthritic knee, was told in the letter that “housework is a great way to maintain a good level of health”.

“DHB management unreservedly apologise for the hurt and upset this has caused so many people.”

—Emma Foster

However, acting executive director of planning and funding, Emma Foster, said the team acknowledged the new eligibility criteria was not robust enough, having learned the letter was received by many who still needed the service.

“DHB management unreservedly apologise for the hurt and upset this has caused so many people — not just those who receive the service, but organisations such as Age Concern who advocate for our elderly and do a fantastic job, as well as extended family members and, of course, our care support workers in the home,” she said in a statement.

The reinstatement of the service could take up to two weeks, Foster said.

“We are working as efficiently as possible to reinstate services in the home, but ask for some understanding as our providers work hard to get their staff and rosters for these clients back on stream,” she said.

The team will also revisit the eligibility criteria and go through consumer council review before seeking board approval.

An apology letter, along with notification of the reinstatement, is being drafted and will be sent to all impacted clients, the DHB said. — RNZ

Medic kicked unconscious

AUCKLAND — A female paramedic was kicked unconscious by a burglar breaking into a St John ambulance station.

The woman had just returned alone to the Warkworth ambulance station on Brown Rd about 11.30pm on Sunday after treating a patient.

St John director of operations Norma Lane said the intruder then attacked her and kicked her unconscious.

“The paramedic was able to signal for St John Clinical Communications and police support before being rendered unconscious,” Lane said.

She was taken to North Shore hospital in a moderate condition before being discharged yesterday. “This is a despicable and unacceptable act on our colleague,” Lane said.

“We are supporting our officer and her

colleagues while working with police.”

The offender fled and had not yet been located.

Inspector Mark Fergus said police were at the property yesterday conducting a scene examination. “Police officers will also be conducting area inquiries and speaking with nearby residents.”

Ambulances responding to emergencies from the Warkworth station have been temporarily relocated. “St John takes very seriously the safety of its officers,” the organisation said. “Any abuse or assault against ambulance officers is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.”

St John said it supported a parliamentary bill, titled the Protection for First Responders and Prison Officers Bill, and the introduction of tougher penalties for those who assault emergency workers. — NZ Herald

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White Island claims 18th victim

Australian dies from injuries received in eruption

Two bodies still unaccounted for not in official toll

WHAKATANE — An 18th victim has died as a result of the Whakaari/White Island eruption, succumbing to their injuries in an Australian hospital overnight yesterday.

Deputy Police Commissioner John Tims said this brought the official death toll from the eruption to 18 — 16 of whom died in New Zealand and two in Australia.

Whakaari/White Island erupted on December 9, killing 20 people. The bodies of two victims — 40-year-old Kiwi Hayden Marshall-Inman and 17-year-old Australian Winona Langford — remain missing.

Many of the 47 tourists and guides on the island when the volcano erupted were blanketed in the burning ash, steam and toxic gas.

Eight people remain at Middlemore Hospital, two patients are still being treated at Waikato Hospital, two patients are being treated at Hutt Valley Hospital and one patient is being treated at Christchurch Hospital.

One month on from the disaster, White Island Tours chairman Paul Quinn said no discussions had been held about when, or if, tours might resume.

“We haven’t considered any return to White Island or any derivative thereof,” Quinn told the NZ Herald.

“We have looked at options excluding White Island. We do tours to Moutohora which has a Kiwi sanctuary. We will, at an appropriate time, look to see if that is appropriate.

“In terms of Whakaari/White Island, that is some distance down the road.”



STILL MISSING: The bodies of 40-year-old Kiwi Hayden Marshall-Inman and 17-year-old Australian Winona Langford remain unaccounted for.

As well as cancelling all tours to White Island, White Island Tours — which is owned by Ngati Awa Group Holdings — also suspended its tours to nearby Moutohora/Whale Island after the disaster.

A resumption of tours to the area,

including potentially water-based tours which might not take groups on to the island, would have to wait until any changes WorkSafe might make in regards to adventure tourism in the area.

In the immediate days after White Island erupted underneath the tour groups on the island, Whakatane mayor Judy Turner said she wanted tours to continue.

But talking on the eve of the month anniversary of the tragedy, she told the NZ Herald that if tours were resumed then she could understand why changes could be made by operators, including potentially meaning island landings were off limits.

“The decision on this one is very much in the hands of White Island Tours as to what they feel comfortable doing . . . whether landing is a future opportunity or not, or if observing from a greater distance may be the better thing,” Turner said. — NZME



MAN AND WOMAN SHOT: A police checkpoint was set up at remote Tunui, between Masterton and Castlepoint. Wairarapa Times Age picture

Killings shock rural Castlepoint

Police treating shooting deaths as homicide

WAIRARAPA — Police expect to name today the couple found dead at a remote property at Castlepoint in the Wairarapa.

A man, in his 50s, and a woman in her 40s, died in what police described yesterday as a homicide.

Three other people, all in their 20s, were at the property when shots were fired.

Scott Miller, area commander for Wairarapa Police, could not confirm whether police were treating the incident as a murder and suspected suicide, saying only that a homicide investigation had been opened.

“At this point we have just done our scene examination. We have forensic experts who have come down from Auckland, we also have our forensic team from Wellington and the Masterton police.

“This is a homicide investigation, but the actual events of how it occurred, it’ll take a day or two to put those pieces together.

“Talking to the residents inside the address and with our examination of the address we should know exactly what’s happened within 24 hours.”

Police had not had any previous dealings with the family or the property, “certainly not over the last 12 months or so”.

“I think it is definitely a shock to the family and to neighbours,” he said. “We’ll be looking at all aspects of why this has occurred and what’s happened.”

Miller said a person at the property called 111 just after 5am to say there had been a gunshot and that one person had been killed. The armed offenders squad found two people dead when they arrived.

Miller believed the deceased pair were

a couple and had been in a relationship for some years. They had lived at the address for about a year, and neither they nor their property were known to police.

Police were also speaking with the other three adults who met police outside when they arrived.

Witness information suggested one firearm had been involved. It had been located and police would be looking at it soon. Victim Support and police were offering support to those who had been inside the house, as well as any extended whanau who needed support.

Police had door-knocked within half a kilometre of the rural property. Only some people knew the occupants, but the general reaction from close neighbours was “disbelief and a bit of shock”, Miller said.

Police earlier said no one else was being sought in relation to the incident.

Entertainment identity pleads not guilty to sex assault claims

AUCKLAND — A well-known figure in the entertainment industry is on trial this week for allegedly sexually assaulting three of his female employees at end-of-project wrap parties.

It’s been alleged he told one woman “you look after me and I will look after you” and she was too scared of losing her job to take any action.

The man has pleaded not guilty to six charges — one of sexual violation by unlawful sexual connection and five of indecent assault.

His trial began in the Auckland District Court yesterday before Judge Russell Collins and a jury.

The accused man’s name is suppressed, but it can be reported that he has been involved with several high-profile film and television projects in New Zealand and abroad.

Crown prosecutor Hannah Clark said the alleged offending happened between 2007 and 2014 at various places in NZ.

“All are younger than him, all three of them were sexually assaulted by him while working for him,” she claimed. “All three times it was when everyone had been drinking . . . at a celebratory function towards the end of filming.”

In the first complainant’s interview with the police, played to the jury, she said she and a colleague went to sleep in the man’s motel room after a wrap party because they had been drinking. She was not drunk, but was not able to drive. As she slept on the couch, she said, the man undid her pants and started to touch her.

“I woke up and he saw me wake up and he got down on his hands and knees and crawled back into his bed and went to sleep,” she said. “I just lay there. Being in shock is a phenomenal thing. You ask yourself why didn’t you scream or yell or wake the other girl up? I just couldn’t do anything.”

Years later she heard two other women had reported the man to police. After thinking about it for several months she decided to speak up too.

The second woman was “rubbed up and down” on her thigh by the accused at another party, Clark said.

As the accused touched the woman, he said to her: “You look after me and I’ll look after you”, the jury was told. When her husband came over to intervene the woman begged him, “Please don’t say anything, I don’t want to lose my job.”

The couple left, and actually drove the accused home. The woman was desperate to keep her job and kept working for the accused.

The man allegedly groped the third complainant at a wrap party. Each time, she moved away and then left to go to her room.

The man’s lawyer, Marie Dhyrberg, QC, said: “The complainants . . . are unreliable or mistaken or certainly being untruthful. The one party who is being honest in all of this and being truthful is (the man).” — NZ Herald

Public housing waiting list hits new high of 14,500 households

WELLINGTON — The waiting list for public housing has hit a new high — reaching nearly 14,500 households.

The recently released figure — recorded at the end of November — has more than doubled from the roughly 6000 individuals or families on the list shortly after the 2017 election.

National is blaming Labour's housing policies and says the government has meddled in the rental market instead of building houses.

But the minister responsible, Kris Faafoi, said the government had already delivered some 3300 public housing places, with another 2500 under construction.

They were due to be completed by June, he said.

The increase in demand was due in part to a culture change which meant people knew they would receive the help they need, he said.

Faafoi added that Budget 2019 had included \$197 million to strengthen and expand the Housing First programme.

That funding would be able to support

up to 2700 homeless whanau across New Zealand, he said.

However, National's Associate Housing spokesperson Simon O'Connor said:

"Labour was too quick to meddle in the rental market when it should have been focused on building houses.

"The reason we're in this mess today is because KiwiBuild tanked, Labour's new rental standards scared off landlords at the affordable end of the market, and its decision to end tenancy reviews increased pressure on social housing supply."

If National were to get back into government at this year's election, it said it would "prioritise our most vulnerable Kiwis by throwing our weight behind community housing providers and introducing a target to reduce the time it takes MSD to house Priority-A clients on the social housing register".

Faafoi said every New Zealander had a "right to a warm, dry, secure and safe place to live".

"Homelessness is a complex and growing problem that will take a concerted and sustained effort by

Demand by region

- Northland: 524
- Auckland: 5326
- Waikato: 1494
- Bay of Plenty: 1120
- East Coast-Hawke's Bay: 1405
- Central: 803
- Taranaki: 255
- Wellington: 1595
- West Coast Tasman: 510
- Canterbury: 1063
- Southern: 380
- Other/unknown: 21



NEW STATE HOMES: The demand for State housing is growing. These nine houses were built in Whanganui in 2018. Whanganui Chronicle picture

multiple agencies to ensure homelessness is both brief and non-recurring."

— Radio NZ

Woman allegedly assaulted at festival

NELSON — An appeal for information has been made by police after a woman was allegedly indecently assaulted at Nelson's Bay Dreams festival earlier this month.

The incident happened at the main stage of the Trafalgar Park festival between 10pm and 11pm on January 4.

Police said the woman was in the middle of a large crowd watching the final act of the night when the incident unfolded.

It's believed the alleged offender was in his mid-20s, about 190cm tall and of a lean build with sun-tanned complexion.

"The man was wearing a distinctive high visibility orange mesh vest and may have been with a group of similar-aged males," police said in a statement.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Det Neil Kitchen of Nelson's CIB on 03 546 3851. — Newshub

Beached whale dies

WHANGAREI — A whale estimated to be about 10m long has died after stranding on Northland's west coast.

The whale, initially thought to be a humpback but confirmed to be a Bryde's whale by DoC, is about 8km south of the Baylys Beach entrance, between Mahuta and Glinks Gully. DOC said it was working with local iwi on their wishes for the next steps, which may include flensing or burial. — NZ Herald



Patricia Walsh and Vaelyhn Maurirere

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Watson creditors complicate Bendon parent's \$2.7m debt

AUCKLAND — Creditors circling Eric Watson may pose problems for the cash-strapped parent of lingerie maker Bendon, which owes the high-profile expat businessman \$2.7 million.

The debt arose in 2018 in a complex arrangement involving Watson's Cullen Group when Naked Brand Group bought the global online licence to sell Frederick's of Hollywood lingerie from interests associated with Watson for \$19.9m in new shares and forgiven debt.

Watson had just wrapped up a deal to essentially list Bendon on the US Nasdaq exchange through Naked, although negotiations had dragged on far longer than initially signalled as the parties argued over the value of the Kiwi company's assets.

The Frederick's licence had been subleased to Bendon. Naked bought the licence outright in November 2018, issuing shares worth \$6.9m at the time and forgiving \$13.1m of debt owed by Watson's Cullen Investments. It also took on a \$2.2m loan Fredericks owed Watson personally, which had grown to \$2.7m as at July 31. Naked has since written down the value of the licence by \$1.9m and



Eric Watson

in the six months through July, the company completed an operational review and invested in a new platform to cut operating costs over the next 12 to 18 months.

Naked was already struggling before the Bendon lifeline emerged. It had a fraction of the sales its bigger

Kiwi counterpart generated when Watson first mooted the deal in early 2017.

However, Bendon also struggled with profitability before the deal with Naked and the merged lingerie company hasn't been able to rely on funding from Watson, who lost major battles with New Zealand's Inland Revenue Department over his tax affairs and an acrimonious split from former business partner Owen Glenn.

Naked is continuing to operate with its bank's good graces, having been in breach of various lending covenants with Bank

Some of Watson's assets have been frozen by the UK High Court as Glenn seeks to assert an order for £43.5m (\$85.3m) plus interest; IRD is pursuing about \$114.7m in unpaid taxes, interest and penalties.

of New Zealand for years. The company is in the process of negotiating a new banking arrangement, which requires it to raise another US\$15m (\$22.6m) on top of the US\$32.4m it raised last year.

That makes Watson's loan problematic if it were to be called, with Naked reporting an operating cash outflow of \$9.7m in the six months ended July 31. It was only the sale of new shares and convertible notes that left Naked with \$1.5m in the bank, given it had already fully drawn down its \$20m loan with BNZ.

Who ultimately benefits from the Watson loan will likely be contested.

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Just before Christmas, the High Court appointed Vivian Fatupaito and Luke Norman of KPMG as liquidators of the Cullen Group and several other companies were subsequently moved into liquidation.

In their first report, Fatupaito and Norman said they had been trying to unravel complex, cross-border interests, and the significant number of related party transactions.

The liquidators said they had been in touch with Glenn's legal team about the freezing order, and have agreed with the IRD to delay a planned appeal while they consider whether it's worth continuing with it.

They decided against calling a creditors' meeting, saying there weren't enough assets to meet the cost of holding a meeting and that there were limited prospects of funds being available to unsecured creditors.

— BusinessDesk



All Blacks lose sponsorship

WELLINGTON — Insurance giant AIG has decided to end its multi-million dollar sponsorship of New Zealand Rugby and the All Blacks.

The American International Group won't renew its deal when it expires at the end of 2021.

The AIG logo first appeared on the All Blacks jersey in 2012, with the sponsorship reportedly worth about \$80 million.

AIG's current sponsorship agreement is for six years to the end of 2021 and they directly sponsor the All Blacks, the All Blacks Sevens, the Maori All Blacks, the Black Ferns, the New Zealand Black Ferns Sevens and New Zealand Under 20 teams.

NZR chief executive Mark Robinson said the international insurance giant was giving both organisations ample time to prepare for new opportunities in the future.

"We have enjoyed a hugely successful and

mutually beneficial commercial partnership that has helped both AIG and NZR to strengthen our respective brands on the world stage.

"We will continue to work with AIG through another exciting period for our teams — with both the men's and women's sevens teams seeking gold at the Tokyo Olympics later in 2020, and the Black Ferns heading into the Rugby World Cup 2021 as defending champions and the tournament's host nation," Robinson said.

Daniel Glantz, AIG's global head of sponsorship and strategic partnerships, said: "We thank New Zealand Rugby for their partnership and are proud of our many accomplishments together. New Zealand Rugby's staff and players have consistently demonstrated a commitment to excellence on and off the pitch, which has enhanced both of our brands and inspired rugby fans around the world."

— Radio NZ

Business confidence continues to improve

WELLINGTON — Business confidence improved at the end of 2019, with signs of a recovery in construction and manufacturing, although growth may continue to slide.

The Quarterly Survey of Business Opinion (QSBO) for the final quarter of 2019 showed that the general outlook for the economy was still negative, but improving.

Across the survey — the leading indicator of its type in New Zealand — respondents were generally more positive, in particular in manufacturing.

A net 1 percent of manufacturing businesses said they had seen improved output at the end of 2019, up from a net 27 percent which saw a fall in output in September.

A large proportion of manufacturers also reported improving export condition compared to September.

"Although domestic demand remains soft, there has been a rebound in export demand," the New Zealand Institute of Economic Research said.

The institute has been undertaking

the survey since 1961.

Overall the survey was more positive, but key indicators pointed to New Zealand's economic growth remaining weak at least until the end of 2019. A net 11 percent of businesses reported a deterioration in their own activity in the quarter, the same as in September.

Profitability and investment intentions improved marginally, but remain negative.

While recent economic commentary suggested New Zealand's economic growth had reached a trough in the second half of 2019, NZIER principal economist Christina Leung said the QSBO suggested growth may continue to weaken for some time yet.

The survey suggested annual GDP growth of around 1 percent towards the end of 2019, Leung said, but there did appear to be indicators showing an improvement.

"To the extent that we're seeing a stabilisation in conditions, that suggests this is as bad as it gets."

— NZ Herald

SHAREMARKET YESTERDAY

WELLINGTON — New Zealand shares took their cue from a soft lead on Wall Street as investors started the week on a cautious note.

The S&P/NZX 50 Index decreased 0.1 percent, to 11,543.67. Within the index, 21 stocks fell, 23 rose, and six were unchanged. Turnover was \$108.1 million, with Metlifecare accounting for \$44.4m of that.

