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**THINKING MORE WIDELY:** Waka are welcomed to Te Tii Bay at Waitangi for last year's Waitangi Day ceremony. Inset, Dame Jenny Shipley, pictured here with Tuia 250 co-chair Hoturoa Barclay-Kerr in Gisborne in December, has suggested New Zealanders mark the national day by visiting other places with stories to tell in our history, including Gisborne and Mahia. File pictures



## WAITANGI DAY HERE?

Tuia 250 challenge to 'think more deeply about who we are'

by Andrew Ashton

JUST two weeks out from Waitangi Day, all New Zealanders should consider celebrating the national day in Gisborne or Mahia, Dame Jenny Shipley says.

Following the conclusion of Tuia 250 commemorations marking 250 years from the arrival of the crew Endeavour to Tairawhiti in October, Tuia 250 co-chair Dame Jenny Shipley said those commemorations were still relevant, and even more so when considered in the context of the Treaty of Waitangi.

Speaking to The Gisborne Herald Dame Jenny said there were many stories, including Gisborne's story, around both the encounter between Maori and Cook and the Pacific arrivals pre-Cook that needed to be part of a national conversation in order to understand what the treaty meant to people.

"The treaty was an agreement and a commitment to how we would live together beyond that point in 1840 but prior to that, Maori had clearly been here for many hundreds of years and Cook's arrival in 1769 set off a series

of events that saw more and more Pakeha arrive in New Zealand and subsequently led to the need for the treaty.

"I think Tuia 250 has broadened New Zealanders understanding of who they are and subsequently I think where the treaty sits in that conversation."

Dame Jenny said the Tuia 250 events marked 250 years since the first encounter but now they had concluded in October in Gisborne and last month in Mahia, the challenge that Tuia 250 presented still remained.

"The insights gained by the Tuia

events in Te Ha and Turanganui-a-Kiwa mean so many things have begun that this will not end now. The Tuia challenge really is two or three-fold.

"It's a personal challenge for every New Zealander to think about who they are, where their whanau and ancestors came from when they arrived, what they have learned from that but also who else was here and what we know about those people."

The Tuia challenge was an invitation to think more deeply about who we are

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# A VOICE FOR OUR ANIMALS

GISBORNE'S new animal welfare inspector says he has not looked back since joining the 70-strong SPCA inspectorate.

Bal Riki was put through his paces while training to be an inspector during the four-month SPCA inspectorate internship programme.

The SPCA is the only charity with the power to protect all animals, including prosecuting people under the Animal Welfare Act 1999, and SPCA Inspectors act as law enforcers.

Bal is a familiar face around the region. He is the third generation of his family to live and work in the area.

He has had a varied career — serving in the military for over two decades, working as an ambulance officer, 15 years as an advanced

paramedic for St John, and then several years working at a logging company when he returned to Gisborne in 2013.

Bal grew up with many pets and has experienced with large animals.

He lives happily with his pet cat.

His day-to-day duties include responding to animal welfare complaints about the ill-treatment or neglect of animals.

Another significant part of his duties is education, as sometimes animals are unintentionally neglected.

The role requires good investigation and people skills as the SPCA inspectorate works hard to educate

people about the right way to treat animals to improve their lives in the community.

An inspector also responds to emergency situations where animals require immediate assistance.

Some instances may necessitate court action so inspectors gather evidence and prepare prosecution files, holding people to account for better animal outcomes.

The Animal Welfare Act 1999 gives an inspector certain powers to inspect an animal that might be in distress.

If the inspector has reason to believe an animal has been mistreated, they are able to take the animal into SPCA care.

If the animal has been deliberately hurt or neglected, inspectors can seek justice through the courts, acting as the voice

**“ I have an open door policy. People are ringing me already and it's fantastic being able to help where I can ”**

for animals.

“The internship programme was fantastic,” said Bal.

“The challenge of learning the language involving law and veterinary medical terms was hugely fascinating to me, and it made me hungry to learn more”.

Asked about what he was looking forward to the most in his new role, Bal said he wanted to help shape people's attitudes towards caring for their animals the best way they can.

“I have an open door policy. People are ringing me already and it's fantastic being able to help where I can.”



**SUCCESS STORY:** One of the things Bal Riki enjoys most about his new role as SPCA animal welfare inspector is seeing the animals recover once they come into care. One example is Charlie the rottweiler, who was only 10 kilograms when Bal first brought him in. He is now under vet care and back to his ideal weight of 26kg. Bal said Charlie had a lovely nature and should find a new home in no time. Picture by Liam Clayton

## School holidays, exams reason for delays in setting up youth council

by Aaron van Delden

GISBORNE District Council has confirmed a youth council will be established this year, with candidates to find out if they have been shortlisted in the next two weeks.

As The Gisborne Herald reported on Saturday, 19-year-old Alice Kibble was waiting to hear whether she had made it on to the 2020 Tairāwhiti Youth Council after nominations closed on November 8.

Candidates were originally due to be shortlisted and interviewed by councillors and council staff in the week after nominations closed.

But the council's customer engagement manager, Anita Reedy-Holthausen, said candidates were told last year interviews would not take place until after the summer school holidays had wrapped up and exam results had been received.

Miss Kibble, a youth councillor between 2016 and 2019, told The Herald she had not heard

what was happening with her application despite making inquiries.

Two other youth council candidates had approached her with the same issue, she said.

Ms Reedy-Holthausen said the council aimed to have its youth council sworn in by the end of next month.

Youth councillors would undertake an induction programme and hold their first official meeting in March, she said.

A Gisborne youth council was not established for 2019/20, with a recruitment process not undertaken due to council staff changes.

Miss Kibble said the youth council had not had much to do with the district council in the past.

But she was hopeful it would have a greater stake in district council decisions following a review of its role ahead of the local body



elections in October 2019.

The review recommended the youth council's primary purpose be the “facilitation of youth engagement with council decision-making”.

Members of the community development and services committee, who received the review, were keen to see a youth council representative sitting alongside them and helping to make decisions.

Josh Wharehinga, now deputy mayor, called on his colleagues to “put our money where our mouth is and invest our own personal time in helping to mentor these youth councillors”.

Speaking to The Herald yesterday, Mr Wharehinga said any youth representation on Gisborne District Council would be a good thing.

The youth council costs between \$20,000 and \$25,000 a year to run, with members compensated for attending meetings.

Youth council candidates must be aged between 16 and 21 on January 1 and nominated by a person from their educational institution, marae, sports team, cultural group or workplace.

## Spate of calls to five rubbish fires

FIREFIGHTERS were called out five times in an hour-and-a-half last night to put out backyard rubbish fires that had sparked phone calls of complaint from neighbours.

A senior firefighter said the public needed to get the message that rubbish fires remain banned under the prohibited fire season.

The spat of backyard fires started at around 9pm and by 10.30pm the fire crews had responded to four incidents across the city and one at Wainui.

“They were widespread — in Mangapapa, Riverdale, Kaiti, Te Hapara and out at Wainui,” a senior firefighter said. “The fires were reported by neighbours.”

He said the fire crews put all the fires out.

“That had to happen because this is a closed fire season, and backyard rubbish fires are banned.

“Even it wasn't a closed fire season it is illegal to have any fire burning after dark, even in an open fire season.”

Permits have not been issued since the prohibited fire season started earlier this month.

The only exceptions have been fires for hangi and umu.

Barbecues and gas cookers remain exempt.

### LOOKING AHEAD



#### FOCUS ON THE LAND

- M.bovis sampling to be done on beef cattle throughout the country to gauge the extent of the disease in the beef herd.
- Digital technology and drones making a mark more and more in agriculture.
- The AgriHQ report on beef and sheep for the week beginning January 20.



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# Dual stories offer chance to walk in others' steps

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and how we relate to others and when considered in the context of the Treaty of Waitangi the challenge became even more important.

"We are only 20 years from the treaty being 200 years old.

"We've achieved a lot as a nation, we are an inclusive nation, we have many challenges that need to be addressed but we've come too far (to quote Sir James Henare) not to go further."

The Tuia challenge was about collective respect for all cultures and people's stories and commit, as the treaty invited New Zealanders to do, to work out how to work together.

"In the context of Waitangi Day, it's a public holiday and people should have fun. But I hope people will also think about who they are and what it is each of us is asked to do as we celebrate our national day and understand that the Treaty of Waitangi that lies at the heart of that national day was a commitment between two people, notwithstanding how difficult it is to bring different cultures together with different histories, and still build a future that is brilliant and worthy, while acknowledging the failures and building on the successes. We hope Tuia will carry through that.

"One of the experiences of Tuia was being able to go on that physical journey from place to place, where canoes had arrived, where the Endeavour had arrived and where the local people, iwi, councils and others have made a huge effort to capture those stories in a way that has never been as accessible as it is now. While there's still a lot of work to do I hope over the next 20 years when we do get to 2040, every town and city in New Zealand will tell its dual heritage stories in an accessible and balanced way as Gisborne now does.

"One of the great opportunities for New Zealand families is to take their own families on those journeys, walking in the footsteps of Tupaia and Cook and Gisborne is very much at the beginning of that engagement between Maori and Pakeha.

"There are other sites in Turanganui-a-Kiwa and Mahia where even before the Cook encounters there is a huge history of Maori arrivals and with such beautiful places with such beautiful stories, it is providing a new opportunity for New Zealanders to walk in these footsteps and gain new understanding. I hope this Waitangi Day, people will think about, where they want to celebrate Waitangi Day. What about going to Mahia peninsula or to Gisborne or Tolaga Bay — or to the many sites in Marlborough or the Ngai Tahu sites where the great fleets arrived?

"Visiting these sites with an open mind and having a chance to see the work that you have done and are doing in cities like Gisborne lie in the heart of what Tuia sought to achieve and I think speaks to the Treaty of Waitangi of telling both sides of the story and working together to build a future that's proper, fair and just and worthy of everybody who lives here and calls New Zealand home."

Dame Jenny said the creation of a separate regional public holiday for Tairāwhiti, rather than Auckland Anniversary Day was a great idea but one that needed to be decided at a local level.

"Some of our local anniversary dates are completely by accident. They are just a matter of convenience as opposed to a matter of meaningful description. I don't know what date you would choose, and it's not for me to say, but it's a great idea."



**PORT IN FULL SWING:** Eastland Port's two overseas docks were busy yesterday with loadings of export logs for China and export squash for Japan and South Korea. The freight Pacific Magnolia (foreground) has been loading around 2000 units (pallets) of squash packed by Coxco and Four Seasons. She will go out to anchor in the bay tomorrow to make way for the cruise ship Le Laperouse, depending on sea conditions. The freighter will then return to port to complete loading the first shipment of squash to leave Gisborne by sea this season. The logger Daiwan Fortune is transporting about 13,000 tonnes of logs for China and was scheduled to leave this morning. Picture by Paul Rickard

# Gangs linked to Ruatoria incident

THE shooting incident near Ruatoria on Saturday morning involved gang members and police have yet to establish what sparked it.

Their investigation continues amid an on-going heightened police presence in the Ruatoria area.

A 49-year-old man remains in police custody charged with unlawful possession of a firearm as a result of the incident.

He made an initial court appearance yesterday and was remanded in custody.

McClutchie Road off Tuparoa Road near Ruatoria was cordoned off by police for several hours and residents were asked to stay indoors.

Detective Senior Sergeant Kevin Ford said two vehicles and their occupants

arrived at the McClutchie Road address mid-morning on Saturday and then shots were fired.

"Both vehicles left the address at speed with the Hilux crashing soon afterwards on the main street of Ruatoria.

"The occupants fled the scene before another person arrived and removed firearms from the crashed vehicle."

The McClutchie Road address has been examined by police and the seized Hilux along with the second vehicle believed to have been involved that was located on Tuparoa Road will be examined by forensic experts.

"We are following lines of inquiry to identify those involved, who are believed to be associated with the Mongrel Mob

and Black Power.

"We are continuing to seek any information which would assist us in identifying the other people involved in what happened in McClutchie Road."

No one was injured in the shooting incidents.

Police have drafted extra staff into the Ruatoria area to support the local staff.

"Our increased police presence in the township and surrounding area will continue this week as our inquiries continue," Det Snr Sgt Ford said.

"We will also be holding discussions with community representatives in Ruatoria about the incident.

He said anyone with information about it should contact police on 105.

## Care advised as work to clear SH2 slip continues

STATE Highway 2 near Putorino reopened at 12.30pm yesterday after it was closed due to a slip just north of the Waikere River bridge.

The road was closed from 3.22am yesterday and opened to one-lane under stop/go traffic control at 11.45am.

Drivers should continue to take extra care as a 30kmh temporary speed restriction remains in

place while crews continue with slip site clean-up, a New Zealand Transport Agency spokesperson said.

STRENGTHENING works to Aro Aro bridge on State Highway 2 in the Waioeka Gorge start on Tuesday, January 28.

The works are expected to take six weeks and a

single-lane closure with speed restrictions will be in place.

Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency Bay of Plenty system manager Rob Campbell said motorists should plan ahead and allow extra time for their journeys. The summer works were part of the biggest maintenance programme the transport agency had undertaken for the last decade.

## Big swells to build

THE anticipated big swells associated with the decaying sub-tropical low passing New Zealand begin arriving on the Tairāwhiti coastline today and will build to in excess of 2m waves tomorrow.

Various surf forecast sites predict waves of 2m-plus (5-8 feet) from Hicks Bay down to Gisborne, easing to a metre-plus on Thursday.

It has been predicted that swells in Turanganui-a-Kiwa/Poverty Bay will exceed two metres tomorrow.

Two cruise ships — the Regatta with 800 passengers and 380 crew, and the much smaller Le Laperouse — are both scheduled to call here tomorrow. The Le Laperouse would dock, and the Regatta go to anchor in the Bay, on their maiden visits to Gisborne.

Trust Tairāwhiti's general manager tourism Adam Hughes said preparations for the cruise visits remained "full steam ahead".

"We will continue our preparations until we hear from Eastland Port that the visits are on or off."

Surf lifeguards have called on beachgoers to be extra careful over the next day or two, to swim between the flags and stay within their depth.

**HON ANNE TOLLEY**  
MP FOR EAST COAST

*Have a happy and safe holiday. Everyone is precious, so please be safe on the roads and in the water.*

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## FAMILY NOTICES

## Deaths

## Deaths

**WORSLEY, Geoffrey.** — Died 15th January 2020, aged 88 years. Beryl his wife, and 2 daughters Lucyanne and Jennifer, and grandchildren Cinnamon, Isaac and Indigo wish him the best on the other side.

**SHERIDAN, Malcom (Peter).** — On 19th January 2020, passed away peacefully at Dunblane, aged 89 years. Loved by all his family and friends.

The funeral service will be held at Evans Chapel, Ormond Road, at 11am on Wednesday 22nd January, followed by private cremation.

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## Big bucks up for grabs in Bay Bonanza

ANGLERS taking part in one of Gisborne's premier fishing contest will be hoping to snare \$5000 on the water and \$20,000 off it.

The Gisborne-Tatapouri Sports Fishing Club Enterprise Cars Autosure NZ fishing competition returns for a 36th year next week.

Last year no eligible marlin were caught but this year there are prizes of \$5000 and \$1000 for the first and second heaviest marlin.

Prizes totalling thousands of dollars are also on offer for other species of fish.

For those who don't land the big one, there is also a \$20,000 lucky angler draw.

Gisborne-Tatapouri Sport Fishing Club logistics manager Kathi McGregor said the three-day competition starts on Friday, January 24, with entries for each day's fishing closing the day before.

"We are up to 285 anglers and 91 boats at the moment. We have a lot of people coming in from Wellington, Hawke's Bay, Tauranga, one from Whitianga, so there are a lot of people coming."

## Power outage

ABOUT 200 homes lost power for about two hours yesterday.

"There was a fault in the area (Hauroa Road) which took the power out to the area of Grant Road at 1.44," an Eastland Network spokeswoman. "It was put back on at 1.55pm, but that created another issue which took the power out again."

"This was repaired and all power was restored at 3.30pm."

### TRADE AID YOUTH AMBASSADORS:

The Gisborne Trade Aid store has found a way to future-proof the store and that is with the help of school students. From left, Danielle Bell, Vita Anderson, Hannah Veitch, Eva Mirko, and Isla Batten-Coogan. Absent: Jade Keelan and store manager Donu Tiko.



Picture by Liam Clayton

## Getting youth into volunteering

by Matai O'Connor

A GISBORNE initiative to attract young people into volunteering and building skills is well on the way to achieving its goal.

The Trade Aid Youth Ambassador (TAYA) programme is the brainchild of Trade Aid trustee Penny Clarke.

About two years ago the Gisborne Trade Aid store was struggling to find volunteers and Ms Clarke, an independent career and employment consultant, came up with the idea of involving school students.

The Trade Aid store is run by one paid store manager and the other workers are volunteers.

"The initial plan was to involve young people in a local Trade Aid retail outlet not only to benefit the outlet but also to encourage more involvement of young people in the Trade Aid movement and inspire more young people into volunteer causes," Penny Clarke said.

They started the TAYAs initially at Wainui Beach School with two young students for a term. Then they reached out to Gisborne Girls' High School to see if any high school students would be interested.

Six Year 12 GGHS students showed their interest. "The programme gained momentum," Ms

Clarke said.

"We also had seven junior TAYAs from Ilminster volunteering.

"These creative, innovative and can-do GGHS students took it up a notch and passed the message and philosophy of Trade Aid to their peers, to their junior cohort at assemblies, to their whanau, friends and anyone who will listen," Ms Clarke said.

"They have nurtured and helped develop this humanitarian youth volunteer initiative to become the drivers of their own achievable long term TAYA Programme. 2020 is looking like an exciting year for the TAYAs" she said.

"Judith Wright, chairperson of the Gisborne Trade Aid store, took the story of the TAYAs to a national Trade Aid conference and other Trade Aid representatives from around New Zealand loved the concept. They are keen to start their own programme.

"The inspiring senior Gisborne Girls' High School TAYAs are keen to follow up with it this year and in future years but also envisage keeping the programme going as they enter their future pathways," Ms Clarke said.

Trade Aid Gisborne store manager Donu Tiko said the TAYA programme was a great way of getting young people into

volunteering and had worked really well.

"The youth will be the next generation to have a voice about fair trade so it's important to get them involved in what Trade Aid does," Ms Tiko said.

"We have had people from all different walks of life volunteer here. We have had a couple of people who were transitioning from male to female and people with disabilities volunteer at the store and they loved being here as it was a safe space for them to be themselves and build up their confidence.

"They loved it because we didn't judge them at all," Ms Tiko said.

"The TAYAs are all female but we are reaching out to more schools this year with the hope of getting males and other students involved," Ms Tiko said.

"People often enjoy volunteering here and say how they want to come back and do it for longer. Even if you don't go to school and want to volunteer, come and talk to us," she said.

There have been people who are very shy and struggle with confidence but through volunteering at Trade Aid they have built up their confidence.

Hannah Veitch, one of the TAYAs at Girls' High said she wanted to give back to the community in any

way she could and when Ms Clarke came to her with the opportunity to help a local volunteer organisation it was a "no brainer".

"We heard Trade Aid were struggling to find volunteers and I thought it was a cool opportunity to help promote the idea of fair trade locally while helping make a global impact from Gisborne.

"People we have interacted with on the street or at school market days have responded to us really well.

They have presented their journey and shared Trade Aid videos at school assemblies, held two market days at school, volunteered in the school holidays at the Gisborne shop and held stalls and TAYA awareness days outside the shop.

The TAYAs have told other students to get involved and volunteer at the store.

"Trade Aid is open to anyone wanting to volunteer," Hannah said.

"The most important thing from this experience has been the appreciation and gratitude from Penny and Donu, especially after the market day and knowing we really made a difference."

Trade Aid is a social enterprise helping talented people around the world improve their lives through fair trade. It was established in 1973 in Christchurch New Zealand.

# Denies raping sisters-in law

## Accused's vengeance-seeking claim 'pathetic': complainant

A MAN accused of raping two of his former sisters-in-law claims his jealous and possessive ex-wife persuaded the women to make false allegations in vengeance for him leaving her.

The claim was put to the complainants by defence counsel Adam Simperingham in a jury trial for the accused, which began yesterday in Gisborne District Court.

Each of the women refuted it, with one saying it was "the most pathetic thing she had ever heard".

The accused, 59, cannot be named due to law protecting the identities of complainants in sexual cases. He has pleaded not guilty to two charges of rape alleging a single incident with each of the women — one in 1985, the other in 1987.

Prosecutor Jo Rielly said the women, now in their 50s, had kept secret what happened but discovered they were not alone after exchanging negative remarks about the man at a family gathering two years ago.

It was then they decided to tell their sister (the accused's ex-wife) and to report the incidents to police.

The first complainant alleged she was raped in a shared family room at Te Puia Springs Hospital just after the accused's wife (her older sister) had given birth to the couple's first baby.

She woke when he got into her single bed across from his.

She was "flabbergasted" and begged him to stop. But he pinned her down with his forearm against her throat, choking her, and repeatedly told her to "shhh".

The sex was aggressive and hurt, the woman said. She could still recall him "grunting like an animal — a pig", she said.

Afterward, he warned her not to tell her sister as it would "break her heart".

In the morning, he had gone. She got in the shower and "scrubbed" herself clean.

She saw him in the hospital room later that day holding his new-born baby. He acted like

nothing happened but gave her a warning look. She felt sick physically and sick with guilt.

"I just couldn't believe he did that to me because I looked up to this man like a hero, a big brother.

She wanted to say something to her sister but the birth of the couple's first child was supposed to be a perfect time.

"I just couldn't do that to her."

She confronted her brother-in-law about two months later asking why he raped her to which he replied, "I didn't rape you. You asked for it".

The second complainant said the accused raped her while she was holidaying at the couple's house. That incident was also marked by the birth of a baby. She was left alone overnight with her brother-in-law and their young children when her sister went to help with the birth.

The woman said she was in bed with each of her two toddlers asleep in her arms when the accused got in beside them. She could not believe it was

happening, the woman said. She could not cry out for fear of waking the children. She covered their eyes with her hands. He threatened to kill her if she told anyone.

The next day he acted like nothing happened, even offering her coffee at breakfast. She wanted to tell her sister but could not find a way. She cut short her holiday and left immediately.

Her description of his conduct during the incident had similarities to the first complainant's. She, too, described him making grunting noises "like an animal".

The women denied Mr Simperingham's assertion they colluded.

"It's not something you sit down over a cup of tea to discuss," one of them said.

Mr Simperingham said it was also significant the women made their complaints within a week of their sister being served with a temporary protection order by the Family Court.

That was pure coincidence, the

women said. They were unaware of it. They lived overseas and had separate lives. They were not involved in their sister's marital concerns or influenced by her.

One of the complainants said police earlier advised her to wait until she was back in the country to make her formal statement, and she did so. The other said she deliberately avoided conversation about the accused. His name alone made her skin "crawl".

Mr Simperingham put it to the first complainant she continued to visit "her rapist" before permanently moving overseas.

The woman said she was not visiting "her rapist" but visiting her sister and new god-daughter.

Mr Simperingham put it to the second complainant she was six months pregnant at the time of her alleged rape but, significantly, failed to tell police.

The woman said she chose not to mention it as she wanted to protect that child, who was whangai adopted from birth and with whom she had only recently been reunited.



