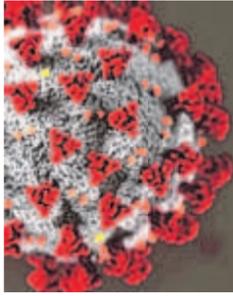


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**NEW NORMAL:** Masks and social distancing were on display around Gisborne's supermarkets over the weekend, including this line at Pakn'Save, as Covid-19 guidelines were followed by most shoppers — keeping a two-metre distance between each other and many wearing masks. Over the weekend, confirmed and probable cases in New Zealand rose to 514, with the nation's first death confirmed on the West Coast. A total of 56 people have recovered from Covid-19, with just one confirmed case recorded in Tairawhiti.

Picture by Paul Rickard



# CALL FOR MORE MANPOWER

## Govt assures they 'have our backs here in Tairawhiti'

by Wynsley Wrigley and Mark Peters

MAYOR Rethete Stoltz and local iwi have spoken directly to Eastern Police commander Superintendent Tania Kura seeking assistance to man checkpoints but during her press conference yesterday Jacinda Ardern said there were no lockdown reinforcement or resourcing issues in Tairawhiti.

"We have an isolated region with huge health needs and we want to ensure we keep our community safe," the Mayor said.

"Our police are flat-out doing 'business as usual' and if we want to do more, we will need more manpower."

Mrs Stoltz told The Herald she did not specifically ask about Hicks

Bay, where local residents, concerned about tourists breaching lockdown requirements, established their own checkpoints last week.

She spoke to Police Minister Stuart Nash and the police who assured her that they "have our backs here in the Tairawhiti and that we will continue our talks in the next week".

The Prime Minister said police were able to "arrest and detain, if they need to, anyone who is not following the rules."

Ikaroa-Rawhiti Labour MP Meka Whitiri said she contacted Ms Ardern to ensure she had seen the letter from the region's "leadership" — the Mayor and Tairawhiti-wide iwi.

Ms Whitiri also contacted Mr Nash who asked for the mayor's

phone number.

"It's about advocating for the region," she said. The Government, police, iwi and the Mayor had gathered around "a pinchpoint" and were "looking after our region".

There was concern that visitors from other regions were not practising self-isolation.

That was happening around the country.

Ms Whitiri said people who wished to report on those ignoring lockdown requirements should not ring 111 but email [nhccselfisolation@health.govt.nz](mailto:nhccselfisolation@health.govt.nz) She implored people "to do the right thing".

Most people observed the lockdown requirements but there were some, small in number, who risked the health of others.

Ms Whitiri said there were sufficient police who could arrest and detain such people.

She expressed gratitude for health workers, supermarket staff and others who continued to provide essential services.

Ms Whitiri suggested people look out for elderly neighbours.

"Be kind."

Meanwhile, the number of vehicles stopped at a roadside checkpoints at Wharekahika/Hicks Bay dropped from 179 on Wednesday to 65 yesterday, checkpoint co-organiser Tina Ngata said.

Roadside checkpoints have been set up at Te Araroa, Wharekahika/Hicks Bay, Ruatoria, Tokomaru Bay, Anaura Bay and Uawa/Tolaga Bay.

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# Cool March ending with welcome rain

by Roger Handford

A RUMBLING of thunder, a heavy rain warning and the threat of flooding this morning heralded the start of Gisborne's second week of the coronavirus lockdown.

Overnight MetService upgraded a heavy rain watch to a full warning, with computer-predictions of some of the heaviest hourly rainfall figures for some time.

The first downpours early this morning dumped 25mm on Makaraka, with another 20mm by 9am.

The East Cape Lighthouse gauge measured 57mm by 7.30am while Pouawa received over 45mm by 7am including a downpour of 20mm between 6am and 7am.

MetService warned a slow-moving front with the weather driving in from the north-east could deliver hail, thunderstorms and rainfall accumulations of 90 to 120mm, especially south of Tokomaru Bay, with possible intensities of up to 25 to 40 mm an hour.

The warning was for surface flooding, slips and bad driving conditions. However, by mid-morning conditions had eased, and the weather had moved further south to Wairoa, the Hawke's Bay and Wairarapa.

Until this morning, the district had been experiencing ongoing drier-than-normal weather, with a persistent soil moisture deficit which stood at 118mm yesterday.

All the signs pointed to a colder, dry autumn, with sunshine hours and rainfall totals well short of normal.

March in this region has been dominated by colder winds from the south and east.

Sixteen days of winds from the southerly quarter and four of easterlies far outweighed the nine days of warmer winds from the north-west and west.

Overcast weather has also had a cooling effect, without delivering much rain.

By the weekend, the mean daily temperature was around 16.65 degrees — almost a whole degree below the 30-year (1981-2010) average.

Gisborne's daytime temperatures have been hit the hardest, averaging 21 degrees to date, against a 30-year average of 22.6 for March.

Overnight temperatures have averaged just under 12.3 degrees — below the 30-year mean of almost 12.6.

The chill of some nights has hinted at the approach of frost weather, despite the night of the 22nd-23rd recording a warm 18.1 degrees.

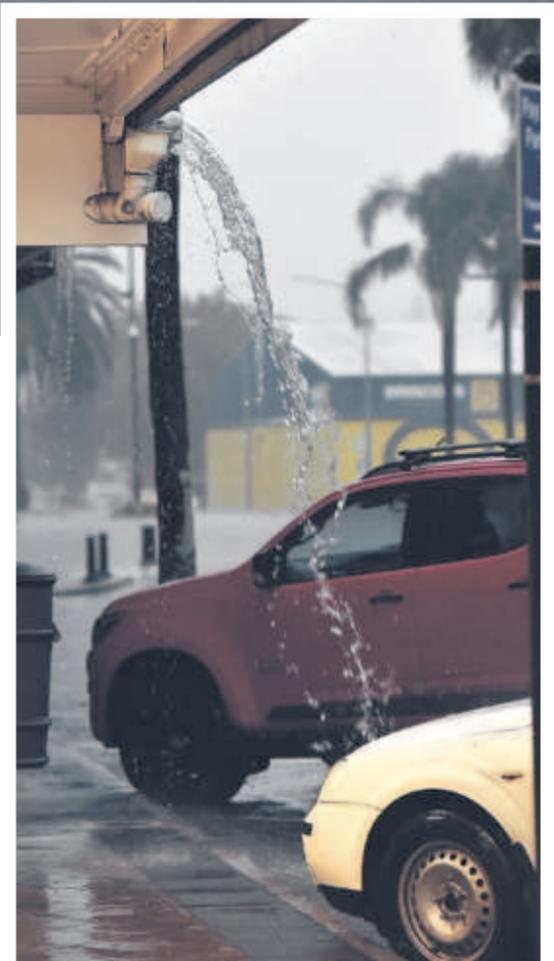
There have been six nights with temperatures below 10 degrees, the coolest in the early morning of the 26th with an air temperature of just 6.6 degrees and frost-approaching grass minimum of 1.1 degrees.

Until this morning it had been a dry March, with just over 46mm of rain — less than half the 30-year average rainfall of 91.4mm.

The first three months of the year had totalled just 108mm — half of the 30-year average of 219mm for the first quarter.

**IT'S RAINING, IT'S POURING:** A deserted Gladstone Road this morning as rain drenched the city. Inset, gutters in Peel St struggled to cope with the downpour.

Pictures by Paul Rickard



Regarding the possibility of an El Nino developing, the World Meteorological Organisation's El Nino/Southern Oscillation (ENSO) update says there is a 60 percent chance of ongoing neutral conditions continuing during March to May.

The chances for an El Nino or La Nina are 35 percent and 5 percent respectively.

For the June to August period, the chance for ENSO-neutral is 55 percent, that for El Nino is 20-25 percent and that for La Nina is also 20-25 percent.

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## Body in car believed to be missing man

THE body of a man found inside a crashed vehicle on Lake Road at Tuai inland from Wairoa on Saturday is believed to be missing Hawke's Bay man Wayne McGillen.

Police were alerted about the crashed vehicle at around 3.40pm on Saturday.

"On arrival at the crash scene, they located a man deceased in the vehicle," police said.

"Pending the outcome of the formal identification process, we believe the deceased to be 53-year-old Mr McGillen."

He was reported missing last weekend and was last seen driving north towards Wairoa.

"Our thoughts are with Mr McGillen's family and loved ones at this tragic time," police said.

The matter will be referred to the Coroner.

## Kaiti foodbank's deliveries on hold

EAST Coast Community Foodbank/Kaiti is not delivering food parcels during the Covid-19 lockdown.

Foodbank coordinator Johnathan Pere said he had asked all parcel deliverers to stay at home.

"I feel being with family is best at this time."

The foodbank is still accepting non-perishable donations and can be contacted on Facebook.

Mr Pere said they would not be seeking any of the \$27 million in government funding available during the lockdown for non-government providers such as foodbanks.

"We already have services in Tairāwhiti better equipped than us to give assistance to needy families.

"But we will closely observe how they do things and introduce a plan about how we can best service our community if something of this magnitude arises in the future."

Mr Pere said government funding would be gratefully received by those still operating as demand for food parcels would continue to increase during the lockdown.

## Essential services only at courthouse

THE counter at the Gisborne courthouse is closed as the country's courts have closed down under Covid-19 alert level 4 conditions.

Essential or priority services will continue but matters not deemed as priority proceedings will be adjourned.

Defendants will be advised of their new dates.

Priority proceedings include criminal cases where the defendant is in custody, sentencing, bail applications, deportation warrants, breaches of police safety orders; the Youth Court, arrests (first appearance), review of custody, early release hearings and certain Family Court matters.

Criminal priority proceedings will be held via audio visual links and support people will not be allowed into courts.

Chief Justice Winkelmann said he acknowledged the concern of the public, staff and legal practitioners.

"I also understand that the restrictions imposed by the level 4 alert make it difficult for parties and legal practitioners to conduct court proceedings.

He referred to the Bill of Rights but said "court proceedings are an essential service"

## Coast loses power

A LIGHTNING strike resulted in a large area of the East Coast briefly losing power this morning.

The strike at 7.10am took out the power to everyone up the Coast north of Gisborne, an Eastland Network spokeswoman said.

"Our team got everyone back on by 7.34am. If the weather affects your power, please call our faults line on 0800 206 207."

Eastland Network is deemed an essential service under alert level 4.

"We're also asking people to please be patient as our teams are working in challenging conditions during the lockdown."

# Police dog nabs alleged caravan thief

GISBORNE police arrested a man on Friday morning after they were called to a Kaiti address and he has been charged in relation to a caravan theft in Riverdale.

Detective Sergeant Danny Kirk said a person at the Kaiti address saw a man breaking into a motor vehicle on their property and attempting to gain access to a shed.

"Officers arrived quickly and the offender ran off, however, he was tracked by a police dog and handler.

"It's alleged he assaulted the dog handler and attempted to run away again, however, he was quickly apprehended by the police dog and arrested."

Det Sgt Kirk said the man, aged 20, had also been charged with the theft of a

caravan from an Emily Street address in Riverdale earlier this month.

The caravan was recovered in a damaged state soon after the theft after occupants of the house from which it was taken chased the thieves.

"The man appeared in the Gisborne District Court on Saturday and has been remanded in custody until May 13," police said.



### CLEAR MESSAGE:

Residents throughout the city are heeding the Government's "stay at home" and "self-isolation" directives during the lockdown, and some have gone a step further in emphasising it, including this sign against the fence of a house. Another sign spotted had positive words and one line that summed up nicely those contemplating non-essential travel beyond their bubble or neighbourhood . . . "don't be an egg".

Picture by Paul Rickard

# Checkpoints ensuring safety of East Coast communities: Ngata

FROM PAGE 1

"As Covid-19 continues to spread, the checkpoints are to help ensure the safety of the largely Maori communities along the East Coast."

The more-than-170 vehicles, made up of service vehicles and tourists, on the first day of the lockdown was not acceptable, said Ms Ngata.

By the following day the number had dropped to 104.

The 65 vehicles recorded yesterday were all driven by locals.

"We have halved the number. Our goal was to halve it by the end of the week. Every single vehicle that had too many people in it, we sent back.

"We are getting people wanting to come and check on their bach. They will be turned around. This is not an acceptable excuse to be on the road."

Teams at each checkpoint are reinforcing messages around sanitisation and social distancing.

Most vehicles had single drivers now and many of them were driving to the Te Araroa Four Square for single items, Ms Ngata said.

"We are now putting out public communications through various channels to say if you have to go out, make a list, so you can buy everything you need in one go — not just for milk or eggs.

## People failing to follow correct testing procedure

PEOPLE wanting to get tested for Covid-19 have been advised to follow proper procedures.

"There have been reports of people trying to get tested for Covid-19 so that they can move around the region," a Hauora Tairāwhiti district health board Facebook statement said.

"Everyone should be staying at home,

unless they are providing essential services or accessing essential services detailed here — [www.covid19.govt.nz](http://www.covid19.govt.nz)

"You will only be tested if you meet the case definition and have been referred by your GP for testing.

"Those travelling, even after a negative test result, are still putting people at risk.

## Report isolation breaches online

POLICE have launched an online form which the public can use to report Covid-19 alert level 4 restriction breaches.

The online form can be found at [www.105.police.govt.nz](http://www.105.police.govt.nz)

It can be used to report isolation breaches or cases of businesses continuing to operate when they are not part of the essential workforce.

Police Commissioner Mike Bush urged people to use the online form instead of calling police.

"We know that people want to do the right thing if they see people flouting the restrictions but we want to ease the load on the non-emergency phone number.

"If you run out of milk, go without until you have a list of items you need," she said.

People who live along Highway 35 have noticed night-time activity on the road had increased since the lockdown.

"This is disappointing," Ms Ngata said.

A Facebook message posted by one of those manning the Anaura Bay checkpoint said they encountered two arrivals on Saturday night.

Someone from Christchurch via Wellington arrived at Anaura at 11pm

"Police will take the information reported online and make contact to remind those breaching the restrictions of their responsibilities.

"We are continuing to take the approach of educating and informing people of their responsibilities in the first instance, but we will not hesitate to take enforcement action if people continue to ignore the restrictions."

"Police do not want to have to arrest anyone or visit people because they are doing the wrong thing.

"Please stay at home, follow the guidelines on [www.covid19.govt.nz](http://www.covid19.govt.nz) and don't give people a reason to report your behaviour to police."

while another driver from Australia via Auckland arrived at 3am.

"No matter what their excuses were they were refused to continue their journey to Anaura."

This was because they came through other areas that had Covid-19 and the checkpoint monitors did not know who they had been in contact with, said the post.

The Highway 35 checkpoints were established after consultation with the Police and Gisborne District Council.

A negative test yesterday does not mean that you do not have Covid-19 today.

"To stop the spread of Covid-19, our community needs everyone to stay at home.

"Tairāwhiti, we need you to join together and protect our region, especially our whānau on the Coast."

**FAMILY NOTICES**

**In Memoriam**

**Deaths**

**WOLTER, Hubert Cornelius.** — Passed peacefully, at Ryman, on the 29th March 2020. Loving husband to Margaret. Much loved father of Sue and Brian, Stephen and Ngaire, Lucy and Brett, Maryanne and Stuart, Anton and Marina, Martin and Sonya, Trudi and Paul, and Andrew and Paul. Loved Papa to his 21 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. Hubert will be cremated, and a service will be held for him at a later date.

- Evans Funeral Services Ltd. FDANZ  
www.evansfuneral.co.nz

**BARRIE, Christopher Morris**  
21.12.1950 - 30.3.2019  
Passed away  
1 year ago.

We mourn for times that could have been, and celebrate times that have been.

You are missed beyond words, memories of you are etched in our hearts forever.

Soar high above the vineyards Chris - you are at peace

**Your loving wife Tara, and extended Barrie families**



**THAT WAS THEN:** The Gisborne Farmers' Market in full swing the weekend before last, albeit under social distancing rules and with handwash stations, as well as limited admission. The market is not allowed to run now, but some vendors have been authorised to supply local households during the Covid-19 lockdown.

Picture by Paul Rickard

## Farmers' Market vendors approved

by Sarah Curtis

THE Gisborne Farmers' Market announced this morning some of its vendors are now authorised to supply local households during lockdown.

A post on the Farmers' Market Facebook page this morning states its vendors were not previously allowed to sell their produce unless they were registered as an essential business.

"This was obviously making things difficult for some of the smaller growers and very frustrating for you as customers.

"After much discussion with the authorities we have received information from HortNZ that the Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment have decided to allow door-to-door local fruit and veg box deliveries.

"All Covid-19 anti-transmission and food

safety measures must be in place.

"We will be posting vendors' websites that are offering this service over the next few days," the Farmers' Market Facebook page stated.

Meanwhile, an MBIE media spokesperson said, "we expect businesses to act responsibly in the interests of keeping everyone safe.

"This includes both businesses and the public making the right calls about what is an essential good.

"Those businesses providing goods that are essential to our ability to safely self-isolate may operate, provided they can minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

"In order to protect staff and the public, essential businesses must take orders online or by phone, take all appropriate public health measures to protect staff, and delivery of

essential goods must be contact-less.

"Members of the public who suspect a business may be breaching the essential services rules can email police at 105.police.govt.nz," the MBIE spokesperson said.

Government guidelines already allow for food delivery (other than cooked, prepared meals) such as supermarket home delivery, food parcels from charitable organisations, subscription food boxes, or any other whole-food delivery service.

Delivery of cooked or prepared meals is restricted to Meals-on-Wheels and alternative similar services referred from a district health board, the Accident Compensation Corporation, or the Ministry for Social Development.

Food banks are considered an essential social service. Food banks must operate a one-in-one-out rule, and cannot sell or provide

## Nuisance rubbish burns tie up firefighters

FIREFIGHTERS have been called out to half-a-dozen nuisance rubbish fires over the past three days and nights, and they have asked the public to be more mindful of how they burn their waste.

Under the current Restricted Fire Season incinerators can be used to burn greenwaste but any fire in the open outside an incinerator in the city needs to have permit.

"A lot of them have been at night, and burning rubbish after dark is not allowed under regulations applying to Gisborne city," a senior firefighter said.

The calls Fire and Emergency NZ received in the past few days have come from neighbours annoyed or concerned about the smoke.

The Herald understands the current Restricted Fire Season is under review by the fire authorities and a return to an open fire season may be under consideration.

Firefighters were called out again this morning to a commercial premises in Nelson Road, after neighbours became concerned about smoke from the property.

Fire and Emergency NZ sent an appliance and crew to investigate.

It turned out the property owners had a rubbish fire going in a designated burn pit, a spokesperson said.

"The fire was permitted, so no action was taken by the fire crew."

## No to roadside sales

by Sarah Curtis

IF YOU'RE considering selling or giving away this year's homegrown feijoa crop from your front gate during lockdown, forget it.

While there is no specific directive about this issue on the Government's Covid-19 website, officials have been clear in their responses to media and public inquiries.

Gisborne District Council has also ruled out frontyard fruit trading.

In a media statement, GDC Chief Executive Nedine Thatcher Swann warned all non-essential services were to shut down immediately.

"This will be enforced by the Police. There are no exceptions! From selling fruit on the side of the road to takeaway deliveries - none of these are permitted in this Covid-19 alert level 4 alert lockdown."

Principal media adviser for the Ministry of Health Charlotte Gendall said collection of goods would be breaching the non-essential travel ban.

"People are only permitted to travel for essential food shopping, hospital or GP visits, if they are essential services workers travelling to and from work, or if they are making short, local journeys for exercise," Ms Gendall said.

"Any Facebook page encouraging or facilitating non-essential travel during the lockdown would be in breach."

A media spokeswoman for the Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment, Astrid Smeele added, "food is available through supermarkets and dairies".

The issues of casual roadside and online trading has been a grey area as the country comes to grips with this unprecedented lockdown phase and policymakers iron out details.

There are no specific directives on the Government's Covid-19 website about roadside selling or casual online trading.

While New Zealand online trading giant Trade Me has largely suspended its business, Facebook's Marketplace has remained active since the lockdown.

Several people in this region have advertised their surplus home-grown feijoa crops.

In Hawke's Bay, a user has offered "glove-picked" feijoas.

One user says she will leave the fruit in a bucket at the gate; people can pay into her letter box.

Questioned via the Government's Unite Against Covid-19 Facebook page about casual online trading, officials said:

"There are no hard and fast rules for the online buying and selling of goods

through Facebook but all non-essential travel is not allowed.

"It is good that some pages are closing but others may be valuable providers of community support . . . so it is up to administrators for now."

They expressed concern over cash transfers saying the virus can survive for several days on surfaces particularly metal (coins).

Information on both the Government's Covid-19 Facebook page and its website confirm non-contact type deliveries are allowed but stress that is only if they do not require excessive travel and are only for essential goods and services.

"You can arrange to have your shopping delivered, or have family, friends or neighbours drop off food or groceries. You just need to ask them to leave these at the door, rather than come in."

New postal guidelines outlined on the Government website rule out any postal or courier delivery of non-essential items. The site advises, "you should only post or courier items that are essential to the provision of the necessities of life".

Sellers deemed by the Government as essential businesses could courier items but non-essential businesses could not send items until the lockdown ended, the site advises.

## Fox St mountain bike park, Tolaga Bay wharf closed

GISBORNE'S mountain bike park at the Whataupoko Reserve in Fox Street has been closed to align with national guidelines around keeping everyone safe during the lockdown.

Earlier in the lockdown, people were encouraged to mountain bike, among other sports but that messaging has been changed to ensure the protection of first responders who may be called to help after an accident.

People are instead encouraged to keep exercise local - stay close to home and keep it solitary or with the people you live with.

"Help our emergency services by only

doing safe activities," Gisborne District Council Emergency Coordination Centre group controller Dave Wilson said.

Shortly before the lockdown, the Trust Tairawhiti Rescue Helicopter was called out to help an injured surfer at Wainui Beach.

Eastland Rescue Helicopter Trust afterwards made a plea to the community to stay at home during the level 4 lockdown.

Whataupoko Reserve is still open for walkers who live close by.

"For them to attend accidents like this exposes their crews, families and other

healthcare people to the very dangers the lockdown has been put in place to prevent," said Mr Wilson said. "Think about that.

"Stay at home to save lives and protect our community from the spread of Covid-19."

■ THE Tolaga Bay Wharf is closed until further notice in an effort to stop people congregating at the historic site.

Gisborne District Council Emergency Coordination Centre group controller Dave Wilson says it has been a popular haunt for local people who are wanting to get their daily

dose of exercise.

"The layout of the wharf makes it very difficult for people to maintain the two-metre social distance so Tolaga Bay community leaders made the decision to shut the wharf until further notice.

"It is all about protecting the people from the spread of Covid-19 in Tairawhiti.

"All non-essential travel and movement needs to stop."

All Department of Conservation facilities throughout New Zealand have been closed, including the Cook's Cove Walkway.

# Drilling down to slow-slip data

AN ambitious international scientific project to study New Zealand's largest earthquake fault is enabling scientists to learn more about slow slip earthquakes in subduction zones around the world.

Two International Ocean Discovery Program (IODP) expeditions to the Hikurangi subduction zone off the east coast of the North Island — in 2017 and 2018 — were the first time scientists from around the world had studied and directly sampled rocks from the source region of slow-slip events using ocean floor scientific drilling methods.

The expeditions aboard the research vessel JOIDES Resolution were jointly led by researchers from NIWA (National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research), GNS Science, the University of Texas and the University of Auckland.

One of the first scientific papers from the expedition has been published in the prestigious journal *Science Advances*.

Slow-slip events are similar to regular earthquakes but instead of energy being released suddenly and catastrophically, slow earthquakes take place in slow increments that may last from days to months and can recur every year or two.

NIWA principal scientist Dr Philip Barnes, who is the senior author of the paper and jointly led the expedition, says slow-slip events are important not only because they are a newly-discovered type of seismic behaviour, but because they occur in areas which are capable of causing large, damaging earthquakes and tsunami.

