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WHALE TRAGEDY AT WAINUI 50th anniversary of gruesome stranding

THERE were ghastly sights and smells this day 50 years ago when 59 sperm whales beached themselves at the northern end of Wainui Beach.

The whales, measuring between 15 and 35 feet (4.6 to 10.7 metres), could not be saved and over the next few days were buried in a mass grave at an area now simply known as Whales.

Former Gisborne mayor Meng Foon, a primary school student at the time, said the whales seemed like monsters.

"It is a memorable event of my childhood."

Ministry of Works staff wore masks and sprayed the whales with a mixture of water and deodorant in an attempt to reduce "the stench that is quickly pervading the area".

Some whales "split open and spewed innards on to the sand".

However, the public was not put off by the smell or by the sight of the whales, some of which were still alive. So many cars and buses appeared at the beach that traffic officers were sent to the area.

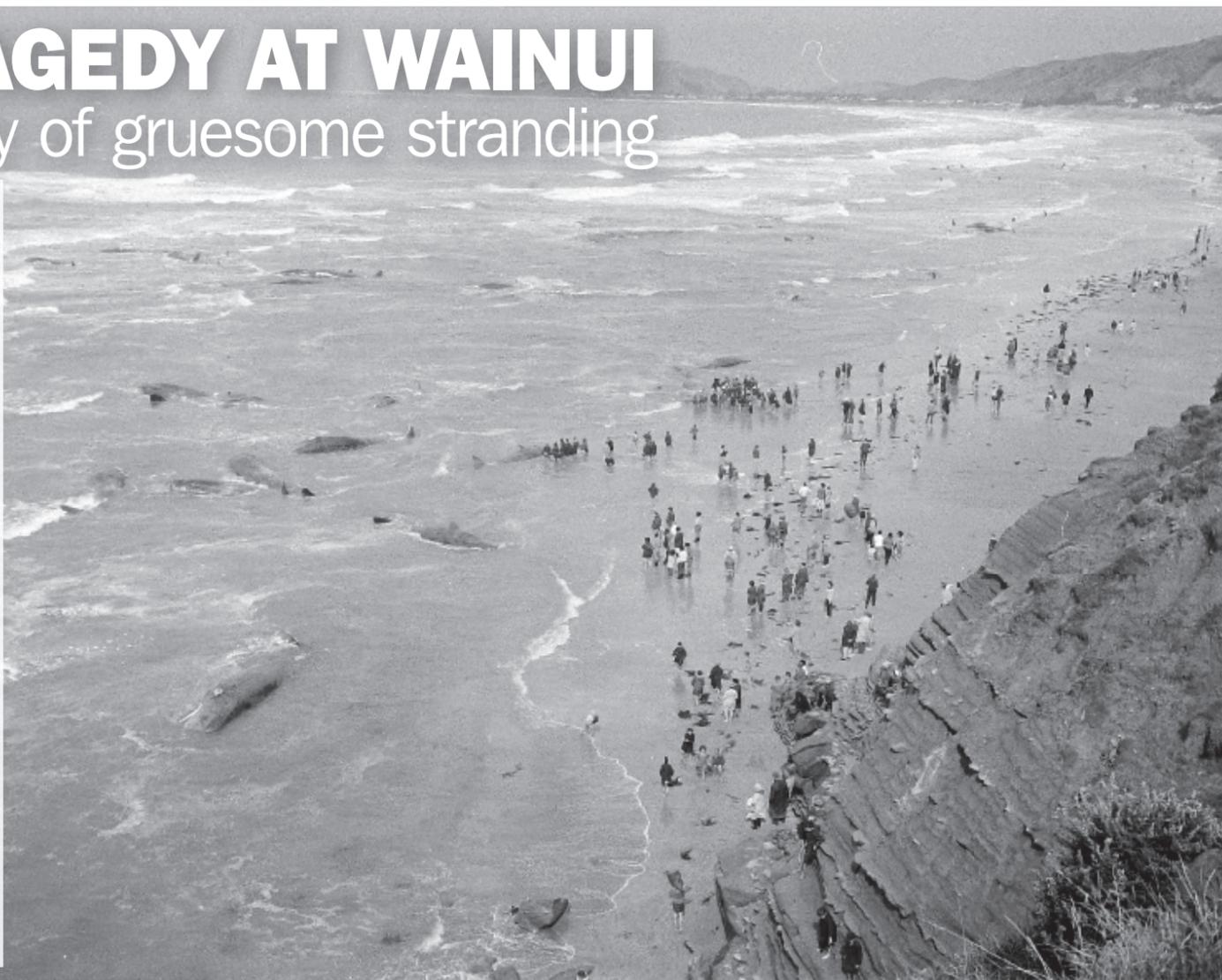
Members of the public were able to walk right up to the whales and there were eye-witness accounts of some people cutting pieces off the mammals.

The lead article in The Herald's Weekender this Saturday will report on the event in more detail.

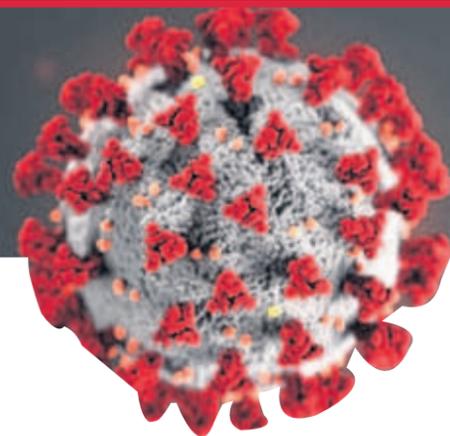
One witness told The Herald he saw blood squirting 25 metres up into the air as a whale was pushed along the beach by the blades of a bulldozer, which cut it like ring-barking a tree.

"I never went back."

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RESCUE PACKAGE



- Panic buying in local supermarkets
- No positive test yet in Tairawhiti
- Club rugby, netball postponed
- Measures in place at Gisborne schools
- Common flug vaccine campaign brought forward
- 197,766 Covid-19 cases worldwide, 7954 deaths, 81,691 recoveries

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by Andrew Ashton

STRUGGLING Gisborne forestry businesses are now able to claim a \$150,000 wage subsidy to pay workers a guaranteed \$585 a week through the Government's Covid-19 economic rescue package.

But for some, it is already too late. Finance Minister Grant Robertson yesterday announced a \$12.1 billion package comprising an initial \$500 million boost for health; \$5.1 billion in wage subsidies for affected businesses in all sectors and regions; \$126 million in Covid-19 leave and self-isolation support; \$2.8 billion income support package for our most vulnerable, including a permanent \$25 per week benefit increase and a doubling of the Winter Energy Payment for 2020; \$100 million redeployment package; \$2.8 billion in business tax changes to free

up cash-flow, including a provisional tax threshold lift, the reinstatement of building depreciation and writing off interest on the late payment of tax; \$600 million initial aviation support package.

"To support this we have established a \$100 million funding to support worker redeployment and training. The first announcement on this will be a package for the Tairawhiti region in the coming days," Mr Robertson said.

Funding would help provide a Covid-19 leave payment scheme to incentivise self-isolation by employees, the self-employed and contractors, providing an entitlement period of 14 days for those self-isolating, and for the entire period of sickness for those who contract Covid-19.

Eligibility for wage subsidies is open to all firms, the self-employed; and for contractors, but not for those who can

work from home.

Eligible firms will be provided a lump-sum payment of the equivalent of \$585 per week per full-time employee and \$350 per week per part-time employee for 12 weeks up to a cap of \$150,000.

To qualify businesses must declare they have had a 30 percent decline in revenue due to Covid-19 month-on-month for any month between January and June this year (compared to last year) and they have talked to their bank about assistance.

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A CADILLAC ON WATER: Gisborne surfer Hamiora Gibson performs the hang five, a classic move that befits the movement dedicated to 1960s style, single-fin surfboards known colloquially as the “dunga” or “log”. Gibson was competing at the West End Wiggle surfing competition at Ohope. It was won by fellow Gisborne “Dune Dogz” member Daniel Procter, who likens the old-school board to a “cadillac on water”.
Picture supplied



‘The essence of surfing’

Dune Dog Procter wins West End Wiggle

by Mark Peters

A SURFING competition dedicated to 1960s style, single-fin surfboards known colloquially as dungas or logs was won by a Gisborne man.

Daniel Procter was part of a group of Gisborne log riders called the Dune Dogz, who competed in the West End Wiggle surf competition at Ohope over the weekend.

Although other commitments meant Procter had not surfed for some time, and he was about 10 years older than the other competitors, his moves landed him the win.

“I’m just happy I’ve still got it,” he said. “The level of surfing was super-high. It’s a cool event with a great vibe.”

The log is said to be board design on which the “sport of kings” began in Hawaii — an unrefined piece of redwood with one fin and no rocker (nose-to-tail curve in the board).

Interest in bringing back the spirit,



LOGGING ON: Seen here hanging five in the 2018 surf nationals, Daniel Procter won the inaugural West End Wiggle surf competition at Ohope over the weekend. The competition was dedicated to 1960s style, single-fin surfboards known as logs.

Picture by Paul Rickard

style and design associated with long, straight surfboards of the ‘60s has become a global phenomenon.

Like the Makorori First Light Longboard Surfing Classic — which has a mix of modern longboards and dungas — Logger Heads at

Mangawhai and the coveted, invitation-only Single Fin Mingle at Christchurch’s Summer Beach, Ohope’s inaugural log competition attracted surfers from overseas and around the country.

“Log riding is a lifestyle,” said Procter.

“It’s more than a sport. It’s part of waking up, having breakfast and checking the surf. Now it’s back and popular it’s almost the in-thing.”

While many logs have been pulled out of storage, recovered from under the house or retrieved from shed rafters, surfboard shapers are creating new logs based on the 1960s design and weight (more than eight kilograms).

“It’s a different way of board riding,” said Procter. “You’re riding something of substance. You’re riding a Cadillac on the water, you’re riding a style.”

“You use the full length of the board to ride it with flow. You have to be strategic in the way to pace the wave.

Because you have more volume in the board you have to be creative.

“It’s a gracious, almost regal way of surfing. It was the sport of Hawaiian kings and queens. Logging is a return to the essence of the surfing.

“There’s a machismo about having a bigger board. With more time on the board your character comes out. You’re able to tell different stories.”

The crowning event, the Single Fin Mingle, has been cancelled this year due to the escalation in vigilance around the spread of coronavirus.

The Single Fin Mingle’s founding father Ambrose McNeil is said to scout logging events around the world for competitors for the Christchurch-based competition. The chosen are sent invitations.

“You can win a logging competition but not qualify,” said Procter.

He likened the invites to that sent by Hogwarts to boy wizard Harry Potter.

“It has that mystery about it. You get a letter to say you’re invited to the Mingle.

“I’m still waiting for mine.”

TheGuide Arts & Entertainment

- Musician and top bloke know as Spider (Peter Tekira) is sadly no longer with us. His son and fellow musician Garth talks about his dad’s life in music.
- Summer is over but the endless groove goes on with the classic sound of the ‘60s created by Gisborne band Set Waves.
- Shows are getting cancelled or postponed all over the place but the hormonal energy of Menopause the Musical goes on at the War Memorial Theatre tomorrow.

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Measures in place at Gisborne schools

by Kim Parkinson

PUTTING a stop to large assemblies and preparing for closures are among measures being taken at Gisborne's high schools to prevent the potential spread of the coronavirus.

Gisborne Boys' High School has stopped holding school assemblies and cancelled parent-teacher evenings and other planned events that require parents coming into the school and meeting as a big group.

It is also asking parents to be more vigilant in keeping children at home if they are not well.

Teachers have been provided with hand sanitiser which can be used by students in their classrooms while there are soap dispensers in all school toilets.

The school said it would be taking direction from the Ministry of Education about whether school will remain open.

Big sports events have been cancelled including the Maadi Cup national secondary school rowing regatta scheduled for March 40 to April 4 in Twizel and a rugby sevens event in Mount Maunganui. Both would have involved Gisborne students.

Campion College has postponed the Year 7 and 8 camp set to take place this week. Principal Paul McGuinness said the school had also postponed assemblies and would instead meet in year level groups if they needed to.

"In the case of a pandemic, the decision for schools to remain open or closed is normally made by the Ministry of Health through the Ministry of Education.

"It is not an individual school's decision unless staffing numbers drop to a level where we cannot ensure a safe learning environment. We are prepared for any length of closure if that decision eventuates.

"Our staff and students are well prepared to deliver online learning at all levels of the college. We have had this capacity in place for some time as it is part of our current curriculum programme."

Personal hygiene messages were constantly being reinforced with students, Mr McGuinness said.



Gisborne Girls' High School principal Jan Kumar said students were affected through Auckland's Polyfest and summer Tournament Week sports tournaments being postponed or cancelled.

"We are keeping our whanau informed and are planning for all eventualities so we can respond in a calm and organised way."

The school was being kept well-informed by the ministries of education and health and was passing on all information to parents and whanau.

Lytton High School is taking similar measures and has sent home a formal

letter from the principal advising parents to keep sick children at home.

The school is also in talks with the ministry about how learning would continue if it was forced to close.

Mr Elliot said he had offered the use of the school's Chromebooks to

those students who do not have their own. But he was concerned at whether Gisborne internet providers would be able to cope with the sudden increase in demand should the district's students all require internet at the same time.

Network engineer Max Brice, of internet provider Gisborne Net, said it had sufficient bandwidth to cope with the increased demand. In the current environment, usage peaked after school hours when students went online at home. In the case of a school having to close, usage would be similar but during school hours.

Parents of Mangapapa School, Gisborne's largest primary school with a roll of around 500, were this week asked by teachers if their child had access to a device and the internet. The school has been asked by the Ministry of Education to fill out a survey about its capacity for online learning should school closures happen.

‘ We are prepared for any length of closure if that decision eventuates ’

—Campion principal Paul McGuinness



EMPTY SHELVES: Pak'nSave has put a limit on certain goods after a wave of customers at Gisborne's two main supermarkets yesterday. It includes flour, sugar, toilet paper, cans of baked beans and spaghetti, and pasta. Picture supplied

PANIC BUYING

SOME shelves remained empty this morning after a wave of panic buying swept across Gisborne's two major supermarkets yesterday.

One mother from Motu told The Herald she was buying in bulk because her two sons were at boarding school and she had a feeling they would be sent home soon in the wake of Covid-19 restrictions.

Limits have been placed on certain items at Pak'nSave, with basics like flour, sugar and toilet paper rationed to three per customer.

Packets of pasta were limited to four per customer and cans of baked beans and spaghetti were limited to six.

Pak'nSave also opened a checkout lane specifically for the

elderly this morning.

At Countdown, similar items were unable to be restocked fast enough to keep up with demand. However, pasta, flour, toilet paper and nappies were in short supply.

The panic buying appeared to be contagious, said one Countdown customer, who had only popped in for a couple of things before she decided to stock up as well.

A grandmother said she was buying extra for her mokopuna in case they had to do 14 days of self-isolation.

Frozen vegetable were going out the door fast as well, with freezers being stocked as quickly as they were emptied.

Countdown is continuing with its online orders although there is a wait of one to two days for delivery.



FULL TROLLEY: Just one example of a loaded trolley at Pak'nSave yesterday. People were stocking up their pantries in case a period of self-isolation was required in the Covid-19 pandemic. Picture supplied

No positive tests here

Covid-19 rumours causing 'undue anxiety and harm': DHB

TAIRAWHITI health providers have tested several people at Gisborne Hospital and medical centres for Covid-19 but have not received any positive results.

"All positive results are announced by either the Director-General of Health or Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern," said a Hauora Tairawhiti spokeswoman.

The decision about whether someone should be tested for the coronavirus sits with the clinician.

"While we have swab clinics set up in Gisborne, Te Puia and Te Karaka, they are not walk-in clinics.

"If people just turn up they may be turned away.

"People have to be referred from their GP (ring first to make sure they are prepared for you) or Healthline at

0800 358 5453.

"Note the criteria for testing is anyone with a fever, sore throat, shortness of breath or coughing, who has returned from overseas in the last 14 days or been in close contact with a suspected or confirmed case of coronavirus.

"Unfortunately, the rumours around coronavirus are causing undue anxiety and harm.

"For some people, events like this can trigger feelings of anxiety, depression or desperation, among others.

"Please keep an eye on your friends and whanau and remember that you are not alone."

Free call or text 1737 at any time to talk to a trained mental health professional.

"Healthline has been under huge pressure with triple the number of calls from the same

time last year.

"You should only call Healthline for health information and support on self-isolation.

The trusted website for answers to many common questions about Covid-19 is www.health.govt.nz/covid-19

If you want information about the response beyond the Ministry of Health, visit www.govt.nz/covid-19 or call the Government Helpline 0800 779 997.

For travel advice, visit the Government's Safetravel website at www.safetravel.govt.nz/contact

If you are unable to work or have lost your job because of Covid-19, visit www.workandincome.govt.nz

If you are concerned about an event, contact the people organising it for information.

KEY MESSAGES FOR THE COMMUNITY

- Hand-washing — the virus is transmitted by droplets on hands and on objects in the environment when people cough and sneeze. Regular handwashing with soap and water for 20 seconds, combined with hand drying for 20 seconds kills the virus.

- Avoid hand contact with the mouth, nose and eyes where possible. Cough or sneeze into a tissue and discard safely, washing hands afterwards. Cough or sneeze into your elbow if a tissue is not available.

- If unwell with a respiratory condition, do not go to work or school until symptoms have passed.

- Get vaccinated against influenza — especially if you are in the category of people who can receive free vaccinations, that is, people with pre-existing health conditions and people 65 and over. The vaccine will not directly protect against Covid-19 but influenza in the community will be very serious where this is combined with Covid-19 infection should this virus spread later in winter.

- Phone the Healthline number (0800 611 116) for advice. They will connect with your primary care practice if you need to go there. Always ring ahead if you are going to a primary care practice with respiratory conditions so the team there can prepare — keeping you, the team and the community safe.

- Do not enter the hospital if you have respiratory conditions. Call the hospital number and you can be assessed before you enter if you need urgent care. Ring ahead if you are booked for an outpatient appointment and the hospital will reschedule for when you are well. Do not visit people in hospital if you are unwell.

FAMILY NOTICES

In Memoriam

In Memoriam

MOEROA ANN HOVELL

Passed away a year ago on 18th March 2019, surrounded by family.

One day the angels took our Mother! Far, far away. There is nothing, nothing that can prepare you. Prepare you for that day.

An unveiling is being held in Te Araroa, East Cape, on April 11th (Easter Weekend)

All welcome to come and join us on this special occasion.

DYER, Christopher (Chris)

One year ago today you left us, but never a day goes by that our thoughts are not with you. We love and miss you and you are forever in our hearts.

Love, your darling Doris and family, John and Julie, Katherine and Malcolm, Aidan and Kate, Jenna, Caylee and Matt, Brayden, Marlie, Arlo and Harrison.

The party up there must be great, as you haven't come to visit.

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FOR THE RANGATAHI: Among the 22 Licence to Work facilitators who attended a workshop run by Community Education Trust (COMET) Auckland youth employability director Shirley Johnson (third from left) are Suzanne Blacklaws (left, Lytton High), Simon Murphy (Gisborne Boys' High) and Cynthia Sidney (Tolaga Bay Area School).

Picture by Rebecca Grunwell

Workshop upskills LTW facilitators

LICENCE to Work facilitators got the chance to upskill at a training workshop in Gisborne. Run by Community Education Trust (COMET) Auckland youth employability director Shirley Johnson, the workshop was attended by 22 current and potential Licence to Work (LTW) facilitators.

"The facilitators come with a wealth of knowledge, as well as experience and understanding of the difficulties that our rangatahi face in terms of employability," said Licence to Work Tairawhiti project manager Karen Fenn.

"The workshops are about adding further depth to this knowledge and collectively

working together to make a difference.

Ms Johnson delivered a new edition of the LTW programme. It included a wellbeing focus where it is recognised many of the young people facilitators come across may have challenges that could impede gaining employment.

"It is exciting to see the growth of the programme and increase in the number of rangatahi participating in Licence to Work," said LTW Tairawhiti programme coordinatory Gill Higgins.

"I look forward to engaging further with providers and employers to support positive employment outcomes."

In attendance at the workshops, held at the Eastland Rescue Helicopter Trust building were facilitators representing Gisborne Girls' and Boys' High schools, Te Karaka Area School, Matapuna Training Centre, Tolaga Bay Area School, Campion College, Eastern Institute of Technology, Youth Services, Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou and Turanga Ararau, as well as Lytton High School who are new to the LTW programme this year.

The LTW programme is a cross sector, business-led initiative, designed to respond to business and industry concerns that young people may not be developing the soft skills needed to succeed in the workplace.

Just the three Ps plea from GDC

WET wipes, rags and plastic bags flushed down toilets caused a blockage at the Wilson Road sewer pump station in Kaiti yesterday morning and the council has called on the public to stick to the "three Ps" when it comes to what goes down the toilet.

The Wilson Road sewer pump station network is fed from Murdoch Road, Edelsten Place and Sponge Bay.

"This is a huge worry. Please don't flush wet wipes, rags or plastic bags down the toilet," was the plea on social media from the council yesterday.

"A reminder to only flush the three Ps — toilet paper, pee and poo."

BYO soap in public loos, for the moment

"BRING your own soap" is the message from Gisborne District Council as concerns are raised over a lack of handwashing facilities in public toilets amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Social media users have been decrying the lack of handwashing facilities in Gisborne public toilets.

The district council says most of its public toilets don't have soap or hand drying facilities, which are not a requirement but are considered best practice.

However, in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, the council is getting quotes for the installation and maintenance of soap dispensers and hand dryers in its public conveniences, liveable communities director Andrew White says.

"In the interim and because theft and vandalism are major problems in our public toilets, we encourage users to carry their own disinfectant handwash with them in the event that they use facilities without soap," Mr White says.

Farmers Market still on, with wash stations

GISBORNE Farmer's Market will continue throughout the coronavirus outbreak, until notified otherwise by the Government.

Although the Saturday market would continue, some health precautions would be implemented, Gisborne Farmers Market secretary Maggie Asplet said.

Most Farmers' Markets New Zealand members, of which Gisborne is one, attract fewer than 500 people at a time, and are not included in the government's new ban on large gatherings.

However, vendors would be asked to bring their own handwashing equipment to markets from now on, and washing stations would also be setup for patrons. Social distancing would also be encouraged around vendor stalls.

Support welcomed

FROM PAGE 1

Eastland Wood Council chief executive Kim Holland said the wage subsidy and business support initiative were great, particularly as the Government was moving quickly to allow businesses to take it up.

"This will be helpful for our small contractors who have been hardest hit over the past two months.

"Unfortunately though, the forest industry has lost some valuable and skilled people as a significant number of our small businesses have had to tighten their belts, while we have waited for this package to be announced.

"Hopefully, this will help them re-employ or re-deploy workers, and keep their businesses working."

Ms Holland suggested there should also be some wages assistance for those businesses in horticulture and agriculture taking on workers who had lost their jobs in the forestry sector.

"The Eastland Wood Council is working with Te Uru Rakau on some forest industry training initiatives to make the most of some of the downtime to build

One thing everyone can do is support our local small business owners.

some skills and capability, so that we are ready when things change.

"One thing everyone can do is help support our local small business owners across all sectors, to keep our regional economy going as best we can. We have got through thus far, and now it's about keeping people healthy and well, and keeping our small businesses working too."

Log truck company Williams-Wilshier managing director Warwick Wilshier said the package was fantastic news for smaller operators, but with 120 staff in Gisborne, the company was too big to qualify itself for assistance.

"It's a fantastic support package for smaller businesses, logging contractors and operators on the East Coast — the guys that have lost work.

"For us we are just going to have to do the best we can.

We have no intention of laying anyone off and in fact, we are still looking for more people.

"Our number one priority is to keep all our people working."

Gisborne Chamber of Commerce president Paul Naske said it went without saying the Covid-19 situation was hugely concerning for many businesses.

"The government package is welcome but is just one crucial part of a wider community response. It will of course be some comfort to many businesses but to others it will definitely not go far enough. I think the stress that this Covid-19 situation will be putting on some employers and employees cannot be underestimated. Our community must look out for each other; business owners, families, friends, and likewise businesses need to reach out and ask for assistance."

Gisborne Mayor Rehette Stoltz also welcomed the assistance.

"As a region, we will need all the help we can get. The support package will bring some relief to Tairawhiti residents in this very uncertain time."

Gales for city, rain up Coast

EX-TROPICAL cyclone Gretel delivered welcome rain to the top of the Gisborne-East Cape district - but little further south, other than gale-force wind.

The Gisborne city area received just five millimetres of rain over the past 36 hours, but Ruatoria got a useful 36.5mm.

Tauwhare Station recorded 28mm over the period, Wharekopae 24mm, and the Mangapoike Reservoir a top-up of 32mm.

However, the lower ground of the district received far lesser amounts, and in Gisborne, the soil moisture deficit remains over 100mm (4 inches).

The deep low generated some strong winds for the region — with the MetService recording a maximum gust of 74kmh in Gisborne at 7pm last night.

The strong winds caused a number of power outages around the region, including in Hexton, Ormond, Tikitiki, Makarika, Raupunga, Mohaka and Waihua.

Eastland Network crews were out identifying and fixing faults late into the evening.

Hospice event cancelled but fundraising continues

CELEBRATE — the Grand Finale is the latest victim of Covid-19 with organisers making the tough decision to postpone the Friday event.

The sell-out fundraiser at Te Poho-o-Rawiri Marae was to be the last big push to get Hospice Tairawhiti over the line of the \$3.1 million needed to start the new building project.

Hospice Tairawhiti general manager Barbara Grout says the finer details are yet to be worked through about when the event may be held.

"We are hugely disappointed not to be able to hold it but we feel although we are well inside the Government's suggested 500-person threshold, we have a social responsibility to hold back.

"The health of our community is the most important thing."

Some ticketholders have been in touch with Hospice to say they are still planning to get together and have a dinner party for their own small fundraising effort.

Cards made from the one-off Runa and Holly image made for the event are being sold through Hospice, and the \$1200 mystery weekend for two raffle will also continue.

Both can be purchased through Hospice Tairawhiti.

Further decisions around the future of Celebrate — the Grand Finale will be made as soon as possible. Ticketholders can contact Hospice Tairawhiti if they have any queries.



ALL TOGETHER NOW: The Evans family came from South Africa to Gisborne and are making the most of the sea. Mum Anelia, far right, main picture, was in the women's masters canoe crew who won gold for the Wainui club at the surf lifesaving nationals last weekend. Younger son Tyron (above) competes for Midway and his older brother Jonty (right) is a Wainui member, like his mother. He won gold and silver in team events at the weekend championship. Mother and sons are pictured at Midway during the nationals.

Pictures by Paul Rickard, Mark Peters

IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR

Surf lifesaving captures converts

by Mark Peters

FROM a farm in the "middle of nowhere" in South Africa to Gisborne's sea, sand and sun, Anelia Evans has taken to surf canoe training like a duck to water. That training paid off at the surf lifesaving national championships over the weekend.

Mrs Evans was in the Wainui Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC) women's masters canoe crew who won gold in the "180+" event.

Surf lifesaving, board riding and surfing is

now a way of life for the Evans family. Mrs Evans' 16-year-old son Jonty Evans, along with Jack Keepa, Hue Cowie and Tigher West-Hill won silver for Wainui in a tube rescue team event, while Jonty and Jack won gold in the board rescue final.