**RULE CHANGE:** Roger Brown and John Parfitt whitebaiting near the cut in 2015.

File picture

# Whitebait safe havens

## Plans to protect the future of whitebaiting announced

A WHITEBAIT review was announced last week for whitebait management in New Zealand.

Several Gisborne and northern Hawke's Bay rivers are included in proposed whitebait safe havens for the length of the river or a part of it, including Waikari River.

Department of Conservation representatives said four of the six whitebait species were in decline and either threatened or at risk of extinction — giant kokopu, shortjaw kokopu, koaro and inanga.

The major threats to their survival include habitat degradation, poor quality spawning sites, poor water quality, obstacles to fish passage such as poorly designed culverts within river systems and in some areas, heavy fishing pressure.

A key aim of the whitebait review is to ensure whitebait populations are healthy.

It also seeks to identify what can be done to restore them in areas where they have declined, and identify what is needed to ensure a sustainable whitebait fishery.

The review includes a discussion document with proposed changes to the way the whitebait fishery is managed.

This follows engagement that took place in 2018/19, where 90 percent of respondents to a DoC survey on whitebait management said changes were needed for a sustainable whitebait fishery.

The discussion document has proposals to standardise the rules for whitebaiting in New Zealand; increase the equity of whitebait catching opportunities; phase out whitebait exports; and create refuges in some waterways — or parts of waterways — where whitebait is excluded, to provide a safe haven for whitebait species and help improve their populations.

In the discussion document, sites around the country are proposed as possible safe havens for whitebait species, including rivers in northern Hawke's Bay such as Waikari River, Aropoanui River and Waipataki Stream.

The discussion document proposes several options

for the length of time that a river — or a part of a river — could be a whitebait refuge.

Now DoC is seeking feedback about these proposals.

Submissions can be made online and there is a public drop-in session scheduled for February 5 at the Napier Conference Centre, where people can ask DOC questions about the proposals.

Feedback from the consultation will be used to develop final recommendations to the Minister of Conservation for her and Cabinet's consideration.

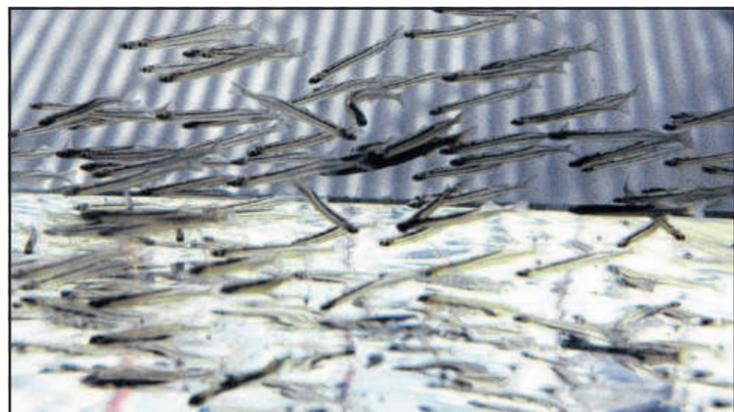
For some time, Wairoa Department of Conservation have worked to identify spawning sites around the district.

Where possible, they have encouraged protection of these sites with more fencing.

In some situations, the spawning sites have been enhanced by using hay bales to create a friendlier habitat for spawning.

### Whitebait Review

- There are no Department of Conservation public discussion sessions on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing rules for Gisborne and Wairoa. DoC manager Elizabeth Heeg said "our public discussion session schedule was organised based on previous demand and known fishing pressure, but we are happy to schedule an additional public session in the East Cape area if there is sufficient demand. "Separate and additional to public engagement, we will be available to engage with our Treaty partners in the East Cape as they wish, and as a key part of the consultation on whitebait management," she said.
- People are welcome to submit feedback via an online survey, email or by post. Submissions to have a say on proposed changes close 9am, March 2.
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**THREAT OF EXINCTION:** New Zealand's iconic delicacy, whitebait, is on the 'at risk list' as numbers decline and whitebaiters are being urged to be responsible and fish by the rules. File picture

## Ambassador initiative a hit with campers

THE Mahia Ambassador initiative has been a summertime hit, resulting in a huge increase in camping compliance, Wairoa District Council says.

Wairoa District Council chief executive Steven May said the programme has been a major success for all concerned with campers complying and locations being left in pristine condition.

Mr May became aware of other Councils utilising the ambassador initiative effectively and, following a successful Central Government funding application, the initiative was launched locally.

The grant has paid for ambassadors for the Mahia Peninsula for the summer period of 2019/20 and aims to provide visitors with the best services that the Council is able to, leading to a more positive experience.

"Since the start of the ambassador patrol, I have had nothing but favourable constructive comments both from visitors (campers) and members of the Mahia community."

The council partnered with local iwi organisations, Rongomaiwahine Iwi Trust and Mahia Maori Committee, to develop and implement the Freedom Camping Ambassador initiative.

"The Freedom Camping Ambassador Programme is also about managing the expectations of locals.

"Sometimes we receive feedback from Mahia locals about freedom campers and day trippers from other parts of the district to Mahia, and the ambassador programme was about ensuring we were responding appropriately to the concerns of locals.

"This is why it was important for us to partner with local organisations."

Ambassadors monitored campsites, rubbish, recycling and toilet facilities with an education and visitor experience focus.

"At Mahia, four Ambassadors, three full-time and one casual, have been working seven-days a week.

"Their obvious love of Mahia and their pride at what Mahia has to offer visitors has emanated in their approach to campers in a positive and helpful way."

Mr May said their friendly approach has seen a dramatic drop of around 75 percent less infringement notices being issued when compared to last summer.

"The Ambassadors, combined with an upgrade of signage which clearly shows where you can and cannot camp, has been very successful.

"The ambassadors report back to Council so any issues can be dealt with in a timely manner. They also report on levels of rubbish in the area, and the conditions of the toilets."

Rongomaiwahine Iwi Trust chief executive Moana Rongo said while an important aim of the initiative is to ensure visitors have an enjoyable stay at Mahia; the key is that campers understand where the allocated camping areas are situated in order to "safeguard our wahi tapu and the integrity of our whenua".

Mr May said the initiative has been about providing the best service possible to make the Mahia visitor experience as positive as we can.

"We would hope this initiative will continue into the future, but that will be subject to further funding."

# Thieves steal laptops from National HQ

by Jason Walls, NZ Herald

AUCKLAND — National is suggesting the theft of three laptops from its Auckland-based headquarters in a burglary last night could be politically motivated, describing the nature of the theft as “highly suspicious”.

National MP Paul Goldsmith — who works in the building that was robbed — said the possibility that the theft was politically motivated was disturbing — “given it is the start of an election year”.

Yesterday morning, National deputy leader Paula Bennett told the NZ Herald someone had jemmied the window of the Epsom office open and stole the computers.

She said it looked as if someone had just “grabbed the laptops and ran”.

Nothing else was taken — the NZ Herald understands that the office wasn’t ransacked at all and it appeared that no drawers had been rifled through.

Police are looking into the theft.

In a statement, a National Party spokesman implied that the theft could have been politically motivated.

“The nature of the burglary is also highly suspicious, given that our internal party offices aren’t overly visible from the street, the nature of the items stolen, and that the building itself contained other items of high monetary value,” he said.

He added that the party takes the security of its staff and information incredibly seriously.

The laptops in question, he said, were “very well encrypted” in “about three different ways”.

The spokesman wouldn’t say what information was on the laptops, but confirmed they were “normal service laptops” used by staff.

“At this time, we will let the police do their job and won’t be making any further comment until the matter is investigated fully.”

The Epsom HQ is also used by National MPs Paul Goldsmith and Jian Yang — none of the laptops were used by either MPs.

Goldsmith said he was worried about the possibility that the theft was politically motivated.

“There are other things they could have taken, but they only took three laptops. It is certainly a worry that it might be politically motivated.”

“I hope it’s not a signal of things to come.”

A staff member, who did not want to be named, told the NZ Herald this morning the break-in was “pretty odd”.

He said the office was “a bit of a bunker” and was partially underground.

“You would have to know that we were here.”

He said that someone had jemmied a window open during the break-in.

Asked if there was any evidence that this was a politically motivated break-in, the staff member said: “It’s pretty odd; we’re in a pretty quiet part of Epsom”.

**HOME SAFE:** A group of 22 New Zealand firefighters that were helping their tired Australian counterparts battle bush fires have returned home. Families gathered at Auckland International Airport last night to greet their loved ones who had been away for almost two weeks. Among them were Bowie, 3, and Billimae, 1, who gave their dad Joseph Ineson, from Shelly Beach Station in Auckland, a big hug. Cheers rang out as the Kiwi contingent entered the arrivals terminal. NZ liaison officer Craig Cottrill said they felt warmly welcomed back and were all looking forward to seeing their families. Earlier this month, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said New Zealand would continue to do what it could to help Australia deal with the fires. New Zealand crews were based east of Canberra and helped put out the Charleys Forest blaze last week. Since October, New Zealand has sent 179 firefighters to battle the blaze and the Government has not ruled out sending more.

NZ Herald picture



# Whanau Ora ‘undermined’

## Maori women say Minister is ‘driving them out by stealth’

by Audrey Young, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — Five Maori women leaders including Dame Tariana Turia have filed an urgent claim to the Waitangi Tribunal alleging the Government is underfunding and undermining Whanau Ora.

They have told the Prime Minister they have lost confidence in Whanau Ora Minister Peeni Henare. Turia, the founder of Whanau Ora, says Jacinda Ardern is out of her depth.

The women wrote to Ardern in November expressing concerns that Whanau Ora was being “destroyed by stealth”, seeking a meeting and expressing no confidence in Henare, but have had no reply.

They say the name Whanau Ora is being used for projects other than those commissioned by Whanau Ora agencies and the brand is being “misappropriated” by the Government.

The five are Dame Tariana Turia, Dame Naida Glavish, Lady Tureiti Moxon, Merepeka Raukawa-Tait and Dame Iritana Tawhiwhirangi.

They filed a claim with the Waitangi Tribunal yesterday seeking a hearing on behalf of the Whanau Ora Commissioning Agency and all Maori.

The claim says that while there was an increase in funding tagged for Whanau Ora in the 2019 Budget, the bulk of the increase was allocated to Government-backed projects outside of the commissioning agency.

“We are crying out for funding to deliver for our people but the Crown remains unmoved,” the brief of evidence says . . . We are meant to be grateful for getting anything at all.

“They do not understand . . . that Whanau Ora is not just a concept that can be picked up by any old department and implemented . . . This is undermining us by stealth while misappropriating the Whanau Ora brand.”

‘I think that the Prime Minister is completely out of her depth on this issue.’

— Dame Tariana Turia

Whanau Ora was an initiative of Dame Tariana when she was co-leader of the Maori Party in government with National.

There are three commissioning agencies although only the largest one Te Pou Matakana, covering the North Island, is officially party to the tribunal action.

Former Labour minister John Tamihere, who has fallen out with Labour, is chief executive of that agency and Raukawa-Tait is chairwoman of the board.

The three agencies commission providers to work in a holistic way with families who want to turn their lives around, be it from drug or alcohol addictions, violence, poverty, or a combination of factors.

The three agencies have received

\$71 million a year between them. The Government announced a \$19.8 million increase in the 2019 Budget but it turned out that only half of that was going to the Whanau Ora commissioning agencies and only \$4.6 million of that to the largest one.

Turia was scathing about the Labour-led Government and Ardern.

“Frankly, I think that the Prime Minister is completely out of her depth on this issue and I think the Labour Government is out of its depth on this issue. Essentially, they like the Government to control. They like everything to be run through the Government. They cannot trust our people to make these decisions in the best interests of our families.”

Turia has no formal role in Whanau Ora now but said in her visit of difference organisation, she was “absolutely thrilled with the way in which the agencies have been able to build up the capacity and capability of whanau and let them get on with living their lives rather than trying to control them”.

Turia also said she believed the Government’s attitude to Whanau Ora was based on the fact it had been a Maori Party initiative.

“I just wish Labour would get over themselves and want the very best for us as people rather than thinking they need to continue to tell us how to be and what to do,” said Turia.

Ardern was asked for comment, as was Henare.

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## Shane Jones launches attack

WELLINGTON — Outspoken NZ First MP and Minister Shane Jones has launched a scathing attack on climate-change activists who want Kiwis to eat less meat, blasting their form of “eco bible bashing”.

He has compared them to “medieval torture chamber workers” and has vowed to rally against this sort of “absolutism” as Election 2020 draws closer.

His comments come after the Government, of which he is a Minister, announced school children would be taught about climate change in class. Education Minister Chris Hipkins said kids will be taught the role that science plays in understanding climate change, as well as how it impacts the planet both globally and locally.

They would also be taught how to contribute to reducing and adapting to its impact on everyday life. Climate Change Minister, Green MP James Shaw, said one of the ways kids could help reduce emissions was to eat less meat.

Speaking to Radio Waatea yesterday, Jones rejected this advice as “absolutism” — but did not mention Shaw’s comments.

In a statement to the NZ Herald, Shaw said: “The

climate change resource kit for schools is based on science”.

Jones was critical of what he described as the “absolutism” which he said was “infecting” the climate-change debate in New Zealand.

“Absolutism is what you hear from bible bashers,” he said. “Absolutism is what we saw in the medieval days of putting people on the rack because there was an absolute sense of conviction that their perspective was the only perspective.”

Jones added that New Zealand First has a tremendous level of interest in how our society adapts to changing weather and changing climate.

“But our party is deeply suspicious of any scientist who starts preaching this gospel of absolutism — we don’t like that and we’re not going to acquiesce in that.”

He said some of the activists were like the “medieval torture chamber workers (who) don’t want you to talk about adaptation. They want you to join their shrill voices.”

And Jones said he has no plans to stop eating meat. “I won’t be desisting from eating copious quantities of kaimoana (seafood) or meat — that’s how I grew up.” — NZ Herald

# BoP tsunami 'false alarm' still a mystery

by Michael Neilson, NZ Herald

TAURANGA — Fire and Emergency NZ (Fenz) says the false-alarm tsunami alert in Bay of Plenty was a "legacy issue".

The alarm, at 9.30pm on Sunday, created confusion and even panic as some residents feared it was a tsunami warning, national commander Kerry Gregory said.

"It is part of a system to alert the public.

"But that system is a legacy system, it is retired and not actually in place."

While the agency did not know what caused the false alarm, or whether it was due to technical or human error, Fenz had put "patch" fixes in place until they figured out how to fix it long-term, Gregory said.

Nine sirens that sounded were at fire stations, with three at other locations.

A Fenz spokesman declined to answer questions about which stations the sirens sounded at, whether they were part of a current tsunami warning system and whether the same alarms would go off in an actual tsunami warning, referring all queries to the Civil Defence

Emergency Management (CDEM) team.

The local CDEM did not respond to requests for comment.

Despite there being no real emergency, Gregory thanked those who took the alarms seriously.

"I would far rather people evacuate than people don't take it seriously and we have a different situation."

The system had been in place since 2006, he said.

As different groups amalgamated, the system sat there but people "forgot it was activated".

It was not activated by Fenz, but they did not know how it was activated at this stage.

"Have the confidence we will get our system right. If there is a siren, we want people to evacuate."

They did not believe the system had been hacked.

Bay of Plenty residents were up in arms after the false alarm had them fleeing for higher ground fearing a tsunami, and want the system perfected before a real emergency.

A spokesman for the National Emergency Management Agency



**FAKE EMERGENCY:** Fire and Emergency national commander Kerry Gregory (inset) said the agency did not know what caused the false alarm that sent many people in the Bay of Plenty to higher ground in fear that a tsunami was on the way. NZ Herald pictures

(Nema), which is responsible for issuing tsunami alerts, told the NZ Herald it did not itself operate tsunami sirens, and Sunday's sirens had nothing to do with its own tsunami warning system.

Tauranga resident Brenda Newman, who evacuated with her family upon hearing the alarm, said there needed to

be better alarm and alert systems for future emergencies — particularly making sure that everyone was alerted to a situation.

Although some people had chosen to evacuate, others were at a loss as to what they should do as they waited for instruction from a text alert or notification on their cellphone.

Other people, however, were unaware of the situation.

"It's pretty poor.

"They need to be accountable for this and just reassure everybody that they can sort something out for us," Newman said.

"There are so many elderly people who don't have phones — how would they know?"

# Bullet hit baby's car seat

## Meth trade fuelling rivalry between gangs: Police Minister

by Sahiban Hyde, Hawke's Bay Today

NAPIER — Police Minister Stuart Nash says a shot fired in a gang brawl that struck a car seat with a child sitting in it shows why action is needed to deny gang members access to guns.

Police said the fight involving 30 to 40 Black Power and Mongrel Mob members on Gloucester St in Taradale about 1pm on Sunday was "completely unacceptable" and called on the public for help identifying the culprits.

The two gangs met on the road as a brawl broke out before a vehicle jumped the kerb, crossing over a pathway and going on the wrong side of the road towards the crowd.

A 25-year-old man had injuries to his head, face and torso from a single gunshot and remained in a serious but stable condition in Hawke's Bay Hospital, with extra security.

One of the pellets discharged was later found to have struck the rear of a child's car seat.

The child was uninjured.

Nash said the shooting, in a commercial area of his Napier electorate, would not be tolerated.

He said drugs like meth were fuelling rivalry between the Mongrel Mob and Black Power and "we are working hard through the health system to improve services and treatment for addictions".

The rise in gang activity and numbers could be linked back to 2011 when the Australian motorcycle gang the Rebels arrived in New Zealand.

Nash said police needed more tools and resources to help them fight gangs, including legislation that made gun licences unavailable to gang members.

A select committee report on the legislation would be back in February and he felt confident it would pass into law.

Nash said police numbers on the ground were increasing, a special Gang Focus unit had been set up, and police were seizing gang assets.

But police could not arrest their way



**METH-FUELED RAGE:** A rival gang altercation involving at least one firearm drew police into Taradale township on Sunday. Police Minister Stuart Nash is blaming the accessibility of guns and the prominence of meth in the region as the primary causes of the shooting which left one man with serious injuries. Hawke's Bay Today picture

out of the problem of antisocial behaviour, he said.

National Party MP Lawrence Yule said he agreed with Nash that gang members should have zero access to guns, but he still found the suggestion ironic.

"Labour has twice voted down National's attempts to bring in Firearm Prohibition Orders for gangs, which would have given police more powers.

"He could have done it two years ago, but he didn't," Yule said.

"It is better late than never."

Yule said there had to be "a tougher line" taken.

## BRIEFS

### House defaced with graffiti

AUCKLAND — A Favona house where two people have been shot in the past six weeks was defaced with gang slogans just days after a woman was killed.

A 54-year-old woman been charged with wilful damage in connection with the tagging.

The latest victim was 57-year-old Meliame Fisi'ihoi, who was shot dead at the Calthorp Close property in the early hours of Wednesday morning.

Grffiti including the words "Aroha Black Power" were spray-painted on a shed beside the house.

The arrested woman is to appear in Manukau District Court on January 24. — NZ Herald

### Fog causing airport delays

WELLINGTON — Fog in Wellington is once again causing flight delays and cancellations.

It's the third day of fog disruption.

A Wellington Airport spokesperson says people should check the live flight information updates or contact their airline.

Nearly 20 flights were delayed or cancelled on this morning.

MetService forecaster David Miller said a high pressure system sitting over New Zealand had trapped moisture at lower levels of the atmosphere. Fog forming over Cook Strait drifted into Wellington this morning on the southerly breeze. — RNZ

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# Holiday heartbreak as firm goes bust — calls for tighter rules

by Amelia Wade, NZ Herald

AUCKLAND — Holidaymakers are being warned about dodgy travel agents after hundreds of customers have had their plans wrecked or have been fleeced by a rogue operator.

Auckland firm Travel Globe this month went into liquidation after months of issuing customers fake plane tickets and itineraries. It owes an estimated \$180,000 to creditors.

Hundreds of people have been left out of pocket — including Auckland dad Sumeet Randhawa, who has lost the \$2700 he paid for return flights to Delhi for himself, his wife and infant daughter.

“I wish I hadn’t used them now.” The Herald has seen the fake itinerary issued which includes details like special meals, a flight number and even a bassinet request.

Other victims have been left stranded overseas, while others were forced to buy expensive last-minute replacement airfares.

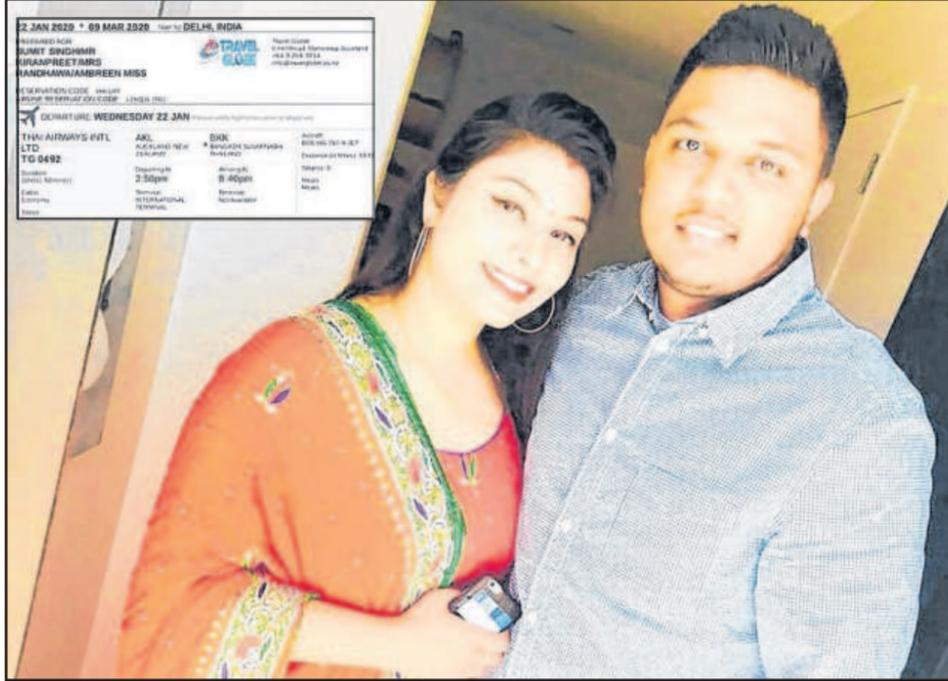
The revelations have sparked calls for greater regulation of the travel industry — and a warning to travellers to use reputable companies and resist choosing an agent based solely on the cheapest online fares.

Travel Globe is the second company in as many months to collapse, after Travel Guru failed in November. It is estimated their customers have collectively lost about \$500,000.

Neither agency was a member of the Travel Agents’ Association of New Zealand (Taanz), which ensures customers are protected if their booking agent goes bust.

The NZ Herald yesterday revealed Travel Globe, based in Manurewa, had been issuing its customers with fake plane tickets and itineraries for at least six months.

Staff then ignored calls from angry clients who found out from the airlines themselves, sometimes a week before their travel date, that no booking had ever been made.



**HEARTBROKEN:** Kiranpreet (left) and Sumeet Randhawa have lost money with the Travel Globe agency’s liquidation.

Some were promised refunds which never transpired.