Stocks across Asia were mixed as some investors were optimistic and started the week on a positive note, with the US and China set to sign their preliminary trade agreement tomorrow, while others followed the soft US employment data on Friday, which weighed on US equity markets.

Peter McIntyre, an investment adviser at Craigs Investment Partners, said the strong rally

last year and lack of alternative investments meant investors would be willing to accept the dividend yield available on the local stock market, even if it can't repeat the 2019 performance.

"There's no clear reason to . . . switch into cash," McIntyre said.

This morning's New Zealand Institute of Economic Research's quarterly survey of business opinion gave investors a steer on how confident firms are in both the local economy and their own activity.

Tourism Holdings led the market lower, down 3 percent at \$3.25. NZX was down 2.2 percent at \$1.39, falling from a six-and-a-half-year high.

Goodman Property Trust was down 2 percent at \$2.22 and Z Energy declined 1.9 percent

to \$4.60.

Sky Network Television posted the day's biggest gain, up 2.8 percent at 73 cents on a volume of 210,000 shares, well short of its 979,000 daily average turnover. Fletcher Building rose 2.4 percent to \$5.22 and Vector was up 1.6 percent at \$3.75.

Refining NZ decreased 0.6 percent to \$1.80. A2 Milk fell 1 percent to \$14.75. The milk marketing firm yesterday announced another change in its senior leadership team, with the departure of chief technical officer Phil Rybinski.

Metlifecare was the most traded stock on a volume of 6.5 million shares, well up on its 453,000 average. The retirement village operator is under a takeover offer at \$7 per share. Its stock was static at \$6.87.

Kiwi Property Group was unchanged at \$1.54 on a volume of 1.9 million shares and Auckland

International Airport decreased 0.6 percent to \$8.85, with 1.1 million shares traded.

Three listed bonds traded on volumes of more than a million notes. ASB Bank's 2021 bonds, paying annual interest of 4.245 percent, closed at a yield of 1.59 percent, down 5 basis points. The Local Government Funding Agency's 2020 bond, paying 3 percent, closed at a yield of 1.3 percent, up 5 basis points. And ANZ Bank New Zealand's 2020 bond, paying 4.03 percent, closed at a yield of 1.46 percent, down 3 basis points.

Outside the NZX50, Eroad increased 0.3 percent to \$3.20. The telematics company yesterday appointed North American Barry Einsig as a new independent director.

IkeGPS fell 3.4 percent to 85 cents. The company yesterday appointed former Microsoft Research manager Norwood Keel as senior vice-president of product. — BusinessDesk

EDITORIAL

Another case of collateral damage

Redirecting her political career

The resignation of Meredith Akuhata-Brown from the Regional Transport Committee over what she says are internal politics that have left her without a leadership role at the council in her third term is an unfortunate situation.

This is especially so with regard to her view that she is “not respected or given the space to grow”, and the fact she is a strong representative at the council table of Maori and youth interests and also of our most vulnerable citizens.

Of course, this situation could also be seen as a consequence of her mayoral ambitions. In that regard Ms Akuhata-Brown indicates today that her focus in future will probably turn to national politics. This would likely be with the Green Party.

At the local body elections in October she was a distant second in the mayoral race, with 3845 votes compared to Rehette Stoltz’s 10,589 (Ross Meurant got 1578).

Three years earlier she was the third-highest polling city ward candidate with 5341 votes (last year she was fifth, with 5019 votes) and, after having served a term on the Regional Transport Committee, was set to chair it — and was being congratulated on this by colleagues — until previous deputy Bill Burdett returned to the meeting where two contested chairmanships were being decided by a secret vote of all councillors (a first in the council’s 27-year history), belatedly added his name to the transport committee ballot, and won.

Your editor thought at the time that Ms Akuhata-Brown had been hard done by and we asked in our next webpoll who readers thought should be chair of the Regional Transport Committee; she was the clear winner with 63 percent, against 21 percent for Mr Burdett.

Adding to the full-council snub, the committee — which includes three rural councillors and just the one city representative — then elected first-term councillor Malcolm MacLean as its deputy chairman.

New Mayor Rehette Stoltz has returned to the practice of deciding who will chair the council’s committees, and Pat Seymour was a logical choice for regional transport (as was Shannon Dowsing to be the mayoral appointee on Trust Tairawhiti) among the various leadership roles distributed.

As Ms Akuhata-Brown says today, she should have made the case for being deputy rather than seconding Mrs Seymour’s move to appoint Mr Burdett to the role, however that opportunity has passed and a passionate, popular local politician has started to redirect her political career and aspirations.

by Gwynne Dyer



ONE of the main causes of death for airline passengers in recent decades is being shot down by somebody’s military. Not the biggest, of course: accidents account for nine-tenths of all deaths in civilian airline crashes, and terrorist attacks and hijackings cause most of the rest. But a solid 2.5 percent of the deaths are due to trigger-happy people in military uniforms.

The statistics are pretty reliable for so-called “major incidents” (more than 50 deaths): 1379 passengers killed in civilian planes shot down because they were off-course or mis-identified, out of a total of 57,767 deaths in 594 crashes since the first “high fatality” crash in 1923.

The first was an El Al plane that strayed into Bulgarian airspace in 1955, the second an off-course Libyan airliner shot down by Israel over the Sinai Peninsula in 1973. The last of the military shoot-downs in which actual fighters were involved was an off-track Korean Air Lines jumbo jet shot down by a Soviet fighter in 1983. All 269 passengers and crew were killed.

Since then the killing has been done by surface-to-air missiles, with no visual identification. The first of these was in 1988, when the US Navy ship Vincennes, operating illegally in Iran’s territorial waters, shot down an Iran Air jet bound for Dubai with 290 people aboard in the mistaken belief that it was a fighter plane. They all died.

Ukrainian Air Force missiles shot down a Siberia Airlines flight over the Black Sea in 2001 during a military exercise, killing 78. In 2014 Russian-backed rebels fighting in eastern Ukraine shot down a Malaysian Airlines plane and killed all 298 passengers and crew.

And now 176 people, the great majority of them Canadian citizens or residents, have been killed just off the end of the runway in Tehran by a young Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps technician who thought he was shooting down an American drone. At least his commander acknowledged his personal responsibility — “I wish I was dead” — but the Iranian government lied about it for three days.

Technically, this kind of mistake is inexcusable. You don’t even need high-cost military technology: a free Swedish app called Flight Radar 24 will give you real-time flight data on your phone for all civilian airliners in the air in your vicinity. What we are dealing with here is mostly human error — but human error driven by paranoid politics and huge time pressure.

You can’t do anything about the time pressure: decisions really do sometimes have to be made in seconds if you suspect that you have a “hostile” incoming on the radar. The paranoia might be easier to address in principle, but it’s equally inevitable in practice: all the shoot-downs happen in countries that are in acute military confrontations of one sort or another.

And that’s the point, really: all these shoot-downs are fundamentally a political and military phenomenon, not a technical malfunction or mere human error. We live in a far more peaceful

world than our distant ancestors did, but our deepest cultural traditions are still tribal. Once a confrontation gets going, we quickly turn into Yanomamo villagers.

On the other hand, don’t despair. The great majority of the world’s people now live in countries where the risk of war is very low or entirely absent, and the cities are not surrounded by anti-aircraft missiles. We have already travelled a very long way from the time when every human society lived in constant fear of all its neighbours.

This is still a work in progress. The past century has seen the most destructive wars in history — which was inevitable, given the growth in technology, wealth and population. But it was also the first time that people ceased to see war as natural, honourable and potentially profitable, and latterly warfare has gone into a steep decline.

There could still be back-sliding, especially if the climate crisis overwhelms us, but so far the trend line is promising. The world’s population has more than doubled in the past half-century, but the number of people killed in war is less than a tenth of what it was in the previous half-century.

However, the planes are much bigger, and there are now around a million people in the air at any given moment, so there are also more people being killed in shoot-downs. It’s never any consolation to tell people that things are getting better on average when they have been devastated by a personal loss. But for what it’s worth, they are.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, ONLINE COMMENTS

Let’s get ‘waka’ models up

Re: Facts on original installation of city’s Endeavour models, January 7 letter.

Derek, if they were waka they would have been up yesterday no matter what the cost.

TONY PICKETT

I’m not sure what Mr Phillips’ intentions were in writing his letter. I can tell him that the Eiffel Tower was erected in 1889 with a permit for 20 years. It was to be dismantled in 1909. The London Eye was a temporary attraction with a lease of five years. Both are still standing today and are major tourist attractions. There are countless other “temporary” attractions around the world. These things grow on people and become part of a city’s culture.

Let’s do as Mr Pickett seems to suggest; call the Endeavour models “waka” and put this council-sponsored scandal to an end pronto.

JOHN FRICKER

Price tag is too high

Re: Inaction on pool complex ‘a thoughtless disservice’, January 11 letter.

I agree Sarah. I think the price tag is scaring the council and potential funders away from any action on the pool complex, and to be honest the price tag is too high.

There is nothing which says that small steps can’t be taken to modernise the health and safety aspects of the pool and the changing facilities.

MARY-ANN de KORT

No trains, who gains?

Re: So, was Berl report a waste of time, January 13 letter.

Yes. Who benefits from it remaining closed to (commercial) trains?

MURRAY JONES
Gold Coast

MyLotto not the answer

Re: Lotto lags, January 13 letter.

Totally agree that NZ Lotto is behind the times! Looking for a winner for a month or so is not cool and shouldn’t be happening at all. We should follow Australia’s lead and put security measures in place so that if a ticket is lost/stolen, no one else can claim your winnings.

Just as an interesting side note: while buying tickets via MyLotto (online) might

eliminate the risk of you losing your ticket, if you win any amount under \$1000, it goes straight on to your Lotto “account”, ie you can’t withdraw it, you can only use it to purchase more tickets.

This might not be a biggie for some, but \$999 would be a lot of money to others, so it’s worth bearing in mind if you do decide to purchase your Lotto tickets online.

DANA

On local climate actions

Re: Climate change real, all is not lost — January 10 editorial.

Thank you Editor. Let all readers take note: climate change is an extremely serious threat, not to be ignored but acted on right now.

BOB HUGHES

So what meaningful, constructive and productive action should we, in this District, be taking to “drastically reduce our net emissions and start arresting these changes”? Or

should we be more practical and implement changes that will ameliorate the effects of climate change?

G.R. WEBB

Thanks, yes indeed Gordon. As the editorial headline said, “Climate Change is real, all is not lost” — let’s all be practical and ameliorate now; ie do all that is possible to make a bad or unpleasant situation better.

BOB HUGHES

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Britain's royal family drama

Queen agrees to let Harry, Meghan move part-time to Canada

SANDRINGHAM — Britain's pragmatic queen brokered a deal yesterday to secure the future of the monarchy, charting a course for Prince Harry and his wife, Meghan, that allows them to live part-time in Canada while still remaining firmly tied to the House of Windsor.

The decision followed a summit at Queen Elizabeth Sandringham estate in eastern England that sought to resolve the conundrum of what to do with royals who only want the job part time. The British monarch said in a statement that the summit of senior royals was "constructive," and that it had been "agreed that there will be a period of transition" to sort things out during which Meghan and Harry will spend time in both Canada and the UK.

"My family and I are entirely supportive of Harry and Meghan's desire to create a new life as a young family," the queen said in a statement that offered a demonstrably soft tone. "Although we would have preferred them to remain full-

time working members of the Royal Family, we respect and understand their wish to live a more independent life as a family while remaining a valued part of my family."

The summit marked the first face-to-face talks with Harry since he and Meghan unveiled their controversial wish last week to step back from their royal roles, become financially independent and split their time between Britain and North America. The meeting reflected the Queen's desire to contain the fallout from the independence announcement, which prompted hurt feelings among senior family members not told in advance of the decision.

But by midday yesterday, the House of Windsor showed signs of pulling together. Princes William and Harry issued a joint statement slamming a newspaper report describing a severe strain in their relationship, calling the story offensive and potentially harmful.

Though the statement did not



PART-TIME ROYALS: In a statement issued yesterday, Queen Elizabeth says she has agreed to grant Prince Harry and Meghan their wish for a more independent life that will see them move part-time to Canada. AP picture

name the newspaper, the Times of London has a front page story about the crisis in which a source alleged that Harry and Meghan had been pushed away by the "bullying attitude" from William. The joint statement insisted that the story was "false."

"For brothers who care so deeply about the issues surrounding mental health, the use of inflammatory language in this way is offensive and potentially harmful," the statement said.

The Queen said after the meeting that these were

"complex matters for my family to resolve, and there is some more work to be done, but I have asked for final decisions to be reached in the coming days".

One of the trickier questions that needs to be worked out is precisely what it means for a royal to be financially independent, and what activities can be undertaken to make money. Other royals who have ventured into the world of commerce have found it complicated. Harry and Meghan also face questions about paying for security, which is currently taxpayer-funded.

Bob Morris, honorary senior research associate at University College London's Constitution Unit, said that the crux of the matter lies in the difference between being a celebrity and having royal status.

"Royal status sets you apart, it gives you special role in our society," he said. "It is very difficult for you to put the hat on and take it off. You cannot be half royal or royal part of the time. — AP

US troops in Iraq got warning hours before Iranian attack

IRAQ — American troops were informed of an impending missile barrage hours before their airbase in Iraq was struck by Iran, US military officials said on Monday, days after the attack that marked a major escalation between the long-time foes.

At 11pm on January 7, US Lt. Col. Antoinette Chase gave the order for American troops at Ain al-Asad air base in western Iraq, to go on lockdown. Military movements froze as her team, responsible for emergency response at the base, sent out alerts about the threat. At 11:30 p.m., she gave the order to take cover in bunkers.

The first strike landed sometime after 1:35am on January 8 and the barrage continued for nearly two hours.

Halfway through the attack, Chase learned the missiles were being launched from Iran.

No American soldiers were killed or wounded, the US has said, although several troops were treated for concussions from the blast and are being assessed, said Col. Myles Caggins, a spokesman at the base for the US coalition fighting the Islamic State group.

"The reason why we pushed it at 2330 is because at that point in time all indications pointed to something coming," she told reporters touring the base. "Worst case scenario — we were told was it's probably going to be a missile attack. So we were informed of that."

The Iranian attack was in retaliation for the US drone strike near Baghdad airport

that killed top Iranian General Qassem Soleimani on January 3.

An Associated Press crew touring the Ain al-Asad base saw large craters and damaged military trailers. Forklifts lifted rubble and loaded it onto trucks from an area the size of a football stadium. US soldiers inspected portable housing units destroyed in the attack.

The sprawling complex in western Anbar province is about 180 kilometres west of Baghdad and is shared with the Iraqi military.

It houses about 1500 members of the US military and the US-led coalition fighting the Islamic State militant group.

The Iranian attack — the most direct assault on America since the 1979 seizing of the US Embassy in Tehran — raised fears of a wider conflict although both sides have since indicated that they won't seek further retaliation, at least in the short term.

"There were more than 10 large missiles fired and the impact hit several areas along the airfield," Caggins said. At least 15-30 minutes passed between successive strikes, Chase said.

The attack destroyed facilities that house dozens of soldiers and one missile hit near an airstrip where six drones were parked but caused no damage, he said.

The base received a notification that the missiles were on their way, thanks to early warning systems, Caggins said, and troops were moved out of harm's way. He described soldiers who lived through the attack as "warriors." — AP



ANGER OVER JET'S DOWNING: Iranian police officers take position while protesters gather in front of Amir Kabir University in Tehran, Iran, to remember victims of a Ukrainian airplane shot down by an Iranian missile. AP picture

Gunfire disperses protests in Iran

DUBAI — Popular anger swelled on Monday in Iran over the accidental shutdown of a Ukrainian jetliner and the government's attempt to conceal its role in the tragedy, as online videos appeared to show security forces firing live ammunition and tear gas to disperse protests in the streets.

Iranians, already suffering under crippling US sanctions, expressed shock and outrage over the plane crash that killed scores of young people. They also decried the misleading statements from top officials, who only admitted responsibility three days later in the face of mounting evidence.

The country began last week engulfed in mourning after a US drone strike killed General Qassem Soleimani, who led Iran's regional military interventions. Then on January 8, it responded with a ballistic missile attack on two bases housing US troops in Iraq, although there were no casualties. Hours after that barrage, as it braced for a US counterattack that never came, Iranian forces accidentally shot down the Ukraine International Airlines jetliner, killing all 176 people aboard shortly after it took off from Tehran for Kyiv.

For a growing number of critics — from ordinary citizens to notable athletes and artists — the events have revealed a government that is incapable of following through on its incendiary rhetoric and willing to mislead its own people about a national tragedy in order to avoid embarrassment.

Those sentiments first boiled over late on Saturday, shortly after the Revolutionary Guard admitted to shooting the plane down by mistake. A candlelight vigil at a university rapidly turned into an anti-government demonstration.

"They are lying that our enemy is America! Our enemy is right here!" students shouted.

On Sunday night, protesters massed in Tehran's Azadi, or Freedom, Square.

Videos sent to the New York-based Centre for Human Rights in Iran and later verified by The Associated Press show a crowd of demonstrators near Azadi Square fleeing as a tear gas canister lands among them. People cough and sputter while trying to escape the fumes, with one woman calling out in Farsi, "They fired tear gas at people! Azadi Square! Death to the dictator!"

Another video shows a woman being carried away in the aftermath of the violence, a trail of blood visible on the ground. Those around her cry out that she has been shot in the leg.

"Oh my God, she's bleeding nonstop!" one person shouts. Another shouts: "Bandage it!"

Photos and video after the incident show pools of blood on the sidewalk.