"We have the fortune of being able to study slow-motion earthquakes near the North Island's coast on our Hikurangi subduction zone.

"As slow-slip earthquakes are still only newly discovered, we don't yet understand their relationship to large, damaging earthquakes."

The 2016 Kaikoura earthquake triggered a series of major slow-slip events on the Hikurangi subduction zone — where the Pacific Plate dives beneath the eastern North Island.

"The 2016 slow-slip event was the most widespread episode of slow slip seen in New Zealand since they were



**BETWEEN JOBS:** The International Ocean Drilling Program state of the art drilling ship, the Jodies Resolution, tied up at Centreport in Wellington, in 2010. The ship spent time off the coast of Gisborne in 2017 and 2018. File picture

first discovered here in 2002," said study co-leader Dr Laura Wallace of GNS Science.

Dr Barnes says there is strong international scientific focus on the results of the expeditions because little is known about slow-slip events and "everyone wants to know how, where and why they're happening and what drives their behaviour".

Seismologists originally thought subduction zones only slipped in seismic earthquakes (lasting seconds to minutes) or crept continuously, but since 2002, we now know many areas of our plate boundary move in these slow slip events.

"What causes these slow-motion earthquakes, however, is not well understood.

"For example, could slow slip trigger a large, damaging earthquake and tsunami? Or can the same fault move in both slow- and fast-slip earthquakes, and why would that be?"

Dr Barnes said it was also thought that slow-slipping faults occurred too deep under the ocean to use ocean floor drilling techniques to sample fault zone rocks, but they now knew that in New Zealand and a few other locations they can occur at shallow depths, only a few kilometres beneath the seabed.

New Zealand was identified as one of the best places to study slow slips because these events occurred close to the sea floor, which made drilling to collect geophysical information and rock samples a viable proposition.

A transect across the plate boundary was drilled off the coast of Gisborne, including two boreholes selected with the aim of getting a sequence of rocks and sediments on the incoming (Pacific) plate approaching the North Island.

"We collected a core down to just over one kilometre deep in water depths of 3.5 kilometres to find out the sort of properties the rocks have where slow-slip earthquakes occur."

The drilling data was interpreted along with seismic reflection profiles or pictures of the layers under the surface of the earth which are created at sea by sound waves.

These are used by marine scientists to study sediments and rocks beneath the ocean floor, as well as active faults that represent major earthquake and tsunami hazards.

They were able to confirm the topography in the basement rock layers in the area is extremely rough and the rocks vary markedly in size, type and physical characteristics.

"What we believe is that shallow slow-slip events occur on fault zones made up of a mash-up of different rock at different scales that are hugely variable in composition.

"Some are mushy and weak while some are really hard, cemented and strong," Dr Barnes said.

The study indicates the co-existence of these contrasting rock types in the fault zone may lead to the slow-slip movements observed offshore from Gisborne, and perhaps elsewhere at subduction boundaries around the world.

Scientific monitoring instruments have been installed in two of the boreholes and are monitoring changes in the earth's crust at the front line of slow slip, an effort being led by project co-leaders Dr Wallace and Dr Demian Saffer at the University of Texas.

Dr Barnes says the research will have direct relevance not only to New Zealand but to areas like Japan and Costa Rica, which sit on the Ring of Fire — the perimeter of the Pacific Ocean basin where many earthquakes and volcanic eruptions occur.

## Look beyond pandemic call from Bibby

CLIMATE change remains the greatest threat to the region, and will still be a threat after the Covid-19 epidemic ends, says Clive Bibby.

He was presenting his economic development ideas to Gisborne district councillors and the mayor during their Sustainable Tairāwhiti meeting.

He said the pandemic deserved council's full attention but was of temporary concern and would pass.

"When that happens, we will need to turn our attention to the threat of climate change and take meaningful steps in mitigation to ensure the safety of all our people."

He said there would be almost unanimous agreement about the threat presented by climate change.

He outlined four major economic development "actionable items" which warranted "immediate attention".

- Identify and plan for construction of a large freshwater storage reservoir to complement existing supply and to provide for projected needs of urban and rural users.

- Adopt the Government's offer to declare northern Tairāwhiti a special economic zone to overcome the region's "state of dependency".

- Develop reticulation infrastructure capable of serving the irrigated Poverty Bay Flats.

- It would meet the anticipated need, due to climate change, for transferring the income-generating income capacity of the pastoral economy to an alternative one based on high end crops.

- Develop an expanded local tourism industry based on a facility displaying the region's national heritage story.

## Jail for stabbing partner

### Confronted her armed with scissors, machete

POLICE safety and trespass orders were not enough to stop a Wairoa man returning to his partner's house and confronting her there with a machete in one hand and a pair of scissors in the other, Gisborne District Court has heard.

A child was present when Marsden Tipuna, 27, backed the woman into a room and stabbed her once in the leg with the scissors as she lay fearful, curled up in foetal position, on a bed.

The ordeal ended when police arrived after being called by someone who went to the house.

Judge Warren Cathcart jailed Tipuna for two years, three months. He had pleaded guilty to assault with a weapon, possession of a weapon, and wilful trespass.

A police safety order was issued against Tipuna about 11am on February 7 last year. Despite it and a trespass order, he returned about 4pm that day, confronting the woman with weapons and demanding to know why she "called the pigs".

An agreed summary of facts inferred the Crown's position that Tipuna took the weapons with him when he went to the house, and he was sentenced on that basis. Tipuna said he picked them up when he got there.

He put the machete down before stabbing the woman with the scissors.

When police arrived Tipuna told the

**‘I’m over being treated like this. I’m done.’**

woman to pretend she was in the shower. He hid in a wardrobe.

In a victim statement written that day by the woman at hospital, she described the wound as being deep and causing numbness in her leg.

She said, "I'm over being treated like this, I'm done."

"I don't care if he goes to jail or not, I want him to leave me alone so we can move on with our lives."

Judge Cathcart said the incident was sparked by Tipuna's desire to punish the woman for earlier complaining to police.

But it was not for Tipuna to go around giving his form of justice to people who reported him to the police. That sort of motivation angered the courts because it was someone taking the law into their own hands and dissuading people from making valid complaints.

Alluding to Tipuna's known gang association (mentioned in a pre-sentence report and in the context of bail breaches), the judge added, "the courts admit to the rule of law, not what the gangs tell the courts should be available to them".

Aggravating features as described by Crown prosecutor Cameron Stuart

included premeditation that included Tipuna taking weapons to the scene, his selection of weapons that could potentially cause serious harm, the wound inflicted, the home invasion element within hours of a police safety order, and Tipuna's comment to the woman about her complaint to police.

The judge noted the presence of a toddler at home limited the woman's ability to flee.

The judge set a sentence starting point of two years, eight months.

At the time of the incident, Tipuna was on bail and already subject to a sentence of intensive supervision for violence against the woman. For those factors, there was two months uplift.

There was a further two months uplift for Tipuna's previous relevant convictions. The only discount he received was for his guilty pleas (a full 25 percent — nine months).

A pre-sentence report backgrounded Tipuna's use of drugs, particularly meth, his propensity for violence, his lack of consequential thinking and his impulsiveness.

Tipuna was still a Black Power gang member and had not yet reached a point where he realised he was wasting his life on that association, Judge Cathcart said.

"There are a lot of better things to do in life than to be a member of a bunch of thugs," the judge told Tipuna.

# NZ's first Covid-19 victim identified

GREYMOUTH — The children of the woman who is the first person to die of coronavirus in New Zealand also lost their father last year.

Anne Guenole, in her 70s, has been identified as the first Covid-19 related death in this country.

She died yesterday morning at Grey Base Hospital, in Greymouth, after it was first thought she had a strain of the flu.

Her death comes just a few months after her husband, Peter Guenole, died unexpectedly last August. He was in his 80th year.

A family notice at the time said the couple were the parents of three, and grandparents and great-grandparents to 6.

It is understood the family are well-respected within the community and run at least one local business.

They are now trying to work out exactly how their mother and grandmother became infected.

However, Guenole is said to have had an underlying chronic health condition.

As a result of Guenole's positive test and subsequent death, up to 21 staff at Grey Base Hospital are now in isolation as a precautionary measure.

A total of 514 people in New Zealand are now either a confirmed or probable case of Covid-19 as of yesterday, authorities said.

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern yesterday called Guenole's death "devastating" and acknowledged how that again showed the gravity of the situation right now.

"Today's death is a reminder of the fight we have on our hands," Ardern said.

"Stay at home, break the chain and save lives."

Grey District mayor Tania Gibson also paid tribute to the woman and her family — and acknowledged how the heartbreaking news had also impacted the local community.

"It's come as a big shock to our community," Gibson said. — NZ Herald



**HAPPY TO STEP IN:** Jacinda Ardern said older New Zealanders need to ask for help in these trying times. Her message comes after people over 70 and those with underlying health conditions have struggled with the lockdown rules in place to deal with the Covid-19 pandemic.

NZ Herald picture

# 'Parents behaving badly'

## PM's plea to the elderly: 'Please stay at home'

by Jo Moir, RNZ

WELLINGTON — People over 70 and those with underlying health conditions were the first to feel the brunt of the lockdown, being told to stay home four days before the rest of the country but some aren't taking notice.

Overseas experience has shown these two groups are the most vulnerable to Covid-19.

New Zealand now has its own first victim of the virus after a West Coast woman in her 70s with a chronic health condition died yesterday.

Brooke Magill is trying to deal with her grandparents who are failing miserably at obeying the lockdown rules.

Despite being told family would drop off the groceries, her nana got to the local New World and began messaging about what a wonderful experience it was going to the supermarket and being given priority access.

"All her neighbours knew she had also been out, so what happened is one of the

nurses across the road came across to her and quite robustly told her if she was to take her vehicle out again she would slash her tyres."

Jacinda Ardern is no stranger to the "parents and grandparents behaving badly" phenomenon and was happy to step in when asked what to do with them at her daily briefing yesterday.

**Those most vulnerable must go against their instincts and ask for help.**

"In lieu of anyone out there who is over 70 or has underlying health conditions . . . not listening to their children, please listen to me: You must stay at home.

"It is devastating to lose anyone; it's devastating to lose a parent. I don't want that to happen to your children, please stay at home," she said.

Jacinda Ardern said those most

vulnerable must go against their instincts and ask for help.

"I do worry that our older New Zealanders, who may have a tendency to not wish to be perceived to be putting anyone out, may not be asking for the help that we need to give them.

"I really want to re-state, you must stay at home," she said.

But Nelson's Grey Power president Christine Tuffnell said it's not so much about the elderly not listening to their children and more about how they get hold of information.

She said it's the elderly living on their own, like her, that are the most isolated.

"I don't think there's an issue of the elderly not listening at all, I think it's how we get the current information to them.

"It's very much an online society, but a lot of them aren't online so we have to look at how we get that information out."

For those wanting a chat or some advice, Grey Power is still operating and seniors can pick up the phone anytime and give them a call on 0800 473 979.



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**GOOD SORTS:** Wellington Night Shelter has been provided 22 fridges to keep food separate for those staying there during the nationwide lockdown.

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# Night shelter gifted 22 fridges for lockdown

WELLINGTON — Wellington Night Shelter guests have been given an upgrade, to help them keep safe and self-isolate effectively to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

The shelter has been provided with 22 fridges, so people staying at the shelter can keep their food separate.

The communal set-up at the shelter meant the space was unsuitable for safe-living, with the spread of coronavirus.

Local welfare manager Jenny Rains said her staff were calling around businesses on Thursday, looking to source the bar fridges to ensure self-

contained units could be created. She said the local Mitre 10 stores stepped up and helped them out.

"It just shows you the willingness of local businesses to support the local community — it is amazing.

"And we were worrying because, through more formal channels, it probably would have taken a week, or three days, four days — and time was of the essence."

Rains said about 20 people are currently staying at the shelter.

The shelter has also appealed for Wellingtonians to donate non-perishable food to the shelter. — RNZ

# How to live at Alert Level 4

Living at Alert Level 4 isn't easy. You might be tempted to leave the house. But it's incredibly important that you don't revert back to 'normal life'. Here are some answers to frequently asked questions about self-isolation while we're all at Alert Level 4.

## Why do we need to stay home?

Remember why we are all taking these extreme measures. Staying home saves lives, by breaking the chain of transmission.

## How does stopping movement help?

The virus is spread by us. It can't move by itself. So we all need to avoid moving around as much as possible.

## What do you mean by stopping movement?

There should be no movement that isn't essential. For example:

- don't travel to and from beaches or second homes
- avoid driving out of your neighbourhood
- don't travel across the country in campervans.

Note that DOC has closed all of its campsites and huts.

## Why is exercise allowed?

There are very few exceptions to staying home, but exercise is one of them. Going for a walk, run or bike ride is good for your mental health.

Just remember to:

- stay close to home. Enjoy your neighbourhood, but go no further
- keep it solitary, or only with those you live with
- keep a 2 metre distance from others.

## Which types of exercise aren't okay?

In short, anything that could lead to you getting lost or hurting yourself and end up requiring the help of the emergency services. They need to be fully available to respond to COVID-19 cases. Any search and rescue operation reduces the ability of first responders to help others.

Do your bit to help them by avoiding outdoor activities like swimming, surfing, tramping, boating, hunting or hiking.

## Which public spaces are okay to visit?

Effectively none apart from supermarkets and pharmacies. All bars, restaurants, cafes, gyms, cinemas, pools, museums, libraries and playgrounds are closed. Avoid places like beaches where people commonly linger, or are unable to maintain a 2 metre distance.

Don't touch surfaces others may have touched when outdoors, like park benches or playgrounds.

When you return home carefully wash your hands, and any items you took with you outdoors.

## What type of shopping can I do?

You can only shop for essential supplies like food or medicine.

If you need to do this:

- nominate one person from your household to go
- be aware that shops will limit numbers to help you keep 2 metres away from others
- be kind to essential workers, and others you're sharing the shop with
- wash your hands before and after you shop.

Remember, you can also arrange to have your shopping delivered, or have family, friends or neighbours drop-off food or supplies at your door.

## What distance should I keep between myself and others?

Stay 2 metres away from others. The virus is transmitted by droplets. Keeping your distance helps slow the spread.

## Thank you New Zealand

Thanks for spending this weekend safely and wisely.

Stay home. Save lives. It's how we'll break the chain and slow the spread of COVID-19.

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# Fears family violence will spike

by Carmen Hall, NZ Herald

TAURANGA — Social agencies and refuges in Tauranga are bracing for a spike of family violence during the lockdown and all are concerned they will not have the capacity to cope.

But Tauranga mayor Tenby Powell, who is chairman of the Bay of Plenty Civil Defence emergency management group, said motels could be an option for women and children at risk.

As part of the nation's alert level 4 and state of emergency, the group has the power to offer empty motels.

"We need to look at that now, as we have empty motels," he said.

Te Tuinga Whanau Services Trust director Tommy Wilson welcomed the idea of offering motels but said the biggest challenge would be providing all the wraparound services to support the victims.

The social agency already housed about 117 families and he expected that demand to climb.

The trust already used 30 motel units and hoped to build on that capacity but those affected by addictions also had to be considered.

"There are those who have a huge appetite for methamphetamine. So that is going to be a challenge because the people distributing won't have the freedom to move.

"So when you cut that supply, we'll have a lot of addiction problems with people who can't fuel their addiction, and that will be another sort of flashpoint. So again, we will see the needs for having more refuges, or more safe houses, or oases."

Tauranga Women's Refuge manager Hazel Hape said overseas literature showed an increase in violence during natural disasters and pandemics.



**WELCOME IDEA:** Women and children at risk of family violence may be able to stay in motels. Picture supplied

"There will definitely be a ripple effect."

She also said making some motels available would "help significantly".

"As the weeks go on in these types of crises with families having to be quarantined and locked down together, violence and abuse has the potential to escalate, and it will.

"Having families in their own bubble in a motel unit would be also helpful to minimise the spread of Covid-19, as opposed to putting them into one bubble with communal kitchens and showers."

The refuge office was closed but the safe house would remain open, although it was almost at capacity and could accommodate only 10 women, including children.

"This is what Tauranga needs to be

aware of — we only have two safe houses; we have one and Shakti has the other."

Canterbury University criminologist Greg Newbold said there had been a big jump in alcohol sales, and alcohol and violence were familiar partners.

As the weeks unfolded, there would be increasing tensions and "we would most likely see the domestic violence spikes which were often seen at Christmas".

Hospitality New Zealand accommodation sector Bay of Plenty chairman and 850 Cameron Motel owner Tony Bullot said he hoped Civil Defence would ask first before it requisitioned motels for those at risk.

"I know authorities are coming up with different plans at the moment, including finding housing for doctors and

healthcare workers and so on. I'm sure motels will voluntarily do it, as these are extraordinary times.

"But in New Zealand, ideally, if that happens, some sort of fee should be attached, or effectively we'd be paying the rent for other people."

A police spokeswoman said the stress and uncertainty from Covid-19 were especially hard for people living with family violence and sexual violence.

"Self-isolation can mean the risk of further violence from a partner, family member or housemate increases, and there may be challenges connecting with supportive people and accessing help the way you normally would."

She said the support services were essential and would remain available, even if services need to be delivered in different ways.

"Violence is a crime at any time and including during this Covid-19 period.

"The Government and police continue to take family violence and sexual violence very seriously."

Helplines were available to find out how to help someone else.

"We have a collective responsibility to look out for and help victims, their families and whanau."

She suggested setting up a code word with a friend, family member or neighbour immediately.

When used, it would be known that immediate help was needed.

There were 13,219 family investigations carried out in the Bay of Plenty last year — nearly 1000 more than the previous year and about 483 more than in 2016.

Of these, 2213 cases went to court, which is the highest number of family harm prosecutions of any region in the country and an average of six a day.

There were 67 more prosecutions than in 2017 and 187 fewer cases than in 2016.

## Medical workers redeployed to fill gaps in Greymouth

GREYMOUTH — Medical workers from Canterbury are being sent to work at Greymouth's hospital, which has 21 staff in self-isolation because of the Covid-19 coronavirus.

They were treating the woman who yesterday became the first person to die from Covid-19 in New Zealand.

Doctors initially thought the woman had the flu and so staff were not wearing the full Covid-19 protective gear and that's why they are being isolated.

The West Coast DHB said rosters had been rejigged and some staff from Canterbury DHB are helping to fill the gaps. Its chief executive David Meates said those in isolation are nurses, doctors, phlebotomists and radiologists.

Meanwhile, the Nurses Union said it would be an emotional time for West Coast nurses dealing with the first death from Covid-19 and also having to be isolated from their families.

Chair of the Rural General Practice Network, Fiona Bolden said the situation at Grey Base Hospital was unlikely to be the first and a plan needed to be made.

"The staffing level (in rural centres) is so small if they get taken out or even have to go into isolation, not necessarily being unwell themselves — then there was a huge great big gap in terms of provision of services to local rural populations."

Dr Fiona Bolden said there should be city staff available because so much elective surgery had been cancelled. — RNZ

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# 'If the virus hit, it would wipe us out'

by Caroline Fleming, NZ Herald

MATAKANA ISLAND — The Matakana Island community have taken lockdown measures into their own hands with locals taking the reins to ensure no one steps foot on their island.

Instead of being called guards, local Matetahatika Samuels and the team preferred to be called kaitiaki, meaning trustees or guardians of the land.

Every hour of the day, two kaitiaki stand at the wharf barge to ensure no one breaks lockdown rules and come on to the island.

He said the patrols would continue for as long as they needed to.

The drive behind the dedicated volunteers was to "keep our small island community safe", Samuels said.

"We cannot afford for this virus to reach our shores."

So far, the kaitiaki had not encountered any person attempting to break the rules but Samuels warned

if anyone did, they would quickly be reported to officials.

"Keeping our people safe is our main priority."

He said there were many elderly living on the island and access to healthcare assistance had "always been more challenging for us" due to their island location.

It was important to protect those more vulnerable, he said.

Elderly Matakana Island resident Huata Palmer was part of the group that put together the monitoring plan as he believed "if the virus hit, it would wipe us out".

He said it was all about making sure the community was safe and although their patrols were "not like a police force", it was a good way to keep some sort of control.

"Only essential travel, that is it."

He said the whole community backed the patrols and had allowed them to set up "any rules we want" to keep the island protected.



**KAITIAKI:** Matakana Island residents have taken measures into their own hands and have started patrols on the wharf to ensure no one breaks lockdown rules.

File picture

Deputy police commissioner Wally Haumaha said community policing to be protective was encouraged.

"These are unprecedented times and we are working with communities across the country to restrict the spread of this virus."

He said iwi were taking the lead to

ensure rural communities that did not have access to support services were well protected and police were working closely with them.

"We are all coming to this kaupapa from the same place — out of a need to protect the most vulnerable in the community."

## Police called to '60-person party' in park

QUEENSTOWN — Police were called last night to a rowdy backpackers' party involving up to 60 people in a Queenstown park.

Footage from the area shows drunken backpackers spilling out of Deco Backpackers, which backs onto Rotary Park on Lake St in Queenstown.

Officers were called at about 5.45pm to find a group of about 60 people having a party, a police spokesperson said.

They had spoken to the hostel's occupants about the current lockdown requirements.

Under the rules, backpacker accommodation is considered an essential service and can remain open.

However, the Government has specified that hostels and campgrounds must operate under very strict protocols — such as maintaining contact only between people in the same room, the closure of common social and recreation areas, and split shift access to common areas.

A person at the hostel told the NZ Herald last night no manager was available but claimed the police callout was due to a noise complaint from neighbours.

Police had confiscated the stereo, he said.

He said there were 25 people staying at the hostel and they had all been together for around three weeks and were all in one bubble.

Hundreds of people have been dobbed in for flouting lockdown rules in the four days since it began, while a new police website set up to report breaches has been swamped.

Police said in the first two days of the lockdown they had been called to deal with breaches including reports of Covid parties.

Before the lockdown, the Government had already imposed a two-week self-isolation period for anyone entering New Zealand. However, concerns were raised about what this meant for tourists, who have limited accommodation options for self-quarantine.

Several tourists have been arrested and were to be deported for refusing to self-isolate correctly. — NZ Herald

## Akld family abused during walk

by Cheree Kinnear, NZ Herald

AUCKLAND — An Auckland mother has shared her distress after her family were verbally abused and left in tears during a walk on her local beach on Saturday morning.

The woman, her husband and their three boys, who asked to remain anonymous, were walking on Browns Bay beach, which is within walking distance of their home, during the nationwide lockdown.

They were caught off-guard when a man swore at them while driving past.

"We all looked at each other confused," the woman told the NZ Herald. "We thought it must be someone we know having a joke."

After realising none of them knew the man, the woman approached him to ask his reasoning behind his outburst when

they later crossed paths on the beach.

That's when things got nasty.

"He just started to go off," she said.

"He said that we were a bad example, that we were walking as a group and we weren't two metres apart from each other."

"I repeatedly kept trying to explain to him that we were one family living in one house in one bubble."

Under level 4 lockdown, people can leave their homes for essential items or a local walk, which was reiterated during yesterday's Covid-19 update.

"You can leave the house for physical exercise by yourself or with other members of your household, stick to your bubble. By all means, go for a short walk or run in your neighbourhood," All of Government controller John Ombler said.

The man verbally abused the family

using "horrific language", as seen in a video later posted to the woman's Facebook account.

"His words were so foul and disgusting," she said.

"My sons were getting very upset and I started crying because I was so shocked that someone would hurl such horrible words at you just walking as a family. I still can't understand it."

She said the ordeal left them with no desire to return to the beach during the lockdown.

"There's no chance that we'll get our three boys to the beach again for a family walk, absolutely none," she said.

"They were so upset. That's the end of family walks."

