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**FIRST AIDER:** St John cadet Dehstinee Recalde-Smith was visiting her grandmother two weeks ago when her nan suffered a medical event. The 10-year-old (pictured here with St John division manager Olivia McQuillan) got neighbours to call 111 and supported her nan until ambulance officers arrived. Picture by Liam Clayton

## St John cadet to her nan's aid

by Murray Robertson

A YOUNG St John cadet was called on to put her first aid skills to the test recently when her grandmother suffered a medical event and collapsed.

Dehstinee Recalde-Smith was visiting her nan at her home in Ormond Road one day two weeks ago when the emergency happened.

The 10-year-old is in the St John cadet youth unit at Te Karaka.

"Dehstinee knew that something was wrong with her nan when she collapsed," said one of her St John leaders Tania Hagen.

"She didn't freak out, she went to get help." Her grandmother had suffered a medical event and passed out.

The young cadet ran to a neighbour's house to get them to ring 111, and then ran back to support her grandmother until St John

ambulance officers arrived.

"She stayed cool, calm and collected during the whole event," Ms Hagen said.

"Should this have happened last year before Dehstinee had started her St John training, her family don't know how she would have reacted.

"They believe that the programme has taught her the skills needed in a situation like that, and many more," she said.

Ms Hagen said without Dehstinee's help it could easily have gone another way.

"As it was, her nan has made a full recovery."

The Te Karaka unit has nine cadets and has been running for 18 months. Dehstinee has been a St John cadet since the beginning, training on Tuesday nights with her division.

"She is a really confident girl, is really helpful, and she's really clued up when it comes to the first aid and drills that she has

been learning.

"We at St John are very proud of her.

"It just goes to show the skills the cadets learn come in very useful."

Destinee's mother Tara-Lyn said the family was really grateful to St John Youth for providing cadet training in a rural area like Te Karaka.

"It has built Dehstinee's confidence. She was quite a shy girl before joining St John.

"The whole family are really proud of her," Tara-Lyn said.

"We encourage other parents to allow their children to attend St John. They learn life skills that will never be forgotten and sometimes, like this, get used.

"You never know when you are going to need skills like first aid."

The cadet group meets Tuesday nights from 6.30pm-7.30pm at the Te Karaka Fire Station.

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# Uawanui project attracts \$1.3m

12 jobs, 500k seedlings, 30km fencing

UAWANUI Restoration Project will receive \$1.3 million over three years that will unlock more employment opportunities and pump up the local economies, Forestry Minister Shane Jones says.

This will create 12 jobs a year for three years, planting 504,000 seedlings on 500ha of riparian area with 30km of fencing.

The money is part of a \$7.5 million injection into environmental projects in Otago-Southland, Manawatu-Whanganui, Tairawhiti and Hawke's Bay. It is in the Jobs for Nature \$1.3 billion programme announced as part of the Covid-19 recovery package.

"We are delivering more jobs and investing in our regional economies to help improve our environment," Mr Jones said.

"Jobs for Nature is doing exactly what it says on the tin," he said.

Uawanui Restoration Project chairman Maui Tangohau says all funding and support for Uawanui is a privilege.

"We are very grateful for the support from Minister Jones and his officials in the Provincial Development Unit and Te Uru Rakau for working diligently with us to co-design and develop the project," Mr Tangohau said.

The Uawanui Environmental Sustainability Project was born in 2009 with the vision and strategy, He Manawa Whenua He Oranga Tangata — Healthy Environments, Healthy People.

"It is essentially a 100-year practical vision for the long term economic, environmental, cultural

and social sustainability across the entire Uawa catchment," Mr Tangohau said.

"True sustainability is ensuring that generations to follow will be passionate and proactive about sustaining the wellness of our manawa or heart of our taiao/environment.

"In this respect the focus on our eco-warriors and eco-cadets from kohanga to our schools and marae is huge and the training and work they are doing to ensure the health of our whenua and waterways is amazing, as well as looking after the tuturiwhatu, the New Zealand dotterel.

"Our cadets have already helped plant more than 36,000 trees over the last couple of years so we have grown amazing capability in this area already," he said.

Uawanui won the National Biodiversity award in 2016.

Uawanui Restoration Project has extended thanks to the Allan Wilson Centre — "there at the beginning" — and acknowledged the "great relationships" that continue with Massey University, the late Sir Paul Callaghan, NZ Plant and Food Research, SCION, MBIE, Trust Tairawhiti, The Department of Internal Affairs, Te Puni Kokiri, the Department of Conservation, The Gisborne District Council and local nurseries, farms and the forestry industry.

All of the projects are set to begin within six months.

The projects are being jointly funded by the One Billion Trees fund and the Provincial Growth Fund.

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# Opoutama grower carrying on family tradition

by Ryan O'Sullivan, Wairoa Star

DAFFODIL Day is a significant day for many as we remember those who have passed away. For one Wairoa local, the picking of the flowers is extra special.

Heather Sexton says Daffodil Day goes back 60 years in her family.

"I remember picking bulbs from the ground when I was four years old, helping my father on sunny days."

Heather's father George Johnston, who passed away from cancer, lived at Waipaoa, Gisborne and was a prominent daffodil grower.

"He picked thousands of bulbs for many years, putting in a lot of work to give them out to the community.

"His influence was passed down to my brother Kevin, who also grew and bred his own daffodils for many years."

Heather says her brother's flowers were popular at many Gisborne flower shows.

"He would come home with many ribbons and trophies because the judges were so impressed with the bunch of daffodils that he would bring in each year."

Heather's brother also passed away



**THANKS A BUNCH:** The helpers making Daffodil Day a success for the East Coast are (from left) Cancer Society Gisborne fundraising co-ordinator Becky Burgess, young daffodil picker Billie Burgess, daffodil day stalwart Heather Sexton, Cancer Society Gisborne area manager Lianne Jenkins, daffodil grower Merv Goodley and Cancer Society Wairoa organiser Kimberley Bell. Picture by Wairoa Star

from cancer but the family tradition of breeding daffodils has not stopped.

"I have a niece and nephew who both take daffodils to shows, so we have three generations of the family involved in daffodils — which is great."

After Heather's brother died, the family bulbs were offered to Opoutama resident Merv Goodley.

"He kindly accepted and now he is

carrying on what my parents did in growing and handing out daffodils for a great cause," said Heather

"It is great to see the dedication that Merv and his wife Sue put into the planting because, in a way, I sort of see a part of my parents in their work."

Mr Goodley says 700 bunches had already been taken up to Gisborne and he expected another 200 would follow,

along with 300 bunches to Wairoa.

"I'm hoping that we will make \$5000 for the Cancer Society and we are looking to be on target, so that will be a great feat."

Eighteen volunteers helped Merv and Sue Goodley pick and bunch daffodils together in a final push to get the flowers across the East Coast before Friday's Daffodil Day.



**GONE:** All that is left of the swing seat at the Botanical Gardens is the supporting ropes. GDC picture

# Thieves make off with swing seat

by Murray Robertson

THIEVES have struck the Botanical Gardens for the second time in a week, making off with the popular basket swing seat in the children's playground.

The aviary in the gardens was broken into last week and a number of the birds inside escaped.

"It's really sad that the Botanical Gardens has been targeted for the second time in a week," a council spokesman said.

The basket swing was cut free and stolen sometime on Saturday night.

"Our play equipment is treasured by so many of our tamariki and the swing seat will cost around \$3000 to replace."

Liveable spaces manager De-Arne Sutherland said the cost of replacing the swing would come out of other budgeted projects the council intended to do elsewhere in the

**HAPPIER DAYS:** Back in 2016 Phoenix Ngata (left) and Becky Isherwood enjoyed giving the swing seat a test run. The new playground equipment was installed in December 2015.

File picture



district.

"The Botanical Gardens is a Green Flag Award-winning park, internationally recognised for the quality of its open space for residents and visitors alike.

"Council staff, contractors, volunteers and community groups

all work hard to create this environment, so this theft is extremely disappointing," she said.

The council has called on anyone who saw any suspicious activity around the playground on Saturday evening to contact the police on 105.

## The Guide Arts & Entertainment

- Miharo Gallery co-director Hera Clifton's exhibition of paintings and printed works, My Little Eye, opens tomorrow.
- Rhythm and Vines announces 52 of its all-New Zealand acts.
- Baritone William King returns to Tiromoana on Sunday to sing a selection of lieder and arts songs by Brahms and Ravel.

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**CAMPAIGN IN LEVEL 2:** The Opotiki debate adhered to all Level 2 guidelines with candidates, from left, Meredith Akuhata-Brown, Kiri Allan and Tania Tapsell socially distancing during questioning. Picture by Charlotte Jones

# On the campaign trail in Opotiki

by Charlotte Jones, Whakatane Beacon

COVID-19, mental health and addiction dominated the East Coast candidate debate at Opotiki College on Monday.

Green candidate Meredith Akuhata-Brown, Labour's Kiri Allan and National's Tania Tapsell spoke to a socially-distanced crowd of about 40.

Ms Allan tore apart National's Covid-19 policy of requiring people to provide a negative Covid-19 test to flight staff before boarding international flights to New Zealand.

"One of the issues with that particular policy is that you just actually can't do it," she said.

"We can't require or oblige other countries to do our testing for us; we can only control what happens within our borders. Secondly, every person that is a New Zealand citizen has

the right to come home. We do not have the right to stop them coming home. The border policy we have is lawful and you can control it.

"It is one thing to make promises in an election, it is another to make a plan and it is another to make a plan in the middle of a crisis."

Ms Allan said the decision to lock down the country was a hard one and seeing "good mates" lose their jobs had kept her and other politicians up at night.

An elderly Maori man in the crowd said he was saddened by the Government's decision to

not allow gatherings at marae during lockdown especially the ban on tangi.

Ms Allan said during the Spanish Flu pandemic of 1918 the heaviest weight was borne by the Maori people with "mass grave upon mass grave".

"The biggest overarching decision for us to shut everything down . . . was the people living among us were at the forefront of our considerations," she said.

"For us, kuia and kaumatua are a taonga and we didn't want a Covid outbreak to run rampant in our whanau."

Miss Tapsell said lockdown was hard for everyone and she was unable to say goodbye to her grandfather on the marae.

"I want people to understand that iwi, hapu, marae have their own autonomy and we need to respect that mana," she said.

"For them to be able to make decisions for themselves. I have heard from Maori that the most hurtful thing was it was another thing that just happened to them."

Miss Tapsell said if she were the East Coast MP, the first thing she would do in a situation like this was consult with iwi.

Mrs Akuhata-Brown and Ms Allan were asked what they thought of the relationship between their parties and Miss Tapsell was asked if she thought National would work with the Green Party if they needed them to "get over the line".

Mrs Akuhata-Brown said the Greens found the coalition partnership to be a "little bit of a handbrake".

"God bless Winston (Peters) for what he does and who he represents, but he didn't make the coalition partnership that easy," she said.

Ms Allan said the relationship brought about positive changes for all of New Zealand, such as the 11,000 new "green" jobs.

Miss Tapsell said it was a question for (party leader) Judith Collins.

The three candidates were also questioned about their respective parties' mental health policies, particularly when it came to youth suicide.

Miss Tapsell said National had introduced laws to make online bullying and harassment a crime.

"I think it's a clear sign when all candidates are singing from the same song sheet that we need more investment," she said.

"Mental health does not discriminate."

Ms Allan said the mental health system had been underfunded for years and Labour was now running trials of having mental health specialists stationed in high schools.

She was challenged by a woman who wanted to know why Whakatane was getting a multi-million dollar mental health facility upgrade and Opotiki was getting "nothing".

Ms Allan said mental health was under-resourced in terms of people and capacity at every level.

"Our hospitals and infrastructure have been underfunded for so long and when you look at Whakatane it needs that investment," she said.

"But that doesn't undermine the quest for this community to see resources specific to this community."

Mrs Akuhata-Brown said youth mental health was a space she knew well.

"It breaks my heart every time we lose one of ours," she said.

"I know our Government has put more money

into mental health than any other."

She said there needed to be more awareness of what services were available and more community-based initiatives.

"People are still whakama (shy) about mental illness, but we need to make sure people know its OK not to be OK all the time and that it's OK to cry.

When it came to methamphetamine, Miss Tapsell said she was against any "mind-altering drug".

"We need to be tough and hard on where P is coming from. We know it is coming from the gangs," she said.

"We need our young people to know there is more out there than getting involved in a gang."

She said she would be voting "no" in the upcoming cannabis referendum.

Ms Allan said methamphetamine had been tearing her family apart since 1999.

"I have reached out to every expert and I still don't know how we can kill this drug," she said.

"I'll be honest with you; meth doesn't have a start point, it doesn't have an end point. We just have to keep focusing on all those socio-economic factors."

Mrs Akuhata-Brown said methamphetamine attacked poor communities and led to a rise in crime.

She said communities needed to drop the judgement and look to people who used to deal the drug and who didn't want anything to do with it anymore, such as some gang members.

To close, Ms Allan said whoever voters chose to go with on the day, there were some "fine candidates" to choose from who would be good advocates for the community.



## Extension hits live events

A NUMBER of Tairāwhiti events have been postponed or cancelled with the extension of Covid-19 restrictions.

The district, along with the rest of the country except for Auckland, will remain in its present alert level setting for at least 11 days, with Cabinet reviewing the situation before Sunday, September 6.

The region's kapa haka competition Tamararo Whakanuia is the biggest event affected.

Tamararo was going to be on September 5 but has been postponed until a date in December, yet to be confirmed by the trustees at Te Poho o Rawiri marae, chair of Tairāwhiti Cultural Trust Maui Tangohau said.

The selection of the five roopu (groups) to represent Tairāwhiti at Te Matatini 2022 will be confirmed by the trustees on Friday, September 4.

At the Tairāwhiti Museum, the Ambitious Gisborne Women book launch scheduled for August 23 was postponed, with a new date yet to be set.

The Artists, Potters and Photographers Exhibition (from August 29 to November 22) at the museum will go ahead, but the opening "preview" night on Friday is cancelled.

The Sensational 70s show at the Poverty Bay Club's Dome Room was already postponed from August 29 to September 5, but today was further

postponed to November 7.

At the Gisborne Cosmopolitan Club, the Beatles Tribute Show is postponed from Saturday, September 5, with a new date yet to be fixed.

The six-week course Good Folk: Dances from Planet Earth scheduled to start on September 3 is postponed.

The Friends! The Musical Parody performance at the War Memorial Theatre on September 18 is postponed. Operatunity have pulled out of any future shows in Gisborne and their two shows have been cancelled — I Love Paris, on October 14, Have a Merry Little Christmas on December 22.

Menzshed organisers confirmed they would not open until Level 2 is lifted. That affects Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday of each week. This change will also affect the dates listed in the September Go-2 Guide (in today's Herald).

Dave Dobbyn's post-lockdown, Open Up tour has been postponed. All tickets bought for the tour will remain valid for the new dates which are yet to be announced. The Jordan Luck Band at Smash Palace have also postponed to November 13.

Gisborne Choral Society's Choral Capers concert was postponed from August 23, with a new performance date to be confirmed.

## Nominations open

NOMINATIONS open today for city ward candidates to stand in the upcoming local by-election.

A councillor position became vacant following Amber Dunn's resignation from the council last week.

Nominations will remain open until midday on September 23,

The by-election is by postal vote and will be held from October 28 to midday on November 19.

Gisborne District Council internal partnerships director James Baty said being a member of a local authority provided the opportunity to make a real difference to the lives of fellow citizens.

"Standing for public office is a career choice," he said.

"With all jobs, it's important to ensure the skills a candidate brings to the role are a good match to what's required.

"An effective elected member will bring a broad range of skills to the role and have a keen understanding of the impact of their decision-

making responsibilities.

"Holding public office requires a serious commitment. If you're thinking of standing for office, it's worth taking the time now to think about how you might balance the requirements of the role with your responsibilities outside of public life."

Following the nomination period, the list of candidates will be made public on September 26.

Those enrolled in the Gisborne city ward can expect to receive voting documents by post between October 28 and November 3.

The official declaration of result and public notice will be made on November 21.

The estimated cost for a by-election for the city ward is \$54,000 plus GST.

For further information on the by-election, visit the Gisborne District Council website and follow the links, or contact the electoral office by phone (09) 973 5212, or email info@electionservices.org.nz

## FAMILY NOTICES

## Deaths

## Deaths

**BARTON, Kelvin Daniel (Kelv).** — Suddenly, at home in Opotiki. Much loved son of the late Dan and Janet. Much loved brother and brother-in-law of Ann and Topp, Bob and Raewyn, Jeno and Crete, Co and Ed, and Pat. Beloved Uncle of all his nieces and nephews. Too soon Kelvie.

**CAMPBELL, Tungane Mamao (Kuikui, Goose).** — On 26th August 2020, peacefully, at Gisborne Hospital, surrounded by her whanau. Loving daughter of the late Wahapeka and Tungane Campbell. Loved mother of the late Latasha. Loved sister of Wahapeka and Sharon, Tohe and Wini, Bunty and Willie, Rere and Garth, Peti and Adrian, the late Hunaara and Nan, the late Te Atatu and Rees, the late Alexander, and the late Raniera. Loved aunty of all her nieces and nephews, and mokopuna.

Kuikui is lying at Hinerupe Marae, Te Araroa. Her funeral service will be held at the Marae at 11am on Saturday 29th August, followed by interment at Okauwharetoa Cemetery. Reminder; Level 2 restrictions limit gathering to 100.

- Evans Funeral Services Ltd FDANZ [www.evansfuneral.co.nz](http://www.evansfuneral.co.nz)

**KNIGHT, Lesley Patricia (Pat) (nee Berry).** — 29.12.1920 - 21.8.2020. 99 years. Beloved wife of the late Dal, and mother of Chris, Sherryl, Diane, and the late Nick and David. Cherished grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother. Passed away peacefully, after an active life.

The funeral service will be held at Evans Chapel, Ormond Road, at 11am on Friday 28th August, followed by private cremation.

Reminder - Level 2 gatherings are restricted to 100 people. This service will be live-streamed via [www.evansfuneral.co.nz](http://www.evansfuneral.co.nz) - "Livestream"

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**HOOLE, Thelma Ester (nee Kennedy).** — Best friend and wife of Larry Hoole. Passed away peacefully, on 24.8.2020, at 5pm at Waikato Hospital, surrounded by her family. Mother of Craig, Campbell and Kathy. Nana of Nick, James, Michael, Dylan, Zane, Rose, Alice and Stevie. Great-Nana of Heath, Aurora and Odin. Mother-in-law of Sharon and Donna. Sister of Ned, Max, Don, Robert, Rex, Kevin, Winifred, Agnes and Jean.

The funeral service will be held at Evans Chapel, Ormond Road, at 10am on Thursday 27th August, followed by private interment at Taruheru Cemetery. Reminder - Level 2 gatherings are restricted to 100 people. This service will be live-streamed via [www.evansfuneral.co.nz](http://www.evansfuneral.co.nz) Livestream.

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**PHILLIPS, Eric Raymond.** — 14.1.52 - 9.8.20. Loving husband and soulmate of Susan. Cherished son of Margaret (dec). Loving father of Jason and Sarah, Jessica and Bryce. Big Brother of Lynette and Mike, Graeme and Rachel and Michael. Son-in-Law of Charlie (dec) and Margaret (dec). Brother-in-law to Paul and Janice, Michelle and Kim. Special Pa to Josh and Elle.

A courageous battle, at peace now, forever in our hearts. Free to roam the bush in SF100, keep the fire burning at the Red Hut.

Eric's funeral will be held at Evans Chapel, Ormond Rd, on Thursday 27th August, at 1pm, followed by interment at Taruheru Cemetery.

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## Derek Bird



**ON THE BOARDS:** Derek Bird in a 1985 Unity Theatre production Ring Around The Moon.

File picture

Many hundreds of local men, once students at Gisborne Boys' High School, will remember a tall, dark, aquiline teacher of the sciences who spoke with a pronounced Cambridge drawl and could inspire both awe and deep respect. At almost 98 years of age, Derek Bird quietly passed away in late August and with typical self-effacement and dislike of a fuss, made it clear there was to be no funeral.

Derek's early life and education were in England although as a young man he travelled widely in Canada before returning to Britain where in 1954 he married Jean Caruth in the abbey at Bury St Edmunds. His appearance in Gisborne occurred shortly after travelling by sea with his wife and young family from England. Despising both the very cold winters and the class system there, Derek decided New Zealand would suit him well and was delighted to be welcomed on to the Boys' High staff by "Jigger" Grey, the principal.

His first public announcement — a call for all the hockey boys to meet him after school — startled the assembled school who had probably never heard vowels turned with quite so fine a twist. Slow and deliberate of gait with a somewhat intimidating mien, Derek was instantly dubbed, Dracula. For decades to come, students who were informed they had Drac for science that year were usually well pleased since he was not only a fine teacher but tolerated no tomfoolery in his classes and could make a miscreant wither with a single beady gaze and a promise of dire consequences should unacceptable behaviour continue.

A fortnight of military drill known as barracks with which the school year started while the timetable was organised was not at all to Derek's liking. He happily distanced himself from route marches and rifle drill — all in expectation of the next war — and was drafted into looking after third formers (Year 9) while older students sweated in the heat, fainted on parade and found ways of enraging returned servicemen on the staff who proudly donned full military dress and bellowed orders to inspire junior NCOs.

A background in English theatricals meant

that Derek was the ideal man to run school drama productions which were often organised with his colleague and good friend, Bob Grono. But it was when Unity Theatre came into existence in 1961 that Derek truly came into his own. He was a founder member, served for many years on the committee, was a very thorough President and an excellent actor who

also directed many fine productions. On one memorable occasion when it was mooted that the play, Dracula might be a crowd-puller, Derek delightedly exclaimed, "I claim that role as my right!" All in black and equipped with fangs, he subsequently prowled the artfully cobwebbed stage, sweeping his high-collared cape and creeping up on helpless female victims to the delight of Unity's audiences.

A good bonfire after a thorough clean-up was something Derek especially enjoyed when Unity Theatre — then located in Derby St — held a working bee. He was never allowed to forget the time he hurled cartons full of collected rubbish on to the backyard fire only to discover that the foul stench of melting plastic signalled a disastrous error on his part. A box of silver trophies awarded for competitions arranged by the CWI, who had recently rented the premises, was among the embers, every chalice and rose-bowl charred and twisted. Frantic raking by everyone present ensued, rapid repairs followed and it is believed to this day that none of that organisation was ever the wiser.

Derek was possessed of a wry sense of humour, expressed himself splendidly in sometimes archaic terms that hinted at his love of language, and was deeply discriminating in his tastes. The trivia of television, especially of the last few years, he despised, but he continued to read widely as he had always done, steeping himself in a sound understanding of history, politics and scientific concepts, often beyond the range of his former teaching colleagues. Although critical, he was open-minded and prepared to consider a wide variety of theories about everything from the nature of the universe to the inherent traits of humanity. Advances in quantum physics held particular fascination for him and he would happily discuss these with any visiting enthusiast.

A dignified and generally very charming man, Derek endeared himself to many in this district, especially those who came to know him intimately through all the years he prowled the boards in so many theatrical productions. He is survived by his wife Jean and his children, Jude, Mark, Diana and Michael.

— by Norman Maclean

## DHB to set up second testing station in city

HAUORA Tairāwhiti is setting up a second Covid-19 testing station in the city.

This would allow the hospital pink zone to be "a more permanent" facility, not just for Covid-19, but for any infectious disease that needed an isolated area to test potential patients, said Hauora Tairāwhiti board chairwoman Kim Ngarimu.

She said the community should be confident that high levels of Covid-19 testing are being carried out in the district.

She told board members that high rates of testing were "a very important part of our defence in making sure that if Covid enters our community, we do catch it early".

The highest number of tests on any one day was "about 240", she said.