Tehran's police chief, General Hossein Rahimi, later denied that his officers opened fire. "Police treated people who had gathered with patience and tolerance," Iranian media quoted Rahimi as saying. "Police did not shoot in the

gatherings since broad-mindedness and restraint has been the agenda of the police forces of the capital." The semi-official Fars news agency reported that police had "shot tear gas in some areas."

Fars, which is close to the Revolutionary Guard, carried videos purportedly shot Sunday night showing demonstrators chanting: "We are children of war. Fight with us, we will fight back." Another Fars video showed demonstrators in Tehran tearing down a poster of Soleimani.

On Sunday, authorities deployed forces across Tehran — police, members of the Revolutionary Guard on motorcycles and plainclothes security men. The heavy security presence continued into Monday, when protests were largely confined to universities and there were no reports of clashes.

President Donald Trump has openly encouraged the demonstrators, even tweeting messages of support in Farsi and warning the government not to fire on them. German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas tweeted that "we are following the protests in Tehran very attentively," adding that Iranians "have a right to free expression without repression and persecution."

Ebrahim Raisi, the head of Iran's judiciary, issued a warning to protesters, saying "the agents of America and agents of foreign countries" want to use anger over Flight 752 to "compromise" Iran's security. Iran often blames anti-government protests on foreign

Volcano spews ash in Manila, thousands of Filipinos flee

TAGAYTAY— Red-hot lava spewed from a volcano near the Philippines capital of Manila on Monday as tens of thousands of people fled through heavy ash and frightening tremors, and authorities made plans to evacuate hundreds of thousands more for fear of a bigger eruption.

Clouds of ash from the Taal volcano reached Manila, 65 kilometres to the north, on Sunday, forcing the shutdown of the country's main airport, with more than 500 flights cancelled. The airport partially reopened on Monday after the ashfall eased.

There were no immediate reports of any deaths or major damage directly blamed on the eruption. A truck, however, skidded out of control on an ash-blanketed road, killing the driver and injuring three companions in Laguna province in an accident police said may have been linked to slippery conditions.

The government's disaster-response agency and other officials reported more than 30,000 villagers fled their homes in the hard-hit province of Batangas and nearby Cavite province. Officials expected the number to swell.

Some residents could not immediately flee their ash-blanketed villages because of a lack of transportation and poor visibility. Others refused to leave their homes and farms. "We have a problem — our people are panicking due to the volcano because they want to save their livelihood, their pigs and herds of cows," Mayor Wilson Maralit of the town of Balete told DZMM radio. "We're trying to stop them from returning and warning that the volcano can explode again any time and hit them."



RUMBLING VOLCANO: Left, Taal volcano spews ash in view from Batangas, southern Philippines on Monday. Below, a family evacuates to safer ground as Taal volcano erupts in Tagaytay. Some residents could not immediately flee their ash-blanketed villages because of a lack of transportation and poor visibility. AP picture

Maralit, whose town lies along the shoreline of Taal Lake, which surrounds the erupting volcano, appealed for troops and more police to stop people from sneaking back to their villages.

After a cleanup and a shift of ash-laden winds away from Manila, officials partially reopened the main airport and allowed planes to take off. President Rodrigo Duterte's aircraft was able to land in Manila on Monday from his hometown of Davao, his spokesman said, adding he saw the extent of the disaster from the plane.

Taal suddenly rumbled back to life on Sunday, blasting steam, ash and pebbles up to 10 to 15 kilometres

into the sky, according to the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology. On Monday, the ash and steam column reached a height of 2 kilometres, with lava fountains spurting less than half of that height before falling into the lake waters surrounding the main crater. Lava also spurted from another vent north of the main crater, said Renato Solidum, who heads the institute.

The small island where the volcano lies has long been designated a "permanent danger zone," though fishing villages have existed there for years. Those residents were all evacuated, volcanology officials said, adding that there should be a



total evacuation, too, of endangered communities within a 14-kilometre radius of Taal,

Government work was suspended and schools closed in a wide swath of towns and cities. — AP

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Nuke alert wakes up millions

Canadian officials warned people of nuclear emergency and then backed down

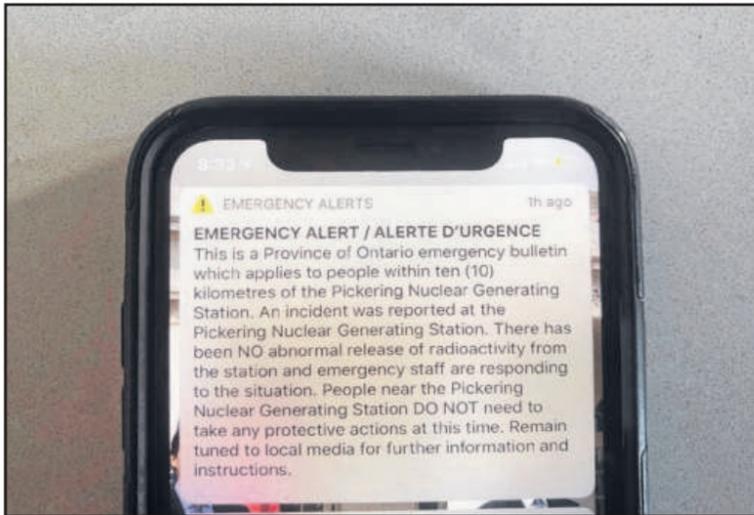
TORONTO — People throughout the Canadian province of Ontario woke up on Sunday to a cellphone alert warning them of an “incident” at a nuclear plant just east of Toronto — only to later be told the message was a mistake.

The message, which was transmitted throughout the nation’s most populous province, was accompanied by a shrill emergency broadcast noise. It said an unspecified event had occurred at the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station. There was no abnormal release of radioactivity, it added, and people did not need to take protective action.

More than an hour later, utility officials sent another message saying the alert “was sent in error” and that there was “no danger to the public or environment.”

“No further action is required,” said the message, which was also sent to television screens.

The alert went out during a routine training exercise being conducted by the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre, Ontario Solicitor General Sylvia



PANICKING ERROR: An emergency alert issued by the Canadian province of Ontario reported an unspecified “incident” at a nuclear plant, being shown here on a smartphone. AP picture

Jones said in a statement that apologized for the mistake.

She said the government had started a full investigation and would “take the appropriate steps to ensure this doesn’t happen again.”

Jim Vlahos, a 44-year-old Toronto man, awoke to the

alert and quickly made a hotel reservation more than 60 miles away in Niagara Falls. He said he figured he would go as far west as possible and then cross the border.

“Having watched ‘Chernobyl’ didn’t help,” he said, referring to the HBO show about the

1986 nuclear disaster in the Soviet Union. “The lack of communication following the alert didn’t help either,” he said.

“I have no problem leaving my phone on for these types of alerts,” Vlahos said. “But I would expect some more info from the government so I wouldn’t have to overreact the way I did.”

Many people slept through the first alert and saw it was a false alarm by the time they woke up.

Jonathan Davies, also 44, was taken aback when he spotted the alert while driving. But he waited until after he picked up his Tim Hortons coffee to check the news.

“I can’t cope with much until I have my coffee, at least a few sips,” he said. “I got scared and went online but found no information.” He later saw the the follow-up alert that indicated it was a false alarm.

Scott Pelton, a 48 year-old Toronto resident, wondered if it was a cyber attack.

“Could be sign of a hack or could just be an innocent mistake? But is a mistake like that possible?” Pelton said.

Pickering Mayor Dave Ryan

said he was “very troubled” by the message. He said on Twitter that he spoke to provincial officials and demanded an investigation.

Toronto Mayor John Tory joined him, tweeting that there were “far too many unanswered questions” about the warning that was sent across the province of 14 million people.

Terry Flynn, who teaches crisis communications at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, said the error runs the risk of eroding public trust.

“When we have continuous problems in these systems, then we have a lack of trust and people begin to ignore them. So that’s the biggest fallout from this scenario,” he said.

Ontario Power “has a sophisticated and robust notification process in place that we would immediately follow in the unlikely event of an incident at the station,” Chief Nuclear Officer Sean Granville said. “I want to assure the public that there was no incident at the station, and the plant is operating as designed.” — AP

Pakistan court annuls death penalty for ex-president

LAHORE — A Pakistani court on Monday overturned the death sentence given to the country’s ex-military ruler, Pervez Musharraf, a former close US ally in the war against terror.

The Lahore High Court ruled that the special tribunal formed to try the ex-president was not legal. Musharraf’s defence team had petitioned the high court following the tribunal’s conviction last December that the former army general was guilty of imposing emergency laws in violation of the constitution during his rule.

Musharraf seized power in 1999 when he ousted the elected government of former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif in a military coup. Eight years later, he imposed emergency rule and placed several key judges under house arrest.

The move drew nationwide condemnation and protests that led to his resignation in 2008.

“The death sentence given to Pervez Musharraf stands quashed after today’s court order,” Pakistani prosecutor Ishtiaq Khan told reporters.

Musharraf’s lawyer Azhar Sadique hailed the court’s verdict, but said “let us see how government reacts.”

He claimed that Musharraf was a political target and had been falsely charged with treason by the government in 2014 after former premier Sharif returned to power.

Musharraf made Pakistan a key ally of the United States in its war on terror following the September 11, 2001 attacks.

He allowed NATO to transport military equipment to land-locked Afghanistan through Pakistan and the US to use Pakistan’s air bases for logistic support.

The conviction and death sentence handed down to Musharraf in December was heavily criticised by Pakistan’s powerful military and the ex-ruler’s All Pakistan Muslim League opposition party.

On Monday, Musharraf told



PENALTY AVERTED: A Pakistani court, overturned the death sentence given to the country’s ailing former dictator, saying a special court that last month convicted and sentenced Musharraf had been formed in violation of the law. AP picture

Pakistan’s ARY news channel that he was “happy” about the hearing’s outcome.

“As far as my health is concerned, I am now feeling better,” he added.

Musharraf’s health last month deteriorated and he was allowed to leave detention for treatment in a hospital.

Musharraf’s spokeswoman, Mehrene Malik Adam, told The Associated Press that the Lahore court had delivered “justice” in a case “which was based on false allegations.”

Musharraf says the special court that tried him in intervals from 2014 to 2019 rejected his requests to record a statement in Dubai. He had been living in there since 2016, when he left Pakistan to receive medical treatment.

A Pakistani court ousted ex-premier Sharif in 2017 on corruption charges. He is currently staying in London for medical treatment on bail. — AP



LITTLE MERMAID VANDALISED: Copenhagen’s famed Little Mermaid statue was found doused with pro-Hong Kong graffiti early on Monday. Three lines in red, reading “Free Hong Kong” were painted on the rock on which the statue sits, next to the same text written smaller in white. Police were seen searching for clues in the the area with flashlights and a dog after the pre-dawn vandalism was reported. No one has been apprehended.

The Little Mermaid was created in tribute to the Danish storyteller Hans Christian Andersen. Sitting on a rock at the entrance of the Copenhagen harbour since 1913, she has been a popular target for vandals, who have blown her off her perch, beheaded her and painted her. In 2010, the statue was the centerpiece of Denmark’s official pavilion at the World Exhibition in Shanghai for a six-month period. AP picture

Man survived weeks stranded in Alaska

ANCHORAGE — Weeks after an Alaska man’s remote cabin burned down, he was rescued by Alaska State Troopers who found him by a makeshift shelter with an SOS signal stamped in the snow.

Tyson Steele, 30, was picked up on Thursday in what appeared to be good health at his remote homestead 20 miles (32 kilometres) outside of Skwentna, troopers said in a dispatch. A mid-December fire had killed his dog and left Steele with no means of communication, Steele told troopers. After his family members and friends hadn’t heard from him for several weeks, they requested a welfare check.

The trooper helicopter crew reached the homestead at about 11am and saw Steele waving his arms near the makeshift shelter.

The trooper helicopter transported Steele to Anchorage. — AP



'An amazing place to die' Airbnb offers reimbursement after house becomes brothel

Son mourns father's death on Tongariro Crossing

by Chelsea Boyle, NZ Herald

AUCKLAND — A German tourist suffering from prostate cancer died with his son holding his hand and New Zealand's rugged beauty at their feet.

Gerd Wilde, a 75-year-old dentist from Berlin, was walking the Tongariro Alpine Crossing when he passed away on Friday about midday.

After battling the disease for years, it had spread throughout his body and he keenly felt the importance of spending time with family and travelling to exotic places.

"He had the feeling he was not staying long on this planet," his son Simon Wilde told the NZ Herald.

So together they embarked on a whirlwind adventure that included Costa Rica, Australia and New Zealand.

They were places he had never been before and always wanted to visit, Simon Wilde said.

He described his father as a very active man who never complained about being unwell.

They knew walking the mountain would be big because of his father's age but he was determined and in good spirits.

On Friday, they were about 100 metres from the top of the mountain, when the 75-year-old paused, needing to sit down.

"He was smiling, he felt good. Then he said he wanted to have a short rest," Simon Wilde said.

But soon he was shaking and collapsed. It was believed he had

a heart attack.

"I had his hand in my hand and I talked to him but I could see in his face he was away."

A French firefighter and a Swedish doctor on the mountain both came to their aid but their 45 minutes of efforts to revive Gerd Wilde were in vain.

The Greenlea Rescue Helicopter also attended the scene but it was too late to save him.

"It was an amazing place to die," Simon Wilde said.

They were just days into the Kiwi leg of their world tour when the tragedy struck, and they had other countries ahead of them.

"He really loved this place because it is so silent. He could really relax. The nature is incredible."

In New Zealand, they had also been able to go canoeing with an old friend from Wellington. They had flown into the capital city and spent three days there before heading north.

Simon Wilde said he was glad he took the chance to travel with his father and felt it imparted one powerful message about living life in the present.

"One day there is no next time."

A particularly sad aspect of his passing was that he would not be able to walk his daughter down the aisle for her wedding later this year, he said.

That was something that she always wanted, he said.

Simon Wilde said he was incredibly moved by a ceremony



FINAL ADVENTURE: Gerd Wilde knew his final days were in front of him and he went on an adventure halfway around the world. Picture supplied

conducted with senior constable Barry Shepherd and Ngati Hikairo in which a rahui was placed upon the mountain.

They had talked about the relationship between nature, the mountain and all human-beings, he said.

"It was really, really amazing,"

he said.

He was overwhelmed that they closed the mountain out of respect to his father.

"I am really thankful. I couldn't imagine that people could be so nice."

Gerd Wilde will be repatriated home to Germany.

DUNEDIN — Airbnb is offering money for counselling and a security system to a Dunedin man whose house was turned into a brothel for two weeks.

The North East Valley property owner and sole occupant, who requested anonymity, said he was on holiday in Asia for a month in July and August and his daughter helped him rent his home to two women through Airbnb.

Over that time, neighbours saw many men coming in and out of the property, and the hot water system broke from overuse.

A plumber who came to fix it described scenes of a brothel.

The house required extensive cleaning and the owner's power usage quadrupled in August, costing him more than \$600 for the month.

Emails between the owner and Airbnb show the company has agreed to pay a total of \$1474.

This includes \$624 for electricity, \$70 for missing bath towels, \$200 for a plumber, \$80 for an electrician and \$500 for 20 hours of cleaning.

The owner described menacing figures returning to his house after he returned asking if the women were still around and acting aggressively.

Airbnb said it was concerned about these instances. "From our side, we would want to offer a reimbursement for a security service if you could provide us a receipt for the cost."

It offered up to \$1000 for the purchase and installation of a security system.

The company said it was concerned about the man's wellbeing and would "work to support the reimbursement" of counselling if he required it.

The owner said the company's willingness to pay was "of course positive", however he was unsure what level of compensation would make up for the experience.

He had spoken to a lawyer who he said was interested in looking at the case.

Airbnb did not respond to a request for comment. — RNZ

Climate change could curb curling in Otago

DUNEDIN — Otago's bonspiels could be another victim of a changing climate as the number and severity of frosts are predicted to steeply decline in the region.

A recent National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research report outlining the potential impacts of climate change on Otago predicts the number and severity of frost days steeply reducing in the coming century.

By 2040, reductions of 10 to 15 frost days per year are projected for inland parts of the region if greenhouse gas emissions go unchecked.

About 20 to 40 fewer frost days are predicted by

2090 for inland areas.

The severity of frosts will probably reduce and frost seasons will likely be shorter.

It could mean the end of the country's traditional bonspiel.

Since 1879, when the conditions have been right, curlers from across the country have dropped everything for a two-day national curling competition on outdoor frozen ponds.

The last time the conditions were cold enough was 2015, when it was held in Naseby, but generally they are held at the Idaburn Dam in the Ida Valley.

Central Otago's curling stalwarts say if predictions are accurate it will be a huge loss. Naseby Curling Council secretary Jock Scott said it would "undoubtedly" make it much more difficult to hold the national bonspiel, as they required consecutive cold nights.

"It's 100mm of ice that needs to be formed to comfortably hold a bonspiel, maybe more these days.

"Although, I think these are changing times. The ancient game is starting to lose it a little bit among the younger generations and we're hell-bent on keeping it alive." — RNZ

E-scooters stripped for parts, thrown in Wgtn harbour

WELLINGTON — It appears e-scooters are being stripped for parts before meeting their end at the bottom of Wellington's harbour.

Volunteer divers have fished 19 e-scooters from the water since Wellington City Council launched two e-scooter share schemes — Jump and Flamingo — in June last year.

Operators are licensed for 18 months but have had six months to prove themselves in a trial period. That is now under review and, if councillors are happy, a draft policy for micromobility transport will be developed for consultation.

One of the problems local politicians will have to grapple with is how to stop people from throwing the scooters into the harbour.