Ombler said should anyone have reason to believe someone was breaking the rules, they should talk "politely with them to discuss it".

## Good Samaritan groups told to stop operating

NEW PLYMOUTH — Taranaki Civil Defence is asking Good Samaritan groups to leave caring for the vulnerable during the Covid-19 lockdown to essential services, close family and neighbours.

Alternate group controller Sue Kelly said people coordinating informal volunteer groups that required physical mobilisation to provide a service to others should stop.

"They are not recorded as an essential service so therefore they should not be operating at all in this lockdown period."

Kelly said government advice was that people could drop off groceries to vulnerable friends, family members, or neighbours, but should they should remain 2 metres apart and avoid physical contact.

"There are organisations such as Meals on Wheels, which are recorded as an essential service, so they are allowed to go out and if somebody is doing routine shopping for an elderly aunt or parent who's not able to get out yes, then they can, but everybody else should be staying at home."

Kelly said she understood that people wanted to help.

"We are seeing many offers of personal help and assistance, and we want to acknowledge the outpouring of concern and support that the community has shown, particularly to those in our community who may need help."

"But as we are now in alert level 4, it is so important that everyone stays home, and that people only make physical contact with those that they live with."

Kelly said there were ways groups could help.

"I think what we really need is a central location where all these Good Samaritan groups can register their interest and also register what facilities they would like to make available to the community and that way we at the Civil Defence emergency centre can coordinate all of that potential help."

Shining Peak Brewery co-founder Jesse Sigurdsson set up the Invisible Help initiative as news broke that the brewery, bar and restaurant would be closing.

Sigurdsson and his colleagues wanted offer their services as driver for older people with no family.

They would do deliveries and essentially become a part of their bubble to operate safely.

"We came up with it when the over 70s and immunity compromised people were sort of told to lock-in and stay indoors. We just thought not everyone's going to necessarily have access to someone who can get their groceries or medication or a book or even chat to."

Sigurdsson said Civil Defence had not been in touch regarding the service.

"We have been trying to keep an eye on it because obviously it's a little uncertain whether we can be doing what we are doing, but then I guess my biggest concern is who's going to be doing this for these people if we're not."

He said Shining Peak staff would not have been put at risk.

"When it comes down to other essential services people are out and about and they're just using precautions as we are. So couriers are still out and about and it's all contactless and it's all done with as many precautions as possible."

Sigurdsson said if necessary Shining Peak would now look for other ways to help.

"We will put everything into this to make sure we are doing it right or we are doing it above board and if we are told we can't be doing it then ... then we can't be doing it." — RNZ

# Universities prepare for drop in enrolments

WELLINGTON — The \$5 billion foreign student industry is facing a massive downturn with as many as half of this year's enrolments now in doubt.

Immigration New Zealand figures show that of 76,203 valid study visas as on March 15, 60,348 were in New Zealand, and 15,855 were not.

Immigration New Zealand said the figures included an unknown number of students who completed their studies last year and had visas that would expire on March 31. However, the numbers showed that New Zealand institutions were well short of the roughly 120,000 enrolments they could expect during the course of a normal year.

Education leaders said they doubted those enrolments would happen, especially in the school sector.

Universities New Zealand director Chris Whelan said universities usually enrolled about 4000 to 4500 students in the middle of the year and they were hoping those students would still come.

"It's impossible to say at this stage," he said.

"We know that it's going to be unlikely

that international travel restrictions are going to be released any time soon, but we don't want to write it off this early."

He said universities were still hoping that the 6500 Chinese students who were due to enrol at the start of the year but were still in China might be able to travel to New Zealand in time for the second half of the year.

"We haven't given up on them. We are in continual contact with them and these students are still hopeful of coming here in most cases. We've actually lost surprisingly few of those students," he said.

Auckland Secondary Principals Association president Richard Dykes said many schools enrolled foreign students in the middle of the year who then stayed for a further year or two.

He said that was looking unlikely this year.

"At this stage you'd have to be pessimistic and say that they're probably not going to come.

"There's going to be quite a big impact on schools."

Some foreign students were taking repatriation flights home but most were staying and intending to

return next year.

English New Zealand chairperson Wayne Dyer said its 22 member English language schools enrolled about 17,000 students a year and were currently teaching about 3264.

Most schools had courses starting every Monday, but the flow of new students had stopped.

"You're looking at about 1400 to 1500 a month who won't be coming this month and quite likely won't be coming next month," he said.

"There'll be students waiting to come, but it's not just the pandemic. There's the corresponding financial crisis that is happening at the same time so it might well be that students are in a less fortunate financial position than they were a month ago and that may affect some people's study plans."

Foreign students were the only source of income for language schools and without government help they would have to start laying teachers off, Dyer said.

The schools would approach the government for extra support beyond existing packages for businesses. — RNZ



**SAFE HAVEN:** The carpark closures are in part not only to provide freedom campers with a safe haven but also to discourage people gathering at popular recreational spots. File picture

## Freedom campers rounded up to comply with lockdown

NEW PLYMOUTH — All freedom campers in the New Plymouth area have been rounded up and told they must head to a holiday park for the duration of the Covid-19 shutdown.

The move comes as the district council ramps up its response to the crisis.

Yesterday, it closed 14 carparks at reserves, parks and beaches — including those which provide options for freedom campers. The closures are in part not only to provide freedom campers with a safe haven but also to discourage people gathering at popular recreational spots.

Belt Road Seaside Holiday Park owner, Peter Crawford, said it had been working closely with Civil Defence, but he was still a little unsure what to expect. "They don't have a number but we've said the first 150 won't be a problem and we'll reassess if we're getting close to that. But we're not expecting to, or at least I'm not expecting to. I don't know what they're expecting."

Mr Crawford said so far seven had turned up and the park could accommodate 500 campers.

He said he'd been told if the freedom campers could not pay, the holiday park would not be out of pocket.

"The costs when they can't cover it themselves are either covered by Work and Income or Civil

Defence.

"We're certainly going to discourage any movement. When people call we say 'we don't mind if you're with us or not but find a place and stay there' because it makes the actions of the 99 percent a bit pointless doesn't it."

District council spokesperson Jacqueline Baker said requiring freedom campers to move to the holiday park ensured they had a safe place to stay during the lockdown.

"The Belt Road Holiday Park has the necessary facilities and hygiene precautions in place to adhere to alert level 4 rules," Ms Baker said. "We urge freedom campers like the rest of us, to stay put and save lives."

Ms Baker said the decision to close the carparks was consistent with the alert level 4 shutdown and state of emergency.

"The government says only essential car travel is allowed and has asked us all to stay home and save lives as we unite against Covid-19," she said. "Most of us are doing a great job; staying home and keeping away from public spaces."

In recent days debate has raged in New Plymouth about whether it was appropriate to drive to local beaches or not and several surfers had ignored pleas to stay out of the ocean. — RNZ

# Hidden symptoms of Covid-19

## Otago scientist joins international research team

DUNEDIN — An Otago University scientist specialising in smell and taste has joined an international team scrambling to gather data about early warning signs of Covid-19 infection.

Clinicians from many countries have now noted a sudden loss of smell and taste was the first symptom of the virus for many otherwise healthy people, who were later found to have Covid-19.

Even with no other symptoms, loss of smell is important enough to warn clinicians to use full protective equipment around a patient, who should be isolated on that basis alone, a professional body of UK — ear, nose and throat specialists has warned public health experts this week.

Otago University senior lecturer Dr Mei Peng specialises in olfactory senses, and is seeking New Zealanders who have or have had the disease, and are willing to answer a short questionnaire about changes they have experienced to their sense of smell or taste, which will contribute to an international collaboration to learn more.

She said global reports increasingly show this can happen long before other symptoms, and awareness and understanding of it could help reduce the spread.

"We want to use it as an early warning sign for self-screening — it's become very clear that Covid-19 has a very long incubation period, and during this incubation period we could spread the virus to other people, so the earlier we detect the infections, the earlier we could help to control it.



"It's certainly something that we should keep an eye out for — sudden loss of smell, which is rare in healthy young people. So if that kind of symptom appears, we definitely should keep an eye on it, and possibly contact clinicians and do better self-isolation."

Since the project was launched by US scientists just over a week ago, more than 300 researchers have joined from more than 20 countries. Without resources or time to work on the mechanism causing the symptoms, they are gathering standardised observational data about how and when the sensory changes happen, and the patterns in different places.

Smell is responsible for most of our sense of taste, Dr Peng said. "The

findings so far show a quite consistent loss of smell, but proportions of people who experience it vary for countries.

"In Germany the reports are two out of three people experience a sudden loss of smell and taste before any other symptoms. But in South Korea, their reported statistic is one third." One patient from the US, who the group has already worked with, was a useful test case.

"It's very interesting. She had a very sudden loss of smell and taste, so we asked her to try a few things — to try a dilute sugar solution to see if she could perceive sweetness, and sour, bitter and spicy food, to see if she could taste that.

"The person would report that they don't taste it as much. She couldn't taste hot sauce anymore — she knows her usual tolerance, and she usually couldn't tolerate that hot sauce."

Those tests also demonstrated a key alarm bell the group want to sound. "She had very mild symptoms otherwise, and recovered very quickly, but that loss of smell was very noticeable.

"That makes us feel a little bit alarmed, because a very healthy young person could have no other symptoms, but have these very mild symptoms that you could easily ignore, and could also be spreading that virus to other people — so it's worthwhile looking into it."

### WARNING SIGNS:

Clinicians from many countries have now noted a sudden loss of smell and taste was the first symptom of the virus for many otherwise healthy people, who were later found to have Covid-19.

Picture supplied

Dr Peng said the research is moving rapidly. The team are currently finalising the questions they want to ask the patients, including whether to ask them to try simple taste tests, and are translating the questionnaire into all the languages it will be collected in.

They hope to distribute the questionnaire in the next week and gather and analyse the answers soon after that. She hopes New Zealand patients — or people who believe they may have been exposed to the disease — will get in touch immediately, to help their efforts. "This epidemic is affecting us all, and it's crucial that we all help in any way we can."

She said changes in smell and taste have previously been linked to other diseases.

"Impaired smell ability can be linked to Parkinson's Disease, Alzheimer's Disease, dementias — there's quite a few links between smell perception and the neurological disease.

"Nerve degeneration is what people believe it is, but it's hard research to do on human participants — there are practical challenges."

Dr Peng said when Covid-19 patients recover from the illness their sense of smell returns — the loss of smell is not permanent.

The research initiative was started by researchers at the Monell Centre, University of Pennsylvania, and US Neuroscience and Society Lab.

Dr Mei Peng is seeking people who have been diagnosed with the virus, or may have been exposed to it, to take part in the study; Email Dr Peng on mei.peng@otago.ac.nz — RNZ

# Music lovers stay tuned

*Mako Road, The Butlers, Robinson, BEXY make most of isolation*

by Katie Harris, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — Searching for good news in a world of coronavirus mayhem is like searching for hand sanitiser at the supermarket — futile and time-consuming. But amid the countrywide lockdown, a musical ray of sunshine could soon be hitting your eardrums.

For years, the Mako Road band dreamt of a UK tour, playing at Splendour in the Grass and performing to a sold-out crowd at Jim Beam Homegrown, but in a matter of months, a then little-known virus swept the nation and globe.

And halted their touring endeavours in their tracks.

“Now it’s all been canned, it’s not ideal,” bass guitarist Connor Jaïne said.

He’s gutted, but despite the month-long lockdown, there is one silver lining.

New music.

Instead of globetrotting and playing their music in new and exciting places, the four boys have set up camp at their Wellington flat and are locked in for a month of writing and recording.

“It’s definitely not the way we planned to record, and also I think it’s what every band will be planning to do, so there’s going to be a lot of music coming out.”

The Mako Road boys are also in an unusual situation in that they all live together and Jaïne can record and mix their music. “It’s gutting those people that will miss out but we will return when things are good.”

He said the month in isolation is necessary to keep people safe and it will also force the band to crack into their planned album, as well as giving them time to focus on their music without as many distractions.

“People will also have more time to listen to music and watch music online, and maybe watch live streaming gigs.”

Jaïne told the Herald they were considering “all options” in terms of offering exclusive online performances to fans.

“We can get by without gigs but we’ll be okay — I’m mostly nervous about other people working in the industry, like the techs and venues and stuff.”

Lead singer and guitarist Rhian Ward said it was an interesting time to be in the music industry but still difficult to wave goodbye to their touring plans.

“That’s what we like to do with new music, to tour with new people.”

However, he said cancelling the tour was the only option because their fans’ health was more important.

Mako Road aren’t the only



**SOUND OF LOVE:**

Mako Road band members Robbie Day, Rhian Ward, Connor Jaïne and Connor Mcerlich. Amid the countrywide lockdown, artists across NZ are in boom to create new music and hit the market as soon as they get out of this pandemic situation.

NZ Herald picture

musicians hoping to use the lockdown to crank out new music.

Anna Robinson, who goes by the artist name Robinson, was living predominantly in London before the coronavirus pandemic took control.

“We’d just started the New Zealand and Australian tour, and we’d just played in Sydney and flown to Melbourne, but after that, everything got cancelled. The plan was originally to do the New Zealand and Australian tour, then go back to London and write more songs.”

However, reality had other plans, and the Don’t You Forget About Me hit-maker is now in lockdown with her sister in a Nelson sleepout.

“Obviously I’m really sad the tours have all been cancelled, but at the same time, people’s health and safety always come first, and the priority right now is that everyone is doing all that they can to prevent this thing from going forward.”

With a long month ahead of her, the 23-year-old said she was looking forward to experimenting with new music styles.

“I’ve been writing a bunch of music and I’ve been trying to get better at production and all those things that I haven’t really dedicated much time to before just because I felt there was no time. But now everyone’s in a situation where we can work on those things.”

On top of her music-making, Robinson also said she was hoping to get better at baking as well as getting outside and meditating on her balcony.

“I’m feeling really inspired right now and I have a lot of time to think. I feel like being in this home environment, I feel somewhat at ease.”

She said although many in the industry would be using the extra time to write, musicians shouldn’t feel pressured to be productive, as it is a confusing time for everyone and

people deal with these stresses in different ways.

It’s not just musicians feeling the burn from the lockdown; managers, sound technicians and venues are in some cases at greater financial risk.

Musicians have the ability to at least earn some passive income through sites such as Spotify, whereas music technicians and venues rely on the gig economy to keep afloat.

Music Helps general manager Peter Dickins has worked alongside musicians to improve mental health for 10 years. He said although many in the music industry were going through hardship, the nationwide lockdown could produce some of the best music of our time.

“The art that comes out of this could be phenomenal and I’m really looking forward to what our artists and musicians come up with in this time of self-isolation.”

Like the iconic music of the Civil Rights era, Dickins told the Herald a lot of incredible music is born out of difficult times.

“A sad song can make you feel better about a particular event you’ve been through, so music is pretty extraordinary in that way.”

Dickins said they were observing that people were already looking for ways to express their creativity in self-isolation.

“In the absence of the distractions the world throws up, they’re able to put a new focus on their work and it will be really interesting to see how that comes out in the next few weeks.”

Christchurch singer BEXY told the Herald she would be one of many musicians releasing songs and videos mid-April to get people through the lockdown without gigs.

A handful of other artists spoken to by the New Zealand Herald, including The Butlers, had their tours cancelled.

Drummer and singer George Berry said the band were cooking up some new tunes and would be releasing demos from their bedrooms.

Fellow Christchurch musician Holly Arrowsmith was also left in the lurch after having to cancel her three-month Europe and United States tour.

The 26-year-old Christchurch musician, prominent in New Zealand’s folk revivalist movement, said she was initially upset, but after seeing how serious the situation became, knew she made the right decision.

“I spent two days just feeling really disappointed, I’d spent two months getting everything prepared for nothing.”

She said at the time of cancelling her shows, the United Kingdom was still open, so it was a tough decision, but she wasn’t planning on wasting her time in isolation.

“I will be writing over the month. I’ve got almost a new album written, so I’ll use that time finessing those songs and working on some new ones.”

As well as creating new music, Arrowsmith will be working on her house bus. “I think there’ll be a huge release of lots of new albums all at once from all over the world.”

“The music will be quite a uniting thing because there’s lots of us going through the same thing, which is quite unusual. It will be good to see what different artists’ takes on it are.”

Arrowsmith has already started dabbling in live streams, and for one of her cancelled US gigs, she put on a Zoom show for ticket holders.

“I won’t be doing it for all the other shows but I’m sure I’ll do some more live shows online that people can tune into.”

As the world continues to dive into uncharted territory, at least we’ll have a good soundtrack.



## Blood donors urged to help maintain supply

AUCKLAND — The Blood Service is encouraging people to donate blood while they are healthy as it aims to maintain a continuity of supply as the Covid-19 crisis deepens.

Blood Service spokesperson Asuka Burge said there had been a slight dip in demand for blood products as elective surgeries were postponed, but that only told half the story.

She said donors had to be healthy, so the other half of the equation was the difficulty of having a steady supply.

“Of course donors have to be fit and healthy and well to be able give blood so our primary duty is to check their eligibility,” she said. “Check that they are well, don’t have a cold, cough, flu any of that sort of thing and that they book before they come and donate.”

Burge said there was no shortage of blood products at present.

“Thankfully we already have a great group of donors who give regularly so coming into this period we had some healthy blood stock levels and now the challenge for us is to maintain those.”

It was important to align supply of blood products with demand, Burge said. “So that is why we are asking people to book in and also that that will be ongoing so even if they can’t give this week or next week it might be the week after that they are needed.”

Burge said the Blood Service was an essential service so people could still travel to donate blood and extra steps were being taken at its clinics to make sure the procedure was safe.

“We have already put in place a lot of extra measures to make sure donor centres are safe places to visit.”

“As part of those measures there are some parts of the procedure where our staff can’t maintain that 2m social distance — such as putting the needle in — but we are minimising all the risks we can through regular hand sanitising and all that sort of thing.”

Burge said maintaining supply was important because red blood cells could be only stored for 35 days, and although plasma could be frozen for up to two years it was the product in most heavy demand. There are no recorded cases of Covid-19 — which is a respiratory illness — being passed on through a blood transfusion. — RNZ

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# Firms refuse to pay rent

by Jenny Ruth, BusinessDesk

AUCKLAND — Many large businesses have unilaterally informed their landlords that they won't be paying the rent through the nation's lockdown and that could devastate the commercial, industrial and retail property sectors, the Property Council New Zealand said.

The council represents the owners of commercial property and says its members need support to keep the economy moving both during the shutdown, which is aimed at stopping the coronavirus from spreading, and after the shutdown ends.

"As property is the home of business, any crisis that affects businesses will also affect property owners," said council chief executive Leonie Freeman.

Freeman said the Government does need to step in. "We think Government is a key part to help provide a solution."

The council is hearing about multiple scenarios, including hearing from many landlords who are working constructively with tenants in discussing rent relief, including postponements to outright cuts in rents, through to those refusing to pay.

"The biggest issue with this is that we need everybody to come out of this. We

need businesses to survive and landlords need to survive," Freeman says.

"Once we get through Covid-19, we don't want to see we've lost a whole lot of businesses. Equally, we don't want to see a lot of property owners being foreclosed on," she said.

**As property is the home of business, any crisis that affects businesses will also affect property owners.**

— Leonie Freeman

Freeman acknowledged the speculation about the business interruption clause in the standard Auckland District Law Society lease which was added after the Christchurch earthquakes and which is widely used for commercial leases throughout New Zealand.

But Freeman said whether or not leases include this clause, "we would encourage owners and tenants to negotiate in good faith what a fair proportion of rent is."

She said the Government's reintroduction of depreciation on

buildings was a positive move but it doesn't solve the immediate situation in which both landlords and tenants need support through the lockdown.

"It is simply not enough to bridge the gap in what is becoming a crisis of cash flow for many property owners."

Freeman said we need to think about the issues in three ways. "There's the legal position, and that's the lease. Then after that, there's the commercial position. All our landlords want to see the businesses survive.

"And then there's the ethical position. What's the right thing to do, not only for the property owner and tenant, but for the wider community."

Freeman praised the Government for the job it has done in such a challenging situation. "It's happened so fast I think everyone's just reeling."

In a brief statement, Greg Loveridge, managing director of Robert John Holdings' Auckland office, said the property company has a large number of tenants, some of whom have a clause in their tenancy agreement that allows them to pay a proportion of their rental.

He said the company had agreed for them to pay 50 percent, "we think that is fair."

# Govt in talks with airports: Robertson

by Hamish Rutherford, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — The Government is in direct talks about assistance with New Zealand's major airports, which have plunged from profit machines to credit risks in a matter of weeks.

Finance Minister Grant Robertson gave fresh details of conversations the Government is having with major New Zealand companies at the end of a week which saw it promise to guarantee billions in loans to mid-sized businesses.

"I and others have been talking to the airports. We're taking that step by step. They remain an important part of New Zealand's infrastructure," Robertson said.



Grant Robertson

"We need people and goods to be able to move around New Zealand when we move out of level 4, in terms of people. While we're in level 4 we still need goods to be going, and airports are an important part of that," Robertson said.

Robertson is already guaranteeing loans to Air New Zealand, which could ultimately be converted into the Government increasing its shareholding in an airline that described itself in a state of virtual "hibernation" this week.

Auckland Airport issued the latest in a string of warnings to investors this week, saying it was deferring capital investment with passenger numbers falling close to zero. After a series of requests, the company confirmed in a statement that it was solvent.

Wellington and Christchurch airports have also warned of a sharp decline in revenue. Credit ratings agencies have downgraded airports across the world.

Robertson would not confirm what kind of assistance the Government could provide major airports, which traditionally have provided strong dividends to the councils which part-own them.

Figures in the business industry have speculated it could assist the airport's planned investments in its domestic terminal.

The Finance Minister said he would protect the interests of taxpayers.

"If, and it's an if — I'm not saying we are giving assistance to the particular group (airports), but if we were going to go down that path, there are a number of different mechanisms.

"It might be commercial loans. You saw with Air New Zealand, it was effectively a convertible loan. So there are a number of different ways that can be looked at," Robertson said.

"Absolutely, while we're spending a lot of money to support New Zealanders, I'm also aware of the responsibility on me, on behalf of New Zealanders, to also protect the economy of New Zealand as well."

Robertson said he, officials, and business contacts were assessing the condition of different sectors, focusing on strategic sectors.

"The utility-type companies, telecommunications-type companies, they're all fine and good. Dealing with heavy loads, but as businesses, they're in pretty good shape," Robertson said.

"Banks, large food retailers, they're obviously doing alright.

Retailers were generally in good shape, but appeared to point to changes in that sector being common.

"Retailers fall into those ones where there's just no activity but they're by and large good. You'd certainly see in that sector, some of that high turnover of business in normal times. You've got to bear that in mind."



**RESTRICTIONS HIT OMV: Oil and gas company OMV's major oil and gas exploration campaign is expected to be ended early, while a major maintenance project which could affect half of NZ's supply has been stretched by the arrival of the Covid-19 pandemic. The Austrian company, which dominates New Zealand's gas supplies, has been undertaking what could conceivably be the last major drilling programme in NZ in 2019-2020. Separately, it is conducting major scheduled maintenance to the pipelines which deliver gas from the Maui and Pohukura fields, which account for more than half of all gas used in New Zealand. The COSL prospector — a Chinese rig which drills the wells — has completed drilling the programme's third target, the Toutouwai-1, with results expected in the coming days. It was then due to move on to the Maui permit to drill the Maui-8 exploration well. Gabriel Selischi, who heads OMV's operations in New Zealand and Australia, said this was now unlikely. "It's possible (Toutouwai) will be the last well in the campaign. Exploration has not been identified as a critical service," Selischi said, adding that even if it was allowed to continue, the company would probably be unable to find staff.**

NZ Herald picture

# Telco fight looms over 'wall of bad debt'

WELLINGTON — Monopoly telecommunications infrastructure provider Chorus is coming under intense pressure from retailers Spark, Vodafone, 2degrees and others to shoulder more of the unpaid bills that the sector sees coming at it in coming months.

