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Lois Tomuri with two of the stars of the Amazing Dinosaur Discovery interactive experience being set up on the old St Mary's School site on Childers Road yesterday. The show will run for the next four weekends from tomorrow. Spokeswoman Jeni Hou says there will be more than 30 life-size dinosaurs. "They can move and they can roam — the most realistic dinosaurs in the world from the same manufacturer who made the Jurassic (Park/World movie) creatures." The show has travelled from the US to New Zealand, visiting all the major cities and towns. "It's a unique experience for the children and families to meet with these famous dinosaurs." Ms Hou said most people's favourite is the Tyrannosaurus Rex. A 12-metre neck of the giant Brachiosaurus and robotic raptors are among the highlights. Picture by Rebecca Grunwell

A CASE FOR FORESTRY

Report 'a clear refutation' of anti-forestry statements

by Murray Robertson

CLAIMS that forestry destroys local communities and jobs are refuted in a PricewaterhouseCooper (PwC) report.

The report also indicates forestry has on average a larger economic value per hectare than pastoral farming.

The report, titled *The Economic Impact of Forestry in New Zealand*, was produced for the Ministry of Primary Industries and data in it is based on 2018 figures.

Business analysts PwC compared the economic and employment output of forestry with sheep and beef farming, and also looked at carbon forestry and a mix of land use.

NZ Forest Owners Association (NZFOA) said the report was a clear and objective refutation of widespread statements in the media recently

claiming forestry destroys local communities and jobs.

"PwC has found forestry makes more than double a value chain impact than sheep and beef farming in both value-add by land use and also in providing employment," the forest owners said.

Farmers have argued for some time that their industry employs more people and is more valuable to the economy than forestry, and that increased forestry would reduce employment in rural communities.

Concern has also been voiced around the sale of farmland to forestry interests.

The PwC report states: "From the modelling we have done as part of this report, we conclude that on average the forestry value chain has a larger economic impact per hectare than the sheep and beef value chain."

The key challenge in the comparison

between forestry and farming was the "dramatic" difference in production cycles of each type of land — annual for sheep and beef; multi-decade for forestry," the report says.

A statement from the NZFOA says graphs in the report are "overwhelmingly clear" that forestry is a far better employer and income earner than sheep and beef on the same area of land — "even without considering carbon prices".

"The report indicates restricting conversion to forestry is destructive and not beneficial to local communities, which is something forestry companies have been saying for ages . . . now it is confirmed."

The report also says the Overseas Investment Office has not approved any sale of New Zealand farmland for carbon farming.

"Carbon farming may be the only

feasible use of some highly erosion-prone land not suitable for farming. Native trees will replace the pines over time," say the forest owners.

On carbon farming the report summary indicates that with carbon unit prices at or in the range of \$25, permanent carbon forestry can offer comparable returns to plantation forestry . . . "and both can offer superior returns to sheep and beef farming".

"The GDP (gross domestic product) impacts, however, are materially different," the report states.

"A move from plantation to permanent carbon forestry significantly reduces the GDP impacts and reduces employment impacts to negligible levels.

"This is the natural effect of converting land to a use that is not economically productive."

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90-PILE BEACH

AN aerial view of piles of forestry slash and other debris stacked along the Tolaga Bay beachfront and ready for burning hopefully today, weather permitting.

Thousands of tonnes of debris washed on to the beach in the wake of the heavy rain last month.

Driftwood on the beach was disposed of by burning last year and in the wake of the June 2018 floods.

“Those burns were carried out safely and without issues,” said principal rural fire officer and Tolaga Bay fire chief Ray Dever.

“There was bit of a smoke issue last

year in the township because the wind died right out but while it was discussed afterwards, there were no official complaints.

“I am very comfortable with the plans to burn the debris again this year on the northern section of the beach. After all, it’s not rocket science but it will depend on the weather.”

Mr Dever said contractors had stacked up about 90 heaps of driftwood, of varying sizes on the beach north of the Uawa river mouth.

“The debris on the southern side of the Uawa River will be pushed back up into the dunes and buried.”



A SIMPLE MESSAGE: “Party Vote Green” is the message from the Greens Ikaroa-Rawhiti candidate Dr Elizabeth Kerekere (left) and East Coast candidate Meredith Akuhata-Brown. They launch their campaign at Te Poho-o-Rawiri Marae tomorrow.
Picture by Paul Rickard

Greens good to go

by Wynsley Wrigley

GISBORNE Greens launch their East Coast and Ikaroa-Rawhiti election campaigns tomorrow confident of contributing to a re-elected left-of-centre coalition government.

East Coast candidate Meredith Akuhata-Brown, a Gisborne district councillor and Hauora Tairawhiti board member, needs little introduction to most voters.

Ikaroa-Rawhiti candidate Dr Elizabeth Kerekere describes herself as another staunch Maori woman who lives in Kaiti.

Dr Kerekere serves as kaiwhakakaere or administrator for the party’s Maori network Te Ropu Pounamu, which means she works with the Green Party caucus in Wellington.

At No.9 on the list, Dr Kerekere will become an MP if the Greens get 7 percent of the party vote.

The country’s most recent poll, the 1News Colmar Brunton poll from last week, put the party at 5 percent.

Dr Kerekere said because of her work with the Green Party caucus, if elected “I will hit the ground running”.

Both candidates are confident of reaching the 5 percent threshold that will allow the Greens to return to Parliament.

“Our core base will always ensure we get back in,” said Dr Kerekere.

Questioned about the poor record of Maori voting Green, Dr Kerekere said if people wanted to continue their historical voting record for Labour and for Ikaroa Rawhiti MP Meka Whaitiri having a last term before retiring, they

could party vote Green.

“They will get me as well — a local woman who lives in Kaiti from all of the local iwi. We can work together.”

Dr Kerekere said most New Zealanders did not support Labour ruling with an absolute majority but wanted a collaborative coalition government.

“We are the obvious choice for that.” Mrs Akuhata-Brown said the Greens had achieved much in the last Parliament in respect of climate change action, conservation and the Zero Carbon Bill.

The party had worked tirelessly and ensured the Government was kept accountable on the environment.

She encouraged the public to “have a good look at our policies”.

The party wanted Kiwis to “take an active participatory role in their citizenship when it comes to the governance of New Zealand”.

Mrs Akuhata-Brown has temporarily stepped down from the Hauora Tairawhiti board. Parliamentary candidates are legally obliged do this a month before election day as health boards, unlike councils, are Crown entities.

Tomorrow’s campaign launch is at Te Poho-o-Rawiri Marae.

Mrs Akuhata-Brown said family, whanau and supporters were welcome to attend from 5pm, with the campaign opening starting at 5.30pm.

Retiring Green Party MP Gareth Hughes, who was born and bred in Gisborne and gave his valedictory speech in Parliament on Wednesday, is the guest speaker.

LOOKING AHEAD

TOMORROW weekender

SHOW US THE MONEY



FOCUS ON THE LAND

- Prices and comment from today’s sheep sale at Matawhero — 1600 head thereabouts.
- More pictures from the J and T Hickey Charity sheep dog trials.
- FWT held a successful “Thriving Farming Women” workshop earlier this week — Join the ‘tribe’.

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KA-CHING!

\$15m in online spending over Covid-19 lockdown

by Andrew Ashton

GISBORNE residents spent millions of dollars on online purchases over the Covid-19 lockdown period, new research shows.

NZ Post's new eCommerce Spotlight research, conducted with Datamine, shows shoppers in Gisborne had an average basket size of \$115 per transaction during lockdown and spent over \$15 million over the three-month period.

Online shopping in Gisborne during the lockdown months of April, May and June was up 64 percent from the same period last year.

That was significantly higher than the national average of 46 percent and of Auckland (53 percent) and Wellington (52 percent).

"Early indications signal that Covid-19 has forever changed the way Kiwis shop, with online shopping remaining about 30 percent up on this time last year," NZ Post business marketing general manager Chris Wong said.

"Buying your groceries and other everyday items online and having

them delivered has become the new norm for many.

"This change in shopping behaviour is reflected in our findings. In Gisborne, the fastest growing online shopping categories were homewares, appliances and electronics, which grew a massive 105 percent, and speciality food, groceries and liquor, which grew almost 100 percent over the three months.

"In Gisborne, spending on computers experienced exponential growth of more than 700 percent over the three months, peaking at 1000 percent in May.

"This speaks to the lifestyle change we all experienced, where suddenly we were working and studying from home.

"Nationally, online spending peaked in late April, with New Zealanders spending over \$200 million online as the country moved to Alert Level 3.

"This resulted in NZ Post receiving over 3.5 million parcels in the first two weeks of Alert Level 3 — about 200 parcels per minute.

"One of the trends Kiwi retailers will be most happy about has been



DELIVERING THE GOODS: NZ Post courier driver Cretina Adams loads up another online purchase for delivery. Online spending by Gisborne residents over the three-month lockdown period was up by 64 percent from the same period last year.

Picture by Liam Clayton

the continuation to buy local, with domestic online sales making up 71 percent of all online shopping.

"This is a trend that we expect to see in the months ahead, particularly as the rest of the world continues to deal with the pandemic."

Gisborne resident and twice-a-week online shopper Rebecca Grunwell said her main reason for shopping online was better choice

of items.

"You do want to buy local but they don't have the brands here. I still go shopping locally and so do my friends, so we do support local and online as well.

"Things are predominantly going online anyway, it's quite sad really. There's nothing quite like going into a shop and buying something.

"It would be interesting to know how many things went back

because the online shops I shop with are the ones where you can send stuff back."

Fellow shopper Ashleigh Richards said she usually bought online once a week, with convenience and choice the main drawcards.

"It's just easy and there's more variety than in town and it's delivered to your door.

"You can also do it late at night, outside of work hours."

Game-changer roading project ends

A \$10m project to improve local roads has been completed, Gisborne District Council says.

Part of the Government's Provincial Growth Fund's \$54.2m local roading package, the \$10m improved network resilience project has been done on time and within budget.

Hailed as a game-changer to the region's rural road network leading up to last winter, the project focused on proactive maintenance and repairs in areas hardest hit by intense logging and weather events.

"This was our first PGF project

to get under way and it signalled the Government's intention to support regions like Tairāwhiti to grow and prosper," Gisborne Mayor Rehette Stoltz said.

"The project boosted employment in the local roading industry, generated training for local people and kept key transport routes operational.

"It allowed us to focus on priority rural roads and start working with locally-based roading contractors to scale up and increase capability to produce the results we're seeing now."

Works included upgrading over

50 culverts and drainage works on hundreds of rural roads. A total of \$3.3m of heavy metal was laid into priority unsealed roads.

The package also included the Waimata Valley Road seal extension and last year's \$3m upgrade to Gisborne city's CBD in time for the international spotlight of the Te Ha commemorations.

GDC has distributed about \$30m of PGF funds into the local road network across 15 different projects and over 150 people are working on PGF projects at any one time.

Nearly fainted over \$18,000 Lotto win

"A DEAR old lady" almost fainted when she discovered she was the lucky winner of a second division Lotto prize in Gisborne yesterday.

It was unclear what the prize money of \$18,084 from Wednesday night's draw would be used for as the lady seemed "still in shock", a Lytton West Post and Lotto staff member told The Gisborne Herald.

The staff member, who helped the lady into a chair before filling out the claim form, said it was "a very exciting" moment.

The winner in her 80s and a regular customer, although this time she had bought her ticket at Pak'nSave Supermarket but took it to Lytton West to check it.

Lytton West Post and Lotto is owned by Caro Whiteman.

Council to block informal access to Makorori Beach

BOULDERS are to be installed as a temporary measure to stop people in vehicles using informal accessways to get on to and drive along Makorori Beach.

The Gisborne District Council action is in response to the issues of damage to sand dunes from vehicles and rubbish being dumped under trees in the dunes.

"We are looking at allocating funding through the next Long Term Plan to install bollards along the dunes to control vehicle access," GDC liveable spaces manager De-Arne Sutherland said. "This approach is consistent with other beach

areas. We're also having discussions with NZTA (New Zealand Transport Agency) about closing informal accessways."

GDC 4 waters operations manager Chris Hopman said cars driven on the dunes had an effect on the environment, particularly coastal plantings and birdlife.

"While cars being driven on the beach is not desirable in terms of coastal management, the effects are minor as the next tide takes away visible evidence and no sand is removed.

"The beach area is classified as a road and enforcement is a police matter."

Utting, Prince best on day 1

WAIMATA dog triallist Merv Utting and his well-performed partner Prince recorded the top score on day one of the J and T Hickey Charity sheepdog trials yesterday in the RDA pavilion at Showgrounds Park.

The combination scored 98 points in their run to qualify for tomorrow's final, followed by Bex Scragg and Floss 96 from Tiniroto, Graeme Cook and Bill 92.5 from Te Karaka, and Allen Irwin and Dot 92 from Te Karaka.

Four more finalists will be found today

from 70-odd runs, and then two more in the morning from the remaining runs.

The event has attracted 170 entries this year.

Event organiser Laurence Rau said they have triallists and dogs here from all over the North Island, many of them will be in action today and in the morning.

"We hope to get the final under way at about midday tomorrow and it should be finished by 2pm."

NEW PERMANENT SPEED LIMITS

STATE HIGHWAY 35 GISBORNE TO TE PUIA SPRINGS TOWNSHIPS AND BEACHES

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency advises permanent new speed limits have now been set for the township and beach sections of SH35 between Gisborne and Te Puia Springs.

From 8 September 2020, the permanent speed limits are:

Tamarau: 20m northwest of Coldstream Road to 60m east of Wheatstone Road – **60km/h**

Okitu Township: 100m southwest of Wairere Road to 390m north of Sirrah Street – **60km/h**

Makorori to Pouawa: 390m north of Sirrah Street to 400m south of Pouawa Bridge – **80km/h**

Turihau and Pouawa beaches (seasonal): 600m south of Turihau Bridge to 400m south of Pouawa Bridge – **60km/h** (This seasonal speed limit is from 20 December to 1 February.)

The setting of the permanent speed limits follows public consultation. We thank everyone who provided feedback.

Following submissions on Te Puia Springs Township and further analysis of our technical data, we've decided to reconsider the proposed speed limit change on this section. We're planning to re-consult with the Te Puia Springs community about a new proposed speed limit.

We'll provide information on the times and locations for this event in the coming months.

For more information, visit:

nzta.govt.nz/sh35-gisborne-speed-review

FAMILY NOTICES

Deaths

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GILROY, Heather Vivienne. — 21.7.1944 - 7.8.2020. Lovingly surrounded by family, after a brief illness. Mum and Dad together again on another camping adventure playing cards. The funeral service will be held at Evans Chapel, Ormond Road, at 10.30am on Monday 10th August, followed by private cremation.

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



SMITH, Lesley Ann Bertram. — 20.6.1947 - 4.8.2020. Passed peacefully at home, surrounded by cats, dogs and loved ones. Cherished Daughter of Marion and Bert Smith. Loving Wife to Mary Evans. A funeral for Lesley is to be held at Tauranga Park, 383 Pyes Pa Road, Tauranga, on Tuesday, the 11th of August at 1.30pm. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Waipuna Hospice online - www.waipunahospice.org.nz/donate All communication to the family of Lesley Smith, C/- PO Box 3136, Greerton, Tauranga 3142



TAKING A STAND: Cut-outs with signs that read “missing care workers” are held by E tu union support members Vanessa Tupou (left), Josephine Culshaw, Shannon George, Mary O’Neill and E tu organiser Thomas O’Neill at a picket outside Te Wiremu House lifecare and Village yesterday. The protest was to highlight the nationwide problem of understaffing in aged care facilities. Picture by Paul Rickard

Call to address ‘chronic understaffing’

by Mark Peters

A PICKET line outside Te Wiremu House yesterday was to support an E tu union campaign for safer staffing levels in aged care.

Not having enough staff makes it hard to provide safe care, said E tu delegate and Te Wiremu House aged care worker Josephine Culshaw.

“You’re very quick — just getting what you need to get done and moving onto the next resident.”

Staffing levels in aged care homes are not mandatory and voluntary guidelines are outdated, with as few as three staff for more than 60 residents, says an E tu media

statement. The picket was held as part of the union’s national #safestaffingnow campaign.

There were no set guidelines as to ratio of caregivers to residents, said Ms Culshaw.

“As in any job, if you’re down a staff member or the facility is full, you’d like an extra person to be available. But there is no law to say how many people they have to provide.”

Without mandatory staffing levels, it was hard to get the company to take workers’ concerns seriously.

The picket was not directed at the facility’s manager whose boss is the home’s owner, Heritage Lifecare Group, Ms Culshaw said.

“It’s not a personal thing about our facility or our manager. It’s not an attack on our

workplace. This is to support all rest home facilities.”

The impact of the Covid-19 alert level response highlighted the importance of aged care when facilities found themselves chronically understaffed, said E tu regional union staff organiser, Thomas O’Neil.

“We’ve met with DHB managers and orderlies to discuss the difficulty of doing a job when understaffed.”

It is all very well “to give a clap and a chocolate fish” but the sector was in crisis, he said.

A group of working caregivers will present a petition to Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, calling on the government to introduce mandatory staffing levels.

Riverdale arrest

A TEENAGER was arrested by police at midday yesterday after an alleged robbery in Taruheru Crescent in Riverdale.

Police were called to the street at around 12.20pm.

“Inquiries were conducted and an 18-year-old youth was taken into custody,” police said.

“He will appear in the Gisborne District Court today charged with theft and bail breach.”

No further details were available when The Herald went to print today.

‘Anti-farming’ concerns

by Murray Robertson

FEDERATED Farmers is not “anti-forestry”, says provincial president Toby Williams.

He was responding to comments from the NZ Forest Owners Association (NZFOA) relating to a PricewaterhouseCooper (PwC) report on the economic impact of forestry in New Zealand.

The report was produced for the Ministry of Primary Industries.

Mr Williams expressed concern about the apparent “anti-farming” tone of the forest owners association comments.

“Many pastoral farmers have pine plantations on areas of their farms that were unproductive for pastoral farming, and forestry was the most suitable option.

“We advocate for the most suitable areas to be planted, not whole communities.”

Mr Williams said there was no doubt that forestry had a higher economic return per hectare than pastoral farming.

“We don’t need a PWC report to tell us that.”

The NZFOA stated in their response to the report that forestry was “overwhelmingly a better employer than farming”.

“Yes, at harvest time they are,” Mr Williams said.

“But in the 30 years those trees are in the ground they are only visited a few times for planting, pruning and thinning.

“If they are truly such amazing employers why are East coast townships like Ruatoria, Tokomaru Bay, Hicks Bay, Tolaga Bay and so on, not the bustling townships they used to be up to the time of wholesale forestry conversions in the 1970s, ‘80s and ‘90s?”

“Clearly with the statements made by FOA and the Eastland Wood Council,

they are prepared for the city of Gisborne to befall the same fate as our coastal townships.”

He said the PwC report was strong on the value add to forestry.

“In our region where is that? Over 90 percent of our harvested timber is exported in its raw format — a log.

“Most attempts to add value in Tairāwhiti have ended in the company that was supposed to be adding the value going broke.

“Our sheep and beef value-adding companies, Affco and Ovation, are big employers. They have not gone broke adding value to our businesses.

“It goes to show that we can be competitive on the global stage when we are supplying products that have value added to people who desire that value-add,” Mr Williams said.

“If overseas customers wanted the forestry products in a different form, other than logs, it stands to reason that we would be doing that here now and doing it successfully. The fact of the matter is that we cannot compete efficiently with the ability of offshore processing of our logs which is why we export logs.”

Mr Williams said there was also no such thing as ‘permanent’ carbon forestry.

“Pine trees have a limited life of maybe 50 to 60 years before they stop absorbing carbon and start falling down and releasing that carbon back into the atmosphere.

“They are a Band-aid to prop up multi-national companies’ emissions from burning fossil fuels.

“If we were to plant our most erodable country into pines for carbon farming — as suggested by the FOA — what happens when these trees start to fall down, at the end of their lives, into our waterways and our gullies?”

“We would have the Uawa environmental catastrophe on steroids.

The most erodable land that we have should be put into natives and natives only.”

Mr Williams said he felt the forest owners association and Eastland Wood Council needed to be honest with the public.

“They are there to represent the interests of their members. We at Gisborne/Wairoa Federated Farmers are doing the same.

“The only difference is who our members are.

“We represent predominantly small landholders who live and work in our region.

“We do have members who are absentee owners of land. They, however, have staff living and working the land that represent them here,” he said.

“The FOA and the EWC represent large foreign controlled entities that want to extract maximum profits from their forest holdings here.

“If they cared about our region and our people they would not have allowed their harvesting contractors to operate in the manner that they have in the past.

“We can blame the GDC for its lack of monitoring, however if the forest owners actually cared about the land and our people they should have had their own monitoring,” Mr Williams said.

“This may well have helped to prevent the ecological disaster that has befallen our coastal communities at Uawa and further north.”

“In Wednesday night’s paper the front page led with how Greenlea and Rob Fergus were supplying food to our communities to help alleviate some of the stress placed on to them by our current Covid situation.

“My question to the EWC and FOA is how would we be able to do this in your blanket forestry future. You cannot eat trees!”

Forestry ‘offers more’ on some types of land

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Key conclusions from the report include a financial comparison of the relative attractiveness of plantation forestry, permanent carbon forestry and sheep and beef farming.

“That comparison suggests that for some land types (in this case hard hill country), forestry generally offers greater returns when enhanced by carbon unit revenue.

“Plantation forestry and permanent carbon forestry offer comparable returns over the long term, but significantly different economic impacts, with permanent carbon forestry having comparatively low impacts, compared to sheep and beef farming and plantation forestry.”

Eastland Wood Council said the Government did not intend for productive land to be put into permanent tree cover but the economics of climate change had caused some landowners to make those decisions.

“The Government’s ability to auction carbon units also allows them to keep a lid on carbon prices. The Government does not want the carbon unit price to go to \$100.