Jonty, Jack, and Hue Cowie won gold in taplin and silver in the board relay events.

Having switched to Midway SLSC because there were more boys in his age group at the time than in Wainui SLSC, 14-year-old Tyron Evans competed in the under-16 age group.

While he didn't medal in that age bracket, at the recent Oceans 20 competition he won gold with Jack Lepper in the board rescue and gold with Kyle Seabrook in the tube rescue events, silver in the surf and bronze in the diamond event. He was also with Jack and Kyle in the board relay team which won bronze.

Mrs Evans moved with her husband and family from South Africa to Gisborne in 2002.

"We're based in Wainui so that's how we got into surf lifesaving. We all surf and swim and we all recently started kite surfing. We love

the environment and make the most of the environment we live in.

"If the wind's blowing we're out there; if the surf's good we're out there."

Because the sea is unpredictable an element of chance comes into surf-based events. A wave could carry a trailing competitor to the front of the pack, says Mrs Evans.

"It's always a case of never give up because you never know what's going to happen. Just because you're at the back doesn't mean you don't stand a chance."

Remorse, insight helps offender

HAVING just indecently assaulted his five-year-old daughter, a man cried and told the girl they must tell her mother, Gisborne District Court has heard.

About 15 years later, he similarly offended against his niece but this time initially denied the allegations.

He appeared for sentence in respect of each of the complainants, after pleading guilty to two representative charges — one in relation to his daughter in the late 1990s and early 2000, when she was aged between 5 and 7; the other for offending against his niece in 2015 and 2016 when she was about 11 or 12.

The man's name is permanently suppressed due to the family link with the victims, whose identities are automatically suppressed.

His name will be added to a national register of child sex offenders.

He previously received a three-strike warning for the later offence, the earlier one occurring before the legislation was introduced.

Judge Warren Cathcart jailed him for 20 months but granted leave to apply for home detention.

In addition to the sentence, the judge

ordered the man to pay each of the victims \$1000 for emotional harm. The level of the payment in no way reflected the harm done and he did not pretend it could, the judge said. But the court was bound by the man's limited financial means.

The charge involving the man's daughter related to two times near the year 2000 when he offended against her while they were sharing a bed. The first incident involved him simulating sex from behind with her by rubbing his groin up against her.

During the second incident he put his hand down her shirt and began rubbing her breasts. But he suddenly stopped, cried, and told the girl they needed to tell her mother what he did.

The charge involving his niece related to two incidents in which he offended against her in 2015 and 2016.

The first time was while she was staying overnight at his house.

She was in a bedroom with a cousin and the man's daughter when he came in and sat on the bed next to her. He put his arm around her and she fell back on the bed. While playfighting with her, he put his hand inside her pyjamas, touched her skin

and her vagina.

The other incident about a year later was while he was visiting her home and having afterwork drinks with other adults. He intercepted the girl as she went to another room, hugged her, touched her bottom, and tried to move his hand forward to her genitals. She managed to get away.

The offending profoundly affected both girls, the court was told.

In victim impact statements, the man's niece said she suffered depression and anxiety to the point of feeling suicidal. She felt she lost the innocence of her childhood. It was too painful for her to return to the East Coast township where one of the incidents happened.

The man's daughter said she found it difficult to maintain relationships because memories of the offences sporadically came to mind, which was traumatic and led to panic attacks.

Judge Cathcart noted aggravating features of the offending included the young age of both girls, the obvious breaches of trust, the skin on skin contact, and the impact on the victims.

The judge set a sentence starting point

of 32 months, reducing it for various mitigating factors to 20 months.

Those factors included the man's significant remorse, guilty pleas, and his willingness to make emotional harm payments.

His immediate remorse in relation to the first complainant was unusual in cases of this type.

There was also discount for the man's personal background circumstances, as recorded in a pre-sentence report. He had a difficult and deprived upbringing, was exposed to heavy alcohol use by his parents, and to domestic violence.

Between the ages of six and 10 he was subject to sexual abuse, which he disclosed but nothing was done to safeguard him.

The report writer noted the man openly showed remorse, weeping throughout the interview, and had insight into the negative effects of his offending on the girls.

Judge Cathcart said home detention was appropriate in this case due to the man's remorse and insight. His inclusion on the national child sex offender register would ensure ongoing close monitoring of him.

Common flu vaccine campaign moved forward

by Dubby Henry and Derek Cheng, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — The Government is urging people to get vaccinated against the common flu to avoid taking up hospital resources that could be used to treat Covid-19.

This year's vaccine campaign has been brought forward by two weeks, and the total 1.77 million vaccinations — 400,000 more than last year — will be prioritised for the elderly and most vulnerable, as well as health professionals in anticipation of the further spread of Covid-19.

"While the flu vaccine will not protect you against Covid-19, it will help to 'flatten the curve' of demand on our hospitals this winter," Health Minister David Clark said this morning.

From today, free flu vaccines will be available from GP clinics and selected pharmacies for people aged 65 and over, pregnant people, and those with chronic conditions.

From April 1, children with a chronic condition or a history of severe respiratory illness can get the vaccine, and everyone else can get it



HELPING HAND: A \$10m public health campaign on covid 19 starts today.

from April 13.

Healthcare workers will receive a free vaccine from their employer. "The flu causes significant strain



on our health system and more people vaccinating against flu will ensure health services are there for those who need them most," Dr Clark

said. The Government also launched a \$10 million public health campaign to educate New Zealanders about steps everyone can take to help prevent the spread of the virus.

"We are reminding people of the simple actions they can take to fight Covid-19 — washing and drying hands frequently, coughing and sneezing into your elbow, staying at home if you are sick and looking after each other especially the elderly and vulnerable," Dr Clark said.

Immunisation Advisory Service director Dr Nikki Turner said the release of the flu vaccine was positive although it wouldn't stop the coronavirus.

"The advantage for older people and people in high risk situations is not to prevent coronavirus — it's to keep people as healthy as possible which is very important."

Last year Dr Turner advised those with low immunity they should hold

off getting the flu vaccine till later in the season as they would have a weaker response to the vaccine, and it might wear off before the disease hit New Zealand in earnest.

But this year it's different, she says.

"At this stage my advice would be for everyone to get protection as soon as possible. It's unclear when New Zealand is going to have transmission of Covid-19. We've done really well so far;

it doesn't look like there's been any community transmission of Covid-19 — but there will be.

"I would recommend all high risk people get protection as soon as they know their GP has flu vaccine in the fridge."

The strains of flu currently circulating were fairly standard, she said.

"I think the Northern Hemisphere has had a fairly average flu season but at this stage I would not predict anything."

At this stage my advice would be for everyone to get protection as soon as possible.

—Dr Nikki Turner

'THAT RAINY DAY IS HERE'

by Jason Walls, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — The Government's unprecedented \$12.1 billion Covid-19 spending package — "the most significant peace-time economic plan in modern New Zealand history" — has been almost universally welcomed.

"In unprecedented times, you make unprecedented decisions," Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said in the House yesterday.

And this is just the beginning. The rest of the package will be unveiled during May's "recovery" Budget.

The scale of the spending has been described as bold, strong and "suitably aggressive" and comes as Finance Minister Grant Robertson admits that a recession in New Zealand "is almost certain".

The package includes:

- \$5.1b in wage subsidies for Covid-19 affected businesses;

- \$2.8b income support package, increased benefits and the doubling of the winter energy payment;

- \$2.8b in business tax changes to free up cashflow;

- An initial \$600 million aviation support package

- An initial \$500m for health;

- \$126m in Covid-19 leave and self-isolation support;

- \$100m for redeployment.

Almost half of the cash will be spent on a wage subsidy package for all Covid-19-affected businesses.

Eligible full-time workers will get \$585 a week, paid in a lump sum of just over \$7000 covering 12 weeks.

Part-time workers, people working fewer than 20 hours a week, would receive \$350 a week.

Businesses which have suffered, or are projected to suffer, a 30 percent fall in revenue compared with any months between January and June the previous year will be eligible.

That is as long as they have taken steps to mitigate Covid-19's impact and promise to pay affected employees at least 80 percent of their income over the 12-month period.

Employers can already apply for the subsidy and Ardern said money could be



BIG COST: Finance Minister Grant Robertson says the Covid-19 package will send the Government into deficit.

RNZ picture

with them in as soon as five or six days. The most any one employer can receive is \$150,000.

The Government is also spending \$2.8b on raising benefits by \$25 a week, starting April 1, as well as doubling the winter energy payment.

That's a total of \$8.7b for businesses and jobs.

"The Government is pulling out all the stops to protect the health of New Zealanders and the health of our economy," Ardern said.

A Covid-19 sick leave scheme will be available for eight weeks at a cost of \$126.5m. Some 27,000 workers every two weeks are expected to take advantage of this scheme.

It comes as the number of people in New Zealand with Covid-19 yesterday jumped to 12 — a four-person increase on Monday.

There are now more than 180,000 confirmed cases around the world and more than 7000 deaths.

As well as the billions being spent on wage subsidies, an extra \$500m has been poured into health.

This, says Ardern, will minimise job losses and keep the health sector from being overwhelmed.

It will also boost spending on extra virus testing, more medicines, face masks, extra intensive care capacity and equipment at hospitals, and more money for GPs.

\$12.1b package 'bold, strong and suitably aggressive'

Robertson was at pains to point out how sizeable the package was.

It represents roughly 4 percent of overall GDP and is comparatively larger than similar packages rolled out by the Governments of Australia, Britain and the United States.

But it is at big cost to the Government's books.

Robertson confirmed the Government will go into deficit for the foreseeable future and its borrowing will need to increase by billions of dollars.

Its self-imposed Budget Responsibility Rules will be broken but, as Ardern pointed out in the House, they were made to be broken for situations such as these.

"We have always been prepared for the fact that a rainy day could befall us — that rainy day is here."

Speaking to Newstalk ZB last night, Ardern said although the spending would help save some jobs, many would still be lost.

She said it would be worse than the global financial crisis, where unemployment rose to 6.7 percent — 2.7 percent more than current levels.

National Party leader Simon Bridges slammed the package and said it focused on "ideologically" driven benefit increases over helping medium-sized Kiwi businesses.

"This package has confused priorities that do not deal, non-ideologically, with the issues we face in New Zealand right now."

Although economists have welcomed the Government's package, some say more spending is needed.

"The New Zealand Government's Covid-19 support package is suitably aggressive and will cushion the blow to parts of the economy, but it is only the start of what is required," said Westpac chief economist Dominick Stephens.

ANZ chief economist Sharon Zollner said: "This is a bold package, with more to come, in response to a shock that is expected to be greater than the global financial crisis." Unions were also impressed.

CTU president Richard Wagstaff said the package provided an immediate boost to get workers through these challenging times.

CORONAVIRUS BRIEFS

'Come home now' says MFAT

WELLINGTON — New Zealanders currently temporarily living overseas are being asked to move home as soon as possible.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade this morning has asked all Kiwis currently overseas to return as soon as possible due to the restriction on the number of flights now operating.

"Countries around the world are imposing strict travel restrictions," it posted.

"This is leading to a reduction in passenger numbers and many air routes will not remain commercially viable for long. The options for New Zealanders to get home are reducing dramatically. We are therefore urging New Zealanders travelling overseas to consider returning home as soon as possible.

MFAT's Safe Travel website states that a number of countries and territories were currently experiencing an active outbreak of Covid-19 (coronavirus) and there had been significant travel disruptions globally.

"A number of countries and territories have announced they are closing their borders to or introducing movement restrictions on foreign nationals, including Australia, and these are changing very quickly.

"Border restrictions may apply to New Zealanders, including those seeking to transit through these countries or territories to New Zealand."

Gallipoli services cancelled

WELLINGTON — This year's joint New Zealand and Australian Anzac Day services at Gallipoli have been cancelled due to Covid-19 concerns.

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern made the announcement this morning, but no decisions have been made on domestic Anzac Day commemorations yet.

The Gallipoli Anzac Day services are jointly organised by Australia and New Zealand under an agreement between the two governments, and the cancellation covers the Anzac Dawn Service, the Australian Lone Pine Service and the New Zealand Service at Chunuk Bair.

Dunedin student 12th case

DUNEDIN — A Dunedin high school student has tested positive for coronavirus.

The school the pupil attends, Logan Park High School, will now close for at least two days.

The pupil is New Zealand's 12th confirmed coronavirus patient after three more cases were confirmed earlier yesterday.

The new cases included a Wellington father and son who had recently returned from the United States.

The high school student's father, aged in his 40s, recently returned from Germany and tested positive for the virus. Two of the Dunedin man's family members, including the student, had been in isolation after showing symptoms.

— NZ Herald

Ministry officials send tourist home

by Kurt Bayer, NZ Herald

CHRISTCHURCH — A tourist who arrived in New Zealand on Monday is being deported after officials found she had no clear plans to self-isolate amid escalating coronavirus fears.

The woman checked in to Rucksacker backpackers hostel in Christchurch on Monday night wearing a face mask.

She did not show any flu symptoms nor had she mixed with other hostel residents, it's understood.

The hostel manager, who asked not to be named, said the woman, who was apparently travelling alone for a fortnight trip and had a pre-existing booking, was checked in to a private room.

But yesterday Ministry of Health officials arrived at the hostel to question the woman about her self-isolation plans, before police officers showed up to take her away.

"She was a little bit stressed out but she wasn't creating a scene or anything," the hostel manager told the Herald.

"I got told that she was being taken to be put

on a plane."

The manager was told by officials that the woman's self-isolation plans were not thorough enough for her to stay in the country.

The manager did not know what country she had arrived from or where she was being sent to.

"I don't think she would have contaminated anybody but I guess it's just a precaution," she said.

"It was a very eventful morning. It's a quiet wee hostel, we don't really get things like this happening."

Director-General of Health Dr Ashley Bloomfield confirmed the plan to deport the woman at his daily press conference — and said spot checks on other travellers were to start from yesterday.

The Government announced at the weekend that all travellers — except those from most Pacific Islands — now have to self-isolate for two weeks on arrival in New Zealand.

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern has warned of a "zero tolerance" towards any travellers who ignore self-isolation rules, saying they could be deported or fined.



LIGHTS OUT: The Book of Mormon stage musical at the Civic Theatre in Auckland has been cancelled due to restrictions on groups of people following the Coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic.

Picture by Alex Robertson

Deaths of mother and baby at home 'not suspicious'

by Anna Leask, NZ Herald

AUCKLAND — A woman and her three-day-old baby found dead in West Auckland on Monday died in what is believed to be a medical event-related double tragedy.

Emergency services were called to a house at Manatu Lane in Kelston about 9.30am on Monday.

Police initially described the deaths as

unexplained. Post-mortem examinations were performed yesterday to establish how the mother and her baby had died.

Detective Inspector John Sutton confirmed yesterday there were no suspicious circumstances. "Post-mortem examinations have been carried out today and police will be referring the matter to the Coroner," he said.

Police also named the mother and her newborn as Emerald Waiari Tai, aged 27,

and Tanatui Samuels, aged three days.

"This event is an absolute tragedy and police send their sympathies to the family at this difficult time," said Sutton.

Tributes have been posted online for Tai, who was known as Emz.

"Still coming to terms with you not being around," said one friend.

"Your laughter, your perkiness, your love and you just being you."

"Knew we should (have come) around

last night but we got lost and ended up cruising back home.

"I just can't believe it."

According to her Facebook page Tai was from Opotiki and went to school in Tauranga.

She listed "full-time mummy" as her current job but stated she had studied in the travel and tourism sector.

It is understood Tai is survived by several other young children.



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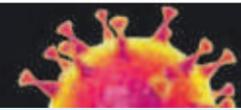
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Travel restrictions

Every person entering New Zealand from anywhere in the world except the Pacific – including NZ citizens and residents – is required to self-isolate for 14 days. The restrictions will be reviewed on March 30.

Any foreigners coming from China or Iran are barred from entering the country.

Cruise ships have been banned from entering NZ until June 30.

The Government is recommending New Zealanders avoid all non-essential travel overseas.

People who have travelled outside of NZ in the past 14 days will not be permitted to fly to the Pacific. There will also be no travel for close or casual contacts of a confirmed coronavirus case or for anyone who is symptomatic.

Cargo ships and planes, as well as their crew, are exempt from these restrictions.



Self-isolation

If you have travelled and need to get home, the official advice is to try to avoid public transport, taxis and ride-sharing apps like Uber. But if you must use public transport, avoid rush hour

and, where possible, sit in a window seat in a row by yourself. If you are unwell, seek advice before you travel.

Limit your contact with people other than the family members/ companions you travelled with. You should avoid having visitors to your home, but it is okay for friends, family or delivery drivers to drop off food.

Minimise close contact by avoiding situations where you may have face-to-face contact closer than 1m for more than 15 minutes. Others in the household do not need to self-isolate provided these precautions are followed.

You should not share dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, towels, pillows or other items with other people in your home. After using these items, you should wash them thoroughly with soap and water, place them in the dishwasher for cleaning or wash them in your washing machine.

If possible, use a separate bathroom.



Penalties

New Zealanders who refuse to self-isolate when required could be placed in a medical facility and have a police officer placed at their door to prevent escape.

People on visitor visas can be deported under the Immigration Act.



General health tips

While travelling, make sure you use hand sanitiser regularly.

If you need to cough or sneeze, cover your mouth or nose, or you can cough and sneeze into your sleeve. Make sure you have essential foods and medicines in case you need to self-isolate for two weeks – but don’t

panic buy, get only what you need.



Mass gatherings

Gatherings of 500 or more people held outdoors or indoors have been cancelled.

This applies to sport, entertainment and religious gatherings. It does not include schools, polytechnics and universities.

Further guidance on public gatherings will be announced later this week.



Going out

Official advice is that you can go out to bars, restaurants and shops as normal but practise “social distancing”. The rule, according to Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, is: “If you’re close enough for someone to spit on you when you talk, you’re too close.”



Working from home

Employers cannot require staff to attend work if they are sick with Covid-19 or required to self-isolate. Staff can be suspended if they turn up under these circumstances.

An employer can instruct a staff member to attend work if there is no reasonable belief they will contract the disease.

A staff member in self-isolation who does not feel unwell can work from home if they are willing and able and be paid normally.

If they cannot work from home, special paid leave or other forms of paid leave can be considered.



Government assistance

Under an economic package announced yesterday, employers can claim a wage subsidy for up to 12 weeks and up to \$150,000 if they have suffered a 30 per cent decline in revenue compared with last year.

The subsidy is \$585 a week for full-timers, \$350 a week for part-timers and includes the self-employed.



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Main social welfare benefits have been permanently increased by \$25 a week and the winter energy payment has been doubled to \$1400 for couples and \$900 for singles.

The provisional tax threshold will be raised from April 1 from \$2500 to \$5000, allowing an estimated 95,000 businesses to defer tax payments and the possible waiving by Inland Revenue of interest on late payments.

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Call for Police Armed Response Teams to be stopped immediately

by Mani Dunlop, RNZ

AUCKLAND — Maori justice advocates are seeking an urgent Tribunal hearing on the Police Armed Response Teams and are calling for them to be stopped immediately.

Special police patrol vehicles carrying armed officers have been patrolling Counties Manukau, Waikato and Canterbury as part of a six-month trial to cut down response times to serious incidents involving firearms.

But data released under the Official Information Act shows the teams were deployed 75 times a day in the first five weeks. That's 50 times the rate that Armed Offenders Squads were called out last year.

Sir Kim Workman and Julia Whaipooti are the claimants, and their application says the Crown has breached Te Tiriti o Waitangi by failing to work

in partnership with, consult, or even inform Maori about the trial.

Whaipooti said there had been widespread opposition to the trial, and many Maori leaders have been extremely concerned about the likely impact on marginalised Maori communities.

"The greatest concern is that we know there is racism and police themselves have also noted unconscious bias."

The claimants say trust in police by Maori is at an all time low — and the argument that the pilot programme is protecting communities is untrue.

The Waitangi Tribunal has previously found that partnership requires Maori to have substantive input into decisions that substantively affect them and that the Crown has obligations to consult with Maori in order to make informed decisions — in the case of Armed Response Teams — both claimants say this has not happened.



UNCONSCIOUS BIAS: Maori justice advocates want the armed police trial to stop, saying it is having an impact on marginalised Maori communities. RNZ picture

Promise of a 'better life'

Samoan chief guilty of human trafficking and slavery charges

by Anusha Bradley, RNZ

NAPIER — A Hastings-based Samoan chief has been found guilty of 10 charges in human trafficking and 13 charges in dealing in slaves.

Joseph Auga Matamata, 65, was acquitted on one charge of trafficking.

The jury of five men and six women took seven-and-a-half hours to reach the verdict.

Matamata stood silent in the dock as the verdicts were read out.

His offending related to 13 Samoan nationals that he arranged to bring to New Zealand in small groups between 1994 and April last year.

All of his victims, except three teenagers who were adopted by Matamata in 2016, came to New Zealand on three-month holiday visas.

Some ended up staying for years, working long hours for Matamata for no pay.

During the five-week trial at the High Court in Napier before Justice Cull, the Crown argued Matamata used threats, violence and strict rules to control the complainants. The defence said there was no pattern of such behaviour and the evidence against the accused did not stack up.

The court heard Matamata promised

his victims paid horticulture work or schooling in Hawke's Bay. He promised them a "better life", Crown prosecutor Clayton Walker said.

But upon arrival, they worked long hours — sometimes 14 hours a day in the fields, for seven days a week — and did not get paid.

After work, they had to complete chores at Matamata's home late into the evening and were subject to regular beatings if his strict rules — including not being about to speak to their families in Samoa or leave his Hastings home without permission — were not adhered to.

In his closing address on Monday, Matamata's lawyer Roger Philip said there was no pattern of behaviour to suggest the complainants allegations were true.

"If he was a slave master, as suggested by the prosecutor, why would it be that these men be allowed to go and play rugby, attend sport, go and share meals with other guests who came to the house, walk the streets, buy alcohol, take a vehicle to work without Mr Matamata."

His client denied allegations of physical abuse and he said the complainants motivation appeared to be about money, Philip told the court.

Giving evidence during the trial, Matamata said he brought the groups of people to New Zealand as favours to relatives in Samoa, for a holiday.

One group came to perform for his mother's 80th birthday, he told the court.

It was later revealed under cross-examination that the men's holiday visas would expire a month before her 86th birthday.

"Oh well, I just go on what she told me," Matamata replied.

The Crown said it made no sense that Matamata would spend thousands of dollars on flights, visas and passports for

them to only come for a few months.

"You were quite happy to spend this money because they were going to earn quite a lot more," Clayton Walker told Matamata.

"No sir, I disagree," Matamata replied.

Philip urged the jury to consider all the evidence before them, including the fact his client never discussed money with any of the complainants in Samoa.

"Trafficking and slavery are not both sides of the same coin," he said.

He also questioned why people from the same villages kept arriving from Samoa to stay with Matamata and his family over the years.

"If Mr Matamata treated people badly . . . surely in a small community that information would spread."

Philip said his client was "extremely disappointed" in the verdict.

"He will now take some time to consider his options."

Summing up the case on Monday, Justice Cull told the jury the "essential ingredient" in the slavery charge is whether the accused used each complainant as his property.

"Slavery should be understood as the ability of one person to control another as they would a possession, a property, or a thing . . . as a chattel.

"Ownership implies a background relationship of control, so the link between ownership and slavery is control. Where slavery is concerned, this control is tantamount," she told the jury.

Matamata has been remanded in custody until sentencing on May 6.



Joseph Matamata

Murdered by teen babysitter

INVERCARGILL — A 9-year-old boy stabbed to death by his teenage babysitter was found dead on his bedroom floor by his mother, a court has heard.

The babysitter, who was 15 at the time, pleaded guilty to one charge of murdering the child on October 30 last year in the small Southland town of Otautau, 40km north-west of Invercargill.

The youth had been paid to babysit the child on at least 10 previous occasions.

The child's mother had gone out that Wednesday evening about 6pm for a regular social outing.

She texted the babysitter at 10.10pm to check if her son was asleep.

However, the babysitter did not respond.

At about 7.40pm, he had been seen walking along a street and at 8.20pm sent a Facebook Messenger note to a friend which said "help".

Ten minutes later, he sent a Snapchat message to three friends which said, "What would you do if I killed someone?"

Sometime before 9pm, he was seen walking south along Riverton Otautau Rd and at 10.30pm, texted his mother to say, "I'm sorry come get me."

When the victim's mother returned home at about 10.30pm, she went to check on her son. She looked in his bedroom but did not see him in bed.

"She went to turn away from the bedroom, but then stopped and pushed his bedroom door open," the summary says.

The mother then saw the boy lying on his back on the floor at the foot of the bed. He had a large knife in his stomach and he appeared to be dead.

Emergency services rushed to the scene but the boy had been dead for some time.

An autopsy indicated the child had been killed within 90 minutes of being in the care of the babysitter.

The babysitter arrived home just before 11.30pm and was arrested by police an hour later. — NZ Herald

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Markets up on big stimulus packages

WASHINGTON — Nations are pouring money into stimulus packages to counter the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic that has sent economies spinning towards recession.

Global financial markets remain turbulent as a massive slowdown in economic activity takes place as the coronavirus takes hold across Europe and the US.

In the United States, shares jumped about 6 percent — regaining almost half of what was lost in a breathtaking drop a day earlier, which was the biggest in more than three decades. The S&P 500 rose 6 percent and the Dow rose 5.2 percent.

London's FTSE 100 ended the day up 2.79 percent after being down more than 1 percent earlier on Tuesday. Other major European markets made similar moves.

Governments have announced fresh financial aid measures to help bolster growth. The New Zealand Government yesterday unveiled a \$12.1 billion package to combat the impact

of Covid-19, to take effect immediately.

In the US, President Donald Trump's administration was seeking \$US850 billion for a stimulus package, according to a US government official who spoke to Reuters. The package would include \$US50bn for airlines — hard hit by the pandemic — and \$US250bn for small business loans.

The administration said it was considering sending cheques to Americans so they have cash to spend during the coronavirus crisis.

Trump said some people should get \$US1000.

The US government has also increased the amount of tax payments that can be deferred, treasury secretary Steve Mnuchin said on Tuesday.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said on Tuesday his government would provide financial support to people as he urged them to stay at home to slow the spread of the coronavirus.

Direct support for people who did not qualify for

unemployment benefits and money for businesses that kept people on the payroll even if they stayed home were among the possible measures, Trudeau said.

Britain's finance minister Rishi Sunak has pledged £330bn of state-backed loans and other measures to support businesses.

Sunak said that equated to 15 percent of its gross domestic product.

Other measures included a three-month mortgage holiday for people in difficulty and an extension of a suspension of a property tax paid by small companies to all businesses in the hospitality and leisure sectors.

Spain announced a 200bn euros package to help companies and protect workers and other vulnerable groups.

Spain will pay benefits to workers temporarily laid off and suspend mortgage payments for those whose employment has been affected by the outbreak, among other measures.

"These are extraordinary

measures, without precedent in our country's democratic history," Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez told a news conference attended remotely by journalists.

On Monday, French President Emmanuel Macron said his government would guarantee 330bn euros of loans, and pledged that no French company would be allowed to collapse.

European airlines demanded urgent tax relief to avoid multiple bankruptcies as coronavirus disruption continued its spread across the global industry.