BusinessDesk has been told of heated scenes at a meeting of the Telecommunications Carriers Forum in Auckland last Friday after Chorus pushed back vigorously on the retailers' demand that it should accept 50 percent of what one telco executive has dubbed the "wall of bad debt".

The sector expects customers won't be able to meet their household bills because of the economic battering being caused by the Covid-19 virus.

Temperatures were already running high because Chorus had reaffirmed its earnings guidance for the current financial year — a move interpreted by the retailers as meaning it was not expecting to take its share of bad and doubtful debts.

Numerous NZX-listed companies have been suspending and downgrading earnings guidance because of the scale of the crisis on the New Zealand and global economies. However, at this stage, neither Spark nor Vodafone NZ owner Infratil have yet issued any change to existing guidance.

Chorus told BusinessDesk that it hoped to negotiate a solution with the rest of the sector in the next few days. Last Friday's earnings update was required largely because the company was sharply cutting back its capital expenditure

programme for the year because staff and contractors in the field will be unable to undertake network extensions, fibre connections and other work while the Covid-19 lockdown is in place.

However, it was not reasonable for Chorus to take on 50 percent of any emerging bad debt, said spokesman Ian Bonnar.

"We are up for doing our bit, but we are also up for potential bad debt from retailers failing and we have to consider how we keep our service companies going through this time. The work for them has fallen off a cliff."

However, those companies would be needed immediately after the national lockdown lifts, Bonnar said. "It's not as simplistic as saying: 'can you stump up half?'"

While Friday's meeting "didn't go well", Chorus was "trying to have a reasonable conversation through the Telecommunications Carriers Forum."

Chorus is shielded from telco customers' failure to pay their telephone and broadband bills because its charges are paid by the retailers rather than directly billing the millions of individual customers served by some 80-plus telcos, including Spark, Vodafone NZ, 2degrees and the various brands owned by Vocus, including Slingshot, Orcon, and 2Talk.

For example, on a \$65 per month 2degrees bare-bones broadband service, Chorus takes \$46.

Unlike the retailers, who set their prices competitively, the amount Chorus charges is regulated by the Commerce Commission. It has indefinitely postponed a planned increase in its

charges to telcos in the current environment.

The telco retailers have also been lobbying Communications Minister Kris Faafoi, arguing the government needs to come to the party too and alleviate the likely bad debt problem.

They say telco service providers have gone beyond their commercial terms by guaranteeing they will not cut off any customer for the next six months and by removing impediments to internet access, such as data caps on mobile and home broadband plans.

As part of a series of Covid-19 relief measures announced on March 19, Vodafone said it would waive disconnection fees, and pledged not to disconnect any customer in financial hardship for at least six months. Spark announced similar moves the day before.

Chorus has been reporting record internet usage, which peaked last Friday evening at 3.03 terabytes per second and with usage up roughly a third on pre-Covid-19 averages.

The Spark share price has seen-sawed this month from a 12-month high of \$4.93 on March 6 to a low of \$3.74 on last Monday before recovering to \$4.14 by the close of NZX trading on Friday.

Despite its regulated status, the Chorus share price has followed a remarkably similar arc, hitting a 12-month high of \$7.61 on March 6, bottoming out from a sharp fall at \$5.995 a share last Monday, bouncing back to \$6.92 on Thursday and taking another sharp downward dip on Friday, to close for the week at \$6.55. — BusinessDesk

**EDITORIAL**

# Stay home, be kind to one another

## Reinforcing need for the lockdown

Our first death from Covid-19 was even more inevitable than Tairawhiti getting a first case at the end of last week. With more than 500 confirmed cases in New Zealand now we can expect about four more deaths, not factoring in the new cases still to come, based on an estimated 1 percent fatality rate.

Sympathy must be extended to the family of the Greymouth woman who died at the weekend. While she was in her 70s and had underlying health conditions that made her even more vulnerable to this disease, what could be most significant is that it is not clear how she contracted the virus, and that at first she was treated as having the flu — so 21 health workers are now in isolation.

Without wanting to seem cynical or heartless, it is worth remembering that about 500 New Zealanders are expected to die each winter from common flu. The great risk with this new virus is that it is much more contagious, five to 10 times more deadly than the flu, and health systems just cannot cope with uncontained outbreaks.

As Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said in announcing the first fatality, it was a sad day for the country and brought home why strong measures were being taken to stop the spread of this virus. "Left unchecked, it runs the risk of taking the lives of many more people," she said.

Anyone needing assurance that the lockdown is necessary need only look at the world news.

The United States has become the new epicentre, while the death toll in Spain continues to rise and there are disturbing reports today from China of a possible second outbreak. In Britain the death toll is soaring and even Prime Minister Boris Johnson is now isolated with the virus. Overall it is a bleak time.

Here in a locked-down New Zealand, even the short time we have experienced it shows that alert level 4 is going to be more of a challenge as time goes on, with pressure high on people with young families or homes where the "bubble" consists of more than the standard nuclear family.

On brief outside excursions — sticking to the lockdown conditions — it would seem that the community is largely playing its part, despite the breaches reported on Saturday.

It makes for an eerie experience to be on mostly empty streets that would normally be busy, but it should be cause for self-congratulation and perhaps even a touch of optimism. If this vital lockdown is to work and save thousands of lives, we must all comply. We also need to keep calm, be kind and check in with friends and family by phone or email.

### WHAT'S ON IN COUNCIL THIS WEEK

by Josh Wharehinga

IN the first instance I offer my deepest sympathies to the family of our country's first Covid-19 related death. Our East Coast thoughts and prayers are with you on the West Coast at this time.



As we begin this first full week of national self-isolation, I want to acknowledge our essential service workers. From our Civil Defence staff to grocery workers, taxi drivers to nurses, mental health staff to aged care workers; the work you are all doing is essential to keep our society operating and continuing to be humane. With the fullness of my heart, I offer you my thanks.

I want to pay a special tribute to our police and our East Coast State Highway 35 volunteers. You are vital in controlling the movements of people through our region and the containment of any virus, ensuring our communities stay safe.

Thank you to our SH35 whanau for safeguarding our vulnerable East Coast communities. We have no official meetings this week in

council, however there is still a lot going on because of Covid-19. Therefore I want to reiterate some messages around the importance of staying home, contacting police, and where to reach out to if you are feeling stressed.

I implore us to please "Stay Home". We have our first case in Te Tairāwhiti, and we've just had our nation's first Covid-19 fatality. Like the West Coast, we too are small and isolated. And we are just as much at risk of Covid-19 as our West Coast fellows and the rest of the country are.

Covid-19 has now been demonstrated to be transmitted through the community in New Zealand. There are clusters of cases, and cases where a link with someone who caught the virus overseas cannot be established.

Such links can be difficult to establish because this virus can survive for days on some surfaces; a person who has Covid-19 can touch a tap, a box, a seat or a slide and an unrelated person can then contract Covid-19 by touching the same thing afterwards, then touching their face.

Even if a person gets tested and their results are negative, the community can still be put at risk. A negative test yesterday does not mean that someone doesn't have Covid-19 today.

To protect our community, we all need to stay

home as much as possible.

Now, it's not on us to ensure that people are staying home, that job belongs to the police. We don't know each other's circumstances, so it's up to our women and men in blue to investigate, educate and encourage people in our community in the first instance. So, if you see people flaunting the rules by congregating together or using a closed community facility, you can call 105 (the non-emergency police number) to let them know. Or you can notify the police online at: 105.police.govt.nz

It's completely normal if you feel like you're not coping over this isolation period.

Your GP is the best place to start, as they know you and your medical history.

However, if you feel like you need support with grief, anxiety, distress or mental wellbeing, you can also call or text free a trained counsellor on the "Need to talk?" service on 1737. This service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

I would like to remind us to be kind. We have to be compassionate, despite the situation we find ourselves in. People are working hard to protect our community and keep it functioning. Our "work" right now is to look after each other, to look after our whanau and to be kind to one another.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, ONLINE COMMENTS

## It's not a holiday people

I have a message for everyone. Please stop surfing, swimming way off-shore (like some idiot I watched on Thursday afternoon at Wainui Beach), boating, driving around for a nosy and generally behaving as if this is an extension of your holidays.

Our emergency services have enough to worry about without having to think about whether you are going to need to be saved from yourself.

If you get into trouble, I

doubt any of our frontline personnel are going to be keen to get close to you to administer CPR or first aid.

Stay home and use shanks's pony to exercise. YouTube has great exercise sessions available to help you work out.

Spare a thought for the cops and medical staff, like my sister and my son, who are harried enough without having to worry about you.

Stop being so selfish.

LARA MEYER

## Lockdown side-effects . . .

Re: Meth crisis — call for 'real solution', March 28 story.

I wish you well Tuta.

Perhaps the Covid-19 lockdown will have both positive and negative outcomes.

Firstly, the supply chain for 'P' and other drugs will be affected, so

users will be forced into withdrawal and able to get the monkey off their backs.

Sadly, that withdrawal is likely to result in extra violence and the breaking of the isolation rules.

MARY-ANN de KORT

## Calmer now Can be hard to reach MSD

It has been really good that Gisborne shoppers have settled down. Some of us in the community start work early mornings before supermarkets open and finish late as well. Most of the time we only have one day off. Even though we don't provide as much as supermarkets, fruit is still food and essential. Thanks Gizzy!

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Re: Foodbanks continuing to operate, March 28 story.

The on-hold wait time when calling MSD is incredibly long. This can deter those who could be desperately in need. Will they be turned away if they call the number in this article before calling MSD?

NIKKI

## Living under lockdown

Re: At home vox-pop survey, March 28.

Our family is treating it the same way we would if this virus was not present . . . school, home life (after-school chores) and the weekend. Lots of cooking, baking and real family time.

I'm one tired mama, but you do what you need to do for your children.

GEE GEE

We have a schedule for each night (card games Monday, quiz night Tuesday etc) to keep us sane. But as teachers we are still planning and delivering online content, and attempting to be a resource to our students.

MADELEINE GRAY

Fun games with the kids, Teddy bear hunt around the neighbourhood, enjoy the sunshine while we can.

Schoolwork, so we remember how to write when normality returns. Home etc — food prep and baking.

TV on after tea for family movie night — currently watching the entire Star Wars series on Disney+

ANNIKE JOHNSON

Same routine — up at same time every morning — work from home — cooking and gardening and long beach walks — and good family time with partner, son and his partner.

HEATHER

Kia ora, stay home whanau, keep safe.

KUZZY SLUXX YO

Check on elderly, fragile neighbours. A few jobs around property or else gardening. Walking near home with my dogs to keep anxiety levels slightly in check. Messaging family and friends.

Stay safe. We can do this.

BARBARA QUIGLEY, Whakatane

There are myself, hubby and our son in our bubble. We are lucky enough to live rural, so we are trying our best to keep active with our 14-month-old and do things around home. We have found keeping a routine is key, acting like we aren't on lockdown but just choosing to take time out at home. Finding this to be helpful for good mental health.

S. BLAIR

## One person per car rule . . .

What a joke — saw no police rule of one person per car. while out to collect essentials today (Sunday); should be a

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# Virus continues rampage

## Older people far from the only ones vulnerable

OLDER people remain most at risk of dying as the new coronavirus, Covid-19, continues its relentless march around the globe.

However, the elderly are far from the only ones who are vulnerable. One of many mysteries: men seem to be faring worse than women.

And as cases skyrocket in the US and Europe, it is becoming clear that how healthy you were before the pandemic began plays a key role in how you fare — regardless of how old you are.

The majority of people who get Covid-19 have mild or moderate symptoms. But the “majority” unfortunately does not mean “all” and that raises an important question: Who should worry the most? While it will be months before scientists have enough data to say for sure who is most at risk and why, preliminary numbers from early cases around the world are starting to offer hints.

### Not just the old who are getting sick

Senior citizens undoubtedly are the hardest hit by Covid-19. In China, 80 percent of deaths were among people in their 60s and older, and that general trend is now playing out elsewhere.

Some countries face particular risk because of that fact. Italy has the world's second oldest population after Japan. While death rates fluctuate wildly early in an outbreak, Italy has reported more than 80 percent of deaths so far were among those 70 or older.

But, “the idea that this is purely a disease that causes death in older people, well . . . we need to be very, very careful with that idea,” Dr Mike Ryan, the World Health Organization's emergencies chief, warned.

As much as 10 to 15 percent of people under 50 have moderate to severe infection, he said on Friday.

Even if they survive, the middle-aged can spend weeks in the hospital. In France, more than half of the first 300 people admitted to intensive care units were under 60.

“Young people are not invincible,” the WHO's Maria Van Kerkhove added, saying more information was needed about the disease in all age groups.

Italy reported that a quarter of its cases so far were among people aged 19 to 50. In Spain, a third were under the age of 44. In the US, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's first snapshot of cases found 29 percent were aged 20 to 44.

Then there was the puzzle of children, who have made up a small fraction of the world's case counts to date. But while most appear only mildly ill, in the journal Pediatrics researchers traced 2100 infected children in China and noted one death — a 14-year-old — and that nearly 6 percent of children were seriously ill.

Another question is what



**BEDS IN INDIA QUARANTINE CENTRE:** Indian workers arrange beds to prepare a quarantine centre at the Sarusojai sports complex in Gauhati, India, on Saturday (local time). AP pictures

role kids have in spreading the virus: “There is an urgent need for further investigation of the role children have in the chain of transmission,” researchers at Canada's Dalhousie University wrote in The Lancet Infectious Diseases.

### The riskiest health conditions

Put aside age: underlying health plays a big role. In China, 40 percent of people who required critical care had other chronic health problems. And also in China, deaths were highest among people who had heart disease, diabetes or chronic lung diseases before they got Covid-19.

Pre-existing health problems also can increase risk of infection, such as people who have weak immune systems.

Other countries now are seeing how pre-pandemic health plays a role. More such threats are therefore likely to be discovered. Italy reported that of the first nine people younger than 40 who had died of Covid-19, seven were confirmed to have had “grave pathologies” such as heart disease.

The more health problems, the worse they fare. Italy has also reported that about half its people who had died from Covid-19 had three or more underlying conditions, while just 2 percent of deaths were in people who had no pre-existing ailments.

Heart disease is a very broad term, but so far it looks like those most at risk have significant cardiovascular diseases, such as congestive heart failure or severely stiffened and clogged arteries, said Dr Trish Perl, infectious disease chief at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

Any sort of infection tends to make diabetes harder to control, but it is not clear why diabetics appear to be at particular risk with Covid-19.

Risks in the less healthy may have something to do with how they hold up if their immune systems overreact to the virus. Patients who die often seemed to have been improving after



**BATTLING AN INVISIBLE ENEMY:** Spanish Royal guard soldiers disinfect a hospital to prevent the spread of the new coronavirus in Madrid, Spain, on Sunday (local time). Spain and Italy demanded more European help as they fight still-surgeing coronavirus infections amid the continent's worst crisis since World War 2.

a week or so, only to suddenly deteriorate — experiencing organ-damaging inflammation.

As for pre-existing lung problems, “this is really happening in people who have less lung capacity,” Perl said, because of diseases such as COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) or cystic fibrosis.

Asthma also is on the worry list. No one really knows about the risk from very mild asthma, although even routine respiratory infections often leave patients using their inhalers more often and they would need monitoring with Covid-19, she said. What about a prior bout of pneumonia? Unless it was severe enough to put you on a ventilator, that alone should not have caused any significant lingering damage, she said.

### The gender mystery

Perhaps the gender imbalance should not be a surprise. During previous outbreaks of SARS and MERS, scientists noticed men seemed more susceptible than women.

This time around, slightly

more than half of the Covid-19 deaths in China were among men. Other parts of Asia saw similar numbers. Then Europe, too, spotted what Dr Deborah Birx, the White House coronavirus co-ordinator, labelled a concerning trend.

In Italy, where men so far make up 58 percent of infections, male deaths are outpacing female deaths and the increased risk starts at age 50, according to a report from Italy's Covid-19 surveillance group. The US CDC has not yet released details.

However, one report about the first nearly 200 British patients admitted to critical care found about two-thirds were male.

One suspect: globally, men were more likely to have smoked more heavily and for longer periods than women.

The European CDC is urging research into smoking's connection to Covid-19.

Hormones may play a role, too. In 2017, University of Iowa researchers infected mice with SARS and, just like had happened in people, males were more likely to die. Estrogen seemed more protective. — AP

## WORLD BRIEFS

### Spain enters third week in near-total lockdown

MADRID — Spain prepared to enter its third week under near-total lockdown on the weekend, as the government approved a strengthening of measures to curb the spread of the novel coronavirus, Covid-19, and the death toll rose to 6802.

Second only to Italy in fatalities, Spain saw infections rise to 78,797 from 72,248 the day before.

Schools, bars, restaurants and shops selling non-essential items have been shut since March 14 and most of the population is house-bound as Spain tries to curb the virus. — AP

### Wine song for Africa

KAMPALA, Uganda — Bobi Wine, a Ugandan pop singer and opposition leader, has released a song to urge the continent to wash their hands.

Wine has also criticised African governments for not maintaining better healthcare systems for the continent's 1.3 billion people.

In his new song, ‘Corona Virus Alert’, Wine and collaborator Nubian Li highlight prevention measures against the virus, which now has been reported in at least 46 of Africa's 54 countries.

Speaking to The Associated Press about the song, Wine — a popular musician, legislator and presidential aspirant whose real name is Kyagulanyi Ssentamu — said it was time for Africa's leaders to channel more resources into building functional healthcare systems that serve both the rich and the poor. — AP

### Angela Merkel praised

BERLIN — In her first address to the nation on the new coronavirus pandemic, German Chancellor Angela Merkel calmly appealed to citizens' reason and discipline to slow the spread of the virus, acknowledging as a woman who grew up in communist East Germany how difficult it was to give up freedoms, yet as a trained scientist she also emphasised that the facts don't lie.

Then, wearing the same blue pantsuit from the televised address, the 65-year-old popped into her local supermarket to pick up food, wine and toilet paper to take back to her Berlin apartment.

For her, it was a regular shopping stop, but photos snapped by someone at the grocery store were shared worldwide as a reassuring sign of calm leadership amid a global crisis. — AP

### First virus death in Syria

DAMASCUS — Syria's health ministry said a woman who died after being rushed to hospital for emergency treatment was found to have been infected by the new coronavirus, Covid-19, in the country's first officially-reported death from the disease.

Syria has so far confirmed only nine cases, although medics and witnesses said there were more infected than had currently been reported. — AP

### Italy toll nearly 11,000

ROME — At the time of going to press this morning, the death toll in Italy had climbed by 756 to 10779, the second successive fall in the daily rate.

The death toll from an outbreak of coronavirus in Italy climbed by 756 to 10,779, the Civil Protection Agency said, the second successive fall in the daily rate.

The number of fatalities, by far the highest of any country in the world, account for more than a third of all deaths from the infectious virus worldwide.

Italy's largest daily toll was registered on Friday, when 919 people died.

There were 889 deaths on Saturday (local time).

Of those infected nationwide, 13,030 had fully recovered on Sunday, compared to 12,384 the day before.

Lombardy, the hardest hit Italian region, reported a rise in deaths of around 416 on Sunday. — AP

### Iran under siege too

TEHRAN — Iran's coronavirus death toll has risen to 2640, as the Middle East's worst-hit country grapples with the fast-spreading outbreak. — AP

# Massive death toll in US feared

NEW YORK CITY — The Covid-19 outbreak could kill 100,000 to 200,000 Americans, the US government's top infectious-disease expert warned on Sunday (local time), as smouldering hotspots in nursing homes and a growing list of stricken cities heightened the sense of dread across the United States.

Dr Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, made the dire prediction of fatalities on CNN, adding that millions in the US could become infected.

At the time of going to press this morning, the US had had a total of 2445 deaths, and over 139,200 had been infected with the virus.

Worldwide, more than 717,900 infections had been reported, and deaths topped 33,800, half of them in Italy and Spain, where hospitals were swamped and the health systems was at breaking point.

New York State — where the death toll topped 1000, up by more than 200 from the day before, remained the epicentre of the US outbreak, with the vast majority of the deaths having occurred in New York City.

But spikes in infections were recorded around the United State, not only in metropolitan areas but in Midwestern towns and Rocky Mountain ski havens.

"This is not going to get better soon," New York Governor Andrew Cuomo said.

The virus was moving fast, through nursing homes, assisted-living facilities and other places that house the elderly or otherwise-vulnerable people.

It was spreading "like fire through dry grass", Cuomo added.

Since the US saw its first major outbreak of the new coronavirus Covid-19 earlier this month — at a nursing home



**NEW YORK STREETS ALMOST EMPTY:** A lone jogger run on a partially empty 7th Avenue, resulting from citywide restrictions calling for people to stay indoors and maintain social distancing in an effort to curb the spread of Covid-19 on Saturday (local time). AP picture

in Kirkland, Washington — a stream of facilities have battled infections among residents and staff.

A week ago, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said 147 nursing homes in 27 states had patients with Covid-19. The problem has only worsened since.

In Woodbridge, New Jersey, an entire nursing home relocated its residents after two dozen were confirmed to have been infected and the rest were presumed to be.

In Louisiana, at least 11

nursing homes, largely in the New Orleans area, have reported cases.

In Mount Airy, Maryland, a death linked to the virus was recorded in a home where 66 people had been confirmed infected.

Residents' loved ones were being kept away to try to slow the spread of the virus.

"I have a feeling that I very likely may never see my mother again," said James Preller, whose 94-year-old mother was a resident at Peconic Landing, a retirement community near

Green Point on New York's Long Island.

Brian Lee, of Families for Better Care, an advocacy group for those living in long-term care facilities, said in a nursing home, "when we see an outbreak that's uncontrolled, it's practically a death sentence".

But he also said the way residents were being walled off from the outside world was as much of a concern as the virus itself.

In New York City, the virus was overwhelming some of the city's poorest neighbourhoods,

with data showing high rates of infection in densely-packed areas with big, non-English-speaking populations.

Dr Craig Smith, who heads the surgery department at New York-Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center, said the hospital would probably be forced into "apocalyptic scenarios" in the coming weeks, in which ventilators and intensive care unit beds would need to be rationed.

"Yesterday, tried my soul," he wrote in an online posting.

Concern for the poor was being echoed around the world.

In India, a lockdown covering the country's 1.3 billion people has put untold numbers out of work and left many families struggling to feed themselves. Tens of thousands in New Delhi were being forced to flee their homes, with no way to pay the rent.

Women in saris held babies on their hips. Others toted their belongings in bags normally used for cement.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi apologised for their hardships but said, "These tough measures are needed to win this battle".

Although the US leads the world in reported cases, five other countries have higher death tolls: Italy, Spain, China, Iran and France.

Italy reported more than 750 new fatalities on Sunday, bringing the country's total to nearly 10,800. But the number of new infections showed signs of easing, with officials expressing cautious optimism that the most severe shutdown in the industrialised West is showing results.

Italy's civil protection agency said more than 5200 new cases were recorded in the last 24 hours, the lowest number in four days, for a total of almost 98,000 infections. — AP

## Australia restricts gatherings to two people

CANBERRA — Gatherings in Australia have now been further restricted to two people, under "radical" and unprecedented measures agreed to by the Cabinet to slow the spread of the new coronavirus, Covid-19.

Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison announced the previous gathering limit of 10 people had been cut down to two, after a meeting with state and territory leaders last night.

Chief Medical Officer Brendan Murphy said the changes were strong but necessary.

"This is radical," he said.

"The vast majority of Australians have done the right thing in the past week. We have seen huge evidence of that, but we have also seen some very silly behaviour of people who haven't complied with the rules, particularly outdoors."