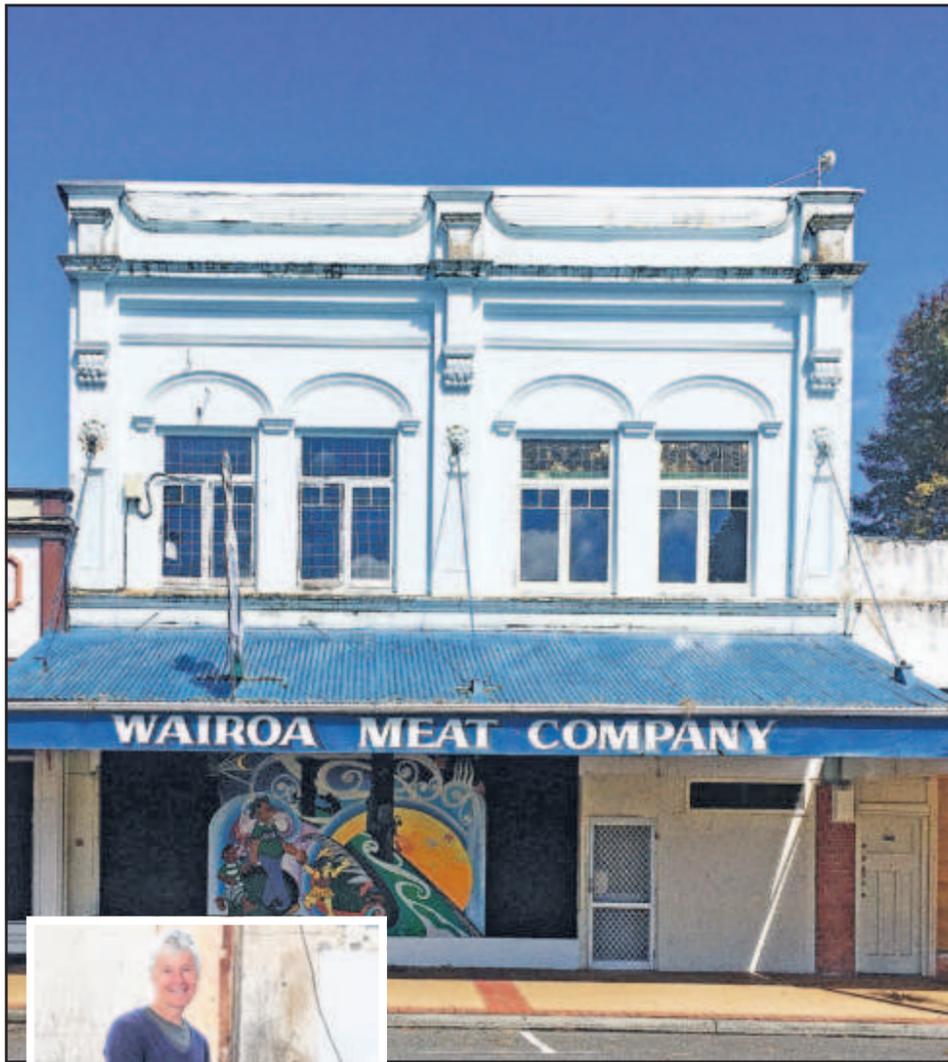
“The Government review on the Emissions Trading Scheme proposes to bring in averaging accounting for carbon, and all the benefits from averaging accounting are gained by those who intend to harvest their forests as normal rotational forests,” the EWC said.

“The vast majority of landowners interested in carbon are interested in either carbon averaging (i.e. harvesting), or are continuing to harvest forests under the traditional carbon stock change accounting approach.

“To date, landowner uptake of the PFSI (Permanent Forest Sink Initiative) and its proposed successor the Permanent Post 1989 scheme is very limited.”

Eastland Wood Council chief executive Kim Holland said the council looked forward to Gisborne District Council tabling and considering the PwC report in its next Long Term Plan.

Quake grant aid for century-old building



FUNDED: Glass artist Frances Woodhead (inset) and her husband Bruce Kemp successfully applied for \$200,000 to complete earthquake strengthening work on the Wairoa Meat Company building (above). They plan to restore the old store and turn it into a glass studio and a home for themselves.

Pictures by Wairoa Star

GRANT money of \$200,000 has been approved for seismic strengthening of the Wairoa Meat Company building on Marine Parade in the township.

It brings the historic building — which survived the 1931 Napier earthquake — a little closer to the end goal of becoming a glass studio and home for a Wairoa couple.

Glass artist Frances Woodhead and her husband Bruce Kemp applied for an earthquake strengthening grant in March.

Ms Woodhead said it would help them put in shear walls front and back to strengthen the building.

There was also steel going into the roof and concrete ground beams across the front and back.

“It will form a rigid box as it is very strong sideways but not front and back. The concrete shear walls are tied into the ground beams and the existing beams above.”

Excavation to a depth of 800 millimetres at the front of the shop is required because there will be soil disturbance for the ground beam work.

The grant would get them down the road of earthquake strengthening Ms Woodhead said.

With the consents obtained they can get on with this work. We are lucky that our council has processed the consents and the funding will make the building compliant with the building code.

“Affordability is another issue but we are hoping we can work with Heritage New Zealand with future restoration work to the parapet and the paint.

“This whole area is an archaeological site with historic Manukanui Pa nearby.”

An additional layer of concrete flooring has already been removed and Ms Woodhead described her builder husband

as a concrete-lifting engine.

Heaps of steel reinforcing and huge concrete slabs are testimony to their hard work as tonnes of material have been removed.

Now the base details of support pillars are revealed as they have removed the most recent layer of floor.

In the past the building has been a butchery and a car and carriage workshop.

Associate Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage Grant Robertson said, “The Wairoa Meat Co. Building, which was built between 1915 and 1920, speaks to the history of the area including the long association with the freezing works.”

“The grant of \$200,000 will go toward structural works including internal concrete walls and brace framing.

He said the heritage-listed building also got a grant from the Heritage EQUIP programme last year for seismic assessment and design work, along with a heritage impact assessment.

“Heritage buildings provide a real-life tangible connection to our history, and collectively tell a story about the communities we live in,” Mr Robertson said.

“It’s heartening to see private building owners in regional New Zealand taking advantage of the Heritage EQUIP scheme to give more protection to these notable properties and make them safer.

A total of 42 buildings received financial support in the latest Heritage EQUIP funding round through 23 grants. Fifteen grants are for upgrade work and eight for professional advice.

“Additional funding of \$3.1 million in Budget 2020 means the programme has been extended for a further year,” Mr Robertson said. — Wairoa Star

DISTRICT COURT NEWS

DENISE Tiopira, 31, horticulturalist, received a three-strike warning from Judge Stephanie Edwards after pleading guilty to a charge of aggravated robbery in Gisborne District Court.

The charge was amended to include a co-offender. The pair are alleged to have taken a sum of money understood to be about \$500.

Tiopira was further remanded on bail for a Crown sentencing list on September 18. She will also be sentenced that day for an associated charge of assault to which she previously pleaded guilty.

The case was referred to the restorative justice process.

JONATHAN East King, 45, pleaded guilty to a breach of bail. He was further remanded on bail for sentence on it and two older, family harm-type charges on October 2. The older charges — assault on a person in a family relationship and breach of a protection order — had been referred back to the district court from the Family Harm Intervention Court.

LEGEND Taiapa, 20, entered pleas to a number of charges — possession of cannabis for supply, threatening to kill, burglary, two counts of wilful damage, theft from a house (items valued between \$500 and \$1000), and two breaches of bail.

He pleaded not guilty to assault on a person in a family relationship, wilful damage, receiving (a mountain bike, valued at just under \$4000), and three charges of burglary — one of them alleged to have been of a church.

On the denied matters, Taiapa elected judge-alone trials and was further remanded on bail for a case review hearing on October 13. The admitted charges will follow alongside.

CASSANDRA Reeves, 21, admitted keeping \$2000 that was accidentally paid into her bank account. Reeves pleaded guilty to theft and was further remanded on bail for sentence on October 2. The case was referred for restorative justice.

HUGH Strathan Campbell, 23, entered guilty pleas to 12 charges — driving with an excess breath-alcohol level (673 mcg), two counts of driving with an

excess breath-alcohol level (1105mcg and 1137mcg) for a third or subsequent time, three counts of driving while unlicensed, careless driving (on Sponge Bay Road), theft (items valued under \$500), a breach of community work and three breaches of bail. He was further remanded on bail for sentence on October 6.

A MAN who crashed into a parked vehicle was subsequently charged with careless driving, failing to stop to ascertain injury and driving while disqualified for a third or subsequent time. Robert Waihepe, 35, scaffolder, pleaded guilty to the offences and was further remanded at large for sentence on October 2.

KELLIN Teapatu Atkins, 45, pleaded guilty to driving with an excess breath-alcohol level (687mcg) for a third or subsequent time, two counts of driving while his licence was suspended or revoked for a third or subsequent time and possession of a methamphetamine pipe. He was further remanded on bail for sentence on October 6.

JASON Peter Broughton, 30, pleaded guilty to driving with an excess-breath alcohol level (655mcg) for a third or subsequent time and driving contrary to a zero-alcohol licence. He was further remanded on bail for sentence on October 2.

MUIZZ Khan admitted driving while disqualified for a third or subsequent time — his fifth. He was further remanded on bail for sentence on October 2. Khan is serving a sentence of community detention for a similar offence.

MAHANA Eugene Johnson, 24, beneficiary, admitted driving while his licence was suspended for a third or subsequent time — his third. He was granted an application for a community-based sentence in lieu of further disqualification, and sentenced to 100 hours community work.

PIRI-WAATA Te Ininga, 31, pleaded guilty to driving while disqualified for a third or subsequent time but not guilty to drink-driving (600 mcg). He was further remanded at large for a case review hearing on October 13. The admitted charge will follow alongside.

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Set for second Covid wave

Face masks and worksite checks among ways Govt prepared for virus return

by Ben Leahy, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — Worksite temperature testing and giving staff the choice to work from home are just some of the ways New Zealand's biggest companies have been staying prepared for a possible second wave of Covid-19.

The threat posed by a return has been highlighted by Covid-19's recent spread in Victoria in Australia, which has plunged into a second lockdown and ordered its residents to always wear face masks in public.

That led Health Minister Chris Hipkins yesterday to also urge every Kiwi to keep face masks in their emergency kits at home.

It marked a notable U-turn from advice three months ago when the Government said there wasn't enough evidence to either support or discourage mask use.

Hipkins said that while Kiwis were enjoying freedoms that were the envy of the world, it paid to be prepared.

"It isn't scaremongering to say that could all change, and it could all change very quickly."

With regions such as Belgium, Japan, France, Germany and Hong Kong also battling resurgent Covid-19 outbreaks, dairy exporter Fonterra said it was among major Kiwi companies staying alert.

"We've maintained temperature testing at our offices and manufacturing sites, and we have a good supply of personal protective equipment on hand," said Karen Smyth, the group manager of preparedness and response.

The company had also devised "business continuity plans" that it would put in



MASK U-TURN: Face masks could become the new normal if New Zealand gets another Covid-19 outbreak. NZ Herald picture

action should New Zealand go back into lockdown or partial lockdown, she said.

"We learned a lot during New Zealand's initial response to Covid-19 and know we could respond quickly if we needed to."

And while staff were back at their work sites for now, the business said it had flexible policies to allow them to work from home if need be. Safety guidelines were also at the ready for staff deemed essential workers who would need to continue working through any future lockdown. As evidence of this, Fonterra was operating in other countries experiencing lockdown, such as Victoria, Smyth said.

BNZ, meanwhile, said that since the lockdown, the bank had continued to allow

staff to work from home as part of a trial.

During the trial, BNZ said, it was continually surveying its staff "to find out how flexible working is impacting on their wellbeing and productivity".

Yesterday marked 97 days since evidence of community transmission in the country.

No new Covid-19 cases were recorded, while 23 people with active cases were being quarantined at border hotels.

This week, National Party MP Gerry Brownlee said the Government "needs to come clean on what they know about the state of Covid-19 in New Zealand".

Brownlee said it didn't stack up that the Government was warning about a second wave when there were so few cases.

"What do these guys know that they are not telling us?"

Hipkins said he "utterly" rejected the Government wasn't being honest about community transmission. "I would encourage Gerry Brownlee to swap the tinfoil hat for a face mask."

Hipkins said the warnings were "about general preparedness".

"It's about being ready, it's not cause for alarm," he said.

Director General of Health Dr Ashley Bloomfield told the nation during lockdown that there wasn't enough evidence to either support or discourage mask use.

However, Hipkins this week said the evidence had changed, and that "we are now in a different situation to where we were previously".

Among the changes was that the World Health Organisation had shifted its stance and now recommended face masks to be worn.

Their effectiveness was further validated with a new analysis of masks in nearly 200 countries.

That found nations which didn't recommend their use saw a 55 percent weekly rise in deaths per capita after reporting their first case, versus a seven percent rise in countries where mask-wearing was encouraged or already a norm.

All along, a group of University of Otago public health experts — epidemiologist Professor Michael Baker prominent among them — have also been championing mask use.

Hipkins said about 12 million masks were on sale in stores around the country at the moment.

Pipe bombs in attempted heist

HAMILTON — Two thieves who tried to blow up an ATM machine at a Hamilton shopping mall were armed with seven pipe bombs and were caught on camera, police say.

CCTV footage showed two suspects placing the bombs at the site, Hamilton City area commander Inspector Andrea McBeth told reporters yesterday afternoon.

Police and a bomb disposal group were called in and roads around the Westfield Chartwell Shopping Centre were closed for several hours earlier today after police found several homemade explosive devices.

McBeth said a member of the public had reported what appeared to be pipe bombs.

At 6.34am yesterday, police were alerted and established a cordon in the area, she said.

One of the pipe bombs had detonated, one had partly gone off and five others were recovered

intact. The "unsophisticated" pipe bombs were small, about 13cm in length.

"This is nothing more than an attack on an ATM machine," McBeth said.

"We are confident there is no further risks to members of the public and this appears to be an isolated incident."

Two suspects had approached the ATM at about 2.30am yesterday. After one pipe bomb detonated they left when no cash was forthcoming, McBeth said.

McBeth said the thieves had demonstrated "incredibly dangerous behaviour".

Playing with explosives posed a risk to the individuals involved and to the public.

Police were not going to release a description of the two offenders at this stage, McBeth said.

"We are in the very early stages of our investigation." — NZ Herald

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LONG WAIT FOR JUSTICE: Almost a dozen Christchurch mosque attack victims will stand in court to face the man who claimed 51 lives. NZ Herald picture

Victims to face mosque gunman

by Kurt Bayer, NZ Herald

CHRISTCHURCH — At least 11 Christchurch mosque attack victims have vowed to stand in court and eyeball the gunman who claimed 51 lives and injured dozens more.

Brenton Harrison Tarrant, 29, will be sentenced later this month, a process a judge hopes will bring some closure and finality to the families devastated by the March 15 attacks in 2019.

The sentencing, which is due to start on August 24 and could take three or more days, has been delayed by the global Covid-19 pandemic, with many victims stuck overseas.

Victim Support said 14 victims had arrived in New Zealand for the sentencing — from various locations across Europe, the Middle East, Asia, and Africa — and were in managed isolation. A further 37 were booked to travel or were on their way. Tarrant initially denied 51 charges of murder, 40 of attempted murder and one charge under the Terrorism Suppression Act, but entered guilty pleas at a hastily-arranged special hearing on March 26 — the first day of the nationwide Alert Level 4 coronavirus lockdown.

The 17-month wait for justice has weighed heavily on the Christchurch Muslim community, including many victims and family members who are overseas and cut off by the Covid-19 border closures.

In a newly released court document dating back to June 10, Justice Cameron Mander speaks about the difficulties in setting a sentencing date that could also accommodate all of the overseas-based victims.

He was told there were 107 victims who were then overseas, including next-of-kin or close

family of 35 deceased victims and four wounded in the attacks. Another 36 people abroad were either next-of-kin or close family members of attempted murder or terror victims.

The court was told that of the 143 people, 139 of them wanted to physically attend the sentencing hearing at the Christchurch Justice Precinct. Fourteen victims were listed as residents of Australia.

Eleven overseas victims had confirmed they wished to read victim impact statements at the sentencing — a number that will be in addition to those still in New Zealand who will be wanting to do the same thing.

It is also possible more of the overseas victims have since expressed a desire to tell the court just how the attacks have impacted their lives and Justice Mander has stated that the sentencing process will “take as long as is necessary”.

Abdul Aziz, who confronted the gunman and chased him away from Linwood Islamic Centre where seven people were killed, has always spoken of wanting to look his attacker in the eyes.

Aziz believes the gunman is a “coward”. “I saw fear in his eyes when he was running away.”

A spokesman for Victim Support said they have always expected it would be difficult getting everyone who wanted to attend sentencing into New Zealand.

“We are continuing to work closely with the Government to ensure victims are supported to attend to the greatest extent possible. Good progress is being made and we are pleased to see a strong uptake.”

Kiwi living in Lebanon describes ‘close call’

by Vaimoana Tapaleao, NZ Herald

BEIRUT — New Zealander Lorna Butler was due to take the family cat to the vet, in downtown Beirut, about the same time a devastating explosion ripped through the city.

But as fate would have it, she would be saved because her husband was late getting back home with the car, he was stuck in traffic.

Butler, originally from Dunedin, said her husband, Maroun Sfeir, had gone into Beirut to visit the Australian embassy as part of the process to get a special transit visa to Australia — to help in the family’s bid to get to New Zealand.

But for some reason, on that particular day, the office was closed.

Speaking to The New Zealand Herald, she said it was fate that had possibly saved both their lives.

“We’re alive. It was a close call. “(The Australian embassy) is always open — always. But on this day, they were closed. He got back late because of traffic.”

The family would hear, feel and then see the explosion from the safety of their home on top of a mountain in the town of Ajaltoun.

“We were just sitting outside when we heard this almighty boom — just this ‘woosh’. It just transcended . . . and there was something of a gravitational pull through your body.”

Butler described the feeling of fear

that suddenly came over her and catching herself saying out loud, over and over, that “it’s a bomb”.

Family members around her quickly spoke over saying it was “just fireworks” in a bid to not scare her four-year-old son Enzo.

“I said: ‘Enzo, get inside!’ I was expecting the sky to open up and to see missiles.”

The blast death toll has risen to 157 and up to 5000 injured, but both figures were expected to rise still.

Hours after the explosion devastated the city, Butler shared videos from people who had been close to the port at the time of the blast.

“Such a devastating loss for all of us here,” she wrote.

“My heart bleeds for the people that have lost loved ones and the injured.”

She acknowledged all that was already happening around the world in regards to the Covid-19 pandemic and how that was affecting different parts of society — including the economy.

“To add to this pandemic this year, this is where I am now,” she said.

“I have been trying to get flights home but they keep cancelling and now the airport (is) officially closed. But we are safe until now.”

She thanked friends and family members who had been in touch to check in on them.

“There was something of a gravitational pull through your body.”

—Lorna Butler

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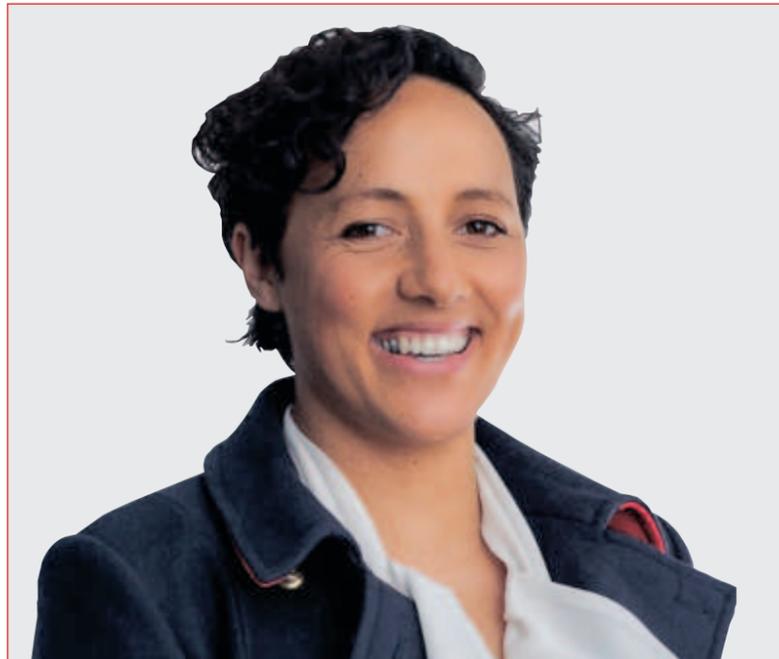
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Kiwi dies after thrill-seeking jump goes wrong in US

CONNECTICUT — A Napier man has died in the US after jumping off a popular bridge with thrill-seekers near Lake Zoar, in Connecticut, US.

Nicholas Porter, 30, died last Saturday (local time) after he didn't resurface from a six-metre jump from a steel span bridge which is situated over a stream that empties into Lake Zoar, Sergeant Brian Van Ness said.

Police and fire crews arrived on the scene just after 4pm and found the victim, who was unconscious, along the shore, the Republican-American reports.

Police said witnesses pulled him out of the water before responders attempted to resuscitate him, but Porter remained unresponsive.

Porter, who originally lived in Napier, was employed as an auto body technician at Fairfield Collision Center in Fairfield, a representative for the company confirmed to the Republican-American.

The company said they were shocked and saddened by the news of his death.

Since his death, the community have left bouquets of flowers and pink carnations at the foot of the bridge in memory of Porter.

A local told the Republican-American the bridge was a popular destination for young thrill-seekers who often jump off the side into the shallow water.

Speaking to Stuff, Steve Bingham said he spoke to a local who labelled the incident "an accident waiting to happen".

He also raised the possibility of a lawsuit resulting from Porter's death, potentially involving the town of Southbury and the bridge's owner FirstLight Power.

A woman who lives nearby told the publisher that the water under the bridge was especially shallow this summer due to low rainfall.

Porter's death has sparked a debate on a local Facebook page, where residents have commented that the area has been a problem for years with bridge jumping, littering and parking issues.

They said this year they have seen an increase in drivers visiting the area with an attempt to install barriers to block off parking failing.

— NZ Herald

Police car shot at in Auckland pursuit

by Chelsea Boyle, NZ Herald

AUCKLAND — A moving police car was fired upon last night after a pursuit in the Auckland suburb of Manurewa.

It is the third incident in a week in which an offender has allegedly presented a firearm at police.

When the driver failed to stop for police on Weymouth Road, a short pursuit ensued at about 11.40pm.

Police said that after less than a minute, the driver of the offending vehicle presented a firearm from the window and fired a shot at the moving police car.

The pursuit was immediately abandoned and police staff were

not injured.

The vehicle was found dumped on Totara Road.

Police swarmed the area and despite efforts the two occupants of the vehicle were not found.

Counties Manukau District Commander Superintendent Jill Rogers said this was a frightening incident for officers and their welfare took absolute priority.

"It is completely unacceptable that our officers, who leave their families to come to work to keep our communities safe, should be put in this type of situation.

"We will not tolerate this type of offending and our detectives will be carrying out a number of inquiries in

an effort to identify and locate those responsible."

The officers involved were doing well despite the circumstances and were being supported by colleagues and the wider organisation, she said.