Previously supplied figures show there were 1362 local tests between August 12, when the resurgence of

Covid-19 in the country was announced, and last Sunday.

Ms Ngarimu said there had been a huge surge in testing across the country and in Tairāwhiti with this district leading the country in testing rates for a long period of time.

Last week Tairāwhiti was only behind the "surge regions" of Auckland, Waikato, Lakes (Rotorua) and Northland.

Ministry of Health figures for the week ending August 19 showed Counties Manukau recorded 37 tests per 1000 people, followed by Auckland, 27, Waitemata on 26, Lakes 24, Northland 19, Waikato 18 and Tairāwhiti on 16.

Ms Ngarimu said much work had been done based on the template of the first Covid outbreak, but health services had not been stopped this time.

The "right size response" was required.

In March the response had been the

same in every district.

"We had to close down health services. Ideally next time around, we will want to right-size and negotiate with the Ministry of Health and clinicians for ongoing planned care."

The differences in Tairāwhiti "this time around" was closer attention to the port and that confirmed cases would be managed in isolation facilities and not at their home.

Isolation facilities would be available if they were required.

The Covid-19 resurgence had been discussed among all health board chairs, the health minister and the director-general of health, who wanted the testing effort directed where the risk was highest, said Ms Ngarimu.

It was important to be prepared.

Covid-19 testing in Tairāwhiti is for those with cold or flu symptoms who have been referred for testing by their GP. Testing is free.

## Public healthcare workers 'have simply had enough'

UP to 50 Gisborne nurses and receptionist/administration staff working in primary healthcare may strike on September 3.

The New Zealand Nurses Organisation (NZNO) has issued a strike notice covering some 3200 Primary Health Care (PHC) nurses and receptionist/administration staff across more than 500 practices and accident/medical centres nationwide.

NZNO organiser Christina Couling said

Gisborne members held a strike ballot about three weeks ago. She had been pleased by a strong turnout by Gisborne members at a stopwork meeting in July.

There was still time and opportunity to resolve the situation, said NZNO industrial adviser Chris Wilson.

"PHC nurses just want to be paid the same as their health board colleagues.

"An experienced nurse earns 10.6 percent less

(\$7651 per annum) than a hospital nurse, and some on the medical receptionist/administration scale earn lower than the living wage.

"It would take very little for the Government to resolve this issue and properly value the work these people do in providing expert care in the community — demonstrated so clearly in the Covid-19 response."

Ms Wilson said members were fully aware of changes to Covid-19 alert levels and had not taken

this action lightly.

"The strike ballot was already well under way when alert levels shifted," she said.

"We have been endeavouring to resolve this matter for far too long and members have simply had enough."

Ms Wilson said NZNO was willing to meet at any time. "All we need is for the Government to do the right thing for the people who help save lives during the perilous time of a pandemic."

# Cheques no longer an option for Wairoa rates

WAIROA District Council is encouraging the community to use alternative methods of payment, following an announcement that Westpac Bank will no longer accept cheques from July next year.

As part of Westpac's announcement, the council will no longer be able to accept cheques as payment from June 1 next year, a council statement said.

The council is looking to promote other modes of payment, including automatic payments, direct debit payments, online bill payments, cash and eftpos.

Council finance and corporate Support group manager Gary Borg said he hoped promoting the

initiative now would create a rhythm for people to use these alternative payment methods as time gets closer to June 2021.

"We understand that a number of our customers have been used to paying by cheque for years. We want to give our customers plenty of notice to make alternative ways of paying their accounts and we hope this allows enough time for the community to adapt to new payment methods," Mr Borg said.

"Our team is always available to help with the transition."

■ Gisborne District Council is still accepting cheques.



**ALL SET:** Downer NZ Road-ready graduates were awarded certificates at a ceremony at the Gisborne Cosmopolitan Club last week. Back, from left, are Maree Keelty (Downer training co-ordinator), Karl Broughton, Shanach Te Maro, George Coleman, Ngatamaoro Kitai, Peter Karr (Curly), Chloe Jones (Downer training co-ordinator). Front, from left, Wayne Hartley, Maurice Kernohan, Allan Tamanui (Tawiri), Raymond Scott, Mary Taingahue and Tyrin Wylie.

Picture supplied

## Road-ready and raring to go

GISBORNE roading staff levels got a boost last week, with 13 new recruits graduating from the Road-ready course.

The graduates are the latest wave of recruits taken on to deliver the council's upcoming \$25m road maintenance programme, funded by the Provincial Growth Fund.

The week-long course offered a practical introduction to roading, as well as the opportunity to build mental and physical health and resilience.

"This is pretty much my first real job and I can't wait to get out there," graduate Tyrin Wylie said.

"I've learned so much this week and really appreciate this opportunity."

More than 20 new positions have been created within local roading contractors in the past two months as a result of the PGF investment, adding to the 160 local

people already working on local roading projects every month.

GDC lifelines director David Wilson said the new positions were a perfect example of local and national agencies working together on government investment to achieve the best possible benefits for the community.

"We've worked very closely with Downer, the Provincial Development Unit and the Ministry of Social Development to make this happen," said Mr Wilson.

"In addition to improving our roads, by working together we're creating new jobs, training and getting local people qualified."

The road ready programme helped transition people into the infrastructure sector and provided much needed support to deliver the work and keep road users safe, said Darrin Davy, Downer

regional manager.

"Downer has a strong commitment to the Tairāwhiti region and we're proud of this achievement. The graduates have been so motivated and keen to jump in to get the job done. It's been great to see."

The Ministry of Social Development held recruitment days and placed the graduates into the vacant positions at Downer. The course was funded through the national industry partnership programme.

"These are great results for our Tairāwhiti community and these jobs offer people and their whānau fantastic opportunities," Ministry of Social Development regional commissioner Annie Aranui said.

"It's also a great example of how effective targeted, short-term industry training can be," she said.

## Three birds found

ONLY three canaries have been returned to the aviary at the Botanical Gardens since the door was kicked in last week.

One was found in Russell Street, another at the childcare centre at Gisborne Hospital and a third across the road from the Botanical Gardens.

This is only a 10 percent recovery rate after 30 flew the coop on Saturday morning, August 15, after the door to the aviary was discovered badly damaged.

The missing birds were a mixture of zebra finches and canaries.

Poverty Bay Bird Club secretary Terry Nickerson said he wasn't holding out much hope of finding any more.

"There will be no natural food for them out there for them at this time of year, they will be feeling the cold out in the open, and then there's all the predators."

"The zebra finches are only two or three inches long so they haven't got much hope in this sort of weather."

Mr Nickerson most of the birds had rings on their legs. If anyone spots a colourful bird they are encouraged to call the Gisborne District Council on 867 2049.

# 'DON'T BLOW IT'

Judge notes connection between systemic deprivation and offending

A PRISONER suffered multiple skull fractures, a shattered eye socket, and a broken nose, when a fellow inmate punched him once in the face with a wrapped fist, Gisborne District Court was told.

The exact nature of what Isaac Adrian Wayne Waihi, 35, had wrapped around his fist, was still unknown, the Gisborne District Court heard at his recent sentencing.

The court was told the victim needed surgery to realign his nose and 40 stitches to the inside of his mouth and face. He has ongoing double vision in his left eye that could be lifelong and numbness to that side of his face.

He is waiting for further surgery to remove screws previously used but now protruding from his face and causing him ongoing pain and infections.

Waihi, 35, who normally lives in Gisborne, was serving a sentence at Hawke's Bay Regional Prison when he attacked the man in a gang-motivated incident, just before 1pm on November 21, 2018.

Waihi pleaded guilty in January this year to a charge of causing grievous

bodily harm with reckless disregard, after it was reduced from one with intent.

The charge carries a maximum penalty of seven years' imprisonment and qualifies for a three-strike warning, which Waihi received at the time of his plea.

He appeared for sentence before Judge Turitea Bolstad who imposed 19 months imprisonment but noted Waihi had already served the equivalent of 17 months of it, while on remand in custody.

Waihi qualified to have the remainder converted to a month's home detention but it would be futile to impose for such a short duration of that sentence, the judge said.

Instead she imposed nine months' intensive supervision, which she said was ultimately more punitive but also rehabilitative. It would enable the probation service to have oversight of Waihi's whereabouts and activities and would require him to undergo counselling and various programmes as recommended in a pre-sentence report.

Prosecutor Fiona Cleary said the Crown did not oppose the approach.

Judge Bolstad told Waihi he had been given an opportunity. "Don't blow it," she said.

In calculating the sentence, the judge set a starting point of two-and-a-half years, uplifting it by two months for Waihi's previous convictions for violence, among them seven between 2005 and 2013 for assaulting females, six in 2003 and 2018 for common assault, and one in 2018 for injuring with intent to injure.

The judge noted Waihi's full criminal history ran to 13 pages, but was otherwise mostly for nuisance-type offending — non-compliance with bail, driving matters, disorderly behaviour, and breaches of a protection order.

He received discounts of 25 percent for his early guilty pleas and 20 percent for his remorse and matters raised in a cultural report.

The cultural report, authored by Laurence and Denis O'Rielly, showed a clear nexus between systemic deprivation and Waihi's offending, Judge Bolstad said.

By the time Waihi was born, his parents were heavily alcoholic and there was domestic violence that led to state

intervention, with Waihi being isolated from his immediate whānau, and later seeking comfort from other whānau members who were patched members of the Mongrel Mob.

That all impacted on his sense of "normal" life and led to him using alcohol and other drugs, violence, being disconnected from his hapu and iwi, and becoming institutionalised, the report stated.

Waihi's criminal list indicated he found comfort and stability behind bars.

In submissions, counsel Elliott Lynch said although the victim's injuries were serious — an aggravating feature of the offending — there was a disparity between it and the level of violence involved. The assault was not prolonged and did not involve repeated strikes.

Waihi did not intend to inflict serious injury.

Any planning involved was limited, reducing the level of that aggravating feature. Waihi was directed by another inmate to assault the victim and told if he did not carry it out, he would himself have been attacked. He acted under duress.

# Refusal to extend wage subsidy 'anti the NZ way': Collins

by Jason Walls, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — National leader Judith Collins is continuing her attacks on the Government for not extending the wage subsidy for the remainder of Auckland's lockdown.

She doubled-down on her criticism when speaking to a number of morning media shows this morning, at one point telling RNZ the refusal to prolong the scheme was "very anti the New Zealand way".

Collins told media in Parliament yesterday that the scheme should be extended to account for the prolonged

Alert Level 3 lockdown period in Auckland.

But this morning, she took it further saying that the wage subsidy scheme should be offered for another week.

"The Government is just being silly about this," she told MediaWorks this morning.

"They should front up and give businesses another week if they need to because we all know it's going to take a couple of days after that."

She said businesses are closing

because of the lockdown and they deserve to be compensated for the extension.

"It's simply not okay to do what they (the Government) have done."

Meanwhile, the Government has remained steadfast in its decision not to extend the scheme.

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said it would not be extended further to cover the extra four days because "it would require an entirely different process and regime".

**‘The Government is just being silly about this.’**

—Judith Collins

Her Finance Minister Grant Robertson was singing a similar tune this morning.

"We have had 22 weeks' worth of support for businesses through the wage subsidy scheme, about 12 and a half of which — if you're in Auckland — would have been at levels 2 and 1," he told Newstalk ZB.

He said he accepted the fact that this was a tough time for everybody.

But he said the overall level of financial support from the Government for businesses "has been significant".

So far, the Government has allocated \$13.5 billion through the wage subsidy and leave schemes.

# Team of 5m 'over it'

## Numbers seeking help rise after move to higher alert levels

by Nikki Preston, NZ Herald

AUCKLAND — People are feeling more anxious and angry during the second Covid-19 lockdown than at any other time since the pandemic started.

The sense of community felt during the first lockdown in March appears to have dissipated amid growing frustration and despair, research suggests.

The number of people encouraging others to comply with lockdown rules, by sharing messages such as #stayhomesavelives, has dived by more than 50 percent, analysis shows.

Some mental health experts are reporting an increase in the numbers accessing online services or seeking help as the stress of the move into higher alert levels takes its toll.

Business consultancy Rutherford analysed about 435,318 posts on Facebook, Twitter, Reddit and Instagram in the past two weeks to get a snapshot of how Kiwis felt.

Encouraging messages for New Zealand's "team of five million" had been replaced with complacency and people feeling "over it".

Rutherford head of insights and experimentation Dr Gregg Franco said there appeared to be more ambivalence and fewer people banding together hashtags such as #stayhomesavelives.

Instead, people were either taking the fight or flight approach where they were angry about the situation or believed they wouldn't catch the virus so carried on as normal.

Auckland is in Alert Level 3 lockdown after a new outbreak was detected more than two weeks ago following more than 100 days without community transmission.

On Monday, Jacinda Ardern extended the lockdown until 11.59pm on Sunday, when Auckland will join the rest of the country at Level 2.

Rutherford chief executive Graham Ritchie said not only had the volume of social media conversation about Covid-19 increased, but negative sentiment



**CHANGING EMOTIONS:** Kiwis are feeling angry and fearful and the sense of community has dissipated during this lockdown. NZ Herald picture

was up 10 percent. It was also more heightened and toxic as people vented frustration at further restrictions. There had been a 7 percent increase in sadness and 8 percent drop in optimism.

Ritchie said people were becoming more critical and an undercurrent of electioneering was fuelling that.

This week Ardern acknowledged the second round of Level 3 had been tough for some and a reminder that Covid-19 was ever-present in the world.

"It is a hard reality to accept."

She also sought to reassure people that New Zealand wouldn't necessarily go into lockdown every time a new cluster emerged but the tail of the latest cluster would be long.

Victoria University of Wellington clinical psychologist Dr Dougal Sutherland said the increased negativity could be due to disappointment that we hadn't beaten Covid-19 as first thought. People often got irritable and looked for someone to blame and this was probably exasperated by the fact it was election year and politicians were trying to hold people to account.

"You can't control Covid, you can't

control whether Covid is in the community . . . but you can control whether you wear a face mask and practise good hygiene and social distancing. And that ability to actively cope if you're feeling worried is much more beneficial than people being reassured."

Mental health advocacy group Changing Minds chief executive Taimi Allan said the heightened anxiety in this lockdown differed from the first when people were panicked and worrying they weren't prepared.

"We have kind of lost our innocence a little bit in the second lockdown."

People were experiencing a fear of the unknown and were anxious about the future. This was normal.

Anxiety New Zealand chief executive Sarah Woollard encouraged people to focus on daily activities to keep well, such as chatting to a friend or going for a walk: "It's totally normal to be a bit worried and a bit uncertain because there's a lot going on."

Overall, there was also more negativity about the country's economic future compared to when the last analysis was carried out in April.

# Defence Force accused of lacking commitment

by Jonathan Mitchell, RNZ

WELLINGTON — Advocates for victims are accusing the Defence Force of a lack of commitment after it left a crucial sexual violence programme leaderless for years.

Operation Respect was launched in 2016 with the aim of tackling sexual violence, harassment and bullying behaviours within the armed forces.

A scathing independent report released last month found a lack of transparency and accountability and a "code of silence" culture still existed within the military.

A revolving door of staff have been working on Operation Respect since its inception, including command officers, social workers, chaplains, the Sexual Assault Response Team

and medical officers.

But now an Official Information Act request released to RNZ showed a programme manager was only employed to lead the initiative in October last year.

It went on to say in many cases, involvement in the programme had been on top of other duties and the "military lead" recommended in the recent report, still hadn't been appointed.

Victim advocate Ruth Money said the Defence Force had failed victims with its glacial pace of developing and resourcing Operation Respect.

"My reading of it is that there are multiple missed opportunities from not acting quickly enough and acting with enough resource to get it off the ground," she said.

She said a manager should have been

employed from the start.

Chair of the Operation Respect Steering Group, Air Vice Marshal Andrew Clark, said a small team created the programme in 2016 — and said they achieved a lot by getting it off the ground.

He said it became clear last year a manager was needed — a position he admitted should have been created and filled much earlier.

"What we should have been doing is trying to wrap the support around it that reflected a sustainable building strategy — because we are going to have to sustain this for at least 10 years because it is a cultural change programme — and we should have done that earlier."

"That should have included a dedicated programme manager," he said.

## BRIEFS

### Late-night visit costs man \$250

DUNEDIN — A Dunedin man who breached the autumn lockdown by engaging in non-essential travel was being driven to his girlfriend's property just after midnight.

Cooper Drew-Percy Taylor, 24, who had been warned five days earlier about non-essential travel, was in a vehicle stopped by police at 12.15am on April 13, about 30km from his Port Chalmers home, the Dunedin District Court was told yesterday.

He was fined \$250 for the lockdown breach.

Judge Stephen Harrop said Taylor was on a curfew for three months while awaiting his sentence, or the fine would have been larger.

Taylor told police he was being taken to his girlfriend's property in Mosgiel.

The country was in the Alert Level 4 lockdown during April and only travel deemed essential was permitted.

Taylor was also sentenced yesterday for driving on February 20 while his licence was suspended.

He was disqualified from driving for six months, resulting in the length of time he cannot drive being extended to 11 months. — NZ Herald

### Cat barred from isolation hotel

WELLINGTON — The capital's famous cat, Mittens, is facing some Covid-19 restrictions of his own.

The fluffy ginger feline is known for appearing around the capital and has most recently found fame on the New Zealander of the year list.

He is often spotted lounging on store display tables or wandering into office buildings.

In most places he is welcome, but the guards at Wellington's Covid-19 isolation hotel have been on high alert for the four legged purrr-petrator.

They don't want people who could potentially have Covid to fawn over him, creating the risk he could carry the virus back out to the unsuspecting public.

A guard stationed at the gate of the facility said Mittens made three attempts at a break-in yesterday, and despite his undeniable charm, the law is the law.

The guard said they had to shoo him away, but he was not too much of a sour-puss about it. — RNZ

### High school put in lockdown

HAMILTON — Hamilton's Fraser High School was put in lockdown yesterday afternoon after a youth "known to the school" made threats against staff and students.

Parents of students received the news via text message from the school yesterday afternoon.

The message read that the school was put into lockdown at 2.23pm because the school was notified that a "youth known to the school, intended to endanger the safety of self, of staff and possibly students".

"The police were called as per protocol."

The text went on to urge parents not to go to the school.

However, when contacted Waikato police Senior Sergeant Phil Ruddell said none of his staff were at the scene.

Parents were informed shortly before 3pm to say the lockdown was over. — NZ Herald

### SS past sparks row at Mt Hutt

METHVEN — The Jerusalem-based Simon Wiesenthal Centre wants former Geraldine resident Willi Huber's name removed from the Mt Hutt Ski Area.

Huber, who was 96 when he died in Geraldine recently, was a member of the Waffen-SS, which was declared a criminal organisation after World War II.

Locally, Huber was called "The Father of Mt Hutt" for his work establishing the ski area near Methven.

Mt Hutt Ski Area manager James McKenzie was reported saying they wanted to continue to "respect his legacy". By yesterday, more than 3000 people had signed a petition calling for Huber's name to be removed. — ODT



**ANGER AND OUTRAGE:** Wasseim Daragmih told the High Court he came just to enjoy and laugh at seeing the terrorist in the dock, to which Tarrant smiled in response. Pictures supplied



**PUNISHMENT WILL NEVER BE ENOUGH:** The mother of 14-year-old victim Sayyad Milne, Noraini Milne, right, labelled Tarrant a coward when she gave her victim impact statement.

# ‘You will pay for what you did’

## Calls for death penalty and cries of ‘cowardly rat’ as gunman laughs

by Kurt Bayer and Anna Leask, NZ Herald

CHRISTCHURCH — There was mounting anger from mosque attack victims yesterday as they lined up to confront the mass killer — some going as far as to call him a cowardly rat who deserved the death penalty.

Survivors, victims and family members have become increasingly outraged at terrorist Brenton Tarrant’s apparent lack of remorse during his sentencing at the High Court in Christchurch.

The gunman has reacted to some strong words directed at him, nodding and smiling at times, even at calls for capital punishment. He also sniggered when told he would have plenty of time inside.

Zuhair Darwish, whose brother Kamel Darwish died at the Al Noor Mosque, went off-script to address Tarrant directly.

“You will pay for what you did — in this life and another.

“You act like a coward, and you are a coward. You live like a rat and you are going to die alone.”

Tarrant nodded, as if agreeing, while he listened and watched Zuhair.

“The fair punishment for him would be the death penalty.”

English-born Nathan Smith became a Muslim nine years ago after marrying a woman from Palestine.

“It was the best decision I’ve ever made — the best decision,” he told Tarrant.

He was praying at Al Noor when Tarrant killed men, women and children in a “cowardly way”.

Smith, who hasn’t slept well and no longer trusts people, said he was disgusted by his actions.



**‘YOU HAD A CHOICE’:** Nathan Smith told the gunman he had caused great shame for Europeans all around the world.

“I am white. Muslim and proud. All you have done is cause great shame for Europeans all around the world.”

Smith said he thinks about the gunman’s parents, who he described as victims too for having lost a son.

“But you had a choice,” he said. “My brothers and sisters didn’t.”

Smith then addressed Tarrant, saying, “When you get a free minute, which you’ll have plenty of . . .” but was interrupted by the gunman laughing.

“Funny eh,” said Smith. “Maybe you should try to read the Quran. It’s beautiful. I have nothing else to say to you, but you will be judged.”

Hazem Mohammed, who was inside Al

Noor and pretended to be dead to avoid being killed, said Tarrant had forever changed his life for the worse.

He personally knew 45 of the 51 people who died and begged the judge to use the full force of the law to punish Tarrant.

“This man is not showing any remorse . . . I don’t want this man to see the sun,” he said.

“Please, we don’t want this man to get parole — he has to stay in prison forever. He’s a sick man, he’s not a human being.

“Please use all your power . . . please I beg you . . . Look at these people who are suffering, use all your power.”

Day three of the sentencing hearing will resume this morning.

## Victims speak of suffering

CHRISTCHURCH — The wife of Mohammad Omar Faruk, who was murdered at Al Noor just months before the birth of his first child, faced Tarrant in court yesterday.

Sanjida Neha, 20, gave birth to their daughter last August.

She has been named Noor e Omar in memory of the father she will never meet and the city mosque Masjid Al Noor where he was shot dead.

Grieving father Rashid Bin Omar told Tarrant he can never forgive him for killing his beloved son, Tariq, 24, at Al Noor.

After learning of his son’s murder, Rashid tried to stay strong for his family. But yesterday, he admitted breaking down.

“I was hurting too much inside,” he said, speaking of the loss of his “baby Tariq”.

“As a parent, they will be your babies forever. You took something away from me and it’s changed my life forever,” he said.

Afghani refugee Mirwais Waziri, injured at Al Noor Mosque, went off script to applause from the public gallery to address Tarrant directly.

“Yesterday I watched a video of the summary of facts . . . I did not see any shame in the eyes of the terrorist, he does not regret anything,” he said.

“So I decided not to read my impact statement and show him how much I suffered.

“Instead I say thank you very much. Because I am from Afghanistan, they called me a terrorist but you took that name from me.

“I say to the people of New Zealand, the terrorist does not have religion, race or colour — any race, any colour or race can be a terrorist.”

— NZ Herald

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# Alleged managed isolation escapee pleads not guilty

AUCKLAND — A man who tested positive for Covid-19 after allegedly absconding from isolation to visit a central Auckland supermarket has pleaded not guilty to the charge.

Davinder Singh is charged with failing to comply with the Covid-19 Public Health Response act, by failing to remain in managed isolation.

The 32-year-old is alleged to have escaped through a fence surrounding the Stamford Plaza Hotel in Auckland around 6.50pm on July 7.

Singh is alleged to have left the hotel to visit the nearby Countdown supermarket on Victoria Street West in Auckland's CBD, returning to the hotel around 70 minutes later.

Authorities say he later tested positive for Covid-19.