The changes mean the Australian government is now strongly advising against indoor or outdoor gatherings with more than one other person.

However, Morrison said the measures were not yet legally binding.

"States and territories will determine whether they proceed to make this an enforceable limit in the same way that the 10-person limit is already being enforced, but we have agreed that in all cases

this is the strong advice," Morrison said.

On Twitter, NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian said the state "will move quickly to enforce additional restrictions on gatherings to slow Covid-19".

Like the old restrictions, the new limit does not apply to people who live together.

Weddings were still capped at five people and funerals at 10.

Outdoor gyms and skate parks would be closed in Australia from today, while outdoor boot camps would also be reduced to two people. "That doesn't really make it a boot camp," Morrison added.

"That makes it a private session with your trainer."

The new measures would come in to effect at midnight tonight (local time).

Morrison also strongly advised that people aged over 70, those with a chronic illness aged over 60 and Indigenous Australians over the age of 50 should stay at home as much as was practical.

"This is for their own protection, to limit their interaction with others in the community," he said.

"This does not mean they cannot go outside. They can go outside and can be accompanied by a support person for the purposes of getting some fresh air and have some recreation, but they should



Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison

limit contact with others as much as possible."

Morrison encouraged those people to contact community organisations or volunteer groups to organise for groceries and medicines to be delivered.

Morrison said state and territories would be moving to put a temporary ban on evictions of people and businesses unable to meet their commitments due to financial distress.

Measures to address rental stress for both businesses and residents across the country have been considered by National

Cabinet for over a week.

"There is a lot more work to be done here and my message to tenants, particularly commercial tenants, and commercial landlords, is a very straightforward one.

"We need you to sit down, talk to each other and work this out about looking at the businesses which have been closed, businesses that may have had a significant reduction in their revenues and we need landlords and tenants to sit down and come up with arrangements that enable them to get through this crisis."

— ABC, RNZ

## Tonga now in lockdown

NUKU'ALOFA — Tonga's week-long national lockdown began yesterday as authorities tried to keep the country Covid-19-free.

There have been no confirmed cases in Tonga with eight suspected cases returning negative tests last week.

Despite this, the government has introduced a State of Emergency in Tonga, and a lockdown (including a night curfew).

Yesterday was eerie in Tonga as it was normally a day the nation set aside for attending church.

Public gatherings had been limited, nightclubs, bars and kava clubs were shut and people were advised to practice social distancing.

Concerts, sports events, funerals, weddings and birthdays were also heavily restricted.

People so far appeared to be following the stringent new measures.

That was despite some of the restrictions severely hampering Tongans' ability to practice their cultural norms.

Multiple government ministers and CEOs had fronted press conferences to give the public information over the past week.

The CEO of Health, Siale 'Akau'ola issued the orders of the weekend saying they were necessary to prevent the introduction of Covid-19 to the country.

— RNZ

# In a lockdown, fate of prisoners

## No masks, sanitiser as virus spreads behind bars

NEW YORK — Something was wrong. The chow hall line at New York's Rikers Island jail had halted. For three hours, the men stood and waited, without food, until a correctional officer quietly delivered the news: A civilian chef was among those who tested positive for the coronavirus.

"We was like, 'What? The cook?'" said Corey Young, who spoke to The Associated Press last week by phone from Rikers. He and others wondered if the chef had sneezed on trays or into the food. Some men later floated the idea of a hunger strike to protest.

"I don't want to eat nothing that comes from the state," Young said. "They are not going to take care of us properly here."

Health experts say prisons and jails are considered a potential epicentre for America's coronavirus pandemic. They are little cities hidden behind tall fences where many people share cells, sit elbow-to-elbow at dining areas and are herded through halls to the yard or prison industry jobs.

They say it's nearly impossible to keep 6 feet away from anyone, adding to tensions. Medical services behind bars have long been substandard and even hand sanitiser is considered contraband in some facilities because of its alcohol content.

More than 2.2 million people are incarcerated in the US — more than anywhere else in the world. But the threat posed by Covid-19 behind bars

extends well beyond prison walls. Even though most personal visits have been stopped, hundreds of thousands of guards, wardens and other correctional facility administrators go in and out 24 hours a day, potentially carrying the virus home to their families and communities.

And — as the incarcerated understand better than anyone — jail and prison employees are also the ones most likely to bring the virus into overflowing facilities already grappling with older men and women, those suffering from chronic health conditions and the mentally ill.

Nascimento Blair, locked up at Fishkill Correctional Facility in upstate New York, said one officer had returned from a cruise vacation and was coughing and showing other flu-like symptoms in common areas. That person was eventually sent home, but only after a few days.

"Now we don't even know if we've been exposed," he said, adding there had been one confirmed coronavirus case at his prison, but the men were aware of three others. "And how do you run from this?"

The first positive tests from inside America's correctional facilities started trickling out two weeks ago, with more than 350 cases now confirmed in New York, California, Michigan, Alabama and a dozen other states.

But information and transparency about the number of infections are

lacking, and some in custody are afraid to report symptoms because they've seen others being placed in solitary confinement for doing so, several men said in interviews with the AP. Many correctional departments across the country do not even identify affected facilities, let alone name those who test positive, citing privacy concerns.

"It's like we are expendable," said Blair, from Fishkill. "The last thing you want is to be around someone and not know that that person has it, because that's a potential catastrophe."

Most of the coronavirus cases in jails and prisons so far have been reported from New York City, with the Department of Corrections said on Saturday that one of its longest-serving officers passed away at a local hospital and that 104 staff and 132 men in custody have now tested positive at Rikers and city jails alone — five times what was reported just a week ago.

Homer Venters, former chief medical officer of the New York City jail system, said the rise in infection rates at Rikers Island foreshadows what's to come elsewhere.

"America's 7000 jails, prisons, juvenile and immigration detention centers are completely unequipped to handle this pandemic," he said.

He called for authorities to "rapidly empty these facilities of everyone with risk factors for serious illness and death, and create pathways to

hospital-level care." If nothing is done, he said, people will die and the virus will spread faster.

The Bureau of Prisons said Saturday that the first federal inmate had died of coronavirus. The man, Patrick Jones, 49, had been housed at FCI Oakdale I, a low-security prison in Louisiana and had "long-term, pre-existing medical conditions," the agency said.

Officials said Jones had complained of a persistent cough on March 19 and was taken to a hospital. His condition declined the next day and he was placed on a ventilator. He died at the hospital on Saturday. Jones was serving a 27-year sentence for possession of crack cocaine with intent to distribute near a junior college.

Already, New York, Ohio, Florida and a handful of other states have started letting some people out — the elderly, pretrial detainees, those being held on technical violations and low-level offenders who are at high-risk of severe illness. But some health advocates say thousands more need to be freed. Meanwhile, youth justice groups in nearly two dozen states are also calling for the release of detained and incarcerated juveniles and a halt to new admissions.

However, new men and women continue to cycle in and out of the prison system and others are still being transferred in crowded vans between facilities, sometimes across

state lines. All increasing the chances the virus will spread.

Juan Giron was transferred to Rikers Island from an upstate facility last week for resentencing.

After going through intake and undergoing a health screening, he went to a dormitory, where dozens of beds were lined up next to one another, just a few feet apart. Four or five other men arrived soon after, he said, and within a few hours it became clear one of them might be infected.

"Two police officers come in with masks and gloves on and try to give the guy a mask . . . and they took him out," Giron said. "We asked one of the officers and they said, 'that's the process we are doing now for guys who have the virus.'"

No one else from the dorm was isolated, he said, or even told to look out for symptoms.

With little information coming from within correctional facilities or from the outside world, those inside often try to figure out who's been infected on their own. Sometimes they learn about it from jail staff members, who have weighed orders to remain silent with their own concerns about the health of inmates and staff, the men say. Others make assumptions after vague memos about Covid-19 infections are posted in their units and a guard, cook or someone in their unit suddenly disappears after showing flu-like symptoms. — AP

## Off to the cafe: Sweden an outlier in virus restrictions

STOCKHOLM — The streets of Stockholm are quiet but not deserted. People still sit at outdoor cafes in the centre of Sweden's capital. Vendors still sell flowers. Teenagers still chat in groups in parks. Some still greet each other with hugs and handshakes.

After a long, dark Scandinavian winter, the new coronavirus, Covid-19, pandemic was not keeping Swedes at home — even while citizens in many other parts of the world were sheltering in place and would not find shops or restaurants open on the few occasions they were permitted to venture out.

Swedish authorities have advised the public to practice social distancing and to work from home, if possible, and have also urged those over age 70 to self-isolate as a precaution. Yet compared to the lockdowns imposed elsewhere in the world, the Swedish government's response to the virus allowed for a liberal amount of personal freedom.

Standing at bars has been banned in Sweden, but restaurant customers could still be served at tables instead of having to take food to go. High schools and universities are closed, but preschools and primary schools are still running classes in person.

"Sweden is an outlier on the European scene, at least," said Johan Giesecke, the country's former chief epidemiologist and now adviser to the Swedish Health Agency, a government body.

"And I think that's good."

Other European nations "have taken political, unconsidered



**VIRUS RISK:** People walk along the main pedestrian shopping street in Stockholm, Sweden.

AP picture

actions" instead of ones dictated by science, Giesecke asserted.

It remained unclear how long Sweden's exceptional state would last.

Prime Minister Stefan Lofven, warning of "many tough weeks and months ahead", announced on Friday (local time) that as of Sunday, gatherings would be limited to 50 people instead of 500.

The government noted that weddings, funerals and Easter celebrations would be affected.

Still, to reduce the spread of the virus in Germany and the UK, groups larger than two are currently prohibited unless they are composed of people who already live together.

Officials in Italy and France

introduced increasingly restrictive limits on public activities and eventually authorised fines because they said too many people ignored social distancing recommendations.

For now, the Swedish government maintained that citizens could be trusted to exercise responsibility for the greater good and would stay at home if they experienced any Covid-19 symptoms.

Many Swedes were indeed keeping the recommended distance from others.

But some scientists have criticised the Swedish Public Health Agency's approach as irresponsible during a worldwide pandemic that has

already killed over 21,000 people in Europe.

In an open letter to the government, some 2000 academics called for greater transparency and more justification for its infection prevention strategy.

Sten Linnarsson, a professor at Karolinska Institute, a prominent medical university in Sweden, said the concern centers on "the assessments and the course that the Swedish government has taken through this epidemic, and especially because there is really a lack of scientific evidence being put forward for these policies".

Linnarsson compared Sweden's handling of the virus to letting a kitchen fire burn

with the intent of extinguishing it later.

"That doesn't make any sense. And the danger, of course, is that it burns the whole house down," he said.

Sweden's current chief epidemiologist, Anders Tegnell, argued that even if the country's comparatively permissive policies are an anomaly, they are more sustainable and effective in protecting the public's health than "drastic" moves like closing schools for four or five months.

Sweden, a nation of 10 million, had a total of 3447 confirmed virus cases and 105 deaths by Sunday, according to a Johns Hopkins University tally. However, there had been limited testing, with some 24,500 tests conducted by Wednesday, according to official statistics.

"The goal is to slow down the amount of new people getting infected so that health care gets a reasonable chance to take care of them. And that's what we all do in every country in Europe," Tegnell said.

"We just choose different methods to do it."

Susanna Moberg, a 63-year-old retired teacher, said she trusted the government and also believes Sweden's experience with the virus will not be as dire as Italy's, which has by far the most virus-related deaths in the world at more than 10,000.

"I'm not so worried. I'm not 70 years yet. And my children are not sick so we will go to a restaurant on Sunday," Moberg said. "We said 'Everybody is well and the restaurant is open'. So we will go there to celebrate. We can't stay at home the whole day or all week." — AP

# 'No time for external threats'

## North Korea test-fires missiles amid Covid-19 outbreak fears

SEOUL — North Korea on Sunday fired two suspected ballistic missiles into the sea, South Korea and Japan said, continuing a streak of weapons launches that suggests leader Kim Jong-un is trying to strengthen domestic support amid worries about a possible coronavirus outbreak in the country.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said it detected the projectiles flying from the North Korean eastern coastal city of Wonsan into the waters between the Korean Peninsula and Japan on Sunday morning. The projectiles flew about 230 kilometres at a maximum altitude of 30 kilometres, the statement said.

The military described the launches as "very inappropriate" at a time when the world is battling the coronavirus outbreak. It urged North Korea to stop such military action.

Japan's Defence Ministry said that presumed ballistic missiles were believed to have splashed into the sea outside of Japan's exclusive economic zone.

"Recent repeated firings of ballistic missiles by North Korea is a serious problem to the entire international community including Japan," a ministry statement said.

In recent weeks, North Korea has fired a slew of missiles and artillery shells into the sea in an apparent effort to upgrade its military capability amid deadlocked nuclear talks with the United States. Those weapons were all short range and capable of striking South Korea, but didn't pose a direct threat to the US homeland.

Some experts say the latest North Korean launches were likely designed to shore up unity and show that leader Kim Jong-un is in control in the face of US-led sanctions and the global pandemic.

Kim "wants to show he rules in a normal way amid the coronavirus pandemic and his latest weapons tests were aimed at rallying unity internally, not launching a threat externally," said Kim Dong-yub, an analyst at Seoul's Institute for Far Eastern Studies. "North Korea

doesn't have time now to spare for staging (external threats)."

North Korea has been engaged in an intense campaign to prevent the spread of the virus that has infected more than 660,000 worldwide.

It has called its campaign a matter of "national existence" but has steadfastly denied there has been a single virus outbreak on its soil.

Many foreign experts question that claim, warning an epidemic in North Korea could be dire because of its chronic lack of medical supplies and poor healthcare infrastructure.

A week ago, North Korea said President Donald Trump sent a personal letter to Kim, seeking to maintain good relations and offering cooperation in fighting the outbreak. A North Korean state media dispatch didn't say whether Trump mentioned any of the latest weapons tests by the North.

Kim Jong-un has vowed to boost internal strength to withstand what he calls "gangster-like" US-led sanctions that are stifling his country's



**WRONG TIMING:** North Korea on Sunday fired two suspected ballistic missiles into the sea, South Korea said, calling it "very inappropriate" at a time when the world is battling the coronavirus pandemic. AP picture

economy. His nuclear diplomacy with Trump faltered after the American president turned down his calls for broad sanctions relief in exchange for a limited denuclearisation step during their second summit in Vietnam in early 2019.

North Korea hasn't carried out nuclear or long-range missile tests since it began talks with the United States in 2018. A resumption of a major weapons test by North Korea risks completely disrupting the negotiations. — AP



# Whales face a new threat

PORTLAND — Climate change is imperilling the world's largest animals by increasing the likelihood of fatal collisions between whales and big ships that ply the same waters.

Warming ocean temperatures are causing some species of whales in pursuit of food to stray more frequently into shipping lanes, scientists say.

The phenomenon has already increased ship strikes involving rare North Atlantic right whales on the East Coast and giant blue whales on the West Coast, researchers say. The number of strikes off California increased threefold in 2018 — to at least 10 — compared to previous years.

When whales are killed in a ship collision, they often sink and don't always wash ashore. So scientists and conservationists say fatal ship strikes are dramatically under-reported.

Vessel strikes are among the most frequent causes of accidental death in large whales, along with entanglement in fishing gear. Conservationists, scientists and animals lovers have pushed for the International Maritime Organization to step up to protect the whales, but it won't happen without co-operation from the worldwide shipping industry.

For the right whales, which number only about 400 and have lost more than 10 percent of their population in just a few years, the death toll is driving them closer to extinction, said Nick Record, senior research scientist at Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences in East Boothbay, Maine.

At least three right whales died from ship strikes in 2019 — a small number, but still dangerously high for so small a population. All three deaths were documented in the Gulf of Saint

Lawrence off Canada, where scientists have said the whales are spending more time feeding as waters off New England warm. Scientists say the changing ocean environment with global warming is causing right whales and some other species to stray outside protected zones designed to keep them safe from ships.

"When one of their main food resources goes away, it means they start exploring new areas for food," Record said. "And that means they're encountering all new sources of mortality because they are going into these places where they are not protected."

On the West Coast, where there was an increase in whale ship strike deaths, scientists reported that the risk of such accidents has been growing in the 2000s as the blue whale population shifted northward in the North Pacific.

The increased ship strikes could necessitate "a broader area where ships don't travel," said Jessica Redfern, an ecologist with New England Aquarium's Anderson Cabot Centre for Ocean Life and lead author of a study published in the journal *Frontiers in Marine Science* in February.

Moving shipping lanes, and the possibility of enforcing slower speeds for large ships, is a subject of much debate among conservation groups, international regulators and the shipping industry.

Shippers say they have made attempts to work with conservationists, such as an ongoing effort to move a shipping lane in Sri Lankan waters to protect blue whales. In a statement to The Associated Press, the World Shipping Council expressed a willingness to keep working to keep shipping activity away from

whales, but expressed scepticism about whether slowing vessels would help.

"Reduced ship speeds also increase the residence time of a ship in a given area where whales are active," the council said. "Given those factors, there is some notable uncertainty about how effective reducing ship speeds is in lowering the risk of whale strikes."

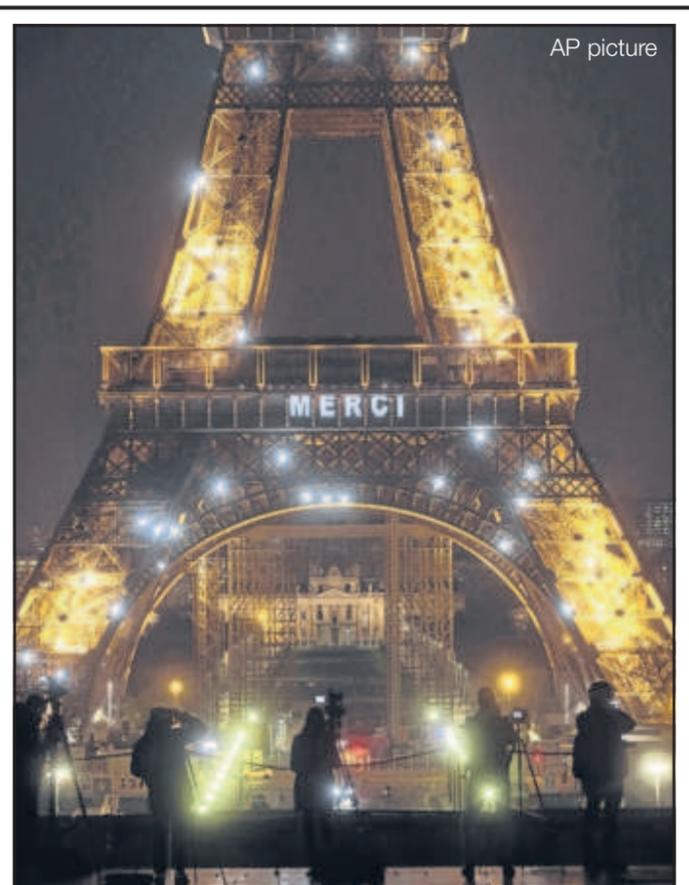
Changes to international shipping laws would have to go before the International Maritime Organization, which regulates shipping. The organisation has taken numerous steps to protect whales in the past, including agreeing in 2014 to a recommendation for ships to reduce speed to 10 knots off the Pacific coast of Panama for four months every summer and autumn.

A spokeswoman for the organisation declined to comment on the role of warming seas in increased ship strikes. But the subject has caught the attention of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), which oversees marine issues in the US.

Right whales, in particular, began showing a change in migratory behaviour around 2010, said Vince Saba, a fisheries biologist with NOAA's Northeast Fisheries Science Center.

"With that re-distribution, the animals have moved into areas where there weren't management rules in place to protect them. In a sense, the deck got reshuffled," said Sean Hayes, head of the protected species branch for the fisheries science centre.

Whales also face increased threat because ships now can travel in parts of the sea that were previously ice, said Regina Asmutis-Silva, a scientist with Massachusetts-based Whale and Dolphin Conservation. — AP



# Eiffel Tower lights up to thank frontline workers

PARIS — Health workers racing to save lives as France contends with one of the world's worst coronavirus outbreaks have received a huge show of gratitude with the help of the Eiffel Tower.

The Paris landmark also had a message for the broader French public: Stay home.

Lights spelled out "Merci," French for "Thank you," and "Stay at home" in English on Friday night along with the tower's famous sparkling illuminations.

The display of solidarity that started at 8pm (1900 GMT) coincided with the

moment when citizens in lockdown across France have been cheering and applauding from their windows and balconies in support of doctors and nurses.

Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo said the light show will take place every evening on the 324-metre-tall tower.

French hospitals recorded nearly 2000 virus-related deaths as of Friday, a figure that doesn't include coronavirus cases elsewhere. Health workers are straining to treat an ever-increasing number of patients, including nearly 3800 in intensive care. — AP

# MONDAY—TUESDAY'S TELEVISION GUIDE

## TVNZ 1 © TVNZ 2020

**5pm The Chase** *📺*  
A quiz show where contestants must stay one step ahead of The Chaser.

**6pm 1 News At 6pm** *📺*  
The latest news, sport, and weather.

**7pm Seven Sharp** *📺*  
Stories of the day from around New Zealand.

**7.30 Fair Go At 40** *📺*  
First of two half hour specials celebrating 40 years of fighting for the little; reflecting on the laughs, tears and moments that have made Fair Go a hit for 40 years.

**8pm Highway Cops** *PGR 📺*  
A driver admits he has had two cans too many; a motorist hits the gas when he bumps the pumps at the petrol station; a driver is overtaken by his own wheel.

**8.30 Border Security** *📺*  
A passenger has some very unusual items in his luggage; another has an array of unmarked pills; a large amount of undeclared and high-risk items is found.

**9pm Prodigal Son** *AO 📺*  
Martin revisits his past through hallucinations.

**9.55 1 News Tonight** *📺*  
Tia's campaign for alderman is in doubt after a revelation.

**11.20 The Catch** *AO 📺*  
The AVI team discover their working relationship with Margot is not as clean as they would like; Alice finds herself on the receiving end of a confession.

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**12.15 Emmerdale**  
Charity's determined to find out who the mysterious cannabis smoker is; Nate blackmails Kerry. Eric makes Jacob an offer.

**12.40 Te Karere** *📺*  
News and current affairs from a Maori perspective.

**1.05 Infomercials**

**5.35 Te Karere** *📺*

**6am Breakfast**

**9am Les Mills Body Balance** *📺*  
Ideal for anyone and everyone, Body Balance is the yoga-based class that will improve your mind, your body and your life.

**10am Tipping Point** *📺*

**11am Cash Trapped** *📺*

**Noon 1 News At Midday** *📺*

**12.30 Emmerdale** *PGR 📺*  
Robert fears the worst; Jacob has a change of heart; are Moira and Nate truly over?

**1pm Coronation Street** *PGR 📺* *📺*

**2pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show** *PGR 📺* *📺*  
Ellen is joined by Ray Romano.

**3pm Tipping Point**

**4pm Te Karere**

**4.30 Highway Cops** *📺*  
A police pursuit ends on foot in Canterbury; tempers flare near Oamaru; a wobbly wheel worries the police just outside of Cromwell.

**5pm The Chase** *📺*

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**5pm The Simpsons** *📺*  
Lenny wins the lottery, and invites the Simpson family to a celebratory party at a luxurious hotel.

**5.25 Young Sheldon** *📺*

**6.10 The Big Bang Theory** *📺* *📺*

**6.35 Neighbours** *📺*

**7pm Shortland Street** *PGR 📺*  
Michelle throws her hat in the ring; Drew breaks a heart; Sophia accuses Cece.

**7.30 The Bachelorette NZ** *📺*  
Major decisions are on the horizon as fantasy dates begin but, with just one rose to give, who will sweep the Bachelorette off her feet, and who will face heartbreak?

**8.30 The Undateables** *📺*  
Twenty-two-year-old Alex is looking for his first girlfriend; 54-year-old Feron loves to boogie, and is looking for the ultimate dance partner.