Police will continue to be in the area where the incident took place, carrying out area inquiries and a further scene examination.

It comes after a man on a dirt bike was arrested after allegedly pulling a firearm on police during a pursuit in Glen Eden, West Auckland on August 5.

Another man was arrested after allegedly pointing a firearm at police following a routine traffic stop in the Auckland CBD on August 3.

Karen Ruddelle sentenced to home detention

by Anna Leask, NZ Herald

AUCKLAND — A South Auckland woman has been sentenced to home detention for the manslaughter of her partner — who she stabbed to death after years of domestic violence.

And the judge who heard her case said he was certain her experience with abuse and a simple urge to protect herself and her child were behind her offending.

Karen Anne Ruddelle was found guilty of killing Joseph Michael Ngapera.

Ngapera died in November 2018 after being stabbed twice in the chest.

The first blow pierced his ribs, lung and heart.

Ruddelle was charged with murder but after a trial in the High Court at Auckland she was found guilty of the lesser alternative charge of



HOME DETENTION: Karen Anne Ruddelle in the High Court at Auckland during her trial for the murder of her partner Joseph Ngapera.

NZ Herald picture

manslaughter.

She never denied she was responsible for Ngapera's death — but strongly denied there was any murderous intent.

Rather, she said she was acting in self defence trying to protect herself and her teenage son, and was suffering

from social entrapment — effectively battered women's syndrome — after a lifetime of domestic violence — including at the hands of Ngapera.

At her trial in February, a jury heard evidence from about 40 witnesses, including from Ruddelle herself and several domestic violence experts

who spoke about coercive control and social entrapment — formerly referred to as battered women's syndrome.

And they heard how Ruddelle, after a life of abusive relationships and trauma, had symptoms of PTSD and how she and Ngapera would drink together and he would become abusive.

The trial jury was unanimous in finding Ruddelle not guilty of murder.

A majority verdict was accepted, finding her guilty of manslaughter.

Sentencing today before Justice Matthew Palmer started with members of Ngapera's family reading victim impact statements.

The hearing had been scheduled for earlier in the year — but was delayed due to the Covid19 pandemic.

Ruddelle has been on bail since her trial.

Uplifts 'routine not exception'

Chief Ombudsmen slams baby removals as abuse of power

by Michael Neilson, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — The removal of newborn babies from their parents without notice by Oranga Tamariki has become more "routine" than "exception", the Chief Ombudsman has found.

Taking newborn pepi from their parents was one of the "strongest uses of state power", yet the agency was found to, in most cases, be making such decisions unnecessarily late and without expert advice, according to the report He Take Kohukihuki: A Matter of Urgency released yesterday.

Chief Ombudsman Peter Boshier launched his inquiry last year — one of four investigations into Oranga Tamariki's uplift practices, sparked by the highly-publicised uplift of a six-day-old baby from his 19-year-old mother at Hawke's Bay Hospital.

Boshier examined cases of 74 pepi from nine sites, aged up to 30 days old and who were subject to a section 78 custody application by the Ministry — without notice — over a two-year period, ending June 30, 2019.

In most cases the Ministry knew about the mother's pregnancy for months before the birth, meaning there was time to engage with parents, whanau, and other parties to determine the best place for pepi, Boshier said.

"I found decisions were being made late, without expert advice or independent scrutiny and without whanau involvement.

"This meant other options were often not fully explored, and in almost all cases a without notice application was made".

Boshier said high caseloads and limited Maori specialist staff were contributing factors.

"This appeared to result in cases involving unborn pepi not being prioritised until the birth was imminent.

"I believe the level of urgency around a without notice section 78 application at the time of pepi's birth was often created by the Ministry's inaction and lack of capacity to follow processes in a timely and effective way."

All the cases reviewed required a disability rights-based response from the Ministry, yet the investigation found these parents did not get the assistance or advocacy they required.

"I was very concerned to find the rights of disabled parents were not visible in either policy or practice", Boshier said.

"This is a significant breach of the Disabilities Convention."

Late and limited pre-birth planning, communication and information sharing with District Health Boards were also key issues.

"When the Ministry executed the removal decision, I found that parents and whanau were not provided with

opportunity for ngakau maharatanga me te ngakau aroha; a period of 'quality time' that reflects consideration, empathy, sympathy and love."

There was also no support offered to parents and whanau to deal with the trauma and grief of their pepi being removed, while mothers who wished to breastfeed got only limited support.

However, while he identified systemic issues, Boshier also acknowledged good practice at sites with formal partnerships with iwi and valued Maori specialist staff.

Boshier made 32 recommendations, including prioritising engagement with whanau, hapu and iwi, and enhancing cultural competency of staff.

Oranga Tamariki carried out an internal review last year, which found major failings in the uplift of a six-day-old baby from his 19-year-old mother at Hawke's Bay Hospital.

It found that Oranga Tamariki did not do enough to build relationships with the baby boy's family or explore placing him in the wider family.

Oranga Tamariki chief executive Grainne Moss said the agency welcomed the Chief Ombudsman's report and recommendations, and also noted it had made changes in November 2019

‘I found decisions were being made late, without expert advice or independent scrutiny and without whanau involvement.’

— Chief Ombudsmen Peter Boshier

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Waihi Gold gets permit for controversial project

WAIHI — OceanaGold has been granted a mining permit allowing it to take further steps to mine under conservation land near Waihi but will face a battle to get resource consent.

The company overnight said there could be up to 717,000 ounces of gold (valued at up to \$2.1 billion at current elevated prices) at Wharekirauponga.

The miner, listed in Australia and Canada, says the permit grants it exclusive right to the resource and allows continued exploration and technical and environmental studies over the permitted area.

OceanaGold and the company it bought five years ago, Newmont, have prospected in the area about 10km north of the Bay of Plenty for the past 15 years and alarmed conservationists.

Oceana says that if the plan goes ahead, a network of tunnels would be driven under the bush land with a portal on private land at the edge of the Conservation area.

Ore for processing would be transported to the company's plant on the outskirts of the town of about 5000.

The Wharekirauponga project has been running as the company prepares to launch into expanding its open pit mining in the town. As part of Project Quattro it would rehabilitate and expand the existing pit, mine a new one, expand its processing plant and make a new rock stack and build a third tailings dam.

While production has slowed in its operations over the past months, it says its plans will create hundreds of new jobs.

Coromandel Watchdog is already fighting the plans for Wharekirauponga, home to the endangered Archey's Frog, and has already taken court action to block the company's expansion of tailings dams near the town.

Watchdog chairwoman Catherine Delahunty said the mining permit was the first step towards environmental destruction, toxic waste production and risks to water quality as well as rare species.

"This land was set aside for protection and recreation not a toxic industry. The Minister of Conservation could deny access to the area or the resource consents to mine could fail in court, but we have lost all faith that the Government means to protect



PERMISSION GRANTED: The OceanaGold Waihi gets mining permit on Conservation land. The permit grants it exclusive right to the resource and allows continued exploration and technical and environmental studies over the permitted area. NZ Herald picture

DOC land. Nevertheless we will fight this every step of the way," she said.

OceanaGold says it recognises the sensitivity of Wharekirauponga (WKP) land and its ecology, which is an important recreational area for walkers and campers.

"That's why any potential mining operation we may undertake in the future would only be underground — not at the surface level. And although we have tested enough rock to be confident that the gold discovered at the site could support a mine, we still need to undertake significant, detailed studies before we apply for resource consents."

“This land was set aside for protection and recreation, not a toxic industry.”

—Catherine Delahunty

Green Party candidate for Coromandel, Pamela Grealey, said people have been kept out of areas at Wharekirauponga for several years now by private prospecting and Oceana's extension of mining there was a less-publicised element of the company's expansion.

"The Green Party is absolutely committed to no new mining on or under public conservation land, and I don't want to see

any mining on the Coromandel Peninsula," she said.

Coalition partner, Labour promised 'no new mining on Conservation land' soon after forming the Government but has been largely silent on this since.

Associate Finance Minister David Parker and Finance Minister Grant Robertson overturned a decision by Land Information Minister Eugenie Sage to allow the foreign owned OceanaGold to buy land for the tailings dam extension.

That has led to a judicial review taken by Coromandel Watchdog.

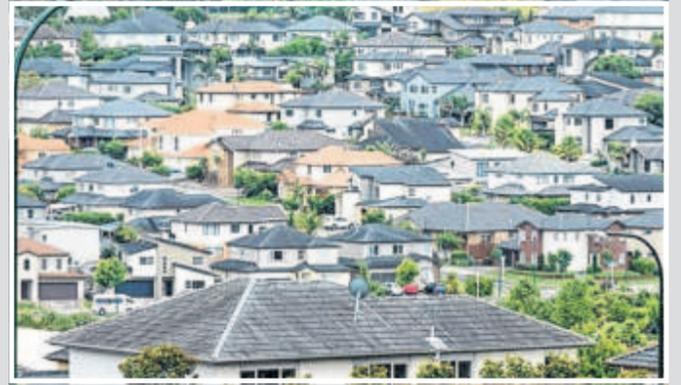
OceanaGold president and chief executive Michael Holmes said the mining permit was an important step in the permitting phase for Wharekirauponga.

"The Waihi District has the potential to extend Waihi's mine life to 2036 and beyond while providing meaningful socio-economic benefits for stakeholders.

WKP is part of an exciting development plan underway in New Zealand and we look forward to working in partnership with government and local communities to advance our projects in the Waihi District and contribute to the post-Covid-19 economic recovery."

During the next few years OceanaGold will continue to drill the WKP prospect while seeking resource consent before starting development if it is successful.

— NZ Herald



RISING PRICES: Tauranga has shown the largest rise in house prices in the latest figures released by QV. File picture

'Surprising' surge of interest in house sales

AUCKLAND/CHRISTCHURCH — The impact of Covid-19 on the property market may not be as dramatic as previously thought — thanks in part to a flock of returning New Zealanders.

After dire predictions of a property collapse, the Reserve Bank's latest survey of expectations is now forecasting house prices index to fall by 1.38 percent by this time next year.

The forecasts are a lot lower than its previous prediction of a 5.49 percent decrease.

Kiwibank chief economist Jarrod Kerr said the post-lockdown activity in the housing market has beaten expectations.

He said returning New Zealanders, coupled with a shorter than anticipated lockdown, is playing a key role.

"What we saw leading into lockdown was a lot of Kiwis coming home," Kerr said.

"I mean, where else would you want to be in the world right now and you know that that still continues to trickle through. So more people equal more houses and the more demand for houses on a stock that isn't increasing as much puts pressure on price."

The latest QV House Price Index, released this week, is indicating flat movements in the main centres.

Auckland decreased by 0.2 percent, Christchurch increased by 0.5 percent and Wellington increased by 0.4 percent.

The biggest jumper was Tauranga with a 2.5 percent increase.

But Kerr said in regional New Zealand the market appears to be stronger — which is backed up in the QV figures, where all provincial centres apart from Queenstown, saw an increase in values.

"The regions really have surprised us, on the upside. We

are seeing more people moving into the regions, particularly out of Auckland, and some of the other cities," he said.

Returning New Zealanders help drive sales in capital

Nicki Cruickshank, sales director at Tommy's Real Estate in Wellington, said sales are performing better than pre-lockdown.

She expects the capital's house prices to dip in spring due to an increase in housing stock.

But so far, Cruickshank said returning New Zealanders are playing a big role in sales.

"Once they have bought a car, they want to buy a house," she said.

"One of these (returning) groups of people have been in Texas since 1992 so that's definitely a driving factor. We've got those people (and) we've got a lot of first home buyers in the market still."

Reserve Bank data shows total monthly new mortgage commitments were at \$5.3 billion in June, an increase of \$1.1 billion compared to May although it is a 1.4 percent fall from June last year.

In Christchurch, Harcourts Grenadier managing director Andy Freeman said post-lockdown, the market is bouncing back.

"Obviously April was very poor due to the lockdown. May was quite staggering how we recovered, very close to May last year but we were down," he said.

"The June sales stats were up over 30 percent as was July, so it's quite phenomenal how the numbers just keep going up."

Freeman said he believed the market is still solid, with people continuing to want to buy and sell. — RNZ

SHAREMARKET YESTERDAY

WELLINGTON — New Zealand shares edged higher as rumours of negotiations to delay closing the Tiwai Point aluminium smelter pushed Contact Energy and Meridian Energy higher. Exporters A2 Milk and Fisher & Paykel Healthcare fell.

The S&P/NZX 50 Index increased 0.1 percent to 11,764.59. Within the index, 31 stocks rose, 15 fell, and four were unchanged. Turnover was \$151.4 million.

Meridian has been in talks with smelter owner Rio Tinto to try to extend the scheduled closure of the aluminium smelter beyond August next year and allow for a more orderly exit of the country's biggest electricity consumer.

Yesterday, media reported smelter staff had said the fourth potline would be operating in September, potentially exciting investors who saw it as a signal the smelter may remain open.

Meridian said that as of yesterday, its view is that the smelter will shut on August 31 next

year and a spokesperson for Rio Tinto declined to comment on whether the fourth potline will open.

Still, Contact rose 5.5 percent to \$6.29 and Meridian Energy advanced 2.7 percent to \$5.

Other energy stocks were mixed. Genesis Energy declined 0.2 percent to \$2.955 and Mercury NZ fell 0.8 percent to \$4.70.

Stuart Williams, head of equities at Nikko Asset Management, said there had been lots of noise about the smelter but that investors should remember, even on the current timeline, there was a full year of earnings before the smelter closes.

"It has dominated our minds in recent weeks, but they are on the hook until after the next financial year," he said.

A few relatively positive broker reports released ahead of earnings season may be supporting the share price as well.

"Contact is a bit of a standout in terms of

dividend yield," Williams said.

A Jarden analyst described Contact as the preferred generator-retailer on a medium-term valuation outlook. Contact reports its full year result on Monday.

Sky Network Television led the market higher, jumping 6.9 percent to 13.9 cents. Williams said the stock may be finding some support with sport returning to TV and a lack of other entertainment options.

"What started with just local rugby, has now got quite a few sports for people to engage with," he said.

The index's two biggest stocks both fell, keeping the benchmark flat on the day.

A2 Milk dropped two percent to \$20.85 and F&P Healthcare declined 1.4 percent to \$36.45.

Other healthcare companies offshore issued negative updates in recent days, which Williams said may have weighed on the country's biggest listed company.

"It is hard for a global company like Healthcare to perform when some of its peers have got headwinds," he said.

Outside the index, T&G Global shares climbed 7.7 percent to \$2.80 after the fresh produce exporter announced a twofold jump in net profit to \$9.5 million in the six months through June.

Global markets were broadly stronger today as investors anticipate the US policymakers to soon strike a deal on a new stimulus package. The greenback fell while oil prices rose, and gold inched back toward a record.

The kiwi dollar traded at 66.41 US cents from 66.40 cents on Wednesday and the trade-weighted index was at 71.82 from 71.97.

US jobs data is in focus this week as traders fret over a string of weaker economic indicators in the world's biggest economy.

Meanwhile, NZ's Reserve Bank survey of expectations showed a small lift in inflation expectations.

The kiwi traded at 92.20 Australian cents from 92.42 cents on Wednesday, 70.07 yen from 70.15 yen, 55.88 euro cents from 56.22 cents, 50.53 British pence from 50.74 pence, and 4.6103 Chinese yuan from 4.6191 yuan.

— BusinessDesk

EDITORIAL

Let's not get a 'bath at the beach'

On how Te Ahi O Maui is performing

Eastland Group's "generation" assets are now worth \$240 million, up \$47.5m after revaluations during the 2019-2020 year, and the group had its first full year of operations from 25MW geothermal plant Te Ahi O Maui — yet earnings before interest and income tax from EGL's generation sector were just \$3m, down from \$5.2m the previous year.

Asked if this low return (on equity, 1.25 percent) was a concern (as EGL looks to invest in further geothermal power capacity), chief executive Matt Todd replied:

"When you revalue an asset they look at the cashflows that asset is going to generate over the life of the asset. And we all know, the early years for a generation asset, we have got high depreciation, high interest costs before your debts get paid down is going to affect it, but actually the amount of cash those businesses throw off is reasonably high. The depreciation is coming back as cash into the business.

"We had an independent valuation done by PricewaterhouseCoopers and that's the value they saw."

Asked how profitable Te Ahi O Maui was in 2019/2020, Mr Todd said: "It actually got close to our business-case numbers. It wasn't like we expected to be making a huge amount of money. As I said, the early years of those plants tend to be tough because you have high depreciation, high interest costs."

Mr Todd said the 25MW plant was structured with close to 100 percent debt "because it works to our benefit".

Your editor said it looked like EGL had changed that, pointing to the group's annual accounts which show borrowings attributed to generation fell from \$149.7m to \$93.3m, while Eastland Network debt went from \$17.5m to \$82.8m over the year.

Mr Todd acknowledged he could be wrong . . . "Before March 31 we restructured debt, so it was roughly equal across each of the businesses. So that may be what it is."

In a follow-up to our interview, EGL said debt was reallocated in line with management reporting changes to "reflect consistent debt/equity across each sector", and that: "The purpose of this reallocation is to monitor the profit performance of sectors for management reporting."

Your editor's view is that while EGL must be following an accounting guideline, this reallocation of debt does not seem appropriate. The debt was raised to invest in Te Ahi O Maui, so surely the profit performance of the generation sector should be measured against the actual investment required to achieve its earnings.

by Alan Thompson

KIA ora,
When I wrote my letter to the editor yesterday, I was not even aware that the GDC had met and signed off on the Olympic Pool development. Once I read The Herald's lead article, I was shocked to say the least.

Can the council please tell me when they made the final technical plans available for the public to look at?

Can the council tell me who was invited to make submissions?

Did the council forward the plans to all swimming clubs, surf clubs, the tri club and schools?

What time frame was Matt Cairns given to prepare and then present his submission?

Which meeting was Mr Cairns meant to present his submission to?

I know it is imperative and there is an urgency about getting this project under way, but failing to consult and get a fit-for-purpose pool is foolish at best. I note that councillors and Andrew White



said the time for consulting is over. I find this deeply disturbing and an insult to our sporting community.

Before the Prime Minister's announcement three weeks ago most of our residents would have believed that the proposed redevelopment of the Olympic Pool complex had become a pipe dream and more likely an upgrade would have been on the cards.

I believe even the council and its officers back in February would have been of the same opinion, as \$45 million was beyond the capability of our ratepayers and funders. The Prime Minister's announcement was a game-changer. To close off consultation is ridiculous, as the last meaningful consultation was done in early 2018 for a \$28.5m redevelopment.

Is it not time that we had a council and officers that had a "can do attitude" instead of ridiculing Mr Cairns? I have now read Mr Cairns' submission and it makes a lot of sense; to argue otherwise goes against most of the economic modelling produced by many agencies. Surf Life Saving regularly brings national events to Gisborne because we have the facilities and have people with a "can do attitude"; this results

in over 3000 athletes and supporters spending many thousands of dollars locally.

I am disappointed Sport Gisborne Tairāwhiti did not want more community sporting groups to offer feedback on the designs to ensure it is suitable for multi-use. They are meant to represent the aspirations of our community, not those of bureaucrats in Wellington. They appear to have originally backed the 50m pool proposal but quickly fell into line with Sport New Zealand's opinion of a 25m option (remember who pays the piper calls the tune), so I would give no weight to their opinions.

I am sure that the Prime Minister and Shane Jones would rather have a fit-for-purpose amenity that will serve our mokopuna well into the future, is future-proofed and aspirational. I am sure the Prime Minister and Mr Jones could live with a three-week delay so that we get an amenity that outlives the short-sightedness of this council.

I implore the Mayor to properly consult because another three weeks is immaterial after waiting 17 years — otherwise, we will end up with a "bath at the beach" to join our not-fit-for-purpose "dunny on the wharf".

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, ONLINE COMMENTS

Funding GDC whims not fair

So, more costs for the million-dollar toilet. So do we (ratepayers) have an open budget on this? Or do we have to put this with the other white-elephant projects that we have paid for in the past and the ones that are upcoming? Because as ratepayers, we are fast

running out of money, and it's not fair that we should have to pay for the whims of our Mayor and her cohorts who clearly have not a single bit of business sense between them.

Please stop wasting our hard-earned money.

STEVE HIRST

Greens have the solutions

The Green Party has a beautiful answer to Chris Brown's concern about two-tier welfare, where those who lost jobs through the Covid lockdown are paid twice as much as other beneficiaries. The Green poverty-action plan guarantees every unemployed person \$325 a week, with no conditions of employment history or private life, plus \$100 for every child. So a family of two parents with two kids gets \$850 a week. A single parent receives \$435, plus \$100 per child.

This breakthrough has been a long time coming. While being fair to people is hardly rocket-science, it has taken careful budgeting. Most of those who will pay extra tax can see the sense, and many will willingly. Amazingly, the capital tax is only 1 or 2 percent, for freehold equity, per person in ownership, over \$1m or \$2m; the top income tax is still lower than in Britain and Australia.

While the Government worked brilliantly through the pandemic crisis, daily consulting, calculating and adjusting, they were caught out two ways — in compensating people through their employers,

and in proportion to their previous incomes. The result, while rescuing many, led to abuses, omissions and inequities. Paying people is simpler.

The Economist magazine of July 25 claims that Covid has ushered in a profound rethink of economics, as governments print money first to help people or businesses survive, and second to rebuild infrastructure. It has accelerated the shift of investment from the market casino towards real planning. Now that climate change forces us to change our consumption habits, this is vital.

The Green Party in coalition has achieved major changes for climate, nature and justice. We have a list of 45, in just three years. For this, we must thank the excellent relationship with Labour, who will claim some of those gains for themselves, but have been inspired and encouraged by the initiatives and the co-operation of Green MPs.

This coalition works. It will go further — Labour itself will go further — with more Green politicians, which means more Green Party Votes.

GAVIN MACLEAN

Building two 25m pools

Re: Time to 'get cracking', August 6 story.

Yes, the pool will be a great improvement, but I think it is wrong to call it a 50 metre pool. Questions must be asked about the dividing wall that makes two 50 metre pools.

It must be sealed so that the two pools can be kept at different temperatures. Can someone please explain how this can be done and the barrier still be able to be moved. Also, the designer

of this said he thought that there was only one other like it in the world, which begs the question why no one else has done it — maybe it didn't work too good. Heating of the two pools must also be a problem — it must need two heating units, which will increase the overall running costs. So I think we must say that Gisborne will be building two 25 metre pools.

GLEN SUTTON

Pool v houses History has lessons . . .