In the meantime, volunteer divers have taken it upon themselves to retrieve the scooters from their watery graves.

Ghost Fishing is an international team of technically trained divers who remove ghost nets from oceans all over

the world.

New Zealand team leader Rob Wilson said Uber was providing them with co-ordinates for its Jump scooters to assist in the operation.

"Obviously people are sadly throwing them into the ocean.

"I just can't for the life of me fathom why you would utilise something like that and suddenly decide to throw them all in the water."

The team has recovered 19 e-scooters from across both operators and there are at least another six with GPS locations that they are aware of.

A concerning trend Wilson noticed was some scooters were missing parts.

"People are actually cannibalising the scooters as well so we're finding scooters in different states of disassembly because people are pulling the scooters apart to make their own scooters."

"Frankenstein scooters, the mind just boggles."

For scooters which manage to escape the hands of crafty thieves, there's still

the fight for survival underwater.

Wilson said one scooter was once mistaken for another diver because its light was still working in the depths of the harbour.

"We all carry lights because it is quite gloomy and dark and lights are good for communication. But when we went in a bit closer, lo and behold, here is one of the e-scooters sitting on the sea floor, probably been in there for 16-to 20 hours, with the light still on."

Onzo bikes are also ending up in the soup with people riding them off a jump platform and into the sea.

Wilson has lost count of how many bikes they have retrieved.

"If we don't do it, who's going to do it? There's just not many people doing this type of stuff and I see the ocean as really important, especially for the youth and the kids of the future and if we don't try to protect what we have now, there's not going to be anything for them to enjoy."

Uber and Flamingo have been approached for comment. — NZ Herald

Kiwis, Australians safely evacuated off Mt Everest after falling ill

KATHMANDU — Three Kiwis were among a group of six evacuated from Mt Everest after falling ill.

The trio were part of a 30-strong group of fellow New Zealanders and Australians hiking to Everest Base Camp earlier this month.

The group's Kiwi tour guide told the New Zealand Herald they have been battling "extreme cold" with temperatures around -30 degrees each day.

They were en route to base camp when, on January 4, six trampers — three Kiwis and an Australian — fell ill.

He said his group, which ranged in age from 20s through to 40s, was well prepared but were quickly struck with altitude sickness, an illness which strikes at random and could be serious if the affected person did not descend quickly enough.

Those affected had suffered symptoms including nausea, fatigue, high heart rate, shivering, low blood oxygen, diarrhoea and dehydration.

The guide, with help from his Nepal guide, managed to organise a helicopter to evacuate the affected guests off the mountain, from about 5000m altitude, to recover in Kathmandu.

While there, they received treatment including IV drips and antibiotics.

Despite some of the group falling ill, the remaining 25 continued on and made it to base camp.

Those who were ill were also now out of hospital and had recovered well, he said. — NZ Herald

Rotorua races at Arawa Park Wednesday Jetbet 2 TAB Doubles 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 Trebles 2-3-4, 6-7-8 Quaddies 1-2-3-4, 5-6-7-8 Place6 3-8

Selections
Race 1: CAPELLANI, NOTHING COMPARES, MOTUMAN
Race 2: FOOGAYZEE, PATSY'S LAD, MATTER OF FACT
Race 3: REGGIEWOOD, BLIZZING AWAY, SON OF ANNA KAY
Race 4: POKURU'S GIFT, HEART OF STONE, RED CHOIS
Race 5: UNCLARED, OUR ALLEY CAT, CATHAY NOVA
Race 6: OCEANS EIGHT, OPERATOR, TANGODANZER
Race 7: OUTTALIGN I AM, STATELINE, MAYBEASHOWOFF
Race 8: EXCITONIC, AMERICO, PEPPERLELO

1 Waitomo Fuels 1.10

\$10,000, rating 65 benchmark*, 1950m
1 07s53 Motuman tdm (5) 59 60 D Danis (a2)
2 78035 Capellani (3) 58 58 R Elliot
3 00s67 Takeitlikeaman (1) 57.5 57 C Burdan (a3)
4 35148 Nothing Compares (7) 56.5 62 C Grylls
5 09586 Felix Faure (4) 56.5 55 M Kareem (a4)
6 62607 Othosrusians (2) 56.5 55 T Thornton
7 560s9 Fantasy Flight (6) 55.5 57 S Collett

2 Rydges Rotorua 1.45

\$10,000, maiden, 1950m
1 52s44 Our Beeskees b (6) 58.5 54 O Bosson
2 08358 Hosel Rocket (12) 58.5 50 C Lammass

3 56908 Paul's Super Ariki (5) 58.5 45 J Fawcett (a1)
4 56423 Foogayzee b (11) 57 53 V Colgan
5 68063 Patsys Lad (2) 57 51 M Coleman
6 75 Red Sunday (3) 57 47 D Johnson
7 77 Tavashore (7) 57 45 M McNab
8 24783 Matter Of Fact (4) 56.5 53 C Grylls
9 s5530 Henley Road (1) 56.5 52 S Collett
10 09s48 Madonna (9) 56.5 49 R Elliot
11 09885 Elle D'berry (10) 56.5 47 C Burdan (a3)
EMERGENCY:
12 50650 Southern Vogue (8) 56.5 46

3 Macmillan Accountants 2.20

\$10,000, maiden, 1950m
1 62582 Blizzing Away (4) 58.5 53 S McKay
2 7s072 Son Of Anna Kay (6) 58.5 52 T Thornton
3 78834 Wholethefoxout (2) 58.5 51 L Allpress
4 64 Ceardai (3) 58.5 50 M Cameron
5 87736 Hesagoodboy (5) 58.5 50 T Newman (a3)
6 6s2 Reggiewood (8) 57 52 R Elliot
7 — Dark Horse SCRATCHED
8 63032 Hey Soul Sister (7) 56.5 53 S Weatherley (a)
9 0s86 Ready To Roar (10) 56.5 46 D Johnson
10 87464 Atomic Kitten (9) 55 50 C Grylls
11 09 Izzy Gee (1) 55 45 S Collett
EMERGENCY:
12 50650 Southern Vogue (11) 56.5 46

4 Novara Park 2.55
\$11,000, rating 72 benchmark, 1100m
1 05443 Island Bay d (1) 61 78 R Elliot
2 13151 Red Chois m (4) 58.5 73 C Grylls
3 2s131 Pokuru's Gift d (6) 58 68 O Bosson
4 s0321 Heart Of Stone (5) 56 68 L Allpress
5 0s294 She's A Goddess (3) 56 68 C Lammass
6 76s52 Master Park t (2) 55 62 D Johnson
7 4s739 Folk Dress (7) 54.5 68 M McNab

5 NZB Insurance Pearl Series 3.34

\$10,000, maiden 3yoF, 1400m
1 2 Our Alley Cat (12) 56.5 52 S McKay
2 2 Unlaced (2) 56.5 52 L Allpress
3 — Visenya SCRATCHED
4 693 Hibernia Sea (3) 56.5 51 D Johnson
5 4 Cathay Nova (1) 56.5 50 S Weatherley (a)
6 90s39 Swiss Idol (13) 56.5 50 J Fawcett (a1)
7 047 El Nymph (10) 56.5 49 M McNab
8 5 Missouri (4) 56.5 47 S Spratt
9 s7576 Miss Fendt (11) 56.5 46 R Elliot
10 8s956 Royal Charter (6) 56.5 46 T Newman (a3)
11 Fleur De Lys (8) 56.5 45 S Collett
12 0s7 Petit Leon (7) 56.5 45 C Grylls
EMERGENCY:
13 678 Katy Power (9) 56.5 45 T Thornton
14 8s576 Dundrum (5) 56.5 46

6 Campbell Infrastructure 4.09
\$10,000, maiden, 1250m
1 46s53 Operator (5) 58.5 52 R Elliot
2 6s Snakey (2) 58.5 46 J Waddell
3 Landry (9) 57 45 D Johnson
4 46s22 Oceans Eight b (10) 56.5 54 O Bosson
5 0s562 Tangodanzer (4) 56.5 52 S Weatherley (a)
6 s0804 Jakama Jill (7) 56.5 50
7 869s8 So Gold (8) 56.5 45 L Allpress
8 536s9 Shibuya Kosaten (1) 55 50 S Spratt
9 6 Crystal Bellini (11) 55 46
10 8s Backintyme (6) 55 45 S Collett
11 0 Milk Power (3) 55 45 C Lammass

7 Lance Lawson 4.44

\$10,000, rating 65 benchmark*, 1400m
1 06067 Ottavio tdm (8) 60 65 (a4)
2 9341 Outtalign I Am th (2) 59 63 J Waddell
3 95855 Prodigal Son tdm (5) 58.5 62 M Cameron
4 8s31 Marroni d (7) 57.5 63 O Bosson
5 317s6 Bahamas (4) 57.5 60 S Collett
6 95746 Sacred Charm tdb (11) 57 63 S Spratt
7 159s5 Stateline m (3) 57 62 R Elliot
8 45564 Maybeashowoff (1) 56 60 T Newman (a3)
9 29414 Riverfalls (6) 55.5 63 C Burdan (a3)

10 68446 No Finer Pins t (12) 55.5 60
11 06s30 Marija (10) 54.5 58 D Johnson
12 00s0s Tunzagutz (13) 54 57 T Thornton
EMERGENCY:
13 60s97 Mighty Colombo td (9) 55 55

8 Have Your Function At Arawa Park 5.19

\$10,000, maiden, 1400m
1 02s Scutar (6) 58.5 52 J Riddell
2 834 Son Of Sasanof b (14) 58.5 51 R Jones
3 69s57 Castle Black (3) 58.5 48 M Cameron
4 000s5 Namjong Namjong (11) 58.5 47 R Elliot
5 533 Americo (7) 57 52 S McKay
6 692 Excitonic (5) 57 52 O Bosson
7 — Like A Boss SCRATCHED
8 4s33 Its So Easy (10) 56.5 52 J Fawcett (a1)
9 526 Limentis b (12) 56.5 51 R Elliot
10 93557 Jojo Roxo (2) 56.5 50 D Johnson
11 6s23 Peppero b (13) 55 53
12 8s576 Dundrum (15) 55 46
EMERGENCIES:
13 9 Remarkable Ruth (4) 56.5 45 S Collett
14 00786 Jenny Kraig (9) 56.5 45
15 00s07 Craigievar (1) 58.5 45
16 693 Hibernia Sea (8) 55 51
17 — Cathay-Nova SCRATCHED
18 — Petit-Leon SCRATCHED

Timaru harness at Phar Lap Raceway Wednesday Jetbet 8 TAB D. 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 T. 1-2-3, 5-6-7, 9-10-11 Q. 2-3-4-5, 8-9-10-11 PL6 6-11

Selections
Race 1: LANE'S ACE, SUPERFAST LAD, STEEL DUST
Race 2: DUKE, KISS THE GIRLS, MATAU MEG
Race 3: LISA MARIE P, NATVES LASTING LOVE, MAJESTIC ROSE
Race 4: MYSISTERSAPOLEDANCER, DON'T TELL ANGE, MISSMOLLYGOODGOLLY
Race 5: OLIVER NORTH, SMOOTH DEBATE, VINCENT VAN GONE
Race 6: JUST HOLLA, PRESSED FOR TIME, SHADOW MINISTER
Race 7: HIGHLAND REIGN, MISS MUCHO, MOTORING MAJOR
Race 8: HOT STARFF, MAD LU LI, CHRISTIAN WHO
Race 9: BELMONT'S GREATEST, CLYDE, DOFF YOUR CAP
Race 10: LUELLA, LITTLE RAIN, CLIVE
Race 11: SZYBKA LANE, GEOFF'S LEGACY, PAT CAMPBELL

1 Night 'N Day Park Trot 12.52

\$7500, non-winners 3yo+ stand, 2600m
1 56009 Ken's Dream (Fr) 1 Craig D Thornley
2 8s One Guz Hall (Fr) 2 Nathan Purdon
3 78352 Superfast Lad (Fr) 3 Leo O'Reilly
4 69s28 Be Bee Lass (Fr) 4 Jonny W Cox
5 9s My Moment's Now (Fr) 5 Matthew Williamson
6 0 Majestic Jag (Fr) 6 Tim Williams
7 74942 Steel Dust (Fr) 7 Terry McMillan
8 46s70 Cosmic Sun (Fr) 8 Sheree Tomlinson
9 09s05 Bev K's One (Fr) 9 Ben Hope
10 0 Sequel (Fr) 10 James Geddes
11 000 Line A Love (Fr) 11 John Patterson
12 68936 Random Spur (Fr) 12 John Morrison
13 7s944 Lane's Ace (Fr) U1 Samantha Otley
14 09s50 Same (Fr) U2 Justin Smith
15 000 Yea You (Fr) U3 Sarah O'Reilly

2 More FM Pace 1.27

\$7500, non-winners 3yo+. mobile, 2600m
1 247s7 Strong Enough (Fr) 1 Stephen McNally
2 283 Kiss The Girls (Fr) 2 David White
3 53322 Duke (Fr) 3 Sheree Tomlinson
4 83806 El Chapo (Fr) 4 Samantha Otley
5 Evidently (Fr) 5 Leo O'Reilly
6 08 Samarias Mach (Fr) 6 Ben Hope
7 0P8 Betancourt (Fr) 7 Kyle Cameron
8 06597 Shadow Aveross (Em1) (Fr) 8 Jessica Young-Grant
9 7 Violet Knight (Fr) 9 Gerard O'Reilly
10 7605 Buckskin (Fr) 21 Sarah O'Reilly
11 07677 Rockgoodtime (Fr) 22 Jonny W Cox
12 P60 Attache (Fr) 23 Matthew Williamson
13 03s93 Matau Meg (Fr) 24 John Morrison
14 7s6 Mr Clooney (Fr) 25 Terry Chmiel
15 98578 Iron Woman (Em2) (Fr) 26 Kerryn Tomlinson
16 60043 Carita (Fr) U1 Craig D Thornley

3 Equine Vet Services F&M Trot 2.01

\$8000, 3yo+ f&m r40-r55. mobile, 2000m
1 2451s Majestic Rose (Fr) 1 John Morrison
2 24313 Lisa Marie P (Fr) 2 Charlotte Purvis
3 — Cabela-Noir SCRATCHED
4 64759 Miss Moppet (Fr) 3
5 88657 She's Allthe Craze (Fr) 4 Matthew Williamson
6 77070 Some Time (Fr) 5 Justin Smith
7 12546 Another Chapter (Fr) 6 Luke Whittaker
8 25571 Natives Lasting Love (Fr) 7 Kyle Cameron
9 67s10 Chloe Rose (Fr) U1 Sheree Tomlinson
10 28857 Kiwi Crusher (Fr) U2 Jonny W Cox

4 Aoraki Frame & Truss Pace 2.36

\$7500, non-winners 3yo+ stand, 2000m
1 69 Auchtercairn (Fr) 1 Matthew Williamson
2 Beeps (Fr) 2 Leo O'Reilly
3 78604 Social Media (Fr) 3 Terry McMillan
4 08009 Onedin Smiler (Em1) (Fr) 4 Gary Shand
5 70 Royal Xchange (Fr) 5 Jonny W Cox
6 00059 Red Onyx (Em3) (Fr) 6

7 532 Khaki Nui (Fr) 7 Amber Lethaby
8 s0093 Mysistersapoledancer (Fr) 8 Ben Laughton
9 7870P All Money (Em2) (Fr) 9 Matt Anderson
10 s3284 Makasar Boy (Fr) 10 Samantha Otley
11 04028 Unico Gem (Fr) 11 Robbie Close
12 90073 Don't Tell Ange (Fr) 12 Anj Mugford
13 50P0s Matrika (Fr) 13 Craig D Thornley
14 00935 Huckabee (Fr) 14 Kerryn Tomlinson
15 77s59 Kwik Sport (Fr) 15 Terry Chmiel
16 49s Miss Impression (Fr) 16 John Morrison
17 — Mick-Beth SCRATCHED
18 30442 Missmollygoodgolly (Fr) 17 Lawrence McCormick

5 Templeton Panelbeaters 3.11

\$7500, non-winners 2yo+. mobile, 2000m
1 826s4 Mach O'Malley (Fr) 1 Kerryn Tomlinson
2 Styx Kiwi (Fr) 2 Gavin Smith
3 58620 Fraud (Fr) 3 Jonny W Cox
4 6s Narcissist (Fr) 4 John Morrison
5 57s69 I'll Write The Story (Fr) 5 Katie Cox
6 70499 Viewfield Dream (Fr) 6 Olivia Thornley
7 5s22 Oliver North (Fr) 7 Matthew Williamson
8 s3773 Smooth Debate (Fr) 8 Robbie Close
9 670s0 Crimson Lane (Fr) 9 Terry McMillan
10 07677 Rockgoodtime (Em2) (Fr) 21
11 54 Vincent Van Gone (Fr) 22 Tim Williams
12 — BoHoVer SCRATCHED
13 08 Samarias Mach (Em1) (Fr) 23 Ben Hope
14 7 Glassy Webb (Fr) 24 Stephen McNally
15 59s65 It's Me (Fr) 25 Samantha Otley
16 0s973 Jeremy Wells (Fr) 26 Jack Harrington

6 Brosnan Transport Passing Lane 3.50

\$9000, r50-r75 special handicap stand, 2600m
1 96P41 Spanna (Fr) 1 John Morrison
2 30009 Dodgethebullet (Fr) 2 Matthew Williamson
3 83453 Shadow Minister (Fr) 3 Leo O'Reilly
4 47305 Bound To Impress (Fr) 4 John Versteeg
5 77059 Precious Sara (Fr) 5 Craig D Thornley
6 3s590 Spot On (10) 1 Tim Williams
7 37785 Pay Me Visa (20) 1 Terry Chmiel