**9.30 The Walking Dead** *📺*

**10.20 Two And A Half Men** *PGR 📺* *📺*

**10.45 Mom** *PGR 📺* *📺*

**11.05 Grey's Anatomy** *AO 📺* *📺*

**TUESDAY**

**12.05 The Resident** *AO 📺* *📺*

**12.50 The Simpsons** *PGR 📺* *📺*

**1.15 Shortland Street** *PGR 📺* *📺*

**1.40 Infomercials**

**2.40 Quantico** *PGR 📺* *📺*

**3.30 Desperate Housewives** *AO 📺* *📺*

**4.15 The Fresh Prince Of Bel Air** *📺* *📺*

**4.40 Emmerdale** *PGR 📺* *📺*

**5.05 Neighbours** *AO 📺* *📺*

**5.30 Infomercials** *📺*

**6.30 Rescue Bots Academy** *📺*

**6.40 Takaro Tribe** *📺* *📺*

**6.50 Bluey** *📺*

**7am The Tom And Jerry Show** *📺* *📺*

**7.25 Thunderbirds Are Go!** *📺* *📺*

**7.50 Bunnica** *📺* *📺*

**8.15 Littlest Pet Shop**

**8.35 Be Cool Scooby Doo!**

**8.55 Monchhichi Tribe**

**9.30 Muppet Babies** *📺* *📺*

**9.55 Best Of Chuggington Collection**

**10.05 Mickey And The Roadster Racers** *📺* *📺*

**10.30 Infomercial**

**11.30 Neighbours**

**Noon The Bachelorette NZ** *📺* *📺*

**1pm Judge Rinder** *PGR*

**2pm Splitting Up Together** *📺*

**2.30 Shortland Street** *PGR 📺* *📺*

**3pm Les Mills Born To Move**

**3.25 Powerpuff Girls** *📺*

**3.45 Pokemon: Sun And Moon: Ultra Legends** *📺*

**4.10 The Deep** *📺*

**4.35 Friends** *📺* *📺*

**5.05 The Simpsons** *📺* *📺*

**5.30 Young Sheldon** *📺*

## BRAVO

**5pm Judge Jerry**

**5.30 Hoarders** *📺*

**6.30 Love It Or List It**

**7.30 Snapped** *PGR*  
The murder of a young mother on Halloween night sees California investigators looking for a costumed killer.

**8.30 Injustice With Nancy Grace** *AO*

**9.30 A Lie To Die For** *AO*

**10.30 Snapped** *PGR 📺*

**11.30 Killer Couples** *AO 📺*

**TUESDAY**

**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** *AO 📺*

**3pm Keeping Up With The Kardashians** *PGR 📺*

**4pm Undercover Boss** *📺*

**5pm Judge Jerry**

**5.30 Hoarders** *📺*

## THREE

**5pm Millionaire Hot Seat** *📺*

**6pm NewsHub Live At 6pm**

**7pm The Project**

**7.30 Married At First Sight Australia** *PGR 📺*

**9pm Talking Married** *AO 📺*

**9.10 SVU** *AO 📺*  
Rollins goes undercover to find a suspect who is drugging and assaulting tourists, and Benson helps the victims sort out their memories from their hallucinations.

**10.05 NewsHub Late**

**10.35 The Hui** *📺*

**11.10 NewsHub Nation** *📺*  
An in-depth weekly current-affairs show.

**TUESDAY**

**12.25 Infomercials**

**6am The AM Show**

**9am The Café**

**10am Infomercials**

**11.30 Millionaire Hot Seat** *📺* *📺*

**12.30 Face The Truth** *PGR*

**12.55 Dr Phil** *PGR*  
Jason and Tina's daughter says Jason is a control-freak, and she ended up with a black eye and a damaged lip during an argument with him.

**1.55 Married At First Sight Australia** *PGR 📺* *📺*

**3.25 Mexican Fiesta With Peter Kuruvita**  
Peter Kuruvita descends 2000 metres of altitude by train to explore Mexico's Pacific coast, home to prawns, giant oysters, and the original fish tacos.

**4pm United Plates Of America**

**4.30 NewsHub Live At 4:30pm**

**5pm Millionaire Hot Seat** *📺*

## CHOICE

**5.30 Mysteries At The Museum**

**6.30 Salvage Hunters**

**7.30 Secrets Of The Mega Resort**

**9pm New Zealand From Above**  
Travelling towards the Far North, above Auckland, New Zealand's largest city, and then on to Northland.

**10pm From Russia To Iran**

**11pm Salvage Hunters**

**TUESDAY**

**12am Mysteries At The Museum**

**1am River Cottage Autumn**

**2am Inside Mandarin Oriental**

**3am New Zealand From Above**

**4am From Russia To Iran**

**5am Mysteries At The Museum**

**6am Paul Hollywood's Pies And Puds**

**7am River Cottage Autumn**

**8am Hope For Wildlife**

**9am Caribbean Pirate Treasure**

**9.30 Storage Hoarders**

**10.30 Mysteries At The Museum**

**11.30 Salvage Hunters**

**12.30 Baggage Battles**

**1pm Secrets Of The Mega Resort**

**2.30 New Zealand From Above**

**3.30 Heart Of The World**

**4.30 Jamie's 30-Minute Meals**

**5pm Gourmet Farmer Afloat**

**5.30 Mysteries At The Museum**

## PRIME

**5pm 3rd Rock From The Sun** *📺*

**5.30 Prime News**

**6pm Pawn Stars** *📺*

**6.30 Sky Sport News**

**7pm The Crowd Goes Wild**

**7.30 Aussie Pickers** *PGR 📺*

**8.35 MOVIE Three Kings** *AO* 1999 Action.  
After the Gulf War, four soldiers set out to steal gold that was stolen from Kuwait, but they discover people who desperately need their help.  
George Clooney, Mark Wahlberg, Ice Cube.

**11pm The Late Show With Stephen Colbert** *PGR*

**TUESDAY**

**12am Closedown**

**6am Ben 10: Alien Force** *📺* *📺*

**6.25 Danger Mouse** *📺* *📺*

**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 Tiki Tour** *📺* *📺*

**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** *📺*

**5.30 Prime News**

## 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 Borderforce US: The Bridges** *M*

**9.30 A1: Highway Patrol** *MVLC*

**10.30 SVU** *MV*

**11.15 Highway Thru Hell** *PG*

**TUESDAY**

**12.05 Modern Family** *PG*

**12.30 Modern Family** *PG*

**12.55 Wheel Of Fortune** *PG*

**1.20 Jeopardy!** *PG*

**1.40 Border Security: Australia's Frontline** *M*

**2.05 A1: Highway Patrol** *MVLC*

**2.50 Borderforce US: The Bridges** *M*

**3.40 SVU** *MV*

**4.25 Hardcore Pawn** *PG*

**4.50 Hawaii Five-0** *MV*

**5.35 The Simpsons** *PG*

**6am Jeopardy!** *PG*

**6.25 Wheel Of Fortune** *PG*

**6.45 The Simpsons** *PG*

**7.10 Modern Family** *PG*

**7.35 Modern Family** *PG*

**8am Border Security: Australia's Frontline** *M*

**8.25 Highway Thru Hell** *PG*

**9.15 Hardcore Pawn** *PG*

**9.40 Hawaii Five-0** *MV*

**10.25 SVU** *MV*

**11.10 Modern Family** *PG*

**11.40 Modern Family** *PG*

**12.05 A1: Highway Patrol** *MVLC*

**1pm Raw Live** *MVC*

**4.05 The Simpsons** *PG*

**4.35 Jeopardy!** *PG*

**5pm Wheel Of Fortune** *PG*

**5.30 Hardcore Pawn** *PG*

## 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 Whanau Living** *📺*

**7.30 Timoti's Travels**

**8pm Te Ao With Moana**

**8.30 MOVIE Gimme Danger** *PGR* *📺* 2016 Documentary.  
An in-depth look at punk band The Stooges.

**10.30 #whiuatepatai** *AO 📺*

**11pm Te Ao: Maori News** *📺*

**11.30 Closedown**

**TUESDAY**

**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 He Kakano** *📺*

**9.30 Opaki** *📺*

**10am Waiata** *📺*

**10.30 Morena** *📺*

**11am Nga Tamariki O Te Kohu** *📺*

**Noon Funny Whare: Gamesnight** *PGR 📺*

**12.30 City Slickers Rodeo** *📺*

**1pm Nga Pari Karangaranga O Te Motu** *📺*

**1.30 Ako** *📺*

**2pm Toku Reo** *📺*

**3pm Kapa Haka Whanau** *📺*

**3.30 Playlist**

**4pm Polyfest Kapa Haka** *📺*

**4.30 Pukana**

**5pm Paia**

**5.10 My Mokai**

**5.40 He Rourou** *📺*

**5.50 E Kori** *📺*

**5.55 E Ki E Ki**

## PAY TV

### MOVIES PREMIERE

**5.30 Finding Steve**  
McQueen *MLS* 2018 Drama.  
Travis Fimmel, Rachael Taylor.

**7pm Fallen** *MVLC* 2016 Drama.  
Based on the bestselling novel of the same name, a girl finds herself enrolled in a strange reform school after a serious accident.  
Addison Timlin, Jeremy Irvine.

**8.30 Greta** *16VC* 2019 Drama.  
Having recently lost her mother, a woman grows close to a lonely woman, but soon discovers nothing in the woman's life is what it seems.  
Chloe Grace Moretz, Isabelle Huppert.

**10.10 Green Book** *ML* 2018 Drama.  
Viggo Mortensen, Mahershala Ali.

**TUESDAY**

**12.20 Apartment 212** *16VLC* 2017 Horror.

**2am Crypto** *16VLS* 2019 Thriller.

**3.45 The Founders** *PG* 2015 Documentary.

**5.15 Finding Steve**  
McQueen *MLS* 2018 Drama.

**6.45 Fallen** *MVLC* 2016 Drama.

**8.15 Greta** *16VC* 2019 Drama.

**9.55 Green Book** *ML* 2018 Drama.

**12.05 Apartment 212** *16VLC* 2017 Horror.

**1.45 Finding Steve**  
McQueen *MLS* 2018 Drama.

**3.15 Beirut** *MVLC* 2018 Action.

**5.05 Then Came You** *MLSC* 2019 Drama.



Seven Sharp  
7pm on TVNZ 1



The Bachelorette NZ  
7.30pm on TVNZ 2



Married at First Sight Australia  
7.30pm on Three

## RNZ NATIONAL

**5pm Checkpoint**

**6.30 Trending Now**

**7.06 Nights With Bryan Crump.**

**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.

**9.30 Insight**

**10pm News At Ten**

**10.15 Lately With Karyn Hay.**

**11.06 Nashville Babylon**

**TUESDAY**

**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**

## DISCOVERY

**5.40 Aussie Gold Hunters** *PG*

**6.35 Towies** *PG*

**7pm Towies** *PG*

**7.30 Top Gear** *PG*

**8.30 Mighty Car Mods: Turbos And Temples** *PG*

**9.25 Jay Leno's Garage** *PG*  
Over the Top.

**10.15 Car Crash Global Caught On Camera** *PG*

**11.05 Naked And Afraid** *MVLC* For Better or a Lot Worse.

**11.55 How It's Made** *PG*

**TUESDAY**

**12.20 How Do They Do It?** *PG*

**12.45 World's Deadliest Drivers** *PG*

**1.10 World's Deadliest Drivers** *PG*

**1.35 Deadliest Catch** *PG*

**2.25 Bering Sea Gold** *PG*

**3.15 Gold Rush: White Water** *PG*

**4.05 Expedition Unknown** *PG*

**4.55 Naked And Afraid** *MVLC*

**5.45 Deadliest Catch** *PG*

**6.35 Fast N' Loud** *M*

**7.30 Top Gear** *PG*

**8.20 Outback Opal Hunters** *PG*

**9.10 Mighty Car Mods: Turbos And Temples** *PG*

**10am How It's Made** *PG*

**10.25 Aussie Gold Hunters** *PG*

**11.15 Evil Lives Here** *MVSC*

**12.05 Blood Relatives** *M*

**12.55 Web Of Lies** *M*

**1.45 Top Gear** *PG*

**3pm Gold Rush: White Water** *PG*

**3.50 Deadliest Catch** *PG*

**4.45 Fast N' Loud** *PG*

**5.40 Aussie Gold Hunters** *PG*

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NSW races at Newcastle Tuesday

Selections
Race 1: PERFECT IMPRESSION, GOGOL, KIRWAN'S LANE
Race 2: STOICAL, GLACIERS, READY TO SOAR
Race 3: UNAMERICAN, RED HOT CHILLYPINS, SOUL PURPOSE
Race 4: SUCCENDAM, ZELLYMAY, INTO THE OBLIVION
Race 5: ELABORATE, NIGHT WITCHES, TOE TAPPER
Race 6: BLUEANT, ARCHANNA, BETHENCOURT
Race 7: PLAYARD, SEDONA, SPIRITUAL POWER
Race 8: AYTOBE, BOVALINO, LANCER
Race 9: PHOENICIAN QUEEN, CITY OF LOVE, LAVANDE
Race 10: ASSAULT N'BATHORY, GALAHAD'S QUEST, TRAJECTION

1 Yarraman Park Plate 2.05
\$35,000, 3yo Maiden SW, 1600m

- 1 00746 Clogs (2) 57.74 G Buckley
2 527s8 Crown Affair (1) 57.80 Ms S Clenton (a)
3 s2593 Gogol (4) 57.91 L Magorrian
4 45s42 Kirwan's Lane (3) 57.95 J Penza
5 s0897 Gloraya h (7) 55.81 C Reith
6 40592 Lime And Sugar h (5) 55.85 M Bell
7 76s5 Loves A Hit (9) 55.79 D Mc Lellan
8 777 Pellezzano h (8) 55.83 A Gibbons
9 828s3 Perfect Impression (6) 55.100 T Sherry (a2)

2 tab.com.au Handicap 2.40
\$35,000, 2yo Maiden, 900m

- 1 Feeling Mighty (4) 58.78 S Lisnyy
2 5 Stoical b (12) 58.100 C Reith
3 Testabello (9) 58.79 L Magorrian
4 34s Time For Peace (3) 57.5.96 A Gibbons
5 Glaciers (2) 56.84 G Buckley
6 Ready To Soar (10) 56.81 M Bell
7 9s Uneniable (1) 56.86 A Morgan
8 Winning Business (5) 56.79 J Penza
9 Zorocat (8) 56.79 D Mc Lellan
10 707 Decision At Dawn (7) 55.5.80 Ms M Weir (a2)
11 65s Hireach (11) 55.5.76 K S Latham
12 9 Sparky Girl (6) 55.5.91 L Cumberland

3 Hungerford Hill Plate 3.15
\$35,000, Maiden SW, 1875m

- 1 57s00 Sytus (11) 59.69 Ms C Graham (a2)
2 83548 Krayzelburg h (2) 57.5.79 A Morgan
3 8s607 Secret Harbour (3) 57.5.82 Ms S Clenton (a)
4 6275 Unamerican b (4) 57.5.96 K S Latham
5 s6958 Brazenbrook h (5) 57.80 Ms L Day (a2)
6 59287 Cross Eyed Mary (9) 57.81 Ms R Murray
7 6s722 Red Hot Chillypins (6) 57.91 C Reith
8 60490 Ritzy Diva h (7) 57.85 D Mc Lellan
9 7 Aguant (1) 55.5.79 M Bell
10 04509 Aunty (8) 55.5.88 L Magorrian
11 6 Soul Purpose (10) 55.5.100 T Sherry (a2)

4 Senpos Point Of Sale 3.50
\$35,000, Benchmark 64, 1875m

- 1 19s14 Succendam wb (4) 61.96 J Penza
2 61455 Chamisal w (6) 60.92 R Thompson
3 1s311 Zellymay (8) 59.90 T Sherry (a2)
4 64271 Bedivere wh (11) 58.5.96 A Gibbons
5 45790 Island Missile (13) 58.91 C Reith
6 s9211 Amica (1) 57.100 K S Latham
7 83211 Into The Oblivion wh (7) 57.98 Ms S Clenton (a)
8 36721 Tann Hills w (10) 57.92 Ms J Duggan (a)
9 31442 Delayed Response wb (15) 56.95 Ms M Weir (a2)
10 16414 Buzz 'n' Joe (2) 55.5.93 Ms M Weir (a2)
11 00s41 Ski Missile h (12) 55.5.92 G Buckley
12 6s081 Chicansalade (5) 55.94 M Bell
13 24124 Eden Vale w (4) 55.94 Ms R Murray
14 56s00 Straight Home w (9) 55.87 D Mc Lellan
EMERGENCY:
15 3s493 Financial (3) 55.88

5 Bella Group Services 4.25
\$35,000, Benchmark 64, 1875m

- 1 0s864 Chilly Cha Cha cw (2) 61.90 Ms L Day (a2)
2 16s75 Elaborate tw (15) 60.92 C Reith
3 0s801 Brown Thomas w (8) 59.5.95 D Mc Lellan
4 67271 Concessions dw (1) 59.96

Jetbet 11 TAB doubles 1-2, 5-6, 9-10 Trebles 4-5-6, 8-9-10 Quaddie 3-4-5-6, 7-8-9-10

5 21s85 Elkano w (10) 59.91 Ms S Clenton (a)
6 20518 Kiarra Rose w (13) 57.5.93 Ms D Panya
7 40309 Chuck'n'paul w (12) 57.88 K S Latham
8 s6414 Loves To Rock (5) 57.91 Ms M Weir (a2)
9 2s952 Toe Tapper h (7) 57.91 M Bell
10 49861 Chief Kidder (3) 55.5.91 A Gibbons
11 s3514 Night Witches t (11) 55.5.100 Ms R Murray
12 s4665 Toulouse w (4) 55.5.92 G Buckley
13 1s380 Marise (6) 55.96 S Lisnyy
14 766s0 Chosen Prince tw (9) 55.90 L Magorrian
EMERGENCY:
15 s4640 Confident Lad d (14) 55.91 Ms A Denby

6 Australian Bloodstock 5.05
\$35,000, Maiden, 1200m

- 1 3 Blueant (15) 58.96 A Gibbons
2 Bethencourt (5) 57.5.90 Ms A Denby
3 Big Lion (10) 57.5.88 SCRATCHED
4 2 Excelsa h (9) 57.5.86 C O'Brien
5 Great Tye (6) 57.5.89 SCRATCHED
6 Hay There McNaair (4) 57.5.89 C O'Brien
7 Pumpernickel (4) 57.5.89
8 Secretly Awesome (13) 57.5.90 K S Latham
9 37s25 Devan (11) 57.100 D Mc Lellan
10 43462 Our Frauline (1) 56.5.97 J Penza
11 Air To Air (15) 56.95 SCRATCHED
12 Archanna (8) 55.5.91 L Magorrian
13 78 Seraglio (2) 55.5.96 G Buckley
14 Thinking Gap (13) 55.94 SCRATCHED
EMERGENCIES:
15 400s Mardi Girl (16) 55.88 Ms R Murray
16 8s Dr Copper h (12) 56.5.81
17 36 Seppime (7) 55.88 S Lisnyy
18 8s Capital Venture (3) 56.5.82

7 Next Payments Handicap 5.40
\$35,000, C,H&G's Benchmark 64, 1200m

- 1 12506 Playard (3) 60.100 T Sherry (a2)
2 4221s Sea Echo (6) 59.5.94 J Penza
3 98030 Black Chilli w (14) 59.100 Ms L Day (a2)
4 23s1s Tapiconic (13) 59.95 C Reith
5 s172s Sedona db (2) 58.5.99 Ms C Graham (a2)

6 545s4 We Could Be Heroes dw (12) 58.5.96 Ms M Weir (a2)
7 0217s Weather Channel d (8) 57.5.94 Ms S Clenton (a)
8 54024 Little Steiny dw (10) 57.100 G Buckley
9 22564 Quick Finance (7) 57.95 K S Latham
10 31s44 Commander Bell t (4) 56.5.95 K S Latham
11 4s614 Spiritual Power h (1) 55.5.93 A Gibbons
12 Titus (11) 55.91 SCRATCHED
13 2866s Radical Impact dw (11) 55.91 Ms S Metcalfe (a3)
14 79s28 Fine Hero w (9) 55.98 M Bell
EMERGENCY:
15 s8846 Hard Reality (5) 55.94 S Lisnyy

8 New Zealand Bloodstock 6.20
\$35,000, C,H&G's Benchmark 64, 1200m

- 1 s6650 Jack's Bar cdwh (3) 62.98 Ms L Day (a2)
2 380s2 Lancer (6) 59.5.100 L Magorrian
3 34s61 Aytoobe d (1) 59.96 K S Latham
4 801s0 Evil Cry dw (13) 59.84 A Gibbons
5 17 Bovalino tw (2) 58.5.99 M Bell
6 850s3 The Lion cw (15) 58.5.91
7 33229 Reveal The Magic th (4) 58.97 Ms A Denby
8 0569s Dew Drop dw (8) 57.92 R Thompson
9 95369 Prince Mayted dw (9) 57.92 Ms M Weir (a2)
10 044s7 I Am A Country Boy d (7) 56.5.92 Ms R Murray
11 8007s Kotinos tcdw (14) 56.5.86 S Lisnyy
12 10906 Mr Polar h (16) 56.5.93
13 19 Brigar Glory (11) 56.94 C Reith
14 s7874 Gone Viral wh (12) 55.90 Ms S Metcalfe (a3)

9 Bass Flooring Handicap 6.55
\$35,000, F&M Benchmark 64, 1200m

- 1 114s0 Speed And Style dw (6) 61.89 Ms L Day (a2)
2 45246 Tatiara dwn (4) 61.97 S Lisnyy

3 5234s City Of Love t (16) 60.89 Ms S Clenton (a)
4 s152s Wicked Wench h (9) 60.92 A Gibbons
5 7317s Renolat w (13) 59.5.91 C Reith
6 Name Kiri (11) 59.94 SCRATCHED
7 26142 Lavande w (14) 59.96 K S Latham
8 s9335 Martinique tw (7) 59.94 D Mc Lellan
9 Nature (11) 59.94 SCRATCHED
10 273s0 Romalette (8) 59.89 M Bell
11 1 Fast 'n' Forward w (18) 58.5.94 R Thompson
12 1227s Jazzette (11) 58.5.91 T Sherry (a2)
13 96348 Verlan t (2) 58.5.100 G Buckley
14 0s808 Directory w (1) 57.5.89 C O'Brien
EMERGENCIES:
15 48256 Eyebea Danser d (3) 57.92 Ms M Weir (a2)
16 1 Phoenician Queen w (10) 56.5.92 J Penza

10 Sharp Electronics Group 7.30
\$35,000, Benchmark 70, 1400m

- 1 431s1s Canasta (5) 61.92 K S Latham
2 71190 Hand It In tw (11) 60.5.90 Ms S Metcalfe (a3)
3 s1557 Assault n'bathory dw (2) 60.97 G Buckley
4 17s54 Galahad's Quest d (16) 58.5.92
5 7s263 Maroch wn (8) 58.5.100 T Sherry (a2)
6 3111s Controlthewitness wh (10) 58.87 Ms S Clenton (a)
7 s7870 Hildalgo h (7) 57.5.93 Ms A Denby
8 4598s Chivadahlil dw (1) 57.86 Ms J Duggan (a)
9 4121s La Grisa t (14) 57.85 J Penza
10 24002 Manabar (18) 56.5.92 Ms L Day (a2)
11 13158 Hercules Mo (3) 55.5.93 C O'Brien
12 s3420 Dundee Lee dwh (4) 55.96 R Thompson
13 17468 Sleepy Heart dwh (20) 55.93 D Mc Lellan
14 42s14 Trajection dwh (12) 55.98 A Gibbons
15 33s31 Menagerie c (9) 55.93 M Bell
16 37202 Oribella (17) 55.93 C Reith
EMERGENCIES:
17 38232 Buzz w (6) 55.5.96 Ms R Murray
18 5170s Landstrase (15) 55.83
19 57480 The Outcast dh (13) 55.93
20 01162 Acoustix (19) 55.91 Ms J Duggan (a)