Forty-million dollars for the Olympic Pool Complex — what a joke. Jacinda thought housing in Gisborne would have been a priority. How many houses can you build with that?

D. COLLINS

Re: A symbol recognising a historic event, August 4 comments.

When Eichmann was "repatriated" to Israel his fate was death by hanging.

That was not what Martin Buber, a Jewish philosopher of the time wanted. He suggested that Eichmann should be let to live amongst the Jewish people so he could get to understand them.

History can teach us lessons. But first we must listen.

A. MCKELLOW

Sad to hear

Re: 'That art guy', July 26 story.

So sad to hear about the late Daryl File and Graeme Mudge. I sat for one of Graeme's art classes at the local library. I went to Gisborne Intermediate School with Richard Rogers, Daryl File and Paul Evans. They all were good at art even from such a young age. The Passing of Time . . . and we were so young!

MARY MARTIN (TONG), Sydney

Wonderful

Re: A diverse miscellany of opinion, August 4.

Ron, wonderful, just wonderful. Does Gisborne/Gizzy have a "poet laureate"? Your effort would deserve it.

KEN OVENDEN

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Macron promises help

Beirut residents vent fury at Lebanon's leaders

BEIRUT — Residents of Beirut showed their anger at Lebanon's leaders on Thursday during a visit from French President Emmanuel Macron, blaming them for the deadly explosion that ravaged the capital. Shouting, "Revolution!" they crowded around the visiting leader who promised to press the politicians for reform.

A military judge leading the investigation into Tuesday's blast said 16 employees of Beirut's port, where the explosion took place, had been detained. He said 18 had been questioned, including port and customs officials, according to the state news agency.

But while investigators focus on port officials, many Lebanese put the blame squarely on the political elite and the corruption and mismanagement that even before the disaster had pushed the country to the brink of economic collapse.

The Cabinet was previously warned by a security agency that a stockpile of explosive chemicals stored at the port was dangerous, Lebanon's customs chief told the Associated Press — a report that could raise questions of high-level neglect.

That stockpile of 2750 tons of ammonium nitrate set off the massive blast, apparently when touched off by a fire at the port. The chemical had been left sitting in a warehouse ever since it was confiscated from an impounded cargo ship in 2013.

The explosion, powerful enough to be felt in Cyprus across the Eastern Mediterranean, killed more than 130 people, wounded thousands and blasted buildings for miles around. Two days later, some 300,000 people — more than 12 percent of Beirut's population — can't return to their homes, officials estimate. Damaged hospitals are still struggling to deal with the wounded. Dozens are still missing. Officials have estimated losses at \$10 billion to \$15 billion.

Furthermore, the disaster struck at a time when people's savings have melted away, and unemployment and poverty have mounted in the financial crisis. Few have capacity to rebuild homes and businesses, and the government is scraping for dollars.

After talks with Lebanese leaders, France's Macron announced his country will organise a conference in the next few days with European, American, Middle Eastern and other donors to raise money for food, medicine, housing and other urgent aid.

But he warned Lebanon's political elite that he wouldn't give "blank checks to a system that no longer has the trust of its people." He called on



COMFORTING THE DEVASTATED: French President Emmanuel Macron hugs a resident as he visits a devastated street of Beirut, Lebanon on Thursday. Macron promised to offer French support to Lebanon after the deadly port blast. AP picture

them to create a "new political order."

He promised a "clear and transparent governance" so that the aid goes directly to the population and aid groups.

In startling scenes, Macron — whose country once was Lebanon's colonial ruler — presented himself as a champion for the Lebanese to push change on their leadership.

After visiting the devastated port, Macron walked through one of the worst-hit neighborhoods, Gemmayzeh, down a street lined with wrecked buildings.

On the narrow street, a crowd gathered around him and shouted their anger, chanting, "Revolution!" and "The people want to bring down the regime!" — slogans used at mass protests last year.

Macron told them he would propose "a new political pact" when he met the government later. Then, he added, "I will be back on the first of September and if they can't do it, I will keep my responsibility toward you." He also promised that French aid would be given out with transparency and "will not go into the hands of corruption."

One woman shouted at Macron, "You are sitting with warlords. They have been manipulating us for the past year." He replied, "I'm not here to help

them. I'm here to help you." They then hugged.

Notably, none of Lebanon's top politicians have toured residential areas damaged by the blast, though President Michel Aoun and others did visit the port. Hours after Macron left Gemmayzeh, Justice Minister Marie-Claude Najm tried to visit, only to be driven out by protesters.

"Resign, you criminal! Would you accept anything less if your sister were among those killed?" one protester shouted at her. As she was about to respond, another sprayed her with a water hose. She left as protesters chanted, "Revolution!" and "Resign."

Beirut's hospitals remained overwhelmed by the wounded, and there were fears of a spike in coronavirus cases.

In one hospital, 4-month-old Sophie Ajoury, perhaps the smallest survivor of Tuesday's blast, was fighting for her life. She suffered head injuries while breastfeeding from her mother near a window when the shock wave hit.

Her nurse said external bleeding had stopped, and the baby girl was awake and eating, and they were monitoring her condition for internal bleeding.

Emergency aid was starting to come into Lebanon, with European, Arab and Asian countries

sending doctors, medical supplies or field hospitals. The United Nations said Thursday it was releasing \$9 million from its emergency fund for Lebanon to strengthen hospitals and intensive care units.

However, the international community has been reluctant in past years to offer support to the notoriously dysfunctional government.

The same factions — and in most cases the same figures — have ruled Lebanon since the 1975-1990 civil war, including Iranian-backed Hezbollah. Almost all public institutions are divided up among the factions, which use them as patronage generators for themselves and their supporters. That means they tend to turn a blind eye to corruption, petty or major, and little actual development is put into the institutions. Even basic services like electricity and trash collection are a shambles.

The investigation into the blast is focusing on how the chemical stockpile came to be stored in the port's Warehouse 12 and why it was never dealt with. Authorities have promised to issue results within days, and President Michel Aoun promised whoever was responsible would be punished.

Lead investigator, military judge Fadi Akki, said 16 port employees have been detained and 18 people have been questioned so far, all port and customs officials as well as those in charge of maintenance at the warehouse where the ammonium nitrate was stored.

The investigators on Friday will interview the port's general manager, Hassan Koraytem, and Ghazi Aridi, who was public works and transport minister in 2013, when the ship was impounded, a person familiar with the investigation said. The Central Bank also froze the bank accounts of several figures, including Koraytem and the head of the customs department, Badri Daher.

Daher told the AP that State Security, one of Lebanon's main security agencies, had been investigating the stockpile over the past year. During that investigation, State Security sent reports to the Cabinet, state prosecutor and other state institutions about the danger of the material.

Security officials were not immediately available for comment. But if correct, it would be the first evidence that top level officials were notified of the danger so close to residential areas.

Daher confirmed to the AP that he had sent a letter in 2017 to a judge warning of the danger from the ammonium nitrate and asking for guidance on what to do with the material. He said he and his predecessor sent six letters but never got a response. — AP

Covid cases pass 1 million in Africa, 2 million in India

JOHANNESBURG — Africa's confirmed coronavirus cases have surpassed 1 million, but global health experts say the true toll is likely several times higher, reflecting the gaping lack of testing for the continent's 1.3 billion people.

While experts say infection tolls in richer nations can be significant undercounts, large numbers of undetected cases are a greater danger for Africa, with many of the world's weakest health systems.

The World Health Organisation calls the milestone a "pivotal point" for Africa as infections in several countries are surging. The virus has spread beyond major cities "into distant hinterlands" where few health resources exist and reaching care could take days.

Immediately knowing they were at a disadvantage, African nations banded together early in the pandemic to pursue badly needed testing and medical supplies and advocate for equitable access to any successful vaccine. Swift border closures delayed the virus' spread.

INDIA — More than two million Indians have now tested positive for Covid-19, according to official figures.

The country confirmed the last million cases in just 20 days, faster than the US or Brazil which have higher numbers.

Testing has been expanded considerably in India in recent weeks but the situation varies across states.

Spurred by a low death rate, the nation continues to reopen even as new

hotspots drive the surge in cases. But some states have imposed restrictions.

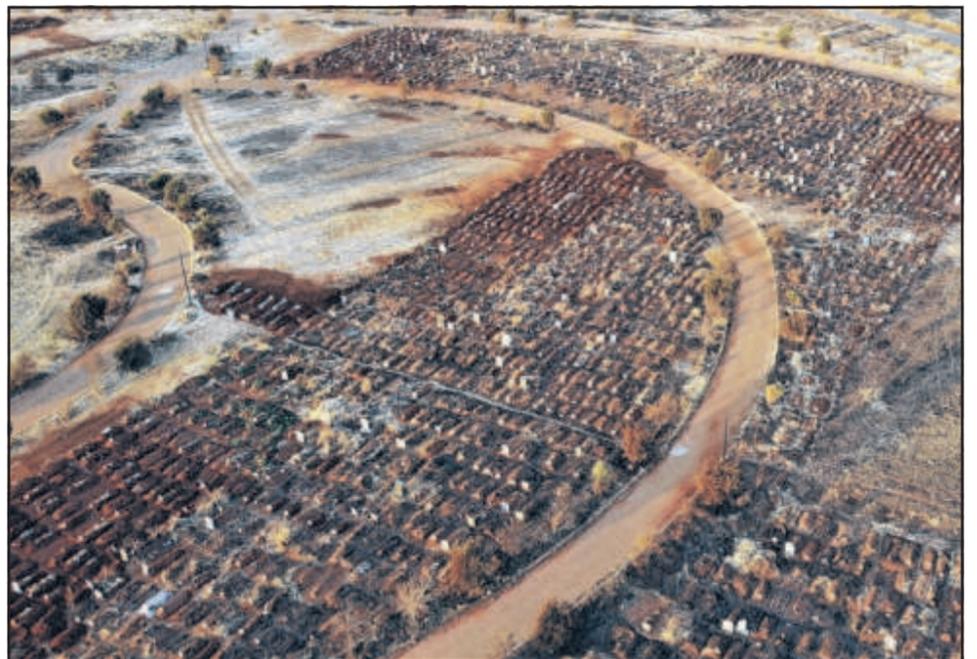
The recent measures include local, intermittent lockdowns, sometimes limiting activity in specific cities or districts.

India is now the third country to cross the two million mark. It reported 62,170 cases in the past 24 hours, taking its total tally up to 2,025,409.

The country has reported around 40,700 deaths so far. While that is the world's fifth-biggest total, experts say it is not very high given the country's population of 1.3 billion.

The government, however, has been accused of undercounting Covid-19 deaths due to a variety of reasons — from lags in reporting to rules on how India determines if a death was caused by the virus.

— AP/BBC



VIRUS INTO DISTANT HINTERLANDS: Recently filled graves are seen in the Olifantsveil Cemetery outside Johannesburg, South Africa. The frequency of burials in South Africa has significantly increased during the coronavirus pandemic, as the country became one of the top five worst-hit nations. AP picture

'See you in court'

ACLU files nearly 400 cases against Trump

NEW YORK — The day after Donald Trump's election in November 2016, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) posted a message to him on its website: "See you in court."

As president, Trump hasn't personally squared off against the ACLU from the witness stand, but the broader warning has been borne out. As of this week, the ACLU has filed nearly 400 lawsuits and other legal actions against the Trump administration, some meeting with setbacks but many resulting in important victories.

Among other successes for the ACLU, it prevailed in a US Supreme Court case blocking the administration from placing a citizenship question on the 2020 census. It also spearheaded legal efforts that curtailed the policy of separating many migrant children from their parents.

"The assault on civil liberties and civil rights is greater under this administration than any other in modern history," said the ACLU's president, Anthony Romero. "It's meant we've been living with a three-alarm fire in every part of our house."

Since the day Trump took office, the ACLU — according to a breakdown it provided to The Associated Press — has filed 237 lawsuits against the administration and about 160 other legal actions, including Freedom of Information Act requests, ethics complaints and

administrative complaints.

Of the lawsuits, 174 have dealt with immigrant rights, targeting the family separation policy, detention and deportation practices and the administration's repeated attempts to make it harder to seek asylum at the U.S.-Mexico border.

The other lawsuits address an array of issues high on the ACLU's agenda: voting rights, LGBT rights, racial justice and others. In one long-running case, the ACLU succeeded in blocking the administration's policy of barring young immigrant women in government custody from getting abortions.

"Donald Trump has provided a full employment programme for ACLU lawyers on all of our issues," Romero said.

Since the day Trump took office, the ACLU has filed 237 lawsuits against the administration and about 160 other legal actions.

The White House, in response to the new tally of ACLU legal actions, said the organisation had become preoccupied with opposing Trump to the detriment of its historical mission.

"Instead of fighting for the most vulnerable and those

seeking a voice, the ACLU has blatantly and fully incorporated itself as a member of the Democratic Party and the radical Left," said White House spokesman Judd Deere.

Many of the ACLU's recent lawsuits remain unresolved. Of those that have been decided, Romero said, the ACLU has won far more often than it has lost, though a precise breakdown was unavailable.

Among the setbacks, ACLU national legal director David Cole said, one of the most disappointing involved Trump's efforts to ban foreign nationals from several predominantly Muslim countries. Lawsuits by the ACLU and its allies successfully blocked implementation of the first two versions of the ban, but the Supreme Court allowed a third version to go into effect in 2018.

By a similar 5-4 vote, the Supreme Court also allowed the implementation of the Trump administration policy barring transgender people from enlisting in the military. Lower courts had supported efforts by the ACLU and other groups to scrap the ban. Another LGBT rights case recently ended in a major victory for the ACLU and its allies when the Supreme Court ruled 6-3 in June that gays, lesbians and transgender people were protected from employment discrimination under the Civil Rights Act



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of 1964. One of the ACLU's clients, Aimee Stephens, was fired from her job at a Michigan funeral home because she was transgender; she died just a few weeks before the high court ruled in her favour.

There's no question the ACLU has caught the attention of Trump and his administration.

The Republican president, at an "Evangelicals for Trump" rally in January, derided the ACLU as a "group of beauties" who had filed a lawsuit accusing public schools in Smith County, Tennessee, of improperly promoting Christian religious beliefs. "We will not allow faithful Americans to be bullied by the hard left," Trump said.

In a May 2018 speech, then-Attorney General Jeff Sessions assailed the ACLU for a lawsuit that led to a drop in stop-and-frisk arrests by Chicago police.

"If you want crime to go up, let the ACLU run the police

department," Sessions said.

Recently, the ACLU has drawn criticism from a longtime supporter, George Washington University law professor Jonathan Turley. He worries that the organisation is aligning too closely with the Democratic Party and is now less willing than in the past to support unpopular causes, such as the free-speech rights of far-right activists.

In an email, Turley questioned the wisdom of the "torrent of lawsuits" against the Trump administration.

"The result was less of a sniper strategy and more of a saturated bombing strategy," he wrote.

Even as it spars with the administration, the ACLU notes that Trump's presidency has been beneficial in some respects — fuelling huge increases in donations and membership.

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Hiroshima 75th anniversary

Mayor urges world leaders to ban nuclear weapons

HIROSHIMA — The dwindling witnesses to the world's first atomic bombing marked its 75th anniversary on Thursday (local time), with Hiroshima's mayor and others noting as hypocritical the Japanese government's refusal to sign a nuclear weapons ban treaty.

Mayor Kazumi Matsui urged world leaders to more seriously commit to nuclear disarmament, pointing out Japan's failures.

"I ask the Japanese government to heed the appeal of the (bombing survivors) to sign, ratify and become a party to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons," Matsui said in his peace declaration.

"As the only nation to suffer a nuclear attack, Japan must persuade the global public to unite with the spirit of Hiroshima."

His speech highlights what survivors feel is the hypocrisy of Japan's government, which hosts 50,000 American troops and is protected by the US nuclear umbrella. Tokyo has not signed the nuclear weapons ban treaty adopted in 2017, despite its non-nuclear pledge, a failure to act that atomic bombing survivors and pacifist groups call insincere.

The US dropped its first atomic bomb on Hiroshima on August 6, 1945, destroying the city and killing 140,000 people. The US dropped a second bomb three days later on Nagasaki,



REMEMBERING VICTIMS OF WORLD'S FIRST ATOMIC ATTACK: Visitors observe a minute of silence at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park during the ceremony to mark the 75th anniversary of the bombing on Thursday.

AP picture

killing another 70,000. Japan surrendered on August 15, ending World War 2 and its nearly half-century of aggression in Asia.

Survivors, their relatives and other participants marked the 8.15am blast anniversary with a minute of silence.

Thursday's peace ceremony at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park was scaled down because of the coronavirus pandemic. The fewer than 1000 attendees was one-tenth of those attending in

past years.

Some survivors and their relatives prayed at the park's cenotaph before the ceremony. The registry of the atomic bombing victims is stored at the cenotaph, whose inscription reads "Let all the souls here rest in peace for we shall not repeat the mistake."

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, in his speech at the ceremony, said Japan is committed to a nuclear weapons ban but a nuclear-free world cannot be achieved

overnight and it has to start from dialogue between opposite sides.

"Japan's position is to serve as a bridge between different sides and patiently promote their dialogue and actions to achieve a world without nuclear weapons," Abe said. Nuclear policies are divided amid a harsh security environment, so it is necessary to create common ground first, he said.

UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres said there is nothing in between. "The only way to eliminate nuclear risk is to eliminate nuclear weapons," he said in his video message from New York for the occasion.

"Seventy-five years is far too long not to have learned that the possession of nuclear weapons diminishes, rather than reinforces, security," he said. "Today, a world without nuclear weapons seems to be slipping further from our grasp."

An ageing group of survivors, known as hibakusha, feel a growing urgency to tell their stories, in hopes of reaching a younger generation. Many peace events, including their talks, leading up to the anniversary had been cancelled due to the coronavirus, but some survivors have teamed with young students or pacifist groups to speak at online events, sometimes connecting with international audiences.

On the 75th anniversary,

elderly survivors, whose average age now exceeds 83, lamented the slow progress of nuclear disarmament.

They expressed anger over what they said was the Japanese government's reluctance to help and listen to those who suffered from the atomic bombing.

"Abe's words and actions don't seem to match," said Manabu Iwasa, 47, who came to the park to pray for his father, a survivor who died at age 87 in March.

"Japan apparently sides with the US to make more effort towards a nuclear weapons ban," he said. "It's frustrating, but there is not much we individuals can do."

Keiko Ogura, 84, who survived the atomic bombing at age 8, wants non-nuclear states to pressure Japan into signing the nuclear weapons prohibition treaty.

"Many survivors are offended by the Prime Minister of this country who does not sign the nuclear weapons prohibition treaty," said Ogura.

She and other members of her group of English interpreters are providing a virtual tour of the park from the cenotaph, reaching out to audiences from around the world.

Survivors also urged world leaders, especially those from nuclear weapons states, to visit Hiroshima and see the reality of the atomic bombing. — AP

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Wilson targets Te Rapa jumps feature with It's A Wonder

HAMILTON — Harvey Wilson has given a good push to his Te Rapa chances, and particularly It's A Wonder.

Wilson yesterday put the finishing touches on tomorrow's Waikato Steeplechase (3900m) favourite It's A Wonder.

TAB bookmakers have installed Istidaad 10-year-old It's A Wonder as a \$4 favourite for the Waikato Steeplechase ahead of Zedman at \$4.40, Delacroix at \$5 and Napoleon at \$5.50.

"It's a good field, no doubt about that, but we're happy with our bloke," Wilson said. "He did start in a chase at Te Rapa last year when he had to settle for second to Shamal and he did struggle with the turns into the middle. He does like to get on with the job but we think he will have learned from the

experience and should be better this time.

"He'll go pretty freely again and he's going well. We were surprised how well he went in the hurdle at Whanganui."

It's A Wonder resumed with a second placing to Aigne at Whanganui in a 3000m hurdle race and has since had an unplaced flat race at the same track in preparation for his favoured role.

His steeplechasing record reads five starts for three wins and two placings, the wins culminating in success in the Koral Steeplechase and Grand National Steeplechase at Riccarton last year.

"It's a shame there won't be a National this year," Wilson said.

"After this he'll miss Awapuni and then go to Hawke's Bay (for the Hawke's Bay Steeplechase

over 4800m on September 19) and then on to the Pakuranga Hunt Cup (4900m at Ellerslie on October 4).

"How he goes in the Pakuranga will dictate whether we press on to the Northern (Great Northern Steeplechase over 6400m at Ellerslie on October 17). Whether he's a true Northern horse or not, I'm not 100 percent sure. He did handle the 5600m of the Grand National but the Northern is three times over the Ellerslie hill."

Wilson will give himself a shot at Te Rapa's feature jumps double with Bad Boy Brown tackling the Fairview Motors Waikato Hurdle (3200m) earlier on the card.

Only once out of the top two in hurdles, when regular rider Isaac Lupton was forced to pull him

up with a slipped saddle, Bad Boy Brown has won four of his eight starts in the role, winning last year's Great Northern Hurdle (4190m) at Ellerslie, and finishing second at Riccarton's Grand National Hurdles (4200m).

St Reims nine-year-old Bad Boy Brown has had two flat runs to fit him for his return to jumping, finishing third and fifth at Whanganui, performances that pleased Wilson.

"He meets a strong field on Saturday and it's never easy with top weight to carry but he's going well."