As the region's transport ministers prepared to discuss financial support, the Airlines for Europe group called for widespread tax deferrals "to ensure that as many airlines as possible survive" the crisis.

The call came as the aviation industry's main global body, IATA, said that the total support needed from governments worldwide could reach US\$150bn-US\$200bn.

— BBC/Reuters/AP

'Major banks will retain support of Aussie parents'

by Jenny Ruth, BusinessDesk

INTERNATIONAL ratings agency Standard & Poor's says the big four New Zealand banks are in a strong position to weather the coronavirus crisis although credit losses are likely to rise from currently very low levels.

The four banks were still on "an extremely strong footing and we don't see any need to change the ratings or even expectations of any change," said S&P bank analyst Sharad Jain.

That also went for the degree of support Australia's big four banks, which own the New Zealand big four, were expected to be able to provide to their trans-Tasman subsidiaries.

On Monday, the Reserve Bank of New Zealand deferred the introduction of higher capital requirements for NZ banks by a year, freeing up an additional \$47 billion for the banks to lend to help support New Zealand businesses and consumers through the Covid-19 crisis.

Australian regulators were preparing to put a huge amount of regulatory change impacting banks on ice, so they could "support households and businesses through this challenging period," Australia's Council of Financial Regulators said yesterday.

Jain said S&P has looked at these developments as to whether they might "make us question the support for the subsidiaries" and concluded that they wouldn't mean any material change. He said his comments should be taken as being subject to change "in a rapidly changing" situation.

"The key point is that losses have been at extremely low levels and there's significant head room, in our view, for those losses to go up."

In a note on the Australian parent banks, S&P said they could absorb the increase in credit losses and disruption to funding markets resulting from Covid-19 "without posing any immediate or significant risk to the banks' creditworthiness". The ratings agency expects the Australian banks' credit losses will nearly double in 2020 to about 30 basis points of gross loans and advances from 2019's historic lows.

"Nevertheless, in our view the credit losses should remain low compared with international peers as well as our expected long-term averages," S&P said.

Jain said much the same situation would apply to the New Zealand subsidiaries. While S&P hadn't looked at New Zealand's smaller banks, the next largest, Kiwibank, had government-owned shareholders and there was no reason to believe any of them were at any immediate risk.

"We do see significant buffers currently."

S&P was currently expecting the Covid-19 outbreak will peak some time before the end of June, though it noted high uncertainty about the rate of spread and the timing of the peak.

"Notwithstanding our relatively benign outlook on the Australian banks, we expect that a longer-lasting and more severe impact than our revised base case could precipitate significant problems for the Australian banking system."

The Australian banks could be challenged in accessing offshore wholesale funding if global markets remained dislocated or if Australia's economy deteriorated significantly.

Fonterra drops dividend citing Covid-19 risk

by Rebecca Howard, Business Desk

FONTERRA Co-operative Group reported a strong first-half result but opted not to declare an interim dividend given the possible impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the rest of the year's earnings.

The Auckland-based co-operative posted a normalised net profit after tax of \$293 million in the six months to January 31 versus \$72m in the prior year. Normalised earnings, which exclude one-off costs and minority interests, before interest and tax, were \$584m versus \$312m in the prior year.

Despite the strong performance so far this year, the board didn't declare a dividend.

"After considering the current uncertainty of the impact Covid-19 could have on earnings in the second half of the year, the board has elected to not pay an interim dividend," said chairman John

Monaghan this morning.

Chief executive Miles Hurrell said the co-operative was progressing its key financial targets for 2020.

These include meeting earnings guidance of 15-25 cents per share, achieve a gross margin in excess of \$3 billion, reduce leverage so Fonterra's debt is no more than 3.75 times earnings and cap capital expenditure at \$500m.

Hurrell said he was pleased with the progress and momentum Fonterra had achieved in the first six months of the financial year, but that it was now operating in a very different global context as a result of Covid-19 outbreak.

He did reaffirm the forecast farmgate milk price range of \$7.00-to-\$7.60 per kilogram of milk solids.

Prices fall at dairy auction

PRICES dropped for the fourth straight time at the Global Dairy Trade auction amid concern

the ever-spreading Covid-19 virus will cut global demand. Even so, the decline was not as much as some had expected.

The GDT price index fell 3.9 percent from the previous auction two weeks ago. The average price was US\$2980 a tonne, compared with US\$3112 a tonne two weeks ago. Some 24,209 tonnes of product was sold, down from 25,576 tonnes two weeks ago.

Whole milk powder retreated 4.2 percent to US\$2797 a tonne. Regular whole milk powder to ship in May dropped 7.3 percent, NZX senior dairy analyst Amy Castleton said in a note.

"While still a significant fall, this is a slightly better result than the NZX Dairy Derivatives market anticipated." Futures had indicated a drop of 10.4 percent, according to Castleton.

"The majority of the whole milk powder on offer was sold, and North Asia — the region which includes China — was present, buying more at this event than at the March 3 event."

"However, there was less volume bought by the Middle East and South East Asia and Oceania regions," Castleton added.

SHAREMARKET YESTERDAY

WELLINGTON — New Zealand shares recovered from an early selloff as the government announced a \$12.1 billion stimulus package to bolster the domestic economy in the face of a looming recession.

The S&P/NZX 50 Index declined 0.4 percent to 9,434.74, its seventh consecutive decline. Within the index, 29 stocks fell, 18 rose, and three were unchanged. Turnover was heavier than usual at \$316 million.

Finance Minister Grant Robertson yesterday announced \$12.1 billion would be injected into the economy to soften the impact of the global pandemic threatening to cause the next recession.

The package is the equivalent of 4 percent of the economy, and a mix of wage subsidies, tax breaks, increased welfare support, and targeted spending in health and aviation.

The local benchmark — which had dropped as much as 5 percent — began recovering around midday and received an extra bounce after the package was announced.

Kiwibank economists said the market

responded positively to the package, which provided a backstop for businesses and reduced the risk of increased loan defaults.

"The kiwi wholesale rate curve lifted a little and steepened a little. That's the market's way of inserting more growth and inflation into the forecast profile," they said.

Matthew Goodson, managing director of Salt Funds Management, said there was "get me out at any price" selling during the morning, which was absorbed during the day.

While the NZX50 rose at the time of the economic package, that coincided with a sharp rise in US futures and on the S&P/ASX200, which was up 3.4 percent in afternoon trading (and closed up 5.83 percent).

"I wouldn't put the intra-day turnaround all down to the package itself," Goodson said.

"Markets are so volatile that investors are keeping an eye on minute-to-minute price movements and haven't gone through the package in much detail yet."

Heartland Group Holdings led the market lower, falling 11.6 percent to \$1.07, its lowest

level in five years.

Vista Group International sank 10.9 percent to a record-low \$1.55. The cinema analytics software maker yesterday cancelled its dividend due to be paid next week to preserve its balance sheet. It also withdrew its 2020 earnings guidance as it struggles with the murky outlook for movie-goers around the world.

Gentrack Group dropped 10.7 percent to \$1.34 after the airport and utilities software developer suspended its annual guidance, citing the uncertainty caused by the global pandemic.

Auckland International Airport fell 2.3 percent to a five-year low \$5.10 after it cancelled next month's dividend payment and said it was reviewing its capital spending programme.

Air New Zealand shares remained halted at \$1.54. The Government's \$600 million aviation package specifically excluded support for the national carrier. Robertson, who is a shareholding minister in the airline, said the Government was still in discussions with the company.

Goodson said without billions of dollars of government bailouts, airlines would not be able to survive the global rout in air travel. That makes it likely that Air New Zealand, Qantas

Airways and Virgin Australia will all need recapitalisation.

"Given that the effect of the closure of our borders has only occurred in the last day or two, it is early days in terms of the impacts," he said.

Mainfreight increased 2.3 percent to \$30.18. The global logistics firm said its trading so far this year was ahead of the period in 2019, and that global freight trade lanes were still open.

Courier operator and data management firm Freightways climbed 11.3 percent to \$5.61 and Port of Tauranga rose 6.5 percent to \$5.75.

Greg Smith, head of research at Fat Prophets, said it was a "leap of faith to think that port volumes will recover in the near future".

Fisher & Paykel Healthcare fell 1.2 percent to \$24.90 despite the breathing respirator maker raising its earnings guidance due to a weaker kiwi dollar, and as the virus outbreak stokes demand for its homecare products.

Outside the benchmark index, New Zealand King Salmon decreased 1.7 percent to \$1.74 after it affirmed annual earnings guidance. It said it was working with logistics firms to keep markets open, using cargo aircraft and its frozen sea freight programme to make up for reduced passenger flights. — BusinessDesk

EDITORIAL

Stimulus package just the beginning

The economic stimulus package announced by Finance Minister Grant Robertson yesterday to address the impacts of Covid-19 is massive, totalling \$12.1 billion or about 4 percent of national GDP — yet it is only the start.

Commentators who have almost universally welcomed the package say that, and the Minister made clear this was a starting point for government support in an evolving situation. Robertson committed to significant further spending in a “recovery” Budget due on May 14, including working capital assistance for small and medium businesses, and targeted support for larger and more complex businesses.

While yesterday’s announcements might be too late for some local forestry firms, and the Government acknowledges that many jobs will still be lost despite this new spending, the good news is that significant support is now available.

Cash from the \$5.1bn of wage subsidies, and \$2.8bn for benefit increases and a boost to the winter energy payment, will start flowing very soon to those in need and on into the economy over the next few months. A further \$126m will be provided for Covid-19 leave and self-isolation support for employees and the self-employed.

Opposition leader Simon Bridges has been panned for criticising the permanent nature of the \$25 a week rise in benefits, saying this “ideological” move was prioritised over support for medium-sized Kiwi businesses. While there are very good reasons to lift benefit entitlements, it is a fair call to say an emergency package should focus on addressing the emergency.

On the critical health sector-response front, a \$500m fund has been announced to increase intensive care capacity and equipment, support GPs and primary health providers, and for telehealth consultations. The now-inundated Healthline service will receive a further \$20m to hire more staff.

The aviation sector gets \$600m of support, and that is without factoring in a package the Government is working through separately with Air New Zealand, which has announced it is laying off up to a third of its staff.

A number of tax changes were also announced yesterday that are intended to help businesses with cashflow issues and to stimulate investment, at a cost to the government of \$2.8bn. They include new depreciation rules, doubling the provisional tax threshold to \$5000, and wiping interest on late tax payments for businesses affected by Covid-19.

Democratic way to resolve issue

How dare you Reg Hart!
To suggest I am “ignorant or even stupid” in a public forum such as The Gisborne Herald is defamatory. Although it is under the banner of opinion, I find it extremely offensive.

I am actually an achiever with five national awards. I am also an author and a patient advocate for cancer sufferers.

We all know about the New Zealand “science” on 1080, as we have heard it all time after time. This is different to what the World Health Organisation (WHO) has said about 1080 as a deadly human danger, even in water. The greatest, richest country in the world, the United States of America, has the knowledge of the world’s best scientists and differs hugely with pro-1080 organisations here that are paid wages by New Zealand taxpayers.

But my concern is what you say about me and the many other New Zealanders who are concerned about our country’s 1080 use, the dangers it poses and the horrible deaths it causes.

The democratic way to resolve this 1080 banning issue, and find out how much support there is for Reg Hart’s narrow-minded view, is to hold a referendum.

ALAIN JORION

1080 ecological rescue

Alain Jorion in his March 10 letter “Let’s get a vote on 1080” still doesn’t seem to understand what’s at stake for Aotearoa New Zealand’s indigenous flora and fauna. Without large-scale pest control, our unique species and mosaic of complex ecosystems will suffer continuing degradation and continuing extinctions.

Currently, aerial 1080 is the only practical and effective way of carrying out large-scale pest control operations. As Alain correctly states, “. . . Forest & Bird say there is no alternative for now”. Ground-based trapping definitely has its place, but if we are to restore and protect large areas and a wide range of ecosystems in a timely and affordable manner, then aerial distribution of 1080 baits is a well-proven method.

You write “It is true that trapping is difficult in challenging terrain . . .” but you want 1080 gone and “replaced by trapping”. Perhaps you can do some sums for us? Let’s say 100,000 hectares; how many traps? How many track kilometres cut? How many people? How many hours? How often traps checked? How many \$\$\$s?

Alain, the use of 1080 in the US is

irrelevant to our situation, which I have written about before and you don’t seem to have either read or remembered. Suffice to say that NZ is/was a land of birds, reptiles and invertebrates. No native land mammals are in danger of being wiped out by 1080 poison. Our two bat species have been shown to survive 1080 operations and then increase their numbers afterwards without predation by rats. Simple really.

It also seems you haven’t yet read the 2011 report from the office of the independent Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment “Evaluating the use of 1080: Predators, poisons and silent forests” nor the 2013 “Update report”. I’d also recommend reading “Taonga of an island nation: Saving New Zealand’s birds” May 2017, also from the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment.

Maybe then we can have a better-informed discussion and debate about what’s at stake here.

Yours in conservation,
GRANT VINCENT
Chair, Forest & Bird Gisborne/
Tairāwhiti Branch

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Politicians misled us

Politicians shouldn’t make promises they can’t keep. At the last election both Jacinda Ardern and Winston Peters promised to repair our railway line. It seems like that won’t happen now for at least 10 years, which means probably never.

Surely the Prime Minister and Winston Peters owe us a public apology for misleading the Gisborne and East Coast public. I have my doubts whether we will get one.

REG HART

Grades 3-7

In response to Pauline’s letter on Saturday:

For months now we have only been able to recycle grade 1 and 2 plastics. The items you mention in your letter are grade 3 to 7 plastics, so unfortunately those end up in the landfill. You need to go to Specsavers and look for the number inside the triangle, some of them are quite small.

We too are annoyed that all plastics are no longer recyclable, but those are the rules that we all must abide by in Gisborne. As a suggestion — two litre ice cream tubs do come in handy for storing various other items around the house, but you can only use so many of them!

ROBYN JONES

Benefits land and economy

Re: Understanding kanuka, February 18 story.

Kanuka alongside its cousin manuka form part of a sustainable demographic, land, soil erosion and climate change makeover. Historical deforestation had major adverse effects, with the land diversified rapidly to pasture and stock. The transformation of those resources to multiple uses benefits the land and the economy.

MATE MANUEL
Rangitukia

Other emergencies come and go

Re: Trade waste, bylaws, tsunami exercise — March 16 column.

Josh Wharehinga, Deputy Mayor, writes of a “wellbeing approach to protect our community and environmental needs” and of a tsunami exercise this week and the Mayor making a declaration of emergency for a tsunami if the need occurs.

Very good, we do need a plan for the inevitable tsunami. I witnessed the effects of the 1947 event that luckily took no lives. But I’m more concerned about a catastrophic event that is occurring right now. Tsunami, earthquakes, severe

storms, pandemics and the like come and go, but climate change effects we are now experiencing are likely to stay and get much worse. In June last year, the previous council majority decided against declaring a climate emergency and instead committed to a region-wide leadership role in responding to climate change.

In December all but two of the newly-elected team reinforced the decision and our district remains one of the few places in the country not to have declared the climate emergency.

The facts are there and some

environmental tipping points have been tipped; we can’t return. If we continue tipping, our globe will soon run out of the environmental capacity to fuel the never-ending growth that our whole system relies on. I don’t wish to let go of the hope we can rebuild a way of life in time to deal with the catastrophic climate crisis that will undoubtedly escalate.

I recommend we should all recognise the climate emergency that affects us now and encourage our GDC to do so too, and call what we must face: a Climate Emergency.

BOB HUGHES

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- Anyone can write a column, 600 words maximum, but a photo is required.
- Always include full name and contact details.
- If you use a nom de plume, there is a higher bar for acceptability.
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G-7 leaders try to ease tension amid virus war

WASHINGTON, DC — The United States and its top economic allies pledged on Monday (local time) to more closely share real-time information about the coronavirus, Covid-19, and the availability of medical equipment and to support jobs, global trade and investment.

They also vowed to bolster science, research and technology and work to restore public confidence about the pandemic that is threatening the world's economy.

US President Donald Trump and other members of the Group of Seven (G-7), which includes Canada, Germany, Italy, Japan, Britain and France, held a teleconference to co-ordinate responses to the coronavirus and reduce US-European tension over Trump's travel ban and reports about White House talks with a German company developing a vaccine.

"We are mobilising the full range of instruments, including monetary and fiscal measures, as well as targeted actions, to support immediately and as much as necessary the workers, companies and sectors most affected," they said in a statement.

Trump has had an on-again, off-again relationship with top US allies, but his top economic adviser Larry Kudlow said there was a high degree of co-operation on display during the teleconference.

"They're not always so agreeable, but they are today," Kudlow told reporters at the White House.

However, the leaders also addressed a controversy involving German company CureVac that rattled top German officials, including Economy Minister Peter



PLEGGED TO SHARE REAL-TIME INFORMATION ON COVID-19: US President Donald Trump arrives to speak during a briefing about the coronavirus Covid-19 in the James Brady Press Briefing Room of the White House on Sunday (local time) in Washington, DC. AP picture

Altmaier, who said "Germany is not for sale".

On Sunday, Germany's Welt am Sonntag newspaper, citing unidentified German government sources, reported that the former head of CureVac joined Trump's March meeting with pharmaceutical managers.

The report said Trump apparently offered the German firm a large amount of funding to secure its work for the US.

The company, which is based in Tuebingen, Germany, and has a site in Boston, on Monday denied reports that the Trump administration was angling to acquire it.

In a tweet on Monday, the company tweeted: "CureVac has not received from the US government or related entities an offer before, during and since the task force meeting in

the White House."

Shortly after the teleconference, the European Union announced it was providing US\$89.4m (80 million euros) of financial support to CureVac to scale up development and production of a vaccine against the Covid-19.

‘We will co-ordinate research efforts on a vaccine and treatments, and work on economic and financial response’

—French President Emmanuel Macron

"We are determined to provide CureVac with the financing it needs to quickly scale up development and

production of a vaccine against the coronavirus," Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said in a statement.

"I am proud that we have leading companies like CureVac in the EU. Their home is here. But their vaccines will benefit everyone, in Europe and beyond."

French President Emmanuel Macron considers that many unilateral decisions taken by countries across the globe are counterproductive in fighting the outbreak.

He has sought to mediate tensions that flared last week when the US imposed a travel ban on European countries without consulting them.

"We will co-ordinate research efforts on a vaccine and treatments, and work on economic and financial response," Macron tweeted.

— AP

EU funds company developing vaccine, as US shows interest in acquiring the firm

BERLIN — The European Union (EU) on Monday (local time) announced a multimillion-dollar investment in a German company that is working on a potential vaccine for the new coronavirus amid reports that the US government was interested in acquiring the firm.

The funding is part of a coordinated EU response to Covid-19, making use of public and private funding to support research, the European Commission said.

"I am proud that we have leading companies like CureVac in the EU," said European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, Germany's former defence minister.

"Their home is here, but their vaccines will benefit everyone, in Europe and beyond."

The EU's executive body did not mention possible US interest in CureVac, but said it would provide up to 80 million euros in support so that it could "scale up development and production of a vaccine against the coronavirus in Europe".

CureVac on Monday denied reports that the US government was acting to acquire it.

"CureVac has not received from the US government or related entities an offer before, during and since the task force meeting in the White House on March 2," the company said on Twitter.

The company's then-chairman had met with US President Donald Trump at the White House as part of a discussion with numerous pharmaceutical executives.

Amid multiple reports that Trump was offering the firm a large amount of money to secure its work for the US, the White House said it was unaware of such "underlying information".

Chancellor Angela Merkel deflected a question on CureVac, referring to the company's statement.

However, before CureVac's tweet, Merkel's chief of staff, Helge Braun, told the Bild daily that German officials had "very intensive contact" with CureVac over the past two weeks "when there were thoughts of enticing it to the United States".

Braun said the company would get the support it needed to develop a vaccine as quickly as possible for use in Germany and around the world.

— AP

Three states hold primaries as Covid-19 fear grips US

WASHINGTON, DC — The new coronavirus, Covid-19, kept some voters and poll workers at home and hampered efforts to open some polling sites on Tuesday (local time) as three states held Democratic presidential primary contests amid a global pandemic.

Leaders in Ohio called off their primary just hours before polls were set to open as the federal government urged Americans not to gather in groups of 10 or more and asked older people to stay home.

The state's Democratic Party said it was weighing options for challenging that move, which was pushed by the Republican governor.

Problems popped up across the country, including in Florida, which has the most delegates up for grabs among the states voting on Tuesday.

In Okaloosa County on the Panhandle, two dozen poll workers dropped out, leaving Elections Supervisor Paul Lux's staff scrambling to train replacements.

"We are at the honest end of the rope," Lux said.

The developments were a reminder of how the most elemental act of American democracy — voting — was being severely tested as Arizona, Florida and Illinois moved forward with primaries.

The Democratic presidential primary between former Vice President Joe Biden and Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders is playing out as the virus' impact is becoming more tangible with schools closing across the country, workers staying home and restaurants and bars shuttering.

"It's definitely eerie," said Jesse Lehigh, a Democratic operative and former Hillary Clinton campaign spokesman who is based in Chicago.

He said while local officials had done a good job of encouraging residents to vote early, the election in Illinois was "understandably, a bit of a mess". But more broadly, Lehigh noted, the coronavirus seems to have cast a "shadow" over the Democratic primary race in recent days, as debates over policy minutiae have taken a back seat to issues of life

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and death.

"Biden and Sanders are debating the merits of marginally different policies in this little pseudoreality, while America is consumed by an unprecedented crisis. That's not a criticism of the candidates — everything else in politics feels small in the shadow of coronavirus," he said.

The big question on Tuesday was whether the coronavirus would affect turnout at the polls. Biden is moving closer to securing the Democratic presidential nomination but could face a setback if the older voters who tend to support him don't show up. — AP



VIRUS CASTS 'SHADOW' OVER DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY RACE: An Arizona voter delivers her mail-in ballot at a polling station for the Arizona presidential preference election on Tuesday (local time), in Phoenix. Yesterday, the US federal government urged Americans not to gather in groups of 10 or more. AP picture

EU's coronavirus clampdown

BRUSSELS — European Union (EU) leaders have agreed today to immediately impose travel restrictions on most foreigners entering Europe for at least 30 days to limit the spread of Covid-19, and to set up fast-track transport lanes to keep vital medical equipment, food and goods flowing smoothly inside the bloc.

As the virus case count in Europe climbed to over 60,000 and with more than 2700 people dead, nervous governments have

introduced quick-fix measures, such as partial border closures and quarantines with little consultation.

The EU sought over three hours of video talks to forge a united front against an illness that is also wreaking economic havoc.

"We reaffirmed the need to work together and do everything necessary to tackle the crisis and its consequences," European Council President Charles Michel told reporters.

He said the 27 EU countries agreed to impose border restrictions on tourism and non-essential business "as fast as possible".

The plan exempts long-term EU residents, diplomats, some healthcare and transport workers.

Chancellor Angela Merkel said the leaders agreed in a conference call to an entry ban with "very, very limited exceptions", and that Germany would start implementing the ban immediately. — Agencies



PEOPLE STILL FIGHTING AS WORLD FIGHTS COVID-19: Mourners carry flag-draped coffins of two fighters of the Popular Mobilisation Forces who were killed during a US attack on militants in Iraq, during their funeral procession at the Imam Ali shrine in Najaf, Iraq, on Saturday (local time). AP picture

Rockets strike Baghdad's 'Green Zone': Iraqi officials

BAGHDAD — At least three rockets struck Baghdad's fortified 'Green Zone' near the American Embassy late on Tuesday (local time), just a day after an attack on a training base south of Baghdad where US-led coalition troops and Nato trainers were present, Iraqi security officials said. It was the fourth such attack in the span of a week.

At least three rockets struck the Green Zone, the seat of Iraq's government and home to several foreign embassies, two Iraqi security officials said.

Myles Caggins, spokesman for the coalition, said the rockets fell at least 2km from the embassy. There were no immediate reports of casualties.

The previous evening, rockets hit the Basmaya base near the Iraqi capital, an Iraqi army statement said.

The projectiles landed in an area that includes agricultural land and a factory, according to the statement.

No more details were provided.

A Spanish contingent of the coalition and Nato trainers are present at the Basmaya site. There was no immediate confirmation of the attack from the coalition and no militant group claimed responsibility for the assault.

It was the fourth such attack in the span of a week.

Last Wednesday, a barrage of over two dozen rockets struck Camp Taji, north of Baghdad, killing three coalition servicemen, including two Americans. A British serviceman was also killed. It was the deadliest to target US troops in Iraq since a late December rocket attack on an Iraqi base, which killed a US contractor and set in motion a series of attacks that brought Iraq to the brink of war.

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Wednesday's barrage was followed by another attack, on Saturday, at the same site, which wounded five soldiers — three coalition members and two Iraqi soldiers.

The first attack prompted American airstrikes on Friday against what US officials said were mainly weapons facilities belonging to Kataib Hezbollah, the Iran-backed militia group believed to be responsible for the attack.

However, Iraq's military said those airstrikes killed five security force members and a civilian, while wounding five fighters from the Popular Mobilisation Forces, an umbrella organisation that includes an array of militias, including some Iran-backed groups.

Iran-backed Shiite militia groups vowed to exact revenge, signalling another cycle of tit-for-tat violence between Washington and Tehran that could play out in Iraq. — AP

US hospitals fear shortage of ventilators

WASHINGTON, DC — US hospitals bracing for a possible onslaught of coronavirus patients with pneumonia and other breathing difficulties could face a critical shortage of mechanical ventilators and healthcare workers to operate them.

The Society of Critical Care Medicine has projected that 960,000 coronavirus patients in the US might need to be put on ventilators at one point or another during the outbreak.

However, the US has only about 200,000 of the machines, by the organisation's estimate, and around half are older models that might not be ideal for the most critically ill patients.

Also, many ventilators are already being used by other patients with severe, non-coronavirus ailments. Hospitals are rushing to rent more ventilators from medical-equipment suppliers. And manufacturers are ramping up production.

The real issue is how to rapidly increase ventilator production when your need exceeds the supply," Dr Lewis Kaplan, president of the critical care society, said on Tuesday (local time).

In the most severe cases, Covid-19 damages healthy tissue in the lungs, making it hard for them to deliver oxygen to the

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blood. Pneumonia can develop, along with the more severe and potentially deadly condition called acute respiratory distress syndrome.

Ventilators feed oxygen into the lungs of patients

with severe respiratory problems through a tube inserted down the throat. The machines are also used routinely to help other hospital patients breathe, namely those undergoing surgery while under general anesthesia.

"If everyone in the country wants to order some, supplies will get rapidly depleted in a heartbeat," Kaplan said.

The other problem is that there are not enough respiratory therapists, specialist nurses and doctors with the ideal type of critical care training in the US for about 135,000 patients to be put on ventilators at any one time.

Postponing non-emergency surgeries in the event of a big surge in coronavirus cases could help free up some ventilators as well as anesthesiologists and nurse anesthetists to deal with the crisis, Kaplan said.

US Defence Secretary Mark Esper has said the pentagon would provide 2000 specialised ventilators to federal health authorities to help handle the outbreak. — AP

Oz soldier's Afghanistan helmet-camera footage could result in war-crime charge

SYDNEY — Footage captured on the helmet camera of an Australian soldier in Afghanistan could result in charges of war crimes.