Victorian races at Mornington Tuesday

Selections
Race 1: EPSOM DAYS, FORLIAH, MAINLAND
Race 2: RIVER MIST, SOMEBODY STOP ME, WHANGAMATA
Race 3: DANCE READY, TOM THE STAR, BETHPAGE
Race 4: ALPHAVILLE, BAROSSA KISS, MATAMATA
Race 5: OCEAN DEW, FROME THE STARS, RECOMPENSA
Race 6: BELLARINE BEAUTY, OUR AUGUST ROSE, ZOUPINO
Race 7: HAFAAWA, KOOTARA, FLORENT
Race 8: DRATINI, ARIGATO, ADMIRAL MICHELLE

1 Avis Mornington Highweight 3.10
\$35,000, 3yo & up Maiden SW, 2020m

- 1 04s66 Diamond Luke (5) 68.5.92 D Horner Jnr
2 02503 Jousting (9) 68.5.87 C Douglas
3 42436 Mainland h (3) 68.5.91
4 s6343 Prince Anacheeva h (10) 68.5.88 W Gordon
5 42344 Epsom Days h (4) 68.93 N Newton
6 35s75 Honour Me (13) 68.90 J Allen
7 73s34 Rokara (11) 68.100 A Lynch
8 46s82 Fiorena h (1) 66.5.96 A Lynch
9 8 Energy Raider (7) 66.89 T Ryan
10 7343 Forliah (8) 66.94 T Sadler
11 5 Nelson's Lover (6) 66.90 Scratched
12 76449 Schmetto (14) 66.0
EMERGENCIES:
13 0s0 Yulara h (2) 68.84 Ronan Short
14 687 Evader (12) 66.92
15 7607s Dortort (15) 68.5.85 S Pateman

2 Big Screen Co. Highweight 3.45
\$35,000, 3yo & up Benchmark 58, 2020m

- 1 46s90 Zilbiyr tw (10) 72.90 J Allen
2 s7059 Captain Rhett dwh (8) 71.96
3 s6421 Somebody Stop Me w (5) 71.94
4 92225 Buffalo Bill (3) 70.5.100 W Gordon
5 13s55 Unique Journey wh (12) 70.93 A Lynch
6 2s083 Whangamata (13) 70.90 T Sadler
7 16093 All Fairy Prince h (11) 69.5.89
8 4780s Casa Larada (9) 69.90
9 10849 Fioritura h (4) 69.93
10 0s067 Sterling Acheeva h (2) 69.88 C Douglas
11 0s833 Danluca w (1) 68.5.88 T Ryan
12 0s674 River Mist w (16) 67.90
EMERGENCIES:
13 60PsP The Arod d (15) 67.5.84 N Newton
14 53813 Akhurst (7) 67.93 Ronan Short
15 237s5 Undercover Poet dw (6) 67.93
16 69s72 Fullforward th (14) 66.88

3 Highview Accounting Plate 4.30
\$35,000, 3yo Maiden SW, 1200m

- 1 7 Boom Boom Becker (1) 58.97 J Allen
2 4 Buble Boy (11) 58.91 L Nolen
3 423s5 Dance Ready bh (10) 58.90 C Douglas
4 Deponent (14) 58.82 M Allen
5 8s3 Lovano (3) 58.85 Dylan Dunn
6 2 Midships h (2) 58.100 D Stackhouse
7 20s28 Pollard b (7) 58.94 M Dee
8 Scrambler (17) 58.83
9 87638 Teddy Mercury h (15) 58.87 B Mertens
10 3s24 Tom The Star (8) 58.100 J Noonan
11 33s26 Bethpage (16) 56.100 Z Spain
12 34472 Fortyfivedegrees h (13) 56.88 W Price (a2)
13 4s4 Marine Belle b (6) 56.89 B Thompson
14 One Nation (4) 56.84 J Bowditch

4 Neds Plate 5.00
\$35,000, 3yo & up Maiden SW, 1500m

- 1 7s7s2 High Done (8) 58.5.93 J Allen
2 6s34s Matamata h (12) 58.5.87 C Douglas
3 2s25 Alphaville (7) 58.98 B Thompson
4 9566 Alterno h (6) 58.88 M Carson
5 989 Jack The Raider h (11) 58.82 C Rawiller (a2)
6 60229 New Choice h (1) 58.100 J Bowditch
7 56337 Carmelites (9) 56.5.96 M Cartwright (a2)
8 569s0 Castanea (10) 56.5.77 W Gordon
9 06 Let The Ark Stay h (13) 56.5.81 B Higgins
10 26232 Barossa Kiss (5) 56.96 M Aitken (a)
11 8 Carlton Rose h (2) 56.87 R McLeod
12 36496 Last Dream (4) 56.86 Ms K Walters
13 52 Medlar (14) 56.92 W Egan
14 8 The White Sky (3) 56.90 W Price (a2)

5 Take It To Neds Level 5.30
\$35,000, 3yo & up F&M Benchmark 64, 1500m

- 1 s8871 Moscow Red dwn (5) 64.95 W Price (a2)
2 10 Set Us Free th (10) 59.84 B Higgins
3 261s5 Ocean Dew bh (11) 58.5.99 D Thornton
4 21671 Phyla Vell w (9) 58.5.100 M Cartwright (a2)
5 s2134 Frome The Stars wb (4) 58.96 M Walker
6 216s3 Infallybelle tw (6) 58.94 D Schmitt
7 32421 Recompensa h (1) 58.100 J McNeil
8 5400s Taberna n (2) 58.91 B Mertens
9 1s877 Boo Dup (12) 57.89 J Bowditch
10 2032s Goosey Fair n (3) 57.88 E Brown

6 Neds Same Race Multi 6.00
\$35,000, 3yo & up F&M Benchmark 58, 1200m

- 1 46s12 Bellarine Beauty b (8) 61.5.98 J Allen
2 s517s Mystery Diamond (12) 61.5.91 Dean Holland
3 187s6 Zoupino wb (3) 61.5.99 C Rawiller (a2)
4 4318s Diaquin dw (1) 61.100 B Thompson
5 51s5 Our August Rose (7) 61.97 M Cartwright (a2)
6 928s3 Oneira w (2) 60.92 Ms C Hall
7 51534 Pragumatist cd (4) 60.96 W Price (a2)
8 728s6 Precocious Girl dn (13) 60.87 M Allen
9 469s5 Sly Song d (15) 60.93 C Douglas
10 7160s Vilanelle (14) 60.89 J Noonan
11 36732 Third Coming h (10) 59.92 Ms L Lafferty (a2)
12 00692 Infernal dw (9) 58.91 Ms L Lafferty (a2)
13 4855s Mylex dh (11) 57.89 C Rawiller (a2)
14 31521 Fritz 'n' Sauce dw (6) 56.89 L Riordan (a)
15 0307s Meet The Missus h (5) 56.78 Ms B Grylls

7 Neds Multi Builder 6.30
\$35,000, 3yo & up Benchmark 64, 1200m

- 1 71376 Southern Turf dw (5) 61.97 C Rawiller (a2)
2 5s612 Design Rouge h (17) 60.91 W Price (a2)
3 s1701 Comte ch (3) 59.5.96 M Dee
4 0s524 The Thick Of It d (18) 59.5.90 J Martin
5 41127 Reactor dw (13) 59.93 Ms L Lafferty (a2)
6 3030s Savvy Shields dwh (14) 59.87 C Douglas
7 s5341 Zippur dw (6) 59.93 Z Spain
8 3266s Stage Front t (4) 58.5.91 Ms G Cartwright (a)
9 6s235 Channing tch (11) 58.91 M Dee

8 Neds Price Boost Handicap 7.00
\$35,000, 3yo & up Benchmark 58, 1000m

- 1 13s63 Cienfuegos w (14) 62.5.88 C Rawiller (a2)
2 75212 Red Maestro (13) 62.5.88 D Stackhouse
3 0s320 Dratini cw (15) 62.97 B Higgins
4 0s190 Our Free Spirit ch (7) 61.5.89 H Grace (a1.5)
5 s4740 Tahlayla d (8) 61.100 W Price (a2)
6 51089 Mr Jammo th (6) 60.5.90 J Bowditch
7 54916 Prussian Dream dhn (1) 60.5.91 C Douglas
8 3157s Arigato dwh (9) 59.5.97 J Noonan
9 5s788 Kapara dw (3) 59.5.85 B Park
10 23144 Iloveannie (5) 59.95 Dylan Dunn
11 33013 Thin Green Line d (16) 58.5.90 B Mertens
12 s45s4 Admiral Michelle w (11) 58.91 T Nugent (a)
EMERGENCIES:
13 34804 Kaphit dhn (2) 59.5.85 M Allen
14 97850 Fred's A Goer h (4) 59.5.91 M Allen
15 9s331 Squibbly Dibbly d (12) 58.85 Ms J Da Rose
16 32072 Elusive Shine dwh (10) 57.5.86 Ms J Eaton (a)

Queensland races at Mackay Tuesday

Selections
Race 1: ASK ME TOMORROW, EMILEE'S EMPIRE, COLOUR PERFECT
Race 2: BRAD, MACKENZIE COUNTRY, TRUMP ME
Race 3: RAW INSTINCT, DAWLISH, WREN PLUCKED
Race 4: HARRY ROCKET, ALSAURSFIRST, SHINKANSEN MAGLEV
Race 5: LIEUTENANT, GRACIOUS GARCON, TARTUFO BIANCO
Race 6: ONLY WANNA SING, FREEFICA, TA CHANSON
Race 7: STRAWBERRY BLONDE, LUCKY BEE, STARS DON'T RUST
Race 8: TIME STAMP, HIGH I CUE, FOLLOW ON
Race 9: SIR HARRY, SIR VAN DYKE, FUN TICKETS
Race 10: WALK THE TALK, QUIDNI, DISTRICT

1 TAB Handicap 2.48
\$17,000, 2yo Maiden, 1200m

- 1 2s Ask Me Tomorrow b (6) 59.97 Ms E Smith (a)
2 Grand Trick h (3) 59.85
3 8 Whosday h (8) 58.85
4 4s222 Emilee's Empire (9) 57.5.100 Ms T Chambers
5 42 Colour Perfect (10) 57.92 Ms D Graham (a)
6 Natural Emperor (1) 57.85 Ms S Wiseman
7 Sahara Sally (2) 57.85 Ms S Wiseman
8 47 Penty Of Ticker h (7) 56.87
9 7s8 Lady Lowburn (4) 55.5.96 Ms Z White (a)
10 64456 Pointo's Pick (5) 54.93 Ms E Bell (a)

2 Airless Spray Service Plate 3.23
\$17,000, Maiden SW, 1100m

- 1 234s3 Brad h (2) 58.5.98 Ms T Bannon
2 8s779 Jars h (8) 58.5.83
3 56755 Mackenzie Country h (7) 58.5.100 Ms E Bell (a)
4 66s9s Trump Me b (6) 58.5.91
5 Azioic h (5) 56.5.91
6 80s90 Bimbimbi Barb (1) 56.5.83
7 2667s Hugs 'n' Kisses (9) 56.5.94
8 So Surreal (3) 56.5.89
9 276s4 Tatchilla bh (4) 56.5.89

3 Macdonald Murphy Machinery 4.00
\$17,000, Maiden SW, 1100m

- 1 82s44 Brookville (9) 58.5.82 Ms E Smith (a)
2 807 Magic Cody h (8) 58.5.86
3 80562 Scaramouche bh (2) 58.5.82
4 56s Such A Whit h (4) 57.5.100
5 69 Balnagal (1) 56.5.76 Ms N Summers
6 439s2 Dawlish h (3) 56.5.96 Ms N Summers
7 5346s Raw Instinct h (7) 56.5.83
8 300s7 Tala Rikisa (5) 56.5.85
9 0s Wren Plucked h (6) 55.5.91 Ms Z White (a)

4 APL Poker Mackay Handicap 4.34
\$17,000, 3yo Maiden, 1300m

- 1 628 Alsaurusfirst (2) 60.99 A Butler
2 05 Kilkenny Lad h (1) 60.94
3 5s Shinkansen Maglev h (8) 60.83
4 5s6 Hard Currency h (6) 59.5.97
5 05232 Harry Rocket h (3) 59.5.92
6 04s Not A Single Day h (5) 59.5.91 G Goomany
7 2070s Frankie Dreamin' (7) 58.100

5 Autobarn Plate 5.12
\$17,000, Class 2 SW, 1100m

- 1 35s36 Act Of Bravery th (3) 60.97 A Butler
2 0549s Celebration Day th (11) 60.93 G Goomany
3 57009 Clifton County (1) 60.87 Ms E Bell (a)
4 1412s Parisian Tycoon th (7) 60.94
5 15192 Lieutenant (8) 59.99 Ms E Bell (a)
6 2s107 Gracious Garcon ch (5) 58.5.98 Ms T Bannon
7 5433s Terminate th (2) 58.5.94
8 30416 Tartufo Bianco h (9) 58.100 M Haley
9 53846 She's Maganda dh (4) 57.96
10 4213 Miss Carolee h (10) 56.5.92
EMERGENCIES:
11 01134 Zorro Feminino wb (12) 58.93 M Haley
12 75066 Insolvent tw (6) 60.88

6 Next Accounting Plate 5.50
\$17,000, Class 2 SW, 1100m

- 1 40913 Only Wanna Sing dwh (11) 60.97 Ms T Bannon
2 43s43 Santissimo tw (12) 60.85
3 44146 Ta Chanson tw (4) 60.93 Ms T Bannon
4 75066 Embattled wbn (10) 59.84 Ms T Chambers
5 52715 Belzu db (3) 58.5.87 Ms E Smith (a)
6 1500s Ifyouknowwhatimean th (8) 58.5.87 Ms E Smith (a)
7 709s5 Dancing Tycoon bh (7) 58.85
8 134s5 Djebel Ready t (5) 57.83
9 s7122 Freefica d (2) 56.5.100 B Pengelly
10 227s6 Dutch Rocket h (1) 55.5.82

7 Barcam Electrical Handicap 6.27
\$17,000, Benchmark 55, 1300m

- 1 12s56 Pua t (7) 63.95 Ms E Smith (a)
2 600s3 Broken Finger tw (5) 61.5.91 Ms E Bell (a)
3 22143 Strawberry Blonde dw (1) 60.5.100 A Butler
4 52122 Lucky Bee th (3) 59.91 Ms S Wiseman
5 83764 Jetintoit wn (4) 58.5.86 Ms S Wiseman
6 52312 The Deckeraider dbh (8) 58.85 S Watkin
7 22533 Stars Don't Rust th (6) 57.5.87
8 7s547 Outspoken (9) 55.5.87
9 50629 The Clang Affair dw (2) 55.89 Ms E Smith (a)

8 Enlightened Financial 7.04
\$17,000, Benchmark 55, 1300m

- 1 51561 Grand De Lago tw (2) 63.99 M Barnham
2 7135s Time Stamp bh (10) 62.89 Ms T Bannon
3 6235s Follow On h (3) 61.89 G Goomany
4 827s1 High I Cue cw (1) 59.94 Ms T Chambers
5 21s04 Wirraway h (5) 59.91 Ms T Chambers
6 84188 Sound Investment dh (7) 58.89 N Seymour
7 00s21 Rock'n'roll Bobby tdw (4) 57.5.100
8 77693 Captain Tom ch (9) 57.91 M Haley
9 5s675 Goldie's Archer h (6) 55.95
10 43926 Tokarev (8) 55.95

9 Blacks Real Estate 7.40
\$17,000, Benchmark 65, 1560m

- 1 43171 Mustarrid cdwh (10) 66.5.89 M Haley
2 13717 Stone Warrior tw (1) 63.89
3 9s624 Fun Tickets dw (12) 61.5.95
4 0s080 Captains Way dwh (8) 59.5.79
5 66694 Don't We Love It dw (5) 59.82
6 526s3 Sir Harry d (7) 58.90
7 9s048 San Raymond tch (11) 57.5.85 Ms N Summers
8 0s075 Lunar Spin dn (4) 57.75 Ms D Graham (a)
9 6s524 Sir Van Dyke tw (2) 56.5.86 Ms T Bannon

10 Blue River Landscape 8.20
\$17,000, Benchmark 69, 1100m

- 1 198s6 Shiranda tw (11) 63.5.79 Ms T Bannon
2 21144 Walk The Talk dwh (5) 60.95 Ms E Smith (a)
3 72663 District cw (10) 59.5.8

# Supercars team resources used to combat virus

MOTORSPORT by Laine Clark, AAP

BRISBANE — Supercars outfit Erebus Motorsport has emerged as an unlikely ally in the fight against coronavirus by developing and manufacturing medical equipment for hospitals.

With the season suspended until at least June due to the pandemic, the team have worked with Supercars medical delegate Carl Le to produce full face masks and a transparent box that fits over an infected patient's head, neck and chest to protect health care workers.

They have produced the devices in their Melbourne-based workshop and are preparing to distribute them nationally as soon as possible.

"It's a challenging time and all Australians need to do all they can to help," team chief executive Barry Ryan said.

"We are in a fortunate position where we have the ability to make this shift in our operations and help our health care workers and patients."

"One of our engineers has family isolated in Italy, so the effects of this virus have hit close to home for us."

Ryan said they used a 3D printer to design and develop the face masks "based on underwater snorkelling masks".

He said the transparent box helped isolate infected patients with two holes on the side to allow access for doctors and reduce the chance of transmission.

He said the cost-effective design for the box — which is already being trialled in two Melbourne hospitals — ensured they could produce up to 20 a day.

Team members are also investigating a two-way communication device for isolation rooms.

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Solution to CODE-CRACKER Extra 1098

## JUMBO CROSSWORD SOLUTION 1430

**ACROSS:** 1 Harms, 4 Fructose, 9 Tariff, 14 Tibia, 15 As straight as a die, 17 Balsa, 18 Nap, 19 Scrooge, 20 Racetrack, 21 Comedy, 24 Shoemaker, 25 Beetle, 26 Unsafe, 29 Memorandum, 31 Cut, 32 Supply, 33 Whim, 35 Top, 37 Book, 39 Notre-Dame, 40 Equipment, 41 Radar, 42 Newlywed, 47 Shoeless, 51 Bliss, 55 Balalaika, 56 Kidnapped, 58 Aged, 59 Awe, 60 Evil, 61 Smoker, 62 Tea, 63 Straighten, 66 Mugger, 67 Borsch, 69 Trafalgar, 72 Hasten, 73 Norwegian, 75 Boulder, 77 Die, 80 Rhine, 81 Turn over a new leaf, 82 Nerve, 83 Lessen, 84 Describe, 85 Screw.

**DOWN:** 2 Associate, 3 Motto, 5 Rage, 6 Catwalk, 7 Obstetrician, 8 Eider, 9 Treacle, 10 Ribs, 11 Fallow, 12 Ebony, 13 Tadpole, 14 Taverns, 16 As good as new, 22 Amidst, 23 Clipper, 24 Snorkel, 25 Better, 27 Achieve, 28 Sleuth, 30 Meek, 32 Spade, 34 Myths, 36 Epee, 38 Ode, 42 Noble, 43 Willing, 44 Yolk, 45 Enigma, 46 Vicar, 48 Old King Cole, 49 Leather, 50 See, 51 Backlog, 52 Sketch, 53 Advantageous, 54 Lass, 57 Pariah, 64 Exonerate, 65 Censure, 66 Maddens, 68 Shorten, 70 Amateur, 71 Recipe, 72 Hears, 74 World, 76 Lilac, 78 News, 79 Barb.

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# SUDOKU

SUDOKU is a logic puzzle made up of 81 squares on a 9x9 grid. To solve the puzzle, each row, column and 3x3 grid within the larger grid must end up containing each number from 1 to 9, and each number can only appear once in a row, column or box. A sudoku grid has a single unique solution, which can be reached without using guesswork.

SOLUTION IN NEXT PUBLICATION.

2	3	7	4	9	1	8	5	6
4	9	8	6	7	5	3	2	1
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## DOUBLE CROSSWORD No 10,952

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### CRYPTIC CLUES

#### ACROSS

- Cover nothing in the swimming pool (4)
- Jeers at soldier's home (8)
- Dishonest instrumentalist? (7)
- Cram with material (5)
- Two languages used in furniture-making (6,6)
- There's nothing to point out - there's a choice (6)
- Moneylender is mostly more certain (6)
- It is there for the asking (8,4)
- Fifty on the verge of the shelf (5)
- Rages if source of heat is changed (3,4)
- Fought, but consigned to the rubbish-dump (8)
- Fifty examples of supports? (4)

#### DOWN

- Withdraw twelve inches at the beginning of march (4,4)
- American city to steer clear of? (5)
- Sudden rap, but different (6)
- Inability to sleep could lessen stress (12)
- There's nothing in a swearer having a war-horse (7)
- Seat doesn't quite reach to this point (4)
- Wool-gathering? (5,2,5)
- They are on the move in an organised way (8)
- Rumble of trains in both underground stations (7)
- Half a couple? Not yet! (6)
- A team away (5)
- English and French articles used in preparing alcoholic drink (4)

### QUICK CLUES

#### ACROSS

- Brusque (4)
- Stratagem (8)
- Immediate (7)
- Adder (5)
- Surmising (12)
- Excavator (6)
- Austere (6)
- Goodly (12)
- Scope (5)
- Competitor (7)
- Counter (8)
- Remain (4)

#### DOWN

- Tally (8)
- Got up (5)
- Go round (6)
- Spineless (12)
- Touch (7)
- Merit (4)
- Inattention (12)
- Of late (8)
- Adult (5-2)
- Coming (6)
- Explosion (5)
- Threesome (4)

### SOLUTIONS TO PUZZLE 10,951

**QUICK**  
**Across:** 6 Prophet; 7 Alder; 9 Strip; 10 Reversed; 12 Differential; 14 Demonstrate; 18 Profess; 19 Vital; 21 Inter; 22 Willing.  
**Down:** 1 Wrath; 2 Sprite; 3 Met; 4 Fluent; 5 General; 8 Revelry; 11 Persist; 13 Bearing; 15 Offset; 16 Triple; 17 Taunt; 20 Dig.  
**CRYPTIC**  
**Across:** 6 Earshot; 7 Smart; 9 Actor; 10 Invoice; 12 Legal action; 14 Medical care; 18 Plumber; 19 Scorn; 21 Feast; 22 Handout.  
**Down:** 1 Match; 2 Ashore; 3 Top; 4 Import; 5 Tractor; 8 Infancy; 11 Manager; 13 Replied; 15 Inmost; 16 Recede; 17 Argue; 20 Lay.

Quick Crossword answers also fit the large grid

## THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

Tuesday, March 31, 2020 *by Eugenia Last*

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:**  
 Jessica Szohr, 35; Ewan McGregor, 49; Christopher Walken, 77; Shirley Jones, 86.