And just weeks before director Juhar Singh, a former bankrupt, put the company into liquidation, his wife stepped down from being a fellow director and shareholder.

Aucklander Sumeet Randhawa has lost \$2700 on return flights to Delhi for himself, his wife and infant daughter. They were due to leave for Delhi tomorrow.

But he received an email on January 9 saying Travel Globe was insolvent. He called Thai Airways and was told no booking had been made, despite it being “confirmed” by the agency in December.

Randhawa has had to borrow a further \$3200 for emergency last-minute flights because the trip was for his father’s retirement. “It’s very stressful because I

work part-time and my wife works part-time.”

His cousin Janmeet says he was also hit when Travel Globe issued his mother and two-year-old daughter fake tickets for a domestic flight in India after a successful flight from NZ.

He lost about \$200 and gave up chasing a refund after months of unanswered calls.

Janmeet had used the agency before without issue, despite others warning him against using the firm because they’d lost money.

It’s understood Travel Globe operated almost exclusively in the Indian community.

Travel Globe’s liquidator, Imran Kamal, was appointed on January 8 and said the findings from his initial inquiry were “extremely concerning”.

Kamal believed potentially hundreds of people could be affected and current estimates are that the company owed about \$180,000 to creditors and \$26,162 to BNZ bank.

He believed the industry needed to be better regulated.

At present “anyone can set up a travel agency” and “people just assume things will be done properly”.

Taanz president Brent Thomas said anyone who booked with a member was protected if their booking agent went bust.

He estimated more than 80 percent of the industry were members, but said those who weren’t “aren’t monitored in any shape or form”, including some of the big international online players.

Sue Chetwin of Consumer NZ also wanted better regulation and urged anyone booking travel to check if their agent was registered with Taanz.

Holidaymakers should buy their travel insurance at the same time they booked tickets, but Chetwin recommended checking the terms and conditions. A travel agent going bust often wasn’t included in insurance.

Meanwhile, Travel Globe’s liquidator is also looking into Singh’s wife and the company’s other director, Harvinder Kaur, who stepped down 16 days before it was made insolvent.

In 2018, the Employment Relations Authority fined one of Singh’s former firms almost \$430,000 for exploitation after a Labour Inspectorate inquiry.

It found Binde Enterprises owed 75 workers on a vegetable farm in the Bombay Hills nearly \$210,000 in wages.

Singh was made personally liable for \$120,000 and last March was ordered to pay the remaining \$70,000 or face up to three months’ prison and an additional fine of up to \$40,000. Singh could not be reached for comment.

Staff at Commerce and Consumer Affairs Minister Kris Faafoi’s office said he was aware of the case, but he was not available to comment.

# ‘A miracle’ Aria survived runaway bus

AUCKLAND — The woman who was hit by a runaway double-decker bus while walking with her toddler in Auckland’s CBD says she initially feared her daughter had been killed in the terrifying incident.

Renee Annan and her little daughter, Aria Hetaraka, were walking on the corner of Victoria and Albert Streets when the bus rolled down the hill and dragged the pair along the ground last Monday.

A week after the ordeal Annan has opened up, describing the moment she let go of her baby’s hand, fearing she was dead.

“I heard some yelling so I turned around and I saw the back of the big red bus,” she told One News.

“For a second I thought it was just reversing then I realised it wasn’t. It was going quite fast. It was about one second and then it was on top of us.

“It felt like it was really loud and hot, and I just felt like I was being crushed. What I realised later was that I was being dragged down the road with the bus.”

Talking on social media, Annan continued to tell her



**WOMAN TELLS OF TERROR AFTER BUS RUNS HER DOWN:** Renee Annan says her ordeal under a runaway double-decker bus was the “worst minute of my entire life” as she thought her toddler Aria was dead. NZ Herald picture

incredible tale of survival, saying it was the “worst minute of my entire life”.

“I am still processing. Before I came out from under the bus and found Aria, there was a minute or so where I thought she was dead. She was ripped from my hand, which at the time

I thought was a bad thing.

“That minute was the worst minute of my entire life.

“The bus stopped and I was screaming. Screams that haunted quite a few people. ‘Where is my baby?’

“Words cannot explain the relief of seeing her in the arms

of the roadworker,” she wrote.

“Now knowing it was angels that ripped our hands apart under that bus to protect her from being dragged along the road with me. Whatever that force was also kept her out of the way of the wheels and let her cry out for the bystanders.”

It was a miracle, she said.

A road worker came to the rescue of Aria, who was covered in tar. A paediatrician happened to be walking past and checked the child before paramedics arrived.

Aria, who is nearly two, was taken to Starship hospital and discharged later that day.

Her mother says the tot has recovered well, and is “happy and laughing” with her family who have rallied around the pair.

The police Serious Crash Unit attended the scene, but the investigation has been handed over to the Auckland City district road policing team.

The owner of the bus company, Mark Gilbert, said it was fully co-operating with the police in their investigation.

Gilbert said he could not comment on whether the handbrake was on because it is part of the police inquiry, but “once we know more we will update everybody”. The driver involved had taken a few days off to relax after last Monday’s accident. Police inquiries are ongoing and WorkSafe said it had been notified.

# High house prices a 'threat to the middle class': report

by Ruth Hill, RNZ

WELLINGTON — Nurses, teachers and other middle-class professionals are increasingly unable to buy homes in the cities where they work, with every housing market in the country now rated "severely unaffordable".

The 16th annual Demographia International Housing Affordability Survey released yesterday, which examines 309 housing markets in eight countries, rated all eight markets in New Zealand as "severely unaffordable".

Tauranga-Western Bay of Plenty was the least affordable, costing 9.3 times the local median wage, edging out Auckland at 8.6, followed by Napier-Hastings, Hamilton, Dunedin, Wellington, Palmerston North and Christchurch.

Angus Dreaver said he and his partner spent eight months looking for a house last year before giving up.

"We both work in Wellington and we ended up looking around the Paekakariki/Kapiti area, but then the transport costs started to weigh out the costs of having a cheaper house.

"Every time we saw something we thought we could afford,



it turned out there was about \$20,000 worth of work that needed to be done.

"It starts to grind you down after a while and you start losing a lot of hope."

The couple, who are in their mid-20s, earn \$8000 too much to qualify for the Government's \$10,000 HomeStart grant.

"It just feels like we're kind of stuck in the middle where we are doing too well to qualify for assistance, but not well enough to actually afford a house."

According to the Demographia

report, it cost seven times the median wage to buy a house in the third quarter of last year, up from six and a half times the median wage the year before.

Co-author Hugh Pavletich said there was no doubt housing affordability was getting worse.

"This survey is a huge wake-up call basically for all involved at central and local Government.

"The whole situation has moved from a crisis to a disaster."

Mr Pavletich said high house prices were "a threat to the

middle class".

And that was a problem for everyone because the middle class included teachers, nurses, firefighters, police officers and social workers, he said.

"It's a massive social problem."

Wellington Hospital nurse Katrina Hopkinson counted herself lucky to own her own home, but she said many of her colleagues had "no hope" of getting a mortgage.

"The nearest bank to Wellington Hospital has been telling nurses that if they want to afford a house in Wellington, they should leave nursing."

Some of them had left for Australia.

Others were buying in Hutt Valley and on Kapiti Coast, so they would not be able to get to work in the event of a disaster like a major earthquake, she said.

Meanwhile, the number of people on the waiting list for state housing has more than doubled in the past two years to just under 14,000.

The Government has budgeted more than \$2 billion this financial year for rent subsidies and emergency housing grants.

Mr Pavletich said the most effective strategy to help low-income households was to

"improve middle-income housing affordability".

He was optimistic that legislation currently before parliament to relax planning rules and allow councils to pay for infrastructure over time would make housing more affordable.

However, in the meantime, councils should free up more land for development, he said.

However, economist Shamubeel Eaqub said developers were not interested in building affordable houses or houses to rent.

"That kind of belief that somehow if you build enough really expensive houses it will trickle down to help people at the bottom is a bit misplaced.

"There are specific parts of the market — particularly the small, more affordable end — that the market is not very good at supplying.

"So it's not as simple as saying 'we need to open up more land'."

The hundreds of thousands of New Zealanders languishing in over-crowded or substandard housing could not afford to wait for long-term structural change, he said.

"The Government needs to start building more social housing now."



Patricia Walsh and Vaelyhn Maurirere

My name is Patricia Walsh and I am locally grown. I have four wonderful adult children and twelve mokopuna who motivate me to be a game changer and agent of change. My desire is to create a community where my mokopuna can thrive and feel safe in every space they walk. Being a community champion is more than a role to me, it is evidence of the changes that I have made in my life and continue to make. I was that child raised in a home where violence and pain was normalised. I grew up to be that mother who was beaten in front of my children but this is not the legacy that we will leave my mokopuna. Being a champion indicates that you can come and talk to me if you are not ok. Being a champion is also statement to this community that violence is not OK. I am proud to be a small part of this awesome movement.

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# Parker eyes post-Brexit deal in UK trade mission

WELLINGTON — Trade Minister David Parker says it's vital to pursue talks with the United Kingdom as potential trading partners eye up a deal post-Brexit.

Parker heads to London today to meet with his British counterpart, UK Secretary for Trade Liz Truss, where he says he will pursue an ambitious agreement as early as possible following the UK's exit from the European Union.

Parker says the UK is confident it can do a deal with the European Union in the 12-month timeline it's been given and New Zealand needs to be ready to negotiate as well.

He said New Zealand, Australia and the United States were at the top of the list to complete negotiations with first.

"The UK is one of New Zealand's



David Parker

closest friends and I welcome the opportunity to discuss this new chapter in our relationship at such an important point in the UK's history," he said.

Parker will also attend the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos, Switzerland.

While there he will participate as a panellist on Trade, Environment and Global Value chains and also hold bilateral meetings with trade counterparts.

He will also attend a Swiss-hosted

WTO mini-ministerial, a Cairns Group meeting of nations advocating for greater agricultural trade liberalisation, and a Canada-hosted Ottawa Group session on WTO reform.

"These engagements are critical as WTO members prepare for the next WTO Ministerial Conference in Kazakhstan in June," Parker said.

"We need to promote New Zealand's position on fisheries and fossil fuel subsidies, the appellate body impasse, agriculture and efforts to promote a more inclusive and sustainable trade agenda.

"With the effectiveness of the WTO under threat, we must ensure the multilateral trading system is revitalised and can continue to effectively underpin global growth, helping to create jobs and alleviate poverty." — Radio NZ

## Shorter week 'will have big impact on morale'

AUCKLAND — Telecommunications company Vodafone is letting some of its employees clock off early on a Friday afternoon, and it's a win-win situation, says an organisational psychologist.

More than 2000 workers have been given an extra incentive to finish the summer weeks early, at 2pm on Fridays.

Vodafone acting HR director Katie Williams said it was about making sure employees had the best work-home balance.

Organisational psychologist John

Eatwell told Morning Report employees value time, and work flexibility was one of the highest valued rewards a workplace could offer.

"Extra time, particularly during summer, is a great reward and will have a big impact on morale."

But continuing to be paid for 40 hours was the key, Eatwell said.

Research showed a lot of roles really

needed a break every hour and at 36 hours productivity was lost significantly, he said.

"There's a lot of research around

to suggest that probably the optimal working week is around 36 hours so the last two or three hours of a Friday is probably not going to be very productive."

It was a win-win situation, Eatwell said.

He expected the initiative to flow on to other businesses.

"The fact that we have more knowledge-workers now, less people involved in physical tasks, so the more we want people to be creative, innovative, strategic, the more we need to think about how refreshed and focused they are when they're working."

Vodafone said if people still had work to do when Friday 2pm rolled around employees would be able to take another day off work at another time. — Radio NZ

... continuing to be paid for 40 hours was the key, said organisational psychologist John Eatwell.

## World's richest 2100 control more money than poorest 4.6 billion

NAIROBI — The world's richest 2153 people controlled more money than the poorest 4.6 billion people combined in 2019, while unpaid or underpaid work by women and girls adds three times more to the global economy each year than the technology industry, Oxfam said on Monday.

The Nairobi-headquartered charity said in a report released ahead of the annual World Economic Forum of political and business leaders in Davos, Switzerland, that women around the world work 12.5 billion hours combined each day without pay or recognition.

In its Time to Care report, Oxfam said it estimated that unpaid care work by women added at least \$10.8 trillion a

year in value to the world economy — three times more than the tech industry.

"It is important for us to underscore that the hidden engine of the economy that we see is really the unpaid care work of women. And that needs to change," Amitabh Behar, chief executive of Oxfam India, told Reuters in an interview.

To highlight the level of inequality in the global economy, Behar cited the case of a woman called Buchu Devi in India who spends 16 to 17 hours a day doing work like fetching water after trekking 3km, cooking, preparing her children for school and

working in a poorly paid job. "And on the one hand you see the billionaires who are all assembling

at Davos with their personal planes, personal jets, super rich lifestyles," he said.

"This Buchu Devi is not one person. I in India encounter these women on a daily basis, and this is the story across the world. We need to change this, and certainly end this billionaire boom."

Behar said that to remedy this, governments should make sure above all that the rich pay their taxes, which should then be used to pay for amenities such as clean water, healthcare and better quality schools.

"If you just look around the world, more than 30 countries are seeing protests. People are on the street and what are they saying . . . that they are not to accept this inequality. They are not going to live with these kind of conditions," he said. — Newshub



## SHAREMARKET YESTERDAY

WELLINGTON — New Zealand shares fell yesterday, with Gentrack leading the market lower as the software company painted a grim picture for future earnings.

The S&P/NZX 50 Index fell 0.5 percent, to 11,746.95. Within the index, 25 stocks fell, eight held steady and 17 rose. Turnover was \$81.1 million.

Gentrack sank 13.6 percent to \$2.35, below the \$2.40 price the shares were sold at in a 2014 initial public offering. The utilities software developer said annual earnings would drop by as much as two thirds as tighter regulation in Australian and British energy markets weighed on its sales pipeline.

Grant Davies, an investment adviser at Hamilton Hindin Greene, said the string of bad

results could be indicative of further trouble, and while the business fundamentals were sound, investors needed reassurance to stem losses.

Energy stocks were also weaker, with Meridian Energy closing 1.6 percent down at \$5.24 and Contact Energy down 2.7 percent at \$7.35. However, a low volume of trading meant that might not be indicative of an ongoing trend.

Davies said the market was quiet as much of the country was still on holiday, and with Wellington Anniversary today and Auckland Anniversary next weekend, traders may be holding off until earnings start to appear.

Genesis Energy attracted more attention, trading on a volume of 2 million shares as

the stock fell 1.2 percent to \$3.22. The stock's 90-day average is 461,000.

Among other stocks trading on volumes of more than a million shares, Spark New Zealand fell 0.3 percent to \$4.52, Metlifecare was down 0.2 percent to \$6.88 and Kiwi Property Group declined 0.2 to \$1.58.

Kathmandu Holdings was down 1.5 percent at \$3.24. ASX-listed Super Retail Group yesterday reported soft sales through the Christmas trading period, due in part to the Australian bushfires.

Super Retail Group owns Kathmandu rival Macpac, which posted a 7 percent decline on a same stores sale basis. Fletcher Building slipped 0.9 percent to \$5.60. Among other building-related companies, Metro Performance Glass fell 3.7 percent to 26 cents and Steel & Tube Holdings rose 1.2 percent to 82 cents.

Fonterra Shareholders' Fund units were

## More Watson companies in liquidation

WELLINGTON — More Eric Watson-linked companies, including the shell of Bendon Group, have been placed in liquidation following the collapse of Cullen Group.

Vivian Judith Fatupaito and Luke Norman, of KPMG, were appointed as joint liquidators of 10 Cullen-owned companies by special shareholder resolutions on January 15, according to public notices.

The companies, which largely appear dormant, include Cullen Equities Ltd, Cullen FX Ltd, Bendon Group, Cullen Equities UK Ltd, IP Holdings No1 Ltd, Bendon Investments Ltd, IP Holdings No2 Ltd, EPartners Ltd and Knockout Boxing Ltd.

Bendon Group was home to the lingerie company that Cullen bought in 2002 for \$58.7 million. In 2018 Watson merged the business with US sleepwear company Naked Brand Group and later sold down his shareholding.

The merged company, listed on the Nasdaq stock exchange, has struggled and recently has been unable to rely on funding from Watson's Cullen group of companies after losing major battles with Inland Revenue and former business partner Sir Owen Glenn.

According to court documents Watson owes the tax department and Glenn a combined \$200 million.

Fatupaito and Norman were previously appointed to 11 other Watson-linked companies after the High Court in December declined to halt insolvency proceedings against Cullen Group brought by IRD.

IRD had been pursuing the liquidation after Justice Matthew Palmer ruled last March that Cullen Group was part of Watson's "web of entities" designed to avoid paying non-resident withholding tax.

In their first report published on Christmas Eve, the liquidators said they were "still working to understand the extent of the assets held within the group".

A list of secured creditors in the Cullen liquidation includes the Bank of New Zealand, although the liquidators have established the bank has no amounts outstanding.

BNZ is still owed around \$20m from Naked after it absorbed Bendon's debt to the bank.

The lingerie firm has been in breach of its banking covenants since December 2016 and had been relying on a guarantee from Watson's Cullen Group to keep the bank at bay.

Naked's latest financial statements showed a net loss of \$28.7 million in the first half of the financial year.

— NZ Herald

unchanged at \$4.04 before the Global Dairy Trade auction on Tuesday. Economists expect dairy prices to edge higher in the next couple of auctions. Smaller rival Synlait Milk decreased 0.5 percent to \$8.71, while a2 Milk increased 0.6 percent to \$15.25.

Outside the benchmark index, Comvita fell 1.3 percent to \$2.98. The company yesterday announced the outcome of a strategic review, and will create an operational separation between its honey supply and branded product businesses. David Banfield officially took over as chief executive yesterday.

NZME rose 5.3 percent to 40 cents on an unusually large volume of 3.6 million shares, compared to its 24,000 average. Refinitiv data showed a single trade of 3.5 million shares at 38.5 cents, or \$1.3 million.

Serko rose to a record \$5.80, and ended the day at \$5.60, up 3.7 percent. — BusinessDesk

EDITORIAL

# Climate change is council business

## Boil in the pot, vs start getting out

Plenty of people object to being told we have to change the way we live because human activity is heating the planet.

Many don't believe climate change presents an existential threat to much of our life on Earth, possibly even humans, as scientists, environmentalists, activists and some politicians tell us.

The climate has always changed, they say, ignoring that while rapid environmental swings like what is happening on Earth now have happened in the past, this has caused mass extinctions; ignoring also that these changes confirm the science that tells us we are now heading towards less predictable consequences as we continue to burn through many millions of years of sequestered carbon in the space of decades.

A common refrain now is that New Zealand emits a tiny proportion of global greenhouse gases and action to halt climate change is self-defeating if the world's biggest emitters, China and the United States, are not acting.

The first point is that the fact our emissions are among the highest per person in the world does matter. We are also among the countries that "developed" on the back of two centuries of fossil fuel use, and are jointly responsible for most of the increased carbon in the atmosphere.

A second is that the US and China are acting, although Donald Trump's presidency is a major impediment. US states, cities and companies have stepped up their actions to meet US climate goals as Trump withdraws from them. China was showing signs of taking on the leadership role Trump's administration has distanced itself from — having initiated a massive action plan after suffering severe smog in 2011 — but an economic slowdown and the trade war Trump started 18 months ago saw China downsize its carbon market and coal consumption picked up again.

Third, and noteworthy for left-wing politicians and commentators hoping this climate crisis necessitates a wholesale uprooting of current economic models, the capitalist systems in the US and China are delivering, and will continue to deliver, many of the technological solutions at affordable prices that the world needs to decarbonise our economic and day-to-day activities.

A fourth, and critical point, is that the world has to achieve net zero emissions as soon as possible — with 2050, like many countries including New Zealand are targeting, achievable but still risky — and the more action taken now to do this, the less it will cost in the long-term.

by Bill Hambidge

RE: Not enough action, January 18 letter.

I agree with Bob Hughes. It's disappointing that five more people in last week's online survey thought the council was doing enough, or too much, about climate change, than those who thought the council was not doing enough.

But only 238 people voted. That's about 0.5 percent of the district's population. Indeed, Tairāwhiti Youth Environment collected more than five times as many signatures urging our council to declare a Climate Emergency.

What I found interesting about your online survey were some of the comments. One respondent said "Really, is it a council job fixing climate change?"

I think so! The council has been voted in by us, the residents. We voted for them, at least partly, in response to answers candidates gave to the questions raised by your editor and at various meetings, where climate change was an important issue. Bob says a Climate Emergency declaration was a pre-election issue supported by most of the successful candidates. More



importantly, a number of those candidates said that climate change should be taken into account in every issue that comes before council.

This is where I believe the real work to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050 will happen — around council tables and in the board rooms of businesses, including some farming businesses.

In the United States, despite Trump working to undo the good work of previous administrations with regard to emission controls, state governments and local councils are banding together to continue to curb US emissions. We can do the same. All New Zealanders need to work at turning around the legacy of rising emissions that our country is saddled with.

I refute another respondent's comment, "If everyone in Australia and New Zealand cut their emissions to zero it would make absolutely no difference to the climate."

Whilst our contribution and Australia's contribution to the global total is small, so is that of many other countries. Australia's emissions in 2017 were roughly the same as Britain and slightly more than France and Italy. New Zealand's emissions rank at about 10 percent of those of Saudi Arabia and more than 10 percent of Australia's total, so individually or preferably together we can make a difference!

What would really make a big difference would be if our experiments in reducing cow and sheep emissions can be made to work out in the paddock, and be used worldwide.

Nelson's Cawthorn Institute has been working with a type of seaweed that has been proven to reduce stock methane emissions by as much as 80 percent when included as a small part of feed supplements. The Government is funding more research in hopes of commercialising the process. This would revolutionise dairying and make a huge dent in global emissions.

Australia could also make a huge contribution to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by shifting away from exporting coal and natural gas. Australia is now the world's largest exporter of both natural gas and coal. If it opens up the Galilee valley to coal exports — as approved — and they are burned, there will be no way that global temperatures can stay below a 2 degrees increase. Stopping the Adani Company developing the Galilee basin coal reserves would be a wonderful way to start a new direction for our neighbours in 2020.

There is still hope Bob, but as you say in your column, science can only help us if we, the people, get behind it and keep encouraging our Government to push for more and faster change.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, ONLINE COMMENTS

## Youth looking out for us

Re: Act out love, not fear — January 13 letter.

Hi Kevin, I have read your opinion quite a few times, feeling a bit nonplussed actually.

Nothing we can do to stop it? Stop climate change, terrorism, poverty, war? Your message sounds a bit defeatist don't you think?

Of course Greta deserves recognition; the fact that you and I know who she is and what she stands for suggests that her messages, albeit uncomfortable to digest, are working.

People who have the most to lose tend to be the ones who make the courageous decisions to speak up and lead others when situations are untenable. That, right now in these times, is Greta Thunberg and the bright young activists right here in New Zealand.

They will have to live with the decisions their parents and grandparents are making right now.

In the recent past, brave people like Rua Kenana, Titikowharu, Dame Whina Cooper, Martin Luther King and many others have chosen to take action rather than acquiesce or bury their heads in the sand (or the bible) when they see something very wrong. They were prophetic too, just as she is.