The ABC's Four Corners has obtained video which shows a Special Air Service (SAS) operator shooting an unarmed Afghan man three times in the head and chest while he cowers on the ground.

His death took place within three minutes of the soldiers arriving in the village.

An Australian Defence Force (ADF) investigation later ruled the killing was justified because it was in self-defence.

The killing was one of a series of cases uncovered by Four Corners that might constitute war crimes.

A former member of the same SAS squadron, who was on the 2012 deployment to Afghanistan and has been shown the vision, described the killing to Four Corners as a "straight-up execution".

The video, taken by the helmet camera of the patrol's dog handler, shows the SAS patrol disembarking from one of two Black Hawk helicopters before fanning out near the village of Deh Jawz-e Hasanzai.

It is a bright day in May 2012, and 3 Squadron SAS is looking for an insurgent bombmaker.

The handler, with his dog, follows the patrol scout, who Four Corners has named Soldier C, through a field towards a mud compound.

The helicopters are guiding them to a person who has been spotted in a wheat field ahead.

Among the wheat, the dog handler and Soldier C come across a bearded man in his 20s being mauled by the dog, called Quake.

"Quake, leave!" yells the dog handler.

As the dog lets go, Soldier C trains his M4 assault rifle on the man from a range of between 1 and 2 metres.

The man rolls on to his back, his legs drawn up. In his right hand is what appears to be a set of red prayer beads. He is still, as the soldier keeps the weapon pointed at his head.

After more than 20 seconds, the soldier turns to the dog handler.

"You want me to drop this c***?"

"I don't know mate. Hit **** up," replies the dog handler, referring to the patrol commander, who has taken up a position nearby. The soldier turns to the commander.

"You want me to drop this c***?"

The soldier asks the commander a second time: "You want me to drop this c***?"

The patrol commander's response is inaudible on the video. Soldier C fires the first shot at the Afghan man on the ground.

As the dog streaks towards the prone man, and the handler calls for him to come back, the soldier pumps two more bullets into the victim.

The Afghan man is dead.

Fewer than three minutes has elapsed between the SAS landing their chopper, and the killing in the wheat field.

The dead man's name was Dad Mohammad, and he was thought to be 25 or 26 years old.

Braden Chapman was a signals intelligence officer with 3 Squadron SAS on that 2012 deployment, but was not a witness to the killing. Four Corners showed him the footage.

"It's just a straight-up execution really," he said. "He's asked someone of a superior rank what he should do, but it comes down to the soldier pulling the trigger. It's an execution."

Chapman said he was shocked by what he saw on the video. "That soldier there is not someone I'd think would do anything like that, and he didn't usually act like that either."

Four Corners tracked down Dad Mohammad's father, Abdul Malik. He said his son was married, with two daughters.

Abdul Malik was away when Dad Mohammad was killed, and said he returned immediately to bury his son.

"His face had wounds. I covered his face and told them to take him to the graveyard," Abdul Malik said.

"After his burial, I came back to see the place. I saw the wheat field where he was killed, the wheat was

flattened all around."

The killing of Dad Mohammad was investigated by the ADF in the wake of a complaint from tribal elders. However, what the video obtained by Four Corners showed, and what ADF investigators were told by soldiers, were two very different things.

The SAS soldier who shot Dad Mohammad claimed the Afghan had been shot because he had been seen with a radio.

However, the footage does not show any radio, only the prayer beads in the man's hand. Soldier C also claimed he fired from 15 to 20 metres away in self-defence. However, the video shows Dad Mohammad still and quiet on the ground for more than 20 seconds, before the soldier, standing over him, shoots him three times from fewer than 2m away.

The ADF investigators concluded that the Afghan was lawfully killed because he posed a direct threat to the Australians.

Four Corners can reveal that the SAS soldier who killed Dad Mohammad is still serving in the special forces.

Defence did not answer Four Corners' questions about Dad Mohammad's killing and other allegations of war crimes.

In a statement, it said the Inspector-General of the ADF was investigating "whether there is any substance to rumour and allegations" about possible war crimes committed by Australian special forces in Afghanistan.

It said the inquiry was ongoing. — ABC

Comps hit by crisis

MOST of the remaining shearing sports competitions this season seem likely to be cancelled as the nation steps-up preventing the spread of Covid-19.

Four events on one of the busiest weekends of the season this Saturday and Sunday have been cancelled, and major shows, the New Zealand Shears and the Royal Easter Show, are considering their situations.

Already cancelled are the Warkworth show north of Auckland and the Methven A&P Show in Canterbury, each scheduled for Saturday, and the Waitomo Sports in the King Country and the Flaxbourne A&P Show in Marlborough, which had been scheduled for Sunday.

The Waimarino Shears in the central North Island town Raetihi is still going ahead on Saturday, according to a decision made by its committee on Monday night.

The committee released a statement yesterday saying it was confident it could handle the measures needed to be put in place according to latest advice, but it is monitoring the situation.

Steps being taken will include the recording of name and contact details for all those present and where they have come from.

The statement included full details of warnings and advice as published by the Ministry of Health.

New Zealand Shears president Claire Grainger said the committee's regular meeting was told on Monday night of the position and the advice, and given 24 hours to decide whether its annual championships on April 2-4 will go ahead in the Les Munro Centre.

Held in the centre each year since 1985, the championships generally attract full-house Friday and Saturday night attendances, and around 200 competitors.



POSTPONED: The Fieldays 2020 event scheduled for June 10-13 has been pushed back as part of Government calls to contain Covid-19 by putting off gatherings of more than 500 people. File picture

Fieldays shelved

FIELDAYS has become another major event casualty in the wake of the Government's call for gatherings of more than 500 people to be postponed as a means of containing Covid-19.

In a statement, the organisers said: "Following the Prime Minister's announcement regarding the cancellation of large gatherings to prohibit the spread of Covid-19, the New Zealand National Fieldays Society will be postponing the Fieldays event scheduled for June 10-13 2020."

"The Society stands by the governments' decision to cancel events that draw crowds over 500 in order to stall the spread of Covid-19", said Society CEO Peter Nation.

"We value our loyal stakeholders, including the many exhibitors, suppliers, volunteers, visitors, staff and their extended family, immensely."

"The whole event is about them. Their health and safety is of utmost importance to us and we take the government's decision seriously."

Fieldays remains a central part of the New Zealand agricultural community and calendar.

"It is a chance for friends to catch up, local and global businesses to network, cutting edge innovations are out on show and education is at the heart of the event's delivery."

"The world may be undergoing major challenges in response to Covid-19, but in this changing environment, Fieldays will remain, albeit at a later date."

Fieldays, based on a 114ha site at Mystery Creek near Hamilton, is the largest agricultural event in the Southern Hemisphere and draws people from around the globe — both as exhibitors and visitors.

AgriHQ MARKET REPORT

Week beginning March 16

LAMB

January sales for processing lamb items into China are picking up. Lamb flaps, fat caps and (to a lesser degree) forequarters are under order for the fast-food trade. However, restaurant items such as neck bones are hard to sell as sit-down restaurant meals are still off the table within China. This means that some bone-in cuts that can't be sold on the limited NZ market are either sitting in storage or have been discarded through rendering. Farmgate lamb prices have remained steady for a third consecutive week at \$6.90/kg for the North Island and \$6.80/kg in the South Island. The backlogs of mutton and lamb in the North Island is improving with processors as lamb numbers are reducing, heading towards the inevitable shortage in late-autumn/winter.

BEEF

Last week was a break from the usual weekly losses with prices holding steady. Imported 95CL is sitting at US\$2.07 and imported 90CL is US\$2.00/lb. There have been small sales of 95CL and steer trimming taking place with Chinese traders for a US20c/lb premium over the US. However, forward sales of NZ manufacturing beef for peak US grilling season have not been so rosy. With an alarming rate of Covid-19 infections in the US and a downturn in tourism due to travel restrictions, it seems like the US beef market could be in for a rocky few months. This is a concern as NZ beef slaughter prices rely on the US market. Manufacturing beef makes up a large proportion of all beef carcasses and therefore needs to have a market to sustain farmgate prices. There are few markets available for NZ manufacturing beef beyond the US and China. Canada, the next largest destination for manufacturing beef, received just 1100t or 5 percent of total February exports.

VENISON

The boom in venison prices seems well behind us. Average venison schedules dropped to \$7.60/kg last week, the lowest in nearly four years, and further drops are inevitable. There are a number of factors creating a perfect storm. Firstly, March and April are the two biggest months for export volume, last year accounting for 27 percent of total venison exports. Secondly, the European market has large volumes of European hunting venison in storage which is outcompeting New Zealand venison for prices. Thirdly, US venison prices have been steady, but this is set to change with the spread of coronavirus encouraging consumers to eat at home rather than to go out for meals.

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Todd Muller: This Government thinks farming is 'yesterday's industry'.

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BIG WINNERS: The Waipaoa dog trial was well supported on Friday and Saturday and the event wins were shared around. Merv Utting showed he is back to his consistent best with a second placing in the short head and yard, in action with Fern.



Success for Doug at the Norwood Sports Awards

by Murray Robertson

THE 2020 Norwood NZ Rural Sports Awards were announced over the weekend in Palmerston North and Shearing Sports writer and commentator Doug Laing was one of the recipients.

He won the Levno Contribution to Rural Sport award. The Napier journalist's contribution to shearing has become legendary. Mr Laing first reported on the Golden Shears while at school in the 1960s and went on to co-found the New Zealand Shearing Magazine.

"Gathering all the results from 50 years of the world's premier event, Doug also started the Golden Shears History which was published in 2010," the competition organisers said.

"After successfully documenting the history of shearing, Doug set his sights on the Hawke's Bay A&P Show, where he helped revive the shearing championships."

Mr Laing's unrivalled dedication to the sport saw him nominated for the role of Media Officer for Shearing Sports New Zealand where he became responsible for bringing shearing into the global spotlight.

"Not just a man of shearing, Doug believes in developing sports opportunities for everyone — his achievements include helping to revive rugby league in Hawke's Bay."

The other winners were: Norwood New Zealand Rural Sportsman of the Year, Allan Oldfield from Geraldine, holds both the individual and team's category World Bladeshearing titles.

Skellerup New Zealand Rural Sportswoman of the Year, Steph Tweed from Waipara, the first woman to win a New Zealand dog trial championship.

Fonterra Young New Zealand Rural Sportsman of the Year, Sarah O'Reilly. After finishing her first proper season in 2019, the Rakaia local is set to become one of harness-racing's greats,

Toyota Lifetime Legacy, Ricky May from Rakaia, one of New Zealand's most successful drivers and a two-time winner of the harness racing category and winner of seven New Zealand Cups — a record no one else has beaten.

The Sir Brian Lochore Memorial Award for an Outstanding Sportsman from a Rural Background, sponsored by Allflex, netballer Casey Kopua — the pride of Matamata.

Wins shared around

by Donna Halley

ANNIE Flood and Fye, Rod Mead and Gum, James Maher and Rogue, and Anthony Hughes and Joe shared the event titles at the Waipaoa Dog Trial Club event last Friday and Saturday.

The lambs on both heads worked well as did the two-tooth ewes on the hunts.

Waipaoa Station manager James Maher won the zig zag hunt, and the club would like to thank Waipaoa Station for providing the grounds, facilities and sheep.

Detailed results —
Event one, long head, judge Rob Jeffery, runs 53: Annie Flood Fye 96 1; Henry Gaddum Tau 95 2;

Ned George Poi 94.5 3; Jo Waugh Marty 94 4; Noddy Halley Lad 93.5 5. 1st intermediate Annie Flood Fye 96. 1st maiden Steve Kelleher Ace 86.

Event two, short head and yard, judge A. Morton, runs 68: Rod Mead Gum 95 1; Merv Utting Fern 93.5 2; Bob Bryson O Shea 92 3; Selwyn Dorwood Queen 91 4; Bob Bryson Glen 90.5 5. 1st intermediate Bob Bryson O Shea 92. 1st maiden Allen Irwin Tyke 90.

Event three, zig zag hunt, judge Deano Brensell, runs 77: James Maher Rogue 98 1; Jake Roche Judd 97.5 2; Jerry Cook Trude 97 3; Allen Irwin Dan 96.5 4; Rob Jeffery Bloke 96 5. 1st intermediate James Maher Rogue 98. 1st maiden



WORKING TOGETHER: Jake Roche and Judd were runners-up in the zig zag hunt. Pictures by Donna Halley

Graeme Cook Sheen 93.5. Event four, straight hunt, judge Guy Thompson, runs 77: Anthony Hughes Joe 96.5 1; Brad McHardy May 96 2; Colin Bayliss Pearl

95.5 3; Ned George Flo 95 4; James Maher Scoob 94.75 5. 1st intermediate James Maher Scoob 94.75. 1st maiden Merv Utting Chime 94.

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Selections
Race 1: FRATELLO, BEAU GESTE, PASSWORD
Race 2: SAVEZAR, BLIZZING AWAY, NOWANAGEN
Race 3: PIRIWAI, BOSTON STRONG BOY, BLAZE SEVEN
Race 4: SWISS AVENUE, CHANCEUX, ZEALAND
Race 5: SACRED CAGA, PEERLESS WARRIOR, SOUTHROAD
Race 6: TAVATTACK, VENT, KING'S CAPITAL
Race 7: JAXX BE NIMBLE, GALLARDO, ROSE OF DELGATIE

1 Stable Books Pike Racing 12.16
\$10,000, rating 65 benchmark highweight*, 1800m
1 032s1 Password (9) 69 63 S Phelan
2 1s947 Beau Geste t (10) 68.5 62 M Roustoby (3)
3 8266s Bullitt m (4) 68 61 S Fannin (1)
4 1s064 Fratello (7) 68 61 M B Gillies

5 5088s Battle Royal t (6) 67.5 60 B Lammas
6 27205 Remarx tdh (11) 67.5 60 M Cropp
7 90880 Regal Rock tdh (3) 66.5 62 L Douglas (3)
8 05655 Dawn Jessie t (5) 65 59 T Moki (3)
9 5238s Go Go Gonzo m (8) 65 55
10 9500s Wonder Lass (1) 65 55 S O'Malley (1)
11 129Ps Cashel m (2) 65 45 T Johnson
2 Stable Books Brooks Racing 12.51
\$10,000, maiden highweight, 2000m
1 25922 Blizzing Away (9) 68 54 E Farr
2 35482 Master Courtsman h (2) 68 54 B Lammas
3 72 Nowanagen (6) 68 52 S Phelan
4 22688 Wicklow h (11) 68 52 S Phelan
5 48964 Border Leicester (4) 68 50 S Fannin (1)
6 07980 Curious George (10) 68 48 N Downs (3)
7 8006 Opal Crusher (3) 68 45 M Gibbs-Manssen (3)
8 43572 Savezar (5) 66 52

9 6s884 Natty Pagger h (1) 66 50 M Cropp
10 5066 Danz I Am (7) 66 46 T Johnson
11 86 Money Shot (8) 66 46 S O'Malley (1)
3 Stable Books Baker Racing 12.6
\$10,000, maiden 2yo&up, 1200m
1 458s Boston Strong Boy (3) 58 49 J Parkes
2 55 Lota Hooha (8) 58 47 D Turner
3 52s20 Piriwai (5) 56.5 54 S J Macnab (a2)
4 s3536 Excuse My Hotness h (2) 56.5 51 L Allpress
5 588 Seafolly (9) 56.5 45 C Grylls
6 345s Palm Springs b (1) 56 51 H Andrew
7 64 Drop The Beat h (7) 56 50 R Myers
8 Uber Roca (4) 56 45 S Collett
9 Blaze Seven h (6) 53 45
4 Stable Books Kingsclere Stables 2.04
\$10,000, maiden, 1600m
1 42355 Take A Gamble (7) 58.5 53 R Hannam

2 8 King's Empire (2) 58 45 S Collett
3 42543 Sorry I'm Late b (4) 56.5 53 L Allpress
4 3s226 Zealand b (5) 56.5 53 J Parkes
5 s4642 Chanceux (3) 56.5 52 D Turner
6 03350 Southern Vogue (1) 56.5 52 R Myers
7 742 Swiss Avenue bh (6) 56.5 52 C Grylls
8 4669s Nogolf Etikit h (8) 56 47
5 Stable Books 2.39
\$10,000, maiden 3yo, 1600m
1 8s324 Peerless Warrior b (6) 57.5 53 L Allpress
2 s3365 Beaudz Well h (1) 57.5 52 C Grylls
3 3 Southroad h (2) 57.5 51 D Turner
4 95 Veni Vici (5) 57.5 47 S Phelan
5 086 Dark Horse (3) 57.5 45 J Parkes
6 3543 Sacred Caga (4) 55.5 52 R Myers
6 Stable Books 3.12
\$10,000, rating 65 benchmark*, 1300m
1 2314s Neverstoplaughing (5) 59 63 H Andrew

2 13 King's Capital t (2) 58.5 63 C Grylls
3 64751 Wild West (3) 58.5 63 J Parkes
4 31034 Streak Of Power d (7) 58 62 L Hemi
5 16 Tavattack h (1) 58 62 J Riddell
6 1908s Willy Amy m (8) 57.5 60 L Allpress
7 1s2 Vent m (4) 57 64 J Fawcett (a1)
8 7s65 Miss The Mess (6) 55.5 60 R Myers
9 19070 Capelyn t (9) 54 56 S Collett
7 Remembering Harold Tuson 3.48
\$10,000, maiden, 1400m
1 73055 Goldchi (1) 58.5 50 J Fawcett (a1)
2 Wocket Woy (7) 58.5 45 J Parkes
3 66833 Laureate (9) 58 52 S Collett
4 Husk (8) 58 45 B Butcher
5 s000s Parka's Lady (3) 56.5 45 H Andrew
6 224 Jaxx Be Nimble bh (6) 56 54 L Allpress
7 280s Rose Of Delgatie (5) 56 50 L Hemi
8 48 Gallardo (4) 56 49 R Myers
9 Mary Schik h (2) 56 45 C Grylls

Cambridge harness at Cambridge Thursday Jetbet 7 TAB Doubles 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Trebles 1-2-3, 4-5-6, 7-8-9 Quaddies 2-3-4-5, 6-7-8-9 Place6 4-9

Selections
Race 1: DEMOLITION MAN, STRENGTH OF HEART, HORACE HORSE
Race 2: NEW YORK MINUTE, PATAGONIAN PRINCESS, HEZASHADOWPLAYA
Race 3: MARIANNA BROMAC, A BETTER DANCER, EDAMFAST
Race 4: ALEXIA ROSE, THE BANKER, PIALLIGO
Race 5: MONKEY SELFIE, LADY BE GOOD, PRESIDENTIAL JEWEL
Race 6: EMMBER, WILDESTREAMS, COMEDY ACT
Race 7: MACH LITTLE SOAKY, RED REACTOR, BUGALUGS
Race 8: CASHLODO FLYBYE, VIVA LAS VEGAS, THE BLUE BEAT
Race 9: DELSON, THE HULK, STILL EYRE

1 Happy Birthday Brax Trot 5.36
\$8000, 3yo+, non-winners & r41-r43 & r55 w/c special handicap... stand, 2200m
1 Devereaux (Fr) 1 A Poutama
2 7223s Demolition Man (Fr) 2 K Marshall

3 Kelvinz Luck (Fr) 3 J Stormont
4 Horace Horse (Fr) 4 S Phelan
5 28228 Strength Of Heart (Fr) 5 D Butcher
6 30645 Isaac H (Fr) U1 Z Butcher
7 45843 Rave Nation (30) 1 Fergus Schumacher
8 25657 Littlebitoflove (30) U1 Jay Abernethy
9 7s515 Griffins Hall (30) U2 Dylan Fergusson
2 The Clubhouse Sports Bar 6.02
\$8000, non-winners 3yo+, mobile, 2200m
1 s7068 Lucy's Badboy (Fr) 1 T Mitchell
2 25762 New York Minute (Fr) 2 S Phelan
3 0s08s Cassis (Fr) 3 R Fensom
4 6 We Have A Mach Two (Fr) 4 J Stormont
5 7 Ideal Tomado (Fr) 5 D Fergusson
6 05s5 Miss Taken (Fr) 6 Z Butcher
7 Hezashadowplaya (Fr) 7 P Fergusson
8 99304 Patagonian Princess (Fr) U1 A Poutama
3 Black Dog Furniture Pace 6.29
\$8000, r55, mobile, 2200m
1 88689 Mr Incredible (Fr) 1 J Kriechbaumer
2 26200 The Batmobile (Fr) 2 F Phelan
3 70753 Unfinished Business (Fr) 3 J Brownlee
4 76658 Vanhalem (Fr) 4 C Sharpe
5 s1722 Marianna Bromac (Fr) 5 S Wigg
6 s4568 Count Landeck (Fr) 6 M Northcott

7 51497 Clifton Flutter (Fr) 7 A Temu
8 12156 A Better Dancer (Fr) 8 C Wigg
9 90827 Edamfast (Fr) 21 B Hadley
10 09229 J Bee (Fr) 22 K Hall
4 Dunstan Horse Feeds Pace 6.56
\$8000, non-winners 3yo+, mobile, 2200m
1 9s Pialligo (Fr) 1 R Fensom
2 87 Sheza Honey (Fr) 2 D Butcher
3 92050 Prop Rock (Fr) 3 T Mitchell
4 0 The Banker (Fr) 4 S Phelan
5 06654 Sampan (Fr) 5 T Hanara
6 8 Sly Terror (Fr) 6 J Stormont
7 28309 Blake (Fr) 7 G Gillies
8 67s23 Alexia Rose (Fr) 8 D Fergusson
9 7307 Sumatime Kiwi (Fr) 21 P Fergusson
5 Woodlands Stud Trot 7.21
\$8000, 4yo+ r44-r59, jun.d mobile, 2200m
1 s700s This Sky Rox (Fr) 1 N Delany
2 70922 The Last Gamble (Fr) 2 K Bublitz
3 90767 Lady Be Good (Fr) 3 L Whittaker
4 52833 Great Fantasy (Fr) 4 Z Meredith
5 87086 Tears Of Joy (Fr) 5 A Drake
6 21400 Battle Commander (Fr) 6 S Rapley
7 6s417 Mi Anna (Fr) 7 C Smith
8 32130 Presidential Jewel (Fr) 8

9 31369 Mums Star (Fr) 21 F Schumacher
10 00129 Monkey Selfie (Fr) U1 D Fergusson
6 Amber Garden Centre Pace 7.46
\$8000, 3yo+ r40-r51,r53 w/c. mobile, 2200m
1 50P43 Allonblack (Fr) 1 D Butcher
2 51944 Emmer (Fr) 2 M White
3 40550 Itsthefinalcountdown (Fr) 3 K Bublitz
4 s14s0 Wildestreams (Fr) 4 S Phelan
5 02198 Panda Girl (Fr) 5 P Jeffries
6 64172 Comedy Act (Fr) 6 F Schumacher
7 83078 Sarabi (Fr) 7 A Poutama
8 441s0 Cotton Socks (Fr) 8 Z Butcher
9 73373 Toro Delago (Fr) 21 P Fergusson
7 Mitre 10 Mega Cambridge 8.11
\$8500, r56+ discretionary handicap stand, 2700m
1 06096 Racketeers Boy (Fr) 1 D Butcher
2 48323 Bugalugs (Fr) 2 P Fergusson
3 78800 Imajollywally (Fr) 3 J Abernethy
4 64144 Mac's Tomado (Fr) 4 D Fergusson
5 19568 Mach Little Soaky (Fr) U1 L Whittaker
6 The Lone Ranger SCRATCHED
7 46646 Parker (20) 1 Benjamin Butcher
8 64173 Shillelagh (20) 2 Maurice McKendry
9 50s43 Red Reactor (20) 3 Sean McCaffrey

8 Barrett Homes Pace 8.36
\$8000, 3yo+ r52-r55, mobile, 2200m
1 04791 Quick As Fire (Fr) 1 M McKendry
2 8388s Prime Silver (Fr) 2 K Bublitz
3 25326 The Blue Beat (Fr) 3 J Abernethy
4 J-Bee SCRATCHED
5 1 Cashlodo Flybye (Fr) 4 B Butcher
6 8s8P7 Anam Nunu (Fr) 5 A Poutama
7 06243 Fleeting Grin (Fr) 6 P Fergusson
8 16977 Pembroke Charlie (Fr) 7 L Whittaker
9 1 Dress Sense (Fr) 21 T Mitchell
10 0s64s Ohoka Achilles (Fr) 22 Z Butcher
11 6155 Viva Las Vegas (Fr) 23 D Fergusson
9 Greyhound & Harness Pace 9.01
\$8500, r45+ discretionary handicap stand, 2700m
1 95872 Majestic Stride (Fr) 1 P Jeffries
2 78675 Danke (Fr) 2 G Martin
3 74238 Superfast Ninja (15) 1 Andre Poutama
4 s7891 Sunny Pegasus (15) 2 James Stormont
5 35293 Fira (15) 3 Scott Phelan
6 21452 Still Eyre (15) 4 Peter Fergusson
7 P8DD7 Grey Stoke (15) U1 Zachary Butcher
8 23669 Lukanova (25) 1 Kyle Marshall
9 82032 The Hulk (40) U1 Jay Abernethy
10 s0813 Delson (40) U2 Dylan Fergusson

Waikato greys at Cambridge Thursday Jetbet 3 TAB D. 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 T. 1-2-3, 4-5-6, 7-8-9, 10-11-12 Q. 2-3-4-5, 9-10-11-12 PL6 7-12

Selections
Race 1: FERNANDO CHARM, THEA WHO, XENA POPPY
Race 2: MARKED MAN, FANCY, SMASH BURTON
Race 3: AMARO, THRILLING RUPERT, NANA MOLLY
Race 4: MEDUSA WHO, FALL GRACEFULLY, ALWAYS DREAMING
Race 5: HARPOON HARRY, SUSPICIOUS MINDS, SEE EYE BE
Race 6: BIG TIME HARPER, BAILEYS NICE, LITTLE MERMAID
Race 7: BIG TIME ABBY, TOMMY THE JETT, GIRAFFE CLUB
Race 8: THRILLING HUDSON, TALKABOUT IZZY, NIGHT ACE
Race 9: TROJAN HOARSE, HIGHLAND VINTAGE, KIWI BOY
Race 10: THRILLING MORRIS, THRILLING BRAX, THRILLING MURPHY
Race 11: THRILLING RAZOR, SMOOCHE, OPAWA LOLA
Race 12: BIG TIME HARLEY, ZORO, SPRING QUEEN

1 Cambridge Raceway Sprint 12.07
\$1365, C0, 375m
1 64685 Xena Poppy nwtd R & L Udy
2 5367F Loudred nwtd M Prangley
3 7488s Chong Lai nwtd Raewyn McPhee
4 773 Fernando Charm nwtd Thayne Green
5 Vacant Box Five - n & a
6 888 Clever Ester nwtd W & T Steele
7 76442 Thea Who nwtd M Prangley
8 Electric Shock nwtd A J Christiansen