**Happy Birthday:**  
 Listen carefully; you'll find it easier to make the best decision. Learn from what you have experienced, and you'll know exactly how to navigate your way through the changes you encounter. Stay focused on what you want to achieve, and you'll get the results you want. A change will help you find new ways to use your skills and knowledge. Your numbers are 8, 11, 20, 24, 27, 38, 44.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):**  
 Don't expect things to go according to plan. Take a detour if it will get you where you want to go. Take pride in what you do, and don't worry about what others think. Choose the path that leads to your happiness. 4 stars

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):**  
 Uncertainty will cloud your vision and deter you from taking advantage of an opportunity if you hesitate. Listen to your heart, get the facts and do what you do best. Common sense won't lead you astray. Be responsible and show discipline. 4 stars

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):**  
 Talk is cheap if you don't follow through with your plans. Honesty and integrity will help you gain the respect of your peers. Be responsible, and maintain your status quo. Put greater emphasis on living a healthier lifestyle. Commitment is favored. 3 stars

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):**  
 A change of attitude will prompt others to do things your way. Positive influences will encourage you to look on the bright side of any situation you face. You'll shine if you offer solutions. Romance will enhance your life. 3 stars

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):**  
 Charm will get you further than force. If you don't like the options offered, do your own thing instead of getting into a debate over something you cannot change. Take care of your interests, health and financial well-being. 3 stars

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):**  
 You'll learn a lot if you attend events, conferences or meetings that can help you get ahead. Your appeal will grow if you offer your experience and solutions to people going through changes. A unique partnership looks promising. 4 stars

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):**  
 Stand tall, and don't skip a beat when dealing with matters that could easily spin out of control. Keep your emotions in check, and don't make a move without having an alternative plan in place. Discipline and targeted response will be required. 2 stars

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):**  
 Take an interest in what's going on around you. The people you meet and the contributions you make will bring good results. Bonding with someone quite different from you will help you recognize your true potential. Romance is favored. 5 stars

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):**  
 Put your energy to good use. A chance to make a positive change at home or to a partnership will pay off. The money you need will manifest if you are smart with your investments and you restrict your spending habits. 3 stars

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):**  
 Don't waste time on something that isn't going to help you get ahead. Do things you know will pay off and encourage success. A change to the way you live will help you save money and promote better relationships with loved ones. 3 stars

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):**  
 Keep your life and your plans simple. Look for ways to lower your overhead. Don't alter your life because someone else does. Baby steps will ensure you make progress. A friend or relative will offer unexpected insight. 5 stars

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):**  
 Use your imagination, and plan to have some fun. Getting together with someone you haven't seen in a long time will encourage you to get back to your roots. Love and romance along with personal improvement are favored. 2 stars

**Birthday Baby:**  
 You are positive, kind and generous. You are aggressive and open.

**STAR RATINGS**

**FIVE STARS:** Nothing can stop you now. Go for the gold.  
**FOUR STARS:** You can pretty much do as you please. It's a good time to start new projects.  
**THREE STARS:** If you focus your efforts, you will reach your goals.  
**TWO STARS:** You can accomplish a lot, but don't rely on others for help.  
**ONE STAR:** It's best to avoid conflicts. Work behind the scenes or read a good book.

# Player wage cuts and staff layoffs on agenda

RUGBY by Adrian Warren, AAP

SYDNEY — The sensitive issues of potential large player wage cuts and staff layoffs are among the big issues to be discussed at the Rugby Australia AGM today.

The meeting, from 10am (AEDT, midday NZ time) by video conference, is expected to provide some clarity on the issue.

Other sports, including Australian rules and netball, have already announced large short-term player pay cuts and stood down staff.

While some other sports have kept their players in the loop over potential wage

cuts, RA is understood not to have had any detailed discussions yet with the Rugby Union Players' Association (RUPA).

RA was to reveal its financial result for 2019 at today's annual general meeting.

It recorded a net surplus of \$A5.2m in 2018, but after the last AGM anticipated running at a loss in 2019 due to reductions in broadcast and match-day revenue because of a limited domestic test schedule in a World Cup year.

Revenue for 2020 year will be adversely affected by the Super Rugby tournament being suspended for the foreseeable future after seven rounds, and a delay to a proposed domestic competition in its place,

while doubt surrounds the test schedule later in the year.

The sport's global governing body, World Rugby, may be able to offer some financial support, although that has still to be determined.

Outside of the financial discussions, RA will today fill three positions on its board

Those positions are set to be taken by 1999 World Cup-winning Wallaby centre Dan Herbert, Virgin Blue co-founder Brett Godfrey and Supercars chairman Peter Wiggs.

Either Godfrey or Wiggs is tipped to take over as the chairman, a spot filled in an interim capacity since last month by former

Wallaby Paul McLean

He is one of the board's most senior directors, having served in that role for the past eight years after an almost five-year stint as RA president from 2005 to 2009.

McLean took over last month from previous incumbent Cameron Clyne, who is stepping down at the AGM

The new chairman is expected to take over from McLean mid-year, allowing a gradual transition into the role.

RA has plenty on its plate over the next year. On its list are finalising a new broadcast deal, bidding for the 2027 World Cup and tackling a looming new collective bargaining agreement.

# Lowe wants a reset to rid NRL of greed

RUGBY LEAGUE by Daniel Gilhooly, AAP

WELLINGTON — Rugby league great Graham Lowe says the coronavirus pandemic has unmasked a greed that has infiltrated the NRL.

He believes a fundamental reset should take place.

While adamant that sport "is insignificant behind humanity" in the problems caused by Covid-19, Lowe didn't hold back when asked to assess whether a reincarnated National Rugby League could be better structured.

The former Manly, Queensland and Kiwis coach said too many stakeholders had clawed themselves an influential voice in the running of the game.

Clubs and the NRL itself were now top-heavy with staff, and the imbalance was exposed by the pandemic, Lowe said.

"We can all see it now — there's been a greed that's infected the game, a greed from players, from coaches, from player agents and clubs," Lowe told AAP.

"I think it's been disgusting and whatever happens in the future, someone's got to be strong enough to make sure that greed never infects the game again.

"For example, coaches have got to be totally de-powered. They're not the oracles they think they are on the game."

Lowe, who was chief executive at Manly a decade ago, said he had to go back to more than 20 years ago, when Ken Arthurson ran a tight rugby league ship in Australia, for the ideal set-up.

Arthurson's hard-nosed attitude wouldn't have let struggling clubs be continually bailed out by grants and other support mechanisms, Lowe said.



**NEW START:** Graham Lowe says the NRL needs a reset to get rid of the greed that he says has infected the game. Northern Advocate file picture by John Stone

A central cash reserve would probably have been established.

He said only clubs that could survive through their own crowd figures and sponsorship should remain in a new-look competition, hailing Brisbane Broncos as the only club that could be classified as strong.

Lowe said the game's bosses should dispense with the salary cap and introduce a structure along the lines of the English Premier League, even if that resulted in fewer teams.

"I know that broadcasting has a major part to play but weak clubs shouldn't be allowed to be involved," he said.

"You've got to have a situation where

the clubs can actually stand on their own two feet, without the support of the governing body.

"Most clubs would agree, they could run on a fraction of their staff for a start. You've got assistant coaches for the assistants."

Lowe feared he would sound like a curmudgeon but he believed the influx of business people running rugby league had removed some of its essence for fans.

"The game was embarrassed about itself because they felt there were too many blokes with broken noses and cauliflower ears in positions of control.

"We've totally failed to recognise the wisdom of those blokes."

# Smith's leadership ban ends

CRICKET

SYDNEY — Steve Smith's two-year leadership ban ended quietly yesterday, leaving him eligible to again captain Australia at a time of uncertainty over when international cricket will resume.

Smith was stripped of the captaincy and banned from leading Australia for two years over his involvement in the 2018 ball-tampering scandal in South Africa. His sentence ended yesterday and he can again captain Australia if called upon.

Australian players were due this week to conclude a series of matches in New Zealand and, for some, to join the Indian Premier League (IPL). But it wasn't clear yesterday if the IPL would take place this year or when international matches would resume. Australia's scheduled mid-year tours to England and Bangladesh are in doubt.

Smith told Channel Nine television's Sports Sunday he was doing his best to stay mentally and physically fit, training in his home gym, going on 10-kilometre runs

and practising the guitar.

"It's obviously not looking likely (the IPL will go ahead) at the moment," the 30-year-old Smith said.

"I'm just trying to stay physically and mentally fit and fresh and if it goes ahead at some point, then great.

"And if not, there's plenty going on in the world at the moment . . . so just play it day by day."

It seems unlikely Smith will return to the captaincy when cricket resumes. Tim Paine is firmly established as Australia's test captain and at 35 is not immediately considering retirement. Aaron Finch has captained Australia successfully in white-ball cricket.

Smith is seen by many in the sport as the outstanding batsman of his generation, with a test average of 62.84 runs and 26 centuries. He has played 125 one-day internationals for Australia and averages 42.46.

The conclusion of Smith's ban ends the period of upheaval in Australian cricket that followed the ball-tampering incident in the

second test at Cape Town in 2018, when Cameron Bancroft, with the knowledge of Smith and his vice-captain David Warner, used sandpaper to change the condition of the ball.

Smith and Warner received one-year bans from international and most domestic cricket and Bancroft was banned for nine months. The scandal also resulted in the resignation of coach Darren Lehmann and the departure of Cricket Australia's chief executive, James Sutherland.

Warner remains under a career-long leadership ban.

Meanwhile, Cricket Australia (CA) has delayed the announcement of its annual list of contracted players because of the financial uncertainty caused by the coronavirus outbreak.

CA had planned to bring forward the announcement from May to April to give more certainty to state cricket associations. But the announcement has now been delayed at least until the end of April with the agreement of the Australian Cricket Players' Association. — AP



## WINNING NUMBERS

DRAW No. 1946

BONUS NUMBER

WINNING NUMBERS 02 03 19 35 37 39 23

Total Lotto prizes \$7,159,253

DIVISION	PRIZE MONEY	No. OF WINNERS
ONE 6 winning Nos	ROLLOVER	0
TWO 5 winning Nos plus the Bonus No.	\$0	0
THREE 5 winning Nos	\$2403	10
FOUR 4 winning Nos plus the Bonus No.	\$140	25
FIVE 4 winning Nos	\$69	516
SIX 3 winning Nos plus the Bonus No.	\$44	730
SEVEN 3 winning Nos	Bonus Ticket	7196



WINNING NUMBERS 03 02 39 19

Total Strike prizes \$491,749

TOTAL	PRIZE MONEY	No. OF WINNERS
Four out of Four	ROLLOVER	0
Three out of Four	\$754	29
Two out of Four	\$66	1852
One out of Four	Bonus Ticket	47,651



WINNING NUMBER 10

Total Powerball prizes \$2,084,249

DIVISION	PRIZE MONEY	No. OF WINNERS
ONE Lotto Division 1 + winning Powerball No.	\$1,000,000	0
TWO Lotto Division 2 + winning Powerball No.	\$32,049	4
THREE Lotto Division 3 + winning Powerball No.	\$710	179
FOUR Lotto Division 4 + winning Powerball No.	\$59	492
FIVE Lotto Division 5 + winning Powerball No.	\$36	7152
SIX Lotto Division 6 + winning Powerball No.	\$23	10,812
SEVEN	Bonus Ticket + \$15.00	104,924

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The Gisborne Herald does not make any assurances as to the accuracy of this information. Please check your tickets at a Lotto shop.



**FLAME BEARER:** In this March 20 photo, Tokyo 2020 Olympics chief Yoshiro Mori carries the Olympic flame during the Flame Arrival Ceremony at Japan Air Self-Defence Force Matsushima Base in Higashimatsushima in Miyagi Prefecture, north of Tokyo. Olympics organisers seem to be leaning away from starting the rescheduled Games in the spring of 2021. More and more, the signs point towards the summer of 2021.

AP picture

# Summer 2021 looking likely

OLYMPICS by Stephen Wade, AP

TOKYO — Tokyo Olympics organisers seem to be leaning towards starting the rescheduled Games in the Japanese summer of 2021.

Organising committee president Yoshiro Mori suggested there would be no major change from 2020.

“The Games are meant to be in summer, so we should be thinking of a time between June and September,” Japanese news agency Kyodo reported Mori saying on Saturday.

International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Thomas Bach, after the postponement was announced in Switzerland on Tuesday, left open the possibility of spring dates.

The postponed Games were to have opened on July 24 and closed on August 9.

Mori suggested some decisions could be made as early as this week when the organising committee’s executive board meets.

Any decision will be made between local organisers (LOC) and the IOC, and hundreds of sponsors, sports federations and broadcasters.

Athletes have been left in limbo by the postponement, with many forced to

stop training because of the spreading coronavirus.

Even those who can train have no idea about how to schedule training to reach peak fitness at the right time.

Mori and organising committee chief executive Toshiro Muto have both said the added cost of rescheduling will be “enormous”.

Early estimates put those costs at between \$US2 billion \$3 billion, with the several levels of Japanese governments likely to foot most of the bills.

Tokyo organisers say they are spending \$12.6 billion to stage the Games.

However, a government audit report has said it will cost at least twice that much with all but \$5.6b being public money.

“The extra cost that will arise from this postponement is inevitable,” Mori wrote in a letter addressed to the 33 international federations of sports that make up the Tokyo Games programme.

Deciding who will bear these costs, and how, will be major challenges.

The Switzerland-based IOC has contributed \$1.3b to organise the Games in Japan, according to LOC documents.

It has a reserve fund of about \$2b for such emergencies and also has insurance coverage.



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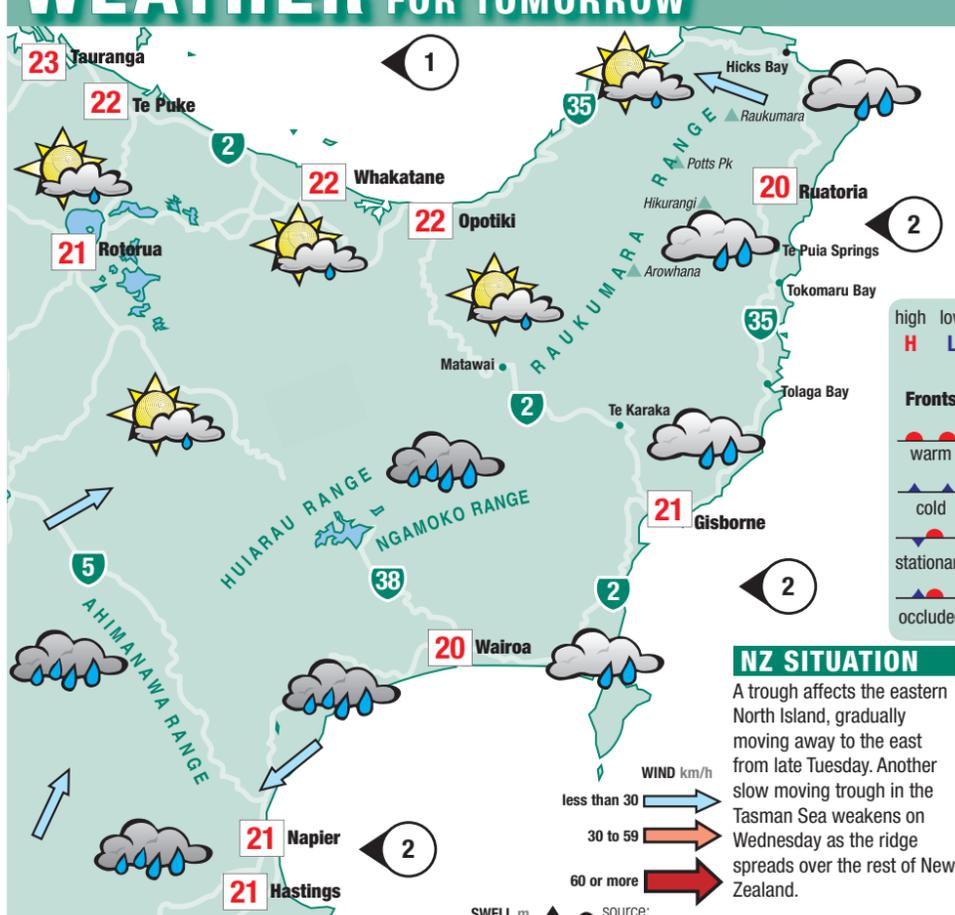
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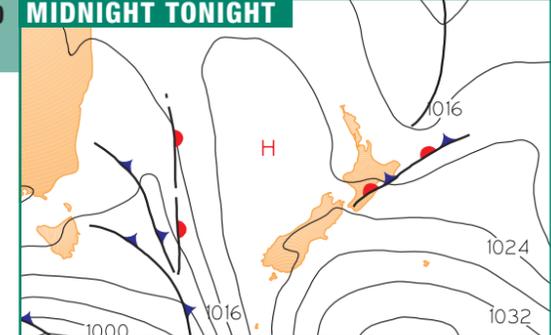
## WEATHER FOR TOMORROW

30 Mar, 2020

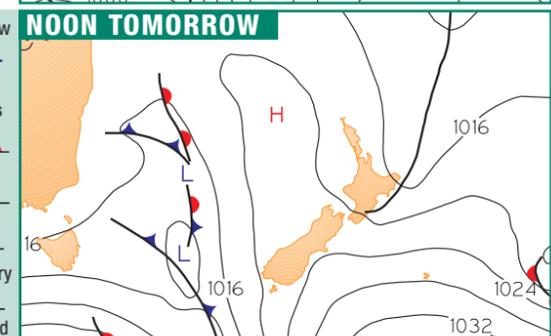


**NZ SITUATION**  
A trough affects the eastern North Island, gradually moving away to the east from late Tuesday. Another slow moving trough in the Tasman Sea weakens on Wednesday as the ridge spreads over the rest of New Zealand.

### MIDNIGHT TONIGHT



### NOON TOMORROW



### GIBSORNE TIDE MOVEMENT

Tuesday Mar 31			Wednesday Apr 1		
Time	Level	Direction	Time	Level	Direction
Hicks Bay	H 12:08pm	↑	Hicks Bay	H 12:35am	↑
Hicks Bay	L 6:10am	↓	Hicks Bay	L 6:57am	↓
Waipiro Bay	H 12:01pm	↑	Waipiro Bay	H 12:28am	↑
Waipiro Bay	L 5:43am	↓	Waipiro Bay	L 6:30am	↓
Tolaga Bay	H 11:49am	↑	Tolaga Bay	H 12:16am	↑
Tolaga Bay	L 5:31am	↓	Tolaga Bay	L 6:18am	↓
Gisborne	H 11:48am	↑	Gisborne	H 12:12am	↑
Gisborne	L 5:39am	↓	Gisborne	L 6:24am	↓
Wairoa	H 11:37am	↑	Wairoa	H 12:22pm	↑
Wairoa	L 5:27am	↓	Wairoa	L 6:13am	↓

### SUN-MOON-MAORI FISHING GUIDE

Icon	Time	Icon	Time
☀	Rise 7:21 am Set 7:02 pm	☀	Rise 7:22 am Set 7:01 pm
🌙	Rise 1:25 pm Set 11:06 pm	🌙	Rise 2:23 pm Set 11:58 pm
🐟	Best at 5:51 am 6:16 pm	🐟	Best at 6:43 am 7:10 pm

### GIBSORNE READINGS

Taken at the Airport, for the 24 hours to 9am, Monday 30 Mar 2020

<b>SUNSHINE</b> hours	4.5
On Sunday, 29 Mar	
To date for March	177.6
Average for March	179.0
To date this year	727.7
To date last year	776.0

**WIND** km/h

Max gust on Sun 29 Mar SE 24

**RAINFALL** mm

24 hours to 9am, Mon 30 Mar 25.4

To date for March 71.8

Average for March 102.0

To date this year 133.4

To date last year 206.6

**EVAPOTRANSPIRATION** mm

Daily average for past week 2.7

**TEMPERATURE** °C

Maximum 18.8

Minimum 10.9

Grass minimum 5.2

**BAROMETRIC PRESSURE**

At 9am 30 Mar (hPa) 1022.2

At 9am 30 Mar (inches) 30.19

### WORLD TOMORROW

Adelaide	fine	12 23
Amsterdam	fine	1 8
Bangkok	fine	28 36
Beijing	cloudy	7 21
Berlin	fine	-3 7
Brisbane	thunder	20 30
Buenos Aires	drizzle	19 25
Cairo	fine	22 30
Canberra	fog	11 24
Cape Town	showers	12 21
Delhi	thunder	18 31
Frankfurt	fine	-3 9
Geneva	fine	-1 7
Hong Kong	showers	22 27
London	cloudy	4 10
Los Angeles	fine	12 27
Melbourne	fine	13 22
Moscow	snow	-3 -1
New York	fine	7 11
Paris	fine	3 12
Perth	fine	14 27
Singapore	fine	24 35
Stockholm	rain	-5 7
Suva	thunder	24 32
Sydney	fine	18 25
Tokyo	cloudy	6 17
Toronto	cloudy	3 8

### GIBSORNE CITY

TOMORROW	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
morning min 12 Morning rain, heavy falls, clearing. Light winds. max 21	morning min 11 Cloudy periods, one or two showers. Southerlies. max 21	morning min 12 Showers. Southerlies. max 20

### GIBSORNE REGION

TOMORROW	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning rain, heavy falls, clearing. Light winds.	Isolated showers. Southerlies.	Showers. Southerlies.	Showers. Southerlies.

### GIBSORNE SUN PROTECTION ALERT

10:30 AM - 3:50 PM PROTECTION REQUIRED

Even on cloudy days  
Data provided by NIWA

### TODAY IN HISTORY

**1910** – Waihi recorded phenomenal rainfall totals during the early hours of the morning. In the 12 hours to 7am 308.6mm of rain fell, with rainfall intensities of up to 55.6mm per hour. Water rushed down the Karangahake Gorge, and flooded Paeroa and the surrounding land.

For the latest weather info including Weather Warnings visit [metSERVICE.com](http://metSERVICE.com)



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**PLANS DISRUPTED:** Quaid Thompson in action on the Waimata River during the New Zealand Kayak Marathon Championships in Gisborne last April. His international schedule will be disrupted by the coronavirus pandemic. File picture by Liam Clayton

# Effects will be felt long after lockdown ends

## KAYAKING by John Gillies

EFFECTS of the coronavirus pandemic on world kayaking will be felt long after people come out of lockdown, Poverty Bay Kayak Club coach Alan Thompson says.

"I can see things taking a long time to return to normal," he said yesterday.

"The under-23 canoe sprint world championships haven't been cancelled yet, but they will be.

"Alicia (Hoskin) and Quaid (Thompson, Alan's son) would have gone.

"Last week was all about the Olympic Games being postponed. The under-23 champs were going to be just a couple of weeks before Tokyo (in Brandenburg, Germany, from July 16 to 19) . . . I think they've just been waiting for Tokyo to be put to bed.

"All the world cup regattas have gone already. You'd have to say anything that was scheduled for the next six

months will be gone."

Thompson, a double gold medallist at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, said he could not see international competition resuming immediately after nations came out of lockdown.

"You'll always have the risk of reinfection until the virus is eradicated everywhere or a vaccine is developed.

"I can see us going to Europe again next year, but only if we are completely clear or people have access to a vaccine. It could be a while."

While the New Zealand Olympic Committee last week welcomed the news that qualifying spots already earned would be retained for the Games in 2021, Thompson said the situation was not clear-cut for kayaking.

In Olympic qualification events in Sydney last month, Gisborne's Quaid Thompson qualified a boat by winning the K1 1000-metre qualification race. However, Curtis Imrie and Max Brown qualified a K2 1000m boat

as well, and New Zealand can send only two paddlers as a result of the Oceania Qualification, as prescribed by International Canoe Federation rules.

New Zealand's international ranking is higher in the K2 than in the K1 over that distance, so Thompson would be likely to miss out. His best chance of making the Olympics then would be to win an international last-chance qualifying race in Europe. But that has been postponed, with no word yet on when it will go ahead.

Also racing in Sydney last month were Danielle Watson and Gisborne's Alicia Hoskin, seeking a Games spot in the K2 500m. They did not qualify.

Since then they have taken part in trials for the K4 seats that were qualified by the New Zealand paddlers through the world championships.

The women's K4 team members have yet to be announced.



**UNCERTAIN TIMES:** Alicia Hoskin could have expected to be travelling to the world under-23 kayak sprint championships in Brandenburg, Germany, this year, but they now look likely to be postponed or cancelled. File picture by Paul Rickard