Bookies have Bad Boy Brown as a \$7 equal-fourth favourite with Laekeeper in a market headed by Ave Maria and Ali Baba at \$5.50 and Revolution at \$6. — NZ Racing Desk

Waikato races at Te Rapa Saturday

Selections

Race 1: ALEXANDRITE, CANNOLI, CERYS
 Race 2: AERO DE PARIS, APPELLANT, QUIZZY LIZZY
 Race 3: AVE MARIA, TRISHA LEA, LAEKEEPER
 Race 4: RISING RENOWN, ABU DHABI, ALFA ROSSO
 Race 5: DELACROIX, NAPOLEON, RAISAFUASHO
 Race 6: SPRING DELIGHT, YOUWANTMORE, EXCALIBUR
 Race 7: TELLYAWHAT, SAVY YONG BLONK, SULTAN OF SWING
 Race 8: ROYAL PRINCE, MARS BARS, JAKKALBOMB
 Race 9: CRAFTY JESS, STEVEN JAMES, OBSESSIVE
 Race 10: AALALUNE, CHECKERS, BORN TO FIGHT

1 NZB Insurance Pearl Series 11.20
 \$10,000, maiden f&m, 1400m

1 245s Alexandrite (3) 57.5 52 S Weatherley
 2 525s Cannoli (9) 57.5 52 D Johnson
 3 767s2 Cerys (8) 57.5 52 A Calder
 4 68s43 Blew By You (7) 57.5 51 C Grylls
 5 73 Hla Senorita (11) 57.5 51 S McKay
 6 3 Whanga Wonder (10) 57.5 51

7 67s39 Movinonbye (15) 57.5 50 C Dell
 8 460s8 Azafan (12) 57.5 47 Brandon May
 9 09s58 Little Stevie (1) 57.5 47 C Burdan (a2)
 10 85 Turret (6) 57.5 47 Callum Jones (a3)
 11 006s Wicked Woman (14) 57.5 47 S Collett
 12 66 Cansea Clearly (5) 57.5 46 M Cameron
 13 7 Jack The Lass (4) 57.5 46 C Lammam
 14 87s76 Crimson Star (2) 57.5 45 S Spratt
 15 7s Fiorasino (16) 57.5 45 R Elliott
 16 300s0 The Last Tsunami (13) 57.5 45

2 Lodge Rentals 11.55
 \$30,000, rating 70 benchmark, 1200m

1 s218s Jewel Of Patch (3) 59.5 70
 2 1449s Aero De Paris (12) 58.5 68 C Grylls
 3 8s853 Monaco (9) 58.5 68 T Newman (a3)
 4 7330s Imblaze (11) 57.5 70 C Burdan (a2)
 5 65s70 Liquid Inspiration (6) 57.5 70
 6 s38s4 Appellant (2) 56.5 68 D Johnson
 7 s0s62 Medalza (5) 56.5 68 S Collett
 8 20s17 Gorgeous Geisha (14) 56 67 Callum Jones (a3)
 9 0413s Quizzy Lizzy (4) 56 67 R Elliott

3 Fairview Motors Waikato Hurdle 12.30
 \$50,000, open hurdle, 3200m

1 21s35 Bad Boy Brown (5) 69 90 I Lupton
 2 L12s6 Laekeeper (1) 68.5 89 S Fannin
 3 FPs76 No Change (13) 67 86 E Farr
 4 83s32 Tommyra (16) 66.5 85 H McNeill
 5 0s311 Ave Maria (12) 65 77 R Elliott
 6 1s727 Trisha Lea (10) 65 77 C Studd
 7 55s03 Delegate (15) 65 73 D M Parker
 8 6Fs01 Revolution (6) 65 73 A Kuru
 9 3s232 Senassy (3) 65 71 J Seiwright
 10 8s251 Arite Guru (9) 65 70 S Karmicnik
 11 6s743 Abacus (8) 65 69 M Cropp
 12 34s11 Ali Baba (7) 65 69 R Cole
 13 s0s05 Cashel (4) 65 69 N Downs
 14 147s6 So Keep Em (14) 65 68 L Douglas

4 Wrote @ Highview Mile 1.05
 \$10,000, maiden, 1600m

1 26s35 Alfa Rosso (20) 58.5 53 J Riddell
 2 0s008 Its All Fake News (15) 58.5 53
 3 88s2 All Might (21) 58.5 52 S McKay
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 14 Siglo (8) 58.5 45 M Cameron
 15 Special Interest (17) 58.5 45 C Grylls
 16 02 Swiss Regal (3) 58.5 52 L Satherley
 17 9 Star Flash (16) 58.5 45 C Burdan (a2)

5 The Bold One Standing 11.40
 \$10,000, maiden, 1300m

1 04 Chillax 'n' Chase (10) 58.5 50
 2 040s Harry Hewitt (11) 58.5 49 T Taiaroa (a3)
 3 8s857 Snakey (2) 58.5 46 T Thornton
 4 8 My Son (3) 58.5 45 M K Hudson (a3)
 5 23s5 Shanghai Express (1) 56.5 53 H Schofer (a3)
 6 5s704 Irish Heart (8) 56.5 52 L Hemi
 7 03 Black Eyed Sue (4) 56.5 51 R Myers
 8 78s46 Midnight Spark (9) 56.5 49 K Asano (a1)
 9 6s Miss Falvelon (6) 56.5 46 L Allpress
 10 6s099 Cijurane (5) 56.5 45 J Kamaruddin (a4)
 11 669s0 Danz I Am (13) 56.5 45 M J Sanson (a4)
 12 Makadon (7) 56.5 45 D Hirini
 13 0 Spirit Of Attante (12) 54 45 C Johnson

6 Zed Standing @ Grangewilliam 12.13
 \$10,000, maiden, 1300m

1 23s4 The Grinder (10) 58.5 53 L Allpress
 2 09s05 After You (1) 58.5 47 L Hemi
 3 47s00 Castle Black (2) 58.5 45 (a4)
 4 Donegal (6) 58.5 45
 5 6s0 Roni (14) 58.5 45 D Bradley
 6 62s4 All That Jazz (8) 56.5 52 J Parkes
 7 043s4 Manhattan Affair (3) 56.5 52 D Hirini
 8 s34s0 Amazing Team (12) 56.5 50 Ashvin Mudhoo (a4)
 9 7s277 Hermes (7) 56.5 50 S J Macnab (a2)
 10 58 Sacred Lady (5) 56.5 46 K Asano (a1)
 11 0s Bella Noche (9) 56.5 45 T Thornton
 12 7 Indy Fox (11) 56.5 45 M K Hudson (a3)
 13 Hardtimes (13) 56.5 45 M J Sanson (a4)
 14 4s Power Of The Kitty (4) 54 50 C Johnson

7 Derryn Standing @ Grangewilliam 12.48
 \$22,500, rating 65 benchmark*, 1200m

1 2126s Spiderman (13) 59 63 T Allan
 2 s2213 Empire Of Patch (4) 58.5 62 R Myers
 3 — Justaskme SCRATCHED
 4 186s0 Its A Kinda Magic (8) 58 65 H Schofer (a3)
 5 927s9 Just Raj (18) 57.5 60 T Thornton
 6 6s15s A Little Vague (1) 57 63 L Hemi
 7 1 Aimee's Jewel (9) 57 63 L Allpress
 8 2s15 Hydroexpress (17) 57 63 S J Macnab (a2)

8 Sth Taranaki Club Members Day 10.40
 \$10,000, maiden, 2100m

1 63s09 Bear Gryls (10) 58.5 52 M J Sanson (a4)
 2 480s2 Irish Flare (20) 58.5 52 H Schofer (a3)
 3 84s42 Quizz Kid (18) 58.5 50 L Allpress
 4 8s004 Under The Pump (7) 58.5 50 T Taiaroa (a3)
 5 5 Father Dom (15) 58.5 47 S O'Malley (a3)
 6 7 Denali (6) 58.5 46 T Thornton
 7 86s58 Thelitheavyweight (16) 58.5 46 F Lazet (a2)
 8 0s757 Wotablant (9) 58.5 46 S J Macnab (a4)
 9 Captaintwinklotoes (8) 58.5 45 R Myers
 10 7s524 Great North Road (14) 56.5 52 J Parkes
 11 s4s25 Nogolf Etikit (4) 56.5 52 L Hemi
 12 9s543 Breath Of Fire (13) 56.5 51 M K Hudson (a3)
 13 44s09 Princess Jenni (12) 56.5 50 B Ansell (a3)
 14 Herecomesthesun (3) 56.5 45 D Hirini
 15 7 Kaliuwaa (17) 56.5 45
 16 89s Behind Blue Eyes (1) 56.5 45
 17 0s6s7 Bruno Kelly (11) 58.5 45
 18 78s86 Monkey Town (19) 58.5 45
 19 769s7 Master Black Jack (2) 58.5 45
 20 779s0 Beaudacea (5) 56.5 45

9 Taranaki Steelformers 11.10
 \$10,000, maiden, 1300m

1 95s44 Another Secret (4) 58.5 50 L Hemi
 2 s468s Ruiz (2) 58.5 48 R Myers
 3 5 Little Uzi (5) 58.5 47 K Asano (a1)
 4 0 Mister Porotene (7) 58.5 45 L Allpress
 5 99s Que Pret (10) 58.5 45 R Beemud (a4)
 6 93s22 Smooth Cognac (12) 56.5 54 M K Hudson (a3)

Jetbet 2 TAB D. 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10 T. 1-2-3, 4-5-6, 8-9-10 Q. 2-3-4-5, 7-8-9-10 PL6 5-10

5 Signature Homes Waikato 1.40
 \$50,000, open stp, 3900m

1 11s20 It's A Wonder (6) 68 88 S Fannin
 2 7PsP5 Perry Mason (11) 67.5 87 H McNeill
 3 PPs7P Chocolate Fish (5) 66.5 85 M Cropp
 4 1s041 Delacroix (4) 65.5 83 B Lammam
 5 276s4 The Arabian Duke (10) 65 75 J Seiwright
 6 Ls391 Napoleon (9) 65 74 R Cole
 7 153s3 Raisafuasho (13) 65 74 S Karmicnik
 8 16PsF Zamora (2) 65 74 C Studd
 9 88PsP Zed Case (7) 65 72 D M Parker
 10 2s9L0 El Corby (12) 65 70 N Downs
 11 3Ps41 El Disparo (3) 65 69 I Lupton
 12 20s11 Zedman (1) 65 69 A Kuru
 13 5s022 Macklemore (8) 65 59 E Farr

6 Foster 2.15
 \$30,000, rating 83 handicap, 2100m

1 s8s08 El Luchador (18) 62 83
 2 6s007 Pacorus (1) 62 83 M Hashizume (a3)
 3 8s067 Call Me Royal (11) 61.5 82
 4 700s0 Excalibur (9) 60.5 80 S Weatherley
 5 33s63 Richard Of Yorke (8) 60 79 (a1)
 6 6s385 Sweet Treat (14) 58.5 80 R Elliott
 7 76s60 Youwantmore (15) 56 75 D Johnson
 8 60s80 Irish Call (16) 55 69
 9 13s12 Password (6) 55 69 S Spratt
 10 5s487 Pursued (4) 54.5 68 M Kareem (a3)
 11 833s3 Spring Delight (2) 54 71 C Grylls
 12 82s13 Bak Da Master (17) 54 67 C Burdan (a2)
 13 310s9 Seemax (20) 54 66 S McKay
 14 10s02 Zabd (3) 54 63 L Satherley
 15 25s00 Los Angeles (10) 54 62 S Collett
 16 6s680 Wooden Edge (7) 54 61 Callum Jones (a3)

EMERGENCIES:
 17 2s469 Gabriel (22) 54 59
 18 7s000 Tutta La Classe (5) 54 59
 19 89s99 Desert Storm (13) 54 58
 20 48s00 Red John (21) 54 57
 21 0s9s6 Franconi (19) 54 56
 22 06s0P Peshawar (12) 54 45

7 Pak'nsave Clarence St 2.50
 \$30,000, rating 98 handicap, 1200m

1 1222s Sultan Of Swing (4) 62 98 S Weatherley
 2 5s11s Yorkshire Dales (6) 58.5 91 Callum Jones (a3)
 3 2022s Pop Star Princess (11) 55 88 L Satherley
 4 4121s Savy Yong Blonk (14) 55 88 D Johnson
 5 040s1 Finbarr (9) 54.5 83 S Spratt
 6 763s5 Malambo (15) 54 85 Brandon May
 7 9436s Mr Universe (10) 54 81 C Lammam
 8 7s356 Casquinman (8) 54 76 Richard Oliver
 9 8467s Cavallo Veloce (12) 54 76 S McKay
 10 5524s Karalino (2) 54 75 C Grylls
 11 — LHiki SCRATCHED
 12 10s21 Ihu (1) 54 73 M Hashizume (a3)
 13 37s12 Tellyawhat (7) 54 73 S Collett
 14 1114s Romantic Lady (3) 54 71 C Burdan (a2)

8 Super Seth @ Waikato Stud 3.25
 \$30,000, rating 87 handicap, 1400m

1 s1s383 Battle Time (2) 62 87 C Burdan (a2)
 2 6660s Vernanne (12) 61.5 86 D Johnson
 3 6s218 Lupelani (1) 59 85 Callum Jones (a3)
 4 12s64 Money Trail (5) 58 79 M Hashizume (a3)
 5 2132s Tweedledee (8) 58 79 T Yanagida (a1)
 6 4810s Communique (6) 54.5 76 C Grylls
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9 Waikato Cup Tickets On Sale 4.05
 \$30,000, rating 95 handicap, 1600m

1 8110s Big Mike (10) 62 95 C Ormsby
 2 219s0 Obessious (8) 56 83 D Johnson
 3 7573s Athena Baby (16) 55 81 C Grylls
 4 65s31 Crafty Jess (15) 54 83 M Cameron

10 Denis Wheeler Earthmoving 3.43
 \$10,000, rating 65 benchmark*, 1600m

1 96s05 Auro Street (7) 59 61 L Hemi
 2 76s07 Vincentius (1) 59 61 T Thornton
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Savvy Lad primed for Flemington target

MELBOURNE — Trainers Trent Busuttin and Natalie Young are looking forward to lining up Savvy Lad in the Rubaroc Handicap (1410m) at Flemington tomorrow after his pleasing first-up run at Caulfield last month.

The Savabeel four-year-old finished third behind Mystery Shot and Wicklow Town over 1400m and his connections are hoping he can break through for his first win in Australia this weekend.

“Savvy Lad was unlucky first-up, he got beaten by a couple of smart horses, but he ran third after copping a severe check at the 600m and was only beaten by a length and a bit,” Busuttin told RSN927.

“They were good horses that finished in front of him.

“He is dropping back to a (BenchMark) 70 (on Saturday) so I would say he will be very hard to beat on a big Flemington track.”

Savvy Lad won two starts in New Zealand for former trainers Matthew and Michael Pitman, but disappointed in his first two Australian runs for the Busuttin-Young team.

“He trialled up excellently and Damian Oliver gave him good reviews and he went to the races and jarred up badly at Caulfield first-up,” Busuttin said.

“We probably should have put him in

the paddock, but we pushed on with him a bit and he felt it second up so we gave him a good break.

“He has come back really well and there is a nice race for him somewhere in the spring.”

Wyndspelle on parade

HAWERA — Group One winner Wyndspelle will be on parade at the Hawera racecourse tomorrow ahead of his debut season at stud.

The son of Iffraaj will be on show to the public between races two and three, with breeders encouraged to speak with

Grangewilliam Stud Principal Marc Corcoran on the day about the discounted fee on offer and the limited number of lifetime breeding rights available.

A winner of the Gr.1 Captain Cook Stakes (1600m), Wyndspelle competed in top-flight races across five seasons, performing with distinction in both Australia and New Zealand.

Breeders will also get a chance to view Wyndspelle in the Waikato as part of the gavelhouse.com stallion parades when he is presented at Seaton Park on August 22.

Wyndspelle will stand at Grangewilliam Stud in 2020 in partnership with Jen Campin Bloodstock for \$7,500 +GST.

New South Wales races at Randwick Saturday Jetbet 11 TAB doubles 1-2, 4-5, 8-9 Trebles 3-4-5, 7-8-9 Quaddie 2-3-4-5, 6-7-8-9 Place6 4-9

Selections

Race 1: MONTEFILIA, DANCING GIDGET, PAPAL WARRIOR
 Race 2: ROYAL BANQUET, WORD FOR WORD, FROSTY
 ROCKS
 Race 3: TOTAL RECALL, GROUP THINK, TAVION PRINCE
 Race 4: ESTRADO, WANDABAA, HEART OF THE OAK
 Race 5: LOVESEAT, STARDOME, REZEALIENT
 Race 6: ANDERS, KUMASI, SIXGUN
 Race 7: EDUARDO, MELODY BELLE, SPECIAL REWARD
 Race 8: TAILLEUR, BEST STONE, LANCASTER BOMBER
 Race 9: FENDER, PARTNERS, CRISTAL BREEZE

1 Sky Racing Active 1.50

\$125,000, 3 & 4yo Benchmark 72, 1500m

1 — **Royal Banquet** SCRATCHED
 2 51s11 **Dancing Gidget** twh (5) 60 96 J Mc Donald
 3 22161 **Matowatake** w (2) 60 100 Ms L Day (a3)

4 38811 **Vienna Rain** w (9) 59 95 A Hyeronimus
 5 6s011 **Eiger** cw (7) 57.5 93 J Collett
 6 14322 **Papal Warrior** wh (1) 57.5 93 N Rawiller
 7 64117 **Rothenburg** tw (6) 57 93 K Mc Evoy
 8 11347 **Witness Collector** (3) 53.5 88 J Penza
 9 14s3 **Montefilia** wh (4) 53 93 G Boss

2 Everest Carnival On Sale 2.25

\$125,000, 3yo & up Benchmark 78, 1500m

1 62382 **Spencer** tw (8) 61 95 Ms L Day (a3)
 2 21642 **Word For Word** cwh (9) 58 91 T Berry
 3 71424 **Frosty Rocks** w (5) 58 100 N Rawiller
 4 1s111 **Royal Banquet** w (4) 57.5 94 T Sherry (a3) SCRATCHED

5 — **Dancing Gidget** SCRATCHED
 6 s41s7 **New King** w (2) 57 91 J Mc Donald
 7 51236 **Orcein** cwh (3) 57 95 B Avdulla
 8 8s939 **Almerheri** w (7) 54 96 Ms R King
 9 07035 **Noble Joey** w (1) 53.5 90 Ms K O'Hara

3 TAB Highway Plate 3.00

\$75,000, 3yo & up Class 3 SW, 1800m

1 33s91 **Senatorial** w (9) 59 90 K Mc Evoy
 2 2s893 **Bajan Gold** (17) 57.5 91 T Sherry (a3)
 3 51244 **Group Think** w (14) 57.5 100 N Rawiller
 4 76033 **Tavion Prince** (12) 57.5 91 Ms R King
 5 3s047 **Boom Gate** (2) 57.5 93 J Collett
 6 37166 **Ronan's Rock** w (4) 57.5 91 S Clipperton
 7 — **Husted** SCRATCHED
 8 46034 **Reposition** w (11) 57.5 89 J Penza
 9 54321 **Men In Tights** w (7) 57.5 89 Ms L Day (a3)

10 15421 **Shame Warned** (10) 57.5 89 A Morgan
 11 21956 **Holy Express** (5) 57 91 B Cray
 12 4s582 **Takissaco** b (6) 57 90 B Loy
 13 32s41 **Total Recall** w (3) 56 98 B Avdulla
 14 52325 **Lord Desanimaux** (16) 56 94 B Ryan (a2)

EMERGENCIES:

15 64431 **Les Amoureux** w (13) 54 87 T Clark
 16 91s08 **Tuscan Light** w (1) 54 89
 17 65s65 **Treasure The Love** w (8) 54 87
 18 41D01 **Wichita Warrior** w (18) 57.5 95

4 De Bortoli Wines 3.35

\$125,000, 3yo & up F&M Benchmark 88, 1200m

1 41112 **Wandabaa** dw (1) 59 100 Ms L Day (a3)
 2 7690s **Yamazaki** d (7) 57.5 93 T Berry
 3 s2136 **Outback Diva** cdwh (2) 55 97 T Clark
 4 32s53 **Our Revenue** dwn (3) 54 88 J Van Overmeire (a1.5)

5 s187s **Heart Of The Oak** dwh (4) 53 98 J Innes Jnr
 6 05402 **Jay Jay D'ar** dhn (8) 53 97 G Boss
 7 15322 **Estrado** wb (6) 52 91 Ms K O'Hara
 8 2s472 **Boom Queen** (5) 52 92 B Ryan (a2)

5 Clubsns Western Metro 4.15

\$125,000, 3yo & up Benchmark 78, 2400m

1 00212 **Rezealient** (11) 59.5 100 Ms L Day (a3)
 2 31421 **Stardome** whn (5) 59.5 95 J Mc Donald
 3 66614 **California Longbow** tw (7) 57 94 T Clark
 4 88628 **Desert Path** dh (1) 57 95 N Rawiller
 5 s8365 **Birth Of Venus** twh (3) 56 96 B Avdulla
 6 73423 **Loveseat** cw (6) 56 100 J Collett
 7 92744 **Guise** twh (2) 55.5 97 K Mc Evoy
 8 35169 **Terwilliker** dw (4) 55.5 96 T Berry
 9 54413 **Club Town** w (9) 53.5 85 J Penza
 10 03166 **Shangani Patrol** dw (10) 52 93 R Dolan (a)
 11 71140 **True Marvel** w (8) 52 94 Ms K O'Hara

6 Schweppes Rosebud 4.55

\$140,000, 3yo Quality Listed, 1100m

1 1343s **Ole Kirk** dh (5) 59 92 T Berry
 2 6221s **Prime Star** dw (11) 58 89 S Clipperton
 3 1284s **Rulership** b (2) 56.5 96 K Mc Evoy
 4 12s **Kumasi** h (4) 55 97 B Avdulla
 5 6s211 **Anders** cdw (3) 54 100 J Collett
 6 7359s **Return With Honour** dh (1) 54 92 G Boss
 7 132 **Shaik** (6) 54 94 T Clark

8 — **Rule Of Law** SCRATCHED
 9 — **One To Remember** SCRATCHED
 10 1 **Sixgun** dw (10) 53 95 R Dolan (a)
 11 1 **The Face** dwh (8) 53 95 J Innes Jnr

7 Iron Jack Missile Stakes 5.35

\$200,000, 3yo & up SW+P Group 2, 1200m

1 5778s **Kolding** tdwh (7) 59 88 G Boss
 2 s300s **Mister Sea Wolf** twh (6) 57.5 88 A Hyeronimus

3 8100s **Imaging** twh (9) 57.5 86 T Berry
 4 3346s **Melody Belle** dw (11) 57 87 K Mc Evoy
 5 1602s **Flit** dw (1) 57 87 J Mc Donald
 6 5319s **Cascadian** tw (12) 56.5 86 G Schofield
 7 6211s **Special Reward** dw (13) 56.5 90 B Avdulla

8 s1108 **Hightail** dwh (3) 56.5 90 T Clark
 9 30s4s **Le Roman** dw (4) 56 87 J Collett
 10 7071 **Eduardo** tw (2) 56 100 N Rawiller
 11 25083 **Glenall** twh (10) 56 89 B Ryan (a)
 12 s0801 **Signore Fox** dw (8) 56 88 J Penza
 13 2766s **Savatio** tdw (5) 55.5 94 Ms R King

8 Rosehill Bowling Club 6.15

\$125,000, 3yo & up Benchmark 78, 1200m

1 1279s **McCormack** dwh (4) 59.5 94 Ms L Day (a3)