I agree that we should act locally and do what we can, including being kind, thrifty with our resources and careful to walk as lightly as possible on the land. But Greta Thunberg is a little star and we are lucky to have young people like her looking out for the rest of us.

LARA MEYER

## Lost faith due to flight

I have just burned my 49 scrapbooks containing Bob Hughes' letters to the paper in the incinerator, and withdrawn my letter to Jacinda Ardern requesting a knighthood for Bob because, just like the Colossus of Rhodes, his monumental reputation has collapsed.

Bob told us he had flown to the other side of the world and back — burning up a

million litres of fuel, creating pollution and bringing forward doomsday for us all. Now, Bob, you have the audacity to continue your repetitive rhetoric on global warming after we have lost all faith in you. So, please desist.

From your old mate of 1960 and the Cobham School Committee.

GRAHAM GIBSON

## Inaction that is costly . . .

Re: Not enough action, January 18 letter and online comments.

Even worse, some people think that the council are doing too much. Words fail.

MARTIN HANSON  
Nelson

Gordon, never mind China,

India and the US for now. The enormous cost is in the tokenism and inaction that you sponsor.

A lack of mitigation will lead to quick fixes like a need to "depopulate rapidly" that will come at enormous costs. You said it, there are (indeed) no bounds to stupidity.

BOB HUGHES

## Life normal here, elsewhere? Looks like convergence

I awake each morning thankful that I live in New Zealand. Life goes on pretty much as normal, more or less. I see calls for the council to declare a climate emergency, news a group is ramping up the idea we should teach climate change in schools to the younger, impressionable children, or that another conference is required to gain consensus on climate change.

Nothing momentous changes in my part of the world. That doesn't

hold true, however, for about two-thirds of the rest of the world.

There is social unrest, protest that becomes increasingly violent and harms the average citizen. There is extreme conflict between nations, and governments warring with their own people. I watch as so many people become uprooted with nowhere to call home. Then I have watched with horror and heartbreak the fires in Australia, the dust storm over NSW, heavy rain and

hail elsewhere. At this point I say a prayer. On top of all this we have had floods, drought, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions, one even in "God's own" NZ.

Gosh, I haven't been watching over years as the events would suggest, just months. Convergence, I think, is what it is called. Add to all that the human misery.

Climate has surely changed but signing agreements, eating less meat and listening to 16-year-old

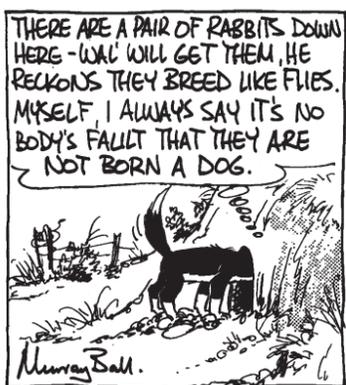
ambassadors is not going to bring needed changes to the world, where we can provide a society for them to grow and play their part.

I will continue to watch council decisions, read the papers, pick up my litter, live without plastic bags and straws, and ride my bike, but I fear those who have wrought these events will not change a thing to improve people's lot. I for one will lift my eyes to the Heavens.

ANNE BAULD

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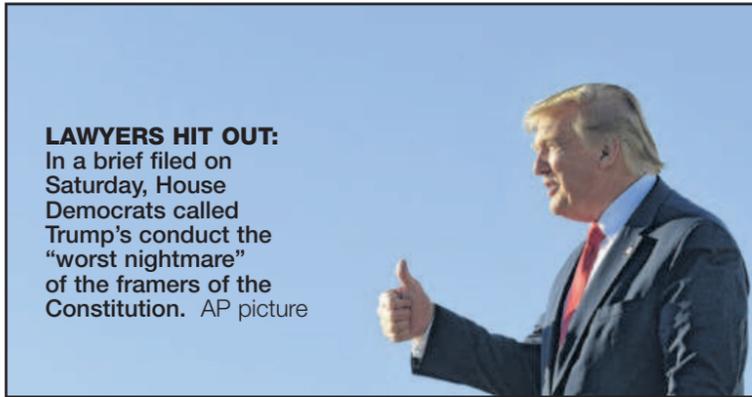


# Trump's lawyers urge dismissal of 'flimsy' impeachment case

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's legal team asserted on Monday that he did "absolutely nothing wrong," urging the Senate to swiftly reject an impeachment case that it called "flimsy" and a "dangerous perversion of the Constitution." The lawyers decried the impeachment process as rigged and insisted that abuse of power was not a crime.

The brief from Trump's lawyers, filed before arguments expected this week in the Senate impeachment trial, offered the most detailed glimpse of the lines of defence they intend to use against Democratic efforts to convict the president and oust him from office over his dealings with Ukraine. It is meant as a counter to a filing two days ago from House Democrats that summarised weeks of testimony from more than a dozen witnesses in laying out the impeachment case.

The 110-page filing from the White House shifted the tone toward a more legal response. It still hinged on Trump's assertion he did nothing wrong and did



**LAWYERS HIT OUT:** In a brief filed on Saturday, House Democrats called Trump's conduct the "worst nightmare" of the framers of the Constitution. AP picture

not commit a crime — even though impeachment does not depend on a material violation of law but rather on the more vague definition of "other high crimes and misdemeanors" as established in the Constitution.

The prosecution team of House managers was spending another day on Capitol Hill preparing for the trial, which will be under heavy security. Before the filing, House prosecutors made their way through crowds of tourists in the Rotunda to tour the Senate chamber.

In their own filing on Monday,

House prosecutors replied to Trump's not guilty plea by making fresh demands for fair trial in the Senate, where the Republican majority aligned with Trump has not yet disclosed the rules.

"President Trump asserts that his impeachment is a partisan 'hoax.' He is wrong," the prosecutors wrote in their reply.

They wrote that the president can't have it both ways — rejecting the facts of the House case but also stonewalling congressional subpoenas for witnesses and testimony.

"Senators must honour their own oaths by holding a fair trial with all relevant evidence," they wrote.

The White House document Monday, much more fulsome than its weekend pleading, says the two articles of impeachment brought against the president — abuse of power and obstruction of Congress — don't amount to impeachment offences.

It asserts that the impeachment inquiry, centred on Trump's request that Ukraine's president open an investigation into Democratic rival Joe Biden, was never about finding the truth.

"Instead, House Democrats were determined from the outset to find some way — any way — to corrupt the extraordinary power of impeachment for use as a political tool to overturn the result of the 2016 election and to interfere in the 2020 election," Trump's legal team wrote. "All of that is a dangerous perversion of the Constitution that the Senate should swiftly and roundly condemn."

In a brief filed on Saturday, House Democrats called Trump's

conduct the "worst nightmare" of the framers of the Constitution.

"President Donald J. Trump used his official powers to pressure a foreign government to interfere in a United States election for his personal political gain," the House prosecutors wrote, "and then attempted to cover up his scheme by obstructing Congress's investigation into his misconduct."

But Trump's team contended on Monday that even if Trump were to have abused his power in withholding the Ukraine military assistance, it would not be impeachable, because it did not violate a specific criminal statute.

And it said that the White House was within its legal right to shield close advisers of the president from having to appear before Congress, saying that position has been taken by administrations of both parties.

Opening arguments are expected within days following a debate today over rules, including about whether witnesses are to be called in the trial. — AP

## Human-to-human transmission of virus confirmed; 3 dead, over 200 infected

BEIJING — The head of a Chinese government expert team said on Monday that human-to-human transmission has been confirmed in an outbreak of a new coronavirus, a development that raises the possibility that it could spread more quickly and widely.

Team leader Zhong Nanshan, a respiratory expert, said two people in Guangdong province in southern China caught the virus from family members, state media said.

Some medical workers have also tested positive for the virus, the English-language China Daily newspaper reported.

The late-night announcement capped a day in which authorities announced a sharp uptick in the number of confirmed cases to more than 200 and three people have died.

China's leader called on the government to take every possible step to combat the outbreak.

"The recent outbreak of novel coronavirus pneumonia in Wuhan and other places must be taken seriously," President Xi Jinping said in his first public statement on the crisis.

"Party committees, governments and relevant departments at all levels should put people's lives and health first."

In Geneva, the World Health Organisation announced it would convene an Emergency Committee meeting on Wednesday to determine whether the outbreak warrants being declared a global health crisis.

Such declarations are typically made for epidemics of severe diseases that threaten to cross borders and require an internationally coordinated response.

The spread of the viral pneumonia comes as the country enters its busiest travel period, when millions board trains and planes for the Lunar New Year holidays.

The outbreak is believed to have started late last month when people picked it up at a fresh food market in Wuhan, a city in central China.

Wuhan health authorities said on Monday an additional 136 cases have



**VIRUS OUTBREAK:** China's leader called on the government to take every possible step to combat the outbreak. AP picture

been confirmed in the city, raising the total to 198. Five individuals in Beijing and 14 in Guangdong have also been diagnosed with the new coronavirus, CCTV reported Monday evening.

A total of seven suspected cases have been found in other parts of the country, including in Sichuan and Yunnan provinces in the southwest and in Shanghai.

The outbreak has put other countries on alert as millions of Chinese travel for Lunar New Year. Authorities in Thailand and in Japan have already identified at least three cases, all involving recent travel from China.

South Korea reported its first case on Monday, when a 35-year-old Chinese woman from Wuhan tested positive for the new coronavirus one day after arriving at Seoul's Incheon airport.

At least a half-dozen countries in Asia and three US airports have started screening incoming airline passengers from central China.

Since hundreds of people who came into close contact with diagnosed patients have not gotten sick, the municipal health commission maintains that the virus is not easily transmitted between humans.

China's National Health Commission said experts have judged the current outbreak to be "preventable and controllable".

"However, the source of the new type of coronavirus has not been found, we do not fully understand how the virus is transmitted, and changes in the virus still need to be closely monitored," the commission said on Sunday.

Xi instructed government departments on Monday to promptly release information on the virus and deepen international cooperation.

The virus causing the current outbreak is different from those previously identified, Chinese scientists said earlier this month. Initial symptoms of the novel coronavirus include fever, cough, tightness of the chest and shortness of breath.

On the Weibo social media platform, which is widely used in China, people have posted prevention advice.

State broadcaster CCTV recommended staying warm, increasing physical activity, eating lightly and avoiding crowded places. Some people said they had cancelled their travel plans and were staying home for Lunar New Year.

— AP

**NO MORE RUBBISH:** The government will launch an action plan on illegal plastic importation next month that will help speed up the process of returning the waste.

AP picture



## Malaysia sends back trash to rich nations

PENANG — Malaysia has sent back 150 containers of plastic waste to 13 mainly rich countries since the third quarter last year, with the environment minister warning on Monday that those who want to make the country a rubbish bin of the world can "dream on."

Shipments of unwanted rubbish have been rerouted to Southeast Asia since China banned the import of plastic waste in 2018, but Malaysia and other developing countries are fighting back.

Environment Minister Yeo Bee Yin said another 110 containers are expected to be sent back by the middle of this year.

Yeo said the successful repatriation of a total 3,737 metric tonnes of waste followed strict enforcement at key Malaysian ports to block smuggling of waste and shuttering more than 200 illegal plastic recycling factories.

Of the 150 containers, 43 were returned to France, 42 to the United Kingdom, 17 to the United States, 11 to Canada, 10 to Spain and the rest to Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore, Portugal, China, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and

Lithuania, her ministry said.

She said the Malaysian government didn't pay a single cent, with the costs of sending back the waste fully borne by the shipping liners and companies responsible for importing and exporting the waste. Yeo said talks were ongoing with US authorities to take back another 60 containers this year. Canada also has 15 more containers, Japan 14, the UK 9 and Belgium 8 from 110 more containers that are still being held at Malaysian ports, she said.

"If people want to see us as the rubbish dump of the world, you dream on," Yeo told reporters during inspection at a port in northern Penang state.

Yeo said the government will launch an action plan on illegal plastic importation next month that will help the different agencies coordinate enforcement and speed up the process of returning the waste.

"Our position is very firm. We just want to send back the waste and we just want to give a message that Malaysia is not the dumping site of the world," she added. — AP

# Dust, hail and floods wreak havoc amid raging wildfires

CANBERRA, Australia — Dust storms, hail and flash floods have battered beleaguered Australian cities in recent days, extreme weather that has diminished the threat from scores of wildfires that continue to blaze across the country's southeast.

A hail storm in the national capital Canberra on Monday damaged public buildings, businesses, homes and cars, cut power to some suburbs, brought down trees, caused flash flooding and injured two people, emergency services officials said.

To the west, a 300 km wide cloud of red dust was carried by wind gusts up to 107 kmh and descended on the drought-stricken towns of Dubbo, Broken Hill, Nyngan and Parkes, local media reported. Much of the dust is top soil from New South Wales state farms.

"It's part and parcel of this record drought we've got at the moment," Dubbo Mayor Ben Shields told Nine Network television.

Hail struck Melbourne, Australia's second-largest city, on Sunday and more hail storms are forecast to return. The city has been choked by smoke from distant wildfires in Victoria state in recent weeks.

Unusually intense storms over the weekend caused flash flooding in the cities of Brisbane and Gold Coast in Queensland state just north of New South Wales, where most of the wildfire destruction has occurred.

The fires have claimed at least 28 lives since September, destroyed more than 2600 homes and razed more than 104 thousand square kilometres. The area burned is a little less than the area of North Island, New Zealand.

Widespread recent rainfall in New South Wales and Victoria have helped



**DEVASTATING WIND-FIRE:** Left, a dust cloud billows over a street in Dubbo, Australia, 400 kms west of Sydney. Wind gusts of 107 kilometres an hour were recorded in Dubbo as the dust storm descended over the town. Below, A man and woman collect golfball-sized hail on the grounds of Parliament House in Canberra, Australia, after a storm battered the Australian capital on Monday. AP pictures

but have not extinguished major fires in Australia's two most populous states.

Authorities have warned the fire danger will escalate this week in both states with rising temperatures and drier conditions.

However, more rain is forecast for most of Queensland this week after downpours brought relief to drought-affected regions.

The central and northwest parts of Queensland will get the best of the rain, with some areas a chance of receiving 20mm.

The forecast follows some parts of Queensland recording as much as 350mm over the weekend.

Just days after officially running out of water, Stanthorpe received 75mm which



filled up the water tanks of many rural residents.

Another 10mm could fall this week according to the Bureau of Meteorology.

While there was little rain which flowed into Stanthorpe's main water

source, the region's Mayor Tracy Dobie said more rain would be beneficial to the region.

"We need six months' worth of water to cease water trucking," Ms Dobie told AAP on Monday. — AP/AAP

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# Gun rights rally ends peacefully

RICHMOND— Thousands of gun-rights activists from around the country rallied peacefully at the Virginia Capitol on Monday, protesting plans by the state's Democratic leadership to pass gun-control legislation that have become a key flash point in the national debate over gun violence.

The size of the rally and the expected participation of white supremacists and fringe militia groups raised fears that the state could see a repeat of the violence that exploded in 2017 in Charlottesville.

But the rally concluded uneventfully around noon, and the mood was largely festive as attendees — many carrying military-style rifles — spilled into the streets, chanting "USA!" and waving signs denouncing Democratic Gov. Ralph Northam.

"I love this. This is like the Super Bowl for the Second Amendment right here," said P.J. Hudson, a truck driver from Richmond who carried an AR-15 rifle just outside Capitol Square.

He was one of the few African-American rally goers in the crowd that was overwhelmingly white and male, and frequently was stopped and asked to pose for pictures wearing his "Black



**PRO-GUN PROTEST:** Many of the protesters wore camouflage. Some waved flags with messages of support for President Donald Trump. Trump, in turn, tweeted support for their goals. AP picture

Guns Matter" sweatshirt.

Authorities said that as of 1:40pm, there had been no reports of arrests or injuries.

The Richmond protesters came out in the thousands despite the frigid temperature to send a message to legislators, they said.

"The government doesn't run

us, we run the government," said Kem Regik, a 20-year-old private security officer from northern Virginia who brought a white flag with a picture of a rifle captioned, "Come and take it."

Northam was a particular focus of the protesters' wrath. One poster showed his face

superimposed on Adolf Hitler's body.

But Democratic lawmakers said the rally wasn't going to impact their plans to pass gun-control measures, including universal background checks and a one-handgun-purchase-a-month limit.

"I was prepared to see a whole lot more people show up than actually did and I think it's an indication that a lot of this rhetoric is bluster, quite frankly," said Del. Chris Hurst, a gun-control advocate whose TV journalist girlfriend was killed in an on-air shooting in 2015.

Many of the protesters wore camouflage. Some waved flags with messages of support for President Donald Trump.

Trump, in turn, tweeted support for their goals.

"The Democrat Party in the Great Commonwealth of Virginia are working hard to take away your 2nd Amendment rights," he tweeted. "This is just the beginning. Don't let it happen, VOTE REPUBLICAN in 2020!"

The Virginia State Police, the Virginia Capitol Police and the Richmond Police had a heavy presence, with officers deploying on rooftops, others patrolling in

cars and on bicycles.

Authorities were looking to avoid a repeat of the violence that erupted in Charlottesville during one of the largest gatherings of white supremacists and other far-right groups in a decade.

Attendees brawled with counterprotesters, and an avowed white supremacist drove his car into a crowd, killing a woman and injuring dozens more. Law enforcement officials faced scathing criticism for what both the white supremacist groups and anti-racism protesters said was a passive response.

Police limited access to Capitol Square to only one entrance, and a long line formed to get into the rally zone.

Thousands more stood outside on nearby streets, where a temporary weapons ban instituted by the governor didn't apply and they were free to carry weapons.

Gun rights advocates also filled the hallways of the building that houses lawmakers' offices. Monday's rally was organised by an influential grassroots gun-rights group, the Virginia Citizens Defense League. — AP

## 'Sad' Harry says 'no other option' but to end royal role

LONDON — Prince Harry said on Sunday that he felt "great sadness" but found "no other option" to cutting almost all of his and his wife Meghan's royal ties in the hopes of achieving a more peaceful life.

Harry said he did not make the decision lightly and praised his grandmother, Queen Elizabeth II, and the rest of his family for supporting him and his wife in recent months. He called the decision "a leap of faith" and said he hopes the move will allow him and his family to achieve a "more peaceful life."

During his speech at a charity event, Harry framed the decision as being at least in part because of press scrutiny, saying the "the media is a powerful force."

He said that he and Meghan intend to continue a life of service and that his love and support for the United Kingdom is



Prince Harry

unwavering, but added that he needed to shed the royal ties he grew up with.

"We're not walking away, and we are certainly not walking away from you," Harry said. "Our hope was to continue serving the queen, the commonwealth and my military associations but without public funding. Unfortunately, that wasn't possible."

Harry and Meghan plan to spend most of their time in Canada. Beginning this spring they will stop using their "royal highness" titles and will lose all access

to public funds once they stop carrying out official functions.

Harry made the remarks at a dinner to support Sentebale, his Africa-based charity supporting youngsters with HIV. He opened his speech noting that many in the audience had watched him grow up and said he wanted them "to hear the truth from me, as much as I can share, not as a prince, or a duke, but as Harry."

Harry framed the decision to leave as his own, made on behalf of Meghan and their young son, Archie. He said that Meghan shares his values and remains "the same woman I fell in love with."

"I will always have the utmost respect for my grandmother — my commander in chief — and I'm incredibly grateful to her and the rest of my family for the support they have shown Meghan and I over the last few months," he said. — AP

## Fire at Czech asylum for mentally ill kills 8

PRAGUE — A fire swept through a Czech asylum for the mentally ill on Sunday, killing eight male patients, officials said.

Prokop Volenik, spokesman for the regional rescue service, said the fire in the northwestern town of Vejprty broke out early on Sunday before 5 am (5pm NZ time). The town is on the border with Germany. Those killed were all patients, most of them by smoke inhalation,

according to Vejprty Mayor Jitka Gadunova. In addition to the deaths, Volenik said 30 others were injured by the blaze and transported to nearby hospitals. One of them was in critical condition.

There were 35 patients and three staff members at the home at the time of the fire, officials said.

Firefighter spokesman Michal Zavoral said the blaze was contained and the cause was being investigated.

German rescuers came to help their Czech colleagues, who were not able to use rescue helicopters due to bad weather.

Czech Prime Minister Andrej Babis visited the site and offered his condolences to the families of those who died. "It's a huge tragedy," Babis said.

"I'm here to find out how the government can help and what to do to prevent such a tragedy in the future." — AP



**JAILBREAK:** Officials said they discovered a tunnel and found cells filled with as many as 200 bags of earth. AP picture

## Brazilian gang members among 75 escapees from Paraguay prison

ASUNCION, Paraguay — At least 75 inmates, many of them members of a notorious Brazilian gang, escaped from a Paraguayan prison in a border town on Sunday, according to authorities who said they immediately fired the prison's director.

Officials said they discovered a tunnel and found cells filled with as many as 200 bags of earth.

"It's not possible that nobody saw anything in all this time," Justice Minister Cecilia Pérez told the Telefuturo station.

"This isn't the work of one day or one night."

Interior Minister Euclides Acevedo said in a statement that the tunnel itself may have been a ruse to cover complicity by prison officials and that many of the inmates may have been allowed to walk out of the prison's main gate.

Acevedo said the majority of the escapees belong to the First Capital Command based in Brazil, which borders the city of Pedro Juan

Caballero, where the prison is located.

The gang was founded in the 1990s inside a Sao Paulo prison and it has extended its influence throughout the country, becoming one of Brazil's largest criminal organisations.

In Brazil, Justice Minister Sergio Moro said authorities were trying to prevent the escapees from reentering the country.

"If they enter Brazil again, they will only get a one-way ticket to federal prison," he tweeted.

Brazilian authorities said 40 of the escapees were Brazilian, and that they had passed their names and photos to border police.

Acevedo said national police had been mobilised to hunt for the escapees.

The prison's director and head of security were fired and Pérez said the fight against organised crime isn't only against the Brazilian gang, "but also clearly against all the corruption within our system, which sadly is totally contaminated."

— AP

# Tiny mice create a big headache

by Jamie Morton, NZ Herald

Possums, stoats and rats have been singled out as conservation's public enemies — but a leading scientist has pointed out the devastating impact of another pest.

A new study has laid bare the havoc wreaked by mice on the now-cleared Antipodes Island, 860km south of New Zealand.

Researchers looked at how the tiny menace had been hurting the rugged, windswept island's world-famous ecosystem, after seeing the toll they had taken on remote Gough Island in the South Atlantic.

While their 2011 survey did not find the same level of damage on Gough, where large mice have been killing millions of seabird chicks, they did find a clear impact on invertebrate species.

Five years later, as the Department of Conservation

mounted a massive operation that eventually wiped out the island's 200,000-strong mouse population, the research team visited nearby islands that had already been cleared to make a comparison.

Study leader Dr James Russell said the contrast was stark.

"Using stable isotope analysis we were able to track energy flow in the ecosystem and found that mice were switching between eating invertebrates and land birds in summer to plants and seabirds in winter," the University of Auckland conservation biologist said.

"They were predators of invertebrates — and competitors of land birds."

But the most surprising finding was the preference mice had for certain prey — namely amphipods, moths and beetles.

"Whereas these species would be super-abundant on mouse-free islands, on the main island

mice had eaten them almost completely to extinction, and once one species was gone they would move to the next most appetising one," he said.