2 Yvette Bodiam Sprint 12.25
\$1450, C1, 375m
1 616 Marked Man nwtd W & T Steele
2 84256 Smash Burton nwtd R & L Udy
3 23347 Jinja Lad 21.72 Raewyn McPhee
4 56656 In Focus 21.66 Paul Cleaver
5 55876 Talkabout Sophie 21.54 Marsha Black
6 54637 Black Bridge 21.72 Robert Roper
7 45846 Nexus 21.86 Glennis Farrell
8 35582 Fancy 21.71 M Prangley
EMERGENCIES:
9 88488 Tilly's Silly 21.55 R & L Udy
10 55578 Shambi's Girl nwtd K T Herbert
3 Farmlands Coprice Series Final 12.42
\$1500, C0, final, 375m
1 63565 Clever Harper nwtd W & T Steele
2 55721 Amaro 21.47 Arch Lawrence
3 43226 Derry Blues nwtd Peter Clark
4 8 Wild Kiwi nwtd Udy & Cottam
5 63F47 Forego nwtd Greg Pomeroy
6 4 Nana Molly nwtd Udy & Cottam
7 52787 Alfie Daman nwtd Peter Clark
8 2237 Thrilling Rupert nwtd Karen Walsh
EMERGENCIES:
9 78562 Indi Shae nwtd S O'Neill
10 773 Fernando Charm nwtd Thayne Green
4 Cookies Kitchen Sprint 1.00
\$1450, C1, 375m
1 57725 Fall Gracefully nwtd M Prangley
2 47264 Always Dreaming 21.40 Glennis Farrell
3 86356 Ford Man nwtd R & L Udy
4 23377 Agbeze nwtd Marsha Black
5 67653 Medusa Who nwtd M Prangley
6 38687 Seven Sharp 21.56 Wendy Toomath

7 68658 Rion King nwtd R & L Udy
8 86678 Opawa Queen nwtd W & T Steele
EMERGENCIES:
9 55578 Shambi's Girl nwtd K T Herbert
10 88488 Tilly's Silly 21.55 R & L Udy
5 Fond Foods Ltd Sprint 1.17
\$2390, C4, 375m
1 32253 Harpoon Harry nwtd Maree Gowan
2 56682 Suspicious Minds 20.89 Ben Craik
3 68166 Big Time Clare 21.38 Lisa Cole
4 57347 Bigtime Banjo nwtd Lisa Cole
5 18826 Bigtime Sheer nwtd Lisa Cole
6 55424 Our Hemi 21.15 Udy & Cottam
7 66237 Native Scout 21.34 Phil Green
8 78713 See Eye Be 21.04 M Prangley
EMERGENCIES:
9 23154 Stay Rich 21.46 M & J Smith
10 12256 Sophia Noir 21.18 Arch Lawrence
6 Mayhounds Retirement Final 1.36
\$1500, C1, final, 375m
1 74145 Our Hotrod nwtd Udy & Cottam
2 58342 Stellar Babe 22.10 Paul Cleaver
3 71434 Buggy Brown nwtd W & T Steele
4 44673 Winbourn Freddy nwtd Sean Codlin
5 42124 Get Me Home nwtd Udy & Cottam
6 83583 Little Mermaid nwtd W & T Steele
7 58113 Big Time Harper 21.45 Peter Clark
8 33271 Baileys Nice 21.38 Arch Lawrence
EMERGENCIES:
9 84256 Smash Burton nwtd R & L Udy
10 72475 Magic Eight Ball nwtd R & N O'Regan
7 Garrards Horse & Hound Sprint 1.56
\$1685, C2, 375m
1 36444 Tommy The Jett nwtd Marsha Black

2 44574 Bigtime Jacob 21.24 Ben Craik
3 75318 Big Time Abby 21.49 Peter Clark
4 67824 Giraffe Club nwtd Lisa Cole
5 14677 Flying Huey 21.37 Marsha Black
6 64574 Eddie Hemi nwtd W & T Steele
7 47217 Paddy Fast 21.35 M & J Smith
8 78556 Snoopy's Hero 21.31 David Ray
8 Vetora Cambridge Sprint 2.12
\$2035, C3, 375m
1 11313 Talkabout Izzy 21.33 David Ray
2 87322 Spring Fox nwtd Maree Gowan
3 13278 Go Falcon 21.39 W & T Steele
4 33284 Botany Wayne 21.22 Phil Green
5 21231 Thrilling Hudson 21.13 Karen Walsh
6 77753 Big Time Dynasty nwtd Lisa Cole
7 61522 Night Ace nwtd Greg Pomeroy
8 s8864 Quara's Yoshi nwtd Paul Cleaver
EMERGENCY:
9 81768 Noah Who 21.03 M Prangley
9 Superior Chunky Dog Rolls 2.31
\$2860, C4/5, 375m
1 56354 Big Time Gwyn 21.13 Lisa Cole
2 74581 Typical 21.25 Shirley Ross
3 11515 Trojan Hoarse 20.75 Lisa Cole
4 46661 Zipping Buddy 21.30 Ben Craik
5 16344 Gao Gao 21.50 Glennis Farrell
6 14124 Kiwi Boy nwtd Udy & Cottam
7 82737 Big Time Tina nwtd Lisa Cole
8 11817 Highland Vintage nwtd Peter Fergusson
EMERGENCIES:
9 81456 Prerogative 21.14 Udy & Cottam
10 12681 Big Time Vegas 21.24 Lisa Cole

10 Farmlands Virkon Stakes 2.47
\$3325, C2/3, 457m
1 67476 Bigtime Levi 25.87 Lisa Cole
2 11332 Looby's Story 26.21 Arch Lawrence
3 11185 Allegro Curtis nwtd Lisa Cole
4 12212 Thrilling Morris 25.55 Karen Walsh
5 11141 Thrilling Brax 26.30 Karen Walsh
6 1621F Thrilling Murphy 25.60 Karen Walsh
7 35243 Enjoy The Perks 26.13 A J Christiansen
8 74727 Bigtime Benji nwtd Lisa Cole
EMERGENCY:
9 36433 Bigtime Puma 25.87 Lisa Cole
11 Affordable Pet Accessories 3.04
\$2505, C1, 457m
1 77436 Smoochie 25.85 Arch Lawrence
2 57726 Opawa Lola nwtd Glennis Farrell
3 1131 Thrilling Razor 25.75 Karen Walsh
4 46214 Little Teags 25.80 Arch Lawrence
5 47547 Bigtime Ava nwtd Peter Clark
6 85444 Zipping Monty nwtd Carolyn Henley
7 22556 Coutreau Time 26.09 Arch Lawrence
8 8s86F Sue Zooki 25.70 Thayne Green
12 Mike Stent Decorators 3.22
\$4030, C4, 457m
1 53352 Keysite 25.56 Peter Fergusson
2 63883 Odnok Ankie 25.69 Peter Fergusson
3 87527 Tuff's My Mum 25.93 Shirley Ross
4 72573 Bigtime Leads 25.97 Lisa Cole
5 25247 Cheeseball 25.91 Lisa Cole
6 21611 Big Time Harley 25.66 Lisa Cole
7 14262 Spring Queen 25.61 Emma Potts
8 87272 Zoro 25.81 Arch Lawrence
EMERGENCIES:
9 41475 Grunt nwtd W & T Steele
10 56486 Bigtime Bruno nwtd Lisa Cole

Christchurch greys at Addington Thursday Jetbet 9 TAB D. 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 T. 1-2-3, 4-5-6, 7-8-9, 10-11-12 Q. 2-3-4-5, 9-10-11-12 PL6 7-12

Selections
Race 1: OPAWA LACY, SMASH REBEL, HOMEBUSH BOOTS
Race 2: TRICKY, GOLDSTAR SPOTTY, CISCO REIGN
Race 3: AMURI LIV, MITCHAM BECKY, TWO BE FRANK
Race 4: ZIPPING HOUDINI, RING CLOWN, MAN OF LETTERS
Race 5: MITCHAM BECKY, DYNA FRANKIE, ALEXIA
Race 6: VEGAN EXPRESS, GOLDSTAR MAJOR, SOUFFLE SUE
Race 7: SELECT TRICK, BECK ELEVEN, ARCHIE JOHN HILL
Race 8: DYNA XARVEL, PUNTERS A HERO, OPAWA SLICK
Race 9: OZZIE, OPAWA NAT, OPAWA TODDY
Race 10: GO VEGAS, DOUBLE SPEED, TRANSLATION
Race 11: MUSTANG TULLY, HILTON FORABET, HIGH DREAMER
Race 12: OPAWA DI, AMURI MAGIC, TREVILLE

1 The Fitz Sports Bar Heat 1 4.14
\$2390, C4, heat, 295m
1 74371 Smash Rebel 17.44 Malcolm Grant
2 68347 Opawa Lacy 17.04 Robin Wales
3 53316 Just Izzy 17.35 Bruce Dann
4 45716 Elodea 17.37 Rosemary Blackburn
5 64767 Frizzled nwtd Matt Roberts
6 61213 Homebush Boots 17.20 John McInerney
7 37265 Know Majority 17.20 Garry Cleeve
8 81766 Forehand Raid 17.19 Jason Dunn
EMERGENCY:
9 77784 Pita Ramos 17.14 Jason Dunn
2 Hart Family Greyhound Racing 4.34
\$2035, C3, 295m
1 53777 Sozin's Azure 17.44 John McInerney
2 75366 Goldstar Spotty 17.25 S & B Evans

3 86771 Homebush George 17.29 John McInerney
4 24513 Cisco Reign 17.21 Daniel Roberts
5 58653 Opawa Lawsey 17.29 Robin Wales
6 67355 Jaded Affair 17.33 Lisa Waretini
7 14211 Tricky 17.03 Daniel Lane
8 44471 Smash Over 17.32 Malcolm Grant
EMERGENCIES:
9 58685 Black Rounder 17.22 Jason Dunn
10 78774 Nippa Martino 17.22 John McInerney
3 Steve Anngow Dash 4.53
\$2035, C3, 295m
1 12465 Amuri Liv 17.16 John McInerney
2 25265 Two Be Frank 17.24 Bruce Dann
3 78647 Homebush Tesan 17.28 John McInerney
4 11216 Mitcham Usain 17.32 John McInerney
5 23F55 No Kissy Missy 17.58 Ashley Bradshaw
6 53558 Fidgety Feet 17.21 J M McCook
7 35482 Smash Grenade 17.38 Malcolm Grant
8 37585 Jax Jewel 17.37 Daniel Roberts
EMERGENCIES:
9 78728 Starr Blueblood 17.34 John McInerney
10 47s78 Goldstar Diesel 17.37 S & B Evans
4 Kolorful Canvas Sprint 5.11
\$2035, C3, 295m
1 52343 Ring Clown 17.19 Malcolm Grant
2 44427 Man Of Letters 17.19 Alison Lee
3 s1111 Zipping Houdini 16.97 Calum Weir
4 61767 Homebush Zack 17.99 John McInerney
5 36821 Punters Kirsty 17.27 Robin Wales
6 57565 Citizen Agueru 17.25 John McInerney
7 31385 Jealous Affair 17.47 Lisa Waretini
8 45645 Nikko Baxter 17.32 John McInerney
EMERGENCIES:
9 78728 Starr Blueblood 17.34 John McInerney
10 47s78 Goldstar Diesel 17.37 S & B Evans

5 Thursday Place Pick Dash 5.28
\$2035, C3, 295m
1 35614 Jinja Liv 17.52 J M McCook
2 12122 Mitcham Becky 17.28 Corey Steele
3 26157 Smash Achiever 17.15 Malcolm Grant
4 33433 Neelix 17.29 Rosemary Blackburn
5 66258 Homebush Aimee 17.31 John McInerney
6 86826 Maffra Daisy 17.22 John McInerney
7 13565 Alexia 17.40 Daniel Lane
8 13248 Dyna Frankie nwtd Matt Roberts
EMERGENCIES:
9 58685 Black Rounder 17.22 Jason Dunn
10 78774 Nippa Martino 17.22 John McInerney
6 The Fitz Sports Bar Heat 2 5.46
\$2390, C4, heat, 295m
1 41757 Goldstar Major 17.24 S & B Evans
2 61253 Black Tori 17.35 Ashley Bradshaw
3 37864 Lisa's Boy 17.24 Ray Casey
4 74362 Souffle Sue 17.19 John McInerney
5 21131 Vegan Express 17.22 Calum Weir
6 12241 Calm Inferno 17.22 Bruce Dann
7 12738 Know Baby 17.27 Garry Cleeve
8 67324 Special As 17.30 J M McCook
EMERGENCY:
9 77784 Pita Ramos 17.14 Jason Dunn
7 I Pave Concrete Sprint 6.11
\$2860, C5, 295m
1 14313 Beck Eleven 17.04 Lisa Waretini
2 51116 Select Trick 16.95 Calum Weir
3 11451 Archie John Hill 17.08 J & D Fahey
4 51375 Smash Wild 17.07 Malcolm Grant
5 65261 Chanyaka 17.20 Bruce Dann

6 72752 Hankenstein 17.19 Ashley Bradshaw
7 42238 Platinum Paisley 17.08 Jason Dunn
8 88287 Golden Bay 17.13 J M McCook
EMERGENCIES:
9 75282 Super Over Drama 17.12 S & B Evans
10 36471 Culvie Ness 17.22 Hart & Taylor
8 Shirley Vet Clinic Stakes 6.41
\$3325, C3, 520m
1 58333 Dyna Xarvel 30.35 Craig Roberts
2 31346 Alotta Talk 30.46 S & B Evans
3 67847 Creme Brulee 30.26 Lisa Waretini
4 22211 Punch On Buzz 30.27 John McInerney
5 F2427 Goldstar Sydney 30.14 S & B Evans
6 52274 Opawa Slick 30.23 J & D Fahey
7 45512 Punters A Hero 30.40 J & D Fahey
8 46276 Goldstar Spook 30.48 S & B Evans
EMERGENCY:
9 16785 Rivalries 30.16 J & D Fahey
9 NZ Racing Series Heat 1 7.06
\$3090, NZRS, heat, 520m
1 51872 Goldstar Mauney 30.20 S & B Evans
2 25284 Opawa Nat 30.01 J & D Fahey
3 Vacant Box Three - n & a
4 16266 Opawa Toddy 30.18 J & D Fahey
5 31764 Know State 30.01 Garry Cleeve
6 Vacant Box Six - n & a
7 22121 Ozzie 30.01 Daniel Lane
8 14356 Gem 30.15 J & D Fahey
10 NZ Racing Series Heat 2 7.31
\$3090, NZRS, heat, 520m
1 47s17 Translation 30.33 J & D Fahey
2 45357 Know Refusal 30.35 Garry Cleeve

3 Vacant Box Three - n & a
4 57153 Go Vegas 30.03 J & D Fahey
5 56441 Double Speed 30.11 Ray Adcock
6 Vacant Box Six - n & a
7 77285 Thrilling Watch 30.60 Daniel Roberts
8 31257 Opawa Sweet 30.23 Robin Wales
11 Christchurch Casino Sprint 7.56
\$2860, C5, 295m
1 32121 Mustang Livly 17.08 Calum Weir
2 51316 It's A Joke 17.26 John McInerney
3 52165 Little Krakatoa 17.24 Ashley Bradshaw
4 44113 Memoir 17.30 Dylan Joyce
5 12312 High Dreamer 17.11 Malcolm Grant
6 68414 Martha Magic 17.33 Lisa Waretini
7 44243 Jinja Dylan 17.18 Allan Joyce
8 12714 Hilton Forabet 17.06 Bruce Dann
EMERGENCIES:
9 24571 Opawa Oscar 17.10 Robin Wales
10 37415 Shaw Lee 17.10 J M McCook
12 The Fitz Sports Bar Heat 3 8.22
\$2390, C4, heat, 295m
1 74F32 Amuri Magic 17.28 John McInerney
2 25326 Treville 17.27 Jason Dunn
3 34113 Opawa Di 17.10 Robin Wales
4 71443 Know Charisma 17.19 Garry Cleeve
5 84234 King Toliman 17.32 Daniel Roberts
6 33158 Goldstar Tawny 17.12 S & B Evans
7 78188 Tearaway Tara 17.39 J M McCook
8 78576 Taieri Terra 17.31 Ray Casey
EMERGENCY:
9 77784 Pita Ramos 17.14 Jason Dunn

New South Wales races at Newcastle Thursday

Jetbet 17 TAB doubles 1-2, 4-5, 8-9 Trebles 3-4-5, 7-8-9 Quaddie 2-3-4-5, 6-7-8-9

Selections
Race 1: PENANG, FROM THE HIP, RED HOT MOON
Race 2: FAVRA, OAKFIELD NAVAJO, RANGES
Race 3: WARP SPEED, MENAGERIE, ZARZOU
Race 4: AMITTO, CHANTING, LADY LEGEND
Race 5: PRESS START, LADY OF LUXURY, I SAY HELLO
Race 6: GEO, REVEAL THE MAGIC, MONTSERRAT
Race 7: INSTANT ATTRACTION, PLAQUETTE, SMITTEN
Race 8: SIESTA KEY, ZOULOGIST, POULTON LE SANDS
Race 9: ASHARANI, TRUMBULL, OXFORD TYCOON

1 Hunter Valley Prem. Meats 2.30

\$35,000, Maiden, 900m
1 435s From The Hip h (6) 59 95 Ms S Metcalfe (a3)
2 24s92 Penang b (5) 58 100 B Avdulla
3 Kikikapow h (3) 57.5 81 Ms A Denby
4 Owahata Crumpet (1) 57.5 81 J Penza
5 Red Hot Moon (8) 57.5 84 T Marquand
6 9s Our Cheeky Monkey (2) 56.5 91 T Sherry (a2)
7 9795s Fused Magic h (4) 56 81 D Mc Lellan
8 Girls Kick On (7) 56 84 Ms R King

2 tradienetwork.com.au Plate 3.05

\$35,000, 3yo & up Maiden SW, 1200m
1 8s Dr Copper h (9) 58.5 75
2 Dunlee (4) 58.5 82 J Van Overmeire (a)
3 32s23 Favra b (7) 58.5 100 B Avdulla
4 4s984 Medellin (8) 58.5 80 D Mc Lellan
5 2455 Oakfield Navajo (3) 58.5 92 A Hyeronimus
6 s2465 Ranges b (5) 58.5 90 C Reith

7 2s57s Grande Amici h (1) 57 79 C O'Brien
8 60s Unforgettable h (2) 57 68 Ms A Denby
9 5s436 Caudan (10) 56.5 92 Ms R King
10 s4346 Our Fraulein (6) 56.5 94 T Marquand

3 Australian Bloodstock 3.40

\$35,000, 3yo & up Maiden, 1400m
1 53s2 Warp Speed (1) 58.5 96 J Ford
2 s33s3 Menagerie (5) 56.5 96 R Dolan (a)
3 8s5s4 Zarzou (9) 56.5 100 B Avdulla
4 222s7 Oakfield Tickets (7) 55.5 90 A Hyeronimus
5 Soul Purpose (10) 55.5 88 J Parr
6 95693 Bobby's Give Away (8) 54 87 Ms J Duggan (a)
7 s8s06 Company Line (2) 54 81 S Lisnny
8 2s089 Gloraya bh (6) 54 95 T Sherry (a2)
9 779s8 Justaway (4) 54 83 Ms C Graham (a2)
10 98 Queen Snip (3) 54 79 A Layt

4 Sharp Electronics Group 4.15

\$35,000, Class 1, 1600m
1 2s122 Amitto b (9) 59 96 Ms R King
2 57s12 Industrial (7) 59 99 Ms C Graham (a2)
3 18s63 Mystery Trick (8) 59 95 A Hyeronimus
4 2s213 Lady Legend d (2) 58 96 T Wolfgram
5 6261 Chanting w (4) 57.5 100 J Parr
6 666s4 Cajetan (11) 56.5 92 T Marquand
7 38s15 Crime Wave w (6) 56.5 92 A Layt
8 Temperate SCRATCHED
9 05s12 The Guru w (3) 55.5 93 Ms J Taylor
10 03s49 Financial d (1) 54 91 T Sherry (a2)
11 78598 Nazare (5) 54 80 J Penza

5 New Zealand Bloodstock 4.50

\$35,000, 2yo Maiden SW, 1200m
1 54s Col's Law (5) 57 80 J Ford
2 649 Gorshin (13) 57 85

3 7s Hot Spring Gold (16) 57 96 N Rawiller
4 Luminoso (7) 57 81 A Morgan
5 Skellig Island (4) 57 84 T Marquand
6 Wheelhouse (14) 57 80
7 Alighted (12) 55 84 J Van Overmeire (a)
8 I Say Hello h (6) 55 92 B Avdulla
9 27 Lady Of Luxury (9) 55 100 R Dolan (a)
10 Latin-Lyric SCRATCHED
11 35s Press Start (3) 55 83 S Clipperton
12 Sparky Girl (2) 55 83 J Penza
13 Sweet Anna (8) 55 86 Ms R King
14 Wild-Irish SCRATCHED

6 Yarraman Park Handicap 5.30

\$35,000, C,H&Gs Class 2, 1200m
1 212 Geo h (8) 59.5 95 B Avdulla
2 915s2 Montserrat (5) 58 100 J Parr
3 s2927 Zouologist (11) 58 91 C Lever
4 4s66s Belladeel h (3) 57.5 88 C O'Brien
5 23322 Reveal The Magic th (11) 56.5 91 Ms S Metcalfe (a3)
6 02317 Oakfield Jet dw (7) 55 91 D Mc Lellan
7 11090 Mr Polar h (12) 54.5 87 A Morgan
8 62256 Quick Finance (9) 54.5 94 R Dolan (a)
9 23223 Titus h (10) 54 93 T Sherry (a2)
10 5038s Art Of More w (4) 54 90 J Van Overmeire (a)
11 08254 Micheal Oscar d (2) 54 90 Ms J Taylor
12 74605 Blinkin Noodles (6) 54 82 J Penza

7 Sage Painting Handicap 6.10

\$35,000, F&M Class 2, 1200m
1 653s0 Regimental Band h (18) 60 91 B Avdulla
2 s4284 Unguarded w (17) 60 91 T Sherry (a2)
3 2150s Romantic Whisper (15) 59.5 90 S Magorrian

4 s212s Instant Attraction db (6) 58.5 97 T Marquand
5 s17s6 Steel Diamond (9) 58 91 S Clipperton
6 53615 Compatriot d (10) 57.5 92 R Dolan (a)
7 11030 Howra d (2) 57.5 92 C Reith
8 5s7s2 Joy For Us d (3) 57.5 94 C Noble (a1.5)
9 43133 Plaquette bn (14) 57.5 100 Ms R King
10 21634 Invincible Kiss t (11) 57 90 Ms C Graham (a2)
11 Singing-River SCRATCHED
12 515s5 Smitten wb (5) 56.5 94 J Parr
13 1227s Jazette (12) 56 88 N Rawiller
14 134s Dazzling Damsel (1) 55.5 92 A Hyeronimus

8 Hungerford Hill 6.50

\$35,000, Benchmark 64, 1400m
1 Isorich SCRATCHED
2 36418 Budderoo Knight dw (12) 61 94 B Ryan (a1.5)
3 6135s Poulton Le Sands w (1) 61 90 Ms R King
4 0s55s Think Straight (3) 61 97 J Van Overmeire (a)
5 92734 Beaufort Park dw (11) 60.5 100 J Parr
6 318s0 Fast Train (6) 60.5 93 J Innes Jnr
7 258s9 Genoveffa dw (2) 59 90 Ms C Graham (a2)
8 02400 Niastar (17) 59 84 J Penza
9 62123 Siesta Key h (14) 58.5 93 B Avdulla
10 0s342 Dundee Lee dwh (8) 58.5 95 A Gibbons
11 99s76 Toroso w (5) 58.5 94 T Sherry (a2)

12 01162 Acoustix (9) 58 91 Ms J Duggan (a)
13 142s1 Trajection dw (16) 57.5 98 S Clipperton
14 09536 Prince Mayted w (7) 57.5 90 Ms B Hodder
15 031s0 Parlour wh (10) 56 81 R Dolan (a)
16 3s607 Rubino Veloce dw (13) 56 88 Ms S Metcalfe (a3)

9 Gosford Qual. 7.30

\$150,000, Class 5 SW, 1200m
1 231s1 Trumbull cdw (17) 59 97 G Buckley
2 54331 Through The Cracks cdw (18) 59 93 Ms J Duggan (a)
3 23545 General Soho dwh (4) 59 92 T Sherry (a)
4 1210s Oakfield Captain t (15) 57.5 89 A Hyeronimus
5 1868s Defeat tdw (7) 57.5 89 S Lisnny
6 4106s Golden Tycoon cd (1) 56 96 C Reith
7 56s81 Oxford Tycoon wn (6) 56 100 D Mc Lellan
8 13s56 Sir Elton wb (16) 56 95 A Morgan
9 113s1 Bombasay dwh (10) 56 92 C Lever
10 s5122 Asharani dwh (8) 55.5 99 B Avdulla
11 3s70s It's So Obvious n (11) 55.5 86 B Spriggs
12 412s2 Miss Scorcher dw (2) 55.5 96 J Penza
13 Bare-Naked-Lady SCRATCHED
14 s2625 Bubbles Ball cwh (9) 54 92 A Gibbons
15 11336 The Crimson Idol (14) 54 89 Ms R Murray
16 s5103 Liberty Sun n (3) 56 89 C O'Brien
17 21634 Invincible Kiss t (13) 54 88 C Noble (a)
18 s5263 Reiby's Regent b (5) 56 95 Ms K O'Hara

Victoria races at Terang Thursday

Jetbet 13 TAB doubles 3-4, 7-8 Trebles 2-3-4, 6-7-8 Quaddie 1-2-3-4, 5-6-7-8

Selections
Race 1: EUROMAN, DIAMOND STAR HALO, BEYOND THANKFUL
Race 2: SO BELAFONTE, MANHATTAN GANGSTER, THE BEDOUIN
Race 3: SACRED GODDESS, MAGNUS ROYALE, TONY
Race 4: SOMEBODY STOP ME, ROYAL DRAGON, TAKAHE
Race 5: DUECOURSE, SNITZ AND THE CITY, FABIANS SPIRIT
Race 6: GONE ROGUE, SUNDAY NIGHT TEA, BENATARI
Race 7: HAMMER 'N' TONE, MIRUSIA, THE PATCHIE KID
Race 8: RIDING HIGH, MILL ON BROOK, JUSTJULES

1 L Kenna OAM Mem Hurdle 2.15

\$30,000, 3yo & up Benchmark 120 Hurdle, 3200m
1 59s00 I'll'ava'alf dw (1) 76 83 Ronan Short (clm3)
2 333s9 Euroman dw (2) 71.5 99 L Horner
3 57473 It's Cochise w (5) 67 95 T Ryan
4 38s07 Beyond Thankful dw (4) 66 100 D Horner Jnr (clm1.5)
5 2s741 Diamond Star Halo dw (3) 65.5 98 S Jackson

2 Decron Hurdle 2.55

\$25,000, 3yo & up Maiden SW Hurdle, 3200m
1 0s040 Excellent Rhythm dwn (8) 68.5 96 B S Thomas-Rantall (clm3)
2 19s50 Hierarchal tw (2) 68.5 92 W Gordon
3 05958 Like You Look (11) 68.5 89 R O'Sullivan (clm3)
4 s9108 Manhattan Gangster w (3) 68.5 98 Ronan Short (clm3)
5 25849 Silent Protector (4) 68.5 88 S Jackson
6 99333 So Belafonte tw (12) 68.5 94 T Ryan
7 0s802 The Bedouin (10) 68.5 100 D Horner Jnr (clm1.5)
8 05578 The Ultimatum (5) 68.5 90 Bill Gleeson (clm3)
9 7s69P Undergroundfighter w (7) 68.5 88 L Horner
10 26870 Valhalla Princess (1) 66.5 94 Dylan Mc Donagh (clm3)
EMERGENCIES:
11 18703 Spin King w (6) 68.5 88 N Newton (clm3)
12 50390 Ponbar Finale (9) 68.5 88 R O'Sullivan (clm3)