2 40065 **Top Striker** tdw (9) 59.5 89 T Sherry (a3)
 3 0s111 **Golly I'm Lucky** dw (1) 58 92 T Berry
 4 15122 **Lancaster Bomber** dw (6) 57 95 B Loy
 5 84223 **Ghostly** dwn (2) 56 94 A Hyeronimus
 6 5s413 **Minted** d (10) 56 94 T Clark
 7 11s51 **Best Stone** dwn (3) 55.5 100 N Rawiller
 8 4s217 **Excitic** dw (8) 55 91 Ms K O'Hara
 9 57014 **Raffa's Choice** twd (5) 54.5 92 B Ryan (a2)

9 TAB Handicap 6.55

\$125,000, 3yo & up Benchmark 78, 1200m

1 1441s **Discharged** dn (5) 59.5 94 Ms R King
 2 3s212 **Cristal Breeze** dw (4) 58.5 100 J Mc Donald

3 112s1 **Perigord** whn (3) 58 92 R Dolan (a)
 4 4s600 **Ljungberg** dwn (10) 57 85 J Innes Jnr
 5 — **Prime Star** SCRATCHED
 6 21115 **Lord Zoulander** dw (8) 56 88 Ms K O'Hara

7 s5112 **Partners** cdw (2) 55.5 92 B Ryan (a2)
 8 111s **Fender** dw (1) 54.5 86 J Collett
 9 121s2 **Valdostana** dhn (9) 54 94 B Avdulla
 10 2s884 **He's A Hotshot** d (6) 54 88 G Schofield

Victoria races at Flemington Saturday Jetbet 12 TAB doubles 1-2, 4-5, 8-9 Trebles 3-4-5, 7-8-9 Quaddie 2-3-4-5, 6-7-8-9 Place6 4-9

Selections

Race 1: SOUTH PACIFIC, DOUBLE YOU TEE, BLANDFORD LAD
 Race 2: GALACTIC FURY, DIESEL 'N' DUST, FATIGUES
 Race 3: FLINDERS RIVER, FRANKIE TWO ANGELS, ROYAL FILLY
 Race 4: TAVIDANCE, HEAVENLY EMPEROR, WINNING PARTNER
 Race 5: ICONOCLASM, MANTASTIC, COMING AROUND
 Race 6: HIGHTAIL, TROPE, HOME OF THE BRAVE
 Race 7: DOGMATIC, MASTER SHUHOOD, SKYMAN
 Race 8: OCTANE, CHICAGO CUB, MISTER MOGUL
 Race 9: PINYIN, THAT GIRL, SAVVY LAD

1 TAB Handicap 2.05

\$135,000, Open, 2530m

1 2610s **Home By Midnight** w (1) 62 89 Ms T Hope (a2) SCRATCHED
 2 — **Lord Belvedere** SCRATCHED
 3 72503 **Double You Tee** wn (6) 57.5 95 W Egan
 4 16s93 **South Pacific** wb (5) 57.5 98 D Oliver
 5 sP361 **Exemplar** tw (7) 56.5 95 J Allen
 6 41511 **Bertwhistle** w (4) 56 95 L Neindorf (a2)
 7 15194 **Flag Edition** wn (2) 56 89 Ms M Payne
 8 37711 **Blandford Lad** w (3) 56 90 W Price (a3)

2 Lexus Handicap 2.40

\$135,000, 3yo Benchmark 70, 1410m

1 42312 **Diesel 'n' Dust** w (7) 60 97 B Melham
 2 36322 **Galactic Fury** (1) 60 99 J McNeil
 3 9916 **Fatigues** dwh (5) 59.5 92 D Oliver
 4 s2263 **Big Day Out** (3) 59 96 L King (a2)
 5 657s1 **The Pres** w (4) 59 93 M Walker
 6 481 **Yes Baby Yes** wh (6) 57.5 100 J Allen
 7 72 **Shamzou** h (2) 56 93 D Moor

3 Grinders Coffee Roasters 3.15

\$135,000, 3yo Benchmark 70, 1800m

1 34s51 **Flinders River** (2) 62 100 W Price (a3)
 2 6s1 **Frankie Two Angels** wh (6) 61 96 L King (a2)

3 52 **Reuber** (1) 59.5 97 J Mott
 4 1 **Royal Filly** (8) 57.5 96 J McNeil
 5 8 **Token Spirit** (5) 57.5 85 D Lane
 6 82s71 **Cafe Rizu** (4) 57 92 D Oliver
 7 560 **Dubai Moon** (3) 57 93 B Allen
 8 6s633 **Storm's Colours** (7) 56.5 86 T Stockdale (a2)

4 Seppelt Wines Trophy 3.55

\$125,000, Benchmark 84, 1720m

1 500s0 **Peso** w (5) 62 81 J Mott
 2 79704 **Savvy Dak** tn (2) 60.5 93 L Neindorf (a2)
 3 s0398 **Curragh** w (9) 59 96 T Stockdale (a2)
 4 s8514 **Heavenly Emperor** twh (7) 59 98 J Allen
 5 2110s **Naivasha** twhn (6) 58.5 95 D Oliver
 6 06s40 **He Eksels** dw (4) 57.5 93 M Walker

7 s4122 **Winning Partner** wbn (10) 57.5 98 W Price (a3)
 8 49s85 **Five Kingdom** twhn (8) 56.5 95 L Nolen
 9 47402 **Reserve Street** (3) 56.5 96 B Melham
 10 1s316 **Tavidance** wb (1) 56 100 Ms J Kah

5 G.H.Mumm Plate 4.35

\$125,000, Open, 1410m

1 02318 **Iconoclasm** tdcn (2) 62 93 D Lane
 2 s880s **Mantastic** th (10) 61.5 90 T Stockdale (a2)

3 1s84s **Miami Bound** tdwh (8) 61 91 D Oliver
 4 000s4 **Rivet Delight** d (9) 56 100 D Bates
 5 210s9 **Reflectivity** cdhn (7) 56 83 D Dunn
 6 60s83 **Laburnum** dwh (11) 56 97 J Allen
 7 497s0 **Red Alto** tdwn (6) 56 86 C Newitt
 8 5s747 **Man From Uncle** dw (4) 56 95 J Hill
 9 111s2 **Coming Around** db (3) 56 100 L Riordan (a2)

6 Aurie's Star Handicap 5.15

\$160,000, Group 3, 1200m

1 44116 **So Si Bon** cdwh (3) 60 93 M Zahra
 2 s3734 **Home Of The Brave** dwh (9) 59 95 D Oliver

3 38156 **Reykjavik** tw (6) 58.5 99 J Allen
 4 9265s **Widgee Turf** tdwn (4) 57.5 96 W Egan
 5 s1623 **Great Again** cdw (10) 57 99 D Bates
 6 s0801 **Signore Fox** dw (11) 56 97 L Nolen
 7 1124s **Yulong January** tdwb (7) 56 97 B Melham

8 9s00s **Trope** (8) 55.5 94 J McNeil

9 s1108 **Hightail** dwh (2) 56 100 D Yendall
 10 s1111 **Game Keeper** tdwh (5) 55 91 D Lane
 11 40s32 **The Crusha** dw (1) 55 91 Ms J Kah

7 Furphy Lager 5.55

\$135,000, Benchmark 78, 2000m

1 87316 **Master Shuhood** dwh (7) 60.5 93 T Stockdale (a2)

2 36s63 **Dogmatic** dwh (4) 60 96 M Walker
 3 10s97 **Stealthy Lucas** dw (1) 59 90 J Childs
 4 s0753 **Eureka Street** cdwn (12) 58.5 89 D Dunn
 5 313s1 **Skyman** dh (5) 58 95 D Thornton
 6 11027 **Crimson Ace** dwn (6) 57 94 D Oliver
 7 80520 **Lord Durante** dwn (13) 57 91 L German (a2)

8 311s6 **Kentucky Tornado** wh (10) 56 91 J Allen
 9 334s2 **Cadre Du Noir** (9) 56 100 B Melham
 10 s3218 **Denero** wn (11) 56 91 B Allen
 11 26241 **Miroku** (2) 56 92 L Nolen
 12 01632 **Emperor Selassie** (8) 56 90 D Lane
 13 06100 **Faltonius** w (3) 56 84 D Bates

8 Farewell To Rob Gaylard 6.30

\$125,000, Benchmark 90, 1000m

1 06294 **Snitzkraft** b (12) 62 93 T Stockdale (a2)
 2 1411s **Chicago Cub** tdwh (3) 59 93 L King (a2)
 3 10312 **Mister Mogul** cdwhn (1) 57 96 B Allen
 4 4258s **Mr Money Bags** t (6) 56.5 87 C Newitt
 5 80583 **Causeway Girl** tdw (4) 56 90 W Price (a3)
 6 1s411 **Octane** dw (7) 56 100 Ms J Kah
 7 7s211 **Elite Legacy** dw (5) 56 95 J Noonan
 8 42947 **Spirit Of Aquada** wn (8) 56 95 B Melham
 9 5077s **Mount Kilcoy** (10) 56 79 Ms T Hope (a2)

10 1323s **Messerschmitt** th (2) 56 91 J McNeil
 11 1s112 **Sword Of Mercy** dwh (11) 56 91 D Lane
 12 60s12 **Rock Prophet** dw (9) 56 94 L German (a2)

9 Rubaroc Handicap 7.05

\$75,000, Benchmark 70, 1410m

1 327s7 **Sunday Pray** tdwn (4) 62.5 90 T Stockdale (a2) SCRATCHED

2 — **Muswellbrook** SCRATCHED
 3 025s2 **Satori** w (1) 61.5 90 W Price (a3)
 4 0s271 **Copper Fox** d (16) 61 93 Ms G Cartwright (a2)
 5 s7004 **I Could Do Better** dwh (18) 60.5 90 D Thornton

6 6s031 **Honorable Mention** w (5) 59.5 91 B Allen
 7 s99s3 **Savvy Lad** d (3) 59.5 96 M Walker
 8 0365s **Vegas Knight** b (20) 59.5 92 J Childs
 9 s26s1 **Lord Markel** dw (8) 59 97 J Maskiell
 10 117s9 **Zero Doubt** d (7) 59 91 C Newitt
 11 89s45 **Jittery Jack** dw (11) 58.5 91 L Riordan (a2)

12 7s342 **Pinyin** w (11) 58 95 D Oliver
 13 77s81 **Radiant Warrior** d (17) 58 91 L Nolen
 14 s1656 **That Girl** w (10) 58 100 L Neindorf (a2)
 15 42s43 **Shush** (12) 56 97 B Melham

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Selections

Race 1: FLEET DOVE, BANGERS AND MAYO, KASEAR
 Race 2: SAY HAYA, LADY APPLETON, MOTOMISS
 Race 3: ROMAN AUREUS, POTRO DURO, LEROYTHECONQUEROR
 Race 4: REUS, FAIRY ME HOME, ULTIMATE RING
 Race 5: FASTNET CYCLONE, CLOAK, BARGANNON
 Race 6: MAN IN MOTION, FOR MY ANNIE, LUCKY FIX
 Race 7: LADY SOLERNO, DASHING SPECIAL, BIRTH OF VENUS
 Race 8: TULLIO, ROCK BEAT, NICCANOVA
 Race 9: JARDIN ROUGE, KYLEASE, I DREAM OF GREEN

1 TAB Long May We Play Hcp 1.23

\$75,000, 3yo, 1350m

1 41461 **Bangers And Mayo** d (4) 59 97 Ms A Patis (a3)
 2 22s66 **Bellissimi Amici** (1) 56.5 99 A Thompson (a2)
 3 121 **Fleet Dove** tw (2) 56.5 100 M R Du Plessis

4 871 **Kasear** cw (3) 54.5 96 L V Cassidy
 5 1s5 **Eelloh** w (5) 54 97 T Marshall
 6 46345 **Imali** (6) 54 87 Ron Stewart

2 BRC Membership Renewal 1.58

\$50,000, F&M Benchmark 72, 1110m

1 s2s19 **Mishani Spirit** wn (10) 60 90 J Murphy (a2)

2 2187s **The Great Boombino** w (3) 59.5 90 A Thompson (a2)

3 96s13 **Foxpack** cw (7) 59 92 J Byrne
 4 s3914 **Say Haya** twb (5) 59 100 R Maloney
 5 5315s **Katy's Daughter** b (4) 58.5 90 Ms S Thornton

6 22252 **Yeahnah** wn (6) 58 89 J Orman
 7 211s1 **Motomiss** wn (8) 57.5 92 A Mallyon
 8 0377s **Victory Toast** wbn (9) 57.5 88 L Tilley
 9 6s233 **Social** dwb (2) 57 92 M Cahill
 10 88551 **Lady Appleton** dw (1) 56.5 96 R Fradd

3 XXXX Dry Handicap 2.33

\$75,000, Class 6, 1350m

1 2s457 **Reckless Choice** tdw (3) 60 92 J Huxtable (a2)

2 978s6 **Alpine Dancer** tc (1) 55.5 89 D Smith
 3 51112 **Potro Duro** d (2) 55.5 97 R Fradd
 4 76921 **Snowzone** tw (5) 54.5 100 J Byrne
 5 61199 **Shijin** tdw (7) 54 92 Ms A Patis (a3)
 6 40212 **Leroytheconqueror** wn (6) 54 91 J Bayliss

7 13131 **Roman Aureus** cw (4) 54 96 L V Cassidy
 8 13044 **Parko** cw (8) 54 92 T Marshall

4 Souths Sports Club Plate 3.08

\$50,000, Class 3 SW, 1615m

1 41352 **Cinnamon Missile** (1) 59 89 Ms E Smith (a3)

2 s3934 **Reset's Son** dwn (6) 59 83 L Tarrant
 3 21313 **Reus** dw (2) 59 96 R Fradd
 4 — **Roman Aureus** SCRATCHED
 5 23552 **Fairy Me Home** dw (4) 57.5 91 L R Dittman

6 709s7 **Mufasta** dw (8) 57.5 85 M R Du Plessis
 7 319s4 **Prospectus** cw (10) 57.5 90 R Maloney
 8 46s44 **Ultimate Ring** cdw (11) 57.5 90 J Byrne
 9 s4417 **Axella** w (9) 57 91 M Cahill
 10 0s561 **Rossmay** w (7) 57 86 B Stewart
 11 27269 **Atyaaf** (5) 56 85 J Bayliss

5 TAB Long May We Play 3.47

\$75,000, Benchmark 80, 1615m

1 14s54 **Bargannon** dw (5) 62 94 J Huxtable (a2)
 2 04622 **Top Prospect** dw (3

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TURANGA WHENUA TURANGA TANGATA MEETING OF OWNERS & WANANGA

22 August 2020
Meeting of owners (names in brackets have called the meeting)

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10am: Waitiri 1F or Roadline: Establish a trust & appoint trustees (Alan Haronga/Sherron Tamatea)
10.10: Ahirau 3: Establish a trust & appoint trustees - (Pare Keiha /Alan Haronga)
10.20: Waipaoa 1A1: Replace trustees (Meredith Ruru/Tama Brown)
10.30: Waipaoa 3B: Replace trustees (Alan Haronga/Tama Brown)
10.40: Okahuatiu 1E: Replace trustees (Meredith Ruru/Alan Haronga)
11am: Trustee Training
12: Lunch
1pm: Wananga

Attendance and confirmation of those committed to the next phase of Turanga Whenua Turanga Tangata applications filed with the Provincial Growth Fund.
Next steps for Turanga Whenua Turanga Tangata in 2020/21. This includes confirming the schedule for wananga through to June 2021.

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FRIDAY—SATURDAY'S TELEVISION GUIDE

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5pm The Chase

6pm 1 News At 6pm

7pm Seven Sharp

7.30 House Rules: High Stakes

The teams must finish their penthouse zones, and the judges reveal some of the transformations that have taken place.

8.55 Mrs Brown's Boys: Exotic Mammy

9.35 The Mallorca Files

Miranda and Max investigate the killing of a dog at one of Mallorca's most famous vineyards, and discover the shooting is just one of a series of threats.

10.35 1 News Tonight

11.05 Deep State

With Aicha being taken to a scaffold, Harry must plead his case, and quickly.

SATURDAY

12.05 Dinner Date

Louis chooses three blind dates from five potential partners, based on the menus they have created and, after having dinner with each of them, decides who he wants to see again.

12.55 Te Karere

1.20 Infomercials

6am Te Karere

6.30 Country Calendar

To the Rescue.

The Australian bushfires caused much suffering and loss of life for both wildlife and farm animals, so a New Zealand animal-rescue organisation acted to help.

7am Supershoppers

A look at what is really in ice cream.

7.30 Infomercials

9am Whanau Living

9.30 Tagata Pasifika

10am The Family Chase

11.05 Dinner Date

12.05 The New Zealand Home

1.05 Best Home Cook

2.20 Jamie Cooks Italy

3.25 Gate To The Globe

3.55 Asia Unplated With Diana Chan

4.25 Extreme Cake Makers

5pm The Chase

BRAVO

5.30 Hollywood Medium With Tyler Henry

6.30 Love It Or List It: Vancouver

7.35 Catfish

8.30 MOVIE Identity Thief

2013 Comedy.

10.50 Snapped

11.45 Snapped: She Made Me Do It

SATURDAY

12.35 Infomercials

10am Judge Jerry

10.30 Four Weddings Australia

11.25 Four Weddings Australia

12.20 Hollywood Medium With Tyler Henry

1.25 Hollywood Medium With Tyler Henry

2.25 Love It Or List It: Vancouver

3.25 Love It Or List It: Vancouver

4.30 Stop Search Seize

5.30 Undercover Boss

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5.05 The Simpsons

5.35 The Big Bang Theory

6pm Neighbours

6.30 Home And Away

7pm Shortland Street

7.30 Fear Factor

Shredders and The Challenge compete to see who comes out ahead. They have survived their own shows, but must now survive striking snakes, electric eels, and the Fear Factor Fro-Yo shop.

8.30 8 Out Of 10 Cats

9.20 FINAL Renters

9.45 Naked Attraction

10.40 Two And A Half Men

11.05 Mom

11.35 FINAL Mythbusters: The Search

SATURDAY

12.30 Krypton

1.20 Shortland Street

1.45 Infomercials

2.50 Once Upon A Time

4.25 Scrubs

4.45 Emmerdale

5.10 Neighbours

5.35 Bunk'd

6am Maia The Brave

6.10 The Wiggles' World

6.20 Tinpo

6.30 Mission Force One

6.55 The Insectibles

7.05 Wacky Races

7.30 Stretch Armstrong

8.15 Bakugan: Battle Planet

8.40 Teen Titans Go!

9am Adventure Time

9.10 Marvel's Avengers: Secret Wars

9.35 The Simpsons

10am Fresh

10.25 My World

Coronavirus Special.

10.55 My Wife And Kids

11.20 Black-Ish

11.45 The Mayor

12.10 The Bachelor NZ

2.05 Seven Year Switch UK

3.05 How To Look Good Naked

4pm Little Big Shots UK

5pm The Crystal Maze

Celebrity

CHOICE

5.30 Mysteries At The Museum

6.30 Salvage Hunters

7.30 Ugly House To Lovely House

8.30 Money For Nothing

9.30 Best Laid Plans

10.30 Salvage Hunters

11.30 Mysteries At The Museum

SATURDAY

12.30 James Martin's Islands To Highlands

1.30 Luke Nguyen's Food Trail

2am Design Dealers

3am South Pacific

4am Money For Nothing

5am Mysteries At The Museum

6am Baggage Battles

6.30 Paul Hollywood's Pies And Puds

7.30 South Pacific

8.30 Mysteries At The Museum

9.30 Best Laid Plans

10.30 James Martin's Islands To Highlands

11.30 Salvage Hunters

12.30 Ugly House To Lovely House

1.30 Money For Nothing

2.30 The Curse Of Oak Island

3.30 Hurricane Man

4.30 Brent Owens Unwraps Mauritius

5pm Nigella Bites

5.30 Expedition Unknown

THREE

5pm Millionaire Hot Seat

6pm NewsHub Live At 6pm

7pm The Project

7.30 MOVIE Total Recall

2012 Action. A factory worker begins to suspect he is a spy after visiting a company that gives its clients implanted fake memories of a life they would like to have led. Colin Farrell, Kate Beckinsale, Jessica Biel, Bryan Cranston.

9.50 NewsHub Late

10.20 Modern Family

Haley disagrees with her parents about how to raise her twins; Manny is set to direct Jay's dog-bed commercial, hoping to win back his former girlfriend.

10.45 Bob's Burgers

Linda seeks to become more involved with the PTA; Bob must cheer up a hardware-store owner after unknowingly making a joke about his pet parrot.

11.15 The Goldbergs

11.45 Millionaire Hot Seat

SATURDAY

12.40 Infomercials

6am Charles Stanley

6.30 Infomercials

9.30 NewsHub Nation

10.30 The Taste USA

11.30 Married At First Sight USA

12.25 Slice Of Paradise

1.20 MasterChef UK

2pm Vet On The Hill

3pm The Leopard Rocks

4.05 Flirty Dancing

5pm Bondi Vet: Coast To Coast

PRIME

5pm Frasier

Frasier's delight at having his caricature displayed in a famous local landmark dissolves once he sees the portrait.

5.30 Prime News

6pm Storage Hunters

When Sean is allowed in the storage facility only after hours, it results in the first day-to-night auction, ending in the dark.

7pm The Crowd Goes Wild

7.30 The Force

8.30 NCIS: New Orleans

There is racial tension in New Orleans when a white NOPD officer shoots a black naval officer.

9.30 Raw

The latest WWE action.

10.30 New Amsterdam

11.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert

SATURDAY

12.30 Rugby League: NRL

2.30 Closedown

6am Ben 10

6.50 Danny Phantom

7.40 Henry Danger

8.05 Teen Titans

8.30 Batman: The Animated Series

9am Justice League

10am SmackDown

11am Raw

Noon Storage Wars

1pm NRL Try Time

2pm American Restoration

2.30 LIVE First XV Rugby

King's College v Auckland Grammar.

4.30 Hot Bench

5pm Addicted To Fishing

5.30 Prime News

MAORI TV

5pm Pipi Ma

An animated series for tamariki based on Pipi Ma, the world's first Maori-speaking dolls.