And while he didn't appear at the Auckland District Court yesterday due to Covid-19 court protocols, his lawyer Sam Wimsett entered a not guilty plea on his behalf, TVNZ reports.

The maximum penalty for failing to follow the Act could result in six months' jail time or a \$4000 fine.

Judge Emma Aitken, who oversaw yesterday's proceedings, remanded Singh on his existing bail conditions to appear in court for a case review on October 7. — NZ Herald



**UP IN FLAMES:** Investigators are working out how to access a landmark Wellington house burned out in a fire last night to check no one was inside. The house at 128 Abel Smith Street is thought to have been unoccupied at the time, but emergency services are not ruling out the possibility that squatters may have been inside when the fire began. Fire and Emergency spokesperson Belinda Beets said so far crews had not been able to check the house as it is not structurally safe. Beets said the fire was being treated as suspicious until the cause is known. The Lebanese Society of New Zealand has owned the house since 1959 and it was initially used as accommodation for recently arrived Lebanese to Wellington and a social hub for the community. Picture supplied

# Govt set to get tough on testing

by Jason Walls, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — The Government is embarking on a week-long Covid-19 testing blitz, promising to test 70,000 people in a bid to “further tighten the screws on this elusive virus”.

The approach will be “aggressively targeted,” according to Health Minister Chris Hipkins, with a specific focus on South Auckland.

Officials will be testing asymptomatic people in this region — a new strategy for this outbreak — and will target specific regions, rather than only people with Covid-19 symptoms. And, as the total number of tests taken since the new wave began is today expected to surpass 200,000, Hipkins is urging New Zealanders not to relax when it comes to testing.

This comes after he received reports of “testing fatigue” in the community.

“My message to New Zealand is please, play your part by getting a test,” Hipkins said.

In Parliament yesterday, Finance Minister Grant Robertson said Treasury had estimated that each week of Alert

Level 3 amounted to \$500 million in lost economic activity.

That means, according to those estimates, the cost of Auckland's Level 3 lockdown would be well over \$1 billion.

There were seven new cases of Covid-19 yesterday — all related to the Auckland community cluster.

Of those, two were linked to churches.

Director General of Health Dr Ashley Bloomfield said eight people were in hospital in Auckland — one in critical condition at North Shore Hospital and two in Middlemore's ICU.

The North Shore case remains under investigation as officials try to find the link back to the Auckland cluster.

Hipkins said New Zealand's Covid-19 defence system had “gone into overdrive” as the resurgence plan had taken effect.

Since August 12 — when the Level 3 lockdown came into force — there had been 100,000 tests completed in Auckland alone, and 194,000 tests across

the country as a whole.

The next step is testing 70,000 people across the country in the next seven days.

Some 70 percent of those — 7000 tests a day — would be in Auckland and the other 3000 would be spread across the rest of the country.

Additional testing units are being deployed in “strategic locations” in Auckland, including schools and churches, with a specific focus on South Auckland.

Mobile sites are being finalised, but they aim to make testing for Pacific and Maori communities as easy as possible.

The current plan includes sites being set up in Ranui, Glen Innes, and Manurewa, Hipkins said.

Bloomfield noted South Auckland communities had been “incredibly responsive” to the call for testing.

The plan is to test asymptomatic people in these communities in a bid to make sure “we have absolutely run this virus to the ground.” Hipkins added

asymptomatic testing was “certainly justified in an area where you're dealing with a cluster”.

Meanwhile, University of Hong Kong scientists claim to have the first evidence of someone being reinfected with the virus that causes Covid-19.

“It shows that some people do not have lifelong immunity to the virus if they've already had it,” microbiologist Kelvin Kai-Wang To said. “We don't know how many people can get reinfected. There are probably more out there.”

Asked about that case, Bloomfield said it was too early to read anything into that finding.

“That's what you heard the World Health Organisation come out and say as well, and I endorse that.”

This comes as Ardern has defended Cabinet's decision to extend Auckland's lockdown as the hospitality sector says many bars and restaurants won't reopen when Auckland goes into Level 2.

She yesterday told Newstalk ZB more time was needed at Alert Level 3 to have greater confidence about the perimeter of the current outbreak, which now includes New Zealand's largest cluster.

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# Drivers doubt compliance

Transport operators call for security guards to enforce mask use

by Hamish Cardwell and Riley Kennedy, RNZ

WELLINGTON — Some bus drivers want the Government to provide security guards to enforce rules making masks mandatory.

Face coverings must be worn on all buses, planes, taxis and rideshares from next week when the country is at Alert Level 2 or higher.

Jared Abbott from First Union, which represents bus drivers, said drivers copped a lot of abuse during the lockdown trying to enforce social-distancing rules.

He said it could get worse if they were forced to check the mask-wearing.

The union wants the Government to supply security guards to enforce the rules and keep drivers safe.

“Bus drivers can’t just step out of their office, they’re stuck in there for six hours at a time so it is really important for them that their working environment is as safe as it possibly can be.”

Some taxi drivers are also worried about having to confront drunk, belligerent people who jump into their cabs without a mask.

Wellington cab driver Yena says many riders who have had a few too many drinks would not comply with the new rules.

In the streets of the capital, Emily was one of a number of people who said the move to make masks mandatory on public transport was long overdue.

“It should have been done a long time ago.”

“I think it should be mandatory in more places like supermarkets, shops — anywhere you’re inside with strangers.”

Down the road on Willis Street, Kate said wearing a mask could be unpleasant but it was worth it to ensure people remained healthy.

“As a glasses wearer, it is actually pretty hard because they fog up really badly.”

“I’m trying to find a hack for that but I’m happy to have that inconvenience if it means that people are kept safe.”

The National Party backs the government’s decision to enforce wearing masks.

Its health spokesperson Shane Reti said the scientific advice about mask



**MANDATORY MASKS:** Bus and taxi drivers are concerned some clients will fail to comply with the mask rules which come into effect next week. NZ Herald picture

use and public sentiment towards it had evolved during the pandemic.

“If we recall three months ago it wasn’t a policy here in New Zealand, nor was it with the WHO (World Health Organisation) which is where we tend to get our advice from.”

“So as we’ve learned more and as that advice has changed, our policies have changed and we’re supportive of the public advice.”

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said there were no plans at this stage to make wearing a mask mandatory in bars and restaurants.

Most children would also not be required to wear them on public transport, with Health Minister Chris Hipkins saying officials were still working on an exact age and he would have more to say today.

But for now, he said there was no evidence there was much benefit to make all students wear masks at school.

The regulations allow various types of masks to be used. A bandana, scarf or t-shirt can suffice, and people are

being encouraged to make their own face coverings at home.

The rush to craft reusable ones has led to reports of a widespread elastic shortage.

Hamilton fabric stop David’s Emporium manager Kim Owen said demand had gone up since the new cluster of cases in the community in Auckland.

“We ran out of our first lot (of elastic) within a week and we had to have some airfreighted in from China.”

“We are selling hundreds of metres a day, it is insane.”

For those who could not get their hands on elastic, she said: “You can use bias binding if you want to tie it behind your head . . . you can use ribbon.”

“You can strip cotton lycra — and you can put it into thin strips and give it a good pull so it rolls and it is a softer tie to go behind the ears.”

While masks can help, the core government advice is still to keep washing your hands and keep your distance.

## High-priority port workers test negative for Covid-19

TAURANGA — Results from the 720 high-priority Port of Tauranga workers tested for Covid-19 last week have all returned negative.

The Bay of Plenty District Health Board began testing at its dedicated testing facility at the Port of Tauranga from midday August 17 and had completed testing the high-priority workers by the morning of August 20 — in advance of the Ministry of Health deadline, the health board said in a statement yesterday.

BOPDHB interim chief executive Simon Everitt said the fact all the tests were negative was a pleasing outcome.

“We would like to thank everyone involved in the response — those who worked tirelessly to set up the testing facility at short notice, the amazing job of those involved throughout the testing process, and the tremendous combined effort to co-ordinate those who needed to be tested.”

“And importantly, a big thanks to the port workers for their co-operation during this time,” Everitt said.

Western Bay of Plenty Primary Health Organisation chief executive Lindsey Webber acknowledged the effort and commitment of those involved in the Port of Tauranga surveillance testing.

“The response from everyone involved has been phenomenal, and it would not have been possible without the collaborative effort of all.”

“It clearly demonstrates the skills and expertise of our workforces,” she said.

“Coordinating a response at short notice required bringing together numerous teams including Ngai te Rangī and Ngati Ranginui iwi, Port of Tauranga staff, maritime employers, PHO staff, BOPDHB, Pathlab, IT services, staff training co-ordinator and everyone did an amazing job.”

WBOPPHO clinical director Dr Claire Isham said she was immensely proud of the speed and professionalism of their network in responding to the increased demand for testing at short notice.

— Bay of Plenty Times

## Maori Party wants NCEA rethink

by Simon Collins, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — The Maori Party wants all students to be given passes in this year’s national exams because of the disruption caused by Covid-19.

The party’s co-leader John Tamihere said all students in Years 10 to 13 “must all be given pass marks to NCEA”, the National Certificates of Educational Achievement.

His call was quickly dismissed by both Education Minister Chris Hipkins and National Party education spokeswoman Nicola Willis.

But it came after Auckland Secondary Schools Principals’ Association president Steve Hargreaves said Auckland students should be given up to four extra bonus credits to make up for the 13 days of classes they will miss in the current regional level 3 lockdown. The NZ Qualifications

Authority (NZQA) agreed in June to give all NCEA students one extra credit for every five credits they achieve this year, up to a maximum of 10 credits in NCEA Level 1 and eight credits at Levels 2 and 3.

Hargreaves said Auckland secondary principals would hold a Zoom meeting today to finalise a proposal, but he felt that “on a pro-rata basis” Auckland NCEA students should now get up to an additional four bonus credits.

“We are going to make an appeal to NZQA for that, or for other mechanisms that we know that a group is working on within NZQA,” he said.

Tamihere said all students should be given an NCEA “amnesty” to avoid swelling the numbers of young people not in employment, education or training (NEET).

In June, 13.5 percent of young Maori, 13.7 percent of Pasifika young people and 9.2 percent of all young people aged 15 to 24 were NEET and not caring for children or other family members.

“Prior to Covid, there were 35,000 Maori aged 14-20 not in education, training or employment,” he said.

Hipkins said he is “looking at whether any further support needs to be put in place” for NCEA students, but rejected Tamihere’s call to pass everyone.

“Giving everyone a pass mark regardless of their efforts and abilities would damage the credibility of our qualification system as a whole. It’s not something that the Government would consider,” he said.

Willis also said it was “appropriate for the Ministry of Education to consider what further support and adjustment might be specifically needed for Aucklanders studying for NCEA”.

“All students should be given an ‘amnesty’ to avoid swelling the numbers of young people not in employment, education or training.”

— John Tamihere



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# Americans flock to invest in NZ

## Number of investor visa applications soars since virus outbreak

WELLINGTON — Wealthy Americans are leading a surge in foreign investors seeking a safe haven in New Zealand from their coronavirus-ravaged countries and economies.

The number of investor visa applications has soared since the coronavirus outbreak, and the Government agency working to attract overseas money says New Zealand's strong coronavirus strategy is behind a tenfold surge in interest.

New Zealand Trade and Enterprise (NZTE) — the government's business development agency — said some people wanted to invest in a New Zealand company that is operating or selling in their home market, while others wanted to relocate their own business here.

"New Zealand's response to Covid has definitely been noticed in other countries, and has created a window in time where interest in relocating businesses to New Zealand or investing here is higher than normal," said NZTE general manager of investment Dylan Lawrence.

"Where before we might field one to two approaches a month we're currently receiving about five a week. But there is a difference between having interest and then having engagement and outcomes."

Coronavirus was working against investors getting on the ground in New Zealand to do their work and NZTE had to do its due diligence.

"We're only after certain types of investment — we say the investment's got to be good for New Zealand not just good for the investor, and by that I mean how real is it, does it create jobs for New Zealanders, does it bring capability networks, technology, or does it provide access to new markets?"



**SURGE IN FOREIGN INVESTORS:** Investor visa numbers have soared in New Zealand since the Covid-19 outbreak, as wealthy Americans seek out a safe haven.

RNZ picture

"On the other side it's still a really uncertain investment environment out there right now and with the movement of people across borders being really difficult, it has made global investment a lot harder. And I think that sort of played out in the global statistics with merger and acquisition activity at a 10-year low this year, and also the number of venture capital deals were well down this year, back to 2014 levels.

"There's a lot of interest out there and there's a lot of money out there — the challenge is converting that interest and that money into good outcomes for New Zealand."

North Americans now accounted for more than half of the inquiries the agency

fields, followed by investors from Europe.

New Zealand's coronavirus response had multiplied its existing advantages, he said — of lifestyle, its Pacific Rim location, trade deals and innovative businesses.

Immigration lawyer Simon Laurent added another factor to that list. "New Zealand offers a level of civic stability and safety, which many people in the US do not feel in their home country," he said.

"And sadly, that means that any destination that is basically Covid-19 free and offering a stable government and civil society is very attractive to people who are in fear of their daily lives for a number of reasons back in the US.

"We're seeing a continual increase in interest, not just in the investment field

but in people from the United States in whatever situation who are increasingly approaching us in order to find some way that they can come to New Zealand. The anecdotal comments that I've been hearing and receiving personally from people for instance in the US, and not just in the US, is that New Zealand is one of the few places that they feel really stands out as somewhere that they would like to live."

Investment could offer a secure long-term option for those who can afford it, said Laurent, and by the time they were approved and had transferred their investment funds, the border may have re-opened to welcome them.

Immigration figures show applications from top-end investors with at least \$10 million have more than doubled in the three months to August compared to the same time last year.

Laurent said those investments brought benefits apart from the welcome injection of cash.

"The policy is set up to encourage the human capital to come into the country — people who've got business experience, who know how to make money and how to share the wealth," he said.

"And those are the sorts of people I think we need to continue encouraging, especially when we're moving into what appeared to be recessionary times.

"So overall I believe that the government ought to put a focus back on finding a way for such people to be able to come and move to New Zealand and settle here because of what they can bring both fiscally, and in a perhaps less tangible way of their skills and their abilities — that is something that needs to be facilitated."

— Radio New Zealand

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**SAD DEMISE:** Unable to afford \$6000 a month to receive the drug, Kadcylla, Johnstone and her family moved to Australia last year as the medicine was available free there. But on August 18 she breathed her last, fighting the deadly disease.  
ODT picture via RNZ

## Breast cancer sufferer and treatment campaigner dies

DUNEDIN — Claudine Johnstone, a former Port Chalmers woman whose breast cancer treatment became the subject of parliamentary debate, has died.

Unable to afford \$6000 a month to receive the drug, Kadcylla, Johnstone and her family moved to Australia last year as the medicine was available free there.

"I feel like the message we got from Labour was that I should just go off in a corner and quietly die and not say anything because I'll tarnish their reputation," the mother of five told The AM Show last year.

"I'm not going to go off quietly and die: I'm going to fight for me and others."

Johnstone's case was cited by campaigners who had petitioned Parliament for Pharmac to expand the range of cancer drugs it funded.

It was also raised by Dunedin National list MP Michael Woodhouse, sparking a major row when New Zealand First MP Shane Jones — a cancer

survivor — accused Woodhouse of using the case in a "grubby political manner".

Johnstone died on 18 August.

Husband Stuart Johnstone said while the family only spent a small amount of time in Australia, it was a precious time for them all.

"Claudine was never made to feel that Australia put a dollar figure on her life," he said.

"Australia funding Kadcylla gave Claudine so much. She lived long enough to experience another Christmas, another birthday for her and each of our children."

Johnstone had wanted to live long enough to vote in the upcoming election, Johnstone said.

"For the first time she did not know who to vote for, as none of the political parties have a health policy that would review Pharmac or lift the funding of modern medicines to a level that would allow people to stop considering Australia as the country to move to." Johnstone's funeral was held on Monday. — RNZ

# ANZ to wind up \$3bn Bonus Bonds scheme

by Tamsyn Parker, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — ANZ will no longer accept new money into its Bonus Bonds scheme and will wind it up by the end of October.

Ben Kelleher, managing director retail and business banking at the ANZ, said low interest rates had reduced the investment returns of the scheme affecting the size of its prize pool.

“It has now become apparent those trends are likely to continue in the medium term. The Official Cash Rate, currently at a historically low 0.25 percent, may fall further in early 2021 as the global economy grapples with the impacts of Covid-19.

“The ANZ Investment Services Board (ANZIS) decided it is no longer appropriate to accept new investment into Bonus Bonds with immediate effect, and intends to start winding up the scheme no later than the end of October.”

Winding up the scheme will mean money is returned to bondholders.

Last year the Herald reported that bonus bonds were in the sights of the financial watchdog the Financial Markets Authority as part of its work around legacy products that may



**COMING TO AN END:** Bonus Bonds was launched by the government in 1970 and initially run through the Post Office. File picture

no longer be suitable for investors.

The FMA’s response came after the Herald queried the regulator over complaints and concerns about Bonus Bonus after revealing an ANZ staffer had written to the bank’s chief executive and board concerned about the product and calling it the “biggest rort in financial services in New Zealand” and asking for the fees to be cut.

ANZ cut the fees on Bonus Bonds in July last year from 1.15 percent to 0.88 percent but said it made the decision to do so before receiving the anonymous letter from the employee.

There is around \$3.25 billion invested in Bonus Bonds which is managed by ANZ Investment Services — a subsidiary of ANZ bank.

Instead of getting interest on their investments savers go into a monthly draw to win a prize of up to \$1 million but the odds of winning a prize are low and have been getting worse.

Last year’s annual report says the average odds were one in 32,294 of winning a prize in any given month, down from one in 26,875 in its 2018 financial year.

Around 1.3 million Kiwis have bonus bonds. They were launched by the

New Zealand Government through the Post Office in 1970.

ANZ’s Kelleher said it intended to still hold the September and October prize draws as scheduled and customers could continue to redeem their Bonus Bonds until winding up starts.

“However, ANZIS might move to an earlier wind up, for example, if there is a heavy demand for redemptions or it otherwise considers it is in the overall best interests of investors to do so.”

Kelleher said investors had two choices.

“They can redeem their Bonus Bonds before the scheme starts to wind up, or stay in the scheme and be entitled to a share of the remaining reserves, after expenses, when the scheme is wound up,” he said.

“Those who choose to stay during the wind-up phase will have their investments locked in during this process, which may take up to 12 months.

“The board believes current reserves are sufficient for bondholders to be confident they will receive back their initial investment. The reserves represent the surplus of the value of assets in the scheme over the claims of bondholders.”

## Three-year recovery period for economy predicted by NZIER

WELLINGTON — The New Zealand Institute of Economic Research (NZIER) is predicting it will take three years for the economy to recover from the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

In its latest quarterly predictions, the institute said it expects the effects of Covid-19 will persist until 2023, as the latest outbreak has highlighted the likelihood of more lockdowns which has dealt a blow to business confidence.

“The new restrictions have hampered the recovery in activity seen in recent weeks as New Zealand moved down alert levels.

Although retail spending had rebounded in the months following the relaxation of lockdown restrictions, the recent increase in spending has yet to make up for the decline experienced during the lockdown,” NZIER principal economist Christina Leung said.

Leung said businesses were typically more cautious heading into a general election but Covid-19 had heightened uncertainty.

“We expect businesses and households will remain cautious about spending and investment over the coming year.”

The Institute said it forecasted unemployment would peak at 7 percent over the next three years as a result of the coronavirus.

Leung said its forecast may seem low but that’s because the number of people out of work looking for a job — which unemployment is a measure of — will drop off.

She said this was a result of what is called the “discouraged worker effect”.

“Given that with the lack of (current) job opportunities displaced workers will simply just drop out of the labour force as they give up looking for work.

“That decline in the participation rate will help to cushion some of that rise in the unemployment rate.”

Leung said whilst it was expecting a net job loss of over 240,000 people over the second half of this year, not everyone would be reflected in the unemployment data. — RNZ

## Govt mulls use of \$400m fund to buy into Covid-hit firms

by Kate MacNamara, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — The Government is mulling the use of “sector or asset-specific” funds to buy stakes in businesses struggling as a consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic and the policy response to it.

According to a recently released Cabinet paper, government officials are especially concerned about investment gaps in two areas: small but mature companies in sectors like food and beverage and other specialised manufacturing, and medium to large-sized companies in distress that are not listed on public exchanges. The latter is an expected gap, but it is not confirmed.

Current policy aimed at helping

business respond to the pandemic is largely centred on subsidised lending provisions, tax relief and a wage subsidy programme.

However, the Government is increasingly funnelling cash directly to businesses of its choosing. A \$400 million tourism recovery fund has been used to make grants to “strategic” private sector tourism operators chosen by the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment (MBIE). A ministry spokesperson said a total of

grants approved could not be quickly tallied.

Phil Twyford, Minister for Economic Development, characterised work

in the Cabinet paper, produced by officials in his office, as “early stage”. He said he has not received any further advice or “considered any changes to the fund structure of Growth Capital Partners (the

crown entity known as NZGCP). The Cabinet paper, produced in July, provided an update on the Government’s existing venture capital

funds’ progress. The funds were recently revised and relaunched and are intended to fill gaps in New Zealand’s historically shallow capital markets. The paper, however, outlined two remaining, significant gaps.

The existing NZGCP funds represent a roughly \$400m pot of money. This public money is invested in tandem with money from the private sector in high-growth startups and early-stage companies over a five-year timeframe.

NZGCP falls under the purview of the Minister for Economic Development and oversight controls within it vary significantly.

It invests in private sector funds, which in turn invest in early-stage, high-growth companies through the Elevate NZ Venture Fund. The NZGCP also invests in startups through its

Aspire NZ Seed Fund.

The Elevate Fund is overseen by the NZ Superannuation Fund, which stipulates considerable independent direction. The Aspire Fund, however, has much looser controls, especially since the Government adjusted policy settings in June as part of its Covid-19 response (the changes remain in place until June, 2021). Since the changes, for example, the fund’s managers can “co-lead deals” with private sector partners and choose target companies “proactively”.

“While the Elevate NZ Venture Fund should support New Zealand’s early-stage high-growth firms . . . other ‘gaps’ warrant further support,” the paper suggests. It proposes other “sector or asset-specific funds” among the possible solutions.

“While the Elevate NZ Venture Fund should support New Zealand’s early-stage high-growth firms . . . other ‘gaps’ warrant further support.”

— Cabinet paper

## SHAREMARKET YESTERDAY

WELLINGTON — An upbeat session was cut short yesterday afternoon as an internet connectivity issue halted trading on the NZX. Tourism Holdings had been leading the market higher on vaccine optimism.

The S&P/NZX 50 Index was trading up 0.6 percent at 11,993.18 just before 4pm when the exchange lost its connection. Within the index, 30 stocks were up, 15 were down and five were unchanged. Turnover was \$144.3 million.

The NZX was put in a trading halt after its network service provider encountered an issue which impacted system connectivity. The outage resulted in brokers being unable to access NZX’s systems or data via the internet.

Refinitiv confirmed stock exchange data was not updating and said an investigation was under way to confirm the scale and customer impact.

Forsyth Barr’s director of institutional

equities, David Price said the issue was extremely disruptive but was out of the NZX’s hands who are dependent on their internet provider.

Grant Davies, an investment adviser at Hamilton Hindin Greene, said this wasn’t the first time this had happened.

“It is just part and parcel with operating in this day and age, you are gonna have technical glitches every now and then.”

Davies said he could imagine scenarios where people would be disadvantaged by the sudden close, but for the most part it was just an inconvenience.

“If you miss out on a trade today then it is likely to be there tomorrow,” he said.

Before trading was halted, the market was following a lead from Wall Street, with both the S&P 500 and the Nasdaq continuing into new territory gaining more than 1 percent each.

Investors were optimistic after the US Food and Drug Administration authorised a blood plasma treatment for Covid-19 and news came out that the Trump administration was considering fast-tracking an experimental Covid-19 vaccine.