3 Midfield Group Plate 3.30

\$23,000, 3yo & up Maiden SW, 1000m
1 Allgo (13) 58.5 80 Ms C Puls
2 2770s Amusing Magnus (7) 58.5 79 N Farley
3 s5s25 Magnus Royale (9) 58.5 95 J Allen
4 3738s Tony (5) 58.5 89 J Hill
5 74998 Verando h (10) 58.5 79 Ms C Hall (a)

6 Fighting Jack (4) 58 80 W Egan
7 Gannett (11) 58 81 D Yendall
8 Ididitorlove (3) 58 82 S Payne
9 3347s Apash (12) 56.5 71 D Bates
10 0445s Ghisa (1) 56.5 79 Ms L Doodt (a)
11 52235 Smart Promise (6) 56.5 85 J Fry
12 Zingara's Promise (15) 56.5 79 Ms M Julius (a)
13 Golden Egg (14) 56 82 C Caserta (a)
14 224s2 Sacred Goddess b (2) 56 100 E Brown
EMERGENCY:
15 5 Love Sick (8) 56 90 W Price (a2)

4 Terang Co-Op Hwt 4.10

\$23,000, 3yo & up Maiden HWT, 1850m
1 99058 Hardway (2) 68.5 88 Ronan Short
2 65389 Hez A Wolf (7) 68.5 84 B S Thomas-Rantall
3 50250 Jousting (8) 68.5 88 T Ryan
4 4s027 Royal Dragon (9) 68.5 95 L Horner
5 9s642 Somebody Stop Me (3) 68.5 100 J Allen
6 08573 Takahe (4) 68.5 87 W Gordon
7 04089 Vlamingh (1) 68.5 84 N Newton
8 34457 Young Lucas (5) 68.5 91 L C Williams
9 77657 Von Hill (6) 66.5 86 D Horner Jnr

5 Peterborough Plate 4.45

\$22,000, 3yo & up Benchmark 64, 1200m
1 37532 Fabian's Spirit dwh (3) 61 98 J Hill
2 44519 Duecourse cd (7) 60.5 94 D Yendall
3 16s1s Stayawake dw (1) 59.5 93 J Hill
4 2s60s No Joy d (8) 58.5 96 W Egan

5 4s321 Snitz And The City (9) 58.5 100 J Allen

6 80s15 Ship Of Dreams dw (5) 58 100 C Rawiller (a2)
7 s5616 Valentina Star w (10) 58 100 W Price (a2)
8 36358 Lonruse tdw (6) 57.5 94 Ms C Puls
9 07221 Elegant Tycoon d (4) 56.5 94 D Bates
10 50803 Chat To Maggie tcwh (2) 54 90 Ms C Hall (a)

6 Mt Noorat Freighters 5.20

\$22,000, 3yo & up Benchmark 58, 1400m
1 53302 Gone Rogue d (10) 61.5 100 J Allen
2 65s25 Sunday Night Tea dw (7) 61.5 97 J Fry
3 78521 Benatari w (6) 61 93 J Hill
4 44321 Hussonman (5) 61 95 Ms A Kelly (a2)
5 315s8 Stogursey Prince wb (3) 61 95 W Egan
6 s6443 Theburg db (8) 61 96 C Rawiller (a2)
7 13s39 High Tango w (11) 59.5 94 W Gordon
8 95432 Now And Forever (9) 59.5 94 D Yendall
9 646s6 Bassons dw (12) 58.5 93 D Bates
10 17978 Toymark w (4) 56.5 87 S Payne
11 90792 Valse t (2) 56.5 96 W Price (a2)
12 99603 Peg Leg Ben cwh (1) 54 92 Ms C Hall (a)

7 Bet365 Protest Promise 6.00

\$22,000, 3yo & up Benchmark 58, 1600m
1 61s95 The Patchie Kid dw (6) 61 94 W Price (a2)
2 2448s Upswing dw (12) 61 93 W Egan
3 01627 White Thyme dw (13) 60.5 92 Ms A Kelly (a2)
4 8s127 Hammer 'n' Tone wb (8) 59.5 97 Ms C Macfarlane

5 51025 Shamrock Joy (9) 59.5 93 M Allen

6 04812 Arkamun n (4) 59 93 C Rawiller (a2)
7 72251 Mirusia d (7) 59 98 N Farley
8 42s97 Power Of Many w (10) 58.5 97 D Bates
9 04234 Indiana Star w (3) 58 100 J Allen
10 468s7 Pequina Colina dw (11) 57.5 95 J Fry
11 62945 Prize Lad dh (2) 57.5 93 J Hill
12 7800s Real Finniss tdw (5) 57.5 77 L German (a)
13 87694 Givepeace A Chance dn (1) 57 93 Ms G Cartwright (a)

8 Inverleigh Hotel Cup 6.40

\$22,000, 3yo & up Benchmark 58, 2150m
1 47631 Britannicus (6) 62 93 C Rawiller (a2)
2 s6811 Riding High w (1) 62 91 W Price (a2)
3 17s60 Mont Agel w (5) 61.5 91 Ms A Kelly (a2)
4 11s53 Zed Em w (15) 60 100 W Egan
5 82764 Hanaki Warrior w (8) 59.5 84 J Allen
6 s1462 Justjules (13) 59.5 90 M Allen
7 02243 I Am Wanted wn (16) 59 90 Ms G Cartwright (a)
8 44321 Mill On Brook c (7) 59 94 D Yendall
9 364s0 Zataglio w (10) 58 81 C Caserta (a)
10 71576 Americaneer w (12) 57.5 94 J Hill
11 s96s0 I Am Baymax (14) 57 83 D Bates
12 53s37 Cheners w (2) 56 89 Ms C Macfarlane
EMERGENCIES:
13 P37s2 Kuridala w (4) 56 89 J Fry
14 408Fs Tailored (3) 55.5 83
15 Ps904 About Time Bill n (11) 55 85
16 6445s Fulmineus w (9) 54 98

Queensland races at Toowoomba Thursday

Jetbet 14 TAB doubles 3-4, 6-7 Trebles 1-2-3, 5-6-7 Quaddie 1-2-3-4, 4-5-6-7

Selections
Race 1: MOTOMISS, SHAHI, MISSLLEERS
Race 2: ENDLESS RIVER, STATEMENT PIECE, BESTIE
Race 3: BOGEY MAN, TAKOTOSUBO, ROSIE POSIE
Race 4: OXFORD MISS, DANINA, EXCEPTIONAL BELLE
Race 5: CONCAVE, MINOR LUCK, FACTORY WARRIOR
Race 6: GRAND BARRAIL, MALFOY, FISH ON
Race 7: SIR BAM, MISTER WARD, LAST EDITION

1 Get Out Stakes Plate 4.57

\$21,000, Maiden SW, 870m
1 In Agreement h (4) 57.5 74 Ms C Eaton
2 357s Juxtaposed h (7) 57.5 82 K Yoshida
3 Special-Case SCRATCHED
4 8s Mighty Rocky (3) 56.5 75 J Taylor
5 84090 Taxi Crab (9) 56.5 75 M Shimodaira (a2)
6 Dusty Haze h (10) 55.5 75 Ms Z White (a)
7 Veena (1) 55.5 76 Ms S Bogenhuber
8 Misslleers h (5) 54.5 82 Ms E Ljung
9 4 Motomiss bh (13) 54.5 96 L Tilley
10 757s3 Perfect Saga (8) 54.5 79 W O'Connell
11 9 Zaragigi (12) 54.5 71 B Newport
12 0s47 Shahi (6) 53 100 M Hellyer
EMERGENCY:
13 000 Ocean Watch h (11) 55.5 78 Ms H English

2 TAB Plate 5.37

\$21,000, Maiden SW, 1200m
1 7306s Boomi's Buddy (5) 57.5 92 Ms R Palmer
2 5777s Brazen Choice h (3) 57.5 82 J Taylor
3 36s47 Mishani Phantom (10) 57 87 S Tomlinson (a3)
4 8233s Tigerpower (4) 57.5 88 Ms S Bogenhuber
5 26 Bestie bh (14) 56.5 100 A Thompson (a)
6 9s Endless River (2) 56.5 79 G Colless
7 04276 Enraged h (12) 56.5 94 M Hellyer
8 543s Kohiko h (9) 56.5 89 B Pengelly
9 Doc's Gift (13) 55.5 87 Beau Appo
10 855s3 Statement Piece h (1) 55.5 97 J Bayliss
11 8430s Trustable (11) 55.5 86 G Geran
12 95s Maguli h (15) 54.5 86 Ms E Ljung
13 s870s Minaj A Star (7) 54.5 80 Ms Z White (a)
14 76s6 Our Clarissa h (6) 54.5 89 K Yoshida
EMERGENCIES:
15 866s7 De Novo h (8) 57.5 77 M Shimodaira (a2)
16 Thorben SCRATCHED

3 Toowoomba Plastics 6.17

\$21,000, Benchmark 78, 1200m
1 15s01 Bogey Man tcdwhn (7) 60 97 S Tomlinson (a3)
2 1865s Rosie Posie cdwh (6) 59 95 Ms M Wishart (a2)
3 29s78 Dazzling Red tcdwh (5) 58 97 A Thompson (a)
4 13886 Simply Splashing tchn (2) 57.5 100 B Stewart

5 05896 Mr Markou tdwh (3) 57 92 T Marshall
6 s050s Takotosubo dh (1) 54 97 J Bayliss
7 s3467 We Built This City tcwh (4) 54 94 K Yoshida

4 Audi Centre Toowoomba 6.57

\$21,000, 3yo Maiden SW, 1050m
1 8s4s4 Adour Rocket bh (14) 57 92 N Keal (a)
2 2 Bold Admiral (19) 57 96 G Geran
3 3s Fide Et Amore (11) 57 97 J Oliver
4 Mishani Patriot h (10) 57 90
5 My Big Brother (15) 57 91 Ms Z White (a)
6 9s3 My Boy Mischke h (17) 57 93 Ms C Eaton
7 Stormtrooper (2) 57 91 W O'Connell
8 s5253 Danina h (6) 55 96 L Tilley
9 Gibbo's Girl h (7) 55 92 L V Cassidy
10 Gotthere h (5) 55 92 M Hellyer
11 8s Gramma (13) 55 86 Ms R Palmer
12 Perfect-Saga SCRATCHED
13 26s5P Spinning Spirit h (1) 55 96 A Thompson (a)

EMERGENCIES:

14 6s More Than Charged (12) 55 95 Ms M Kennedy (a3)
15 5 Oxford Miss (4) 55 100
16 6s0 Persian King h (9) 57 82
17 90s5 Exceptional Belle (3) 55 93 Ms H English
18 6 Gala Rain (18) 55 96
19 Scandina SCRATCHED

5 Wholesale Horseware House 7.37

\$21,000, Class 3, 1625m
1 56518 Factory Warrior tchn (2) 59 91 B Stewart
2 83818 Aladina thn (1) 56 91 J Oliver
3 41s53 Minor Luck w (4) 56 100 Ms M Kennedy (a3)
4 47911 Nine Cigars dw (5) 55 87 Ms S Lacy
5 216s0 Lotza tchn (3) 54 95 Ms M Wishart (a2)
6 67914 Madam Mahal wh (9) 54 85 N Tomizawa
7 62342 Concave wb (10) 54 91 T Marshall
8 43525 Hidden Action thn (7) 54 86 Ms S Bogenhuber
9 70066 Stella's Chance wh (8) 54 85 Ms H English
10 547s9 Mogul (11) 54 85 Ms C Frater
11 76983 Ahmah Star w (6) 54 80 J Taylor

6 WIN Local News Handicap 8.17

\$21,000, Class 2, 1100m
1 5134s Fish On wbh (5) 59 92 Ms S Bogenhuber
2 341s Malfoy (3) 57.5 94 J Oliver
3 32631 Grand Barrail h (1) 57 95 B Thornton
4 66s10 Jelviss cdwh (15) 57 99 B Stewart
5 2217s Belle's Pluck (13) 56.5 93
6 6s21 He's Not Focused d (14) 56.5 94 K Yoshida
7 34s55 Maddiara cwh (12) 55.5 100 Ms S Thornton (a)
8 s3147 Seclude h (10) 55 96 J Bayliss
9 850s6 Ruby Rush d (7) 54 91 Ms C Eaton
10 9961s Inching Closer th (2) 54 89 A Thompson (a)

11 9995s King Bart t (9) 54 89 M Shimodaira (a2)
12 02954 At Dusk (6) 54 96 J Taylor
13 68s93 Resonare (4) 54 94 C Bayliss (a)
14 Feyssier SCRATCHED

EMERGENCIES:

15 05870 Angels Love d (11) 54 89 Ms H Phillips
16 s7443 Rogue Drummer w (8) 56 94 Ms M Kennedy (a3)
17 43183 Mac's Boy t (10) 60.5 96 S Tomlinson (a3)
18 s71s5 Mister Ward twh (11) 60 100 Ms M Savva (a3)
19 s4921 Sir Bam cdwhn (4) 59.5 97 B Pengelly
20 871s8 Stormy Grey tcwh (2) 59 88 N Fazackerley (a2)

7 Lazy Yak 8.50

\$21,000, Benchmark 60, 1300m
1 54313 Last Armageddon tw (1) 63 98 Ms M Kennedy (a3)
2 43183 Mac's Boy t (10) 60.5 96 S Tomlinson (a3)
3 s71s5 Mister Ward twh (11) 60 100 Ms M Savva (a3)
4 s4921 Sir Bam cdwhn (4) 59.5 97 B Pengelly
5 871s8 Stormy Grey tcwh (2) 59 88 N Fazackerley (a2)
6 190s6 Hallside Fandango t (3) 58.5 100 Ms S Thornton (a)
7 76304 Mac's Gal tw (8) 57.5 98 Ms S Bogenhuber
8 s7310 Last Edition chn (9) 57 100 J Oliver
9 52686 Okanagan Miss thn (13) 57 95 Ms M Wishart (a2)
10 515s5 Miss Silky thn (12) 56 100 N Tomizawa
11 02070 Mista Busy w (6) 56 100 J Taylor
12 270s7 Uno Tops h (5) 55.5 94 C Bayliss (a)
EMERGENCY:
13 Svindal SCRATCHED

Legend: T - Won at track. C - Won at this distance on this course. D - 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.

NOTICE BOARD

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BLOODSHOT (M)
WED 1.20pm, 3.40pm, 6pm, 8.30pm. THU 3.40pm, 6pm, 8.30pm
I STILL BELIEVE (PG)
WED 1.10pm, 5.50pm. THU 1.10pm, 6pm, 8.30pm
MILITARY WIVES (M)
LAST DAY! WED 1.40pm, 8.20pm
DARK WATERS (M)
WED, THU 11am
DOWNHILL (M) WED 11.10am, 8.30pm. THU 1.40pm
THE CURRENT WAR (M)
WED 3.50pm. THU 8.20pm
THE INVISIBLE MAN (R16) LAST DAY! WED 8.20pm
THE CALL OF THE WILD (PG) WED-THU 11am, 4pm, 6.10pm
EMMA (PG)
WED 1.10pm. THU 1.30pm
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG (PG) WED 3.40pm. THU 11.10am, 1.30pm, 3.50pm
JOJO RABBIT (M)
WED-THU 6.10pm
STARTING 19.03.20
QUEEN & SLIM (R13)
THU 11am, 3.30pm, 8.30pm
2020 FRENCH FILM FEST NZ
THE SWALLOWS OF KABUL (TBA)
WED 11am
EDMOND (TBA)
WED 1pm
MATTHIAS & MAXIME (TBA) WED 3.15pm
THE PERFECT NANNY
WED 6pm
WHO YOU THINK I AM (TBA) WED 8.15pm
FAREWELL TO THE NIGHT (TBA) THU 11am
QUEENS OF THE FIELD (TBA) THU 1.15pm
WE'LL END UP TOGETHER (TBA)
THU 3.15pm
ROOM 212 (TBA) THU 6.15pm
THE TRANSLATORS (TBA) THU 8.15pm
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Meetings

NGAI TAWHIRI HUI
Sunday 22 March 2020
At 11am
Ohako Marae
Papatu Rd, Manutuke
AGENDA:
1. Whakapapa
2. Structure
3. Relationships
4. Communications
5. Tikanga

Meetings

POVERTY BAY HOCKEY AGM
Monday 23 March
6pm
Harry Barker Reserve
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Public Notices

DISPOSAL OF CLINICAL INFORMATION

Hauora Tairawhiti's policy is that clinical information of any individual aged 19 years or over will be disposed of 10 years after their death.

Records of people who died in 2009 are now due for disposal.

Under legislation, Hauora Tairawhiti can transfer health information to a personal representative of that person i.e. the executor or administrator of the estate, or next-of-kin.

Strict criteria are in place to ensure clinical information is released only to those authorised to receive it and proof of authority such as probate, letters of administration, or a certified copy of a birth certificate or driver's licence must be provided.

Records requests should be sent in writing, along with certified documents and contact details to:

Team Leader, Clinical Records
Gisborne Hospital
Private Bag 7001
Gisborne 4040

Requests should be made by April 25th 2020.

Gisborne District Council

Draft Fees & Charges 2020/21

HAVE YOUR SAY

Council adopted the draft 2020/21 Fees & Charges at its meeting on 19 February.

The proposed major changes to fees are to:

- Staff time hourly charge out rates
- Corridor Access Requests
- Harbourmaster
- Animal control impounding fees

New fees for resource consents, compliance monitoring and enforcement and environmental health.

Further information on the draft Fees & Charges and the submission form are on our website.

Submissions close 5pm Friday 10 April 2020.

www.gdc.govt.nz
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Breeding Unit Manager
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Meetings

HUI-A-TAU
Hauti Incorporation Committee of Management invite shareholders to a hui-a-tau at **Hauti Marae, Saturday 21st of March at 10am**

Public Notices

KIA ORA STATION
Intends to install a cattle stop at the 11k mark on Ngakoroa Rd - Gisborne.

Any objections please advise at
Ph 027 4499 361

Public Notices



GISBORNE CITIZENS ADVICE - NOTICE OF BUREAU CLOSURE

This is to inform the Tairawhiti community that our CAB Bureau at 124a Bright Street, Gisborne will be closed for

Face-to-Face enquiries (including our fortnightly Legal Clinic) as from 9am Thursday, 19th March until further notice due to the Covid-19 outbreak.

However we will still be available to take enquiries :-

- By phone on 0800 367 222 or 867 2606
- By Email - gisborne@cab.org.nz
- Online chat - www.cab.org.nz

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and we hope to be open again as soon as possible.

Robyn Stuart-Kohn
Chairperson

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32 POTAE Ave. 9-12 noon Thurs. Final house clearance.

Situations Vacant

QUALIFIED MECHANIC

Professional Fleet Maintenance is inviting applications from qualified Mechanics to join our busy workshop team.

Our workshop has a varied scope of work and experience with forklifts would be an advantage, but not a necessity as additional training could be given.

Applications should be addressed to:

Ralph Scott
PO Box 1253
Gisborne 4040

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or can be emailed to: pffmtd@xtra.co.nz

or delivered to:
PFM at 86 Kahutia Street, Gisborne

Applications close Friday 3rd April 2020.

Readers Bargains

CONFERENCE table, 2400 x 1200, with fixed chairs, very good cond, \$400. Ph 0220 745 403.

Readers Bargains

BBQ, Rinnai, stainless steel, on wheels, 5 burners, thermostat, cabinet, full gas bottle, clean, good cond, \$350. Ph 868 4504, 021 237 4077.

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GGHS jacket, size 14, \$70. Ph 027 756 5809.

Situations Vacant



Ranger, Community

Are you keen to engage others in supporting conservation and kaitiakitanga? Are you passionate about working with tangata whenua and the wider community? Are you able to see the big picture and find innovative, practical solutions?

The Department of Conservation is seeking applicants for the positions of Ranger, Community; Kaitiaki, Ao Hāpori based in Gisborne. We have both a permanent, and one year fixed-term opportunity available.

The permanent position will lead our statutory processes and our fixed-term position will be focused on leading our communications, media and outreach

This is an exciting opportunity to become part of a strong, hardworking team and support growing conservation in the East Coast District alongside our Treaty partners and communities.

Core components of this role include the following:

- Supporting whānau, hapū and iwi as treaty partners
- Managing relationships with a wide range of stakeholders
- Developing and implementing high quality engagement and outreach initiatives

For more information on these roles and to apply online, please visit the DOC Careers Centre at www.doc.govt.nz/careers

You will find links to both the permanent and fixed-term role adverts.

Applications close at 5pm on Monday, 30 March 2020.

DOC is committed to a diverse workforce that represents the communities we serve, and to creating an inclusive workplace culture.

For more information about the Department visit doc.govt.nz

Thank You

ROTARY CLUB OF GISBORNE
FIVE BUCK A DUCK RACE



We wish to thank our sponsors and the Gisborne community for their generous support of the Five Buck a Duck Race, the proceeds of which go to Life Education Trust.

Special mention to Ashworth Helicopters for sponsoring the first prize of the Helicopter ride, plus a thank you to all the non-Rotarian volunteers who helped out on the day to make it a most successful day! This included Mainfreight for the use of their truck deck; marshalling assistance on the water from Yacht Club Rescue Trust and Midway Surf Club, plus The Gisborne Herald and Radio More FM supporting on the shore, and Pro Traffic Solutions for Traffic Management on the bridge. Also a big thank you to Huringa Pai Charitable Trust for their assistance and support on the day, and to Wainui Lions for providing train rides. All was most appreciated!

Congratulations to the following prizewinners - the fastest ducks in town!

1st Prize	Scenic Helicopter Flight for three	Ticket 0046	G. Faulkner
2nd Prize	GoPro Kit with Accessory Pack	Ticket 0054	Rebecca Braybrook
3rd Prize	Fitbit with accessories	Ticket 0213	Chris Page
4th Prize	Nespresso Coffee Machine	Ticket 0237	Mahmood
5th Prize	Soda Stream	Ticket 0134	Tony Bartlett
6th Prize	Popcorn Maker	Ticket 0770	Darren Cox
7th Prize	Nutri Bullet Pro	Ticket 0220	Leah McAneney

Winner of the **Corporate Big Buck Duck Race**, the proceeds of which go to Rotary Youth Projects was: CSL Security: Prize is a deluxe mystery weekend for 2 valued at \$1300.

Thanks to all the Corporate Duck Racers!!

Situations Vacant



Stubbs Contractors is a Logging business based in Gisborne, working for multiple forest companies. We have been established here for 18 years now and have secure contract work.

We require:

- Experienced level 4 fallers,
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Situations Vacant



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We have a strong commitment to our Health & Safety culture, and our staff all embrace our Company Vision, Mission and Values.

Key Accountabilities include:

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- Management reporting
- General office functions including reception, telephone and customer support
- Ability to work to required timelines, prioritise workflow, and at times work unsupervised to deliver support to our sites.

We will train you, we will reward you well, and provide a very safe working environment.

To join our fun-loving, friendly team, you will require:

- Effective planning, communication and organisational skills
- Good computer skills including Word and Excel, use of Industry specific software will be required
- Experience in an office or general accounting environment
- A "can-do" attitude who looks to provide solutions in a dynamic, changing business environment
- A Police check

If this sounds like you, complete an application form by calling into our Office at 190 Grey Street, or download from www.wfl.co.nz

Handwritten applications, your CV including 2 referees who will be contacted, close on 10 April 2020.

Applications will be treated in confidence.

Please address to:

Ian Parker, General Manager
PO Box 268, Gisborne 4040

Having a garage sale Saturday?
Deadline to advertise is 2pm Thursday.

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Situations Vacant

TAIRAWHITI VOYAGING TRUST

- Trust Manager (\$58,000 p.a. for 0.8 FTE)
- Assistant Administrator (\$38,400 p.a. for 0.8 FTE)

Tairawhiti Voyaging Trust (TVT) is a charitable trust established to promote Tairawhiti's heritage and tradition of waka hourua (voyaging canoes) through education, training and research.

The Trust seeks applications to two permanent part-time positions:

- The Trust Manager manages the day-to-day operations of the Trust and works directly with the board to develop and implement its annual plan and priorities.
- The Assistant Administrator supports the Trust Manager with accounts, record keeping and other tasks as required.

If you are an experienced administrator, have good people skills and enjoy a positive kaupapa, then email for a job description and application form to: tvvacancies@gmail.com

Applications close at 5pm on Wednesday 25 March 2020.

Situations Vacant



Operations Manager
Gisborne Airport

Ready to take off into your new career?

- Competitive pay
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Gisborne Airport is taking off, with more flights and more passengers than ever before. We're currently building an iconic new terminal that will showcase and celebrate te Tairāwhiti.

We're now recruiting for a unique, newly created role with long-term career prospects for the right person.

As the Airport Operations Manager, you will support our busy Airport Manager and help ensure the smooth running of the airport.

You will assist in the facilitation of commercial and operational efficiency, and ensure the continued compliance of the airport operations to a professional standard (that meet or exceed the aviation regulatory requirements).

You will be a multi-talented multi-tasker with:

- Sound communication skills.
- Excellent time management skills.
- Attention to detail.
- Experience in dealing with the public.
- A flexible, proactive, customer-focused approach and 'can do' attitude.
- An interest in the aviation or transport industries.

Gisborne Airport is owned by Gisborne District Council and managed by Eastland Group. Eastland Group specialises in regional infrastructure in the areas of ports, electricity generation and electricity generation. We're also actively exploring the opportunities offered by emerging technologies in the energy space. We aim to deliver consistent growth and excellent returns to our shareholder, Trust Tairāwhiti, for the ultimate benefit of the whole community. We offer excellent conditions of employment and competitive remuneration.

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Applicants for this position should have NZ residency or a valid NZ work visa.

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Situations Vacant

HORTICULTURE DEVELOPER

Full time - Permanent position
Trades and services - Horticulture crop protecting Gisborne based

Our progressive business is expanding so we are on the look out for a horticulture developer to join our team. The candidate will be self motivated, reliable & enthusiastic with a current drivers license. This is a hands-on role that requires the applicant to work at heights & be ok with early starts with occasional weekend work.

Your role will include duties such as:

- Design & development of horticulture crop protection
- Orchard development & maintenance
- Some rural & residential fencing
- Green house construction
- Erecting vertical windbreaks & artificial shelters
- Promoting a positive work culture

The successful candidate will:

- Be able to work physically demanding tasks in the outdoors in all weather conditions
- Have a positive approach to Health & Safety work procedures with the ability to promote a safe work environment
- Excellent communications & interpersonal skills
- Preferably would be able to operate a hydalada
- You MUST have a positive, can-do attitude & work well within a team.