"We suspect that it was only a matter of time before they moved on to the seabirds, but had not yet because they had only been on Antipodes Island for a relatively short time since they shipwrecked in the early 20th century."

For the New Zealand mainland, where an estimated 26 million native birds are killed by pests each year, the findings had deeper implications.

"When left alone on an island, it is probably only a matter of time before mice can have impacts similar to larger mammals such as rats," Russell said.

"These impacts are not noticed when other species such as rats and cats are present, but should those larger species be removed,

mice could explode in numbers and have serious impacts on birds."

He felt this was something that would need to be taken into account after the Predator Free New Zealand effort, which aimed to eliminate possums, stoats and rats from the mainland by mid-century.

"Once rats and possums are gone, we will need landscape tools to control mice."

But the study published in the journal *Biological Invasions* offered some positives.

"Antipodes Island showed mice can be eradicated from large islands and the native species and ecosystem recover quickly," Russell said.

"The sooner we eradicate mice the better, to prevent their impacts changing and growing over time."

"We need to include mice in our predator eradication strategies, such as ensuring they

are eradicated at the same time as cats and pigs from Auckland Island."

That island now happened to be the last in the New Zealand subantarctic World Heritage Area with introduced mammals.

In another recent study, Russell and colleagues showed how sweeping mice from the island would likely be successful if based on a much more conservative sowing rate of poison — enabling the entire island to be treated in one season.

"Having completed two years of research and development on Auckland Island, we now know eradication of all introduced mammals is feasible and are in a position to ask the New Zealand public if this is a project they want to see the Government support, just as they did for the Million Dollar Mouse Campaign on Antipodes Island."

## Staff awarded thousands after sudden closure

KAPITI COAST — Seven restaurant workers have been awarded tens of thousands of dollars in unpaid wages after they were dismissed without warning when the business they were working for suddenly closed.

Smith & Co Hospo in Paraparaumu was also found to have deducted KiwiSaver and student loan payments from staff that were never forwarded to Inland Revenue.

The Employment Relations Authority calculated there was \$35,000 in unpaid wages and holiday pay, more than \$7000 in KiwiSaver contributions and close to \$2500 for student loan payments.

The Kapiti Coast restaurant closed on February 2019 without warning. Staff were immediately dismissed and not given any explanation.

Seven of the staff members claimed unpaid wages for time worked prior to dismissal and holiday pay.

Staff members Debra Sapphire, Chalote Elliott, Natalya Maynard, Paora Smith, Caleb McKenzie, Ngaire Dolman and Maree Campbell were all awarded unpaid wages and holiday pay.

All said they had KiwiSaver contributions deducted from their pay that were not forwarded on to Inland Revenue.

Three of the staff members also said Smith & Co deducted student loan payments but failed to pass this money on to Inland Revenue as required.

The owners of the business did not respond to requests from the authorities for information and no representative from the business attended the hearing.

The ERA warned the owners of the business that "directors may be held personally liable for the debt should Smith & Co fail to pay".

No one from Smith & Co attended the hearing and the ERA warned that "an employer cannot avoid its obligation to pay its staff by simply ignoring a claim it has not done so".

Smith & Co was also ordered to pay \$3000 as compensation for the applicants' legal costs.

The ERA required the amount to be paid by February 11.

Smith & Co was advised that directors may be held personally liable for the debt should Smith & Co fail to pay.

The ERA warned non-payment could lead to imposition of fines and the sequestration of property. — NZ Herald



**RHYTHM AND GLORIAVALE:** A fake Facebook page advertising an open day at the private fundamentalist Christian sect Gloriavale has gone viral on social media. File picture

## Fake Gloriavale 'open day' goes viral

by Megan Harvey, NZ Herald

GREYMOUTH — A fake opening event for New Zealand's well-known fundamentalist Christian sect Gloriavale has gone viral on social media.

A Facebook page called "Rhythm and Gloriavale" has caught the eye of many Kiwis as it announced for the first time in Gloriavale's history that it is opening its gates to the public.

The post reveals that the fake event is open this week from Monday 20 — Friday 24 between the hours of 7am-5pm.

"Our gates are wide open for you to come and see us, our way of life and take one of our famous tractor rides around the place," the spoof post reads.

"This is to promote our festival so a gold coin donation would be much appreciated but not required."

"There will be food trucks, bouncy castles and a beer garden."

"We also have a special private seminar for those under 18 thinking about joining."

The post was signed off by Neve, who was also known as the late convicted sex offender and former leader of Gloriavale, Hopeful Christian. It also emphasises to not forget to bring the kids along "please".

The post, which was created on Sunday, has thousands of comments and has also

been widely shared.

Many made jokes about the Facebook post, saying the sect was probably looking for recruits.

"Obviously looking for new members or why are they bothering to open up the gates!" one person said.

Another wrote: "You may never get

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out if you turn up there. They will all be doing their jobs and make it look all above board."

While others were more concerned about the seminar for under 18s.

"Seminar for joining us if you're under 18 . . . is a massive alarm bell ringing in my head right now," one person said.

While another added: "I'm concerned about the under 18s, are you guys going to teach and tell them it's OK to have 10 kids?"

However, other parents joked about being happy to leave their kids there.

"You keen?? (Kid's name) can join the seminar while we hang in the beer garden," one mum wrote.

Another parent said: "I can't make it but can I drop my kids off for the whole week? I'm sure you guys can be trusted with five kids between 12 and 17 right?"

Hopeful Christian, who died in 2018, served 11 months in prison in 1995 after being convicted of sexual abuse charges.

His granddaughter, Lilia Tarawa, who, with her parents Perry and Miracle Tarawa fled Gloriavale eight years ago, now lives in Christchurch and revealed what happened in the commune in her book *Daughter of Gloriavale — My life in a Religious Cult*.

Tarawa reveals the level of power her charismatic and controlling grandfather had over the community.

Even when Hopeful Christian, whose real name was Neville Cooper, was found guilty of three charges of sexual assault in 1995 and served a jail sentence, he was held in high regard and gave religious instruction from his prison cell.

One of 10 children, Tarawa said she was "brainwashed" but at the same time constantly struggled with the restrictions placed on her.

Avondale races at Avondale Wednesday

Selections
Race 1: MONLULA, CLEVER APPROACH, SHOCKING PENNY
Race 2: MIDNIGHT MAGIC, LINCOLN SPRINGS, GITCHE GUMEE
Race 3: SUPER SWISH, GITCHE GUMEE, JAKAMA KRYSAL
Race 4: SATIN RUBY, DRAGON RUN, FORGETZ
Race 5: JAMES BARRIE, SAVEZAR, THE GARRISON
Race 6: COPIAPINO, COLOGNE, HERE COMES FAFFY
Race 7: LUCKY SHARK, TEARS OF JUPITER, SAHAR

1 Auckland Alarms 1.10

\$10,000, maiden, 2200m
1 s5627 Prince Solari h (2) 58.5 51 T Thornton
2 89875 Meant To Be (13) 58.5 45

Wanganui greys at Hatrick Raceway Wednesday

Selections
Race 1: IDOL ABBY, BIG TIME LORNA, LIFE IS GOOD
Race 2: ALLEGRO LEXXI, SIDELINE SALLY, MISS ADOBE
Race 3: BIG TIME HARLEY, BIG TIME ROONIE, ALLEGRO ELLA
Race 4: JAMBOROE, ALLEGRO FERN, ISAAC MARJEN
Race 5: WATERLOO PINK, BLITZEM GEM, ELOUERA MIST
Race 6: AHURAO PRINCE, DOUBLE CHANGE, BIG TIME ABBE
Race 7: ALLEGRO LANIE, JACKS POINT, ELSA BLUEBLOOD
Race 8: BIG TIME CHAD, CLASSIC RAPPER, BIG TIME BABY
Race 9: ALLEGRO CURTIS, STAR WAY, ALWAYS DIZZY
Race 10: BLACK WIDOW BABY, FINAL STRAW, OPEHU EXPRESS

1 Tab Bonus Back Races 1 & 2 12.09

\$1365, CO, 305m
1 87 Allegro Kyle n/wtd Lisa Cole
2 86762 Life Is Good n/wtd Melissa Olden
3 66673 Big Time Kevin n/wtd Lisa Cole
4 2 Big Time Lorna n/wtd Lisa Cole
5 64843 Ahuroa Whizz n/wtd Robert Murray
6 52732 Sedgebrook Comet n/wtd Fred Kite
7 Idol Abby n/wtd Marcie Flipp
8 85 Angry Jane n/wtd Matt Roberts

Extra Wanganui greys at Hatrick Raceway Wednesday

Selections
Race 1: BIG TIME FRANKIE, BIG TIME EDEN, BIG TIME BAILEY
Race 2: SUB TWENTY THREE, CADILLAC MACK, BIG TIME RICKY
Race 3: SHADOW GIRL, BIG TIME PLUTO, ZIPPING ROMEO
Race 4: BIGTIME MINNIE, PARIS END, BIG TIME GWYN
Race 5: BIGTIME KIOWA, EPIC SPARK, EYE KNO

1 Accell "Canine Therapy" 3.04

\$2505, C1, 520m
1 5476s Mainline Lil 31.21 Bill Hodgson

Melbourne races at Sandown Lakeside Wednesday

Selections
Race 1: SWEET GOLD, ZOUSONIC, BACCHUS
Race 2: THE BROWZER, BY A WHISKER, RECOGNISE
Race 3: RULER BY CHOICE, BRAZEN SONG, NAMIMO
Race 4: MISS FIVE HUNDRED, HARD 'N' TOUGH, MITRUST
Race 5: DUNS 'N' ROSES, PATRIOTIC, TATALINA
Race 6: THINK WE'RE DUE, SHOWAMOUR, TOUCH OF MINK
Race 7: PINYIN, SYMPHONETTE, MAOZI
Race 8: JUMBO OZAKI, RAINBOW THIEF, BAM'S ON FIRE
Race 9: GOLDFOX, LADY OF CREBILLY, THE CLOSER

1 Clanbrooke Racing Plate 5.05

\$50,000, 3yo & up Maiden SW, 1600m
1 73005 Rocks For Free (3) 58.5 77 Ms A Kelly (a3)
2 s3433 Bacchus b (1) 57 100 C Williams
3 9 Flashin (9) 57 87 J McNeil
4 62658 Fournaise (7) 57 89 J Childs
5 7552 Midnight Marauder (5) 57 92 C Douglas
6 s233s Sweet Gold (8) 56.5 86 D Lane
7 08333 Annandale (6) 55 89 L King (a2)
8 s2728 Moshe Pit Gem (2) 55 86 R T Tremals
9 0s333 Zousonic (4) 55 97 Ms J Kah

2 Le Pine Funerals Plate 5.40

\$50,000, 3yo Maiden SW, 1300m
1 59s32 Bellows (13) 58 92 J Childs
2 5s36s By A Whisker (2) 58 90 J McNeil
3 Deadly Sins (8) 58 86 D Lane
4 29s86 Equities (11) 58 91 B Rawiller
5 570s Escondido (9) 58 89 D Oliver
6 7s Holster (12) 58 91 D Dunn
7 3s694 Oh So Rewarding (7) 58 83 E Brown
8 2s Paris Pike (10) 58 95 M Zahra
9 2 Rebel Racer (14) 58 100 C Williams
10 s3022 Seafeld Road (1) 58 90 J Cartwright

Jetbet 2 TAB Doubles 2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Trebles 2-3-4, 5-6-7 Quaddies 1-2-3-4, 4-5-6-7 Place6 2-7

12 06 Commanding Annie (10) 56.5 46
13 85732 Shocking Penny b (3) 55 53 J Fawcett (a1)
14 94584 Altar Girl (8) 55 50 C Dell
EMERGENCY:
15 0s997 Flying (15) 56.5 45

2 Avondale Sunday Markets 1.45

\$10,000, maiden, 1400m
1 02 Lincoln Springs (9) 57.5 52 L Innes
2 48 Jaydeear (7) 57.5 49 T Thornton
3 8 Kodak (3) 57.5 46 C Lammars
4 8s2 Midnight Magic (1) 55.5 52 S Collett
5 4 Gitche Gumee (8) 55.5 50
6 s4s55 Vistock (4) 55.5 50 S Spratt
7 Agey Babe (2) 55.5 47 D Johnson
8 5 Jelina (6) 55.5 47 R Elliot
9 079s5 Madam Pompom (5) 55.5 47 M Cameron

3 NZB Insurance Pearl Series 2.20

\$10,000, maiden f&m, 1400m
1 53249 Jakama Krystal (1) 57.5 53 J Riddell
2 2 Super Swish (10) 57.5 52 L Innes
3 43 Melusina (9) 57.5 51 M Cameron
4 72547 One Way Street (7) 57.5 51 J Fawcett (a1)
5 08046 Jakama Jill (3) 57.5 49 S Collett

5 ajc.co.nz 3.34

\$10,000, maiden, 1600m
1 5s023 The Garrison (7) 58.5 54 D Danis (a2)

3 43244 Jamboree n/wtd Carol Morris
4 Allegro Fern n/wtd Lisa Cole
5 Isaac Marjen n/wtd Marcie Flipp
6 56544 Citizen Zagreb n/wtd John McInerney
7 64867 Telltale Signs n/wtd Melissa Olden
8 6543 Dapper Rapper n/wtd Brian Marsh

5 Palmountains Sci. Nutrition 1.19

\$1450, C1, 305m
1 32757 Killer Frost 18.19 Peter Taylor
2 41658 Blitzem Gem 18.03 Sue Gommans
3 76737 Zara Daiken 17.93 Nathan Udy
4 165F2 Articulator 17.88 Bill Hodgson
5 2211 Waterloo Pink 17.90 Wendy Kite
6 27433 Choice Sister 18.21 Carol Morris
7 76458 Big Time Tatum 17.95 Lisa Cole
8 85743 Elouera Mist n/wtd J & D Bell

6 Quality Inn Collegiate Wanganui 1.36

\$1450, C1, 305m
1 63655 Cawbourne Moss 17.66 Matt Roberts
2 42568 Bright Concept 17.84 Leanne Bell
3 73564 Double Change n/wtd Sue Gommans
4 31844 Yarn Sister 18.11 Carol Morris
5 66215 Big Time Abbi n/wtd Lisa Cole

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

5 43431 Big Time Ricky 18.10 Agent & Williams
6 38822 Cadillac Mack n/wtd John McInerney
7 48775 Kirkham Coby 17.41 Carol Morris
8 76454 Light Cruiser 17.93 Gail Atwood

3 Guthrie Bowron Wanganui 3.43

\$1685, C2, 305m
1 57434 Hashtag Blessed 17.81 Nathan Udy
2 51582 Shadow Girl 17.75 Carol Morris
3 43266 Zara Fab 18.03 Nathan Udy
4 26834 Butterball 17.59 Maree Gowan
5 37341 Zipping Romeo 17.99 J & D Bell
6 41211 Big Time Pluto 17.54 Lisa Cole

Jetbet 12 TAB doubles 1-2, 4-5, 8-9 Trebles 3-4-5, 7-8-9 Quaddie 2-3-4-5, 6-7-8-9

5 Ladbroke's Back Yourself 7.25
\$50,000, 3yo & up Benchmark 64, 2400m
1 42214 Count Zero wn (11) 60.5 96 Ms M Julius (a3)

6 Clanbrooke Racing 8.00

\$50,000, 3yo & up Benchmark 64, 1600m
1 21815 Heir Of Tavistock dn (6) 60.5 97 D Lane
2 190s9 Tower Road dw (1) 60.5 99 D Oliver
3 210s4 Think We're Due dw (4) 60 98 Ms J Kah
4 s0995 Magnossiva n (10) 59.5 95 L Currie
5 31s32 Darlamax dw (9) 59 100 D Stackhouse
6 8s6s2 La Belle Jude dwn (5) 59 97 J Bowditch
7 84111 Larrikin dwn (12) 59 94 M Harley
8 10376 Metronome n (7) 59 95 L Nolen
9 112s7 Showamur dw (3) 59 97 J Fry
10 79s24 Anything But (2) 58.5 100 J Noonan
11 54353 Touch Of Mink db (8) 58 98 J Allen
12 10316 Flandersrain (11) 57.5 97 F W Kersley (a1.5)

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2 50352 Alfa Rosso (9) 58.5 53 J Riddell
3 46049 Overtharmk (16) 58.5 49
4 2 James Barrie (6) 57 52 S Weatherley (a)
5 673 Cautious Approach (13) 57 51 L Innes
6 06 Eros (1) 57 46 V Colgan
7 4s090 Ocean Spirit (8) 57 45 T Yanagida (a2)
8 764 Cash Me Ousside (2) 56.5 50 S Collett
9 000s7 O'Susana (3) 56.5 45 S Spratt
10 8 Sassego (10) 56.5 45 J Fawcett (a1)
11 34254 Zakalicious b (15) 55 53 M Cameron
12 43 Savezar (4) 55 51 R Elliot
13 06 Grand Spirit (11) 55 46 D Johnson
14 La Favorita SCRATCHED

6 Westbrook Wines 4.09

\$10,000, rating 65 benchmark\*, 1400m
1 2s461 Here Comes Faffy d (4) 59 62 M Hashizume (a3)
2 418 Western Choice b (5) 59 62 S Spratt
3 85572 William Tell tdn (10) 58 60 O Helagi (a4)
4 176s2 Cologne m (3) 57 62 D Johnson
5 3s219 Shanqueen (8) 57 62 L Innes
6 Shipshape SCRATCHED
7 18s3 Silent Truth t (6) 57 62 O Bosson

7 Kernow Construction 1.54

\$1450, C1, 305m
1 77452 Bigtime Roll 17.65 Sue Gommans
2 32126 Allegro Lanie 18.01 Lisa Cole
3 78628 Judge Me Jackie 17.91 Lana Pearce
4 25654 Monty 18.00 Nathan Udy
5 5s225 Paradox Prince 18.43 Bill Hodgson
6 45424 Elsa Blueblood 18.11 John McInerney
7 4143s Jacks Point n/wtd W Woods
8 26777 Naharis 17.73 Deb Edlin

8 Wanganui Toyota 2.11

\$2505, C1, 520m
1 16675 Chat Ya Later n/wtd Ivan Howe
2 61142 Big Time Baby 30.72 Lisa Cole
3 32126 Big Time Chad 30.88 Lisa Cole
4 8841 Big Time Anton n/wtd Lisa Cole
5 12533 Classic Rapper 30.79 Susie Kite
6 26367 True Testament 30.59 Bill Hodgson
7 72658 Tuff Mr. Tee 30.64 Sue Gommans
8 13285 Big Time Miley 31.11 Lisa Cole

Jetbet 9 TAB Doubles 1-2, 4-5 Trebles 3-4-5 Quaddies 2-3-4-5

7 57841 Gotcha Marshall 17.96 John McInerney
8 15453 Guru's Choice 17.76 Agent & Williams

4 Laser Plumbing 3.59

\$1685, C2, 305m
1 87645 Dyna Diode n/wtd Kellie Gommans
2 21474 Nuclear Jewel 17.90 Liz Doody
3 57841 Paris End 17.66 Lisa Cole
4 66228 Asserting Power n/wtd S O'Neill
5 16882 Zoie Willow 17.30 J & D Bell
6 34226 Manimal 17.77 Nathan Udy
7 83132 Bigtime Minnie 17.53 Agent & Williams
8 42131 Big Time Gwyn 17.63 Lisa Cole

7 Ladbroke's Odds Boost 8.30

\$50,000, 3yo & up F&M Benchmark 70, 1300m
1 s3345 She's A Thief (8) 62.5 93 M Poy (a2)
2 20s84 Angelic Spirit w (1) 62 94 M Aitken (a2)
3 See Me Exceed SCRATCHED
4 47101 Uptown Lilly dw (9) 61.5 92 Ms A Kelly (a3)
5 80s23 Symphonette n (2) 60 96 T Nugent (a2)
6 5s322 Pinyin twb (4) 59.5 98 Ms J Eaton (a3)
7 3s654 Minyinga dw (11) 59 93 C Williams
8 s1402 Cincinnati Red (17) 58.5 91 C Douglas
9 3725s Global Sanction wn (14) 58.5 88 J Childs
10 58s11 Alexandra Dreaming tw (6) 58 96 L Nolen

8 MRC '3 Race Day' Membership 9.00

\$50,000, 3yo & up Benchmark 70, 1200m
1 26s54 Like To Think So d (1) 63.5 91 Ms M Julius (a3)
2 3s332 Bam's On Fire wb (5) 62 100 M Poy (a2)
3 66602 Carlingford dwn (8) 61.5 93 Ms J Philpot (a3)
4 0s210 Strategic Force w (11) 61.5 93 T Nugent (a2)
5 708s8 Exceltara dwn (13) 61 94 T Stockdale (a3)
6 14410 It's Not There d (3) 60.5 93 Ms J Eaton (a3)
7 35s41 Bricktop d (14) 59.5 91 B Thompson
8 5184s Fast Plan tw (15) 59.5 87 E Brown

9 Ladbroke's Cash Out 9.30

\$50,000, 3yo & up Benchmark 70, 1400m
1 6600s Battle Torque w (20) 62 85 L King (a2)
2 31107 Vigere c (9) 62 94 T Stockdale (a3)
3 2110s Friedensberg (7) 61 81 L Currie
4 s7636 Bianconi Magic wbn (14) 60.5 94 C Williams
5 30s42 Eagle Ridge dn (12) 60.5 95 F W Kersley (a1.5)
6 98s01 Keymaster dw (1) 60.5 90 J Childs
7 3116s Nudge Bar w (8) 60.5 89 T Nugent (a2)
8 01s27 Confluence dwn (19) 59.5 91 D Lane
9 s1071 Ammoudi Bay (18) 59 87 D Oliver
10 3s046 Lady Of Crebilly dn (2) 59 93 M Poy (a2)
11 44715 Our Girl Silke d (13) 59 90 Ms J Eaton (a3)

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12 40747 Honorable Mention tw (4) 58.5 89 Ms J Kah
13 80130 Montaser c (16) 58.5 90 M Dee
14 s1614 Toorak Warrior dwn (10) 58.5 90 J McNeil
15 85s81 Goldfox d (6) 57.5 96 D Dunn
16 87s25 The Closer dw (5) 57 100 Ms L Meech
17 2s444 Thunderdome b (15) 58 89 J Allen
18 31215 Wish I Might d (11) 56 90 J Winks
19 2s412 Regal Riffle d (17) 55 90 D Oliver
20 5s150 Renegade d (3) 57 92 R Bayliss

Legend: T - Won at this distance on this course. C - Won at this distance on another course. M - Won in slow or heavy going. B - Beaten favourite at last start. H - Trained on track. N - Won at night. S - Spell of three months. F - Fell. P - Pulled up. L - Lost rider. TV - Featured on Trackside TV.