Before the disruption Tourism Holdings was leading the market, up 6.8 percent at \$2.04, likely on the back of optimism around the treatment.

Other stocks trading well before the disruption included: internet infrastructure provider Chorus, up 4.1 percent to \$8.545, Westpac Banking Group, up 4.1 percent at \$19.53, Australia & NZ Banking Group, up 3.8 percent at \$20.63, and Mercury NZ, up 3.3 percent at \$5.225.

Napier Port yesterday forecast an adjusted full-year net profit of \$20 million but said the trading environment is too uncertain to settle the size of its final dividend.

The port’s nine-month net profit rose 15 percent to \$18.7 million but revenue fell 1.4 percent to \$76.6 million. Its shares were trading

up 1.7 percent at \$3.54 just before 4pm.

Outside the NZX 50, NZME said it was putting dividends on the table next year as it had lifted operating earnings 5 percent and cutting operating costs by 16 percent.

It expects operating earnings of between \$60 million and \$63 million in calendar year 2020. Its share price leapt 44.8 percent to 42 cents following the announcement.

Currency trading was unaffected by the stock market’s outage and the NZ dollar continued its downward trajectory, in what ASB economist Mike Jones called a “slow-burn depreciation” of the currency. The Kiwi dollar was trading at 65.24 US cents at 5pm in Wellington from 65.30 cents.

The trade-weighted index was at 70.63 at 5pm, down from 70.78 on Monday. The kiwi traded at 90.98 Australian cents from 91.14 cents, 69.14 yen from 69.12 yen, 55.24 euro cents from 55.36 cents, 49.79 British pence from 49.89 pence, and 4.5081 Chinese yuan from 4.5184 yuan.

— BusinessDesk

EDITORIAL

### A terrorist's day in court today

Nearly 70 of the victims left bereft and injured and traumatised in the wake of the terrorist atrocity in Christchurch 18 months ago have been confronting the man who did it this week. Emotions have run high, there has been a lot of anger, and also expressions of forgiveness.

Brenton Tarrant, 29, has sat impassively through most of it, nodding and smiling occasionally in response to strong words, shedding a tear in a single show of emotion on day one. Today he will get to address the court himself.

In a slightly different world we would have had wall-to-wall national and extensive international media coverage this week of the sentencing of the Australian national who killed 51 worshippers at two mosques in Christchurch on March 15, 2019 while livestreaming his crimes. Some overseas media are relying on New Zealand-based journalists to assist their coverage, as well as watching and reporting via a livestream of proceedings.

The last 12 victim impact statements were being heard today, the third day of sentencing, in a security ring-fenced High Court in Christchurch. Submissions on the sentence to be handed down were then to be made by the Crown — after which the convicted terrorist will have the opportunity to speak.

There are fears Tarrant, who sacked his legal team last month and is representing himself, will use this opportunity afforded by New Zealand's open system of justice to further propagate his racist views.

Local media have adopted a code of ethics for reporting on the case that focuses on the victims and avoids any opportunity for this terrorist to gain a platform for hate speech. No such agreement applies to international media.

However, Justice Cameron Mander has adopted a ban on live reporting, embargoing coverage until the end of each session so he can decide what is and isn't publishable. Video and photography from the courtroom is tightly controlled, with just one accredited photographer and camera operator providing images to the world. But, again, these tight controls here are unenforceable against overseas media — although they have agreed to abide by the reporting restrictions, and to not copy or capture the digital stream.

Justice Mander is expected to hand down his sentence tomorrow. If it is life without parole, as many hope, it will be the heaviest sentence in New Zealand history. Tarrant faces 51 murder charges, 40 counts of attempted murder and one charge under the Terrorism Suppression Act.

### Insights into authors . . .

Re: Secret is to Think Ahead, August 24 letter. . . "vulgar friend Murray Ferris", what an ugly thing to say! I know Mr Ferris through his columns and letters in GH and his various contributions to our community over the years. Using the word "vulgar" tells us more about the author of the letter than Murray. I guess this name-calling is the modelling of "kindness" the Greens and Labour advocate while they are

tearing apart the fabric of our society under the guise of a virus!

S. WILLIAMS

. . . "tearing apart the fabric of our society under the guise of a virus!" — what an ugly thing to say! I know the virus from the fact it has killed over 800,000 people worldwide. I suppose that tells us more about the author of the post than their attempts to invalidate the author of this letter.

DAVID JACOBS

### On Level 1.5 and Plan B

Re: Headed for 'Level 1.5' . . . August 22 editorial. How fortunate we are that we can experience all different shades of lockdown under the current Labour Govt!

How exciting, level 1.5 next week! Yippee! What is next? Lockdown level 1.65? Labour Govt policy of "Boiling frog slowly"?

S. WILLIAMS

I would have thought you'd be pleased at the thought of another level Ms Williams? The chance to provide another link from the 1 in 1000 who supports whatever contrarian view you wish to take? You wish to generalise the mortality of COVID. But this disease and respiratory viruses in general do not generally spread themselves around fairly.

In New Zealand, Maori and Pacific Islanders have twice the hospital admission rates of Europeans. And this is NZ research, not something from the far-flung corners of YouTube.

J. MACKAY

Your readers may like to listen to the five-minute talk

of Dr Gerhard Sundborn, epidemiologist at University of Auckland and member of the Covid Plan B group, who called into Kerre McIvor Mornings with his thoughts on the Government's Covid response (search: kerre mcivor - gerhard sundborn).

Those interested in hearing more from distinguished NZ academics, researchers, immunologists, epidemiologists may like to check their website: COVID PLAN B — A balanced response to COVID-19

<http://www.covidplanb.org/> Or they can listen to their talks on their YouTube channel "Covid Plan B".

S. WILLIAMS

The "Plan B" group has been largely derided by NZ scientists, epidemiologists and virologists. As their attention-seeking behaviour yielded little in the way of interest, they doubled their efforts with complaints of not getting air time. I hope they have another plan because their Plan B holds little interest for considerate New Zealanders.

J. MACKAY

### Thank you

To the gentleman who assisted with my dog in Lytton Road on Saturday, August 22, please accept my grateful thanks for your kindness.

W. PEARS

### A good laugh

Re: A large white elephant . . . August 19 poem. I was having a horrible day but this made me laugh out loud. Thank you.

ZEYNEP

### All best RSA

Re: Gisborne RSA club to re-open in April, March 8 story.

It was a pleasure to be part of the club — it had all the activities a person could ask for, good staff and a friendly atmosphere, plus the best darts team at the time. It was sad to hear it was closing. I hope the board can keep it going well, especially for the returned members.

CHARLIE SMITH  
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## Unsafe and abhorrent

Re: Online comments below Aug 19 editorial, Responding to some Covid claims.

Jen and cohorts, spreading misinformation is not only unsafe but it is completely unethical.

This is not about differing opinions. Diversity of opinion is great and I'm not against freedom of speech. However, what you are doing is harmful and could lead to unnecessary death. You are refusing to do the bare minimum (wearing a mask) to protect large portions

of the population. The manipulation of information increases distrust of health professionals at a time when we really need to trust them for our own safety and the safety of others.

My nursing colleagues overseas are dying. They are putting other people before themselves to try to keep people like you alive. I find your campaign against science and health professionals abhorrent.

AIMEE MILNE

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, ONLINE COMMENTS

## Models are magnificent

Re: Sculpture Endeavour, August 13 story.

Thanks Mark, your story about these magnificent models of Captain James Cook's ship was great to read. Rex Briant builds fabulous power boats and wins prizes and boating shows. I had to laugh, though, because he said this hull-type is something he can't get his head around, as he is used to planing hulls designed for fuel efficiency and speed.

Some moons ago, I lived next door to legendary pioneer fishermen and boat builders the McManaways who had a displacement-hulled boat the "Silver Spray". Poet Sam Hunt presented a TV documentary about them called "Catching the Tide".

The old man Wilf McManaway was nicknamed "Pop" McManaway. I was invited by Pop to go fishing for groper on hidden reefs out in

the middle of Cook Strait. There are photos of these trips in my book about fishing called "The New Zealand Grand Slam of Fishing".

The point I am getting to is that these displacement hulls were full of large river boulders weighing several tonnes, giving good stability.

So Captain Cook and early-day explorers travelled with huge amounts of provisions and a lot of crew down at the bottom of the hull, giving stability. Barrels of water to drink were the heaviest cargo.

Rex Briant's models must not be abused. The GDC is making big efforts to stop racism right now. If people abuse this important part of Tairāwhiti, New Zealand and world history, it would be very sad — as we try to work better together.

ALAIN JORION

## Keep cats in at night too

Re: Warbling tui sign of successful restoration, Aug 22.

I would add keeping your cat in at night, as this is the time when roosting birds are at their most vulnerable. Better for the cat, too, as they are less likely to get into fights defending territory, and less stress. We have kept our cat in after her evening feed for several years, and let her outside again after 7am

(sometimes a bit earlier when the days are longer), and have definitely seen an increase of bird life, especially tui and bellbirds. Planting a variety of nectar-producing plants such as camellia, banksia and Queensland frangipani (Hymenosporum) along with native species ensures a continuous supply of nectar.

STEPHEN DONALD

## No idea what film was about

I went to see Christopher Nolan's ("Inception") new film "Tenet" at the weekend. It's supposed to be the film that is going to get the public visiting the cinema again. Not me!

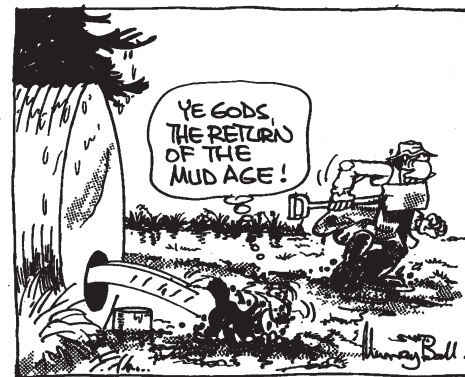
From the first scene to the last, it was impossible to catch the dialogue because the background music was so loud. I have no idea what the film was about.

I kid you not, towards the end, the cars started going in reverse and

the actors were walking backwards. What's that about?

Kenneth Branagh plays a Russian oligarch on his yacht who is prone to wearing tight swimming trunks, fortunately, not Speedos, and revealing his very flabby, pale body. The main character, played by Denzel Washington's son, is a secret agent, I think, but what was he saying?

PATRICK COOPER



# Nightmare rental hospitalises kids

## Mother awarded \$4k to compensate for living in sub-standard conditions

AUCKLAND — An Auckland mum, whose children spent time in hospital with serious respiratory illnesses, has described how insect larvae would crawl out of a large hole as she washed in the dilapidated, mould-infested shower of her rented flat.

And Georgina Matautu claimed it wasn't uncommon to have creepy crawlies falling from the ceiling of the shower box, the Tenancy Tribunal has heard.

In a just-released decision Reliable Rental Management Ltd has been ordered to pay the mum-of-three \$4462.52 to compensate for living in sub-standard conditions after there was no attempt to fix the property's extensive mould problem.

The tribunal heard Matautu moved into the ground floor Otahuhu unit with her young son at the start of 2018.

The mould problem was not evident when she viewed the Great South Rd property as the bathroom had been recently repainted. However, over the course of the year black mould appeared on walls and ceilings of the bathroom, laundry, bedroom and living room.

In addition, Matautu told the tribunal there was also a hole in the shower floor where insects and larvae would emerge when she washed.

The mould problem in the shower became so bad the mum refused to wash her children in it, instead taking

them to extended family homes to clean them.

However, the landlord claimed while the showerbox needed repair it was "still perfectly usable" while property managers considered the mould situation something she needed to fix.

But the situation came to a head when her newborn child was discovered lifeless in his bed last August, her second child to need top-level hospital care medical specialists believed were caused in part by where they lived.

At a routine inspection in March 2019, a year into her tenancy, she was advised to use sugar water on the growth. The fungal issue was noted by the property manager as a tenant problem.

Tribunal adjudicator Toni Prowse said photos taken after Matautu had cleaned the problem areas spoke for themselves, showing ingrained mould on most surfaces of the bathroom

and laundry.

"She tells me that she would have to extensively clean the mould weekly, particularly in the bathroom and laundry.

"She said that she used to use vinegar, but after the inspection in March where the property manager told her she had to use sugar water she did that, but it had little or no effect."

Continued scrubbing stripped the



**MOULD PROBLEM:** Mum-of-three Georgina Matautu has won a Tenancy Tribunal dispute after black mould covered surfaces in four rooms of her one-bedroom South Auckland unit. File picture

paint off the wall and photographs were produced showing mould growth coming up through the paintwork.

Images captured mould ingrained in the timber around the showerbox, and heavy mould on the shower tray and walls.

But worryingly the mum produced evidence showing her four-year-old son was twice admitted to hospital in April last year suffering from pneumonia and respiratory infection.

As a result, Counties Manukau Health wrote to Housing New Zealand noting they believed the family was living in cold and damp conditions and that they were "unsuitable in supporting the recovery and maintaining the wellbeing of a young child with ongoing health issues", the tribunal's decision says.

A social worker, who inspected the unit, found the bathroom and laundry had an extreme mould issue, with

black-and green-coloured fungal growth covering the ceilings and walls.

The unit also did not have any form of mechanical ventilation in the kitchen or bathroom, the windows were draughty and cold and the family only used a fan heater to warm up the space.

On top of this the unit also suffered from a rat-infestation problem.

Then last July Matautu gave birth to a baby boy at 34 weeks.

The tribunal heard mum and newborn returned home at the end of August but within a fortnight the baby developed rhinovirus bronchiolitis and had to be rushed to hospital after being found unresponsive in his bed.

The newborn had to spend time in the hospital's paediatric intensive care unit. Matautu said one doctor had told her that the baby's condition could have been caused by breathing in

mould spores at home.

In her decision, Prowse said it was likely mould growth in the home contributed and exacerbated the children's health issues and that the family renting the property couldn't use the bathroom and laundry properly because of the mould and the state of the showerbox.

She says the landlord should have made more extensive investigations about what was causing the mould problem after it was raised in the first property inspection report and moved quickly to fix it.

"I therefore consider it appropriate to grant the tenant a rebate of 50 percent of her rent for the time that the defect was known to the landlord to the end of the tenancy," found Prowse.

"This amount takes into account general damages, for stress, inconvenience, health problems and loss of amenity, including that the tenant had to stay in hospital for at least two weeks because of her children's health conditions which were in part attributable to the mould problem, and yet paid full rent over this time."

Prowse noted the landlord's claims that Matautu had contributed to the problem by having more people living in the property than allowed for on the tenancy agreement. It allowed for just one adult and one child to live there.

But she was satisfied that having two additional youngsters living in the unit did not contribute to any of the deficiencies. A social worker who visited the property also considered the unit was sufficient space for a mum and three children.

Prowse said the landlord had breached the Residential Tenancies Act and awarded Matautu \$200.

— NZ Herald

## TO THE PEOPLE OF TOLAGA BAY/UAWA

FROM EASTLAND WOOD COUNCIL August 17, 2020

Kia ora.

On behalf of the Forest Industry on the East Coast we want to thank the community of Uawa, and the people of the greater Tolaga Bay area, for your patience and support over the past month.

Thanks to your input and guidance, we have managed to undertake a massive clean-up operation on the Tolaga Bay beach. While there is still a lot of work to be done, we wanted to acknowledge your efforts in helping us get to this point.

Since the major storm in the middle of July, our people have been on the beach working to gather the debris that was swept down the Uawa River. The scenes of logs on the beach were unacceptable.

We heard your calls for the forestry sector to step up, and we did. The clean-up started the day the rain stopped, and when it was determined it was safe to do so.

A month later, all of the logs on the North Beach have been cleared and stacked in piles. We have also cleared most from the estuary at South Beach.

Our teams have also been doing rehabilitation work

on the land and in the forest where possible – although a lot of the forest roads remain inaccessible

This week, under the direction of the principal rural fire officer Ray Dever, the burning of over 90 piles of wood has commenced. This involves a big team. Safety is paramount, both onsite but also with air quality and there are people monitoring the air in multiple locations. Over the next two to four weeks, the piles will be burnt. Exactly when depends on the wind, as the burn only happens when it is blowing away from town.

The bill for the clean-up is ours. No ratepayer funds will be used. It's our responsibility and we take that seriously.

As an industry we would love to say this will not happen again, but it will. However, the number of logs will be fewer over time. Decisions made by others decades ago, are hurting us now. It's not as simple as heading into the hills and clearing the old logs. We have done that, but some will still come down. Our best efforts now are also focused on cleaning them up, if they end up on the

beach.

Since 2018, our industry has changed the way we operate. Together with Te Aitanga a Hauiti, the wider community, the council and businesses, we are planning for the potential of the next event. We will do everything we can to limit the impacts on your community.

The two photos alongside show the difference between the 2018 floods, and this July flood. The river flows were similar in both events. While, it is not absolutely clean, what you can see are the benefits from the changes we have made — with fewer logs.

Our job is not finished, and we know that. As neighbours, we need to do better, and we will.

For now, thank you again to all in the community. The clean-up effort has been massive, and we could not have done it without you.

We appreciate the opportunity to build positive and enduring relationships with the community.

Nga mihi



Forestry for life

# One Billion Trees & Carbon



Eastland Wood Council

## Committed to sustainable forests

Barely a day goes by that climate change and the impact that humans are having on the globe are not mentioned in general discussion or the media.

Discussion often revolves around rising sea levels, global bushfires, melting ice caps, coal-fired power stations, hybrid or electric vehicles and even the impact a bamboo toothbrush will have on saving the planet.

Whatever your view on climate change is, it is clear that humans cannot continue using resources at the rate they are and believe all will be OK . . . especially if carbon emissions are a key driver to our changing climate.

Globally, governments have talked “hot air” for decades on how to address the use of climate-changing gases — Montreal Protocol 1987, UNFCCC 1992, Kyoto Protocol 1997, Paris Agreement 2015 and so on.

Following the Kyoto meetings, New Zealand established its own Emission Trading Scheme (NZ ETS) as a means to encourage people and industries to reduce gas emissions. This has largely been achieved by putting a price on a tonne of gas, meaning if a business produces a tonne of gas, they need to purchase a “credit” from someone who has absorbed and stored a tonne of gas.

The growing of trees is well documented as a natural and sustainable tool to capture atmospheric carbon where it is stored in the roots, trunks and branches of a tree. It is acknowledging that trees have a positive part to play, that planting and growing form a key part of the NZ ETS, enabling tree growers from 2008 to claim so called “carbon credits” as an asset which can be sold to other parties.

One company active in this area is Ernslaw One Ltd, who, since establishing itself in New Zealand in 1990, has quietly grown in size to managing a planted area of 110,000 hectares throughout the country.

A significant component of this resource is managing 37,700 hectares of the production estate which is also registered in the NZ ETS to participate in the claiming and sale of carbon credits.

The carbon estate managed by Ernslaw One is geographically spread with resources located in Tairāwhiti, Hawke’s Bay, the southern end of the North Island, Marlborough and Southland. All of this resource, even though it is entered into the NZ ETS, is treated as if it were a typical production forest as understood by many New Zealanders.

Each forest has been planted but the company also invests in pruning and thinning to ensure Ernslaw has the ability to produce products sought by customers when the time to

harvest comes. By holding a forest-grower philosophy to grow timber products and carbon, the company has given itself options. Through the commitment to pruning, thinning and harvesting, Ernslaw has ensured local economies benefit through direct employment and the positive flow-on effects forestry provides.

While many growers tend to grow only radiata pine, the Ernslaw-managed estate is a little different being that it is made up of two species, radiata pine and douglas-fir.

With a harvest age of 45 years, the carbon volume of douglas-fir will fill the trough between two rotations of the shorter-cycle radiata pine, typically about 28 years. The benefit this gives to the company is elevating the level of carbon tonnes which can be sold before there is a need to incur potential liabilities to the Government for having a carbon deficit.

A key component of forest growers participating and selling carbon credits in the NZ ETS is to demonstrate to the Government they have the equivalent tonnage of carbon stored on their property as they have sold.

Should the forest grower have less carbon growing on site, which is most likely to occur after the harvesting of trees, the grower could be required to repay any shortfall back to the Government.

Across all their forests, Ernslaw are actively planting, thinning, harvesting and replanting so the complexity of managing carbon flows is extensive.

To ensure they are keeping on track, Ernslaw has talented personnel who are constantly monitoring carbon volumes on every site.

By understanding what carbon tonnage is available, they are able to continue to claim credits from the Government, put these in their “carbon bank account” and sell them when it is suitable to do so.

Having the ability to sell credits when it suits provides bottom-line comfort to owners when log prices are not so favourable.

Next time you find yourself in a conversation on our



**BENEFICIAL FOREST:** Pruning is an important part of Ernslaw’s forest management strategy, as seen here with recent pruning in Waiiau Forest near Tolaga Bay.

Picture supplied

changing climate, please discuss bushfires, electric cars and growing trees.

Who knows, you may even find yourself with a little bit of carbon stored in your radiata pine toothbrush?

by **Kim Holland, chief executive, Eastland Wood Council**

Carbon credits, carbon farming and the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) have featured prominently in

the news over recent months, with information and misinformation abounding, particularly with the fear that economic and productive farms are being turned en masse into permanent forests.

This month’s Forestry For Life provides factual information on the ETS, and gives one company’s story about how they are using carbon credits and still managing their forestry operations.



## Supporting regional resilience

Thank you to our staff, customers, contractors, stakeholders and the whole community, who have worked to get Tairāwhiti up and running again after the COVID-19 Level 4 lockdown.

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# Farming and Forestry



A view over Ernslaw's Barnhill Forest (Southland) looking towards the Eyre Mountains comprises Douglas-fir. Picture supplied

The Emissions Trading Scheme allows foresters or farm foresters to gain income from trees as they mature.

The trees are grown and managed as a productive crop and harvested for their wood value at maturity.

## What does carbon farming and the ETS mean for New Zealand forestry over 30 years?

Over the past 20 years, New Zealand has experienced net deforestation, with the forest estate being 70,000ha smaller now than it was in 2000.

The Government has committed to combating climate change and using the ETS as a way to change the behaviour of those creating carbon emissions, by requiring them to offset their emissions by buying carbon credits or reducing their emissions.

For the forestry sector, this means there is an expected increase in planting over the next 20 to 30 years.

Last year New Zealand experienced its first year of significant afforestation in 20 years, with 22,000ha of new planting.

While planting is increasing, awareness of mixed-model farm-forestry is being raised

through programmes such as One Billion Trees, funding for planting in riparian areas, highly erodible land and other non-productive areas.

This makes increased planting environmentally and economically beneficial.

## How the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) is being used

The ETS works by putting a price on greenhouse gas emissions, the "New Zealand Unit", with one NZU equal to one tonne of CO<sub>2</sub>e. This creates an incentive to plant new forests and reduce emissions.

- Some emitters of greenhouse gases such as industrial factories must surrender units to the Government to meet their emissions liabilities. If they do not have enough units, they must purchase them from the market.

- Owners of eligible forests earn units from the Government as their forests grow which they can keep or sell on the market.

Recently the Government also made significant changes to the ETS to increase the flexibility of land management.

## Important changes are providing more flexibility for practical land and forest

## management

In June 2020, Parliament passed a Bill that introduced major changes to how forestry works in the ETS and supports New Zealand's commitment to a low-emissions future. Many of these changes will make the ETS more attractive for farmers considering planting new forests on their land.

## There will be a range of helpful new provisions for forestry in the ETS that will be available from January 2023, including:

- Averaging accounting for post-1989 forests
- Averaging, which is a simpler form of carbon accounting, will mean that participants don't have to pay back units if they harvest their registered forests, as long as they replant them, unlike under stock change accounting.
- This will reduce the financial risks of them participating in the New Zealand ETS. It will also lower compliance costs.
- Offsetting for post-1989 forests using averaging

Offsetting will allow farmers using averaging to re-establish their forest in another location, without paying a deforestation liability. This will provide farmers with more land-use

flexibility and ensure the right land can be used for the right purpose.