5.05 Takaro Tribe

5.15 Kia Mau

5.25 Waiata Mai

5.35 Te Nutube

5.45 E Kori

5.50 Tamariki Haka

6pm Tangaroa With Pio

6.30 Te Ao Marama

7.30 Traditional Kai

8pm Nga Pari Karangaranga O Te Motu

8.30 MOVIE Jasper Jones

2017 Drama. On the night his friend shows him a girl's dead body, a man's life is changed. Hugo Weaving, Toni Collette.

10.20 Ki Tua

10.50 #whiuatepatai

11.20 Te Kauta

11.50 Closedown

SATURDAY

6.30 Waiata Mai

6.40 Takoha

6.50 Kia Mau

7.20 My Mokai

7.50 Te Pou Herenga O Kia Aroha

8.20 Tamariki Haka

8.30 Pukana

9.30 Korero Mai

Noon Waka Ama Sprint Nationals

1pm The Pits TV

2pm Poitukohu Kura Tuarua

3pm Touch Rugby: National Championships

4pm Waiata Nation

4.30 Fresh

5pm The Hui: Kaupeka Wha Rau

5.30 Nga Tangata Taumata Rau



The Mallorca Files
9.35pm on TVNZ 1



Fear Factor
7.30pm on TVNZ 2



Total Recall
7.30pm on Three

RNZ NATIONAL

5pm Checkpoint

News and current affairs programme.

6.30 Trending Now

Programme highlighting the RNZ stories people are sharing online.

7.06 Nights With Bryan Crump.

10pm News At Ten

A roundup of today's news and sport.

10.15 Lately With Karyn Hay.

11.04 The Mixtape

SATURDAY

12.04 The All Night Programme

6.08 Storytime

7.08 Country Life

8.10 Saturday Morning

12.12 Music 101

5pm The World At Five

PAY TV

SKY SPORT 1

5pm Super Rugby 2016 (RPL)

Hurricanes v Chiefs. First semi-final from Westpac Stadium in Wellington.

7pm Super Rugby 2017 (RPL)

Crusaders v Highlanders. From AMI Stadium, Christchurch.

9pm LIVE Super Rugby Australia

Rebels v Brumbies. From Leichhardt Oval, NSW.

11.10 Super Rugby Aotearoa (HLS)

Chiefs v Crusaders. From FMG Stadium Waikato, Hamilton.

11.20 Super Rugby Aotearoa (HLS)

Highlanders v Blues. From Forsyth Barr Stadium, Dunedin.

11.30 Pacific Brothers

SATURDAY

12.30 The Aussie Rugby Show

1am Super Rugby Australia (HLS)

Rebels v Brumbies.

1.30 Grassroot Rugby

2.30 Super Rugby Australia (RPL)

Rebels v Brumbies. **4.30 The Aussie Rugby Show**

5am First XV Rugby Revision

5.30 Super Rugby Australia (HLS)

Rebels v Brumbies. **6am NPC Archive** (RPL)

Canterbury v Auckland - 1997. **8am Super Rugby Australia** (RPL)

Rebels v Brumbies.

10am 24 Sevens

10.30 Loosehead Footy

11.30 Pacific Brothers

12.30 Grassroot Rugby

1.30 Super Rugby Australia (HLS)

Rebels v Brumbies. **2pm First XV Rugby Revision**

2.30 LIVE First XV Rugby

King's College v Auckland Grammar. **4.30 Super Rugby Australia** (HLS)

Rebels v Brumbies. **5pm First XV Rugby** (RPL)

King's College v Auckland Grammar.

SKY 5

5pm Wheel Of Fortune

5.30 Hardcore Pawn

6pm Storage Wars

6.30 Storage Wars

7pm The Force

7.30 MacGyver

8.30 Scorpion

9.30 Salvation

10.30 SVU

11.15 Storage Wars

SATURDAY

12.05 Pawn Stars

12.30 Pawn Stars

12.55 Wheel Of Fortune

1.20 Jeopardy!

1.40 The Force

2.05 Salvation

2.50 Scorpion

3.40 SVU

4.25 Hardcore Pawn

4.50 MacGyver

5.35 The Simpsons

6am Truck Night In America

6.50 The Simpsons Super Saturday

9.20 Truck Night In America

10.10 Scorpion

11am NXT

Noon SmackDown Live

2.05 Storage Wars: Barry's Best Buys

2.55 Salvation

3.45 Counting Cars

4.10 Counting Cars

4.35 The Simpsons Super Saturday

MOVIES PREMIERE

5.16 Crypto

16VLS 2019 Thriller. Beau Knapp, Kurt Russell.

7pm Encounter

MVLS 2018 Sci-fi. When an otherworldly organism crash lands on Earth, a group of friends must overcome a recent tragedy and face their fear of the unknown. Luke Hemsworth, Anna Hutchison.

8.30 Second Act

MLSC 2018 Comedy. A frustrated 40-year-old woman gets the chance to prove to Madison Avenue that street smarts are just as valuable as book smarts. Jennifer Lopez, Vanessa Hudgens.

10.15 Bumblebee

PGV 2018 Action. Hailee Steinfeld, John Cena.

SATURDAY

12.05 Godzilla II: King Of The Monsters

MVL 2019 Action.

2.15 Happy Death Day

2U MVLC 2019 Horror.

3.55 Crypto

16VLS 2019 Thriller.

5.39 Godzilla II: King Of The Monsters

MVL 2019 Action.

7.49 Encounter

MVLS 2018 Sci-fi.

9.19 Second Act

MLSC 2018 Comedy.

11.04 Bumblebee

PGV 2018 Action.

12.59 Godzilla II: King Of The Monsters

MVL 2019 Action.

3.10 Lost In London

MLS 2017 Drama.

4.55 American Hangman

16VLS 2019 Thriller.

DISCOVERY

5.40 Outback Pilots

6.35 Sydney Harbour Patrol

7.30 Outback Opal Hunters

8.30 Aussie Gold Hunters

9.25 Aussie Lobster Men

10.15 Mysteries Of The Deep

11.05 Naked And Afraid XL

MLC Divided we Fall.

11.55 How It's Made

SATURDAY

12.20 How Do They Do It?

12.45 Weather Top Tens

1.35 Gold Rush

2.25 Bering Sea Gold

3.15 Gold Rush: White Water

4.05 Secrets Of The Underground

4.55 Naked And Afraid XL

5.45 Gold Rush

6.35 How It's Made

7.05 How It's Made

7.30 Aussie Gold Hunters

8.20 Aussie Lobster Men

9.10 Aussie Lobster Men

10am Legends Of The Wild

Blood in the Water.

10.50 Legends Of The Wild

The Shadow Killer.

11.40 Outback Pilots

12.30 Mysteries Of The Deep

1.20 Deadliest Catch

2.10 What On Earth?

3pm Aussie Gold Hunters

3.50 Gold Rush: Dave Turin's Lost Mine

4.45 Gold Rush: Dave Turin's Lost Mine

5.40 Gold Rush: Dave Turin's Lost Mine

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Engaging tale of survival

THE STRAY CATS OF HOMS
by Eva Nour
published by Doubleday

Eva Nour is a pseudonym to protect this debut author's partner "Sami", to whom the novel is dedicated.

This is the story of a young Syrian photographer who grew up in the city of Homs.

By fictionalising his true story, Nour was able to grow the narrative as Sami reluctantly told her fragments and flashes of what happened to him. So much of this story is heart-rending, and portrays a very human picture of the horrendous Syrian conflict.

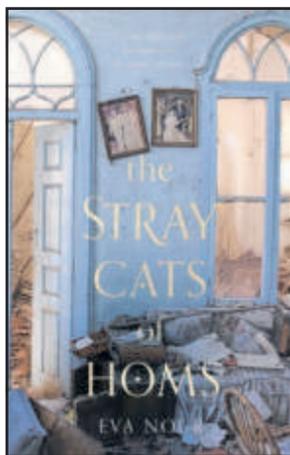
Sami grew up in a typical Syrian family, the middle son of three. His father had an ordinary low-paying job and his mother stayed home.

The al-Assad regime required everyone to have a photograph of president Hafez on their walls and all young men were required to spend at least two years with the army. Apart from that, their lives were quite peaceful.

There was school, friends, sports and hobbies. As he grew older, Sami realised some people just disappeared.

Teachers with alternative views and café owners who didn't display the regulatory photo would vanish and there were always older people who would tell Sami about past troubles in other Syrian cities.

When Sami attended university, he met fascinating people who spoke out



against the regime, who protested against the stringent Muslim ways and were the early beginnings of the Free Syrian Army (FSA).

After university, Sami began an internet company with a friend and continued

his love of photography, travelling out of Syria in an attempt to avoid army time.

But when his internet company began to compete with the regime's, he was arrested, flung into a prison for desertion before being forced into the army.

Here he learned what the regime was planning against its people, surrounding towns and firing on civilians to try to find FSA members.

When Sami finally leaves the army and returns to Homs, he finds turmoil and destruction.

His family leaves to find safety but Sami decides to stay and photograph the atrocities that were occurring and to try to help those who could not flee.

This novel is a tribute to his story. It's well written, engaging and probably something we should all read. — KP

Journey of self-discovery

MISS BENSON'S BEETLE
by Rachel Joyce
published by Doubleday

When Margery Benson was a little girl, her father presented her with a book. The pages were full of descriptions and illustrations of all sorts of amazing creatures that had yet to be discovered by man.

There was the Himalayan Yeti, the Loch Ness Monster and a merman. As fascinating as they all were to Margery, it was the fabled golden beetle of New Caledonia that left its mark on her.

When her four brothers die in the Battle of Mons, her father takes his own life, leaving Margery and her mother alone.

Her love of beetles never ends but after a failed romance, she puts aside her desire to become an entomologist and we find her in her late forties working as a domestic science teacher at a girls' school.

One moment in class, sparked by a cartoon drawing, is the catalyst for a hilarious exit from the school, involving a pair of boots. Margery decides now is her moment. She will go to New Caledonia and find the elusive (and potentially non-existent) golden beetle. And she will need an assistant.



The potential candidates are not what she had in mind but in the end, desperation wins out and Enid Pretty is chosen to be Margery's right-hand woman.

The ensuing trip involving a train, boat, an ordeal with Customs and arriving in New Caledonia is laugh-out-loud funny.

"Marge" and Enid are polar opposites and their differences in opinion and manner allow for plenty of golden moments and conversations during the novel, but there is also a lot of sadness and tragedy.

There's Margery's early life, Enid's reason for dropping everything and joining the adventure, and a character called Mr Mundic who was a prisoner of war and is now bizarrely stalking the two women halfway across the world.

Yet, Rachel Joyce has managed to weave these dark moments with

the light-hearted ones so well.

Honestly, this is a delightful novel. There's the friendship that forms between Margery and Enid, the incredible sense of adventure and possibility and Margery's journey of self-discovery.

Miss Benson's Beetle is the novel that has made me smile and laugh the most all year, it's one for everyone. — CP

WW1 secrets revealed

INTO THE UNKNOWN
by Ian Trafford
published by Penguin

This is the WW1 diary of Gisborne man Alick Trafford, no 25/468.

Alick kept these diaries secret from his family but requested his son Harvey burn them as he neared the end of his life.

Harvey did not destroy them and now Ian Trafford, Alick's grandson, has had them published.

This is a historical gem of a book.

Young Alick left the back blocks of his father's farm at the eastern end of the Waioeka Gorge in January 1916, when he was just 22. He had decided to follow his younger brother Ray on this mighty adventure into the unknown.

The diary begins as he farewells his family and friends in rural Gisborne, boards a train to Trentham and then embarks on a sea voyage with hundreds of our best horses and young men to Egypt and on to "Blighty".

We follow Alick through basic training, across the channel into France and then into the trenches. He writes as he sees and feels and you, the reader, are there... wet, cold, deafened by mortar shelling, with rats, bloated bodies, craters and barbed wire.

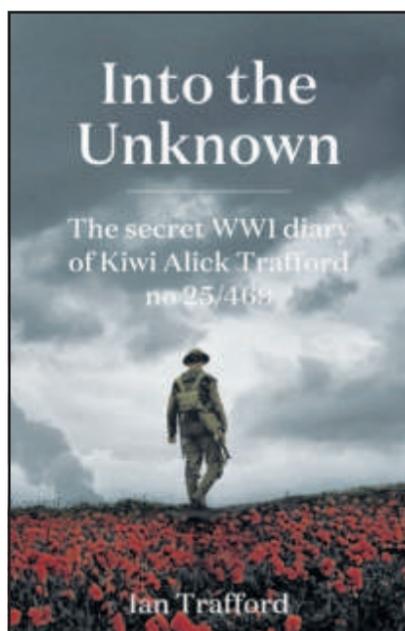
When injured by a piece of shrapnel in his shoulder, Alick is transported back to England where he spends nine months recuperating. This part is fascinating, as Alick visits his close relatives.

It is here that you realise he is a second generation English immigrant to New Zealand. His mother's relatives are in Scotland and his father's family are just out of London. They are all gentry, living in beautiful family homes, all bereft of young men at this time.

His female cousins and other young women are determined to look after this young Kiwi man and Alick appears to have a wonderful time with them. It's such a contrast to what is happening over the channel.

Then Alick is back to the front, this time with more responsibility.

He meets up with his brother, seconded to



another unit, and many other young Gisborne men. But it becomes inevitable that many will lose their lives.

The stories and adventures are exciting, fraught with danger and vividly written. He was obviously very well educated by his Scottish mother, even though they lived so remotely in New Zealand.

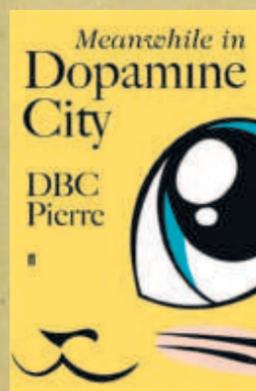
Two things astounded me as this book came to its end. The first was just how neglected the soldiers were when the war was over and the final push into Germany had occurred. The conditions on the homeward journey seemed appalling, as though the British hierarchy cared little for the sacrifice all these young men had made.

The second was how hard Alick's life would become once he returned home.

Into the unknown is an amazing story.

Thank you Alick for writing your secret diaries. Thank you Harvey for not following your father's wishes and for saving these diaries. Thank you Ian for publishing them so Alick's story can be shared. — KP

Brand new titles for August



Meanwhile in Dopamine City
by DBC Pierre

A satirical novel of a single father trying to protect his children from the pressures of the online world and the hysterical hyper-reality of 21st century life. When the children disappear into the worlds on their phones, Lonnie faces a dilemma. Should he join this new world or wither in it?



The Girl in the Mirror
by Rose Carlyle

A psychological thriller about identical twins, Iris and Summer, who look so alike but beneath lurks a darkness that sets them apart. There is greed, lust, secrets and deadly lies in this addictive read.



The Last Lions of Africa
by Anthony Ham

Haunted by the idea that they might disappear, Australian journalist Anthony Ham ventures deep into the African wilderness, speaking to anyone and everyone about why lions are close to extinction and what can be done to save them.



This Farming Life
by Tim Saunders

The joys and harsh realities of farm life, from a writer whose family has farmed the same piece of land for five generations.

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Hastings will be big test

Gisborne Boys' High School get boost to playing strength

RUGBY by Ben O'Brien-Leaf

TWO losses or not, Moascar Cup holders or not, they're still the champions.

The 2019 New Zealand First 15 Top Four winners Hastings Boys' High School — Akina — are the Ryan Tapsell-coached Gisborne Boys' High School's third Super 8 rugby opponents at 12.30pm on the Rectory field tomorrow.

GBHS captain and openside flanker Amos Roddick and his crew, beaten 24-0 by Napier there and pipped 20-19 by Rotorua at Raukura, want a match-effort worthy of their first Super 8 game at home in three weeks against Akina, who are — in cowboy vernacular — the biggest bull in the round-up.

The home team have received a huge boost with the news that No.8 Khian Westrupp and tighthead prop Sione Mafileo — both of whom, unable to take part, sat and stood among the GBHS reserves last Saturday — have been cleared to play.

"Those two are Hurricanes under-18 reps who've sacrificed a lot for our Boys' High jersey," Roddick said.

"All of us work hard for each other, our families and our crest."

GBHS head coach Tapsell said: "We've worked very hard this week, continue to grow as a team and expect a tough battle against Hastings. We have a game-plan our boys trust and I'm also expecting a huge game from Khian and Sione."

Gisborne have made four changes to the line-up that played Rotorua: Mafileo is in for Kitini Taihuka, Nathaniel Hauti switching to loosehead prop; Tyla Keelan-Phillips joins the reserves with Nik Patumaka's move from No.8 to lock to accommodate Westrupp, and wingers Isaiah Lemaua and Bryan Howard will wear 21 and 22 respectively for Corbyn Peach and Whetu King-Taufa.

The Tafi Ioasa-coached Hastings, who lost 25-8 to Palmerston North at the Big Side a fortnight ago and the Moascar Cup 15-10 to Napier last Saturday, are led by 16-year-old second-year man and first-year No.8 Cooper Flanders, who has tangled with GBHS as a halfback at u14 level, second-five in the u15s and left wing for the Hastings second 15.

Flanders knows better than to expect a 38-7 romp — such as Akina enjoyed last year — at the Rectory tomorrow: "When we face Gizzy, it's always very physical but our boys are looking forward to it. We expect Gisborne to be strong."

Gisborne proved against Rotorua that they have a power-game as well as dangerous linkage: halfback Kirk Ngatai's clearance to first-five Nic Proffitt in the lead-up to Roddick's first-half try was a beauty, and Proffitt's quickness and sense of timing make him dangerous.

King-Taufa is more than a one-on-one match for most — he can break tackles and create space. Gisborne were more than tidy up front against Raukura,



BIG EFFORT NEEDED: Gisborne Boys' High School skipper Amos Roddick makes big ground against St Peter's College in a July game in Gisborne. Roddick says his team will need a big effort when they come up against Hastings Boys' High School on the Rectory field tomorrow.

Picture by Paul Rickard

and — in their first and only appearance at the Rectory to date this season, the 21-10 loss to Auckland 1A side St Peter's College on July 18 — pushed the Boris Srhoj Cup-holders hard in trying conditions.

Both the GBHS second 15 and under 15s will also be looking for their first Super 8 win of the season this Saturday.

Talented GBHS second 15 captain and second-five Xavier Henare-Brown and company will have to contend, though, with 125-kilogram Akina No.8 John Palu.

GBHS u15s skipper and openside flanker Braith Ingram — son of

legendary GBHS first 15 halfback "Cowboy" Brent Ingram — knows that elements of the 2019 u15 national champion Hastings team remain. Ingram junior is a most promising player, however, and he is unfazed.

All of tomorrow's participants hope that as much rugby as can be played, will be played, tomorrow. Referees Isaac Hughes, Les Thomas and Miah Nikora allow good advantage, set an excellent tone with school teams and cannot be distracted even by what traditionally are big, vocal Rectory crowds.

The playing surfaces at the Rectory

are firm and in good condition, although tomorrow's weather forecast includes showers.

Hastings won the last first 15 match played here 24-13 in 2018, having handed GBHS their toughest ever loss — 68-0 — at Akina the year before, courtesy of their first Top Four-winning team.

Gisborne last beat Hastings in 2011 — 21-11 — at the Rectory: GBHS under Tom Cairns won all seven Super 8 games and their first and only Super 8 title to date that year, one in which Akina were winless and placed eighth during their six-year record run of 42 consecutive losses.

Gisborne will host New Plymouth here next week before travelling to Palmerston North. They will then be at home to Tauranga on August 29, with Gisborne Boys' High School's last round-robin game in Super 8 play against last year's champions, Hamilton, at HBHS on September 5.

GBHS first 15, 1-22: Nathaniel Hauti, Matariki Kaa, Sione Mafileo, Dylan Bronlund, Nik Patumaka, Sam Twigley, Amos Roddick (c), Khian Westrupp, Kirk Ngatai, Nic Proffitt, Corbyn Peach, Tuteari Te Rauna-Lamont, Von Huata, Whetu King-Taufa, King Maxwell. Reserves: Kitini Taihuka, Max Briant, Tyla Keelan-Phillips, Henare Lardelli-Clarke, Kyran Russell, Bryan Howard, Isaiah Lemaua.

GBHS 2nd 15, 1-22: Moeaki Mosati, Henare Lardelli-Clarke, Zeke Collier, Uetaha Wanoa, Matiu Anderson, Ben Phelps, Saylahr Paaka, Sitiiveni Tuilautala, Israel Fox, Bryan Howard, Sioppe Fakahokotau, Xavier Henare-Brown (c), Adrian Wharehinga-McDonald, Mikaere Marino-Moore, Taimana Teneti. R: Drake Wanoa, Rewiti Ropiha, Haora King, Hayze Nepia, Jacob Storey, Poumanu Reeves, Whakaruru Waitai-Te Kurupa.

GBHS u15s, 1-22: Levi Cameron, Ratu Nairoiroi, Jahn Niwa-Karakia, Joe Kemp, Latrell Walker, Noah Torrance-Cribb, Braith Ingram (c), Reuben Whatiri, Chris Tangira, Gibson Poi, Luka Russell, Lehi Te Hau, Trey Bryant, Kallen Edwards, Cohen Loffler. R: Jimmy Moore, Simon Hauti, Dass Latu, Te Aho Maero Maxwell-Dewes, Brayden Maxwell, Kauri Christie, Te Aowera Para.

Hastings BHS 1st 15, 1-22: Aone Lolofie, Manahi Goulton, Mosese Fineanganofa, Kaihu Pasikala, Josh Beehre, Donovan Godinet, Josh Leach, Cooper Flanders (c), Piriipi Panapa-King, Hoera Stephenson, Mefi Tupu, Adam Bibby, Andrew Heyward, Elijah Maitara, Elidius Oli. R: Vikta Tevita, Tini Nuu, Fraser Heperi, Ned Saifiti, Jacob Dorwood, Troyden Bird, Jehmial Ross.

HBHS 2nd 15, 1-22: Avian Riha, Sam Joe, Naverone Te Rini, Taylor Rigby, Luke Ngwai, TJ Vekene, Ned Safiti, John Palu, Bryson Pakoti-Crawford, Koby Deacon, Alex Dickey, Troyden Bird, Tomasi Naicegulevu, Sekope Nalovo, Liam Anderson (c). R: Ethan Miller, Oliver Ritchie, Fletcher Bainbridge, Caleb Johnson, Bryson Ioane, Xavier Broughman, Hunter Yarrell.

HBHS u15s, 1-20: Maiti Leef, Izaiah Craig, Malachi Kireka-Keef, Josh Houlton, Taufah Kaufonga, Oscar Ritchie, Mania Hauti, D'Angelo Etika, Izaiah Tulia, Mokau Lambert, Daniel Foniti, Tali Ioasa (c), Riley Dennison, PJ Penefu, Kyan Lowe, Membrenz Tahu. R: Timoti Heke, Tiaki Flutey, Reef Luxford, Rudy Ioasa, Preston Whatarau.

Clamour of national game to disturb tranquility

RUGBY by Ben O'Brien-Leaf

IT'S a beautiful part of the world; and worth fighting for.