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**BAD BOYS FOR LIFE (R13) TUE-WED** 12.30pm, 6pm, 8.40pm  
**MY SPY (PG) TUE-WED** 10am, 2.20pm, 6.30pm  
**BOMBSHELL (M) TUE-WED** 10.30am, 3.30pm, 8.30pm  
**1917 (R13) TUE-WED** 1pm, 6pm, 8.30pm  
**A SHAUN THE SHEEP MOVIE: FARMAGEDDON TUE-WED** 10am  
**PLAYING WITH FIRE (PG) TUE-WED** 10.20am, 4.25pm  
**LITTLE WOMEN (G) TUE-WED** 12.45pm, 5.45pm  
**THE GENTLEMEN (R16) TUE-WED** 8.40pm  
**SPIES IN DISGUISE (PG) TUE-WED** 12.10pm  
**JUMANJI 2: The Next Level (PG) TUE-WED** 10.20am, 3.30pm, 8.30pm  
**STAR WARS: The Last Skywalker (M) TUE-WED** 3pm  
**FROZEN 2 (PG) TUE-WED** 2pm

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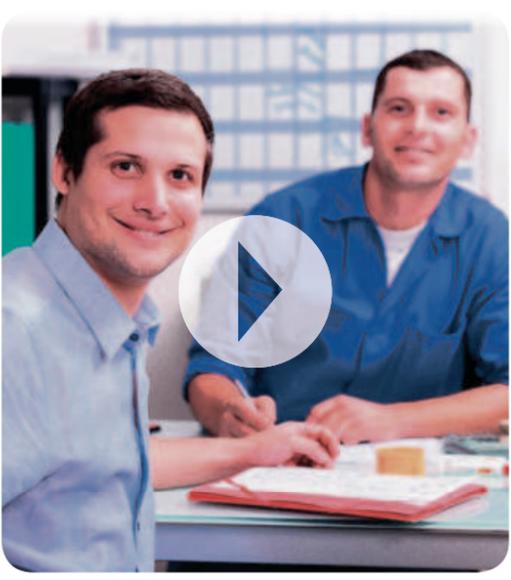
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## TVNZ 1 © TVNZ 2020

**5pm The Chase** *TV*  
**6pm 1 News At 6pm** *TV*  
**7pm Extreme Cake Makers** *TV*  
 A five-tiered chocolate-fudge cake celebrating the NHS's 70th birthday; a metre-tall spiral cake with 70 sugar shards; a giant dart frog cake with 42 frog cupcakes.  
**7.30 FINAL Magical Land Of Oz** *TV*  
 The challenges animals must deal with to overcome the effects of human-induced change.  
**8.40 FINAL Inside The Ritz Hotel London** *TV*  
 Interviews with staff and notable guests show how the hotel stands out from the competition.  
**9.40 Coronation Street** *PGR TV*  
 Cathy voices her concerns for Yasmeen; Steve is surprised; David is reminded not to give up hope; can Dev and Chesney let bygones be bygones?  
**10.40 1 News Tonight** *TV*  
**11.10 Gordon Ramsay On Cocaine** *AO TV (Part 1) WEDNESDAY*  
**12.10 That's A Bit Racist** *AO TV*  
**1.10 Te Karere** *TV*  
**1.35 Infomercials**  
**5.35 Te Karere** *TV*  
**6am Breakfast**  
**9am The Ellen DeGeneres Show** *TV*  
**10am Tipping Point** *TV*  
**11am The Celebrity Chase** *TV*  
**Noon 1 News At Midday** *TV*  
**12.30 Emmerdale** *TV*  
**1pm Coronation Street** *TV*  
**2pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show** *TV*  
**3pm Tipping Point** *TV*  
**4pm Te Karere** *TV*  
**4.30 Border Patrol** *PGR TV*  
**5pm The Chase** *TV*

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**6pm The Big Bang Theory** *TV*  
**6.30 Neighbours** *TV*  
**7pm Shortland Street** *PGR TV*  
 Leanne finds a new purpose; Marty struggles to keep his promise; Zara sees the signs.  
**7.30 FINAL Motorway Patrol** *PGR TV*  
**8pm FINAL Neighbours At War** *AO TV*  
**8.30 MOVIE A Good Day To Die Hard** *AO TV* 2013 Action.  
 John McClane travels to Moscow to help his wayward son Jack. Bruce Willis, Jai Courtney.  
**10.20 Two And A Half Men** *PGR TV*  
**10.50 Mom** *PGR TV*  
**11.15 Station 19** *PGR TV*  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**12.05 The Resident** *AO TV*  
**12.50 America's Funniest Home Videos** *TV*  
**1.15 Shortland Street** *PGR TV*  
**1.40 Infomercials**  
**2.40 Lucifer** *AO TV*  
**3.25 Love Island Australia** *AO TV*  
**4.20 First Dates US** *PGR TV*  
**5.05 Neighbours** *TV*  
**5.30 Infomercials**  
**6.30 Darwin And Newts** *TV*  
**6.40 Peppa Pig**  
**6.45 Moon And Me** *TV*  
**7.10 My Little Pony** *TV*  
**7.30 Star v The Forces Of Evil** *TV*  
**7.55 The Tom And Jerry Show** *TV*  
**8.15 Ducktales** *TV*  
**8.40 Sofia The First** *TV*  
**9am Religious Infomercials**  
**9.30 Infomercials**  
**10am Neighbours** *TV*  
**10.30 Mike And Molly** *PGR TV*  
**11.20 Army Wives** *PGR TV*  
**12.10 Mom** *PGR TV*  
**12.35 2 Broke Girls** *PGR TV*  
**1.05 Little Big Shots** *TV*  
**2.05 American Housewife** *TV*  
**3pm Shortland Street** *PGR TV*  
**3.35 Bluey** *TV*  
**3.40 Powerpuff Girls** *TV*  
**3.50 Bunk'd** *TV*  
**4.40 House Rules** *TV*

## THREE

**5pm Millionaire Hot Seat** *TV*  
**6pm NewsHub Live At 6pm**  
**7pm The Project**  
**7.30 The Block Australia** *PGR TV*  
 Budget doom and gloom sees every contestant on The Block working harder; Tess is excited to be working with her new best friend.  
**8.35 NEW NCIS** *AO TV*  
 An old friend returns from the grave to warn Gibbs his life is in danger, meaning they must become accomplices in a dangerous game of cat and mouse.  
**9.35 Lost And Found** *TV*  
**10.35 NewsHub Late**  
**11.05 The Blacklist** *AO TV*  
 Aram goes undercover to infiltrate a secret society of wealthy thrill-seekers, whose entertainment involves spectacular acts of violence.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**12.05 Infomercials**  
**6am The AM Show**  
**9am House Rules** *PGR TV*  
 Leigh and Kristie return to their renovated 'California cool' home to score the zones.  
**10.05 Infomercials**  
**11.30 Millionaire Hot Seat** *TV*  
**12.30 Face The Truth** *PGR TV*  
**1pm Dr Phil** *PGR TV*  
**2pm American Ninja Warrior** *TV*  
**4pm Find Me A Dream Home Australia**  
**4.30 NewsHub Live At 4:30pm**  
**5pm Millionaire Hot Seat** *TV*

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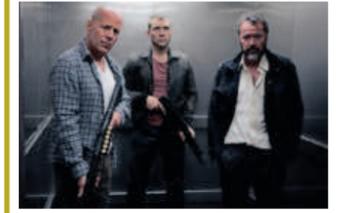
**5pm 3rd Rock From The Sun** *TV*  
**5.30 Prime News**  
**6pm Pawn Stars** *TV*  
**6.30 Sky Sport News**  
**7pm The Crowd Goes Wild**  
**7.30 The Story Of The Royals** *PGR TV (Part 2)*  
 Documentary exploring history of the monarchy as it draws international interest with new royal babies and the introduction of Meghan Markle.  
**9.30 The Radical Story Of Patty Hearst** *AO TV*  
 From American heiress to American terrorist and back, Patty uses Hearst PR to rebuild her image and regain public trust.  
**10.30 Tennis: Australian Open** (HLS)  
**11.40 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert** *PGR TV*  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**12.40 Closedown**  
**6am Ben 10** *TV*  
**6.30 Batman: Brave And The Bold** *TV*  
**7am Youth Olympic Games** (HLS)  
**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** *TV*  
**12.30 NCIS: New Orleans** *PGR TV*  
**1.30 Frasier** *TV*  
**2pm The Late Show With Stephen Colbert** *PGR TV*  
**3pm Wheel Of Fortune**  
**3.30 Jeopardy**  
**4pm A Place In The Sun**  
**5pm 3rd Rock From The Sun** *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** *TV*  
**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 Smooth** *TV*  
**8am Polyfest Kapa Haka** *TV*  
**8.30 Our Songs** *TV*  
**9am Sachie's Kitchen** *TV*  
**9.30 Opaki** *TV*  
**10am Waiaata** *TV*  
**10.30 Fitness In The Whare** *TV*  
**11am Nga Tangata Taumata Rau** *TV*  
**Noon Hamu And Tofiga** *PGR TV*  
**12.30 It's In The Bag** *PGR TV*  
**1pm Nga Pari Karangaranga O Te Motu** *TV*  
**1.30 Opaki** *TV*  
**2pm Toki Reo** *TV*  
**2.30 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**



Magical Land of Oz  
7.30pm on TVNZ 1



A Good Day to Die Hard  
8.30pm on TVNZ 2



NCIS  
8.35pm on Three

## 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 Gardeners' World** *TV*  
**1am Jamie's 30-Minute Meals** *TV*  
**1.30 Overnight Programmes** *TV*  
**5am Mysteries At The Museum** *TV*  
**6am Love Your Home And Garden** *TV*  
**7am Jamie's 30-Minute Meals** *TV*  
**7.30 Rachel Khoo: My Swedish Kitchen** *TV*  
**8am Wildlife Icons** *TV*  
**9am Great Australian Cookbook** *TV*  
**9.30 Tiny House Nation** *TV*  
**10.30 Mysteries At The Museum** *TV*  
**11.30 American Pickers** *TV*  
**12.30 Location, Location, Location** *TV*  
**1.30 Designing Paradise** *TV*  
**2pm My Floating Home** *TV*  
**2.30 My Dream Home** *TV*  
**3.30 The Big Dry** *TV*  
**4.30 Gordon Ramsay: Ultimate Home Cooking** *TV*  
**5pm Simply Nigella** *TV*  
**5.30 Mysteries At The Museum** *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** *PGR TV*  
**11.30 Snapped: Killer Couples** *PGR TV*  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**12.20 Infomercials** *TV*  
**10am Mom's A Medium** *TV*  
**10.30 Dance Moms** *TV*  
**11.30 Love It Or List It: Vancouver** *TV*  
**12.30 The Real Housewives Of Beverly Hills** *PGR TV*  
**1.30 Below Deck: Mediterranean** *PGR 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 Checkpoint** *TV*  
**6.30 Trending Now** *TV*  
**7.06 Nights With Bryan Crump.** *TV*  
**7.35 The Sampler** *TV*  
 Nick Bollinger reviews some of the latest music releases.  
**8.15 Dateline Pacific** *TV*  
 Current-affairs programme covering the major Pacific stories of the week.  
**8.30 Windows On The World** *TV*  
**9.06 Smart Talk** *TV*  
**10pm News At Ten** *TV*  
**10.15 Lately With Karyn Hay.** *TV*  
**11.06 Worlds Of Music With Trevor Reekie.** *TV*  
**WEDNESDAY** **12.04** The All Night Programme **3.05** The Skinny Louie Book **5am** First Up **6am** Morning Report **9.06** Nine To Noon **10.45** The Reading **Noon** Midday Report **1.06** Afternoons **4.06** The Panel **5pm** Checkpoint *TV*

## SKY SPORT 1

**5.30 Pro14: Blues v Scarlets** (RPL)  
 From Cardiff Arms Park.  
**7pm Super Rugby Pre-Season** (HLS)  
**7.30 The Breakdown Super Rugby Special**  
**9pm Japan Top League** (HLS)  
**9.30 Pro14: Ulster v Munster** (RPL)  
 From Kingspan Stadium.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**12am Pro14: Benetton v Warriors** (RPL)  
**3am Gallagher Premiership Highlights Show**  
 Round Eight.  
**4am Pro14 Weekly Highlights**  
**5am Sevens: Nationals** (HLS)  
 Day One.  
 From Tauranga Domain.  
**6.30 Sevens: Nationals** (HLS)  
 Day Two.  
 From Tauranga Domain.  
**8am Sevens: World Series** (RPL)  
 Cape Town: Day One.  
 From Cape Town Stadium.  
**1.30 Getting Grilled With Marshy**  
 Sam Neill.  
**2pm Sevens: Nationals** (HLS)  
 Day One.  
 From Tauranga Domain.  
**3.30 Sevens: Nationals** (HLS)  
 Day Two.  
 From Tauranga Domain.  
**5pm Sevens: Ignite7** (HLS)

## SKY SPORT 2

**7pm Super Smash** (HLS)  
**7.30 South Africa v England** (HLS)  
 Third Test, Day Five.  
**8pm ICC U19 World Cup** (HLS)  
 England v West Indies.  
**9pm LIVE ICC U19 World Cup**  
 India v Japan.  
 From Mangaung Oval, Bloemfontein.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**5.30 Super Smash** (HLS)  
**6am Big Bash** (HLS)  
 Renegades v Hurricanes.  
**6.30 ICC U19 World Cup** (HLS)  
 India v Sri Lanka.  
**7.30 ICC U19 World Cup** (HLS)  
 England v West Indies.  
**8.30 India v Australia** (HLS)  
 Third ODI.  
**9.30 Big Bash** (RPL)  
 Renegades v Hurricanes.  
 From Docklands Stadium.  
**1pm ICC U19 World Cup** (HLS)  
 India v Japan.  
 From Mangaung Oval, Bloemfontein.  
**2pm South Africa v England** (HLS)  
 Third Test.  
**4pm Big Bash** (HLS)  
 Scorchers v Thunder.  
**4.30 Big Bash** (HLS)  
 Renegades v Hurricanes.  
**5pm Super Smash** (HLS)  
**5.30 South Africa v England** (HLS)  
 Third Test, Day Five.

## 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

**5.10 Born Guilty** 16LS  
 2018 Comedy.  
**6.55 Interview With God** *PG*  
 2018 Drama.  
**8.30 Leave No Trace** *PGC*  
 2018 Drama.  
**10.20 The Guernsey Literary And Potato-Peel Pie Society** *MC* 2018 Drama.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**12.25 John Ford: The Man Who Invented America** *MC*  
 2018 Documentary.  
**1.20 The Killer Trainer** *MC*  
 2018 Thriller.  
**2.45 Born Guilty** 16LS  
 2018 Comedy.  
**4.25 Interview With God** *PG*  
 2018 Drama.  
**6am The Guernsey Literary And Potato-Peel Pie Society** *MC* 2018 Drama.  
**8am John Ford: The Man Who Invented America** *MC*  
 2018 Documentary.  
**8.55 The Killer Trainer** *MC*  
 2018 Thriller.  
**10.20 Interview With God** *PG*  
 2018 Drama.  
**11.55 Leave No Trace** *PGC*  
 2018 Drama.  
**1.45 The Guernsey Literary And Potato-Peel Pie Society** *MC* 2018 Drama.  
**3.45 John Ford: The Man Who Invented America** *MC*  
 2018 Documentary.  
**4.40 Hotel Mumbai** 16VLC  
 2019 Thriller.

## DISCOVERY

**5.40 Outback Opal Hunters** *PG*  
**6.35 Sydney Harbour Patrol** *PG*  
**7.30 BattleBots** *PG*  
**8.30 Expedition Unknown** *PG*  
 Search for the Sultan's Heart.  
**9.25 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 Incredible Engineering Blunders: Fixed** *PG*  
**12.30 The Perfect Murder** *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 Pilots** *PG*



**BUCKLE UP:** Lochie Williams takes a ride in the local barrel youth ride event at the Wairoa Rodeo at the Wairoa A&P Show on Friday.

Picture by Wairoa Star

### A DAY AT THE SPA

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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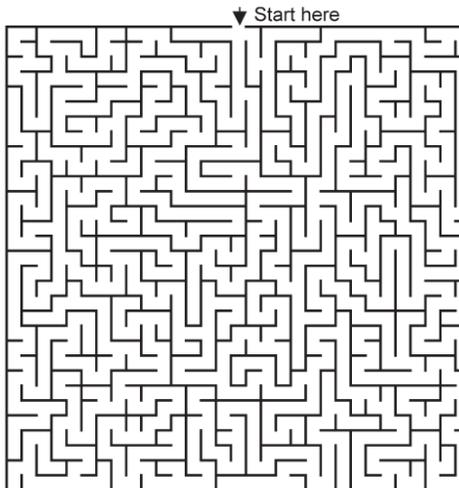
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| CALM         | HERBAL     | PURIFICATION | SPRINGS    |
| CLEANSE      | LUXURY     | QUIET        | STRETCH    |
| CLUB         | MANICURE   | RELAX        | SWIM       |
| CURE         | MASSAGE    | REMEDY       | TOWEL      |
| DETOX        | MEDICINAL  | RESTORE      | TRANQUIL   |
| EXERCISE     | MEDITATION | ROBE         | UNWIND     |
| FACE PACK    | MUD        | SALVE        | VEGETABLES |
| FLUFFY       | MUSCLE     | SAUNA        | YOGA       |

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### SUDOKU

Enter numbers into the squares so that every row, every column and every 3x2 box contains all the numbers from 1 to 6

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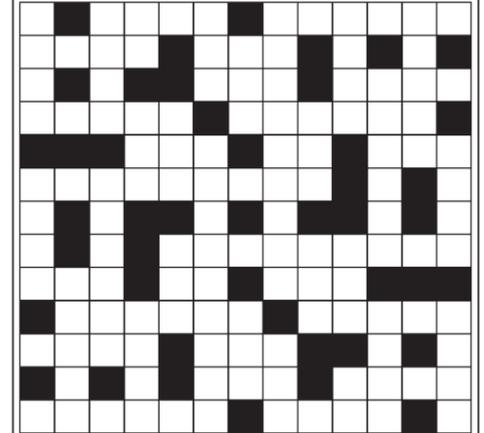


**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS**

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### WORD-FIT



Fit all the words into the grid to create a finished crossword.

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### TRIO

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

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 W \_\_\_ R  
 DON \_\_\_  
 EL \_\_\_ D

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# Equestrian results from the Wairoa Show

## WAIROA A&P Show equestrian results (top five placings) —

### DRESSAGE

**Pony PRE 1.C:** Amelia Samuels, Snoopy, 1; Anna Devescovi, Winged Foot, 2. **Pony PRE 1.D:** Amelia Samuels, Snoopy, 1; Anna Devescovi, Winged Foot, 2. **Horse PRE 1.A:** Amanda Macpherson, Frieden Star, 1; Danielle Taylor, Ramoon, 2; Amy Thompson, Pine Hollow MJK Swiper, 3. **Horse PRE 1.B:** Amanda Macpherson, Frieden Star, 1; Danielle Taylor, Ramoon, 2. **Horse PRE 1.C:** Amanda Macpherson, Frieden Star, 1; Kelly Couper, Ulysses, 2; Danielle Taylor, Ramoon, 3. **Horse PRE 1.D:** Amanda Macpherson, Frieden Star, 1; Danielle Taylor, Ramoon, 2; Kelly Couper, Ulysses, 3.

**Horse NOV 2.A:** June Berrington, Kiwi Iron Mark, 1; Vinessa Taylor, La La Lola, 2; Krissy Hulme-Moir, My Pure Magic, 3. **Horse NOV MFS:** Krissy Hulme-Moir, My Pure Magic, 1; Kelly Couper, Ulysses, 2; Sarah Gault, El Escolta, 3. **Horse NOV 2.B:** Vinessa Taylor, La La Lola, 1; Krissy Hulme-Moir, My Pure Magic, 2; June Berrington, Kiwi Iron Mark, 3; Sandra Faulkner, L W Abracadabra, 4. **Horse NOV 2.C:** Krissy Hulme-Moir, My Pure Magic, 1; Sandra Faulkner, L W Abracadabra, 2.

**Horse ELE 3.A:** Shelagh Nolan, Mackpherson, 1; Vinessa Taylor, La La Lola, 2. **Horse ELE MFS:** Shelagh Nolan, Mackpherson, 1. **Horse ELE 3.B:** Shelagh Nolan, Mackpherson, 1. **Horse ELE 3.C:** Shelagh Nolan, Mackpherson, 1.

**Medium MED 4.A:** Amanda Macpherson, Tuahu Vance, 1; Jennifer Taylor, Ehoa, 2. **Medium MED MFS:** Amanda Macpherson, Tuahu Vance, 1; Jennifer Taylor, Ehoa, 2. **Medium MED 4.B:** Amanda Macpherson, Tuahu Vance, 1; Jennifer Taylor, Ehoa, 2. **Medium MED 4.C:** Amanda Macpherson, Tuahu Vance, 1.

**Horse or Pony INTRO 0A:** Tilly Alexander, Wilbur, 1; Annabel Alexander, Martha, 2; Ella Powdrell, Jacko, 3; Jessica Alexander, Princess Petra, 4. **Horse or Pony INTRO 0B:** Annabel Alexander, Martha, 1; Tilly Alexander, Wilbur, 2; Jessica Alexander, Princess Petra, 3; Ella Powdrell, Jacko, 4.

**Horse or Pony NON Graded PRE 1.A:** Maisey Alexander, Malibu Hot Shot, 1; Kaitlin Brown, Tawa, 2; Tattie Bayly, Roany, 3; Katherine Foley, Zippity Do Dah, 4. **Horse or Pony NON Graded PRE 1.B:** Kaitlin Brown, Tawa, 1; Jo Alexander, Whiorau Red, 2; Maisey Alexander, Malibu Hot Shot, 3; Rachael McLanachan, Paintm Hy Storm, 4. **Horse or Pony NON Graded PRE 1.A:** Brittany Tilson, Princess Dell, 1; Kimberly McMillan, Tuatahi Thunder, 2; Katherine Foley, Zippity Do Dah, 3. **Horse or Pony NON Graded PRE 1.B:** Brittany Tilson, Princess Dell, 1; Kimberly McMillan, Tuatahi Thunder, 2; Katherine Foley, Zippity Do Dah, 3.

### JUMPING SHOW HUNTER

**Category A HOYQ Welcome Hunter 60cm:** Amelia Samuels, Snoopy, 1; Georgie Coop, Billy The Kid, 2; Victoria Dorward, Little Explorer, 3; Isobel Jayne Beviitt, Buffalo Man, 4; Katie Bibby, Quinky Dink, 5.

**CAT A HOYQ Pony 70cm:** Lottie Bull, Finn McCloud, 1; Iyve Speirs, Miss Candy Floss, 2; China Gunness, Just Trouble, 3; Pia White, Jubilee Master Card, 4; Isobel Jayne Beviitt, Buffalo Man, 5.

**Cartown CAT A HOYQ High Points 70cm:** Victoria Dorward, Little Explorer, 1; Iyve Speirs, Miss Candy Floss, 2; Amelia Samuels, Snoopy, 3; Pia White, Jubilee Master Card, 4; Molly McEwan, Pied Piper Alize, 5.

**CAT B HOYQ Welcome Hunter 70cm:** Coco Fougere, Pips N All, 1; Vienna Wilson, Ashbury Robin Hood, 2; Libby Wilson, Waimeha Tayza, 3; Hannah McConnell, Billy Blunt, 4; Georgia Tizard, Rex, 5.