7 Lone Pine Building Pace 4.26

\$8000, 4yo+ r40-r55. jun.d mobile, 2600m
1 45031 Minelli Smile (Fr) 1 Sarah O'Reilly
2 14223 Night Lights (Fr) 2 Anj Mugford
3 30562 Senorita Margarita (Fr) 3 Olivia Thornley
4 675Ps Divinia Bellezza (Fr) 4 Alana Cameron
5 s5926 Hilarious Prince (Fr) 5 Korbryn Newman
6 28072 Standout (Fr) 6 John Morrison
7 10s65 Burlington (Fr) 7 Mikayla Lewis
8 36331 Highland Reign (Fr) 8 Charlotte Purvis
9 04633 Motoring Major (Fr) 9 Ellie Barron
10 51s3 Firenze Amore (Fr) 21 Laura McKay
11 31 Miss Mucho (Fr) 22 Sheree Tomlinson
12 23353 The Governor (Fr) 23 Corey Johnson
13 14 Kensington Bill (Fr) 24 Ben Hope
14 22245 Glacier Coaster (Fr) 25 Kerryn Tomlinson

8 Fire & Safety Training Pace 5.02

\$8500, r51-r60. mobile, 2600m
1 68585 Essence Of Easton (Fr) 1 Gerard O'Reilly
2 68s55 Classy Kid (Fr) 2 Amber Lethaby
3 845s3 Ultimate Rocker (Fr) 3 Lawrence McCormick
4 60564 Franco Texas (Fr) 4 Matthew Williamson
5 01 Atomic Blast (Fr) 5 Matt Anderson
6 s7s26 Flame Lady (Fr) 6
7 34294 Mad Lu Li (Fr) 7 Katie Cox
8 30165 Christian Who (Fr) 8 Luke Whittaker
9 48507 He's A Ladies Man (Fr) 9 Rebecca Headers
10 s0312 Hot Starff (Fr) 21 Stephen McNally
11 37571 Invisible Girl (Fr) 22 Sarah O'Reilly
12 6s098 Anna Barclay (Fr) 23 Jonny W Cox

9 The Two Noels Trot 5.29

\$8500, r40-r63 special handicap stand, 2600m
1 63606 Rogie Falls (Fr) 1 Stephen McNally
2 02390 Tequila Sunset (Fr) 2 Kyle Cameron
3 34000 Mickey Jay (Fr) U1 Samantha Otley
4 30445 Jerry Garcia (10) 1 Leo O'Reilly
5 13620 Cabela Noir (10) 2 Robbie Close

6 00290 Majestic Sunset (10) 3 Terry Chmiel
7 36632 Clyde (10) 4 Craig D Thornley
8 96357 Don't Look Back (10) 5 Gavin Smith
9 75609 Red Harbour (10) 6 Kevin James
10 64759 Miss Moppet (10) 7 Matthew Williamson
11 00791 Dora Explorer (10) U1 Lawrence McCormick
12 3314s Belmont's Greatest (20) 1 Jonny W Cox
13 97s54 Laura Bush (20) 2 Matt Anderson
14 03761 Doff Your Cap (20) 3 Bob Butt
15 31876 Alivra Hest (20) 4 Andrew Faulks

10 Laser Electrical - Timaru 5.58

\$8000, 3yo+ r47-r50. mobile, 2600m
1 5s008 Fear Rockn (Fr) 1 Matthew Williamson
2 139s6 Pembroke Legacy (Fr) 2 Stephen McNally
3 23s60 Copperfield (Fr) 3 Robbie Close
4 50980 Kofa Future (Fr) 4 Gerard O'Reilly
5 80077 Stetson (Fr) 5 John Morrison
6 0s604 Little Rain (Fr) 6 John Morrison
7 28040 Dianne Lorena (Fr) 7 Matt Anderson
8 30007 Pocket Call (Fr) 8 Craig D Thornley
9 21s3 Luella (Fr) 9 Ben Hope
10 18082 Darryl Kerrigan (Fr) 21 Leo O'Reilly
11 68643 Clive (Fr) 22 Grant Ross
12 80008 Nirvana Beach (Fr) 23 Samantha Otley

11 Morrisons Saddlery & Feed 6.33

\$8000, r40-r46. mobile, 2600m
1 96007 Chaaat (Fr) 1 Lawrence McCormick
2 36069 Opawa Mach (Fr) 2 Kyle Cameron
3 07926 Pat Campbell (Fr) 3 Samantha Otley
4 4757s Scotlynny Harry (Fr) 4 Ben Laughton
5 60s08 Superstar Legend (Fr) 5 Jonny W Cox
6 9s865 Ohoka Chopper (Fr) 6 John Morrison
7 16032 Szybka Lane (Fr) 7 Tim Williams
8 480s0 Doc Seelster (Fr) 8 Leo O'Reilly
9 76107 Franco Riot (Fr) 9 Amber Lethaby
10 09004 Geoff's Legacy (Fr) 21 Matthew Williamson
11 72809 Shot In The Dark (Fr) 22 Andrew Faulks
12 79097 Xmas Bay (Fr) 23 Gerard O'Reilly
13 07380 Goodthingsaketime (Fr) 24 Gary Shand
14 77305 Bound To Impress (Fr) U1 John Versteeg

Wanganui greys at Hatrick Raceway Wednesday Jetbet 3 TAB D. 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10 T. 1-2-3, 4-5-6, 8-9-10 Q. 2-3-4-5, 7-8-9-10 PL6 5-10

Selections
Race 1: ALLEGRO KYLE, SOFTY BURGESS, IDOL ANDY
Race 2: BIG TIME LORNA, JAMBOREE, JACK MARJEN
Race 3: BIG TIME EDEN, FOOL'S RUSSIAN, BIG TIME JOEY
Race 4: ARIANA SUNSET, SIDELINE SALLY, DAPPER RAPPER
Race 5: OPEHU EXPRESS, MUSTANG MOO, PARIS END
Race 6: YARN SISTER, WATERLOO PINK, MY PABLO
Race 7: GEMMAS DILEMMA, CHOICE SISTER, BIG TIME MAY
Race 8: BIG TIME BABY, BIG TIME CHAD, TAP OUT REG
Race 9: BIG TIME ABBI, ELSA BLUEBLOOD, FINAL STRAW
Race 10: ZARA DAIKEN, BIG TIME PLUTO, ALWAYS DIZZY

1 Absolutely Electrical 12.09

\$1365, CO, 305m
1 Blue Mowhawk nwtwd David Denbee
2 Allegro Kyle nwtwd Lisa Cole
3 666 Big Time Kevin nwtwd Lisa Cole
4 5s Softy Burgess nwtwd Lisa Cole
5 5335 Idol Andy nwtwd Marcie Flipp
6 758 Alfie Daman nwtwd Peter Clark
7 45273 Sedgebrook Comet nwtwd Fred Kite
8 75654 Citizen Zagreb nwtwd John McInerney
EMERGENCIES:
9 76F77 Zara Jewel nwtwd Sue Gommans
10 75787 Big Time Goldie nwtwd Wendy Kite

2 Gary Ross Decorators 12.26

\$1365, CO, 305m
1 24324 Jamboree nwtwd Carol Morris

2 884 Big Time Anton nwtwd Lisa Cole
3 Big Time Lorna nwtwd Lisa Cole
4 57648 Talltale Signs nwtwd Melissa Olden
5 55348 Big Time Camila nwtwd Agent & Williams
6 Allegro Lexxi nwtwd Lisa Cole
7 66646 Goldstar Malone nwtwd Sue Gommans
8 5 Jack Marjen nwtwd Marcie Flipp
EMERGENCIES:
9 27875 That's Frank nwtwd John McInerney
10 75787 Big Time Goldie nwtwd Wendy Kite

3 Aon CPF 12.44

\$2390, CO, 520m
1 Big Time Joey nwtwd Lisa Cole
2 5367 Big Time Angel nwtwd Lisa Cole
3 34523 Fool's Russian nwtwd Lisa Cole
4 75274 Big Time Harper nwtwd Lisa Cole
5 Big Time Eden nwtwd Lisa Cole
6 64773 Goldstar Hadlee nwtwd Glen Hodgson
7 24742 Big Time Harley nwtwd Lisa Cole
8 3355 Derry Blues nwtwd Peter Clark
EMERGENCIES:
9 87485 Free Thinker nwtwd Melissa Olden
10 75787 Big Time Goldie nwtwd Wendy Kite

4 First Security 1.01

\$1365, CO, 305m
1 654 Dapper Rapper nwtwd Brian Marsh
2 44225 Sideline Sally nwtwd John McInerney
3 68s87 Small Dukie nwtwd Agent & Williams
4 34876 Dewie nwtwd Sue Gommans

5 76 Idol Leo nwtwd Marcie Flipp
6 Allegro Will nwtwd Lisa Cole
7 53743 Sub Twenty Three nwtwd Lisa Cole
8 76752 Ariana Sunset nwtwd Brian Goldsack
EMERGENCIES:
9 48676 Life Is Good nwtwd Melissa Olden
10 75787 Big Time Goldie nwtwd Wendy Kite

5 Quality Inn Collegiate Wanganui 1.19

\$1450, C1, 305m
1 46463 Mustang Moo nwtwd Nathan Udy
2 44855 Go Stopper 17.95 Nathan Udy
3 25784 Paris End 17.66 Lisa Cole
4 s165F Articulator 17.88 Bill Hodgson
5 64414 Leslie Albert 18.06 Brian Goldsack
6 26434 Big Time Ricky 18.10 Agent & Williams
7 68382 Homebush Minnie 17.61 John McInerney
8 63347 Opehu Express 17.86 Richard Waite
EMERGENCIES:
9 57586 Smalltime Johnny 18.07 Agent & Williams
10 s6s77 Bigtime Bridget nwtwd Colleen Bridger

6 Kernow Construction 1.36

\$1450, C1, 305m
1 63184 Yarn Sister 18.11 Carol Morris
2 76636 Cawbourne Moss 17.66 Matt Roberts
3 57538 Nippa-A-Spot 17.82 John McInerney
4 82238 My Pablo nwtwd Nathan Udy
5 36723 Bigtime Hannah 17.80 Sue Gommans
6 37736 Bigtime Mike nwtwd Agent & Williams

7 221 Waterloo Pink 17.90 Wendy Kite
8 17565 Mickey Mowhawk 17.96 David Denbee
EMERGENCIES:
9 58858 Dottie Bell 18.09 J & D Bell
10 47677 Bigtime Kate nwtwd G & S Fredrickson

7 Wanganui Toyota 1.54

\$1450, C1, 305m
1 63372 Gemmas Dilemma 18.16 John McInerney
2 55458 Clansman Douglas 18.16 Brian Goldsack
3 36663 Bigtime Dean 18.06 Agent & Williams
4 72743 Choice Sister 18.21 Carol Morris
5 87364 Duke Bruce 17.94 Nathan Udy
6 222F4 Big Time Eilish 18.21 Colleen Bridger
7 67367 Euphamistic 18.26 Bill Hodgson
8 75453 Big Time May 17.87 Lisa Cole
EMERGENCIES:
9 16856 Dream On Dreamer 17.91 Melissa Olden
10 47778 Sedgebrook Saint 17.78 Fred Kite

8 Palmountains Sci. Nutrition 2.11

\$2505, C1, 520m
1 84735 Dyna Bryleigh 30.76 Matt Roberts
2 42636 True Testament 30.59 Bill Hodgson
3 3611 Big Time Baby 30.72 Lisa Cole
4 54244 Tap Out Reg 30.47 Angela Turnwald
5 3831 Allegro Curtis nwtwd Lisa Cole
6 33821 Big Time Chad 30.88 Lisa Cole
7 63343 Bigtime Maci 30.53 Susie Kite
8 15513 Bigtime Bailey 30.79 Lisa Cole

EMERGENCIES:
9 28851 My Khloe 30.49 Marcie Flipp
10 67658 Valve Bouncing nwtwd Nathan Udy

9 Guthrie Bowron Wanganui 2.29

\$1450, C1, 305m
1 67745 Bigtime Roll 17.65 Sue Gommans
2 6621 Big Time Abbi nwtwd Lisa Cole
3 74548 Sefton Brew 18.07 J & D Bell
4 56844 Dino The Fox 17.75 Matt Roberts
5 14F78 Auros Advantage 18.01 Tim Pilcher
6 24441 Final Straw 18.10 Nathan Udy
7 54542 Elsa Blueblood 18.11 John McInerney
8 84488 Bigtime Champ 17.66 Agent & Williams
EMERGENCIES:
9 47677 Bigtime Kate nwtwd G & S Fredrickson
10 16856 Dream On Dreamer 17.91 Melissa Olden

10 Hatrick Dash 2.46

\$1450, C1, 305m
1 63735 Double Change nwtwd Sue Gommans
2 47673 Zara Daiken 17.93 Nathan Udy
3 85865 White Comet 17.75 Diane Donlon
4 63823 Always Dizzy 18.07 John McInerney
5 34263 Small Boy 18.32 Agent & Williams
6 84412 Big Time Pluto nwtwd Lisa Cole
7 84772 Mitsuta 17.61 Deb Edlin
8 s3576 Subway Kay 18.28 Brian Goldsack
EMERGENCIES:
9 76787 It's Timmy nwtwd John McInerney
10 877F8 Bigtime Ronnie nwtwd Ivan Howe

Extra Wanganui greys at Hatrick Raceway Wednesday Jetbet 9 TAB Doubles 1-2, 4-5 Treble 3-4-5 Quaddie 2-3-4-5

Selections
Race 1: CLASSIC RAPPER, JAY MIKE, BIG TIME MILEY
Race 2: BIG TIME GWYN, PARADOX PRINCE, COOKIE BISCUIT
Race 3: UNO ELEVEN, ALLEGRO LANIE, BIGTIME KIOWA
Race 4: BIG TIME PRICKLE, MANIMAL, TOKEN PICK
Race 5: BIGTIME SAM, NUCLEAR JEWEL, EPIC SPARK

1 Accell "Canine Therapy" 3.04

\$2505, C1, 520m
1 1476 Big Time Mac nwtwd Lisa Cole
2 43524 Jay Mike 30.43 Nathan Udy
3 51253 Classic Rapper 30.79 Susie Kite

4 27678 Lady Jellybean 30.51 Mark Goodier
5 17 Big Time Frankie nwtwd Lisa Cole
6 84452 Zipping Luther nwtwd J & D Bell
7 63541 Big Time Odette 30.32 Lisa Cole
8 7132 Big Time Miley 31.11 Lisa Cole
EMERGENCIES:
9 87265 Tuff Mr. Tee 30.64 Sue Gommans
10 86837 Marley Farley 31.16 Ross & Voyce

2 Laser Plumbing 3.21

\$1450, C1, 305m
1 42421 Big Time Gwyn 17.69 Lisa Cole
2 53882 Cadillac Mack nwtwd John McInerney
3 88522 Cookie Biscuit 17.75 Marcie Flipp
4 78857 Elouera Mist nwtwd J & D Bell
5 52756 Thrilling Ivy 18.10 Kellie Gommans

6 65822 Paradox Prince 18.43 Bill Hodgson
7 62565 Monty 18.00 Nathan Udy
8 38578 Bigtime Claws nwtwd Agent & Williams
EMERGENCIES:
9 s6s77 Bigtime Bridget nwtwd Colleen Bridger
10 47778 Sedgebrook Saint 17.78 Fred Kite

3 Rivercity Gas 3.42

\$1450, C1, 305m
1 32453 Uno Eleven 17.75 Nathan Udy
2 58673 Bigtime Kiowa nwtwd Agent & Williams
3 14878 Bigtime Kylie 17.82 Sue Gommans
4 2321 Allegro Lanie 18.01 Lisa Cole
5 88625 Shamrock Green 17.88 Brian Goldsack
6 72188 Homebush Jennia nwtwd John McInerney
7 47862 Judge Me Jackie 17.91 Lana Pearce

8 35235 Black Widow Baby 18.07 Matt Roberts
EMERGENCIES:
9 57866 Black Mags nwtwd Sammy Stone
10 877F8 Bigtime Ronnie nwtwd Ivan Howe

4 Book Your Function @ Hatrick 4.00

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1pm, 3.30pm, 6pm, 8.30pm
A SHAUN THE SHEEP MOVIE:
FARMAGEDDON TUE-WED
10am, 11.50am
PLAYING WITH FIRE (PG) TUE-WED
10.10am, 1.40pm, 6.40pm
LITTLE WOMEN (G) TUE-WED
12.50pm, 5.40pm, 8.20pm
THE GENTLEMEN (R16) TUE-WED
4.20pm, 8.40pm
SPIES IN DISGUISE (PG) TUE-WED
10am, 12.20pm, 2.10pm
JUMANJI 2: The Next Level (PG) TUE-WED
10.30am, 3.40pm, 6.10pm, 8.40pm
THE PEANUT BUTTER FALCON (M) TUE-WED
12.10pm
STAR WARS: The Last Skywalker (M) TUE-WED
10am, 2.30pm, 5.25pm, 8.20pm
FROZEN 2 (PG) TUE-WED
3.30pm

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TUESDAY—WEDNESDAY'S TELEVISION GUIDE

TVNZ 1

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5pm The Chase *TV*
6pm 1 News At 6pm *TV*
7pm Extreme Cake Makers *TV*
 A running-man birthday cake; a four-tiered Gothic wedding cake featuring 250 fondant feathers; a special oak-tree cake finished with edible woodland creatures.