- Temporary adverse event cover for all post-1989 forests

Temporary adverse event cover means that participants whose forests are affected by an adverse event — like a storm or a fire — won't need to repay units for the carbon that's lost as a result of forest loss. For farm foresters, this may mean lower insurance premiums and greater security in the New Zealand ETS.

- Permanent post-1989 forests

The permanent forest category will make it easier for farm foresters to earn money from permanent or longer rotation forest on their land. This will be particularly helpful for afforesting highly-erodible land or land not economically suited to pastoral farming or plantation forestry — it could include planting poplars and willows for animal shelter, erosion control and carbon revenue.

You can see what is changing on the Te Uru Rākau website. Guidance and communications will be released over the next year to help participants understand what these changes mean and to help them consider their options.




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# 'That is too big a price'

**RACIAL INJUSTICE:** An American flag flies over a department of corrections building ablaze during protests in Kenosha, Wisconsin, sparked by the shooting of Jacob Blake by a Kenosha Police officer. AP picture

## Floyd's death sparks new activism to fight racism

MINNEAPOLIS — When Washington D.C.'s NFL team dropped the offensive reference to Native Americans from its name last month after decades of resistance, activist Frances Danger knew why: the Black Lives Matter movement.

Danger said the change would never have happened without the massive marches to protest the death of an African American man under the knee of a white police officer in Minneapolis.

"Unfortunately, George Floyd had to lose his life for this to happen," Danger said. "That is too big a price, but I will forever be thankful to him because my grandkids are going to wake up in a world and maybe never hear the word 'redskin' in their life."

Kenosha, Wisconsin became the latest flashpoint this week with the police shooting of Jacob Blake, apparently in the back, as he leaned into his SUV while his three children sat in the vehicle.

The climate of racial reckoning that has emerged in the United States since Floyd's death has reinvigorated Native Americans, Asian Americans, Latinos and other people of colour to fight back against the racism and discrimination they also have experienced for decades.

"I feel like the conversation has been more accepted," said Jessica Rodriguez, 38, a Chicana who lives in Southern California. "For the first time I feel like a lot of people who gave me pushback are saying, 'Hey, you're right. This is systemic. I can't believe I haven't noticed it.'"

But the movement has also forced minority communities to come to terms with their own internal biases and the conflicts that exist among them. Solidarity among people of colour has never been a given in the US, notes Claire Jean Kim, professor of political science and Asian American studies at the University of California, Irvine.

"There are enduring tensions and conflict among all groups, including among groups of colour, communities of colour, because they're not, in fact, comparably situated," Kim said. "We tend to think, yes, they're all subjected to white supremacy, but there are also differences in how they're positioned, with Blacks clearly being positioned at the bottom of the racial order."

The largest ethnic or racial group in the US after whites are Latinos, who make up 18 percent of the population. Black Americans are next with 13 percent of the population. Asian Americans are nearly 6 percent of the US, while Native

### Governor declares emergency after police shooting of Blake

KENOSHA — Wisconsin's governor declared a state of emergency on Tuesday after some protesters vandalised businesses and set dozens of buildings on fire in a city where police shot a Black man multiple times, apparently in the back in view of his children.

The shooting of Jacob Blake on Sunday in Kenosha was captured on cellphone video and ignited new protests over racial injustice in several cities, just three months after the death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police touched off a wider reckoning on race.

Blake's father, also named Jacob Blake, told the Chicago Sun-Times that his son is paralysed from the waist down and has "eight holes" in his body. The elder Blake said he didn't know if his son's paralysis was permanent.

Wisconsin Gov Tony Evers called for protesters to be peaceful, while also saying the National Guard presence would be doubled from 125 to 250 in Kenosha after crowds destroyed dozens of buildings and set more than 30 fires on Monday night.

"We cannot allow the cycle of systemic racism and injustice to continue," said Evers, who is facing mounting pressure from Republicans over his handling of the unrest that has followed the shooting. "We also cannot continue going down this path of damage and destruction."

Blake's father said that he learned on Sunday night that officers had shot his 29-year-old son and shortly thereafter he watched the video, which appears to show his son being shot in the

back.

"I want to put my hand on my son's cheek and kiss him on his forehead, and then I'll be OK," the father, who was travelling from North Carolina to Milwaukee, where his son is being treated, told the newspaper. "I'll kiss him with my mask. The first thing I want to do is touch my son."

Three of the younger Blake's sons — aged 3, 5 and 8 — were in the car at the time of the shooting, according to Ben Crump, a civil rights attorney representing the family. Crump scheduled a Tuesday afternoon news conference in Kenosha with Blake's family members to address the shooting.

Police in Kenosha have released almost no information about the shooting, beyond saying the officers were responding to a domestic dispute when they encountered Blake. The Wisconsin Department of Justice is leading the investigation, which is expected to take several weeks. The officers were placed on administrative leave, which is standard practice in such cases.

The father has not returned multiple messages left by The Associated Press. He is slated to speak at a March on Washington commemoration on Friday organised by the Rev. Al Sharpton. Since the shooting, anger has spilled into the streets of Kenosha and other cities, including Los Angeles, Wisconsin's capital of Madison and in Minneapolis, the epicentre of the Black Lives Matter movement this summer following Floyd's death. — AP

Americans are barely 2 percent and often aren't counted among statistics for social indicators.

Competing economic interests, whitewashed American history classes and, in some cases, a fight for daily survival that leaves no time to reflect on the state of race relations, have traditionally made it difficult for people of colour to unite.

Some Asian Americans for example, see affirmative action programs that favour African American and Latino students as an attack on Asian students, who may test higher but could be passed over.

Frank Xu, a 42-year-old software engineer from San Diego who emigrated from China 15 years ago, is among those fighting to defeat an affirmative action measure on the California ballot that

supporters say is essential to dismantling decades of systemic racism.

"We are not the majority and we are not the minority," he said of Asian Americans, who have also been the target of anti-China attacks during the coronavirus pandemic.

Steven Tauber, professor of political science at the University of South Florida in Tampa, who studies race in politics, said one of the barriers to minority groups coming together is a lack of knowledge about each other's histories in the US: slavery and Jim Crow laws for Black Americans; the colonisation of Latinos when large swaths of Mexico became part of the US; immigration laws that excluded Asian Americans; and the Native American struggle to maintain sovereignty.

"I think a lot of it is ignorance," Tauber said. "Groups understand their own history but not the other group's history."

That might be changing, with a younger, savvier generation that is more aware of racial dynamics and the shared history of discrimination.

Rodriguez said when she was growing up, her generation felt powerless to fight back against the police officers who seemed to always be pulling over cars driven by people of colour for seemingly no reason. But she said her niece, who is in eighth grade, is not only protesting racial discrimination on social media but also sharing information with classmates about how to become an ally to other minority groups.

"New generations are understanding this is not right," she said. "Black Lives Matter conversations are happening with younger kids: 'It's OK to push back, to fend for yourself.'"

Chinese American Daisy Tam, now 38, says it wasn't until she took a race relations class in college that she realised how prevalent the perpetuation of stereotypes was in the US.

"Racism is just learned when you're a kid and it's sad, but it's true," she said.

After Floyd's death, she had a talk with her parents, telling them, "You came here and you're discriminated against and Blacks are discriminated against too. There's really no difference."

There have been moments of great unity: Black Lives Matter protesters have shown up for young Latino immigrants petitioning to stay in the country after being brought here illegally as children. They were also among the thousands who joined Native Americans in protesting an oil pipeline near the North Dakota-South Dakota border for fear it would ruin the water supply. And people of many races, ethnicities and cultures have joined the ongoing BLM protests around the country.

On Friday, allies of the BLM movement will have an opportunity to hear directly from organisers of The Movement for Black Lives, a coalition of more than 150 Black-led organisations, during its virtual Black National Convention.

"Solidarity is not just an altruistic activity, but one that says, 'My life and the conditions of my folks rest upon the conditions of Black and Indigenous people in this country,'" said Nikita Mitchell, a national coordinator of The Rising Majority, a multiracial and multicultural coalition seeking alignment between movements. — AP



# Kremlin brushes off allegations over Navalny's poisoning

MOSCOW — The Kremlin brushed off allegations Tuesday that Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny was the victim of an intentional poisoning orchestrated by authorities and said there were no grounds for a criminal investigation so far since it hasn't been fully established what caused the politician to fall into a coma.

The Russian government's insistence that Navalny wasn't necessarily the victim of a deliberate poisoning — comments amplified by Russian doctors and pro-Kremlin media — came a day after doctors at a German hospital where the 44-year-old is being treated said tests indicated he was poisoned.

Moscow's dismissals elicited outrage from Navalny's allies, who claim the Kremlin was behind the illness of its most prominent critic.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov

said the accusations against the government "absolutely cannot be true and are rather an empty noise."

"We do not intend to take it seriously," Peskov said.

Peskov said he saw no grounds for launching a criminal investigation at this stage, saying that Navalny's condition could have been triggered by a variety of causes and determining what it was should come first.

"If a substance (that caused the condition) is found, and if it is determined that it is poisoning, then there will be a reason for an investigation," Peskov said.

Navalny, a politician and corruption investigator who is one of Putin's fiercest critics, fell ill on a flight back to Moscow from Siberia on Thursday and was taken to a hospital in the Siberian city of Omsk after the plane made an emergency landing.

Over the weekend, he was transferred to the Charité hospital in Berlin, where doctors on Monday said they have found indications of "cholinesterase inhibitors" in his system. These act by blocking the breakdown of a key chemical in the body, acetylcholine, that transmits signals between nerve cells. Navalny is being treated with the antidote atropine.

Navalny's wife, Yulia Navalnaya, has been visiting her husband daily and made no comment to reporters as she arrived on Tuesday.

Chancellor Angela Merkel personally offered Germany's help in treating Navalny and has called for a full Russian investigation — a sentiment echoed Tuesday by officials from the United States, France and Norway.

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said that if reports about Navalny's poisoning "prove accurate, the United

States supports the (European Union's) call for a comprehensive investigation and stands ready to assist in that effort."

On Tuesday, US Deputy Secretary of State Stephen Biegun met with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and other diplomats. He expressed deep concern about Navalny's condition, "the impact on Russian civil society of reports of his poisoning, and the importance of transparency and freedom of speech in any democratic society," the US Embassy spokesperson, Rebecca Ross, said on Twitter.

After the meeting, the Russian Foreign Ministry said in a statement that Biegun warned Russian diplomats that if Navalny's poisoning is confirmed, the US could take steps that will exceed Washington's response to evidence of Russia's meddling in the 2016 US presidential election. — AP

# UN rejects US demand to 'snap back' Iran sanctions

UNITED NATIONS — The president of the UN Security Council (UNSC) on Tuesday rejected the Trump administration's demand to restore all UN sanctions on Iran, a move that drew an angry rebuke from the US ambassador who accused opponents of supporting "terrorists."

Indonesia's ambassador to the UN, Dian Triansyah Djani, whose country currently holds the rotating council presidency, made the announcement in response to requests from Russia and China to disclose results of his polling of the views of all 15 council members on the US action.

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo insisted last Thursday that the US has the legal right to "snap back" UN sanctions, even though President Donald Trump pulled out of the 2015 nuclear deal between Iran and six major powers that was endorsed by the UNSC.

All the council members, except the Dominican Republic, had informed the council president that the US administration's action was illegal because Trump withdrew from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, or JCPOA, in 2018. Djani told members at the end of a virtual meeting on the Mideast on Tuesday that there was no general agreement among council members.

"Having contacted the members and received letters from many member countries it is clear to me that there is one member which has a particular position on the issues, while there are significant numbers of members who have contesting views," he said.

"In my view there is no consensus in the council," Djani said. "Thus, the president is not in the position to take further action." That means the UN's most powerful body, at least during Indonesia's presidency, is not going to take up the US demand.

Niger takes over the council presidency in September, and its ambassador also sent a joint letter with South Africa, Tunisia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines calling the US "ineligible" to trigger "snapback" because it is not a party to the JCPOA. So it is likely to ignore the US demand as well.

The US Mission to the UN later issued a statement saying the US "is on firm legal ground to initiate the restoration of sanctions" under the Security Council resolution that endorsed the 2015 nuclear deal. "The fact that some council members expressed disagreement with our legal position in an informal (virtual meeting) does not have any legal effect," the mission said.

Pompeo visited the UN after the Security Council resoundingly rejected a

US resolution to indefinitely extend the UN arms embargo on Iran, which is set to expire on October 18. Only the Dominican Republic supported the United States.

US Ambassador Kelly Craft on Tuesday repeated Pompeo's message: "The United States will never allow the world's largest state sponsor of terrorism to freely buy and sell planes, tanks, missiles, and other kinds of conventional weapons . . . (or) to have a nuclear weapon."

Craft accused the council of lacking "courage and moral clarity," and accused Iran of defying the arms embargo and "fomenting conflict and murder throughout the world as it supplies weapons to proxy militias and terrorist groups."

Russia's UN Ambassador Vassily Nebenzia called the council president's decision "a prudent step," saying virtually the entire council "confirmed the paramount need to preserve the JCPOA," which he called important for the entire international community, including the United States. "I hope that the US would be able to finally realise it, and not . . . pursue this path which is not only illegal but simply will not lead to achieving the result that was envisaged by the US," he said.

China's UN Ambassador Zhang Jun called Djani's conclusion "the right step towards the right direction." — AP

## Israel bombs Gaza militants

JERUSALEM — Israel's military said it bombed militant positions in the Gaza Strip early on Tuesday in response to incendiary balloons launched into southern Israel farmlands a day earlier. It was the second night in a row that Israel bombed the coastal territory. Tensions between Israel and Palestinian militants in Gaza have intensified in recent weeks.

Tuesday's strikes came as US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo was visiting the country as part of an effort to advance Mideast peace following the historic announcement of a deal to establish ties between Israel and the UAE.

The army said in a statement that it bombed "military posts and an underground infrastructure" belonging to the Hamas militant group that rules the Palestinian enclave. There were no immediate reports of casualties.

In recent weeks, Palestinian militants have launched scores of incendiary balloons into southern Israel that have burned large swaths of farmland. The increasing attacks appear aimed at pressuring Israel to ease the blockade imposed on the Gaza Strip since Hamas took control of the territory in 2007.

Israel has responded to fire balloons and sporadic rocket fire with airstrikes on militant positions and says it holds Hamas accountable for all attacks coming from the territory. — AP

# Belarusian authorities mount pressure on opposition

MINSK — Authorities in Belarus on Tuesday steadily cranked up the pressure on protesters pushing for the resignation of the country's authoritarian leader, jailing several opposition activists, summoning others for questioning and selectively ordering dozens of demonstrators to appear in court. Nevertheless, the protests continued.

Courts in Minsk handed 10-day sentences to two members of a council that opposition activists established last week to negotiate a transition of power following President Alexander Lukashenko's winning a sixth term in an election that critics contend was rigged.

Lukashenko has firmly rebuffed offers of dialogue from the Coordination Council, which rejects the official results of the August 9 vote that extended his 26-year rule.

On Tuesday, council members Sergei Dylevsky and Olga Kovalkova were each sentenced to 10 days in jail on charges of organising an unsanctioned protest.

Pavel Latushko, a former culture minister and diplomat who joined the opposition council, was summoned



**UNREST CONTINUES:** Belarusian opposition supporters gather at Independence Square in Minsk, Belarus. Authorities are placing steadily mounting pressure on protesters who are pushing for the resignation of the country's authoritarian leader. AP picture

for questioning over his role in the opposition body. "They are trying to push me out of the country," Latushko told The Associated Press. "I have been threatened with arrest and prison violence, but I'm not planning to leave Belarus."

Belarus' most famous writer, Svetlana Alexievich, also received a

summons after joining the council. Lukashenko has dismissed the protesters who have been demonstrating for over two weeks as Western puppets and threatened the council members with criminal charges for attempting to create what he described as a parallel government. Prosecutors opened a criminal inquiry

on charges of undermining national security, an allegation rejected by the council.

"The Coordination Council isn't attempting to take power," Latushko said. "All we want is to try to find a solution for the political crisis."

On Tuesday, hundreds of teachers and academic researchers rallied in Minsk in a show of solidarity with protesters as the demonstrations entered their 17th day.

As evening came, several thousand rallied on central Independence Square, despite heavy rain, to press for Lukashenko's resignation.

"He managed to set everyone against himself," said 30-year-old sales clerk Tatyana Gubarevskaya who turned up for the rally with her husband. "I supported Lukashenko in the past, but now I see that his authority hinges entirely on the police, he has stopped hearing his people."

Lyudmila Krylovich, a conductor at the Belarus State Philharmonic, said that "Lukashenko behaves like a feudal lord who sees people as his property."

"Who will tolerate that?" she said. The protests erupted after official results handed Lukashenko a landslide

victory with 80 percent of the vote. They were galvanised by a brutal crackdown in the initial days after the election, when police detained nearly 7,000 people. Hundreds were injured when officers fiercely dispersed peaceful protesters with rubber bullets, stun grenades and clubs. At least three people died.

On Tuesday, US Deputy Secretary of State Stephen Biegun discussed the situation in Belarus with Russia's Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov in Moscow. The US Embassy spokesperson, Rebecca Ross, said on Twitter that Biegun "condemned the use of violence against the Belarusian people and expressed support for Belarus' sovereignty and the people's right to self-determination."

The United States and the EU have dismissed the Belarus election as neither free nor fair and urged the authorities to engage in a dialogue with the opposition.

Russia, which has a union agreement with Belarus envisaging close political, economic and military ties, has stood by Lukashenko and warned the West against interfering in Belarus' affairs. — AP

# Africa declared free of polio

JOHANNESBURG — Health authorities on Tuesday declared the African continent free of the wild poliovirus after decades of effort, though cases of vaccine-derived polio are still sparking outbreaks of the paralyzing disease in more than a dozen countries.

The declaration leaves Pakistan and neighbouring Afghanistan as the only countries thought to still have the wild poliovirus, with vaccination efforts against the highly infectious, water-borne disease complicated by insecurity and attacks on health workers.

The announcement by the African Regional Certification Commission for Polio Eradication comes after no cases were reported for four years. Polio once paralysed some 75,000 children a year across Africa.

Health authorities see the declaration as a rare glint of good news in Africa amid the coronavirus pandemic, an Ebola outbreak in western Congo and the persistent deadly challenges of malaria, HIV and tuberculosis.

"This is an incredible and emotional day," WHO Africa director Matshidiso Moeti said, but she urged vigilance as the coronavirus threatens vaccination and surveillance efforts.

The World Health Organisation says this is just the second time a virus has been eradicated in Africa, after the elimination of smallpox four decades ago.

But sometimes patchy surveillance across the vast continent of 1.3 billion people raises the possibility that scattered



**NO MORE CRIPPLING:** In this file photo, a health official administers a polio vaccine to a child at a camp in Maiduguri, Nigeria. Health authorities on Tuesday declared the African continent free of the wild poliovirus after decades of effort. AP picture

cases of the wild poliovirus still remain, undetected.

The final push to combat the wild poliovirus focused largely on northern Nigeria, where the Boko Haram Islamic extremist group has carried out a deadly insurgency for more than a decade. Health workers at times carried out vaccinations on the margins of the insecurity, putting their lives at risk.

Africa's last reported case of the wild poliovirus was in Nigeria in 2016. The country a year earlier had been removed from the global list of polio-endemic nations, a step toward being declared polio-free, but new cases were then reported in children in the north — a stark example of the difficulties in combating the disease.

This new declaration doesn't mean

Africa is polio-free. Cases remain of the so-called vaccine-derived poliovirus, which is a rare mutated form of the weakened but live virus contained in the oral polio vaccine.

That mutated virus can spark crippling polio outbreaks, and 16 African countries are currently experiencing one: Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Ivory Coast, Congo, Ethiopia, Guinea, Ghana, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Togo and Zambia.

Health authorities have warned that the coronavirus pandemic has disrupted vaccination work in many countries across Africa, leaving more children vulnerable to infection.

In April, WHO and its partners reluctantly recommended a temporary halt to mass polio immunisation campaigns, recognising the move could lead to a resurgence of the disease. In May, they reported that 46 campaigns to vaccinate children against polio had been suspended in 38 countries, mostly in Africa, as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

Eradicating polio requires more than 90 percent of children being immunised, typically in mass campaigns involving millions of health workers that would break social-distancing guidelines needed to stop the spread of Covid-19.

Health officials had initially aimed to wipe out polio by 2000, a deadline repeatedly pushed back and missed. Even now in northeastern Nigeria, thousands of children remain out of reach. — AP

## Inmate beaten to death at federal lockup

INDIANA — The killing of an inmate who was beaten to death at a federal lockup in Indiana is under investigation by the FBI, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press about an attack that revives questions about safety in the beleaguered federal prison system.

An autopsy determined the May death of Jose Nieves-Galarza, 59, was caused by "blunt-force injuries" that caused him to bleed to death in his cell. The fatal beating was not publicly disclosed by prison officials and has not previously been reported. The blows nearly ruptured the man's aorta and were "most likely inflicted" by someone's foot, according to an autopsy report obtained by the AP.

Nieves-Galarza's death, ruled a homicide, came just months before he was scheduled to be released from the FCI Terre Haute, where he was serving a seven-year sentence for being a felon in possession of a firearm. He had several prior convictions for robbery in New York and had been sentenced under the Armed Career Criminal Act.

The fatal beating is at least the third killing inside a federal prison since December. The killings are among the latest security issues for the federal Bureau of Prisons, which has been plagued by chronic violence, serious misconduct and persistent staffing shortages as it also attempts to contain the spread of the coronavirus among its facilities.

FCI Terre Haute, where Nieves-Galarza had been held since late 2018, currently has 10 inmates and two staff members who have tested positive for Covid-19, according to the BOP. The medium-security lockup is in the same prison complex that houses federal death row inmates.

The BOP made no mention of jailhouse violence in a May news release that said Nieves-Galarza had been found "unresponsive" and that his death did not appear to be related to the coronavirus.

The autopsy report, however, says Nieves-Galarza had been "involved in an altercation with another inmate approximately one hour earlier, but had not complained." It determined that "altercation injuries" were responsible for his death.

The BOP did not respond to questions from the AP about Nieves-Galarza's death, including whether any staff or inmates have been disciplined. — AP

## Thousands told to flee coast ahead of Laura

NEW ORLEANS — More than half a million people were ordered to evacuate the Gulf Coast on Tuesday as Laura strengthened into a hurricane that forecasters said could slam Texas and Louisiana with ferocious winds, heavy flooding and the power to push seawater miles inland.

More than 385,000 residents were told to flee the Texas cities of Beaumont, Galveston and Port Arthur, and another 200,000 were ordered to leave low-lying Calcasieu Parish in southwestern Louisiana, where forecasters said as much as 13 feet (3.96 meters) of storm surge topped by waves could submerge whole communities.

The National Hurricane Center projected that Laura would draw energy from warm Gulf waters and become a Category 3 hurricane before making landfall late today or early tomorrow, with winds of around 185 kmh. "The waters are warm enough everywhere there to support a major hurricane, Category 3 or even higher. The waters are very warm where the storm is now and will be for the entire path up until the Gulf Coast," National Hurricane Center Deputy Director Ed Rappaport said.

Ocean water was expected to push onto land along more than 450 miles of coast from Texas to Mississippi. Hurricane warnings were issued from San Luis Pass, Texas, to Intracoastal City, Louisiana, and storm surge warnings from the Port Arthur, Texas, flood protection system to the mouth of the Mississippi River. Officials urged people to stay with relatives or in hotel rooms to avoid spreading the virus that causes Covid-19.