**CAT B HOYQ Pony 80cm:** Ella Rouse, Ruby Tunes, 1; Coco Fougere, Pips N All, 2; Vienna Wilson, Ashbury Robin Hood, 3; Hannah McConnell, Billy Blunt, 4; Isobel Bayly, Coppers Gold, 5.

**Grassyards Farm Category B HOYQ High Points 80cm:** Ella Rouse, Ruby Tunes, 1; Coco Fougere, Pips N All, 2; Libby Wilson, Waimeha Tayza, 3; Vienna Wilson, Ashbury Robin Hood, 4; Hannah McConnell, Billy Blunt, 5.

**CAT C HOYQ Welcome Hunter 80cm:** Sophie Charlton, She's A Puzzle, 1; Lily Beaufoy, Storytime, 2; Ella Rouse, MJK Isle of Skye, 3; Dylan Bibby, Greedy McCready, 4; Charlotte Schweizer, Kaimai Upstart, 5.

**Sure Grip Mat Pony Rider Equitation Series 80cm:** Libby Wilson, Waimeha Tayza, 1; Kaitlin Brown, Tawa, 2; Hannah von Dadelszen, Star Waka, 3; Anna Devescovi, Winged Foot, 4; Charlotte Schweizer, Kaimai Upstart, 5.

**CAT C HOYQ Pony 90cm:** Dylan Bibby, Greedy McCready, 1; Kaitlin Brown, Tawa, 2; Charlotte Schweizer, Kaimai Upstart, 3; Zara von Dadelszen, Star Waka, 4; Ella Rouse, MJK Isle of Skye, 5.

**Aniwell Category C High Points 90cm:** Dylan Bibby, Greedy McCready, 1; Kaitlin Brown, Tawa, 2; Lily Beaufoy, Storytime, 3; Charlotte Schweizer, Kaimai Upstart, 4; Toby Lane, Lysnar Valley Lilly, 5.

**LP Introductory Horse or Pony 70cm:** Rebecca Watson, Kilmac, 1; Cindy Bain, Tuahu Reggie, 2; Kim Leckner, Sassafra, 3; Katherine Foley, Zippity Do Dah, 4; Ashleigh Forde, My Graceland, 5.

**LP Introductory Horse or Pony 80cm:** Hannah

Garwood, Cabaletta, 1; Grace Cooney, Star Charm, 2; Katherine Foley, Zippity Do Dah, 3; Ashleigh Forde, My Graceland, 4; Kim Leckner, Sassafra, 5.

**LP Introductory 90cm:** Shelley Watts, Craighaven French Made, 1; Hannah Garwood, C.R Cha-Cha, 2; Rachel Nelson, Fresco, 3; Vanessa Wilkins, El Diva, 4; Sophie Fisher, HR Moonbeam, 5.

**HOYQ Maximum Height 1m:** Anna Parsons, Snapchat Me, 1; Jesse Linton, LT Holst Elsbeth, 2; Merran Hain, Untouchable, 3; Victoria How, Kiwi Icon, 4; Lisa Walker, Miss Serendipity, 5.

**Combined Gyro Plastics Junior Hunter & The Ultimate Egg Co Amateur Hunter HOYQ High Points 1m:** Merran Hain, Untouchable, 1; June Berrington, Kiwi Iron Mark, 2; Hannah garwood, C.R Cha-Cha, 3; Isabella Ladbrook, Whakanui Homebrew, 4; Victoria How, Kiwi Icon, 5.

**Combined Burger King Junior and Petticoat Lane Performance Horses Adult Rider Equitation Series 1m:** Sophie Fisher, HR Moonbeam, 1; Tristan Thomas, Airborne MVNZ, 2; Anna Parsons, Snapchat Me, 3; Rebecca Conole, Private Benjamin III, 4; Ashleigh Forde, My Gummi Bear, 5.

**NRM HOYQ Horse High Points 1.10-1.15m:** Jesse Linton, LT Holst Elsbeth, 1; Anna Parsons, Snapchat Me, 2; Merran Hain, Untouchable, 3; Jenny Randall, Nero Bello, 4; Victoria How, Kiwi Icon, 5.

### SHOWJUMPING

**Devery Jumping Competition (rug sponsored by the Maxwell family):** Stella Hogarth, Smiggles, 1; Tilly Alexander, Wilbur, 2; Sam Nelson, Ash, 3.

**Pony 1.15-1.20m (Article 274 5.3) 2-phase:** Tessa Mason, Mr Acho, 1; Keira Page, Redcliffs Colour Me In, 2; Amelia Paull, Envious Edition, 3; Lily Beaufoy, Jakaranda, 4.

**Horse 1.20 (Article 274 5.3) 2-phase:** Jenny Randall, Nero Bello, 1; Amanda Pottinger, Good Timing, 2; Harvey Nelson, Ngahiwi Loone, 3; Isabella Narracci, Good Time, 4.

**Horse 1.30 (Article 274 5.3) 2-phase:** Geordie Bull, Forest Hill, 1; Helen Kippen, Haupouri Velocity, 2; Sarah West, Oaks Centurian, 3; Jesse Linton, Vitess, 4.

**FMG Young Rider Series 1.25-1.35 AM5 (Article 238 2.2):** Tristan Thomas, Airborne MVNZ, 1; Kate Herdson, Idol D, 2; Sarah West, Delamerie Sun, 3; Ike Baker, Hawkesdale Mahe, 4; Ciel butler, Kiwi Sunray, 5.

**Matthews Hanoverians Seven-year-old Series AM5 (Article 238 2.2) 1.30m:** Ashley Hart, Kiwi Bonus, 1.

**Horse A1 0.80 Introductory (Article 238 1.1) A1:** Niamh West, Ballytruckle Dana; Fuatino Jahnke, Twinkle; Charles Rau, Merlin; Bridget Haliburton, Red Keep; Henry Bull, Rewae; Rachel Nelson, Ocean Lady; Tracy Mason, Darcy Dancer; Julie Spence, Kiwi Atom; Amanda McSpornan, Te Wae Wae Breeze; Libby Fussell, Rakau Champagne Jackpot; Grace Cooney, Star Charm; equal 1.

**Horse 0.90-1.00 AM5 (Article 274 5.3) 2-phase:** Raye Dimock, Rata, 1; Anais Gaude, Showtym Stardust, 2; Grace Parker, Hugo, 3; Henry Bull, Rewae, 4; Andrew McLennan, Prada, 5.

**Horse 1.10 (Article 274 5.3) 2-phase:** Trudi Mitchell, Cadbury, 1; Jeremy Giovannelli, Cardrona, 2; Jo Bell, Mauve, 3; Grace Parker, Hugo, 4; Andrew McLennan, Prada, 5.

**Pony 0.80 Introductory (Article 238 1.1) A1:** Toby Lane, Lysnar Valley Lilly; Katie Bibby, Quinky Dink; Ella Rouse, MJK Isle of Skye; Monica mcconnell, Game Keeper; Luchia Wynne-Lewis, Pavlova; Lucy Hill, Pine Hollow Bucket List; Lottie Bull, Finn McCloud; Laura White, Hot & Frosted; Ella Rouse, Ruby Tunes; Henry Bull, Ruby Doo; Harriet Savage, What an Imagination; Yasmin Coombe, Gone Girl; Kaylee Doole Baker, Watch Waffle Work; Isobel Jayne Beviitt, Mr Monochrome; Janey Pease, My Cats Pyjamas; Anna Wilson, Midnight Minute; equal 1.

**Pony 0.90-1.00 (Article 274 5.3) 2-phase:** Janey Pease, Mr Ernesto, 1; Janey Pease, My Cats Pyjamas, 2; Grace Dalziel, Tawa-iti Princess, 3; Jessica McCann, Saltire Solar Flare, 4.

**Pony 1.10 (Article 274 5.3):** Grace Dalziel, Tawa-iti Princess, 1; Ella von Dadelszen, Brandii Snap II, 2; Abe Baker, Cracker jacker, 3; Anna Wilson, Feather Storm, 4.

**Pony 1.10 (Article 274 5.3):** Lily Beaufoy, Jakaranda, 1; Dylan Bibby, My Funky Monkey, 2; Janey Pease, Barney Rubble, 3; Samantha-Lee Wakeling, BMW Renegade, 4.

**East Coast Performance Horses Five-year-old Series (Article 238 1.1) A1 1.15m:** Jesse Linton, Keltorn William; Michelle Wakeling, BMW Braveheart; Ashley Hart, Kiwi Skyhigh; equal 1.

**Dunstan Horsefeeds & Equifibre Junior Rider Series (Article 238 2.2) 1.15-1.25m AM5:** Dylan Bibby, Wenrose Vertigo, 1; Keira Page, Ngahiwi Redcliffs Vision, 2; Tim Wilson, McMillans Chuck, 3; Isabella Narracci, Good Time, 4; Kasey McKenna, Clear Choice, 5.

**Hinterland Amateur Rider (Article 238 2.2) 1.10-1.20m AM5:** Tasha Brown, Kiwi Cheronline, 1; Simone McConnell, Country Zena, 2; Shelagh Nolan, Ngahiwi Eyeza Blue, 3; Jo Bell, Mauve, 4; Holly Baines, Hero, 5.

**Mitavite Speedi-Beet Six-year-old Series (Article 238 1.1) 1.25m A1:** Kate Herdson, Beau Balou, 1.

**Horse 1.25m AM5 (Art. 238 2.2):** Olivia Laing, Midway Alaska, 1; Ike Baker, NW Conrado, 2; Kate Herdson, Miss Poppet, 3; Tristan Thomas, Airborne MVNZ, 4.

**Main Events University Challenge Series (run in conjunction with Class 315):** Ike Baker, NW Conrado, 1; Kate Herdson, Miss Poppet, 2; Tristan Thomas, Airborne MVNZ, 3.

**Country TV Pony Grand Prix Series (Article 238 2.2) 1.20-1.30m AM5:** Keira Page, Redcliffs Colour Me In, 1; Dylan Bibby, My Funky Monkey, 2; Phoebe Howson, Aorangi Ragtime, 3; Georgie Wilson, Showtym Boss, 4; Lily Beaufoy, Jakaranda, 5.

**Equissage Horse Grand Prix Series 1.40-1.50m AM5 (Art. 238 2.2):** Sarah West, Oaks Centurian, 1; Jesse Linton, Vitess, 2; Simon Wilson, McMillans Ariados, 3; Geordie Bull, Forest Hill, 4.

**Wairoa Showjumping Pony Champion:** Dylan Bibby, My Funky Monkey, 1; Anna Wilson, Feather Storm, 2; Grace Dalziel, Tawa-iti Princess, 3.

**Wairoa Showjumping Horse Champion:** Sarah West, Oaks Centurian, 1; Geordie Bull, Forest Hill, 2; Helen Kippen, Haupouri Velocity, 3; Sarah West, Delamerie Sun, 4; Simon Wilson, McMillans Ariados, 5.

**Horse 0.85-0.95m (Article 238 1.1) one round:** Rachel Nelson, Good Tune NZPH; Niamh West, Ballytruckle Dana; Jane Rau, Correlli; Libby Fussell, Rakau Champagne Jackpot; Harvey Nelson, Google NZPH; Mackenzie Barclay, Corolitta ECPH; Brooke McEwan, Uptown Boy; Rachel Martin, Tequila; equal 1. **Horse 0.95-1.05m (Article 274 5.3) 2-phase:** Henry Bull, Rewae, 1; Fraser Eddowes, Titanium, 2; Nicole Kissling, Indyscribable, 3; Niamh West, Ballytruckle Rolls, 4; Raye Dimock, Rata, 5.

**Horse 1.0m (Article 274 5.3) AM5:** Maxime Josse, Weiti Dannevirke, 1; Jeremy Giovannelli, Cardrona, 2; Raye Dimock, Rata, 3; Loic Zitzman, Tabitha, 4.

**Horse 1.15m (Article 274 5.3) AM5:** Brenna Tait, Duchess D, 1; McMillans Lego, 2; Holly Baines, Halo, 3; Anais Gaude, Showtym Stardust, 4.

**Pony Introductory 0.70-0.80cm (Article 238 1.1) A1:** Harriet Savage, What an Imagination; Toby Lane, Lysnar Valley Lilly; Charlotte Schweizer, Kaimai Upstart; Luchia Wynne-Lewis, Maxwellton Friday Flash; Karma Matenga, Last Spring; equal 1.

**Pony 0.90-1.00m (Article 274 5.3) AM5 IJO:** Dylan Bibby, Greedy McCready, 1; Samantha-Lee Wakeling, BMW Renegade, 2; Luchia Wynne-Lewis, Pavlova, 3; Isobel Jayne Beviitt, Mr Monochrome, 4.

**Pony 1.10-1.15m (Article 238 2.2) AM5 IJO:** Anna Wilson, Feather Storm, 1; Libby Fussell, Illusion, 2; Samantha-Lee Wakeling, BMW Renegade, 3; Samantha-Lee Wakeling, BMW Sharpshooter, 4.

### SHOWING

**PLEASURE HORSE/PONY, 16 AND UNDER Best Turned-out Horse/Pony:** Olivia Briant, Oly, 1; Zoe McNaught, Mr Riley, 2; China Gunness, Just Trouble, 3; Annabel Alexander, Martha, 4.

**Horse/Pony Most Suitable For Beginner:** Amy Bibby, Quinky Dink, 1; Isobel Bayly, Coppers Gold, 2; Olivia Briant, Oly, 3; Grace Cooney, Star Charm, 4.

**Best Walking Horse/Pony:** Georgia Tizard, Rex, 1; Rosie White, Majestic Masquerade, 2; Grace Cooney, Star Charm, 3; Isobel Bayly, Coppers Gold, 4.

**Best Trotting Horse/Pony:** Zoe McNaught, Mr Riley, 1; Rosie White, Majestic Masquerade, 2; Kaylee Doole Baker, Watch Waffle Work, 3; China Gunness, Just Trouble, 4.

**Paced & Mannered Horse/Pony:** Rosie White, Majestic Masquerade, 1; Olivia Briant, Oly, 2; Isobel Bayly, Coppers Gold, 3; Kaylee Doole Baker, Watch Waffle Work, 4.

**Best Rider 12-16 years:** Rosie White, Majestic Masquerade, 1; Grace Cooney, Star Charm, 2; Kaylee Doole Baker, Watch Waffle Work, 3; Hannah Andrew, Buzzy, 4.

**Best Rider 11 years and under:** Olivia Briant, Oly, 1; Zoe McNaught, Mr Riley, 2; China Gunness, Just Trouble, 3; Isobel Bayly, Coppers Gold, 4.

**Champion and Reserve Pleasure Horse/Pony for 16 and under:** Rosie White, Majestic Masquerade, 1; Katie Bibby, Quinky Dink, 2.

**PLEASURE HORSE/PONY 17 AND OVER Best Turned-out Horse/Pony:** Rachael McLanachan, Paintm Hy Storm, 1; Jess Herries, Tane Mahuta, 2.

**Horse/Pony Most Suitable for Beginner:** Jess Herries, Tane Mahuta, 1; Sarah Frank, Willow, 2; Lauren Knauf, Tangiwai Warrior, 3; Rachael McLanachan, Paintm Hy Storm, 4.

**Best Walking Horse/Pony:** Sarah Frank, Willow, 1; Jess Herries, Tane Mahuta, 2; Lauren Knauf, Tangiwai Warrior, 3; Rachael McLanachan, Paintm Hy Storm, 4.

**Paced & Mannered Horse/Pony:** Sarah Frank, Willow, 1; Jess Herries, Tane Mahuta, 2; Lauren Knauf, Tangiwai Warrior, 3; Rachael McLanachan, Paintm Hy Storm, 4.

**Best Rider 17-21 years:** Lauren Knauf, Tangiwai Warrior, 1; Rachael McLanachan, Paintm Hy Storm, 2.

**Best Rider over 21 years:** Jess Herries, Tane Mahuta, 1; Sarah Frank, Willow, 2.

**Champion and Reserve Pleasure Horse:** Jess

Herries, Tane Mahuta, 1; Sarah Frank, Willow, 2.

### HORSE SADDLE HUNTERS

**Local Novice Saddle Hunter:** Jo Alexander, Whiorau Red, 1; Grace Cooney, Star Charm, 2.

**Novice Saddle Hunter 0-2 wins:** Jo Alexander, Whiorau Red, 1; Lisa Walker, Miss Serendipity, 2; Julie Spence, Kiwi Atom, 3; Kimberly McMillan, Tuatahi Thunder, 4.

**Novice Saddle Hunter 0-5 wins:** Jo Alexander, Whiorau Red, 1; Lindsay Averill, Almost Overcast, 2; Lisa Walker, Miss Serendipity, 3.

**Champion and Reserve Novice Saddle Hunter:** Jo Alexander, Whiorau Red, 1; Lindsay Averill, Almost Overcast, 2.

**Novice Paced & Mannered Saddle Hunter 0-5 wins:** Jo Alexander, Whiorau Red, 1; Brittany Tilson, Princess Dell, 2; Lindsay Averill, Almost Overcast, 3; Julie Spence, Kiwi Atom, 4.

**Open Saddle Hunter, over 148cm and not exceeding 163cm:** Brittany Tilson, Princess Dell, 1; Jo Alexander, Whiorau Red, 2; Lindsay Averill, Almost Overcast, 3; Lisa Walker, Miss Serendipity, 4.

**Open Lady's Saddle Hunter:** Brittany Tilson, Princess Dell, 1; Lindsay Averill, Almost Overcast, 2; Jo Alexander, Whiorau Red, 3; Lisa Walker, Miss Serendipity, 4.

**Champion and Reserve Open Saddle Hunter:** Brittany Tilson, Princess Dell, 1; Jo Alexander, Whiorau Red, 2.

**Open Paced & Mannered Saddle Hunter:** Lindsay Averill, Almost Overcast, 1; Jo Alexander, Whiorau Red, 2; Kimberly McMillan, Tuatahi Thunder, 3.

**RAS Livamol Thoroughbred Series Class:** Jade Gunness, Amaretto, 1; Rebecca Watson, Kilmac, 2; Lisa Boniface, Dash of Bling, 3.

### RIDING HORSE

**Best Presented Riding Horse, open to all riding horses over 148cm:** Madeleine Eastwood, Raffaelian GoldStar, 1; vanessa wilkins, El Diva, 2; Rebecca Watson, Kilmac, 3; Sandra Faulkner, L W Abracadabra, 4.

**Novice Riding Horse over 148cm 0-2 wins:** Danielle Taylor, Ramoon, 1; Rachael McLanachan, La La Lola, 2; Sandra Faulkner, L W Abracadabra, 3; Madeleine Eastwood, Raffaelian GoldStar, 4.

**Novice Riding Horse over 148cm 0-5 wins:** Danielle Taylor, Ramoon, 1; Rachael McLanachan, La La Lola, 2; Madeleine Eastwood, Raffaelian GoldStar, 3; Sandra Faulkner, L W Abracadabra, 4.

**Champion and Reserve Novice Riding Horse over 148cm:** Danielle Taylor, Ramoon, 1; Rachael McLanachan, La La Lola, 2.

**Novice Paced & Mannered Riding Horse over 148cm 0-5 wins:** Danielle Taylor, Ramoon, 1; Rachael McLanachan, La La Lola, 2; Madeleine Eastwood, Raffaelian GoldStar, 3; Sandra Faulkner, L W Abracadabra, 4.

**Open Riding Horse over 148cm and not exceeding 163cm:** Madeleine Eastwood, Raffaelian GoldStar, 1; Leah Bibby, Royal Enfield, 2.

**Open Riding Horse over 163cm:** Danielle Taylor, Ramoon, 1; Rachael McLanachan, La La Lola, 2; Sandra Faulkner, L W Abracadabra, 3; Rebecca Watson, Kilmac, 4.

**Open Lady's Riding Horse on type (Conformation class) Lady or Gentleman Rider:** Rachael McLanachan, La La Lola, 1; Rebecca Watson, Kilmac, 2; Vanessa Wilkins, El Diva, 3.

**Open Gentleman's Riding Horse on type (Conformation class) Lady or Gentleman Rider:** Danielle Taylor, Ramoon, 1; Madeleine Eastwood, Raffaelian GoldStar, 2; Sandra Faulkner, L W Abracadabra, 3; Leah Bibby, Royal Enfield, 4.

**Champion and Reserve Open Riding Horse over 148cm:** Danielle Taylor, Ramoon, 1; Rachael McLanachan, La La Lola, 2.

**Open Paced & Mannered Riding Horse over 148cm:** Madeleine Eastwood, Raffaelian GoldStar, 1; Rebecca Watson, Kilmac, 2; Danielle Taylor, Ramoon, 3; Rachael McLanachan, La La Lola, 4.

**PARK HACK/HACK COMBINED Novice Small Hack over 148cm and not exceeding 158cm, 0-5 wins:** Rosalyn Waghorn, RnB Whorley Marz, 1.

**Novice Hack over 158cm, 0-5 wins:** Lauren Knauf, Jamomity, 1; Lisa Boniface, Dash of Bling, 2.

**Champion and Reserve Novice Hack over 148cm:** Lauren Knauf, Jamomity, 1; Rosalyn Waghorn, RnB Whorley Marz, 2.

**Novice Paced & Mannered Hack over 148cm and not exceeding 158cm, 0-5 wins:** Rosalyn Waghorn, RnB Whorley Marz, 1.

**Open Hack over 148cm and not exceeding 153cm:** Jade Gunness, Amaretto, 1; Rosalyn Waghorn, RnB Whorley Marz, 2.

**Champion and Reserve Champion Open Small Hack over 158cm:** Rosalyn Waghorn, RnB Whorley Marz, 1; Jade Gunness, Amaretto, 2.

**Open Hack over 163cm:** Lauren Knauf, Jamomity, 1; Lisa Boniface, Dash of Bling, 2.

**Open Gentleman's Hack on type over 158cm:** Lisa Boniface, Dash of Bling, 1; Lauren Knauf, Jamomity, 2.

**Champion and Reserve Champion Open Large Hack:** Lauren Knauf, Jamomity, 1; Lisa Boniface, Dash of Bling, 2.

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# Valuable experience gained as rain has last say

CRICKET by Ben O'Brien-Leaf

IT'S a trip they'll remember with feeling.

Despite losing five games and their last match against Upper Hutt being abandoned because of the weather, the Poverty Bay boys Year 7 team gained valuable experience at the Riverbend cricket camp.

Bay captain Nathaniel Fearnley won the toss and chose to field first against Upper Hutt on the grass pitch at Nelson Park in Hastings.

Upper Hutt were impressive. Opener Lochlan Cameron (49), who was later named their Most Valuable Player, Zach Jefferys (45), Davy Beattie (42) and Riley Humphrey (21) all batted superbly in a total of 227 for six wickets from their 30 overs.

IT'S the first time for four of them. But odds are that Poverty Bay cricketers Jonah Reynolds, Riki Reedy, Dillon Jackson and Joe Singh will have an experience to remember at the Riverbend Year 6 tournament starting tomorrow.

"I'd like the boys with a bit of experience to lead from the front — Jack Holden, Caleb Taewa, Arlo Willis, Leo Starck and Jonah with the ball; Joel Kirkpatrick, Cam Walters, Brandon Fearnley with the bat," said Poverty Bay senior representative Jimmy Holden, who is coaching the team alongside Tim Kirkpatrick.

Reynolds, who represented Poverty Bay at the Northern Districts primary schoolboys tournament in Cambridge last November, is in good touch.