7.30 Magical Land Of Oz *TV*
 How Australia's three surrounding oceans offer unique environments for voyagers of all types.

8.40 Inside The Ritz Hotel London *TV*
 Interviews with staff and notable guests to find out how the Ritz stands out from the competition.

9.40 FINAL Leaving Neverland AO *TV* (Part 2)

11.40 That's A Bit Racist AO *TV*
WEDNESDAY

12.40 Te Karere *TV*
1.05 Infomercials
5.35 Te Karere *TV*
6am Alphabetical *TV*
6.55 Sun, Sea, And Brides-to-Be *TV*
8am Flipping Profit! *TV*
9am The Ellen DeGeneres Show *TV*
10am Tipping Point *TV*
11am The Celebrity Chase *TV*
Noon Emmerdale *TV*
1pm Coronation Street *TV*
2pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show *TV*
3pm Tipping Point Lucky Stars
4pm Te Karere *TV*
4.30 Border Patrol *TV*
5pm The Chase *TV*

TVNZ 2

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6pm Neighbours *TV*
7pm Shortland Street PGR *TV*
7.30 Australian Survivor PGR *TV*
 With no one safe from elimination, the contestants must get their hands on the immunity necklace, but how far will they go to keep themselves in the game?

8.35 MOVIE Live Free Or Die Hard AO 2007 Action. John McClane takes on an Internet-based terrorist organisation that is systematically shutting down the United States. Bruce Willis, Timothy Olyphant, Cliff Curtis.

11.05 Mom PGR *TV*
11.30 Station 19 PGR *TV*
WEDNESDAY

1.10 Shortland Street PGR *TV*
1.35 Infomercials
2.40 Lucifer AO *TV*
3.25 Love Island Australia AO *TV*
4.20 America's Funniest Home Videos *TV*
4.40 Neighbours *TV*
5.30 Infomercials
6.30 Darwin And Newts *TV*
6.40 Paw Patrol *TV*
7.05 My Little Pony *TV*
7.25 Star v The Forces Of Evil *TV*
7.50 The Tom And Jerry Show *TV*
8.15 Ducktales *TV*
8.35 Sofia The First *TV*
9am FINAL Regular Show *TV*
9.10 Religious Infomercials
9.40 Infomercials
10.15 Neighbours *TV*
11.05 Australian Survivor PGR *TV*
12.05 Mom PGR *TV*
12.30 2 Broke Girls PGR *TV*
1pm Little Big Shots *TV*
1.55 American Housewife *TV*
2.55 Shortland Street PGR *TV*
3.25 Bluey *TV*
3.35 Powerpuff Girls *TV*
3.45 Bunk'd *TV*
4.35 House Rules *TV*

THREE

5pm Millionaire Hot Seat *TV*
6pm NewsHub Live At 6pm
7pm Bondi Rescue *TV*
7.30 The Block Australia PGR *TV*
 The results of the body-corporate meeting are significant as two teams face one another; a heartfelt challenge takes place, with \$5,000 to be won.

8.40 Lost And Found *TV*
9.40 Deadly Dates PGR *TV*
 Sharon Siermans, a 29-year-old mother from Australia, was looking for love when she began chatting online to a man named Jason Godfrey, but he was hiding a violent, criminal past.

10.35 NewsHub Late
11.05 The Blacklist AO *TV*
 Liz, Dembe, and the Task Force continue to search for Red; Red discovers he is not Katarina Rostova's only target in her hunt for information.

WEDNESDAY

12.05 Infomercials
7am The Biggest Loser Australia *TV*
8am The Biggest Loser Australia *TV*
9am House Rules PGR *TV*
10.10 Infomercials
11.35 Millionaire Hot Seat *TV*
12.30 Face The Truth PGR
1pm Dr Phil PGR
2pm American Ninja Warrior *TV*
4pm Find Me A Dream Home Australia
4.30 NewsHub Live At 4:30pm
5pm Millionaire Hot Seat *TV*

PRIME

5.30 Prime News
6pm Pawn Stars *TV*
 The Pawn Stars look at a rare 18th century book that documents the First Laws of Congress.

6.30 Sky Sport News
7pm The Crowd Goes Wild
7.30 The Story Of The Royals PGR *TV* (Part 1)
 Documentary exploring the history of the monarchy as it draws international interest with new royal babies and the introduction of Meghan Markle.

9.30 The Radical Story Of Patty Hearst AO *TV*
 Soon after being captured by the FBI, the SLA literally and figuratively goes up in flames.

10.30 Ballers AO
11.40 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert PGR
WEDNESDAY

12.40 Closedown
6am Ben 10 *TV*
6.30 Batman: Brave And The Bold *TV*
7am Youth Olympic Games (HLS) Day Six.
8.10 Nicky, Ricky, Dicky And Dawn *TV*
8.35 The Moe Show *TV*
9.05 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip *TV*
10am The Doctors PGR *TV*
11am Antiques Roadshow *TV*
Noon Everybody Loves Raymond
12.30 Elementary PGR *TV*
1.30 Frasier *TV*
2pm The Late Show With Stephen Colbert PGR *TV*
2.55 Wheel Of Fortune
3.25 Jeopardy
3.55 Hot Bench *TV*
4.20 Tennis: Men's Classic (HLS) *TV*
5.30 Prime News

MAORI TV

5pm Paia
5.10 My Mokai
5.40 He Rourou *TV*
5.50 E Kori *TV*
5.55 E Ki E Ki
6pm Haati Paati *TV*
6.10 Huhu *TV*
6.20 Huritua
6.30 Te Ao: Maori News
7pm Whanau Living *TV*
7.30 Moosemeat And Marmalade PGR *TV*
8pm Shear Bro PGR *TV*
8.30 Piri's Tiki Tour PGR *TV*
9.30 Hunting Aotearoa AO *TV*
10.30 Whawhai
11pm Te Ao: Maori News *TV*
11.30 Closedown
WEDNESDAY

6.30 Paia
6.40 Pukoro
7.10 Tamariki Haka *TV*
7.20 E Kori *TV*
7.25 Pipi Ma
7.30 Potae Pai *TV*
7.40 Darwin + Newts *TV*
7.50 Kids' Kai Kart *TV*
8am Polyfest Kapa Haka *TV*
8.30 My Party Song
9am Sachie's Kitchen *TV*
9.30 Opaki *TV*
10am Waiata *TV*
10.30 Fitness In The Whare *TV*
11am Huia Rau *TV*
Noon Hamu And Tofiga PGR *TV*
12.30 What's Up With The Tumoanas? PGR *TV*
1pm Nga Pari Karangaranga O Te Motu *TV*
1.30 Opaki *TV*
2pm Toki Reo *TV*
3pm Senior Kapa Haka Regionals *TV*
3.30 Hahana *TV*
4pm HakaNation
4.30 Pukana *TV*
5pm Paia
5.10 Pukoro
5.40 Tamariki Haka *TV*
5.50 E Kori *TV*
5.55 Pipi Ma



Inside the Ritz Hotel London 8.40pm on TVNZ 1



Live Free or Die Hard 8.35pm on TVNZ 2



The Story of the Royals 7.30pm on Prime

CHOICE

5pm Rachel Khoo: My Swedish Kitchen *TV*
5.30 Mysteries At The Museum *TV*
6.30 American Pickers *TV*
7.30 Location, Location, Location *TV*
8.30 My Dream Home *TV*
9.30 Designing Paradise *TV*
10pm My Floating Home *TV*
10.30 American Pickers *TV*
11.30 Mysteries At The Museum *TV*
WEDNESDAY **12.30 Baby Animals** *TV*
1am Jamie's 30-Minute Meals *TV*
1.30 Rachel Khoo: My Swedish Kitchen *TV*
2am Alone AO *TV*
3am Wildlife Icons *TV*
4am Designing Paradise *TV*
4.30 My Floating Home *TV*
5am Mysteries At The Museum *TV*
6am Gardeners' World *TV*
6.30 Baby Animals *TV*
7am Jamie's 30-Minute Meals *TV*
7.30 Rachel Khoo: My Swedish Kitchen *TV*
8am Wildlife Icons *TV*
9am Baby Animals *TV*
9.30 Best Of American Pickers *TV*
10.30 Meet The Humans *TV*
11.30 James Martin's French Adventure *TV*
12.30 American Pickers *TV*
1.30 Designing Paradise *TV*
2pm My Floating Home *TV*
2.30 My Dream Home *TV*
3.30 Tribes, Animals, And Me *TV*

BRAVO

5.30 Love It Or List It: Vancouver *TV*
6.30 Dress To Impress *TV*
7.30 Snapped PGR *TV*
8.30 Body Fixers PGR *TV*
9.30 Botched AO *TV*
10.30 Snapped *TV*
11.25 Snapped: She Made Me Do It PGR *TV*
WEDNESDAY
12.20 Infomercials
10am Mom's A Medium *TV*
10.30 Dance Moms *TV*
11.25 Love It Or List It: Vancouver *TV*
12.20 The Real Housewives Of Beverly Hills PGR *TV*
1.30 Below Deck: Mediterranean AO *TV*
2.30 Four Weddings Australia *TV*
3.30 The People's Court *TV*
4.30 Dance Moms *TV*
5.30 Love It Or List It: Vancouver *TV*

RNZ NATIONAL

5pm The 5 O'clock Report
6.06 Trending Now
7.06 Science In Action
 A BBC digest of the week's science news highlights.
7.30 Song Crush
8.06 Windows On The World
8.30 Summer Live
9.06 Convoys To Cairo
10pm The World At Ten
10.15 The Aotearoa History Show
10.35 The Detail
11.06 Worlds Of Music With Trevor Reekie.
WEDNESDAY
3.04 The All Night Programme
3.05 Victoria In Maoriland
6am Breakfast *TV*
7am Summer Report *TV*
9.06 Summer Times *TV*
Noon The World At Noon *TV*
12.10 Worldwatch *TV*
12.30 The Cold War Legacy *TV*
1pm Afternoons Show *TV*
4pm The Panel *TV*
5pm The 5 O'clock Report

SKY SPORT 1

6.30 Sevens: Ignite7 (HLS)
 Behind-the-scenes of the New Zealand Sevens Development Camp.

7.30 Super Rugby (RPL)
 Sunwolves v Jaguares. From Prince Chichibu Memorial Stadium, Tokyo.

9.30 French Top 14 (RPL)
 Agen v Lyon.

11.30 French Top 14 (RPL)
 Racing 92 v Clermont.
WEDNESDAY

1.30 French Top 14 (RPL)
 Toulon v Castres.

3.30 French Top 14 (RPL)
 Paris v Toulouse.

5.30 French Top 14 Highlights
 A wrap up of all the tries and main talking points from every game of the round.

6am Super Rugby (RPL)
 Sunwolves v Jaguares. From Prince Chichibu Memorial Stadium, Tokyo.

8am World Sevens (RPL)
 Day One. From Sevens Stadium, in Dubai.

2pm Gallagher Premiership (RPL)
 Sale v Harlequins.

4pm Gallagher Premiership (RPL)
 Gloucester v Bath.

SKY SPORT 2

7.50 Big Bash
 Hurricanes v Scorchers.

8.20 Blackcaps v India (HLS)
 Second T20. From Eden Park in Auckland.

8.50 Blackcaps v India (HLS)
 Third T20. From Seddon Park in Hamilton.

9.20 LIVE India v Australia
 First ODI. From Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai, India.
WEDNESDAY

6am Super Smash (HLS)
6.30 Super Smash (HLS)
 Heat v Strikers.

7am Big Bash (HLS)
 Heat v Strikers.

8am Big Bash (HLS)
 Heat v Strikers.

11.30 India v Australia (RPL)
 First ODI. From Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai, India.

SKY 5

5.05 Wheel Of Fortune PG
5.30 Storage Wars: Texas PG
6pm Highway Thru Hell PG
7pm Border Security: Australia's Frontline M
7.30 CSI MV
8.30 World's Wildest Weather PGV
9.30 Combat Dealers PG
10.30 SVU MV
11.15 Highway Thru Hell PG
WEDNESDAY

12.05 Charmed M
12.50 Wheel Of Fortune PG
1.15 Jeopardy! PG
1.40 Border Security: Australia's Frontline M
2.05 Combat Dealers PG
2.50 World's Wildest Weather PGV
3.40 SVU MV
4.25 Storage Wars: Texas PG
4.50 CSI MV
5.35 The Simpsons PG
6am Jeopardy! PG
6.25 Wheel Of Fortune PG
6.50 The Simpsons PG
7.15 Charmed M
8am Border Security: Australia's Frontline M
8.25 Highway Thru Hell PG
9.15 Storage Wars: Texas PG
9.40 CSI MV
10.25 SVU MV
11.10 Charmed M
Noon Jeopardy! PG
12.25 Wheel Of Fortune PG
12.50 Combat Dealers PG
1.40 World's Wildest Weather PGV
2.25 CSI MV
3.10 Charmed M
4pm The Simpsons PG
4.30 Jeopardy! PG
5pm Wheel Of Fortune PG
5.30 Storage Wars: Texas PG

MOVIES PREMIERE

6.25 Mortal Engines MVC 2018
 Action. Hugo Weaving, Hera Hilmar.

8.30 Puzzle MLSC 2018 Drama.
 Stepping outside her comfort zone, a wife and mother finds her passion in puzzling, and begins to work towards an upcoming tournament. Kelly MacDonald, David Denman.

10.15 Unsane 16VLC 2018 Thriller.
 Claire Foy, Joshua Leonard.

11.55 Breath MLS 2018 Drama.
 Simon Baker, Samson Coulter.
WEDNESDAY

1.50 A Dangerous Date MVC
 2018 Thriller. Jillian Murray, David Chokachi.

3.10 The Children Act ML 2018
 Drama. Emma Thompson, Stanley Tucci.

4.53 Puzzle MLSC 2018 Drama.
 Kelly MacDonald, David Denman.

6.33 Unsane 16VLC 2018 Thriller.
 Claire Foy, Joshua Leonard.

8.08 Mortal Engines MVC 2018
 Action. Hugo Weaving, Hera Hilmar.

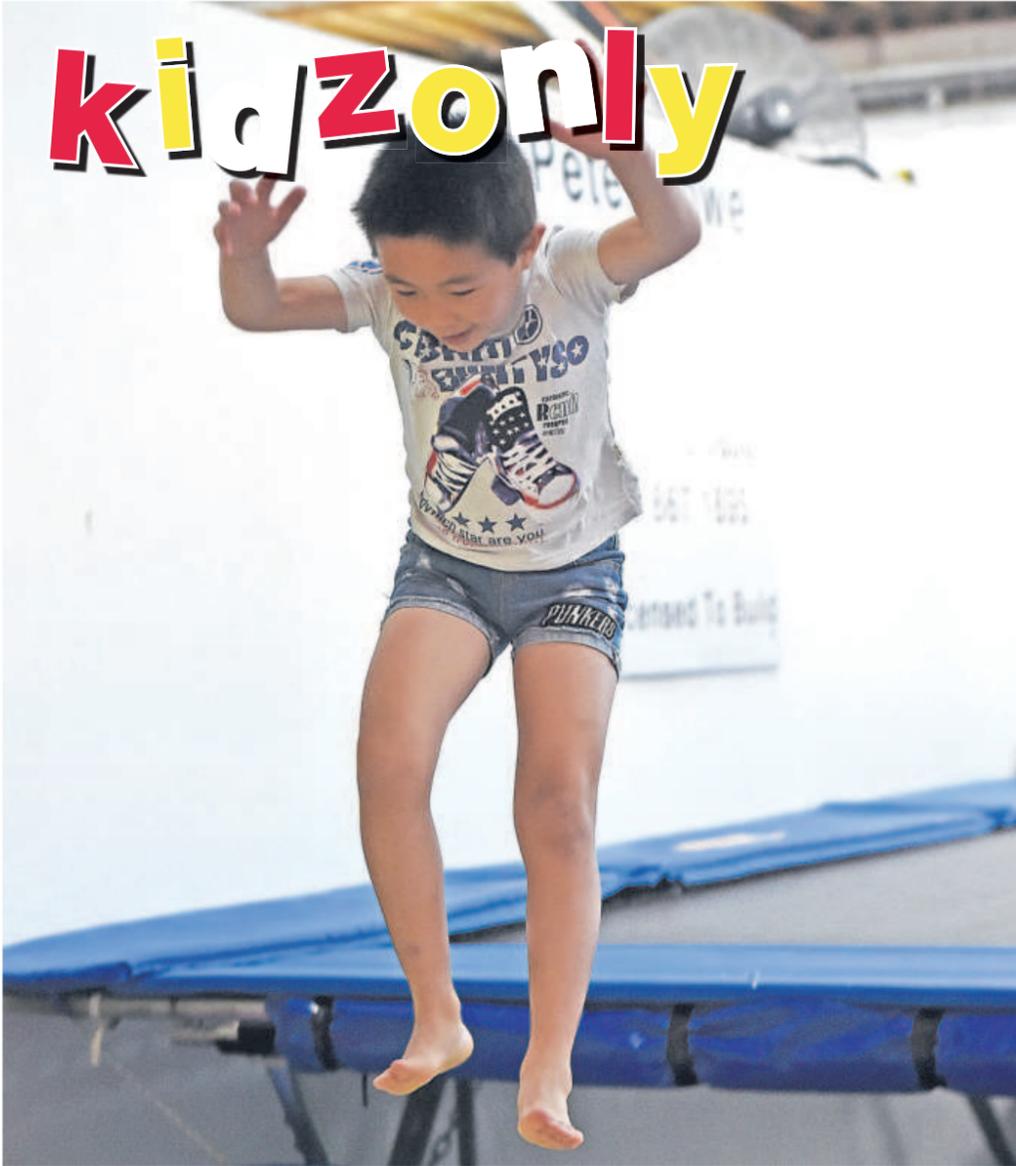
10.13 Breath MLS 2018 Drama.
12.08 The Children Act ML 2018
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1.51 Puzzle MLSC 2018 Drama.
3.35 Unsane 16VLC 2018 Thriller.
5.15 McKellen MLS 2018
 Documentary.