Tomorrow the tranquility of life in Tokomaru Bay will be rudely disturbed by the beeping of car-horns and colour of the national game as Tokomaru Bay United take on Te Araroa's Finest, Tokararangi.

Week 6 of Enterprise Cars Ngati Porou East Coast club rugby sees unbeaten Tokararangi (played 4, won 4 — 18 competition points) visit sixth-placed United (one win, 4 points) at Hatea-a-Rangi.

Hard on Tokararangi's heels are Cape Runaway's Tihirau Victory Club (15pts), who are at home — Te Kura Mana Maori o Whangaparaoa — to Hicks Bay (one win, 6pts), team No.4.

Defending champions Uawa of Tolaga Bay, in third spot with two wins, 11pts, know that their hosts,

Hikurangi, are like a giant they wish to remain asleep at Kahuitara. Known as The Maunga (Mountain), the 101-year-old Hikurangi club's team have yet to score four tries or win a game, but will — as will every other team bar TVC — claim five points for the cancellation of Week 3. At present, they have one bonus point for last Saturday's loss within seven (21-19) to Hicks Bay at Wharekahika.

If Hikurangi are without dynamic openside flanker Tanetoa Parata, the captaincy will pass to hooker Drummond Morice. The veteran rake will be joined in the front row by his son, scrum anchor Putahi Morice, and big loosehead prop Tahu Walker.

Hikurangi coach George Reedy said: "The boys are up for the game, and after our training last night talked for quite a while about what they need to tidy up this weekend.

"Everything's there — it's just a matter of time

before it clicks."

One danger-man the Laman Davies-coached Uawa will need to be wary of is in-form Hikurangi halfback Neihana Ratahi-Brown. Ratahi-Brown was The Maunga's player of the day in Week 5, and scored two tries in the process.

Tokararangi head coach Israel Brown steadfastly refuses to allow himself or his club to get ahead of themselves before the clash with United. Although his side have made every post a winner so far in 2020 — led as they are by charismatic fetcher Hone Haerewa, Ngati Porou East Coast captain last season — Brown knows that the 1 v 4, 2 v 3 semifinals are only a fortnight away.

Brown said: "We're training hard every week, we feel good, and — with this being our last game before the semis — the boys are ready to give their all in our last round game."

Tokararangi have the bye next Saturday, Waiapu have tomorrow off.

Mike Chambers-Raroa's Tokomaru Bay United will have to work overtime against their powerful guests. On July 11, victory was United's, 17-13 against Waiapu at George Nepia Memorial Park in Rangitukia; since then, the going has been tough.

East Coast rugby is not for softies, and Tokararangi have a direct style of play. That said, United lock Mike Tiopira, his imposing second-row partner Saul Chase, the Chambers-Raroa crew and the Williamses among others play a similar brand of hard-nosed rugby. They carry well, they hit like a hammer.

And, as proved to be the case on July 25, although hosts TVC were 73-0 up with the final whistle mere seconds from sounding, United proved that they were in for a penny, in for a pound.

Pride and passion in play

Top four looking to sort themselves out for semis

RUGBY by Jack Malcolm

IT'S another big weekend for local premier-grade rugby as teams vie for semifinal places.

Last week's games shook up the Civil Project Solutions premier-grade points standings. Ngatapa dropped to third place after their loss to High School Old Boys and YMP moved to second.

It's an all-country affair as Larsawn Ngatapa travel to Te Karaka to play GT Shearing Waikohu tomorrow.

Waikohu player-coach Ra Broughton says he expects Ngatapa to start hot off the blocks.

"They'll have the same mindset as we had after we lost to YMP, to prove to ourselves that we're better than that performance," he said.

Waikohu are focusing on their option-taking and getting the ball through the hands.

A couple of times last weekend the ball was taken into contact when all that was needed was for the player to draw and pass, Broughton said.

Hooker and captain Geoff Pari is back in action for Waikohu this weekend. He will start off the bench as he's easing back into playing after injuring his shoulder.

Ngatapa coach Stephen Hickey said the atmosphere among the players was pretty relaxed going into the game.

They were excited at the opportunity to prove themselves and meet Waikohu up front.

He said they didn't believe they could finish in the top

semifinal spot any more, so they had nothing to lose.

The teams are all but set for the 2 v 3 semifinal.

It would take a Herculean effort from HSOB, who are seven points behind third-placed Ngatapa, to press for a place in that semifinal considering the teams' upcoming fixtures.

Second place in the regular season is still up for grabs, but the new format means YMP and Ngatapa are essentially fighting for home-field advantage.

"Our boys are pretty disappointed with how they played last week and you're only as good as your last performance... it will be a good test for us," Hickey said.

"It's all about momentum heading towards the semifinals now, and teams getting their squads 100 percent."

He said they were hoping for good weather to support the Ngatapa and Waikohu style of play, with physicality and open running.

"We should be in for a lot of fun."

Contract Consultants HSOB play East Coast Farm Vets YMP at Barry Park tomorrow. Both teams are coming into the game on the back of good form and wins last weekend.

They're both looking to continue their strong runs into the final three games of the regular season to make the top four and semifinals.

HSOB coach Danny Boyle said both teams had been improving every week and he expected the game to be tough.

His team were coming off



HANDS OFF: High School Old Boys prop Sean Ormond prepares to fend off Ngatapa hooker Ihaia Kerr as first five-eighth Mike Livingston gives chase. HSOB won this game 25-22. Tomorrow they play YMP at Barry Park. Ngatapa play Waikohu at Te Karaka.

Picture by Paul Rickard

an away win at Ngatapa, but Boyle said it wouldn't go to their heads.

"Our guys are pretty level-headed," he said.

"Our goal is to make the top four. We're not there yet... there's still work to be done to cement our place."

YMP are focusing on starting with a strong first 20 minutes and improved defence.

"Defensively we're focusing on line speed and making our tackles," coach Brian Leach said.

All teams had been going from strength to strength, and HSOB were no exception, he said.

"They'll be coming out all guns blazing. We're going to have to battle up front with them and see who wins the forwards battle."

Utility player Shyann Wyllie will likely miss the game with an ankle injury, but YMP will welcome back Jayden Milner, who didn't play last week due to work commitments.

Enterprise Cars OBM have their JAB club day this weekend and host Kevin Hollis Glass Pirates at the Oval.

The semifinal hopes of both sides are faint at best, but pride is still on the line. The HSOB

win against Ngatapa moved them 10 points clear of fifth-placed OBM.

OBM coach Trevor Crosby said they expected a lot of supporters at the game and wanted to start strong and stay in front.

He said the plan was to attack at lineout and move Pirates around the field. Defence would be key and players had to be ready to make a lot of tackles.

He was looking for big performances from key playmakers such as Rikki Terekia, Hunter Tangira and Felix Burns.

Joven Tipene would make his debut for the team on the wing and had "speed to burn", Crosby said.

"We need to take all the opportunities to get the win. Pirates are a good team and we need to be ready to battle."

Pirates coach Willie Waitoa said they were looking forward to the game.

They beat OBM in the first round of the competition but he had seen them grow a lot this season and expected this to be a completely different game.

"Whoever loses this game will probably get the wooden spoon."

Standings: Waikohu 31 (6 wins, 1 loss, 7 bonus points); YMP 26 (5W, 2L, 6BP); Ngatapa 24 (5W, 2L, 4BP); HSOB 17 (3W, 4L, 5BP); OBM 7 (1W, 6L, 3BP); Pirates 6 (1W, 6L, 2BP).

Match details: OBM v Pirates, the Oval, 2.45pm. Referee, Aaron Brown.

Waikohu v Ngatapa, Te Karaka, 2.45pm. Referee, Mark Greene.

YMP v HSOB, Barry Park, 2.45 pm. Referee, Damien Macpherson.

SIMON SHUKER'S CODE-CRACKER Extra 1116

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Whangara-Waikohu game could be tight

NETBALL by Murray Robertson

PREMIER-grade netball has a predictable look about it tomorrow, although the game between Whangara Old Girls and Waikohu should be a good tussle.

The first of the PAK'nSAVE premier games begins at 11am at Victoria Domain with third on the table playing fifth.

"Whangara Old Girls and Claydens Waikohu (1) have both been playing some good netball, with the understanding between players developing well," netball commentator Sherrill Beale said.

Whangara are third on the points table on goal differential, and Waikohu are fifth.

"With a bit of luck, Waikohu could have been higher, because their last three losses were by fewer than five goals," Beale said.

"The last encounter between these two teams was an even contest for the whole game, and Whangara won by five goals.

"I expect the same tussle tomorrow, with some good match-ups through the court."

Waikohu coach Cheryl Te Rito said her team were slowly on the improve.

"The girls are getting themselves together.

"We've had some good games, and some not-so-good games.

"But we will give it everything we've got on Saturday against Whangara.

"Hopefully we'll have a full squad for the game. That has been an issue for us to this point of the season."

At 12 midday, Taste One High School Old Girls play Ritana Senior A from Lytton High School.

"HSOG suffered their first loss of the competition last week and will be firing tomorrow, back to their speedy play and good connections," Beale said.

"Ritana showed more confidence in each other last week and this will have increased because of their win.

"However, the students will need to continue their good play of last week and work together as a team for the full game.

"HSOG won't be doing them any favours."

The final premier-grade match tomorrow, at 1pm, has table-toppers on goal differential YMP Sunshine Brewing up against Horouta Gold.

"YMP gave a strong performance last week to stop High School Old Girls' unbeaten run," Beale said.

"They worked together throughout the court, putting pressure on the ball carriers and creating turnovers, and now sit at the top of the table.

"Horouta Gold will need their top game to take this one."

Beale said the courts would be fully occupied from 9am.

"We have our full contingent of grades playing now and the courts will be busy from 9am till 3pm."

Year 1 and 2 teams play on Thursdays from 3.45pm to 4.45pm, and Year 3 and 4 teams play on Fridays from 3.45 to 4.45.



AT CLOSE QUARTERS: Whangara Old Girls goal attack Nadia Taare gathers the ball under pressure from Horouta Gold goal defence Lucretia Taitapanui. Tomorrow Whangara play Waikohu and Horouta play YMP. Picture by Paul Rickard



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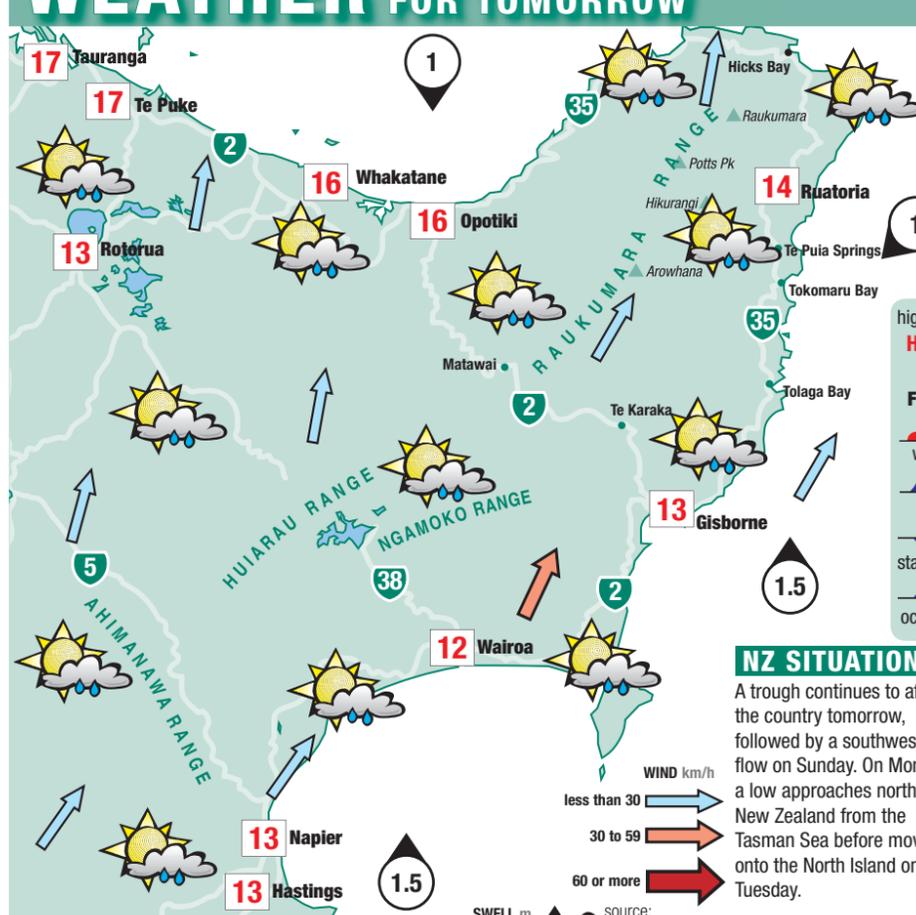
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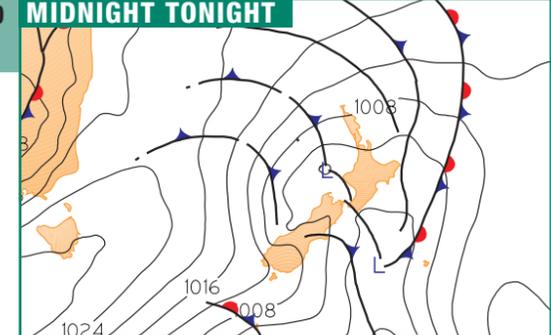
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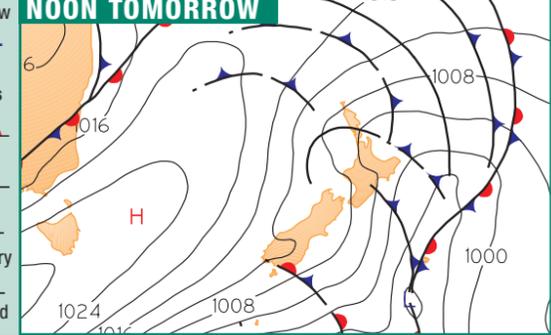
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NOON TOMORROW



GISBORNE TIDE MOVEMENT

Saturday Aug 8			Sunday Aug 9		
am	3	9	noon	3	9
Hicks Bay			Hicks Bay		
H	9:38am	10:02pm	H	10:20am	10:42pm
L	3:43am	3:54pm	L	4:24am	4:35pm
Waipiro Bay			Waipiro Bay		
H	9:31am	9:55pm	H	10:13am	10:35pm
L	3:16am	3:27pm	L	3:57am	4:08pm
Tolaga Bay			Tolaga Bay		
H	9:19am	9:43pm	H	10:01am	10:23pm
L	3:04am	3:15pm	L	3:45am	3:56pm
Gisborne			Gisborne		
H	9:10am	9:34pm	H	9:53am	10:16pm
L	3:06am	3:16pm	L	3:49am	4:00pm
Wairoa			Wairoa		
H	8:54am	9:14pm	H	9:37am	9:58pm
L	2:49am	3:01pm	L	3:32am	3:45pm

NZ SITUATION

A trough continues to affect the country tomorrow, followed by a southwesterly flow on Sunday. On Monday, a low approaches northern New Zealand from the Tasman Sea before moving onto the North Island on Tuesday.

NZ TOMORROW

Auckland	showers	15
Hamilton	showers	15
Tauranga	showers	17
Rotorua	showers	13
Taupo	showers	12
Napier	showers	13
New Plymouth	showers	13
Palmerston North	showers	13
Wellington	showers	10
Christchurch	showers	10
Queenstown	fine	9
Dunedin	fine	10

GISBORNE READINGS

Taken at the Airport, for the 24 hours to 9am, Friday 7 Aug 2020

SUNSHINE hours
 On Thursday, 6 Aug 8.6
 To date for August 36.4
 Average for August 155.0
 To date this year 1357.1
 To date last year 1483.8

WIND km/h
 Max gust on Thu 6 Aug NW 28

RAINFALL mm
 24 hours to 9am, Fri 7 Aug 0.0
 To date for August 3.6
 Average for August 85.0
 To date this year 583.0
 To date last year 476.6

EVAPOTRANSPIRATION mm
 Daily average for past week 1.4

TEMPERATURE °C
 Maximum 18.2
 Minimum 6.4
 Grass minimum 3.1

BAROMETRIC PRESSURE
 At 9am 7 Aug (hPa) 1009.7
 At 9am 7 Aug (inches) 29.82

TODAY IN HISTORY

2016 – SH 2 was closed between Tutira and Wairoa in Hawke's Bay due to flooding and a slip. During two days, Tutira received a remarkable 259.8 mm of rain which is more rain than May, June, and July 2016 had combined (251.4 mm).

WORLD TOMORROW

Adelaide	showers	5	13
Amsterdam	fine	17	33
Bangkok	rain	26	31
Beijing	cloudy	24	33
Berlin	fine	19	35
Brisbane	showers	15	25
Buenos Aires	fog	10	17
Cairo	fine	26	41
Canberra	rain	4	14
Cape Town	drizzle	9	20
Delhi	drizzle	27	35
Frankfurt	fine	19	36
Geneva	fine	18	34
Hong Kong	fine	28	33
London	cloudy	18	34
Los Angeles	fine	16	26
Melbourne	showers	9	15
Moscow	fine	14	24
New York	fine	22	28
Paris	fine	22	36
Perth	fine	8	21
Singapore	fine	25	33
Stockholm	showers	17	27
Suva	showers	21	28
Sydney	showers	10	18
Tokyo	fine	25	34
Toronto	fine	14	28

GISBORNE CITY

TOMORROW	morning min	max	SUNDAY	morning min	max	MONDAY	morning min	max
A few showers, less frequent from afternoon. Morning SW change.	6	13	Fine, apart from a few early showers. Southwesterlies turning northwest.	4	14	Fine. Northwesterlies.	5	16

GISBORNE REGION

TUESDAY
Rain, possibly heavy. Southeasterlies developing.

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Top four look to sort themselves out for semifinals

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Victoria Domain courts back to full use as last of junior grades get back into playing mode

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Cream rises to top

United-Thistle double-header at Harry Barker Reserve

FOOTBALL by John Gillies

THE cream of local football talent will be on show when Gisborne teams United and Thistle clash at Harry Barker Reserve tomorrow.

Gisborne Vehicle Testing Thistle lie second in the Pacific Premiership, three points behind Napier side Port Hill. Heavy Equipment Services Gisborne United are third, nine points off the pace.

Beating Thistle wouldn't thrust United into the title race. Beating them home and away might, though . . . and these teams have still to meet in the postponed fixture at Thistle's home ground, Childers Road Reserve.

But, competition points aside, they just want to beat each other. That's what derbies are all about.

Both squads are at close to full strength.

And both coaches feel the midfield contest will be crucial to the outcome of tomorrow's match.

United coach Corey Adams adds a rider to that assessment.

"It'll be a big battle in midfield, but most of the games in this league are," he said.

"In front of goal is where you have to take your chances. I think the winners will be the team who take their chances on the day."

Asked about key players for his side, Adams named central defenders Kieran Higham and Mal Scammell, midfielders Kieran Venema, Josh Harris, Dane Thompson, Malcolm Marfell and Jarom Brouwer, and striker Josh Adams.

Two of those midfielders will likely be pushed forward to help Josh Adams, but which two could depend on whether Harris's niggling groin injury is affecting him.

Corey Adams would like to play Harris in midfield, where his playmaking abilities can be combined with his goalscoring potential. But Adams also wants to keep him on the field as long as he can without jeopardising his fitness for the rest of the season.

It's a judgement call that depends on the player letting the coach know when the injury is causing problems, and that's not always straightforward, given players' natural desire to play in big games.

Adams said United would probably look to press and pressure Thistle.

"It's a small pitch . . . you kind of have to press. It'll come down to keeping the ball in their half and keeping the pressure on."

United will be defending their hold on the Challenge Cup, which goes on the line at every home match of the holders. United have held it for well over a year.

Thistle coach Garrett Blair thinks

tomorrow's game will likely be won and lost in midfield.

"Their midfield three are very good and a lot of ball will come through there," he said.

"Their front three are very quick and they have a lot going forward.

"From there, it is about whether we can attack them on the counter."

Blair rates United skipper Kieran Venema as a key player.

"If we give KV time and space on the ball, he will control the game," Blair said.

"If he is 'on', the rest of them are 'on'. If we can frustrate that, we'll go a long way towards getting a result."

On his own team, Blair said they would look to their experienced players: goalkeeper Mark Baple, skipper and midfielder Nick Land and striker David Ure.

"They have been there time and time again and know what is required to get a result. Those boys, with the youth they have around them, are critical."

He said Thistle would give United the respect they deserved as last season's champions, but they did not fear them.

Yes, they were local rivals, but in the overall scheme of things this was just another game Thistle needed to get through to reach their goal.

At times, games between the teams could get heated, and that was OK as long as what happened on the field stayed on the field.

A feature of the Thistle team this year has been the influence of overseas players.

Centreback Ander Batarrita, from Spain, married a Gisborne woman and is a resident of long standing, and rightback Emerson Araya, from Chile, has also been here (with his brother Hector) for several years.

Leftback Kuba Jerabek, from the Czech Republic, joined Thistle last year after coming to Gisborne to pick fruit. He returned to the Czech Republic for a month in summer and the company he worked for in Gisborne sponsored a three-year visa for him. In January he came back to take up a supervisory role. As he has a marketing background, he is also working in that field.

More recent arrivals are the Argentinian trio Ema Martos, Justo Rodriguez and Agustin Ventura, who have come into first-team contention.

Blair says the proximity of Flying Nun Backpackers in Roebuck Road has something to do with it. Backpackers soon find out about the football activity nearby and want to join in.

For them, the benefits are being able to take part in training, the club culture and the team environment.

For Thistle, the benefits are in more



CONTESTED POSSESSION: Gisborne United's Josh Harris (left) contests possession with Port Hill's Brian Doherty in a game at Harry Barker Reserve in June. United won this match 3-2. It's a derby against Thistle for Harris tomorrow. Picture by Paul Rickard

diversity for the club, and the skill the players bring to the game.

Young English imports Brandon Josling, who was also here last year, Tomek Frooms and Charlie Morris have continued a decades-long Gisborne tradition of strengthening the local game through the introduction of skilful players from the United Kingdom.

Thistle's links with the Pulse Academy in England have resulted in reciprocal opportunities for Gisborne players wanting a taste of the professional scene

in Britain.

Eastern Union, who became Gisborne City, were known as the "United Nations" team of New Zealand football in the 1950s and '60s.

It's good to see Gisborne football still has a cosmopolitan outlook.

The Pacific Premiership game tomorrow starts at 2.30pm. The curtain-raiser, an Eastern League 1 match between long-time rivals Heavy Equipment Services United and Carpet Court Thistle Massive, starts at 12.30pm.

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