Jefferys and Cameron put on a 109-run stand finally broken three balls into the 16th over by spinner Riker Rolls (1 for 14

He made an unbeaten 40 in a five-run loss to Poverty Bay Y7s team in a warm-up game.

"Dillon took one for nine runs from his three overs against the Y7s while Arlo made 30 not out and Riki (8no) also impressed with some nice shots towards the end of our innings in that game."

Singh, Taewa and Holden give the side three left-arm seam bowlers (a useful point of difference) and in keeping with the Riverbend philosophy, all players are encouraged and given opportunities to develop.

Poverty Bay open their six-match Riverbend campaign tomorrow against Cornwall Blue at Windsor Park in Hastings.

All games are 30-over matches.

off 2 overs).

Medium pacers Tom Rouse (1-22 off 4), Connor Starck (1-24 off 4) and Ollie

Egan (1-33 off 2) were Poverty Bay's other successful bowlers.

In response to Upper Hutt's big total, the Andrew Scott-coached PB were 92-3 after 16 overs when rain stopped play.

Poverty Bay No.3 Taye McGuinness hit three boundaries in his 25-ball 23 not out — a fine innings — and was in the middle with Egan (11 off 10 balls) when the rain came.

"The Poverty Bay team were great strikers of the ball," said Upper Hutt coach Dinesh Asthana.

"It's a shame the rain set in as their batsmen were starting to play their shots and put pressure on us.

"Had the game continued, we would have had a fight on our hand.

"Poverty Bay's sportsmanship and team spirit was certainly the best we saw or encountered in the whole tournament."

# England crush SA

## Tail wag delays inevitable test victory

CRICKET by Gerald Imray, AP

PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa — England walloped South Africa by an innings and 53 runs in the third test to turn the series around and lead 2-1 with one to play.

England needed four wickets on the last day in Port Elizabeth and fast bowler Stuart Broad ticked the first one off in the first over to send Vernon Philander packing for 13.

England went through the South African tail fairly quickly to have the home team 138-9 until a boundary-filled last-wicket partnership of 99 between Keshav Maharaj and Dane Paterson held up the victory charge.

It was temporary frustration for England. Maharaj was run out for 71 with a direct hit from Sam Curran just before lunch to confirm England's big victory and its first by an innings overseas in nearly a decade.

England made 499-9 declared batting first with 135 not out by youngster Ollie Pope and 120 from inspirational allrounder Ben Stokes, and were in control from early on.

The England bowlers, with seamers and spinners working in unison, bowled South Africa out for 209 and 237.

"I thought it was a brilliant template for us moving forward as a team," England captain Joe Root said.

"Big first-innings runs and then we really drove the game from that point onwards."

A draw in the last test in Johannesburg would be enough for a landmark series victory away from home for Root's young team, half of whom are under 25.

There were positives everywhere in Port Elizabeth for England, including the emergence of a young crop, with Pope and offspinner Dom Bess, both only 22, the standouts at St George's Park.

Pope played superbly for his maiden test century and Bess took 5-51 in South Africa's first innings, the first five wickets



**CLEAN BOWLED:** Anrich Nortje, of South Africa, is bowled by Dominic Bess, of England, during Day 5 of the third cricket test in Port Elizabeth. England won by an innings and 53 runs to take a 2-1 series lead with one test to go. AP picture

of the innings and his first five-wicket haul in tests.

There was also the return from injury of fast bowler Mark Wood, who was fearsome at times and clocking speeds of 145kph on a slow pitch. He took 3-32 in the South African second innings in his first test in nearly a year.

Stokes, the world cricketer of the year, continues to be the driving force for England.

The overall effect is that Root's test team have learned to win again having gone through a lean 2019, with losses in West Indies and New Zealand, and failing to win back the Ashes at home.

South Africa are staring at a third straight series defeat and second straight at home.

In the side for his spin bowling, Maharaj's flamboyance and free-hitting

half-century won't distract from the deep problems. He hit 10 fours and three sixes, including three boundaries and two sixes off Root in one over.

The last ball went for four leg byes and those 28 runs equalled the world record for number of runs in a test over — a strange record amid England's dominance.

No. 11 Paterson clubbed six fours in his 39 off 40 balls.

South Africa can still save the series at the Wanderers but will have to do it without leading fast bowler Kagiso Rabada, who is banned, and with its coach, captain and under-performing batting line-up under severe pressure.

"It's a tough time but there's no running away from it, there's no escape," captain Faf du Plessis said.

"I'm the leader of the team."

# Tana's nephew named in England squad

RUGBY

THE next Umaga stands on the verge of international rugby.

Wasps playmaker Jacob Umaga, the nephew of former All Blacks captain Tana and son of ex-Samoan fullback Mike, is one of eight uncapped players included in England's regenerated 34-man Six Nations squad.

Umaga played for England

under-18s and u20s but is still eligible for Samoa and New Zealand. As a teenager, the now 21-year-old spent eight months with the Auckland provincial team who won the Mitre 10 Cup. After initially breaking his arm on that stint he worked his way back to fitness and identifies his time in New Zealand as having a major influence on his development.

Umaga's footwork, pace and

ability to take the ball flat to the line has since impressed at Wasps this season to the point he has been selected ahead of Lima Sopoaga for the last four Premiership matches.

Umaga has been selected as England's third-choice first five-eighth, behind captain Owen Farrell and George Ford, and is therefore unlikely to feature much in the first test campaign of 2020, unless injuries strike.

Umaga's promotion comes largely at the expense of Harlequins playmaker Marcus Smith, the 20-year-old who has played for England against the Barbarians previously.

After revealing his squad, which excluded 10 players from last year's world cup squad, coach Eddie Jones declared ambitions to make England the "greatest team the rugby world has ever seen". — NZ Herald

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Duck cops hammering at GP

GISBORNE Speedway Club driver David "Duck" Hampton was treated for concussion in hospital after a carnage-filled New Zealand Streetstock Grand Prix in Wellington at the weekend.

Hampton took a thumping in the 26-car three-race finals of the GP.

Brenden Gooch (3NZ), Cody Gooch (6G), Sean Gooch (9G) and Hampton (88G) made the finals.

"Cody had to withdraw with engine trouble, Brenden got hammered by the Rotorua cars, along with Duck Hampton," said crew member Neil Gooch.

Hampton was treated in hospital on Sunday night for the effects of concussion.

Sean finished best, in fourth, a point off making the podium. Hampton was fifth and Brenden sixth.

"The hitting from the other cars was just unbelievable," said Neil Gooch.

### Vette's run ends in quarters

GISBORNE teenager Finn Vette made it to the quarterfinals of a World Surf League Men's Junior Tour contest in Australia over the weekend.

The recently-crowned New Zealand under-16 men's champion competed at the Queensland Tour Junior at Duranbah Beach on the Gold Coast.

Vette was second in his Round 1 heat, totalling 8.5 (3.75, 4.75) out of a possible 20 for his two best waves — 0.35 behind Australian Blake Ireland.

Vette advanced to the quarterfinals with a second placing in his Round 2 heat. He totalled 12.25 (6.65, 5.6) to trail heat winner Australian Marlon Harrison on 13.60.

Needing a top-two finish to move into the semifinals, Vette fell short with a score of 9.2 (4.35, 4.85) to place third. Aussie pair Jackson Graham (12.25) and Taj Simon (10.45) progressed.

Australian George Pittar won the final with a score of 16.35 (8.6, 7.75).

### Lopez wins seven-hole playoff

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Florida — Having already battled for five extra holes into darkness without producing a champion a day earlier, Gaby Lopez and Nasa Hataoka showed up to work at 8am, just like regular folks.

Lopez who rolled in a 30-foot birdie putt to prevail on the seventh playoff hole and capture the LPGA season-opening Diamond Resorts Tournament of Champions.

The elite field featured 26 LPGA tournament champions who had won tournaments in the past two seasons. This was the LPGA's fourth-longest playoff. The longest was 10 holes at the 1972 Corpus Christi Civitan Open. — AP

### Lampard keen on Cavani

LONDON — Chelsea manager Frank Lampard is keen on bringing more experience into his squad now the club's transfer ban has been lifted.

That could mean a bid for Paris Saint-Germain striker Edinson Cavani. The 32-year-old Cavani wants to leave PSG after six and a half years at the French champions, and Lampard said he was a fan of the Uruguay international.

Lampard has relied on youngsters like Tammy Abraham and Mason Mount in his first season in charge of Chelsea, who were banned by FIFA from registering players in the summer and January transfer windows for breaking transfer rules that protect youth players.

Chelsea won an appeal at the Court of Arbitration for Sport in December to have the transfer ban overturned. — AP

# Taurua satisfied with progress

NETBALL by Liam Napier, NZME

NOTTINGHAM — As far as new eras go, New Zealand netball coach Noeline Taurua could not have asked for any more from her emerging Silver Ferns.

Dispatching a similarly new-look England side by 16 goals in Nottingham — the largest winning margin against the hosts since 2017 — is impressive enough but to get all 11 players on court represents several boxes ticked for the first outing of 2020.

In the context of the international game, it's important to acknowledge England are missing the likes of influential shooters Helen Housby and Jo Harten, defender Geva Mentor and midcourt veteran Serena Guthrie for the Netball Nations Cup.

But so, too, have the Ferns left Laura Langman and Katrina Rore at home while adapting to life after Maria Folau and Casey Kopua following last year's World Cup success in Liverpool.

Those thrust into starting roles, and those used off the bench, proved the future is bright for the Ferns.

"I'm really happy with the result but also getting everyone out on court and the manner in which they performed out there," Taurua said of the 64-48 victory.

"One of the things we need to be mindful of is we are looking forward for the next four years but also the now. It's stressful sometimes to know you are going to make those changes but I couldn't be more proud of everybody who took the court.

"We knew this is the start for us and we'll get a feel as to how good or not we are. It's a great start and now we know what we need to work on. We haven't got some of those senior players but behind the scenes we've known we've got players who are ready to step up. It's a testament out there to know what they can do."

In the post-Folau era Maia Wilson grabbed her 11th test by the scruff of the neck to score from 27 of 29 shots and combine brilliantly with new captain Ameliaranne Ekenasio under the hoop.

"Her numbers were amazing, the volume of her shots," Taurua said of the 21-year-old Wilson.

"Her coming off Maria retiring is massive and a huge confidence boost for her."

Taurua made changes in every quarter, yet even as England capitalised on New Zealand's repeat errors the Ferns regained composure to re-establish their dominance.

Shannon Saunders was the sole squad member to play the full match, switching between centre and wing attack.

"I thought she was outstanding," Taurua said.

"She's like a fine wine. She thinks she's old but she's only 29 so she's a young buck but she's been around a very long time. She's coming into her own physically and mentally and knowing where her space is out on court. She had a very mature game and she was able to control the momentum."

Ekenasio, in her first test as captain, embraced the occasion.

"It definitely felt a bit different and I've been feeling into that role for the past week so getting out there tonight was an immense sense of pride," Ekenasio said.

"I don't remember the last time we won that big over England so it definitely feels good but it's a good place to start and we can see what we can work on."

"It was good for us to start a new four-year cycle off like that and getting new girls blooded and giving everyone a good shot."

The only bad news for the Ferns was that defender Michaela Sokolich-Beatson is heading home after rupturing her Achilles in training this week, leaving the squad one player short for the remainder of the tournament.

Jane Watson and Phoenix Karaka linked nicely here but that pairing, and Karin Burger at wing defence, will be tested in the Ferns' next match against Jamaica, who defeated South Africa 59-54 after leading 33-28 at halftime in Birmingham on Thursday (NZT).

"The difficult thing for us against Jamaica is they've got the elevation game," Taurua said.

"The pressure we put on outside has to be huge, otherwise they're going to bomb it in. There are things we did really well which I know will combat them but it's a totally different game."

**NEW ROLE:** Ameliaranne Ekenasio in action against Wales at the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games. Ekenasio captained New Zealand against England at the weekend. NZ Herald picture



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## WEATHER FOR TOMORROW

21 Jan, 2020

### MIDNIGHT TONIGHT

### NOON TOMORROW

### GISBORNE TIDE MOVEMENT

Wednesday Jan 22			Thursday Jan 23		
Time	Tide	Time	Tide	Time	Tide
am 3	1.5	am 3	1.5	am 3	1.5
6	2.5	6	2.5	6	2.5
9	3.5	9	3.5	9	3.5
noon	2.5	noon	2.5	noon	2.5
3	1.5	3	1.5	3	1.5
6	0.5	6	0.5	6	0.5
9pm	1.5	9pm	1.5	9pm	1.5

### NZ SITUATION

A ridge covers most of the country, but a front does move onto the lower South Island later tomorrow. The front then crosses the rest of the South Island on Thursday, then disperses over the North Island early Friday under the ridge.

### GISBORNE SUN PROTECTION ALERT

9:10 AM - 5:20 PM

PROTECTION REQUIRED

Wear a hat and sunglasses

Data provided by NIWA

### GISBORNE CITY

TOMORROW	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
morning min 15 Morning cloud clearing to fine spells. Light winds.	morning min 16 Fine. Light winds and sea breezes.	morning min 16 Fine. Light winds and sea breezes.
max 26	max 26	max 26

### WORLD TOMORROW

Adelaide	fine	20 31
Amsterdam	cloudy	1 8
Bangkok	showers	25 34
Beijing	fine	-6 6
Berlin	cloudy	2 7
Brisbane	fine	25 35
Buenos Aires	cloudy	23 30
Cairo	fine	9 16
Canberra	fine	13 32
Cape Town	fine	15 24
Delhi	fine	7 19
Frankfurt	fine	-4 3
Geneva	cloudy	-2 5
Hong Kong	fine	19 23
London	rain	-1 8
Los Angeles	fine	11 19
Melbourne	showers	15 32
Moscow	snow	-1 1
New York	fine	-4 4
Paris	fine	-1 5
Perth	fine	14 25
Singapore	showers	24 34
Stockholm	fine	2 5
Suva	showers	22 30
Sydney	fine	21 29
Tokyo	cloudy	2 10
Toronto	fine	-7 1

### GISBORNE REGION

Morning cloud, then fine spells and isolated afternoon and evening showers about the ranges. Light winds, NE breezes about the coast.	Fine. Light wind and sea breezes.	Fine. Light winds and sea breezes.	Fine. Light winds and sea breezes.
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### SATURDAY

Fine. Light winds and sea breezes.

### NZ TOMORROW

Auckland	fine	24
Hamilton	fine	26
Tauranga	fine	27
Rotorua	fine	26
Taupo	fine	26
Napier	fine	24
New Plymouth	fine	21
Palmerston North	fine	25
Wellington	fine	21
Christchurch	fine	24
Queenstown	fine	24
Dunedin	fine	21

### GISBORNE READINGS

Taken at the Airport, for the 24 hours to 9am, Tuesday 21 Jan 2020

<b>SUNSHINE</b> hours	6.0
On Monday, 20 Jan	6.0
To date for January	172.4
Average for January	240.0
To date this year	172.4
To date last year	201.4
<b>WIND</b> km/h	
Max gust on Mon 20 Jan	SE 28
<b>RAINFALL</b> mm	
24 hours to 9am, Tue 21 Jan	0.0
To date for January	28.6
Average for January	56.0
To date this year	28.6
To date last year	41.2
<b>EVAPOTRANSPIRATION</b> mm	
Daily average for past week	3.6
<b>TEMPERATURE</b> °C	
Maximum	21.2
Minimum	16.4
Grass minimum	15.1
<b>BAROMETRIC PRESSURE</b>	
At 9am 21 Jan (hPa)	1016.9
At 9am 21 Jan (inches)	30.03

### TODAY IN HISTORY

**2015** – Thundery showers brought hail to parts of Hawke's Bay including Hastings and Havelock North. Masterton was also struck by a sudden downpour which caused minor surface flooding on some streets.

For the latest weather info including Weather Warnings visit [metSERVICE.com](http://metSERVICE.com)



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# Sidecar champs now set for March

**SPEEDWAY** by Murray Robertson

THE wet weather got the better of Gisborne Speedway Club at the weekend. After three attempts to stage the New Zealand sidecar championship meeting, the club postponed it until March.

A wet track stopped the qualifying rounds on Friday night and, despite a reasonable amount of sunshine during the day on Saturday, the track was still too wet to race on.

The club tried again to run the meeting from 1pm on Sunday, but the persistent showers continued to make the Eastland Group Raceway track too

dangerous for racing.

"We had the track graded again on Saturday night but overnight further rain soaked in and softened the track too much," club president Clyde McGrory said.

"It was just too dangerous for the bike riders."

A line of 30 sidecar combinations from across the country had come to Gisborne for the championships.

"After Friday's practice they told us they could not believe how fast and smooth the track was," McGrory said.

"Then the rain came.

"They told us on Sunday the decision to

postpone the meeting was a good call.

"They were really worried about riding on the wet track.

"So we have decided to reschedule the championship for March 6 and 7. We were planning to run the sidecar champion of champions that weekend anyway."

The weekend meeting was also to have been the third and fourth rounds of the Eastland TQ Masters series, with a dozen cars from around the North Island here for it.

"The TQ guys were disappointed as well, but the track was way too wet for them, too," McGrory said.

"Those final two rounds of the TQ series will be staged at a date to be set."

Rain-out passes were given to people who attended on Friday night. A good-sized crowd was building when the rain came.

"Those passes will be honoured at any other meeting this season," McGrory said. "We appreciate the support of our fans and their understanding."

The club's next meeting will be on February 1. It will feature the coveted Ashley Scott Memorial for stockcars, as well as racing for saloons, production saloons, streetstocks and youth ministocks.

# BIG TEST FOR KYRGIOS

**TENNIS** by Glenn Cullen and Melissa Woods, AAP

MELBOURNE — The Nick Kyrgios rehabilitation regime will undergo its first big test of the summer as the mercurial star gets his Melbourne Park campaign under way with a dozen other Australians today.

Getting warm support following his fundraising efforts for the Australian bushfires, Kyrgios nonetheless finds himself walking a tightrope with a 16-week suspended ban hanging over his head.

While he acquitted himself well at the ATP Cup, he admitted being far more relaxed in the team environment with the season-opening grand slam and best-of-five-set matches expected to be much more of a physical and mental challenge for him.

He says Italian opponent Lorenzo Sonego will also present his share of problems.

"Sonego is a tough competitor," Kyrgios said.

"I played him in Cincinnati last year. It was a tough match. Very capable player. Big serve. Loves to hit his forehand."

On Monday, rain restricted all but the earliest of matches to the three covered courts but today, after some morning showers, things were expected to clear for a jam-packed schedule.

Alexei Popyrin has an intriguing match against 2008 finalist Jo-Wilfried Tsonga.

The world No.96 will be looking to continue on from last year's admirable grand slam efforts, where he won through every first-round match.

At the Australian Open he took out two-time French Open finalist Dominic Thiem.

John Millman faces a tough clash with Ugo Humbert, the 21-year-old Frenchman

in excellent touch after taking out last week's Auckland International.

Jordan Thompson and Ajla Tomljanovic head the rest of the local hopes.

Of the internationals, a slew of tournament fancies are scheduled to get their campaigns under way.

World No.1 Rafael Nadal looks to have the most straightforward of matches, the Spaniard up against 73rd-ranked Bolivian Hugo Dellien.

Elsewhere things get a little more interesting.

Daniil Medvedev is expected to encounter some opposition from 2019 quarterfinalist Frances Tiafoe while Simona Halep will have to counter the heavy hitting of Jennifer Brady.

And Alexander Zverev has a tough first-up clash with Marco Cecchinato.

• **Novak Djokovic has a New Year's resolution to enjoy his tennis and for three sets during his Australian Open first-round match against German Jan-Lennard Struff he did just that.**

**But the defending champion didn't have it all his way, forced to refocus after a third-set hiccup to seal a 7-6 (7-5) 6-3 2-6 6-1 victory on Rod Laver Arena last night.**

**The win was the world No.2's 900th ATP career victory — the sixth-highest in ATP history — and kept him on track for an unprecedented eighth crown at Melbourne Park.**

**Djokovic said he would probably not be repeating one particular shot in any of his coming matches.**

**Djokovic attempted a "tweener" — a shot hit between the legs — during the first set while racing to play at the net, only for it to fall short.**

**He said he would leave such shots to Australian Nick Kyrgios, who has made the trick shot his own.**



**NOT FOR ALL:** Nick Kyrgios plays a shot between his legs during his match against Jan-Lennard Struff at the ATP Cup tennis tournament in Brisbane this month. Australian Open defending champion Novak Djokovic said he would leave such shots to Kyrgios after his attempt at a "tweener" fell short yesterday. AP picture

# Retiring Wozniacki eyes Open fairytale

**TENNIS** by Callum Godde, AAP

MELBOURNE — Former Australian Open champion Caroline Wozniacki has kept the flame flickering on an unlikely second slam to end her career, storming into the second round.

The 29-year-old Dane, who will retire from the sport at the end of the tournament, powered past US world No.92 Kristie Ahn 6-1 6-3 in her Melbourne Park opener.

Wozniacki, unseeded at the Open for the first time since 2008 after slipping to world No.36, was at her consistent best, finishing with only 11 unforced errors to Ahn's 34.

Rain momentarily halted her progression into the last 64 at 4-3 in the second set on Margaret Court Arena.

With the roof closed, Wozniacki held serve easily before breaking the American for a fifth time to close out the match in an hour and 25 minutes.

Wozniacki, who memorably beat Simona Halep in a marathon final in 2018 to break her grand slam hoodoo, said the brief break in play elevated her anxiety as the finish line approached.

"I got a little nervous in the end," she said.

"I just wanted to close it off. Once the roof came on, it felt like I relaxed a little bit.

"I took some time in between points and was able to finish that one off."

Wozniacki will now meet either 23rd-seeded Ukrainian Dayana Yastremska or Slovenian qualifier Kaja Juvan next up and is not discounting a

deep run at her final major.

"I hope so," she said when asked if she had another six wins in her.

"I'm going to do my best to go all the way. For now, it's one down and six to go. I'm ready for it."

Elsewhere, women's seeds mostly shone on a gloomy Monday in Melbourne.

Searching for a long-awaited 24th grand slam title to equal Margaret Court's record, Serena Williams dispatched Czech teenager Anastasia Potapova 6-0 6-3 in just 58 minutes.

Naomi Osaka also got her Australian Open defence off to an impressive start with a 6-2 6-4 victory over rising young Czech Marie Bouzkova.

Petra Kvitova, beaten by Osaka in a nail-biting final last year, reduced countrywoman Katerina Siniakova to

tears late in the second set, conceding just one game as she won 6-1 6-0.

Fourteenth-seeded US star Sofia Kenin made short work of Italian Martina Trevisan with a 6-2 6-4 victory.

Croatian Petra Martic, seeded one spot higher than Kenin, handed American Christina McHale a 6-3 6-0 beating.

On Court 19, 25th-seeded Ekaterina Alexandrova had a tougher time.

The Russian was pushed to a deciding set by Swiss Jil Teichmann but triumphed 6-4 4-6 6-2 before play on outside courts was suspended as a large downpour settled in over Melbourne Park.

American 24th seed Sloane Stephens was up a set and a break before crumbling to a 2-6 7-5 6-2 loss to unseeded Zhang Shuai from China.