Whitney Frazier, 29, of Beaumont spent Tuesday morning trying to get transportation to a high school where she could board a bus to leave the area.

"Especially with everything with Covid going on already on top of a mandatory evacuation, it's very stressful," Frazier said.

The storm also imperiled a centre of the US energy industry. Oil refineries and liquefied natural gas plants dot the coastal region, and the government said workers were removed from more than 40 percent of the 643 platforms that are normally staffed in the Gulf.

As of Tuesday morning, Laura was 940 kilometres southeast of Lake Charles, Louisiana, travelling northwest at 26 kmh. The hurricane centre nudged its forecast track a bit farther west as computer simulations pushed the storm closer to Texas.

Laura passed Cuba after killing nearly two dozen people on the island of Hispaniola, including 20 in Haiti and three in the Dominican Republic, where it knocked out power and caused intense flooding. The deaths reportedly included a 10-year-old girl whose home was hit by a tree and a mother and young son crushed by a collapsing wall.

As much as 38 centimetres of rain could fall in some parts of Louisiana, said Donald Jones, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Lake Charles, Louisiana — near the bullseye of Laura's projected path.

On Grand Isle, Nicole Fantiny said she planned to ride out the hurricane on the barrier island along with a few dozen other people.

"It could still change, but we keep on hoping and praying that it keeps on going further west like it's doing," said Fantiny, who manages a restaurant on the island.

Marco, a system that approached land ahead of Laura, weakened into a remnant just off Louisiana's shore on Tuesday. Satellite images showed a disorganised cluster of clouds, what meteorologists call "a naked swirl," Jones said.

Meanwhile, Laura powered up. The crew of a hurricane hunter plane confirmed that Laura became a hurricane with top winds of 120 kmh shortly after passing between the western tip of Cuba and Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula. — AP

## GLOBAL BRIEFS

### China's FM Wang Yi visits Italy

ROME — Italian Foreign Minister Luigi Di Maio said he emphasised during a meeting with his Chinese counterpart on Tuesday that Italy would be monitoring closely the implications of new Chinese security measures in Hong Kong. "I reiterated that, together with all our European partners, we have emphasised that Hong Kong's stability and prosperity, based on the one country, two systems principle, are essential," Di Maio told reporters in a joint press conference with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi. It is equally essential to "preserve the high degree of autonomy and the fundamental rights and freedoms" guaranteed to Hong Kong citizens, he said. — AP

### Rescuers find sixty survivors

MUMBAI — Rescuers found one dead body and pulled out nearly 60 survivors from a collapsed residential building in central India, an official said on Tuesday. Workers were still looking for more than 20 people feared trapped in the rubble of the five-story building that collapsed Monday evening, senior official Nidhi Chaudhari said. It occurred in Mahad, about 170 kilometres from Mumbai. Dozens of rescuers from the National Disaster Relief Force worked overnight with tools to pry apart the debris, Chaudhari said. Some of the grievously injured extracted from the wreckage were hospitalised, she said. The building had more than 40 flats and authorities are yet to ascertain the cause of the collapse. India's Home Minister Amit Shah tweeted that the collapse was tragic and that he was "praying for everyone's safety." — AP

### 'Worse' bushfires expected

SYDNEY — An inquiry into the recent massive bushfire disaster in Australia has found the country should expect "worse" in the years to come. The review — which looked at New South Wales (NSW), the worst-hit state — made sweeping proposals aimed at better preparing for future fire seasons. The blazes began last August and burned for months, killing 33 people nationally and scorching vast areas. The NSW state government said it would adopt the inquiry's 76 recommendations. The "extreme and extremely unusual" bushfires destroyed 2476 houses and 5.5 million hectares of land in that state alone, according to the NSW Bushfire Inquiry report. NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian said on Tuesday: "The next fire season is already upon us." As deadly fires rage in the US summer in California, NSW has seen winter blazes this month — though none have posed a significant threat. — BBC

## NOTICE BOARD

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WED 1.30pm, 4pm, 6pm, 8.20pm

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**23 WALKS (M)** WED 1.20pm, 3.35pm, 5.50pm

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**THE SECRET: DARE TO DREAM (PG)** WED 3.30pm

**UNHINGED (R16)** WED 8.20pm. LAST DAY!

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### Meetings

**TAPUIHIKITIA MARAE**  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
10am, Saturday 29th August 2020  
At Marae  
Minutes last meeting  
Reports  
Elections  
1) Marae Committee  
2) Marae Trustees  
To fill vacancy for the late Sonny Rutene General  
Naumai Haere Mai  
Chairman

### Meetings

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
333 PALMERSTON ROAD, GISBORNE  
SATURDAY 29 AUGUST 2020, 10AM  
Karakia/Mihi  
Attendance  
Apologies  
2019 Minutes  
Annual Reports  
Special Business  
General Business  
Election of Officers

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

## Public Notices

**The Sunrise Foundation**  
Applications are open to apply for grants from the Hearing Assistance Fund.  
**Applications close on 30 August 2020**  
For an application form and funding criteria visit  
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## Meetings

**AGM 2020 - COVID-19 PANUI**  
**THE PROPRIETORS OF TIKITIKI D9 INCORPORATION (TIKITIKI STATION)**  
Please note the venue for the AGM has changed due to Covid-19 and the Committee of Managements desire to keep owners safe and adhere to the Ministry of Health's requirements under Level 2.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the shareholders of the Proprietors of Tikitiki D9 will NOW be held as a virtual meeting hosted at **BDO Gisborne on Saturday 29th August 2020 at 10am.**  
The Management Committee have asked that if you are unwell or in a high-risk group, to attend the AGM virtually via Zoom. Please register your email address at [mbu@bdo.co.nz](mailto:mbu@bdo.co.nz) to access the Zoom link. To ensure you are sent the link please send your email in no later than Friday 28 August 2020 at 4pm.

We are limited in hosting up to 100 people under level 2. However, the venue size has a limitation of hosting 20 owners to ensure we can socially distance safely.

If you are well, you are welcome to attend the meeting at one of two venues. The main venue is BDO Gisborne, 1 Peel Street, Gisborne. Willis Hapi, Eruera Kawhia and Wi Wanoa will host at Rahui Marae, Tikitiki, where they will be connecting via Zoom to the hui in Gisborne.

To limit people movements please connect via Zoom, or if you wish to attend in person go to the location closest to you.

Copies of the 2020 Balance Sheet and Accounts will be available to shareholders via email from Friday 21st August 2020.

Hana Weka  
Chairperson

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## Public Notices

### NOTICE OF BY-ELECTION GISBORNE WARD

As a result of the resignation of a member, an extraordinary vacancy has occurred in the Gisborne Ward of the Gisborne District Council.

Under section 120 of the Local Electoral Act 2001, notice is given that on Thursday 19 November 2020, a by-election will be held under the first past the post electoral system by postal vote for one member of the Gisborne Ward.

Nominations	Electoral Roll
Candidates must be nominated on an appropriate nomination paper obtainable during normal business hours from Wednesday 26 August 2020 from: - Gisborne District Council's Main Office, 15 Fitzherbert Street, Gisborne; - by phoning 0800 922 822 - <a href="http://www.gdc.govt.nz">www.gdc.govt.nz</a>	The electoral roll to be used for this by-election closes on Wednesday 23 September 2020 and can be inspected during normal business hours from Wednesday 26 August 2020 at the above-mentioned location.
Nominations of candidates must be in the hands of the electoral officer or an electoral official at the Gisborne District Council's Main Office no later than 12 noon, Wednesday 23 September 2020.	Enrolment for inclusion on the Residential Electoral Roll is conducted through the Electoral Commission. Applications for enrolment should be made through your local postal agency.
Each nomination must be accompanied by a deposit of \$200 GST inclusive (payable by bank transfer or cash).	Enrolment for inclusion on the Ratepayer Electoral Roll is conducted through the electoral office of Gisborne District Council. Applications for enrolment can be made on the prescribed form available from <a href="http://www.gdc.govt.nz">www.gdc.govt.nz</a>
A candidate may submit a photo and a candidate profile statement with their nomination paper for inclusion with the voting document being sent to electors. An attachment to the nomination paper outlines rules and procedures governing candidate profile statements and photos.	Following closure of the roll, the electoral officer may, on application of any person who is or claims to be entitled to be enrolled or any other person or otherwise, make any necessary corrections to the names, addresses, abbreviations, or marks appearing in the electoral roll.

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A candidate may submit a photo and a candidate profile statement with their nomination paper for inclusion with the voting document being sent to electors. An attachment to the nomination paper outlines rules and procedures governing candidate profile statements and photos.

Dated at Gisborne, 26 August 2020  
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Picture by Trevor Brown

**LAMB**

Exporters are reporting a slow start to the Christmas chilled lamb sales season. UK retailers, in particular, are slow to commit to chilled lamb sales. There are concerns about the effects of another UK lockdown, another “no-deal” Brexit deadline in December, and, even if things remain steady, there are concerns about retail margins.

Increased freight costs are not helping with the latter concern. Christmas chilled lamb sales are usually negotiated for shipment from September to November.

However, after the mid-November deadline, lamb must be sent via air freight to get to Europe in time for the Christmas retail season. Generally, air freighting lamb only makes sense when the lamb export market is running hot, which doesn’t seem likely at the moment.

Added to this, Covid-19 border lockdowns have taken a large bite out of available airfreight options, effectively doubling the cost per kg. Naturally, customers are looking to avoid airfreight which pushes more production back into October.

A truncated chilled lamb production period could mean stronger than usual procurement pressure to fill orders in early October. Usually higher procurement pressure would add some upside to lamb slaughter values, but most processors are cautioning against expecting chilled premiums for this season.

**BEEF**

In standard winter fashion, local trade operators are leading the charge when it comes to cattle slaughter prices.

Those around the upper-North Island have been particularly active, even venturing into the South Island to secure some lines. There are rumours of \$6/kg being reached, but at this stage the upper-\$5/kg is mostly attainable for North Island finishers.

Export processors have been somewhat reluctant to match local trade, mainly holding tight around the mid-\$5/kg mark in the North Island and around 50c/kg lower in the South Island. Exporters have indicated that beef export markets are weakening, which is creating some nervousness for the 2020-21 season given the limited amount of product that is needing to be shifted lately.

**FORESTRY**

The wider forestry market took a small step upwards this past month, although the picture remains somewhat shaky.

In-market prices in China lifted US\$3-\$4/JASm3 through unpruned grades. While any lift is a positive, it still leaves A-grade logs 10 percent below the average reported since the start of 2015.

Shipping rates have registered a minor lift, largely related to the increase in shipping demand worldwide since lockdown restrictions began to be eased. Mills are reporting good local demand for framing timber, which has led to a minor increase in structural log prices.

More mills are moving product offshore too as the likes of the US experience large-scale timber shortages from mill closures and log harvesting issues there.

# Foot rot research a ‘huge opportunity’ for NZ wool

by Sally Rae, Otago Daily Times

CHRISTCHURCH — The development of a commercialised breeding value for foot rot resistance represents a “huge opportunity” for the expansion of fine wool sheep production, the New Zealand Merino Company says.

While “not a silver bullet” against the disease which results in lameness and loss of production, it would allow growers to make genetic gains and establish flocks that were foot rot resistant, NZM chief executive John Brakenridge said.

Growers would save money from reduced treatment costs and chemical inputs, would not be hit with lower production, all while improving animal welfare.

It was the result of work by the New Zealand Sheep Transformation Project, co-funded by NZM and the Ministry for Primary Industries with a contribution from Merino Inc, to look at ways to contribute to a more productive, profitable and high animal welfare future for fine wool.

Such a breakthrough was huge as it allowed fine wool flocks to thrive on farms that had traditionally been used for strong wool production, he said.

Fine wool fetched about \$20/kg under contract, while strong wool was \$1-\$2.

Prospects were exciting for a multipurpose animal with high value wool and meat.

Traditional suiting markets had been hit but consumers still wanted natural



**QUALITY FLEECE:** The New Zealand Merino Company says consumers are looking for natural products. Picture supplied

solutions. NZM and brand partners were putting fine wool out there as the “go-to”.

One example was Allbirds, the merino wool shoe company co-founded by former All Whites football skipper Tim Brown in 2014 and now estimated to be worth about \$2 billion.

There was a huge opportunity for New Zealand.

People were taking more interest in what they were consuming, were more discerning and were thinking environmentally.

NZM had entered a partnership with

Cavalier to launch long-term forward contracts, after the carpet maker announced it would move away from synthetic products in favour of wool and natural fibres.

When merino clothing company Icebreaker was first launched in 1995, synthetics “absolutely dominated” the active outdoors clothing market.

People said there was “no way back” for wool, but not only did it come back but it stormed the market.

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WEDNESDAY—THURSDAY'S TELEVISION GUIDE

TVNZ 1

5pm The Chase
6pm 1 News At 6pm
7pm Seven Sharp
7.30 Surveillance Oz
8pm Motorbike Cops
8.20 LIVE Lotto
8.25 Motorbike Cops
8.30 Gordon Ramsay's 24Hrs To Hell And Back
9.25 Coronation Street
9.55 The Posh Frock Shop
10.25 1 News Tonight
10.55 Manifest
11.50 Manifest
12.20 Te Karere
12.30 Emmerdale

12.30 Emmerdale
Dawn receives news about the custody of Lucas; Marlon makes a decision about his family; Will reveals information from his past.
1.30 Coronation Street
2pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3pm Tipping Point
4pm Te Karere
4.30 One World Kitchen
5pm The Chase

BRAVO

5.30 Keeping Up With The Kardashians
6.30 Four Weddings Australia
7.30 The Bachelor Australia
8.30 One Born Every Minute UK M
9.30 999: What's Your Emergency? M
10.30 Snapped M
11.25 Snapped: She Made Me Do It
12.15 Infomercials
10am Judge Jerry
10.25 How Do I Look?
11.25 Snapped M
12.20 The Kelly Clarkson Show
1.25 The Real Housewives Of Beverly Hills M
2.25 Below Deck: Mediterranean
3.40 Southern Charm PG
4.10 Judge Jerry
4.35 Child Genius USA
5.30 Keeping Up With The Kardashians

TVNZ 2

5.05 The Simpsons
5.30 The Big Bang Theory
6pm Neighbours
6.30 Home And Away
7pm Shortland Street
7.30 MasterChef Australia: Back To Win
8.35 Wentworth
9.40 Paranormal Caught On Camera M
10.35 Two And A Half Men
11.05 2 Broke Girls M
11.30 Killing Eve
THURSDAY
12.25 Hell's Kitchen USA
1.15 Shortland Street
1.45 Infomercials
2.50 The Fosters
4.15 Will And Grace
4.40 Emmerdale
5.05 Neighbours
5.30 Infomercials
6.30 Book Hungry Bears
6.50 The Wiggles' World
7.05 Teen Titans Go!
7.15 The Tom And Jerry Show
7.25 The Jungle Bunch To The Rescue!
7.35 Spongo, Fuzz, And Jalapena
7.50 Miraculous: Tales Of Ladybug And Cat Noir
8.15 Blaze And The Monster Machines
8.35 PJ Masks
9am Infomercials
10am Neighbours
10.30 Murphy Brown
11am Grey's Anatomy M
11.55 MasterChef Australia: Back To Win
1.05 Judge Rinder
2.05 The Middle
2.30 Home And Away
3pm Shortland Street
3.35 Mystic
4.05 Brain Busters
4.35 Friends
5.05 The Simpsons
5.30 The Big Bang Theory

CHOICE

5pm Food Safari: Earth
5.30 Mysteries At The Museum
6.30 Salvage Hunters
7.30 The Curse Of Oak Island
8.30 High Arctic Haulers
9.30 Chasing Monsters
10.30 Salvage Hunters
11.30 Mysteries At The Museum
THURSDAY
12.30 Gino's Italian Coastal Escape
1am Food Safari : Earth
1.30 Shane Delia Recipes For Life
2am Paul Hollywood's Pies And Puds
3am Shark Squad
4am High Arctic Haulers
5am Mysteries At The Museum
6am Found
7am Gino's Italian Coastal Escape
7.30 Food Safari: Earth
8am Shark Squad
9am Toy Hunter
9.30 Masters Of Taste With Gary Mehigan
10am Fish Of The Day
10.30 Mysteries At The Museum
11.30 Salvage Hunters
12.30 The Curse Of Oak Island
1.30 High Arctic Haulers
2.30 Chasing Monsters
3.30 Outback Vet
4.30 Gordon Ramsay: Ultimate Home Cooking
5pm Field Trip With Curtis Stone
5.30 Mysteries At The Museum

THREE

5pm Millionaire Hot Seat
6pm NewsHub Live At 6pm
7pm The Project
7.30 Bondi Rescue
8pm Bondi Rescue
8.30 Emergency M
9.25 Hawaii Five-0 M
10.25 NewsHub Late
10.55 SVU
11.50 Infomercials
THURSDAY
5am Infomercials
6am The AM Show
9am The Café
10am Infomercials
11.25 Millionaire Hot Seat
12.20 Face The Truth
12.50 Dr Phil M
1.45 Love Island USA M
2.45 MasterChef UK: The Professionals
4pm Fishing Show Classics
4.30 NewsHub Live At 4:30pm
5pm Millionaire Hot Seat

PRIME

5pm Frasier
5.30 Prime News
6pm SkySpeed
6.30 Storage Hunters
7pm The Crowd Goes Wild
7.30 Tough As Nails
8.30 Living With Tourette's
9.30 Honey Wars
10pm Weediquette M
10.30 Pacific Brothers
11.35 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert
THURSDAY
12.35 Closedown
6am Jeopardy
6.25 Butterbean's Café
6.50 Top Wing
7.15 Double Dare
7.40 Henry Danger
8.05 The Moe Show
8.30 Batman: The Animated Series
9am A Place In The Sun
10am The Doctors
11am The Seventies
Noon Hot Bench
12.30 LIVE First XV Rugby
2.30 Married... With Children
3pm Wheel Of Fortune
3.30 Jeopardy
4pm Celebrity Antiques Road Trip
5pm Frasier
5.30 Prime News

MAORI TV

5pm Pipi Ma
5.05 Takaro Tribe
5.20 Kia Mau
5.30 Takoha
5.40 Te Nutube
5.50 ZooMoo
6pm Kai Safari
6.30 Te Ao Marama
7.30 The Outliers
8pm Ahikaroa M
8.30 Circuit M
9.30 Taringa
10.20 Senior Kapa Haka Regionals
10.50 Whakatauki
11.20 Te Kauta
11.50 Closedown
THURSDAY
6.30 Pipi Ma
6.35 Takaro Tribe
6.50 Kia Mau
7am Te Ao Tapatahi
8am Takoha
8.10 Te Nutube
8.20 ZooMoo
8.30 Darwin + Newts
8.40 Purakau
8.50 Paia
9am Traditional Kai
9.30 Opaki
10am Wairua
10.30 Tangaroa With Pio
11am Nga Tangata Taumata Rau
Noon Pukuhohe
12.30 Matau
1pm Nga Pari Karangaranga O Te Motu
1.30 Ako
2pm Toku Reo
3pm Korero Mai
3.30 Pukuhohe
4pm Te Mana Kuratahi
4.30 Matika
5pm Pipi Ma
5.05 Takaro Tribe
5.20 Kia Mau
5.30 Takoha
5.40 Te Nutube
5.50 ZooMoo



Gordon Ramsay's 24Hrs to Hell and Back, 8.30pm on TVNZ 1



Emergency 8.30pm on Three



Tough as Nails 7.30pm on Prime

RNZ NATIONAL

5pm Checkpoint
6.30 Trending Now
7.06 Nights With Bryan Crump.
8.30 Windows On The World
10pm News At Ten
10.15 Lately With Karyn Hay.
11.04 Inside Out With Nick Tipping.
THURSDAY
12.04 The All Night Programme
5am First Up 6am Morning Report
9.06 Nine To Noon
10.45 The Reading
Noon Midday Report
1.06 Afternoons
4.06 The Panel
5pm Checkpoint

SKY SPORT 1

5pm Gallagher Premiership (RPL)
7pm First XV Rugby Revision
7.30 Skipper Cup (HLS)
8pm Pacific Brothers
9pm Loosehead Footy
10pm The Breakdown
11pm First XV Rugby Revision
11.30 Skipper Cup (HLS)
THURSDAY
Midnight Pacific Brothers
1am Gallagher Premiership (HLS) Round 15.
2am Guinness Pro14 Highlights Show
3am Super Rugby Australia (RPL) Brumbies v Waratahs.
4.55 LIVE Gallagher Premiership Saracens v Gloucester.
7am Pacific Brothers
8am Super Rugby Australia (RPL) Force v Reds.
10am First XV Rugby St Kentigern College v St Peter's College.
Noon First XV Rugby Revision
12.30 LIVE First XV Rugby Napier Boys' v Palmerston North Boys'.
2.30 Skipper Cup (HLS)
3pm The Breakdown
4pm Gallagher Premiership (HLS) Round 15.
5pm First XV Rugby (RPL) Napier Boys' v Palmerston North Boys'.

SKY 5

5pm Wheel Of Fortune
5.30 Hardcore Pawn PGL
6pm Storage Wars PG
7pm The Force MC
7.30 NCIS: LA MV
8.30 FBI: Most Wanted MV
9.30 Shades Of Blue MVLSC
10.30 SVU MV
11.15 Storage Wars PG
THURSDAY
12.05 Pawn Stars PG
12.55 Wheel Of Fortune
1.20 Jeopardy!
1.40 The Force MC
2.05 Shades Of Blue MVLSC
2.50 FBI: Most Wanted MV
3.40 SVU MV
4.25 Hardcore Pawn PGL
4.50 NCIS: LA MV
5.35 The Simpsons PG
6am Jeopardy!
6.25 Wheel Of Fortune
6.45 The Simpsons PG
7.10 Pawn Stars PG
8am The Force MC
8.25 Storage Wars PG
9.15 Hardcore Pawn PGL
9.40 NCIS: LA MV
10.25 SVU MV
11.10 Pawn Stars PG
Noon Jeopardy!
12.25 Wheel Of Fortune
12.50 Shades Of Blue MVLSC
1.40 FBI: Most Wanted MV
2.25 NCIS: LA MV
3.10 Pawn Stars PG
4pm The Simpsons PG
4.30 Jeopardy!
5pm Wheel Of Fortune
5.30 Hardcore Pawn PGL

MOVIES PREMIERE

6.40 The Hummingbird Project ML 2019 Drama. Jesse Eisenberg, Salma Hayek.
8.30 Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes Of Grindelwald MV 2018 Adventure. To thwart Grindelwald's nefarious plans, Albus Dumbledore enlists the help of a resourceful former student. Eddie Redmayne, Johnny Depp.
10.45 Terminator: Dark Fate 16VLC 2019 Action. Arnold Schwarzenegger, Linda Hamilton.
THURSDAY
12.50 The Mule MLC 2018 Drama. Clint Eastwood, Laurence Fishburne.
2.45 Joker 16VLC 2019 Thriller. Joaquin Phoenix, Robert De Niro.
4.45 Elvis Goes There: Paul Feig MC 2019 Documentary.
5.35 Five Feet Apart ML 2019 Drama. Haley Lu Richardson, Cole Sprouse.
7.31 Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes Of Grindelwald MV 2018 Adventure. Eddie Redmayne, Johnny Depp.
9.46 Terminator: Dark Fate 16VLC 2019 Action.
11.56 The Mule MLC 2018 Drama.
1.51 Speed Kills MVL 2018 Action.
3.31 Encounter MVLSC 2018 Sci-fi.
5.05 The Festival 16LSC 2019 Comedy.