This is a great opportunity for someone who is passionate about the horticulture industry to be a part of a fast-growing dynamic company. OTT crop protectors pride ourselves on providing the best horticultural protection for our clients crops. Our advice & workmanship is highly reputable, producing high quality, long-lasting structures across the East Coast & Wairoa region

To apply please send your CV to paulgordon.ott@gmail.com or contact Paul Gordon on 027 282 9302

FARMING

Livestock



Matawhero Cattle Sale
TUESDAY, 24th March 2020 11am
Approx 350 Cattle Comprising:

- 60 2.5yr Strs
- 100 R2yr Strs
- 50 R1yr Strs
- 10 1.5yr Bulls
- 20 Ylg Bulls
- 60 R2yr Hfrs
- 20 Ylg Hfrs
- 30 Wnr m/s Cattle

Upcoming Sales:

- Matawhero Wnr Str & Bull Tuesday, 31st March 2020, 11am
- Matawhero Wnr Hfr & Older Cattle 1st April 2020, 11am
- Wairoa Wnr Sale Thursday, 2nd April, 2020, 11am
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Around the Women's Institutes

FEBRUARY

Frasertown

Frasertown WI held their AGM on February 11 and seven members were present.

There was no change in officers. Patsy Hine remains president, Christine Schofield remains club secretary and Brenda Allen remains treasurer.

There was one visitor in attendance and everyone enjoyed the social chit-chat.

Turanganui

President Nelda McKinnon welcomed a jovial group of members to the February meeting, the first for 2020.

Members were informed about the wide variety of ways others had celebrated Christmas, from going overseas to "come to ours" at home.

It was agreed by everyone that family, food and friends was the best way to celebrate and one of the best parts of the day was seeing everyone enjoying their gifts, especially the little ones.

The lucky draw was won by Trish Engert and the points cup was awarded to Margaret Naden.

The AGM followed with no changes to officers. President Nelda McKinnon, secretary Margaret Naden and treasurer Kath Hurne all kept their roles.

A donation was given to Elgin School for them to give to pupils heading to Intermediate, a dictionary.

This is the WI's way of thanking the school for allowing the club to hold meetings there. Morning tea is also left for the staff each month.

Members then suggested speakers and craft ideas for the meeting.

Winners of the yearly competitions were; Overall points cup and Pat Donaldson

prize for best bloom went to Margaret Naden.

Cooking prize was awarded to Jan O'Connor.

Craft prize went to Kath Hurne.

Supper was served and an enjoyable evening came to a close.

Puha

Janet Knox, president of Puha WI welcomed sixteen members to the February meeting which was followed by the AGM.

Janet asked for a moment's silence for members the WI have recently lost — Cynthia Greatbatch and Win Neil, also much loved bus owner/driver Brian Vercoe.

The motto for this meeting was "Do not wait for leaders, do it alone, person to person", Mother Theresa.

The colourful beanies knitted in sparkling wool arrived on December 23 and went straight to the neonatal unit in the hope that there would be a Christmas baby.

The raffle was won by Betty Thompson, the Dunlop Cup and Points Cup went to Alison Crawford and the Bud Vase to Jean Mills.

The AGM followed with 15 members present.

The only alteration in office bearers was a change of president with Janet Knox standing down and Betty Thompson voted in. The secretary position stayed with Jean Mills and Sandra Green remained treasurer.

Trophies were presented for the year's work.

The Bayley Memorial Trophy went to Catherine Atkins.

Challenge bowl for most points was awarded to Catherine Atkins.

AM Newton Trophy for craft went to Teresa Covell.

Puha Maori Women's League for cooking went to Teresa Covell.

Poverty Bay/Wairoa

Founder's Day this year was a high tea and DVDs at Betty Thompson's home. Thirteen members enjoyed popcorn and jaffas while watching Summer Holiday, starring Cliff Richard.

A high tea was served before members either watched Mamma Mia or chatted among themselves.

Members attended a memorial concert for Maureen Potroz and provided afternoon tea. Maureen was well known in Gisborne in the musical and theatrical

scene and was a valued member of Turanganui WI.

Everyone was saddened by the passing of the WI's bus driver of many years, Brian Vercoe. Brian was a good friend who drove members to many shows and AGMs.

The Federation AGM is to be held on Thursday, March 19 at the Kahutia Bowling Club.

On March 21 and 22, the WI will be involved in the Floral Festival. It has been twenty years since the Event Centre opened and every five years a large floral demonstration has been held.

The theme for this year's demonstration is "Outside the Square". Entry is \$5.00 for adults, children under 12 are free.



MAKING STRIDES: The Waikanae Beach walkway turned into a runway for a very successful 5km Fun Run/Walk, with around 330 participants taking place and raising over \$4500 to help fund the rehabilitation support programs delivered to stroke survivors by Gisborne Stroke Support. Gisborne Stroke Support thank all their sponsors who contributed to the success of the event.

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WEDNESDAY—THURSDAY'S TELEVISION GUIDE

TVNZ 1

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- 5pm** The Chase *📺*
- 6pm** 1 News At 6pm *📺*
- 7pm** Seven Sharp *📺*
- 7.30** Surveillance Oz PGR *📺*
An outrageous move stops Queensland Rail in its tracks.
- 8pm** Location, Location, Location *📺*
Kirstie and Phil revisit two sets of house hunters looking for their first homes in York.
- 8.20** **LIVE** Lotto
The Lotto draw.
- 8.25** Location, Location, Location *📺* Continued.
- 9.05** Heathrow: Britain's Busiest Airport *📺*
Series exploring life behind the scenes at Europe's biggest airport, focusing on the almost 77,000 people working on the airfield and in the terminals.
- 9.35** Coronation Street PGR *📺*
Peter offers a solution; will Daniel get the peace he needs? Gary is off the rails.
- 10.35** 1 News Tonight *📺*
- 11.05** Criminal Minds AO *📺* **THURSDAY**
- 12am** Queen Sugar PGR *📺*
- 1am** Te Karere *📺*
- 1.25** Infomercials
- 5.35** Te Karere *📺*
- 6am** Breakfast
- 9am** The Ellen DeGeneres Show *📺*
- 10am** Tipping Point *📺*
- 11am** Cash Trapped
- Noon** 1 News At Midday *📺*
- 12.30** Emmerdale PGR *📺*
- 1pm** Coronation Street PGR *📺*
- 2pm** The Ellen DeGeneres Show *📺*
- 3pm** Tipping Point
- 4pm** Te Karere
- 4.30** Dog Squad *📺*
- 5pm** The Chase *📺*

TVNZ 2

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- 5pm** The Simpsons *📺*
Marge and Homer recount how Marge almost fell in love with a college professor during the 1990s.
- 5.30** Home And Away *📺*
- 6pm** Neighbours *📺*
- 7pm** Shortland Street PGR *📺*
- 7.30** Have You Been Paying Attention? *📺*
- 8.30** **FINAL** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown AO *📺*
Jimmy Carr hosts a game show where comedians play games with letters and numbers. Captains Jon Richardson and Sean Lock are joined by Jonathan Ross, Bill Bailey, and Jason Manford.
- 9.35** God Friended Me *📺*
- 10.35** Two And A Half Men PGR *📺*
- 11pm** Mom AO *📺*
- 11.25** Wentworth AO *📺* **THURSDAY**
- 1.10** Shortland Street PGR *📺*
- 1.35** Infomercials
- 2.40** Quantico AO *📺*
- 3.25** Love Island UK AO *📺*
- 4.20** The Fresh Prince Of Bel Air *📺*
- 4.40** Neighbours *📺*
- 5.30** Infomercials
- 6.30** Rescue Bots Academy *📺*
- 6.40** Moon And Me *📺*
- 7am** The Tom And Jerry Show *📺*
- 7.25** Thunderbirds Are Go! *📺*
- 7.50** Bunnica *📺*
- 8.15** Muppet Babies *📺*
- 8.35** Goldie And Bear *📺*
- 9am** Infomercials
- 10.05** Neighbours PGR *📺*
- 11.05** Army Wives *📺*
- Noon** 2 Broke Girls PGR *📺*
- 1pm** Judge Rinder PGR
- 2pm** American Housewife *📺*
- 2.30** Home And Away *📺*
- 3pm** Shortland Street PGR *📺*
- 3.30** Powerpuff Girls *📺*
- 3.40** Pokemon: Sun And Moon: Ultra Legends *📺*
- 4.05** The Deep *📺*
- 4.30** Friends *📺*
- 5pm** The Simpsons *📺*
- 5.30** Home And Away *📺*

THREE

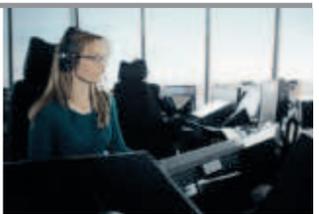
- 5pm** Millionaire Hot Seat *📺*
- 6pm** NewsHub Live At 6pm
- 7pm** The Project
- 7.30** Married At First Sight Australia PGR *📺*
- 9.05** Talking Married AO *📺*
- 9.20** Lost And Found PGR *📺*
- 10.20** NewsHub Late
- 10.50** Designated Survivor AO (Starting Today) *📺*
- 11.45** Face The Truth PGR *📺* **THURSDAY**
- 12.15** Infomercials
- 6am** The AM Show
- 9am** The Café
- 10am** Infomercials
- 11.25** Millionaire Hot Seat *📺*
- 12.20** Face The Truth PGR
- 12.50** Dr Phil PGR
Do words matter, or has society become too sensitive? Dr Phil investigates.
- 1.50** Married At First Sight Australia PGR *📺*
- 3.20** Peter Kuruvita's Coastal Kitchen Peter showcases the local seafood available right on his doorstep, from Mooloolaba prawns and spanner crabs to coral trout and fresh squid.
- 3.55** United Plates Of America *📺*
There are over 70,000 Bosnian people who migrated to St Louis during the Bosnian war. They love their new country, and their food is hearty and delicious.
- 4.30** NewsHub Live At 4:30pm
- 5pm** Millionaire Hot Seat *📺*

PRIME

- 5pm** 3rd Rock From The Sun *📺* (Part 1)
- 5.30** Prime News
- 6pm** SkySpeed
- 6.30** Sky Sport News
- 7pm** The Crowd Goes Wild
- 7.30** Traffic Cops PGR *📺*
- 8.30** Ambulance AO *📺*
- 9.45** Extreme Love Stories AO *📺*
A 30-year-old man who only sleeps with pensioners; married sex-doll lovers seek a new male doll; a couple with an eating fetish are surprised to find out they are having a baby.
- 10.45** Courtside
- 11.15** NZ Football Show
- 11.55** Football: A-League PGR (DLY) Sydney FC v Wellington Phoenix. **THURSDAY**
- 1.55** The Late Show With Stephen Colbert
- 2.55** Closedown
- 6am** Ben 10: Alien Force *📺*
- 6.25** The Powerpuff Girls *📺*
- 6.50** The Loud House *📺*
- 7.15** Trulli Tales *📺*
- 7.30** Atomic Puppet *📺*
- 7.40** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles *📺*
- 8.05** The Thundermans *📺*
- 8.30** The Moe Show *📺*
- 9am** Celebrity Antiques Road Trip *📺*
- 10am** The Doctors PGR
- 11am** The Chase Australia *📺*
- Noon** Everybody Loves Raymond *📺*
- 12.30** Bull PGR *📺*
- 1.30** Frasier *📺*
- 2pm** The Late Show With Stephen Colbert PGR *📺*
- 3pm** Wheel Of Fortune
- 3.30** Jeopardy
- 4pm** A Place In The Sun
- 5pm** 3rd Rock From The Sun *📺* (Part 2)
- 5.30** Prime News

MAORI TV

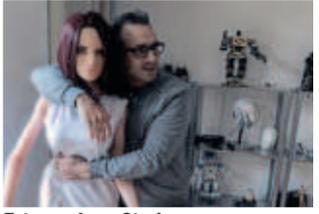
- 5pm** Waiata Mai
- 5.10** Te Mana Kuratahi *📺*
- 5.40** Tamariki Haka
- 5.50** E Kori *📺*
- 5.55** Pipi Ma
- 6pm** ZooMoo
- 6.10** Te Nutube
- 6.20** Darwin + Newts *📺*
- 6.30** Te Ao: Maori News
- 7pm** R&R With Eru And K'Lee
- 7.30** Cam's Kai *📺*
- 8pm** Ahikaroa AO *📺*
- 8.30** Toki Whare Kohanga Reo
- 9pm** Toki Whare Kohanga Reo
- 9.30** Haka At Home
- 10.30** #whiuatepatai AO *📺*
- 11pm** Te Ao: Maori News *📺*
- 11.30** Closedown **THURSDAY**
- 6.30** Paia
- 6.40** My Mokai
- 7.10** He Rourou *📺*
- 7.20** E Kori *📺*
- 7.25** E Ki E Ki
- 7.30** Mahi Pai *📺*
- 7.40** Tamariki Haka
- 7.50** Huritua
- 8am** Polyfest Kapa Haka *📺*
- 8.30** Sidewalk Karaoke PGR *📺*
- 9am** Best Of Kai Time On The Road *📺*
- 9.30** Opaki *📺*
- 10am** Waiata *📺*
- 10.30** Morena *📺*
- 11am** Matangi Rau *📺*
- Noon** Funny Whare: Gamesnight PGR *📺*
- 12.30** It's In The Bag
- 1pm** Nga Pari Karangaranga O Te Motu *📺*
- 1.30** Ako *📺*
- 2pm** Toki Reo *📺*
- 3pm** Polyfest Kapa Haka *📺*
- 3.30** Playlist
- 4pm** Polyfest Kapa Haka *📺*
- 4.30** Patapatai
- 5pm** Paia
- 5.10** My Mokai
- 5.40** He Rourou *📺*
- 5.50** E Kori *📺*
- 5.55** E Ki E Ki



Heathrow: Britain's Busiest Airport 9.05pm on TVNZ 1



Married at First Sight Australia 7.30pm on Three



Extreme Love Stories 9.45pm on Prime

CHOICE

- 5pm** Nigellissima
- 5.30** Mysteries At The Museum
- 6.30** Gem Hunt
- 7.30** Where The Wild Men Are With Ben Fogle
- 8.30** Running Wild With Bear Grylls
- 9.30** Alone: The Arctic PGR
- 10.30** Gem Hunt
- 11.30** Mysteries At The Museum **THURSDAY**
- 12.30** Gino's Italian Escape
- 1am** Nigellissima
- 1.30** Carver Kings
- 2am** Cash Cowboys
- 3am** The Kitten Rescuers
- 4am** Alone: The Arctic PGR
- 5am** Mysteries At The Museum
- 6am** Coastal Railways With Julie Walters
- 7am** Gino's Italian Escape
- 7.30** Nigellissima
- 8am** The Kitten Rescuers
- 9am** Travel Man: 48 Hours In
- 9.30** Escape To The Chateau
- 10.30** Mysteries At The Museum
- 11.30** Gem Hunt
- 12.30** Where The Wild Men Are With Ben Fogle
- 1.30** Running Wild With Bear Grylls
- 2.30** Alone: The Arctic PGR
- 3.30** Wildlife Icons
- 4.30** The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food
- 5.30** Mysteries At The Museum

BRAVO

- 5pm** Judge Jerry
- 5.30** Hoarders
- 6.30** Love It Or List It
- 7.30** Hoarders
- 8.30** 999: What's Your Emergency? AO
- 9.30** Young Dumb And Banged Up In The Sun AO
- 10.30** Snapped PGR
- 11.30** Snapped: Killer Couples PGR **THURSDAY**
- 12.20** Infomercials
- 10am** Four Weddings USA
- 11am** Snapped PGR
- Noon** The Kelly Clarkson Show
- 1pm** The Real Housewives Of Beverly Hills PGR
- 2pm** Below Deck PGR
- 3pm** Keeping Up With The Kardashians PGR
- 4pm** Undercover Boss
- 5pm** Judge Jerry
- 5.30** Hoarders

RNZ NATIONAL

- 5pm** Checkpoint
- 6.30** Trending Now
- 6.55** The House
- 7.06** Nights With Bryan Crump.
- 7.35** At The Movies With Simon Morris.
- 8.15** Dateline Pacific Current-affairs programme covering the major Pacific stories of the week.
- 8.30** Windows On The World International public-radio features and documentaries.
- 10pm** News At Ten
- 10.15** Lately With Karyn Hay.
- 11.06** Inside Out With Nick Tipping. **THURSDAY**
- 12.04** The All Night Programme
- 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

PAY TV

SKY SPORT 1

- 5pm** Rugby Nation
- 6pm** Six Nations Review Show
- 7pm** The Breakdown
- 8pm** Super Rugby: Chiefs v Hurricanes
- 10pm** Super Rugby: Blues v Lions
- 10.30** The Breakdown
- 11.30** Rugby Nation **THURSDAY**
- 12.30** Six Nations Review Show
- 1.30** Six Nations: Wales v Scotland
- 3.30** Six Nations: Italy v England
- 5.30** Japan Top League: Steelers v Spears
- 6am** Super Rugby: Chiefs v Hurricanes
- 8am** The Breakdown
- 9am** Six Nations Review Show
- 10am** Six Nations: Wales v Scotland
- 10.30** Six Nations: Italy v England
- 11am** Six Nations: France v Ireland
- 11.30** Women's Six Nations: Wales v Scotland
- Noon** Women's Six Nations: Italy v England
- 12.30** Women's Six Nations: France v Ireland
- 1pm** Super Rugby: Jaguares v Highlanders
- 3pm** Six Nations Review Show
- 4pm** The Breakdown
- 5pm** Super Rugby: Chiefs v Hurricanes
- 5.30** Super Rugby: Sunwolves v Crusaders

SKY SPORT 2

- 5pm** Pakistan Super League (HLS) Qualifier.
- 5.30** Women's T20 World Cup (HLS)
- 6pm** Women's T20 World Cup (HLS)
- Second Semi-final: Australia v South Africa.
- 6.30** Women's T20 World Cup (HLS)
- White Ferns v India.
- 7pm** Australia v Blackcaps (HLS)
- Second ODI.
- 8pm** India v South Africa (HLS)
- Second ODI.
- 10pm** Blackcaps v Australia 2010 (HLS) First ODI.
- 11pm** Women's T20 World Cup (HLS) Final.
- 11.30** Blackcaps v Australia: 2007 (HLS) Second ODI. **THURSDAY**
- 1am** Blackcaps v Australia: 2010 (HLS)
- 3am** **LIVE** Pakistan Super League Eliminator.
- 7.30** Women's T20 World Cup (HLS)
- 8am** Australia v Blackcaps (HLS)
- 9am** Pakistan Super League (RPL) Eliminator One.
- 12.30** India v South Africa (HLS) Third ODI.
- 1.30** Chats: The Ewen Chatfield Story
- 2pm** India v South Africa (HLS) Second ODI.
- 3pm** India v South Africa (RPL) Third ODI.

SKY 5

- 5pm** Wheel Of Fortune PG
- 5.30** Hardcore Pawn PG
- 6pm** Highway Thru Hell PG
- 7pm** Border Security: Australia's Frontline M
- 7.30** Hawaii Five-0 MV
- 8.30** FBI MV
- 9.30** Shades Of Blue MVLSC
- 10.30** SVU MVS
- 11.15** Highway Thru Hell PG **THURSDAY**
- 12.05** Modern Family PG
- 12.55** Wheel Of Fortune PG
- 1.20** Jeopardy! PG
- 1.40** Border Security: Australia's Frontline M
- 2.05** Shades Of Blue MVLSC
- 2.50** FBI MV
- 3.40** SVU MVS
- 4.25** Hardcore Pawn PG
- 4.50** Hawaii Five-0 MV
- 5.35** The Simpsons PG
- 6am** Jeopardy! PG
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- 2.25** Hawaii Five-0 MV
- 3.10** Modern Family PG
- 4pm** The Simpsons PG
- 4.30** Jeopardy! PG
- 5pm** Wheel Of Fortune PG
- 5.30** Hardcore Pawn PG

MOVIES PREMIERE

- 5pm** Overboard MLS 2018 Comedy. Eugenio Derbez, Anna Faris.
- 6.50** Lancaster Skies PGVL 2019 War. Jeffrey Muddell, David Dobson.
- 8.30** Gotti 16VL 2018 Drama. The rise of crime boss John Gotti as he attempts to hold his family together through tragedy and a series of prison sentences. John Travolta, Kelly Preston.
- 10.20** New Year, New You 18VLS 2018 Horror. Suki Waterhouse, Carly Chaikin.
- 11.45** Slut In A Good Way 16LSC 2018 Drama. Marguerite Bouchard, Romane Denis. **THURSDAY**
- 1.11** Artik 18VLC 2019 Horror. Chase Williamson, Jerry G. Angelo.
- 2.26** Overboard MLS 2018 Comedy.
- 4.14** Lancaster Skies PGVL 2019 War.
- 5.49** Gotti 16VL 2018 Drama.
- 7.35** Slut In A Good Way 16LSC 2018 Drama.
- 9.01** Overboard MLS 2018 Comedy.
- 10.50** Lancaster Skies PGVL 2019 War.
- 12.27** Gotti 16VL 2018 Drama.
- 2.14** Slut In A Good Way 16LSC 2018 Drama.
- 3.40** Reverse Angle M 2009 Drama.
- 5.10** Maine 16LS 2018 Drama.

DISCOVERY

- 5.40** Aussie Gold Hunters PG
- 6.35** Aussie Gold Hunters PG
- 7.30** Alaska: The Last Frontier PG
- 8.30** Alaskan Bush People PG
- 9.25** Guardians Of The Glades PG
- 10.15** Moonshiners MC
- 11.05** Naked And Afraid MVL
- 11.55** How It's Made PG **THURSDAY**
- 12.20** How Do They Do It? PG
- 12.45** World's Deadliest Weather Caught On Camera PG
- 1.35** Deadliest Catch PG
- 2.25** Bering Sea Gold PG
- 3.15** Gold Rush: White Water PG
- 4.05** What On Earth? PG
- 4.55** Naked And Afraid MVL
- 5.45** Deadliest Catch PG
- 6.35** Fast N' Loud PG
- 7.30** World's Deadliest Weather Caught On Camera PG
- 8.20** Alaska: The Last Frontier PG
- 9.10** Alaskan Bush People PG
- 10am** How It's Made PG
- 10.25** How Do They Do It? PG
- 10.50** Aussie Gold Hunters PG
- 11.40** Evil Lives Here PG
- 12.30** Killer Instinct With Chris Hansen M
- 1.20** The Coroner: I Speak For The Dead M
- 2.10** Top Gear
- 3pm** Gold Rush: White Water PG
- 3.50** Deadliest Catch PG
- 4.45** Fast N' Loud PG
- 5.40** Gold Rush PG

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Plunket Shield competition cut short **SPORTS BRIEFS**

CRICKET

NEW ZEALAND Cricket has cancelled the last two rounds of the domestic Plunket Shield competition as a precaution against the spread or transmission of Covid-19.

Chief executive David White said the decision was made after expert medical advice and following the Government's decision on Saturday to tighten border controls.

The Wellington Firebirds, currently 26 points ahead of nearest challengers, the Central Stags, will be awarded the 2019-20 title.

"The strong consensus within NZC is that extra measures need to be taken to safeguard both the health and well-being of the New Zealand cricket family and

the wider public interest," White said.

"The medical advice we're receiving is that we need to take a lead on this matter.

"We're informed the risk is very real; the pace of change is great — and we have a duty of care to not only our staff and players but our communities as well."

White said the decision had not been taken under "mass gathering" concerns but, rather, under concerns over the heightened risk of transmission in areas such as airports, planes and hotels.

In contrast, advice from both NZC's chief medical officer and the Ministry of Health emphasising the absence of person-to-person transmission in localised environments meant club and amateur cricket could continue to be played.

"The current advice is that there is no

reason why community cricket should not continue unless, or until, there is new information to hand," White said.

The measures were supported by major association chief executives and the New Zealand Cricket Players Association during a conference call on Monday.

NZC has also postponed the ANZ New Zealand Cricket Awards, scheduled for March 30, for similar reasons.

"Hopefully, this is something we can stage at a later, and more appropriate date, but at the moment it would be far too much of a risk to hold the event in a fortnight, as scheduled," White said.

"Our absolute priority right now is to safeguard the health and well-being of our staff, our players, our wider cricket family and everyone else connected to the game in New Zealand."

Crichton return likely

SYDNEY — Sydney Roosters star Angus Crichton is likely to return in Round 2 of the NRL while Jared Waerea-Hargreaves was coy on whether skipper Boyd Cordner would be unleashed on Manly this week.

Crichton missed the opening round of the NRL season with a case of pneumonia after testing negative for coronavirus.

Cordner is having an extended pre-season on the advice of Roosters training staff to ensure he does not miss crucial end-of-season games.

"He looks very strong," Waerea-Hargreaves said when asked if the Australia and New South Wales skipper would return to play against the Sea Eagles at Leichhardt this week. — AAP

Archer condemns racist abuse

LONDON — England bowler Jofra Archer has condemned racist abuse on social media after posting messages he has received.

The 24-year-old, who helped England win the 2019 Cricket World Cup, screenshot racist messages from an individual and posted them on his Instagram story on Monday evening.

He commented below the messages saying: "I (have) given a lot of thought about reacting to this and I hope that no one else has to deal with stuff like this on a regular basis, it isn't ever acceptable and should be addressed properly in my opinion." — PA

SBW to have knee surgery

TORONTO — Sonny Bill Williams is set to undergo knee surgery but is not expected to miss any matches with the coronavirus bringing the Super League to a halt.

Toronto Wolfpack's former All Black missed his club's 18-0 win against Huddersfield in the fifth round of the Challenge Cup last week with a knee injury he is thought to have carried into the season with his new club.

Wolfpack coach Brian McDermott suggested after last Wednesday's cup tie the 34-year-old second-rower might need minor surgery to correct the problem and the club on Monday confirmed he had been booked in for it. — PA

Brady to leave Patriots

NEW YORK — Six-time Super Bowl champion quarterback Tom Brady says he is leaving the New England Patriots after 20 years with the team, stunning fans of the NFL franchise and adding a dramatic twist to the league's off-season.

With free agency beginning today, the 42-year-old quarterback left no doubt in a social media post that he would not return to New England.

During his celebrated tenure he set many NFL records, including most victories and appearances in the Super Bowl and most playoff wins. He won a record four Super Bowl Most Valuable Player trophies.

"Although my football journey will take place elsewhere, I appreciate everything that we have achieved and am grateful for our incredible TEAM accomplishments," Brady wrote in a Twitter post on Tuesday that instantly went viral. — AAP



OLIVER DAVIES



IZIAH CASTLE



MAUI KURURANGI

BOYS GET INTO SPIRIT OF THE DAY: Students at Gisborne Boys' High School got the most out of their athletics day this month. Simon Murphy, head of physical education and health, said the level of participation was "awesome", with record entries for the 3000 metres and 800m.

Pictures by Rebecca Grunwell



SOLOMON O'CONNOR

Records and endurance features of day

ATHLETICS

RECORDS, determination and a spirit of endurance were features of Gisborne Boys' High School's athletic sports day this month.

Seven Mapu set a record in the senior 200 metres, beating by 0.01 of a second the time set 25 years before by Colin Kerr.

The new mark is 22.72 seconds.

Last year Mapu set a record for the same distance in the intermediate grade.

Conditions were ideal for a day of athletics — not too hot, with a bit of cooling wind.

Simon Murphy, head of physical education and health, said the level of participation was "awesome". Record entries were received for the 3000m and 800m.

However, the early efforts on the track in the 800m, 100m heats, 400m, and then the field events — all before lunch — took their toll.

"As the day went on it was clear that many boys were tiring from an extremely busy morning," Murphy said.

"Credit to all those boys who got stuck in and competed in as many events as their legs would let them. Participation

was rewarded with house points but the big points went to the top athletes in championship events."