DISCOVERY

5.40 Outback Opal Hunters PG
6.35 The World's Deadliest Weather Caught On Camera PG
7.30 BattleBots PG
8.30 Expedition Unknown PG
9.25 What On Earth? PG
10.15 Naked And Afraid XL MLC
11.05 Naked And Afraid MLC
11.55 How It's Made PG
WEDNESDAY

12.20 How Do They Do It? PG
12.45 Car Crash Global Caught On Camera PG
1.35 Deadliest Catch PG
2.25 Bering Sea Gold PG
3.15 Homestead Rescue PG
4.05 Insane Pools: Off The Deep End PG
4.55 Naked And Afraid MLC
5.45 Deadliest Catch PG
6.35 Fast N' Loud PG
7.30 Car Crash Global Caught On Camera PG
8.20 BattleBots PG
9.10 Expedition Unknown PG
10am How It's Made PG
10.25 How Do They Do It? PG
10.50 Outback Opal Hunters PG
11.40 The World's Deadliest Weather Caught On Camera PG
12.30 Blood Relatives M
1.20 People Magazine Investigates M
2.10 Car Crash Global Caught On Camera PG
3pm Homestead Rescue PG
3.50 Deadliest Catch PG
4.45 Fast N' Loud PG
5.40 Outback Opal Hunters PG



GYMTASTIC FUN: William Su is flying high, while Maia Welch and Millie Kirk hang out on the trapeze at the Gisborne Gymnastics Club fun day.

Pictures by Paul Rickard

SMILE PLEASE

Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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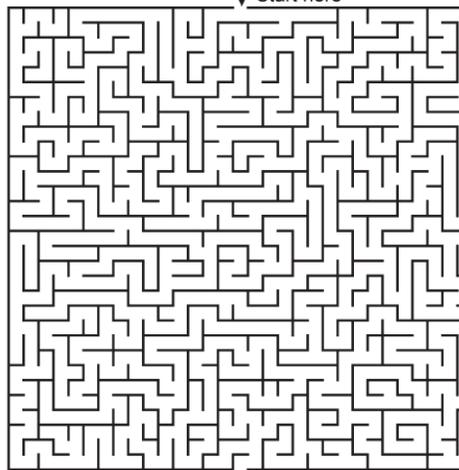
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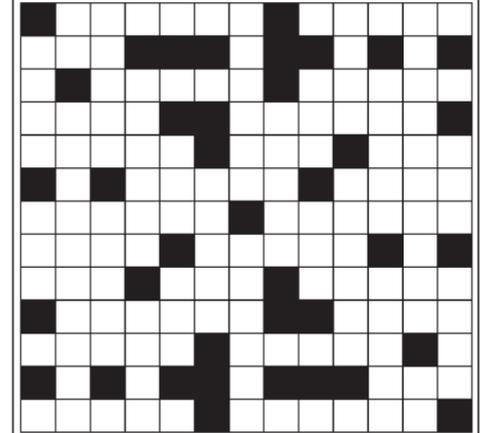
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TRIO SOLUTION
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These four words can be completed using the same three-letter sequence. Can you find it?

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Champion of the Bays results

SPORTS BRIEFS

SURF LIFESAVING

THE Eastland Port Champion of the Bays surf lifesaving carnival at Midway Beach ended with the Waikanae club retaining the Ralph Morse Memorial Shield, symbol of Gisborne surf club supremacy, by one point. Midway were second.

- Results featuring Gisborne athletes —**
- 2km beach run**
Open female: Michelle Rennie (Waikanae) 1.
Under-19 male: Ruben Bronlund (Midway) 2.
U19 female: Briana Irving (Waikanae) 1.
U16 female: Myah Houthuijzen (Waikanae) 1.
- Beach flags**
Open female: Jamie Gedye (Waikanae) 1.
U19 male: Seven Mapu (Waikanae) 3.
U19 female: Briana Irving (Waikanae) 1; Ava Smith (Wainui) 3.
U16 male: Jack Keepa (Wainui) 2.
- Beach sprint**
Open male: Chris Dawson (Midway) 3.
Open female: Jamie Gedye (Waikanae) 1.
U19 male: Seven Mapu (Waikanae) 1.
U19 female: Briana Irving (Waikanae) 1; Georgie Pitkethley (Waikanae) 2; Ava Smith (Wainui) 3.
U16 male: Oska Smith (Waikanae) 1; Lachie Falloon (Waikanae) 2.
U16 female: Jessie Kapene (Waikanae) 3.
- Board race**
Open female: Lauren Pickett (Waikanae) 2; Danielle Scott (Midway) 3.
U19 male: Nathan Proctor (Waikanae) 3.
U19 female: Ava Smith (Wainui) 1; Georgie Pitkethley (Waikanae) 2.
U16 male: Lachie Falloon (Waikanae) 1; Jack Keepa (Wainui) 2.
U16 female: Briana Ingoe (Waikanae) 2.
30-39 years masters female: Emily Gillies (Waikanae) 1.
- Run/swim/run**
Open male: Chris Dawson (Midway) 1; Matthew Scott (Midway) 2.
Open female: Jessica Blakeman (Midway) 2.
U19 female: Georgie Pitkethley (Waikanae) 1; Ava Smith (Wainui) 2.
U16 male: Jack Keepa (Wainui) 1.
U16 female: Emily Horne (Waikanae) 3.
- Ski race**
Open female: Annabel Higgins (Midway) 3.
U19 male: Sam Ferkins (Waikanae) 1; Will Pittar (Midway) 2; Clayden Hope (Waikanae) 3.
U19 female: Christy Tate (Waikanae) 1.
U16 male: Lachie Falloon (Waikanae) 2.
U16 female: Jessica Fearnley (Midway) 3.
30-39yrs masters female: Emily Gillies (Waikanae) 1.
- Surf race**
Open male: Chris Dawson (Midway) 1; Matthew Scott (Midway) 2.
Open female: Lauren Pickett (Waikanae) 2.
U16 male: Jonty Evans (Wainui) 2; Jack Keepa (Wainui) 3.
U16 female: Imogen Amor-Bendall (Wainui) 3.
- Beach relay**
Open female: Midway (Annabel Higgins/Alex Bermingham/Jessica Blakeman/Kate Blakeman) 2.
U19 male: Waikanae (Seven Mapu/Clayden Hope/Nathan Proctor/Sam Middleton) 1.
U19 female: Waikanae (Briana Irving/Madeleine Wilson/Christy Tate/Georgie Pitkethley) 1.
U16 male: Waikanae (Scott Hatwell/Oska Smith/Lachie Falloon/Daniel Beattie) 2.
U16 female: Waikanae (Jessie Kapene/Briana Ingoe/Emily Horne/Genna Robertson) 2.
- Board relay**
Open female: Midway (Danielle Scott/Jessica Blakeman/Kate Blakeman) 2.
U19 male: Waikanae (Lachie Falloon/Nathan Proctor/Clayden Hope) 2.
U19 female: Wainui (Ava Smith/Stella Smith/Imogen Amor-Bendall) 1.
U16 male: Wainui (Jonty Evans/Hue Cowie/Jack Keepa) 2.
U16 female: Wainui (Sofia Zame/Daizee Rawls/Lucy Allan) 3.
- Board rescue**
Open: Midway (Blake Brown/Callum Torrie) 2.
Open female: Waikanae (Lauren Pickett/Michelle Mitchell) 1; Midway (Jessica Blakeman/Danielle Scott) 2; Midway (Alex Bermingham/Annabel Higgins) 3.
U19 male: Waikanae (Nathan Proctor/Clayden Hope) 2.
U19 female: Wainui (Ava Smith/Stella Smith) 2.
U16 male: Wainui (Jonty Evans/Jack Keepa) 1.
U16 female: Wainui (Imogen Amor-Bendall/Lucy Allan) 3.
- Ski relay**
Open male: Midway (Matthew Scott/Callum Torrie/Blake Brown) 3.
Open female: Midway (Danielle Scott/Alex Bermingham/Annabel Higgins) 3.



SAND SPRINT: Waikanae sprinter Briana Irving reaches the “flag” ahead of Anna Manning, of Whakatane, in the Champion of the Bays surf lifesaving carnival at the weekend. Irving won the under-19 female beach flags and was overall age-group winner for u19 female events. Picture by Paul Rickard

- U19 male:** Waikanae (Sam Ferkins/Nathan Proctor/Clayden Hope) 1; Midway (Ruben Bronlund/Jacob Corrin/Will Pittar) 3.
U19 female: Waikanae (Christy Tate/Edan Wilson/Georgie Pitkethley) 3.
- Surf teams**
Open male: Midway (Matthew Scott/Chris Dawson/Blake Brown/Josiah Ney) 2.
Open female: Midway (Jessica Blakeman/Kate Blakeman/Danielle Scott/Alex Bermingham) 3.
U19 male: Midway (Jacob Corrin/Angus Blair/Dylan Bronlund/Ruben Bronlund) 2.
U19 female: Waikanae (Georgie Pitkethley/Edan Wilson/Emily Horne/Kimberley Hayes) 2.
U16 female: Midway (Sasha Fergus/Olivia Gaddum/Anna-Bell Matthews/Jessikah Fearnley) 3.
- Double ski**
Open male: Midway (Callum Torrie/Will Pittar) 2.
Open female: Midway (Alex Bermingham/Annabel Higgins) 2.
Open mixed: Midway (Will Pittar/Alex Bermingham) 1; Waikanae (Christy Tate/Sam Ferkins) 2.
U19 male: Waikanae (Lachie Falloon/Sam Ferkins) 1; Midway (Jacob Corrin/Ruben Bronlund) 3.
U19 female: Waikanae (Christy Tate/Edan Wilson) 1.
- Tube rescue**
Open male: Midway (Matthew Scott/Josiah Ney/Blake Brown/Callum Torrie) 1.
Open female: Midway (Jessica Blakeman/Alex Bermingham/Annabel Higgins/Kate Blakeman) 1.
U19 male: Waikanae (Nathan Proctor/Sam Middleton/Clayden Hope/Sam Ferkins) 2.
U19 female: Waikanae (Edan Wilson/Georgie Pitkethley/Madeleine Wilson/Christy Tate) 3.
U16 male: Wainui (Jack Keepa/Jonty Evans/Hue Cowie/Gus Falwasser-Logan) 2.
U16 female: Waikanae (Kimberley Hayes/Emily Horne/Jessie Kapene/Briana Ingoe) 2; Wainui (Imogen Amor-Bendall/Ella Arthur/Lucy Allan/Sofia Zame) 3.
- Iron**
Open male: Matthew Scott (Midway) 2.
U16 male: Lachie Falloon (Waikanae) 1; Jack Keepa (Wainui) 3.
Open female: Lauren Pickett (Waikanae) 1; Danielle Scott (Midway) 2.
- Diamond**
U16 male: Gus Falwasser-Logan (Wainui) 3.
U16 female: Sasha Fergus (Midway) 1; Briana Ingoe (Waikanae) 3.
- Taplin**
Open male: Midway (Blake Brown/Chris Dawson/Matthew Scott/Callum Torrie/Ruben Bronlund/Shawn Pahina) 2.
Open female: Midway (Kate Blakeman/Danielle Scott/Alex Bermingham) 2; Waikanae (Lauren Pickett/Ella van Kregten/Kendra Tate) 3.
U19 male: Waikanae (Sam Ferkins/Clayden Hope/Nathan Proctor) 1.
U19 female: Waikanae (Christy Tate/Georgie Pitkethley/Edan Wilson) 2.
U16 male: Wainui (Jonty Evans/Hue Cowie/Jack Keepa) 1.
U16 female: Waikanae (Genna Robertson/Emily

- Horne/Briana Ingoe) 2.
- Surf canoe, long course**
Open male: Wainui (Jack Virtue/Joseph Puddick/Colby Putnam/Jacques Klavs) 1; Waikanae (Brent Mitchell/Calum Wilson/James Blackburne/Eric Clearwater/Rodney Richards) 2.
Open female: Midway (Alex Bermingham/Jessica Blakeman/Danielle Scott/Kate Blakeman) 1; Waikanae (Jane Pitkethley/Lauren Pickett/Kristina Williams/Michelle Mitchell) 2.
U19 male: Waikanae (Nathan Proctor/Lachie Falloon/Clayden Hope/Daniel Beattie) 1; Midway (Jacob Corrin/Angus Blair/Dylan Bronlund/Charlie McIntyre) 3.
U19 female: Wainui (Lucy Allan/Olivia Whitfield/Sofia Zame/Daizee Rawls) 1; Waikanae (Genna Robertson/Emily Horne/Charlotte Blackburne/Ella van Kregten) 2; Waikanae (Libby Briant/Stacey Warren-Moiser/Devon Hatwell/Aoife Fyall) 3.
- Surf canoe, short course**
Open male: Wainui (Jack Virtue/Jacques Klavs/Joseph Puddick/Colby Putnam) 1; Midway (Matthew Scott/Blake Brown/Callum Torrie/Matt Parker) 3.
Open female: Waikanae (Kendra Tate/Christy Tate/Lauren Pickett/Michelle Mitchell) 1; Midway (Alex Bermingham/Jessica Blakeman/Kate Blakeman/Danielle Scott) 3.
U19 male: Waikanae (Nathan Proctor/Lachie Falloon/Clayden Hope/Daniel Beattie) 2; Midway (Jacob Corrin/Angus Blair/Dylan Bronlund/Charlie McIntyre) 3.
U19 female: Wainui (Lucy Allan/Sofia Zame/Olivia Whitfield/Daizee Rawls) 1; Waikanae (Libby Briant/Ella van Kregten/Genna Robertson/Aoife Fyall) 2; Wainui (Breanna Ferris/Maggie Preston/Imogen Amor-Bendall/Casey Willson) 3.
- Overall age-group winners**
Open male: Mitch Cowdrey (Papamoa) 1; Chris Dawson (Midway) 2; Aidan Smith (Papamoa) 3.
Open female: Carla Reid (Whakatane), Vittoria Borgnino (Mt Maunganui) equal 1; Lauren Pickett (Waikanae) 3.
U19 male: Thomas Scott (Omanu) 1; Kiah Horan (Omanu), Tanner Baxter (Omanu) equal 2.
U19 female: Briana Irving (Waikanae) 1; Molly Shivan (Omanu) 2; Ava Smith (Wainui), Georgie Pitkethley (Waikanae) equal 3.
U16 male: Lachie Falloon (Waikanae) 1; Jack Keepa (Wainui) 2; Gus Shivan (Omanu) 3.
U16 female: Mia Gardiner (Mt Maunganui) 1; Lily Pearce (Mt Maunganui) 2; Bella-Rose Mountfort (Waihi) 3.
- Eastland Port 2020 Champion of the Bays overall combined points:** Mt Maunganui 216, Waikanae 165, Omanu 112, Midway 88, Wainui 68, Whakatane 62, Papamoa 54, Opotiki 17, Waihi Beach 7, Whangamata 6, Otaki 5, Lyall Bay 1.
- Local area points, Gisborne:** Kaiaponi Farms Waikanae 290, Dawson Building Midway 289, Riversun Wainui 98.
- Local area points, Bay of Plenty:** Mt Maunganui 321, Omanu 154, Whakatane 124, Papamoa 94, Opotiki 16, Whangamata 14, Waihi 9.

Super Rugby to trial changes

WORLD Rugby has introduced a set of law amendments which will be trialled at various tournaments this year in a bid to improve player safety and reduce the risk of injuries.

The trials were approved for the four-year law amendment review cycle that began after the 2019 Rugby World Cup following an analysis by the Law Review Group last March and several unions expressed interest in operating one or more of the trials.

Preventing dangerous high tackles remains a high priority for World Rugby as it looks to reduce the number of concussions.

The High Tackle Technique Warning, which was trialled at the World Rugby Under-20 Championship and reduced concussions by more than 50 percent, will be trialled in the Super Rugby championship, which starts on January 31, and the Top 14 in France. — AAP

Masoe improving after surgery

HULL — Former NRL prop Mose Masoe is awake, alert and showing signs of improvement after undergoing spinal surgery, Hull Kingston Rovers has announced.

The 30-year-old, who played for Sydney Roosters and Penrith before joining St Helens in 2014, was taken to hospital after suffering a serious neck injury during the opening minutes of a pre-season trial match at Wakefield.

The Samoan international was given oxygen on the pitch before being carried off on a stretcher and taken to hospital in Leeds, where he was operated on overnight. — AAP

Aussie Smith claims Sony Open

HONOLULU — Australian Cameron Smith has won his first PGA Tour event on his own with a par on the first playoff hole at the Sony Open in Hawaii.

The Queenslander made birdie on the par-5 18th hole in regulation to join final-round playing partner and overnight leader Brendan Todd at 11-under 269.

The extra holes began on the 10th in wet conditions and fading light, Smith holding his nerve with a two-putt par from 10 feet to add to his lone previous PGA title — the 2017 two-man teams tournament in New Orleans. — AAP

Sainz's Dakar Rally lead cut

WADI AL-DAWASIR — Carlos Sainz has stayed in front at the Dakar Rally as the leading drivers struggled with navigation in the absence of the motorbike riders who cancelled their stage in homage to Paulo Goncalves.