DISCOVERY

5.40 Aussie Mega Mechanics PG Lift Off.
6.35 Deadliest Catch PG
8.30 Aussie Lobster Men PG
9.25 Aussie Gold Hunters PG
10.15 Moonshiners MLC Proof is in the Payoff.
11.05 Naked And Afraid XL MLC All-Stars: Africa Strikes First.
11.55 How It's Made PG
THURSDAY
12.20 How Do They Do It? PG
12.45 Weather Top Tens PG
1.35 Gold Rush PG
2.25 Bering Sea Gold PG
3.15 Gold Rush: White Water PG
4.05 Strange Evidence PG
4.55 Naked And Afraid XL M
5.45 Gold Rush PG
6.35 Fast N' Loud PG Ferrari Fix; 1917 Reo.
7.30 Strange Evidence PG
8.20 Deadliest Catch PG
9.10 Aussie Lobster Men PG
10am How Do They Do It? PG
10.50 How It's Made PG
11.40 Aussie Mega Mechanics PG
12.30 Web Of Lies MVLSC
1.20 Killer Instinct With Chris Hansen MVLSC
2.10 Top Gear
3pm Gold Rush: White Water PG
3.50 Gold Rush PG
4.45 Fast N' Loud PG
5.40 Aussie Mega Mechanics PG

**Waikato Bay of Plenty harness at Cambridge Thursday Jetbet 5 TAB Doubles 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10 Trebles 1-2-3, 4-5-6 8-9-10 Quaddies 2-3-4-5, 7-8-9-10 P6 5-10**

Selections		2 Shannon Bint-Popplewell 6.11		2 07s04 Flying Taine (Fr) 2 N Chilcott		5 35s00 Carse O Fern Cully (Fr) 5 D Ferguson (J)		9 52069 One Over Da Son (20) 1 F Schumacher (J)	
Race 1: TARUKENGA, STRENGTH OF HEART, DEMOLITION MAN		\$8000, non-winners 3yo+ mobile, 2200m	1 622s2 New York Minute (Fr) 1 A Harrison (J)	3 1 Gaz Man (Fr) 3 D Ferguson (J)	6 8 Little Gem (Fr) 6 (J)	10 02s51 Presidential Jewel (20) 2			
Race 2: NICE VINTAGE, NEW YORK MINUTE, CARRERA LUCIA			2 76s7 Sky Full Of Stars (Fr) 2	4 416s9 Locksmith (Fr) 4	7 4875s New Frontier (Fr) 7				
Race 3: DOWN THE HATCH, BETTOR GET IT ON, DELMA CRAZE			3 4s205 Hezashadowplaya (Fr) 3 P Ferguson	5 86s10 Majestic Harry (Fr) 5 M Teaz	8 306s4 Fleeting Major (Fr) 8 K Marshall				
Race 4: MAJESTIC HARRY, ISAAC H, EXPENSIVE CRUMPET			4 s6267 Signseeldeliver (Fr) 4 D Ferguson (J)	6 6s403 Caitlin's Surprise (Fr) 6 A Harrison (J)	9 7s752 The Banker (Fr) U1 D Butcher				
Race 5: RUBY BABY, SARANDON, PLATINUM			5 3645 Suidelike Major (Fr) 5	7 70760 Griffins Hall (Fr) U1 P Ferguson	10 46s60 Patagonian Princess (Fr) U2 A Harrison (J)				
Race 6: FLEETING MAJOR, SUPER ACTOR, NEW FRONTIER			6 9 Dynamite Dez (Fr) 6 K Marshall	8 27901 Isaac H (Fr) U2					
Race 7: AMERICAN ME, ACE STRIKE, SMOKEN SHAZZA			7 Zoe (Fr) 7 (J)	9 6100s Reign (Fr) U3 A Neal					
Race 8: SHE REIGNS, LADY BE GOOD, ONE OVER DA SON			8 9663s Scottish Poacher (Fr) 8 M W White	10 70076 Liaison (Fr) U4					
Race 9: ROUGH AND READY, PRINCESS JESSIE, EMBER			9 87s6 Carrera Lucia (Fr) 21 D Butcher	11 s8060 As Free As Air (Fr) U5 M W White					
Race 10: CLASSEY ROBIN, PETER FORSBERG, SUNSET RED			10 23s5 Nice Vintage (Fr) 22 N Chilcott	12 49s98 Madeakillin (Fr) U6 F Schumacher (J)					
			11 3 Pull The Other Leg (Fr) 23 T Mitchell						

**Invercargill harness at Ascot Park Thursday Jetbet 7 TAB Doubles 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10 Trebles 1-2-3, 4-5-6 8-9-10 Quaddies 2-3-4-5, 7-8-9-10 P6 5-10**

Selections		2 M. Toretto Photo. Pace 1.08		4 McKnight & Brown Pace 2.19		9 Brendan Franks Farrier Trot 4.28	
Race 1: JASMINE JACCKA, ARDEE TROUBLE, THE PEAKY BLINDER		\$10,000, non-winners 3yo+ f&m. mobile, 2200m	1 22075 Ride In A Concorde (Fr) 1 K Barclay	\$7500, r40-r45. mobile, 2200m	1 08580 Tad Lincoln (Fr) 1 A Armour	\$9500, r51-r100 special handicap stand, 2700m	1 50553 Zoned Scarlett (Fr) 1 B Orange
Race 2: RIDE IN A CONCORDE, WATTLEBANK LASS, LIFES A BEACH			2 2 Roll With Eunice (Fr) 2 B Barclay	2 05336 Shot In The Dark (Fr) 2 S Otley	4 5s454 Leconte (Fr) 4 C Ferguson		2 07501 In Sequence (Fr) U1 M Hurrell (J)
Race 3: RACING MINISTER, VON ART, BOILOVER			3 57223 Wattlebank Lass (Fr) 3 P Hunter	3 0776s Bonnie Boy (Fr) 3 S O'Reilly (J)	5 P648 Alexis Rocket (Fr) 5 B Orange		3 43271 Rydgemont Milly (10) 1 J Morrison (J)
Race 4: SWIFT ROBYN, SHOT IN THE DARK, MIGHTY GEORGE			4 22444 Jabali (Fr) 4 T Robertson	4 22444 Jabali (Fr) 4 S O'Reilly (J)	6 70s46 Scotlynn Beach Boy (Fr) 6 R Close		4 55314 Spotlight The Valley (10) 2 S Otley
Race 5: OHOKA BANDIT, FIREFOREFIDDLE, BRAEVIEV KELLY			5 75090 Lady's Lass (Fr) 5 E Barron (J)	5 75090 Lady's Lass (Fr) 5 T Robertson	7 Don Coyote (Fr) 7 N Williamson		5 21s31 Christmas Babe (10) 3 B Williamson
Race 6: PETREA BROMAC, LECONTE, SCOTLYNN BEACH BOY			6 44955 Mighty George (Fr) 6 E Barron (J)	6 44955 Mighty George (Fr) 6 E Barron (J)	8 60598 Mac Attack (Fr) 8 K Barclay		6 890sP Whatwillbeewillbee (10) U1 B Norman
Race 7: BURNHAM BOY, PRODIGAL GUINNESS, ROCKNROLL KING			7 26812 To Ri Caitlin (Fr) 7 M Hurrell (J)	7 26812 To Ri Caitlin (Fr) 7 M Hurrell (J)	9 3s32 Shards Fury (Fr) 21 B Barclay		7 36752 Kiwi Crusher (10) U2 B Barclay
Race 8: WOLF WEST, MISS IMPRESSION, MY MATE BEN			8 88307 Major Menace (Fr) 8 (J)	8 88307 Major Menace (Fr) 8 (J)			8 37282 King Cassidy (10) U3 S Tomlinson (J)
Race 9: CHRISTMAS BABE, HUMBLE LADD, ZONED SCARLETT			9 20720 Frank The Tank (Fr) 21 B Orange	9 20720 Frank The Tank (Fr) 21 B Orange			9 57284 Humble Ladd (30) U1 M Williamson
Race 10: FLEETMASTER, WHO'S SMOKIN, FREDDIESAM			10 66s76 Swift Robyn (Fr) U1 K Tomlinson (J)	10 66s76 Swift Robyn (Fr) U1 K Tomlinson (J)			10 7s22s Dark Horse (50) U1 N Williamson

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

Selections		2 Happy B'day J. McInerney 4.43		5 Thursday Place Pick Sprint 5.36		10 Zambora Brockie @ Stud 7.42	
Race 1: SQUILLIONAIRE, CALM INFERNO, HANKENSTEIN		\$2035, C3, 295m	1 51322 Lakota Kohana nwt'd Heather Cairns	\$2860, C5, 295m	1 56365 Culvie Ness 17.22 Hart & Taylor	\$4620, C2, distance, 732m	1 45264 Goldstar Sydney nwt'd S & B Evans
Race 2: EDGE OF REASON, HOMEBUSH GAMBLER, OPHIRA BALE			2 83561 Homebush Poppy 17.52 John McInerney	2 16618 Lisa's Boy 17.24 Ray Casey	2 16618 Lisa's Boy 17.24 Ray Casey		2 63423 Black Stockings nwt'd Ashley Bradshaw
Race 3: SPEEDY BOSS, OUR DAZZEL, FIDGETY FEET			3 1111 Edge Of Reason 17.19 Rosemary Blackburn	3 12163 Super Over Drama 17.12 S & B Evans	3 12163 Super Over Drama 17.12 S & B Evans		3 13133 Famous Lee nwt'd S & B Evans
Race 4: WILDEBEEST, SHE'S FOR US, BECK ELEVEN			4 64123 Gotcha Popeye 17.41 Calum Weir	4 23141 Oakmont 17.04 Daniel Lane	4 23141 Oakmont 17.04 Daniel Lane		4 26644 Classy Witch 43.71 Garry Cleeve
Race 5: HORSE RANGE JIM, OAKMONT, SUPER OVER DRAMA			5 32155 Mulberry 17.35 Corey Steele	5 32317 Mohican Run 17.13 Corey Steele	5 32317 Mohican Run 17.13 Corey Steele		5 57316 Goldstar Spook nwt'd S & B Evans
Race 6: GOLDSTAR YANKEE, OPAWA HOP, MACADOODLE			6 52111 Homebush Gambler 17.19 John McInerney	6 57133 Country Gent 17.28 Ashley Bradshaw	6 57133 Country Gent 17.28 Ashley Bradshaw		6 11237 Gem 43.40 J & D Fahey
Race 7: OPAWA TODDY, OSTER BALE, NEW NOTE			7 72571 Prince Rohit 17.47 John McInerney	7 22248 Mitcham Magic 17.23 John McInerney	7 22248 Mitcham Magic 17.23 John McInerney		7 25414 Goldstar Truman nwt'd S & B Evans
Race 8: BEST BALL, LA ROCHELLE, OPAWA GIRLS GET			8 74333 Ophira Bale 17.16 Matt Roberts	8 s4511 Horse Range Jim 17.06 Craig Roberts	8 s4511 Horse Range Jim 17.06 Craig Roberts		8 45367 Opawa Hilary 43.07 J & D Fahey
Race 9: BIG TIME BRIE, BIG TIME VEGAS, BIG TIME ELSA			EMERGENCIES:	EMERGENCIES:	EMERGENCIES:		
Race 10: GEM, FAMOUS LEE, OPAWA HILARY			9 11265 Crystal Candy 17.49 John McInerney	9 24188 Fast Angel 17.26 Calum Weir	9 24188 Fast Angel 17.26 Calum Weir		
Race 11: HONEY LANTREE, EVER RESTED, ARCHIE JOHN HILL			10 56352 Know Majority 17.20 Garry Cleeve				
Race 12: GOLDSTAR MAJOR, FLORA DORA, MAN OF LETTERS							

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





# SPORTS DRAWS

## FOOTBALL

**Pacific Premiership, SATURDAY, 2.30pm:** Childers Road Reserve 1, Gisborne Vehicle Testing Thistle v Fujitsu Maycenvale United AFC Premiers.

**3pm:** St Leonards 1, Hastings, Western Rangers Premiers v Heavy Equipment United.

**Eastern League 1, SATURDAY, 12.30pm:** CRR 1, Thistle Reserves v Heavy Equipment Gisborne United.

**2.30pm:** Lytton 1, Lytton High School (1) v Sunshine Brewing Wainui Sharks. GBHS (1) v Carpet Court Thistle Massive postponed.

**Eastern League 2, SATURDAY, 12.30pm:** Wainui 1, Wainui Reserves v Thistle Vintage; Campion College 1, Campion (1) v Coates Associates Wainui Demons; Harry Barker Reserve 2, Gisborne Pro Roofing Bohemians v ITM Thistle; Nelson Park 1, Smash Palace Shockers v Heavy Equipment Services United (3).

**2.30pm:** Anzac Park, Tatapouri Bohemians v Wairoa Athletic AFC.

**Women's Eastern League, SUNDAY, 10.30am:** HBR 1, Gisborne Laundry Services Riverina AFC v Heavy Equipment Ladies United; Anzac Park, Bohemians v Campion.

GGHS (1) v Tatapouri Marist Thistle postponed.

**College Super League (u16), SATURDAY — 8.15am:** Nelson Park 5, Ray White Wainui Sharks v Emerre & Hathaway FC; NP 1, Gear Meat Pies Thistle v Printing House United; NP 4, Eastland Group Wainui v Columbus Cafe United.

**Intermediate Super League (u13), SATURDAY — 8.45am:** NP 2, Frank & Albies Rovers v Lexmond Concrete Thistle; NP 3, Gisborne Financial Services City v Mitre 10 Sparta.

**10.15am:** NP 4, KT Orthodontics United v Christ & Davidson Rangers; NP 2, Thistle Dynamic Rehab v Tom Lane Property Brokers Wainui SC; NP 3, Farmers Air Galaxy v Chaghan Fishing Athletic.

**Primary football, SATURDAY — Gisborne Mini Football 9v9 A Grade, 8.15am:** Watson Park 18, Mangapapa Hurricanes v St Mary's Strikers; WP 19, Sonrise Chargers v Te Wharau United; WP 20, Wainui Thunder v Central Gold; WP 21, Manutuke M2K3 v Kaiti Phoenix.

**Gisborne Fun Football 5v5 Championship 1, 8.15am:** WP 11, Wainui Crusaders v Eastland Vets Ngatapa Tornado Wolves; WP 8, Wainui Cobras v Central Vikings; WP 9, St Mary's Comets v Te Hapara Excellers; WP 3, Kaiti Horouta v Mangapapa Mist; WP 2, Ormond Super Kicks v Mangapapa Floods.

**9.15am:** WP 1, St Mary's Stormers v Te Wharau Kereru.

Bye: Central Defenders.

**Gisborne Fun Football 5v5 Championship 2, 8.15am:** WP 10, Wainui Cyclones v Central Zoomers; WP 7, Wainui Colts v Central Seekers; WP 5, Central Crushers v Central Stars; WP 12, St Mary's Asteroids v Mangapapa Twisters; WP 4, Kaiti Paoa v Eastland Vets Ngatapa Hurricanes; WP 1, TKKM 2H v Makauri Cobras.

**9.15am:** WP 2, Te Wharau Tuis v Awapuni Leopards.

**Gisborne Mini Football 7v7 League 1, 9.45am:** WP 13, Mangapapa Landslides v Makauri Braves; WP 15, Mangapapa Typhoons v Central Braves; Kaiti Kiwi v Eastland Vets Ngatapa Rockets; WP 16, Wainui Breakers v Te Wharau Dynamys.

**11am:** WP 15, Mangapapa Sizzlers v Te Hapara Soarers; WP 14, Wainui Bull v St Mary's Terminators; WP 17, Central Falcons v Wainui Blitz.

Bye: Wainui Bulldogs.

**Gisborne Mini Football 7v7 League 2, 8.30am:** WP 13, Mangapapa Quakes v Eastland Vets Ngatapa Rebels; WP 14, Mangapapa Thunder v Central Athletic; WP 15, Awapuni Pumas v Awapuni Lions; WP 16, Ormond Strikers v St Mary's Sweepers; WP 17, Manutuke M2K2 v Makauri Bears.

**11am:** WP 13, Sonrise Blaze v Kaiti Maia; WP 16, Wainui Bullets v Makaraka Meteors.

**Gisborne First Kicks 4v4 Conference 1, 9.15am:** WP 9, Makauri Dynamos v Awapuni Lynx.

**10.15am:** WP 6, Wainui Dragons v Mangapapa Tornadoes; WP 5, Wainui Dynamites v Eastland Vets Ngatapa Wekas; WP 3, Central Strykers v Central Ninjas; WP 4, Makauri Dinosaurs v Awapuni Cheetahs; WP 1, St Mary's Stars v Sonrise Wildcats; WP 2, Te Wharau Shooters v Wainui Dolphins.

**Gisborne First Kicks 4v4 Conference 2, 9.15am:** WP 10, Wainui Dodgers v Mangapapa Whirlwinds; WP 6, Central Warriors v Mangapapa Storm; WP 7, Central Spurs v Eastland Vets Ngatapa

Green Machines; WP 12, St Mary's Firebirds v Makauri Dragons; WP 8, Te Wharau Strikers v Awapuni Wildcats; WP 5, Kaiti Takitimu v Makaraka Magpies; WP 11, Makaraka Magic v Makauri Dolphins.

**Gisborne Mini Football 9v9 League, 9.30am:** WP 21, Wainui Aces v Awapuni Tigers; WP 18, Kaiti Rangatira v Te Wharau XLR8's; WP 19, Eastland Vets Ngatapa Ninjas v Makauri Marauders; WP 20, Ormond All Stars v Central Stags.

**10.45am:** WP 18, Mangapapa Lightning v Central United; WP 19, Mangapapa Blizzards v Awapuni Jaguars; WP 20, St Mary's Flash v Te Hapara High Flyers; WP 21, Wainui Avengers v Makaraka Mustangs.

## HOCKEY

**POVERTY Bay club hockey, Women, FRIDAY — 6.30pm:** GMC Kowhai v GMC Gold (Waituhi/Ngatapa).

**SATURDAY — 12 noon:** GMC Green v Amber Dental GGHS (1) (YMP/Paieka).

**4.30pm:** Ngatapa v Waituhi (GMC Kowhai/GMC Gold).

**6pm:** YMP v Paieka (GMC Green/ GGHS).

**Men, SATURDAY — 1.30pm:** LOB Masters v YMP 2 (LOB Fruits/YMP 1).

**3pm:** LOB Fruits v YMP 1 (LOB Masters/YMP 2).

Bye: GBHS (1)

**Secondary, MONDAY: No games due to tournament week.**

**Intermediate, WEDNESDAY; Years 5/6, THURSDAY; Years 3/4, THURSDAY: To be advised via schools.**

## RUGBY

**DUE to uncertainty over what Covid Alert Level the country would be under earlier this week, there is no draw for the JAB rugby in today's Herald. The draw will be made available through the Poverty Bay Rugby Football Union website (povertybayrugby.co.nz) and Facebook page.**

**Civil Project Solutions Poverty Bay premier club rugby semifinals, at Rugby Park, SATURDAY — 12 noon:** East Coast Farm Vets YMP v Larsawn Ngatapa (Damien MacPherson ref, Mark Grene/Paul Brown assistant refs).

**3pm:** GT Shearing Waikohu v Contract Consultants HSOB (Royce Maynard ref, Matt Smith/Dave Stevenson assistant refs).

**Senior One competition, SATURDAY**

— **1pm:** The Oval, Pirates v Ngatapa (ref Aaron Brown).

**2pm:** Tapuae, Tapuae v YMP (ref TBC).  
Bye: Wairoa Athletic.

## NETBALL

**WEEK 4 of round 2 of PAK'NSAVE Gisborne senior netball and Week 3 of Future Ferns Years 5/6 at Victoria Domain on SATURDAY. All games are 4-x-10-minute quarters. All cards run from the scorecard room. Jules to control scorecard room for the day.**

**SENIORS — 9am:** 2, Claydens Waikohu Masters v Tatapouri Sportsfit, (Shanan, Shay); 5, YMP Masters v Gisborne Fluid & Machinery HSOG (Annie, Kez); 9, Tapuae v Gisborne Denture Clinic HSOG (Bex, Jess L).

**Standby: Cush.**

**10am:** 2, Horouta Taimana v Old Girls Whangara (Bex, Kez); 5, Steve Craill Builder Ngatapa v GGHS Snr B (Iri, Rochelle); 9, The Stingerz v Uawa Ngarangikahiwa (Lou, Tukaki).

**Standby: Annie.**

**11am:** 2, YMP Sunshine Brewery v Whangara OG (Cush, Shanan); 6, Claydens Waikohu Masters v Gisborne Fluid & Machinery HSOG (Shay, Tessa); 9, GGHS Jnr A v Thistle Storm (Phoenix, Triesta); 10, Gisborne Glass Ngatapa v Ritana Toa (Chiarn, Willow).

**Standby: Iri.**

**12pm:** 2, GGHS Snr A v Horouta Gold (Chloe, Pania); 6, Farmlands Ngatapa v FarmCare HSOG (Alayna, Saara); 9, Claydens Waikohu 2 v Campion Snr A (Iri, Jess L); 10, Uawa Ngarangikahiwa v GGHS Snr B (Keasi, Lou).

**Standby: Shay.**

**1pm:** 2, Claydens Waikohu 1 v Ritana Snr A (Chloe, Debz); 4, Ritana Toa v Thistle Phoenix (Jess T, Jonette); 6, Whalis v YMP TimberPro (Bex, Triesta); 9, OBM Blue v Tyre General Ngatapa (Iri, Tukaki); 10, OBM Red Social v Uawa Kahukuraiti (Chiarn, Willow).

**Standby: Tiawhe & Keasi.**

**2pm:** 2, IMS HSOG Masters v Taiki (Debz, Shay); 6, FarmCare HSOG v Claydens Waikohu 2 (Cristal, Annie); 9, Tatapouri Sportsfit Social v YMP Manawanui (Jess T, Phoenix); 10, GGHS TSA v Kotahi Aroha (Chiarn, Lou).

**Standby: Tukaki.**

**Byes: Taste One HSOG. Duty board member: Lexi.**

**PRIMARY, Years 5 and 6 — Primary teams to assemble by the designated meeting point to complete sign in. Games to be played at school: Maui te Kitenga v Maui Korihi, Mangapapa Pulse v Mangapapa Steel, Manutuke**

**Buttercups v Manutuke Manu Toa Byes: Elgin Speedsters, Waikirikiri Kowhai.**

**9am:** 4, Kaiti Kiwi v Uawa Iranui; 7, Te Hapara Tahiti v Wainui Waves; 12, Eastland Vets Ngatapa Stars v Muriwai Rangatahi.

**10am:** 4, St Marys v Te WHarau Tuakana; 7, Te Hapara Rua v Waikirikiri Poroporo; 12, Awapuni Silver Ferns v Te Wharau Tuahine.

**11am:** 4, Wainui Whirlwinds v Eastland Vets Ngatapa Mystics; 7, Central Magic v Central Pulse.

**12pm:** Makauri Magic v Mangapapa Magic; 7, Horouta Wananga v Makaraka Machines.

**INTERMEDIATE AND SECONDARY — Games to be played at the Gisborne Girls' High School courts. All games are 4-x-10-minute quarters.**

**Court Group A is the closest to the gymnasium. Court 1 is closest to the entrance. Court 3 is on the far side.**

**Teams must exit immediately after games are completed.**

**Teams for the following round must assemble at the designated area for sign in.**

**Teams can enter the courts to warm up on their court once the previous teams have left.**

**Games to be played at school: Champion Blue v Champion Green (sec); Champion Marcellin v Champion Gregory (Int).**

**Byes: Champion Snr B, Maui te Wananga, Maui Tuturu. Duty board member: Kate Faulks.**

**INTERMEDIATE — 8.45am:** A1, X Maidens v Eastland Vets Ngatapa Magic; A3, YMP Toru v HSOG Blue Beanies; B1, Ilminster Y8 B v Ilminster Y7 B; B3, Ilminster Y7 A v Eastland Vets Ngatapa Y8.