Senior championship summary

This year's senior championship was fought out between a middle-distance runner and a sprinter.

Caleb Ney dominated the distance events, winning the 3000m, 1500m and 800m.

However, it wasn't enough to beat Seven Mapu, who convincingly won the 100m, 200m, 400m, and long jump.

Mapu now holds the school intermediate and senior 200m records.

The other field events all had different winners — Hikurangi Hayward won the triple jump, Tyrese Nepe won the high jump, Von Huata won the discus, Sitiveni Tuilautala won the shot put, and Cobus Kleynhans won the javelin with an impressive throw of 42.7m.

Intermediate championship summary

The intermediate championship was evenly contested among several athletes. In the end, Dylan Bronlund narrowly won the overall honours. He contested as many events as he could and his success was reward for his determination. He proved his versatility as an athlete by

winning a foot race (800m), a throw (discus) and a jump (triple jump). He also placed second in the high jump and third in the 400m.

Matthew Ney was second overall, winning the 3000m and 1500m and placing second in the 800m. This capped a busy week for Ney as he had just returned from the New Zealand Triathlon Championships where he placed second in the under-16 division.

Oska Smith was impressive in the sprints, winning the 100m and 200m. He is still in Year 10 and was up against older opposition.

Lachie Falloon also had a busy day and was impressive winning the 400m and placing third in the 200m, high jump and triple jump.

Junior championship summary

The junior championship was the first chance for Year 9 athletes to show their potential and some of them put in great performances.

Phelix Moore ran himself to a standstill by contesting almost every track event. He won the junior championship by winning the 3000m, 1500m and 800m, and placing second in the triple jump, and third in the 400m.

Close behind him in second place overall was Safin Tuwairua-Brown, who won the 200m and triple jump, and placed second in the 100m and third in the long jump.

Luke Bidois was third overall, winning the discus and shot put, and placing second in the long jump.

House competition

House spirit was strong on the day, with plenty of healthy competition and banter. The house competition was won by Tawhirimatea, with a particularly strong showing in championship events, finishing with a total of 632 house points.

The other houses weren't far behind, with Tumatauenga second thanks to dominant performances in the relays (564 points).

Tane Mahuta were third on 515 points, and Tangaroa were just behind them on 513 points.

The house competition will continue early next term with the summer sports tournament.

Murphy thanked students, staff and whanau for making the athletics day such a success. He complimented the boys on their attitude and behaviour, which he said were "awesome".

Around the Greens

Club bowls news

Poverty Bay

ANDREW Ball (skip), Lorna Reeves and Diane Doyle were awarded the Joyce Boustead Tray for winning the RSA (Women's Section) Mixed Triples Tournament played at the Poverty Bay Bowling Club last Friday.

The runners-up were Kathy Carroll (skip), Bruce Gledhill and Trish Leach, who were awarded the RSA Women's Section Tray donated by Dawne Abraham, who again organised the tournament.

Four games were played and both the winners and runners-up had nine points. However, Ball's team won 20 ends, to the 18 won by Carroll's team.

The artificial turf at the Poverty Bay club meant that although rain delayed the start of play by half an hour, it could proceed almost as soon as the rain stopped.

A total of 24 players took part and at the end of play enjoyed afternoon tea prepared by Dawne Abraham and her ex-RSA Women's Section helpers.

The tournament was opened by Gisborne RSA manager David Sly, who mentioned the healthy financial state the club was in now.

Kahutia

MURRAY Murton skipped Brian Cairns and Norm Young to victory in the M.E. Jukes & Son-sponsored triples tournament at the Kahutia Bowling Club greens last Wednesday.

Eight teams of triples took part. The format was three games of one hour. Weather conditions were good and the greens played well.

Sponsor Trevor Jukes was on hand to present the prizes to the successful teams.

Murton's team had three wins. Second were Kevin Bright's team of Frank McLoughlin and Alan Lister, with two wins, 14 ends won and 35 shots for.



MIXED TRIPLES WINNERS: Skip Andrew Ball, lead Diane Doyle (left) and director Lorna Reeves were awarded the Joyce Boustead Tray for winning the RSA (Women's Section) Mixed Triples Tournament at the Poverty Bay Bowling Club greens.



RUNNERS-UP: Skip Kathy Carroll (left), director Bruce Gledhill and lead Trish Leach with the RSA Women's Section Tray donated by Dawne Abraham, presented to the runners-up in the mixed triples tournament. Pictures supplied

Gus McCabe, of the Gisborne club, skipped Joe Wimutu and Tom Johnston to third place. They also had two wins but had 13 ends won and 25 shots for.

COMING UP — March 28 and 29: DB Professional Men's Pairs. Limited to the first 28 paid entries. Entries close on Thursday, March 26. Contact club president Murray Murton, 027 303 3964, for entry details. All players welcome.

TRIPLES WINNERS AT KAHUTIA: Skip Murray Murton (left) and lead Norm Young (right) with sponsor Trevor Jukes. Absent: Brian Cairns (two). Picture supplied



Champions crowned

Wairoa and Gisborne win senior titles

BOWLS by Starweed

THE first of the Gisborne East Coast bowls champions have been crowned.

Down in Wairoa, the champion of champions triples were held last Saturday.

Senior and junior men and women took the green in the hope of earning club bragging rights.

Four women's teams — representing Gisborne, Poverty Bay, Wairoa and Te Karaka — competed in the junior ranks (those with less than eight years of bowls experience) and played a round-robin format.

Gisborne's Kym Brown, Jenny Evans and Karen Pinn had two wins with a plus-five differential, and Poverty Bay's Kim Walters, Ngawai Turipa and Trish Leach also had two wins but a plus-20 differential.

The Poverty Bay team's second-round game became a key factor. Playing Te Karaka, they were fast off the mark and never looked back, getting home 23-5. Leach was steady up front, Turipa was as consistent as ever and Walters covered her team when required.

Not having played much on the circuit, Walters took every opportunity to show her skill, and that she did.

In the senior women, home advantage paid off for the Wairoa team of Glenda Kapene, Donna Smith and Jo Sturmeay, who went through their campaign unbeaten.

This section had four clubs entered.

The team that withdrew from the Ella Gibson the week before also withdrew from this tournament. Play ended on the Saturday but some had booked a motel to stay the night as they had expected to play a round on Sunday as well.

The surprise was the showing of the Gisborne team of Carol Hawes, Dayvinia Mills and Leslie McIntosh. Coming off winning the Ella Gibson, they just couldn't adjust to the way the green played and didn't record a win in their three games.

The senior men's competition went down to the wire.

Tolaga Bay's Vern Marshall, Mick Maunder and Murray Duncan played local boys Graham Fitzpatrick, Vern Withey and Wayne Goodley in the first round, where Wairoa got home 16-12.

Playing Poverty Bay in the second, Tolaga won 15-11.

The other first-round game was going to be the foundation for Gisborne's Malcolm Trowell, Arthur Hawes and Dave Beattie. They beat Poverty Bay 23-8, then Wairoa 20-19. After seven ends, Wairoa were 12-2 ahead before Gisborne started their comeback, scoring 14 shots over the next five ends to lead 16-12. In the next three ends, Wairoa jumped ahead again to 18-16 but Gisborne got a three and then a one to be two ahead playing the last end. They conceded only one shot to clinch a 20-19 win.

Going into the last round, three teams were still in the hunt. It all depended on the Gisborne-Tolaga Bay match-up.

With Gisborne on two wins and a plus-16 differential, Wairoa on one win and plus-three, and Tolaga on one win and a zero differential.

Tolaga realised they had to beat Gisborne by nine shots, and even then the outcome would depend on how Wairoa fared against Poverty Bay.

For much of the Gisborne-Tolaga game, the advantage went to and fro.

On the 16th end of the 18 played, Tolaga were 16-10 ahead on the board and held four shots with two of the bowls a foot from the jack.

Holding the last bowl, Trowell changed his hand to draw. Sending it down slightly wide, he edged off one of his wing bowls to nestle right next to the jack.

In the next two ends, Tolaga gained three more shots to win 19-11.

Wairoa drew with Poverty Bay.

After the count-up, it was found that Gisborne and Tolaga both ended with two wins and a plus-eight differential each, meaning the result would be decided by ends won over the day.

Tolaga Bay had 26 ends won; Gisborne had 29, giving them the championship triples title to go with their centre open triples win a few months ago.

Congratulations to all winners.

On another note, the inter-centre competition that was to be played this Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Wellington for the men and women picked to represent Gisborne East Coast has been postponed till August at this stage.

Draws

Cycling

GISBORNE Cycling Club events — SATURDAY: Club ride (no race), starting at 1.30pm from Taruheru Cemetery in Nelson Road. Visitors welcome.

SUNDAY: Group ride at 8am from Avantiplus Maintrax. This is a friendly group ride for anyone wanting to ride with others. Approximate pace will be 25kmh. Visitors and new cyclists welcome.

Softball

TAIRAWHITI senior finals, Waikirikiri Park, SATURDAY — Women's final, 11am: Rovers v Scorpions.

Men's final, 3pm: Spartans v TWK Rams.

Football

CHARITY Shield, SATURDAY, Childers Road Reserve 1 —

Women, 1pm: Gisborne Laundry Services Riverina v Heavy Equipment Services Gisborne United.

Men, 3pm: Carpet Court Gisborne Thistle Massive v Gisborne Boys' High School first 11.

Back page: the outlook for local sport this winter

Round-up of virus effects on sport

Kiwi-only competition planned

WELLINGTON — New Zealand Rugby is planning to stage a Kiwi-only competition if Super Rugby is scrapped because of the coronavirus.

NZR chief executive Mark Robinson has confirmed it is working on a bespoke domestic league featuring the five New Zealand Super Rugby teams at a time when the sport has ground to a halt globally.

Super Rugby was suspended indefinitely after last weekend's round and Sanzaar boss Andy Marinos has said if it didn't resume within five weeks it will be scrapped for 2020 because of scheduling constraints.

Robinson expected details of the Kiwi contingency plan to be revealed this week as the sport seeks a way to create revenue for its broadcaster Sky TV and all of rugby's stakeholders, as well as provide some entertainment in a barren sport viewing landscape.

"We've got 10 to 12 weeks to look to provide some rugby product for our fans," he told The Breakdown television show.

"We've had some great ideas and feedback not only on what it might look like on the field, with some potential innovations in that space, but also a wide range of thinking about how we make the best of the situation to help drive revenue and provide something different in this market, because we know that people are going to be interested."

The Highlanders won't be available to play any rugby until April 1 as their players and staff are undergoing self-isolation after arriving home from Argentina yesterday.

Rugby Australia boss Raelene Castle suggested yesterday that a similar domestic event would

be considered for Australia's four Super Rugby teams.

While Robinson proposed a standalone competition, Castle said domestic-only matches could connect with the results of Super Rugby games already played this season. — AAP

Second golf major affected

SAN FRANCISCO — The US PGA Championship, the golf season's second major, has been postponed and will be "rescheduled for later this summer".

The PGA of America has confirmed postponement of the event, scheduled for TPC Harding Park in San Francisco from May 11 to 17.

The decision follows on from last week's announcement to postpone next month's Masters.

"Throughout our evaluation process, we have been committed to following the guidance of public health authorities and given the coronavirus shelter-in-place order in effect in San Francisco, postponement is the best decision for all involved," PGA of America CEO Seth Waugh said in a statement. — PA

Community cricket cancelled

NEW ZEALAND Cricket has cancelled all community cricket for the rest of the season.

For Gisborne, that means the junior colts' final and the junior championship games on Friday and Saturday are off.

Football's 'biggest crisis'

GENEVA — After being forced to postpone the European Championship for one year, UEFA president Aleksander Ceferin fears football on the continent is facing its biggest crisis ever.

The governing body of European football

postponed Euro 2020 on Tuesday.

UEFA's marquee championship became Euro 2021 in a major shift for an international football calendar that is on lockdown because of the coronavirus outbreak.

"It is the biggest crisis that football has faced in history," UEFA president Aleksander Ceferin said in a television interview with The Associated Press from his native Slovenia.

"We all know that this terrible virus that is all across Europe has made football and all life in Europe quite impossible. We knew we have to stop the competitions."

The tournament that was due to open on June 12 in Rome is now scheduled for next year from June 11 to July 11, in the same 12 host nations.

Also, 16 of UEFA's members are involved in the Euro 2020 playoffs, which were scheduled to be played on March 26 and 31. They will decide the last four entries in the 24-nation final tournament, and could now be played in early June. — AP

Ballpark workers helped

NEW YORK — Major League Baseball teams have pledged \$US30 million to ballpark workers affected by loss of income due to the coronavirus.

Commissioner Rob Manfred made the announcement on Tuesday, a day after postponing opening day to mid-May at the earliest.

"Over the past 48 hours, I have been approached by representatives of all 30 clubs to help assist the thousands of ballpark employees affected by the delay," Manfred said.

"Motivated by desire to help some of the most valuable members of the baseball community, each club has committed \$1 million."

Many ballpark employees are paid by the game and will not have that income during the delay. If the schedule is cut, their income likely would be reduced. — AP

Bowls tourney mothballed

SYDNEY — World Bowls and Bowls Australia have agreed to postpone the 2020 world championships on the Gold Coast indefinitely, as the coronavirus pandemic continues to wreak havoc on the sporting landscape. The event was officially mothballed on Tuesday night. — AAP

Supercars off till June

MELBOURNE — Supercars has postponed racing until June because of the coronavirus but organisers are adamant they can still fit in all 14 championship rounds this year.

Rounds in Tasmania, Auckland and Perth are now on hold, joining last weekend's Australian grand prix event in being delayed. — AAP

Wimbledon planning goes on

LONDON — Wimbledon officials are continuing plans for the grasscourt major to start on June 29 as scheduled, even though French Open organisers postponed the claycourt grand slam to September due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The French tennis federation postponed the event held at Roland Garros until September 20-October 4 from its May start, with the new dates colliding with numerous events on the scheduled global tennis calendar.

The All England Club said it would close the museum in its grounds, which is open all year, and other facilities following the British government's recommendation to avoid unnecessary gatherings.

"While we continue to plan for The Championships at this time, it remains a continuously evolving situation and we will act responsibly, in the best interests of wider society," All England Club chief executive Richard Lewis said in a statement. — AAP



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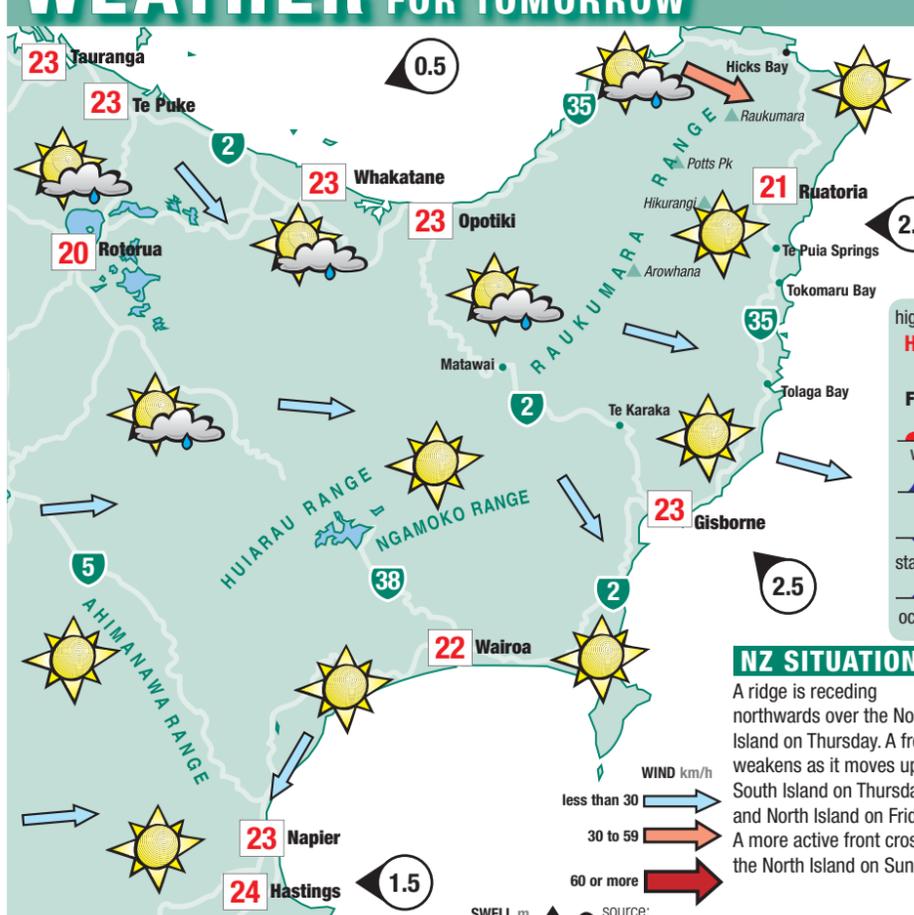
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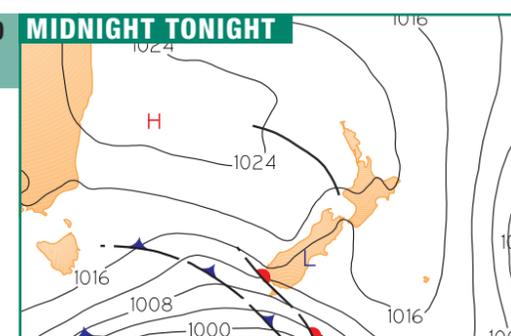
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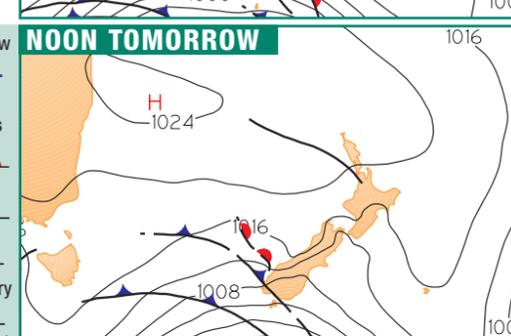
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MIDNIGHT TONIGHT



NOON TOMORROW



GISBORNE TIDE MOVEMENT

Thursday Mar 19		Friday Mar 20	
am	pm	am	pm
Hicks Bay	H 3:25am 3:42pm L 9:42am 10:06pm	Hicks Bay	H 4:23am 4:40pm L 10:41am 11:04pm
Waipiro Bay	H 3:18am 3:35pm L 9:15am 9:39pm	Waipiro Bay	H 4:16am 4:33pm L 10:14am 10:37pm
Tolaga Bay	H 3:06am 3:23pm L 9:03am 9:27pm	Tolaga Bay	H 4:04am 4:21pm L 10:02am 10:25pm
Gisborne	H 2:51am 3:09pm L 9:02am 9:25pm	Gisborne	H 3:46am 4:04pm L 9:57am 10:20pm
Wairoa	H 2:32am 2:56pm L 8:49am 9:09pm	Wairoa	H 3:26am 3:48pm L 9:42am 10:02pm

GISBORNE CITY

TOMORROW	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Fine with light winds and afternoon seabreezes.	Fine with NW. Cloud and a few spots of rain late with a S change.	A few spots of morning rain, clearing. S turning N.	Cloudy periods. Scattered showers about the ranges. Northwesterlies.

GISBORNE REGION

Fine. Northerlies, and sea breezes about the coast.	Fine with northwesterlies. Cloud and a few spots of rain late with a southwest change.	Cloudy periods. A few spots of morning rain, clearing. Southerlies turning northerly.	Cloudy periods. Scattered showers about the ranges. Northwesterlies.
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WORLD TOMORROW

Adelaide	fine	24	32
Amsterdam	drizzle	7	11
Bangkok	rain	28	32
Beijing	fine	5	18
Berlin	cloudy	8	14
Brisbane	fine	17	28
Buenos Aires	fine	17	25
Cairo	showers	10	19
Canberra	fine	12	29
Cape Town	fine	14	26
Delhi	thunder	14	30
Frankfurt	fine	6	19
Geneva	fine	5	20
Hong Kong	drizzle	21	24
London	rain	7	11
Los Angeles	showers	9	16
Melbourne	showers	20	29
Moscow	showers	4	10
New York	rain	9	15
Paris	fine	8	19
Perth	fine	13	26
Singapore	fine	24	35
Stockholm	rain	1	9
Suva	thunder	24	30
Sydney	fine	17	29
Tokyo	cloudy	6	21
Toronto	showers	1	8

GISBORNE READINGS

Taken at the Airport, for the 24 hours to 9am, Wednesday 18 Mar 2020

SUNSHINE hours	0.0
On Tuesday, 17 Mar	
To date for March	100.5
Average for March	179.0
To date this year	650.6
To date last year	702.7
WIND km/h	
Max gust on Tue 17 Mar	S 74
RAINFALL mm	
24 hours to 9am, Wed 18 Mar	5.2
To date for March	38.8
Average for March	102.0
To date this year	100.4
To date last year	172.0
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Daily average for past week	3.1
TEMPERATURE °C	
Maximum	17.7
Minimum	11.8
Grass minimum	10.5
BAROMETRIC PRESSURE	
At 9am 18 Mar (hPa)	1019.6
At 9am 18 Mar (inches)	30.11

TODAY IN HISTORY

1929 — Considerable damage to crops and smaller buildings near Gisborne was done as a result of a brief but severe gale during the morning. Poverty Bay maize growers were hit hard by the winds, with crops in many places levelled to the ground. The associated rain, however, was welcomed.

For the latest weather info including Weather Warnings visit metSERVICE.com

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Sid Hartman still giving his take on the big games at a hundred years of age



Gisborne Boys' High students get into spirit of the day

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POSTPONED: Kelvin Smith dots down for Waikohu against High School Old Boys during last year's first round of Poverty Bay club rugby. This year's competition has been postponed until April 18. Picture by Paul Rickard



MAY START: Whangara Old Girls player Nadia Taare (left) and High School Old Girls' Kelly Swann-Ferris compete for the ball in last year's Gisborne netball final. Club netball won't start before May this year. Picture by Paul Rickard

District responds

Widespread postponements, cancellations

by Grant Miller and Murray Robertson

RUGBY in Poverty Bay has been postponed for three weeks, netball won't start before May and Saturday's speedway is off, as efforts to contain the coronavirus ramp up.

New Zealand Rugby decided last night to halt all club and community rugby until April 18.

That followed Netball New Zealand's decision to postpone all winter competitions until at least May 2.

Pre-season programmes, tournaments, workshops and other community competitions, including social leagues, will be halted.

The announcements followed guidance issued by the Government this week that events attracting more than 500 people should be called off to limit spread of the Covid-19 virus.

The Poverty Bay Rugby Football Union posted a message on Facebook last night advising that all contact rugby, including contact training, was "restricted".

"Obviously, this has a huge impact, not only on our players but also the many coaches and club and school volunteers involved in our game," the post said.

"While this decision has a huge impact on our rugby community, the impacts of Covid-19 are not selective — it is widespread and impacting everyone. It is important we support each other through these challenging times and come up with practical and positive solutions together."

New Zealand Rugby said full-contact training could start on April 13 "at this stage" — a position that appears to rule out pre-season games.

Ngati Porou East Coast Rugby Union was to discuss the implications of the postponement with club delegates, coaches and administrators this morning.

The Gisborne Netball Centre board met last night.

"The courts will not be open for any training or further netball sessions until four weeks before our start date,"

centre manager Allisa Hall said.

"All Year 1 to 6 coaching workshops are also postponed."

Gisborne Speedway Club has postponed its meeting planned for this Saturday night.

Eastland Group Raceway was to host the Metalco Teams Demolition Derby.

"We also had a contingent of out-of-town stockcars coming, along with saloons and sidecars to support those classes," club president Clyde McGrory said.

"It's disappointing to have to call it off, but we totally respect the safety of our fans, our drivers and the community in general at this difficult time."

McGrory said they hoped to run the meeting during winter.

The April 3-4 final meeting may go ahead.

"We are mindful of the health crisis and will make a decision on that final meeting nearer the time."

"If we are unable to run it, we will stage it in late October as an introduction to the 2020-21 season."

All events on the School Sport NZ national calendar have been suspended.

Rowing's Maadi Cup, which was to start on March 30 at Lake Ruataniwha, is one big casualty.

The North Island and South Island Secondary Schools Athletics Championships scheduled for April 4 and 5 have been cancelled.

Senior representative Tairawhiti softball sides were to take the field next week in fixtures against New Zealand Defence Force teams but the tour has been cancelled.

The softball tour was to double as a recruitment drive for the Defence Force on the East Coast but was cancelled on health and safety grounds.

It would have been the first time in years that Tairawhiti senior representative sides had got on the park and it now won't happen before next summer.

The Defence Force hopes to run the tour next season.

Tairawhiti senior softball club finals are due to go ahead at Waikirikiri Park on Saturday.

The women's final is to start at 11am and the men's final at 3pm — the difference in timing was designed to limit crowd numbers.

A national secondary schools second-division softball tournament at Hastings, due to start on March 31, has been called off.

Gisborne Boys' High School and Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Whatatutu had entered the tournament.

Sport Gisborne Tairawhiti chief executive Stefan Pishief said the impact of the coronavirus on the sporting community may be far-reaching, as codes and clubs follow the Government's advice to postpone or cancel large-scale events.

"We are commending these codes and clubs for heeding this call to keep our community safe, even though for many, this will come at a great cost."

Sport Gisborne Tairawhiti cancelled the Gisborne Herald Quarter Marathon and Fun Run that was scheduled for April 26.

"If there is a chance to reschedule the marathon for later in the year, then we will explore that possibility," Pishief said.

"However, there's too much uncertainty at the moment to start planning around a new date."

The Gisborne Primary School Events Committee has cancelled all events for the rest of Term 1.

"Some sports are continuing to run their leagues at the moment while others have postponed their seasons," Pishief said.

"There's the disappointment for our community in not being able to take part in activities that they love and that keep them healthy, and holding events and running sporting leagues can also be a critical source of income for our sporting bodies in Tairawhiti."

"We implore funders to continue their support of our sporting bodies during these challenging times."

"This is a challenging time for the sporting sector, and along with the wider community, we need to support one another through this."

Planning an Olympics campaign is difficult at the best of times and triathletes such as Gisborne's Tayler Reid have had preparations disrupted this year.

Triathlon New Zealand performance manager Stephen Sheldrake said they were carrying on as best they could in trying circumstances.

Sheldrake, based in Gisborne, said Kiwi triathletes would be training in New Zealand's winter for a July and August Olympics expected to be hot and humid in Japan.

Planned camps overseas have been called off.

The Mooloolaba Triathlon in Queensland last weekend turned out to be the New Zealanders' last chance to impress the selectors in competition, as further events have been cancelled.

New Zealand have been successful in racking up enough points to have a team qualify for the Olympics.

Sheldrake said he was working on "Plans B, C and D" for the Kiwi triathletes, assuming the Olympics went ahead.

"It's uncertain times for everyone."

Another Gisborne athlete planning a stint in Japan, rugby player Renee Holmes, is playing a waiting game.

She went to Japan in March last year to play sevens for the Hokkaido Barbarians and was to return this year but there's no confirmation yet that the tournament will proceed.

Tairawhiti has crews preparing for the waka ama sprint world championships at Hawaii in August.

The most recent announcement from the International Va'a Federation about Covid-19 was on March 10, when the federation declared it had no plans to postpone or cancel the event.

Central Football and other federations were in discussions with NZ Football this morning to work out their response to Covid-19.