Australian reigning bike champion Toby Price was among the riders who honoured the popular Portuguese who died on Sunday following a crash on the seventh stage.

“Worst day for the rally sport, Rest and ride in peace Pablo Goncalves you will be missed by many,” Price said by way of Twitter.

Sainz fell off the pace, and lost time to rivals Nasser Al-Attiyah and Stephane Peterhansel. His lead over defending champion Al-Attiyah was cut by more than three minutes to less than seven, and his 19-minute lead over 13-time winner Peterhansel is down to 13 with four stages to go. — AP

Winning start for Sandgren

AUCKLAND — Defending champion Tennys Sandgren of the United States is into the second round of the ASB Classic tennis tournament, beating New Zealand doubles specialist Michael Venus 6-4 6-3 yesterday.

Sandgren won his maiden ATP title in Auckland last year. He looked strong yesterday with 15 aces in a 70-minute win. Venus is ranked 10th in the world in doubles but was playing his first singles match since a Davis Cup tie in 2018.

Sixth-seeded Hubert Hurkacz of Poland, who beat world No.4 Dominic Thiem at the ATP Cup last week and is seen as one of the tour's rising stars, advanced to the second round with a 7-5 6-3 win over Lorenzo Sonego. — AP

Mitchell heading to Souths

SYDNEY — Latrell Mitchell says South Sydney's family feel has drawn him to the Rabbitohs but it's the prospect of a permanent move to fullback that will keep him at the club in the long run.

The NRL star's ongoing saga was finally put to bed yesterday, the 22-year old officially departing the Sydney Roosters and signing with bitter rivals Souths.

It's understood the dual premiership winner has penned a deal for \$600,000 this year and \$800,000 for 2021 should the Rabbitohs exercise an option to renew his contract. — AP

'To-a-man' commitment earns GBHS cup win

CRICKET by Ben O'Brien-Leaf

IT was a team effort with giant reinforcement.

While all-rounder Max Briant (51 runs and two wickets for 20 runs off four overs) was superb in his Gisborne Boys' High School cricket debut, had it not been for their to-a-man commitment, the 16 year-old and his new crew wouldn't have beaten Coastal Ultrasound Horouta by 10 runs on Saturday.

The teams' second meeting of the 2019-2020 season — on Harry Barker Reserve's No.1 ground — was a catch-up game from round 8 in the six team,

30-overs Hope Cup competition.

Horouta won the previous clash by 185 runs on November 2, thanks largely to captain Heyan Ranasinghe's unbeaten 128.

GBHS skipper Daniel Stewart won the toss on Saturday and opted to bat. Openers Cohen Loffler (65) and Briant justified that call with a 113-run stand in 22.2 overs — the highest Boys' High partnership for any wicket to date this season.

Loffler's 42-run stand with first-drop Nathan Trowell, broken by Priyanka Vithanage (1-16 off three overs) with the first ball of the penultimate over, was another strong showing.

Trowell (27 off 26 balls) and No.4 Travis O'Rourke (one off two) closed the innings at 167-2, the students highest total on either side of Christmas.

Seamers Vithanage and Kavinda Mudiyansele (1-17 off three), both skilful bowlers, were Horouta's wicket-takers.

The biggest moment of Horouta's chase came when GBHS leg-spinner Dylan Foster (1-31 off four) got the ball to zip from the wicket and Ranasinghe (4 runs) chopped the ball on to his stumps off the second ball he faced.

Horouta were 87-3 in the 20th over and the game was up for grabs.

Off-spinner Stewart (1-21 off 5) and opening bowler Matthew Foster (1-30 off 6) were also steady, and the GBHS effort in the field was a major factor.

Luke Fisher's speed to the ball out deep and effort to return the ball quickly was outstanding.

Horouta first-drop Mel Knight's 51 from 56 balls was a thinking player's knock brought to an end by off-side sweeper Daniel Watts' accurate return to keeper Loffler to run her out with the score at 142-7 in the 28th over.

Hasantha Vithanage became the fourth run-out victim — with the score at 157-9 — off the last ball of the match. "Our openers were still in at drinks,

got 50s and then we bowled well, not giving Horouta many scoring opportunities," said Stewart.

"Left-arm medium-pacer Lukas Fry (0-13 off four) especially kept things tight. Everyone contributed in some way, which was great to see."

Ranasinghe praised the hard deck on which Briant concentrated successfully on bowling outside off-stump.

"There was some movement but we lost the game because of dot-balls," said the Horouta captain.

"GBHS ran quick singles and rotated strike in the first innings. That's what we didn't do."

NZ fan banned two years for racial abuse

CRICKET

WELLINGTON — A New Zealand fan who racially abused England fast bowler Jofra Archer during a test match at Tauranga in November has been banned from domestic and international matches in New Zealand for two years.

New Zealand Cricket said the 28-year-old Auckland man admitted responsibility after being identified by a police investigation.

Police issued the man with a verbal warning for using insulting language and New Zealand Cricket contacted the man to inform him he was banned from international and domestic matches until 2022.

The man would be liable for further police action if he breached the ban, New Zealand Cricket spokesman Anthony Crummy said.

"We'd again like to extend our apologies to Jofra and the England team management for such an unsavoury incident and reiterate once more that this type of behaviour is completely unacceptable," Crummy said.

"We want to thank the New Zealand Police for their efforts in identifying the person responsible, and for making it clear that this type of behaviour will not be minimised."

Crummy said NZC would not identify the man or release information that could lead to his identification.

Archer, who is black, complained on Twitter of having been racially abused during the final day of the first cricket test in November.

Police used security camera footage and witness reports to identify the person responsible. — AP



HALBERG FINALISTS: World champion motorcross rider Courtney Duncan and UFC titleholder Israel Adesanya are among the finalists in the 57th Halberg Awards. The success of female athletes is reflected in the finalists.

Duncan picture supplied, Adesanya picture by Brett Phibbs/NZ Herald

Women to the fore as Halberg finalists

Breakthrough nomination for Adesanya

Gold for midgets crews at nationals

WAKA AMA

YOUNG paddlers from Tairāwhiti have continued their strong form at the waka ama sprint nationals on Lake Karapiro.

YMP-Horouta crew Te Uranga o te Ra won the W12 250 metres final in the midgets class yesterday.

They were matched by Hinekahurangi-Ariki (Horouta), who won gold in the girls' WT12 250m.

YMP crew Pipi-Kapua were fourth in the final. Horouta crew Puhī Kaiariki were second in the W6 500m final for junior 16 women.

Many of the junior titles will be decided today.

Mareikura crew Nga Tama Toa were second in their W6 500m semifinal for J16 men yesterday, ahead of Ruawaipu (Horouta) in third, and the Mareikura Taniwha team were third in their semifinal.

In the intermediate boys division, Tangata Hianga (Horouta) were first in their W6 500m semifinal and Rukupo (YMP) were third.

In the intermediate girls, Horouta crew Hinepukohurangi won their W6 500m semifinal.

Individual races are scheduled for tomorrow and racing in the senior categories gets under way on Thursday.

FEMALE athletes dominate the Halberg Award finalists announced today.

In the team of the year category, four of the five finalists are female teams, with the Black Caps the only male team to earn a nomination.

The Black Ferns Sevens, world series champions, the world champion Silver Ferns, the world champion women's rowing eight and the women's rowing double of Olivia Loe and Brooke Donoghue, also world champs, are all finalists for the team award.

In the sportsman of the year category, there are no All Blacks, with UFC titleholder Israel Adesanya breaking through for mixed martial arts alongside Black Caps skipper Kane Williamson, Supercars and Bathurst champion Scott McLaughlin and shot putter Tom Walsh, who claimed bronze at the world championships and the Diamond League tittle.

Motorcross world championship winner

57TH HALBERG AWARDS FINALISTS

Team of the Year (eligible for supreme Halberg Award): Black Ferns Sevens (rugby), Black Caps (cricket), Silver Ferns (netball), Women's Eight (rowing), Women's Double - Olivia Loe and Brooke Donoghue - (rowing).
Para athlete/team of the Year (eligible for supreme Halberg Award): Cameron Leslie (Para swimming, wheelchair rugby), Emma Foy and Hannah van Kampen (Para cycling), Lisa Adams (Para athletics), Sophie Pascoe (Para swimming)
High Performance Sport New Zealand Sportswoman of the Year (eligible for supreme Halberg Award): Courtney Duncan

Courtney Duncan, canoe racer Lisa Carrington, Silver Ferns captain Laura Langman (netball) and Zoi Sadowski-Synnot, who produced New Zealand's first snowboarding world championships gold medal, are the finalists for sportswoman of the year.

In the Para athlete/team of the year

(motorcycling), Lisa Carrington (canoe racing), Laura Langman (netball), Zoi Sadowski-Synnot (snowboarding)

Sportsman of the Year (eligible for supreme Halberg Award): Israel Adesanya (mixed martial arts), Kane Williamson (cricket), Scott McLaughlin (motorsport), Tom Walsh (athletics).
Buddle Findlay Coach of the Year: Eugene Bareman (mixed martial arts), ary Hay (rowing), Gordon Walker (canoe racing), Noeline Taurua (netball), Roly Crichton (Para swimming).

Emerging Talent: Alice Robinson (ski racing), Erika Fairweather (swimming), Laurence Pithie (cycling), Seb Menzies and Blake McGlashan (yachting).

category, swimmer Sophie Pascoe once again earns a nomination alongside Cameron Leslie (Para swimming, wheelchair rugby), Emma Foy and Hannah van Kampen (Para cycling) and Lisa Adams (Para athletics).

The winners are announced on February 13. — NZ Herald

Brenden Gooch makes some history

SPEEDWAY by Murray Robertson

GISBORNE streetstock racer Brenden Gooch relinquished his 2NZ status at the weekend but can still wear a New Zealand number on his car after he finished third in the New Zealand streetstock championships.

He became the first driver to make the national streetstock podium three years in a row, since the class started.

Gooch was 1NZ in 2018, 2NZ last year and is now 3NZ.

He qualified top in his group in Friday night's qualifying at the Meeanee track in Hawke's Bay and joined 26 cars in the three-race finals.

"It was chaos out there in the finals," Brenden's father Neil said.

"We didn't have the car numbers there to give him much back-up in the finals.

"The cars from Rotorua and Hawke's Bay got stuck into him, and the other three Gisborne drivers who made the finals."

Brenden's brothers Sean (9G) and Cody (6G) finished sixth and ninth respectively in the final.

"Brenden's rapt to have made podium again," Neil said.

Brenden Gooch will race at the Gisborne Speedway Club this weekend as part of the support programme for the New Zealand sidecar championships.



NOW 3NZ: Streetstock racer Brenden Gooch was consistent again at the New Zealand championships in Hawke's Bay at the weekend. He finished third to become the first driver in the history of the class to make the New Zealand podium three years in a row. Brenden (at right) with son Brodie, was joined on the podium by winner Mike King (58R) from Rotorua (centre), and runner-up and previous 1NZ Chris Singleton.

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MIDNIGHT TONIGHT

NOON TOMORROW

GISBORNE TIDE MOVEMENT

Wednesday Jan 15			Thursday Jan 16		
Time	Level	Direction	Time	Level	Direction
Hicks Bay	H 10:58am 11:20pm	↑	Hicks Bay	H 11:49am	↑
Waipiro Bay	H 10:51am 11:13pm	↑	Waipiro Bay	H 11:42am	↑
Tolaga Bay	H 10:39am 11:01pm	↑	Tolaga Bay	H 11:30am 11:55pm	↑
Gisborne	H 10:23am 10:48pm	↑	Gisborne	H 11:16am 11:42pm	↑
Wairoa	H 10:04am 10:33pm	↑	Wairoa	H 10:58am 11:27pm	↑

NZ SITUATION

A ridge remains over the South Island this week. Meanwhile, a low develops off the east coast of the North Island tomorrow, maintaining an unsettled southerly flow there.

GISBORNE SUN PROTECTION ALERT

9:05 AM - 5:25 PM
PROTECTION REQUIRED
Even on cloudy days
Data provided by NIWA

GISBORNE CITY		GISBORNE REGION	
TOMORROW morning min 13 max 19 Cloudy periods and a few showers. Southerlies.	THURSDAY morning min 13 max 19 Cloudy, a few showers. Brisk southerlies.	FRIDAY morning min 13 max 19 Rain at times. Southerlies.	SATURDAY morning min 13 max 19 Rain at times. Southerlies.

NZ TOMORROW		GISBORNE READINGS		WORLD TOMORROW				
Auckland	fine	24	Taken at the Airport, for the 24 hours to 9am, Tuesday 14 Jan 2020		Adelaide	fine	17	28
Hamilton	fine	25	SUNSHINE hours		Amsterdam	rain	8	11
Tauranga	fine	22	On Monday, 13 Jan		Bangkok	showers	25	33
Rotorua	fine	22	To date for January		Beijing	fine	-9	3
Taupo	fine	20	Average for January		Berlin	cloudy	8	13
Napier	showers	19	To date this year		Brisbane	showers	22	27
New Plymouth	fine	22	To date last year		Buenos Aires	fine	25	29
Palmerston North	fine	19	WIND km/h		Cairo	fine	12	24
Wellington	fine	16	Max gust on Mon 13 Jan		Canberra	fine	14	33
Christchurch	fine	18	S 35		Cape Town	fine	22	35
Queenstown	fine	22	RAINFALL mm		Delhi	drizzle	7	20
Dunedin	fine	17	24 hours to 9am, Tue 14 Jan		Frankfurt	cloudy	6	12
			To date for January		Geneva	cloudy	0	7
			Average for January		Hong Kong	cloudy	18	21
			To date this year		London	rain	8	9
			To date last year		Los Angeles	fine	8	18
			EVAPOTRANSPIRATION mm		Melbourne	showers	21	31
			Daily average for past week		Moscow	rain	-1	3
			5.7		New York	fine	6	12
			TEMPERATURE °C		Paris	rain	8	11
			Maximum		Perth	fine	20	36
			27.9		Singapore	thunder	24	33
			Minimum		Stockholm	rain	4	11
			15.0		Suva	thunder	22	28
			Grass minimum		Sydney	fine	20	28
			14.6		Tokyo	drizzle	3	10
			BAROMETRIC PRESSURE		Toronto	snow	1	3
			At 9am 14 Jan (hPa)					
			1022.1					
			At 9am 14 Jan (inches)					
			30.18					

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Twelve years of summer

BALANCING ACT: Gisborne-raised Glenn Sherriff is preparing to play in next month's New Zealand Polo Open. He plays professionally in England and focuses on producing polo ponies when he's in New Zealand. Picture supplied



POLO by Grant Miller

GLENN Sherriff has spent the past dozen years going from English summers to New Zealand summers, playing polo and training and selling horses.

It's a real balancing act — pursuing his sport, keeping fit and paying the bills.

The downside for the man from rural Tairāwhiti of dividing each year between the two hemispheres is all the packing and unpacking.

The upside includes playing many games of the sport of kings in England and focusing on producing polo ponies when he's back in New Zealand.

As well as schooling horses at his New Zealand base in Clevedon, south of Auckland, Sherriff is preparing for the BMW New Zealand Polo Open next month.

The tournament, New Zealand's largest, will be held on February 22 just down the road from where his horses are stabled and it will feature top Kiwi talent, as well as professionals from overseas.

Raised on a sheep and beef farm near Gisborne, Sherriff, 31, has become one of New Zealand's best polo players.

He plays professionally in England, maintaining a five-goal handicap. He can play several games a week there, where the sport is quite an industry.

At the same time, he and his girlfriend Lottie Lamacraft, who has captained the English women's polo team, keep a barn of about 25 horses in England.

The pair usually source the horses from Down Under and do the bulk of the training in New Zealand but they tend to sell for higher prices in Britain, Europe or Asia. It takes about three years to produce a polo pony.

Sherriff plans to play polo every weekend in the lead-up to the 43rd New Zealand Polo Open, getting the ponies match-fit.

His interest in the sport started young and it stemmed from watching his father, Mike.

"My father played for a few years but stopped for a while," Sherriff said.

"He started up again when I was quite young, about five.

"I always rode . . . went hunting . . . and by seven I was probably big enough to swing a stick."

Sherriff attended Waerenga o Kuri School west of Gisborne and then Makauri School on the outskirts of the city, Gisborne Intermediate and Gisborne Boys' High School.

Colin Kirkpatrick and Patrick McIlldowie were among the senior players in the Poverty Bay Polo Club about that time and Sherriff was part of a young group who were into the sport.

After leaving school, he took a farming job with the McKelvie family in Rangitikei. The McKelvies play polo and Ian McKelvie, former Manawatu mayor, is now the Rangitikei MP.

"I carried on with polo there and had two winters on the farm, before heading to England to play and produce ponies there."

More recently, he had two seasons based at Pukekohe and two at Clevedon.

The polo season in England hits its stride in April and runs until the end of September.

A stretch of about six weeks from October is the longest period Sherriff has where he is not playing. He maintains his fitness through riding and stays limber by stretching.

The New Zealand season is focused on January and February. Sherriff said he and Lamacraft would normally arrive in New Zealand in November and depart in March.

"I've probably been a little lucky with injuries," he said.

"I've had falls and knocks but nothing that has put me out for a long period of time."

In England, much of his polo is at the Cowdray Park Polo Club in West Sussex and Guards in Windsor.

Sherriff met the Queen and shook her hand in 2016. His team made it to the Royal Windsor final at Guards that year and the Queen was part of the trophy presentation ceremony.

"It was pretty cool. I've never done anything like that before."

Six teams will compete for the trophy at the New Zealand Polo Open, which is at the Auckland Polo Club grounds.