**9.55am:** A1, Whangara Pango v Eastland Vets Ngatapa Pulse; A3, Ilminster Y8 A v YMP Rua.

**11.05am:** A1, Ilminster Y8 C v OBM Kahurangi; A3, Kaiti tu Rangatira v Waikirikiri Kiwikiwi; B1, HSOG Hot Shotz v Uawa Hinetera.

**12.15pm:** A1, HSOG Strikers v Ilminster Y7 C; A3, YMP Tahiti v Whangara Paieka.

**SECONDARY — 9.55am:** B1, Ritana Tangaroa v Ritana Maia; B3, Uawa Hinekuita v GGHS Hinetu.

**11.05am:** B3, GGHS Ferns v Te Waiu.

**12.15pm:** B1, Hawaiki Hou v KKM o Wairoa Pipiwhakao; B3, GGHS Whitiora v Uawa Hinematiro.

**1.25pm:** A1, GGHS Hine Toa Magix v Manutuke; A3, GGHS Manaaki v GGHS Mana; B1, Horouta Wananga Wharekura v Ritana Mangopare.

# Pulse rookie in NZ squad

## NETBALL

**ROOKIE** Maddy Gordon has been named in the national netball side for the 2020-21 season, joining a group largely unchanged from the one who claimed the 2019 world cup.

The squad also features East Coast-raised and Tikitiki School old girl Kimiora Poi.

Coach Noeline Taurua brought in the uncapped Gordon, who topped off a strong personal ANZ Premiership campaign with another title playing for the Central Pulse at the weekend.

The 20-year-old helps freshen up a midcourt that no longer has the services of former captain and world cup winner Laura Langman, who just yesterday announced her retirement from netball.

Gordon made her debut in the ANZ Premiership last year, and has emerged as one of the country's best defensive midcourters, with great speed and stamina.

Joining her in the middle is Pulse teammate Claire Kersten who gets a recall.

Despite nine games to her credit after debuting in 2017, Kersten has not featured since New Zealand's embarrassing 2018

Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast. But she returns with plenty of form, having been one of the standout centres during the domestic season.

Langman is one of three players missing from the side who won last year's world cup, along with Maria Folau and Casey Kopua.

Mystics captain Phoenix Karaka has not been named due to her recently announced pregnancy.

Mystics pair Michaela Sokolich-Beatson and Bailey Mes have been added despite both being in the process of injury recovery. It is unlikely they will feature before the end of the year, should the Silver Ferns even get on court.

Star shooter Amelioranne Ekenasio remains the team's skipper and will have continued support from vice-captains Gina Crampton and Jane Watson. — NZ Herald

**SILVER FERNS SQUAD:** Karin Burger, Gina Crampton, Amelioranne Ekenasio (C), Sulu Fitzpatrick, Maddy Gordon, Kelly Jury, Claire Kersten, Bailey Mes, Kimiora Poi, Katrina Rore, Shannon Saunders, Te Paea Selby-Rickit, Michaela Sokolich-Beatson, Whitney Souness, Jane Watson, Maia Wilson.

# SPORTS SHORTS

## Fiji, Italy tests in pipeline

THE All Blacks are set to face Fiji and Italy in a lightweight test series next July after being turned down by several smaller nations to clash before the end of this year.

It is understood next year's series would see the All Blacks host Italy (two tests) and the Vern Cotter-coached Fiji (one) at the same time as the British and Irish Lions' scheduled tour of South Africa.

The schedule remains in doubt, however, due to the border restrictions in the wake of Covid-19 that has wreaked havoc with the international calendar — with the All Blacks' tests against Wales and Scotland, scheduled for July this year, postponed indefinitely and the Bledisloe Cup and Rugby Championship in doubt. — NZ Herald

## Pair back for Warriors

HALF Chanel Harris-Tavita and forward Eliesa Katoa return to the starting 13 for the NZ Warriors' NRL clash with sixth-placed Newcastle Knights in Tamworth on Saturday.

Harris-Tavita returns, after colliding with teammate Adam Keighran at training last week and undergoing head injury protocols,

He replaces Paul Turner, who moves to the extended bench.

Star rookie Katoa was also sidelined for the 20-14 win over the Canterbury Bulldogs, serving a one-match suspension on a dangerous contact charge. Isaiah Papali'i makes way for the 20-year-old, also shifting to the extended bench.

The 12th-placed Warriors face former teammate Mason Lino, who comes in a five-eighth for injured Blake Green, who left the Warriors several weeks ago.

## Chinese GP out, Turkey in

FORMULA One has announced the cancellation of the Chinese Grand Prix and the return of Turkey on a 17-race 2020 calendar that has been revised and shortened because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Formula One said that Bahrain's Sakhr circuit would host two races in late November and early December with Abu Dhabi's December 13 Grand Prix completing the season.

Thirteen other races had already been announced. Some will be open to a limited number of fans. — AAP

# Around the Greens

## Club bowls news

### Poverty Bay

#### POVERTY BAY BOWLING CLUB CENTENARY

MARION Jones, Norma Miller, Kym Brown and Larry Kaloukava were the winners of the Poverty Bay Bowling Club Progressive Fours Centenary Tournament, played in brilliant Gisborne sunshine last Saturday.

A field of 56 players each had three one-hour games.

To help with social distancing, even-numbered rinks started playing from the Railway Reserve end of the greens and odd numbers, from the clubhouse end.

Three points were given for a win and 1.5 for a draw. Winners were decided on points, followed by ends won and then by differential, if necessary.

Jones won the skips section with nine points. Six skips had six points.

Steve Goldsbury was second, having won 14 ends, and Steve Berezowski was third, having won 11.

Competition was close — Jon Davies was fourth, with 10 ends, and Ora Peipi had nine.

For the directors, Norma Miller and Bruce Ball both had nine points but Miller was placed first, with 17 ends won, and Ball was second, with 14 ends.

Three directors had six points but Lesley Holmes was third, with 13 ends won.

Kym Brown was the winning two, with nine points. June Kinder was second, with 7.5 points, and Ron Seabrook third, with 12 ends won.

This section was also close, with only one end separating



**PRESIDENTS TOGETHER:** Current and past Poverty Bay Bowling Club presidents got together for a "souvenir picture" at the club's centenary celebrations. They are, back (from left): Jon Davies (2018-2020), Ian Carroll (2012), Bruce Ball (2016-2017), Lex Kennedy (2013-2015), Barrie Denham (2001-2003), Dawne Abraham (1985-1988) and Ora Peipi (2006-2007). Sitting: Norma Peck (1992-1995) and Zillah Smith (1988-1990). The Poverty Bay men's and women's clubs merged in 2004. Picture by Norma Miller

Seabrook from Karen Higgins, with 11 ends, Bruce Gledhill, with 10, and Cheryl Jenkins, with nine.

Kaloukava won the leads section with nine points.

Promising new player John Andrews was second, with 7.5 points, and third place was decided on ends, as three players had six points.

Chris Valentine took third, with 12 ends won, Dusty Miller was fourth, with 10, and Trish

Leach was fifth, with nine.

Before play started, club president Jon Davies opened the festivities, and a new "century flag" was unveiled and flown.

After the tournament, members socialised and enjoyed finger food.

Short speeches were made by Davies, Bowls Gisborne-East Coast president Steve Goldsbury and Bowls New Zealand president Mark O'Connor.

On Sunday, past and present

members got together to reminisce and look at displayed memorabilia, scrapbooks, awards and bowls used over the years, the oldest being made of wood.

Women's club presidents Dawne Abraham and Norma Peck spoke of how women decided they wanted to become active members rather than just provide morning and afternoon teas and lunches for the men.

Twenty-five women formed Poverty Bay Women's Bowling

Club, which first played in 1985. Dawne Abraham was its first president, a position she held from 1985 to 1988.

She spoke of children taking part in social events and Alf Land being Santa Claus and arriving on the roller.

They had cake-baking competitions between the men and women, the cakes then being auctioned off to raise funds for the club.

Barrie Denham also shared insights into the club over the years.

He joined in 1986, when some major tournaments required that players contest two 25-end games a day.

Sometimes at the end of the day, a match would be lit and held over the jack to help the bowler at the other end.

Denham said the club greens were originally leased from the Gisborne Borough Council for £10 a year and eventually bought from them in 1941 for £300.

When Denham joined the club, and for some years after, the bar was open from 8am to 6pm, with a roster throughout the day to manage it.

Club membership reached a peak of 166 active members in 1961.

Membership today is much lower than that but the number of new members this year is encouraging, and a free "have a go" day will be held on Sunday from 1pm to 4pm for anyone wanting to turn up.

Sponsors for the centenary tournament were Kiri Te Kanawa Retirement Village, Gisborne Motors, Craigs Investment Partners, Property Brokers and Liquorland.

## Table to decide Senior One club crown for 2020

### RUGBY

THERE will be no play-offs to crown the Poverty Bay Senior One club rugby champions this year.

The Civil Project Solutions Senior One title will instead be decided by points — with two weeks of round-robin play to go.

Poverty Bay Rugby chief executive officer Josh Willoughby said the regular season results table would be used to decide the winners of the competition.

It's a top-of-the-table clash this weekend, with leaders YMP travelling to Wairoa to face second-placed Tapuae.

Only one point separates the top two — although YMP have a match in hand — so it should be a close affair, with each side having suffered only one loss.

Tapuae, however, lost four points earlier in the season due to having ineligible players.

With Tapuae having the bye in the final week of the competition, it's all on the line for the team this Saturday if they want to take claim the top honours in their final game of the season.

Poverty Bay Rugby is exploring options to livestream on Facebook what could be a make-or-break clash between the sides.

In last weekend's games, YMP beat Pirates 43-0 while Tapuae defeated Athletic 43-14.

# Palmy too strong for GBHS

### RUGBY by Ben O'Brien-Leaf

THEY'RE better than that.

Gisborne Boys' High School first 15 conceded nine tries as hosts Palmerston North BHS beat them 54-10 in Game 4 of the Super 8 secondary school competition on Saturday.

Rugby folk don't like excuses but to put it into context — in 2020, Gisborne are the only first 15 in the Super 8 with players who turned 18 before January 1.

New Zealand Rugby brought in a regulation whereby if the opposition team have players aged 15 years or under on the field, opposition players who turned 18 before January 1 cannot be on the field at the same time.

There are dispensations for this, however, these recently-imposed NZRU requirements impact on Gisborne personnel.

Rotorua Boys' High allowed one of the Gisborne over-18 players at a time on the field and hung on for a 20-19 victory.

Reigning national secondary school champions Hastings BHS were happy to play whoever Gisborne fielded in their Rectory game and Gisborne won 17-5, claiming the Norman McConnell Memorial Cup for the first time since 2011.

Saturday's tetchy showing against

Palmerston North was what can happen when boys are miffed to see hard-working teammates unable to take part but by the opposition's "substitutory grace" or permission.

The clash played out at Central Energy Trust Stadium on a cold, damp and windy day.

Palmerston North centre Lafo Takiari-Ah Ching opened the scoring with a try in the seventh minute and fullback Curtis Heaphy followed suit in the 13th.

Heaphy missed both conversion attempts but landed a penalty goal in the 17th for 13-0.

In the 23rd minute, Gisborne's player of the day, halfback Kirk Ngatai, scored the visitors' first try from an attacking scrum set 15 metres from Palmerston North's goal-line and 15m off the left touch.

Manawatu referee Stu Curran gave Gisborne a scrum penalty, Ngatai in willow-the-wisp fashion flew openside — the merest hint at a dummy-pass to his right deceiving PNBHS first-five Logan Love — then split he and opposition fetcher Jared Sellwood to score beneath the posts.

Palmerston North right-wing Tayne Harvey scored in the 26th minute for 18-5 before Gisborne reserve lock Tyla Keelan-Phillips was given a yellow card by Curran in the 31st.

On halftime, left-wing Tavita Henare-Schuster scored in the corner for 23-5.

Three minutes after the resumption, Love scored and Heaphy converted for 30-5.

Curran issued a yellow card to Gisborne captain fetcher Amos Roddick in the 40th minute for a split-second error of timing at a restart.

Gisborne soldiered on in the absence of Roddick and Keelan-Phillips but conceded a try to tiny halfback Jordi Viljoen in the 42nd minute, converted by Heaphy for 37-5.

Roddick announced his return to the fray with a thunderous textbook tackle on Sellwood.

Fullback King Maxwell scored Gisborne's second try in the 51st minute.

From a Palmerston North line-out 17m from their goal-line on the right touch, Keelan-Phillips won the ball against the throw.

Two rucks to the left later, first-five Nic Proffit's grubber kick produced the visitors' second try on Maxwell's chase to the left corner.

Reserve lock Hunter Morrison scored Palmerston North's seventh try (53rd min), converted by Heaphy for 44-10.

Henare-Schuster completed a double in the 60th minute and

second-five Leo Brown (68th) was the last player to score for 54-10.

Gisborne's head coach Ryan Tapsell was impressed by Ngatai's efforts.

"That's the best game I've seen him play in the jersey," said Tapsell. "Our boys went slightly off our process, which was a huge strength against Hastings, and Palmerston did the basics well and capitalised."

Roddick also paid tribute to the strong performances of Ngatai, left-wing Whetu King-Taufa and No.8 Nik Patumaka.

"If all of us had played at their level, it would have been a different game," he said.

Despite the heavy scoreline, Palmerston North captain and No.8 Elyjah Crosswell has great respect for Gisborne.

"Gisborne are a strong side. They have a few hitters on defence who force the knock-on so I'm proud of our boys' efforts and stoked to get a win."

Gisborne second 15 lost 46-15 to their Palmerston North counterparts.

Gisborne play Tauranga Boys' College at the Rectory Gisborne this Saturday, followed by Hamilton Boys' High away.

Neither of these sides have players 15 years of age or younger in their squads.

FOOTBALL

**BARCELONA, Spain** — After dozens of titles, hundreds of goals and countless records, Lionel Messi's spectacular career at Barcelona could be coming to an abrupt end.

The divorce may turn ugly, too. Messi told Barcelona today that he wants to leave after nearly two decades at the club, having grown unhappy after a trophy-less season ended with a humiliating loss to Bayern Munich in the Champions League.

Barcelona confirmed to The Associated Press that Messi sent the club a document expressing his desire to leave. But the club hinted that a legal battle could be coming and said it won't automatically grant the Argentine great his wishes.

The dispute centres around a clause in Messi's contract.

Barcelona said the document sent by Messi referenced a clause allowing him to leave for free at the end of the season.

However, the club said the deadline for triggering that clause expired in June and that it would seek legal advice.

Messi's contract also includes a 700 million euro (NZ\$1.26 billion) buyout clause.

The Spanish season would normally have ended in May but was pushed back because of the coronavirus pandemic.

If Messi can leave for free, he will have no shortage of suitors. However, only a handful of clubs could realistically afford to pay his wages even without a transfer fee — with mega-rich Paris Saint-Germain and Manchester City widely seen as perhaps the most likely destinations.

The 33-year-old Messi has won a record six Ballon d'Or awards during his time at Barcelona as the top player in the world, and has helped the club win 10 Spanish league titles and four Champions League crowns.

Messi's announcement came 11 days after Barcelona's humiliating 8-2 loss to Bayern in the Champions League quarterfinals, one of the worst defeats in the player's career and in the club's history.

The defeat capped a difficult season for Barcelona — the first without a title since 2007-08 — and ignited one of their worst crises ever.

Messi had been outspoken about his dissatisfaction with some of Barcelona's decisions this season, talking about the team's problems and contesting club directors. Sporting director Éric Abidal, who was criticised by Messi, left the club last week.

Messi had been silent since the loss to Bayern, though, raising doubts about his future.

The defeat may have been the

tipping point for the playmaker. He and his teammates faced furious Barcelona fans who confronted them and criticised the team at the club's training centre after the squad returned from Portugal.

Club president Josep Bartomeu had said he was confident Messi would finish his career with Barcelona, and that he was a crucial part of incoming coach Ronald Koeman's plans for the team.

After the loss to Bayern, Barcelona announced it would make "profound" changes to the first team and a "wide-ranging" restructuring of the club.

The changes began with the firing of coach Quique Setién a few days after the Champions League defeat in Lisbon, and new presidential elections were called for March.

Spanish media said an emergency board meeting was expected to take place tomorrow, when the club had already scheduled the official presentation of forward Francisco Trincão.

Messi arrived at Barcelona as a teenager in 2001, joining the club's famed La Masia youth academy.

His first-team debut happened in 2003 as a 16-year-old, and since then he has led Barcelona to 34 titles.

He holds most individual records at the club, scoring 634 goals and making 276 assists in 731 appearances with the club. — AP

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## WEATHER FOR TOMORROW

26 Aug, 2020

**GISSBORNE CITY**

<b>TOMORROW</b> Mainly fine. chance evening shower. Light winds.	<b>FRIDAY</b> morning min 3 max 16 Fine. Southwesterlies, turning northwest.	<b>SATURDAY</b> morning min 7 max 18 High cloud. Gusty northwesterlies.	<b>SUNDAY</b> Fine with northwesterlies.
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**GISSBORNE REGION**

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**NZ SITUATION**  
A trough is moving over Aotearoa New Zealand on Thursday, followed by a brief ridge of high pressure. Another front is moving onto the South Island late Friday, then across the North Island on Saturday, followed by a westerly flow.

**NZ TOMORROW**

Auckland	showers	15
Hamilton	showers	14
Tauranga	showers	14
Rotorua	showers	12
Taupo	showers	10
Napier	showers	16
New Plymouth	showers	14
Palmerston North	showers	13
Wellington	showers	12
Christchurch	fine	12
Queenstown	fine	11
Dunedin	showers	9

**GISSBORNE READINGS**  
Taken at the Airport, for the 24 hours to 9am, Wednesday 26 Aug 2020

**SUNSHINE hours**  
On Tuesday, 25 Aug 1.3  
To date for August 130.2  
Average for August 155.0  
To date this year 1450.9  
To date last year 1591.3

**WIND km/h**  
Max gust on Tue 25 Aug W 43

**RAINFALL mm**  
24 hours to 9am, Wed 26 Aug 4.8  
To date for August 54.6  
Average for August 85.0  
To date this year 634.0  
To date last year 509.8

**EVAPOTRANSPIRATION mm**  
Daily average for past week 1.9

**TEMPERATURE °C**  
Maximum 15.8  
Minimum 7.5  
Grass minimum 4.2

**BAROMETRIC PRESSURE**  
At 9am 26 Aug (hPa) 1008.2  
At 9am 26 Aug (inches) 29.77

**WORLD TOMORROW**

Adelaide	fine	10 17
Amsterdam	showers	11 20
Bangkok	rain	25 35
Beijing	cloudy	21 31
Berlin	cloudy	14 20
Brisbane	fine	10 23
Buenos Aires	cloudy	12 19
Cairo	fine	25 36
Canberra	fine	-3 14
Cape Town	showers	10 16
Delhi	rain	26 32
Frankfurt	cloudy	13 24
Geneva	fine	14 28
Hong Kong	rain	26 31
London	rain	13 22
Los Angeles	fine	21 33
Melbourne	showers	8 18
Moscow	rain	12 21
New York	thunder	21 29
Paris	fine	13 24
Perth	fine	9 25
Singapore	showers	25 34
Stockholm	rain	11 20
Suva	showers	23 28
Sydney	fine	7 20
Tokyo	cloudy	26 33
Toronto	showers	19 33

**SUN-MOON-MAORI FISHING GUIDE**  
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Rise 6:38 am Set 5:42 pm	Rise 6:36 am Set 5:43 pm
Set 1:52 am Rise 11:45 am	Set 2:57 am Rise 12:35 pm
Best at 6:50 am 7:18 pm	Best at 7:47 am 8:15 pm

**MIDNIGHT TONIGHT**

**NOON TOMORROW**

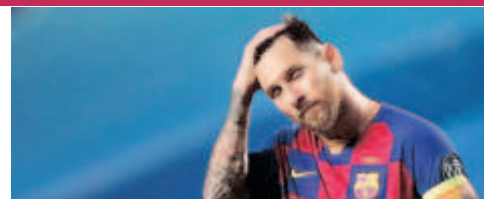
**GISSBORNE TIDE MOVEMENT**

Thursday Aug 27	Friday Aug 28
Hicks Bay H 12:44am 1:25pm L 7:01am 7:32pm	Hicks Bay H 1:42am 2:26pm L 7:59am 8:34pm
Waipiro Bay H 12:31am 1:12pm L 6:36am 7:07pm	Waipiro Bay H 1:29am 2:13pm L 7:34am 8:09pm
Tolaga Bay H 12:19am 1:00pm L 6:24am 6:55pm	Tolaga Bay H 1:17am 2:01pm L 7:22am 7:57pm
Giŕsborne H 12:09am 12:45pm L 6:25am 6:57pm	Giŕsborne H 1:05am 1:44pm L 7:22am 7:56pm
Wairoa H 12:26pm L 6:09am 6:44pm	Wairoa H 12:52am 1:24pm L 7:05am 7:43pm

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Rising Pulse star in Ferns squad



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 Draws, netball.... 25  
 Bowls, rugby..... 26  
 Football ..... 27

# 700? 'WHY NOT?'



## Anderson first pace bowler to join test cricket's '600 Club'

SOUTHAMPTON — Jimmy Anderson has entered the exclusive "600 Club."

The England paceman became only the fourth bowler — and the first seamer — to take 600 wickets in test cricket today, before saying there was more to come in his enduring international career that began in 2003.

The 38-year-old Anderson was mobbed by teammates when he reached his latest milestone by dismissing Azhar Ali in the drawn third test against Pakistan, with England captain Joe Root taking a high catch at first slip.

Anderson took the ball in his right hand and — with a cheeky smile — saluted all sides of the Rose Bowl, which is without spectators because of coronavirus restrictions.

Anderson, who is playing in his 156th test, is fourth on the list of all-time leading wicket-takers in tests. Only retired spinners Muttiah Muralitharan (800), Shane Warne (708) and Anil Kumble (619) are above him.

"Massive effort from a great fast bowler," Kumble, the former India legspinner, wrote on Twitter. "Welcome to the club."

Anderson is the second quickest to get to 600 wickets, taking only six balls more than Muralitharan.

Anderson prides himself on his work

ethic and fitness, and said only this month that he has no plans to retire, with his sights set on an Ashes series Down Under next year.

"I still get satisfaction from putting a shift in, from bowling 25 overs a day and maybe getting two wickets at the end of the day," the down-to-earth Anderson said.

"I still enjoy putting the yards in the nets, making those tweaks with the technique to make sure I'm in good shape going into test matches, doing the stuff in the gym. I think that's why I keep going."

Warne has suggested Anderson could limit his work load and extend his international career by playing only in home test matches and rest up during away tours, when he could perhaps act instead as a bowling consultant to younger teammates.

Anderson, however, said he feels "like I can still bowl in all conditions, like I'm still fit enough to play."

"I don't think it's particularly fair on other guys in the team if I just rock up in England to play when conditions suit, and send them off to India and Sri Lanka to do the hard yards," he said.

"I realise there'll be times when I'll get left out for various reasons, whether it is resting or them having a look at

someone else. I will just try and keep working hard at my game and keep it at as high a level as possible, and just be ready when I'm called upon."

The 600th wicket should have come much earlier.

Anderson was dropped four times in 37 balls either side of Pakistan's overnight change of innings between Days 3 and 4 of the final test of the series.

He went to bed Monday night on 599 wickets and the first two sessions of Tuesday were washed out, raising doubts about whether Anderson would miss his chance at 600.

However, play started late in the afternoon and Anderson took the wicket of Azhar off his 14th delivery during the two hours of play possible.

Even in his advanced years, Anderson remains peerless when bowling on home soil, where he is so adept at taking advantage of English conditions. Put simply, he is the best bowler in the world when the ball is swinging.

On Sunday, he took his 29th five-wicket haul of a test career that began in 2003.

His average is 26.79.

When asked by reporters if 700 test wickets were now in his sights, he replied: "Why not?" — AP

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