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LOCKS OFF FOR LUCAS

Maree Donaldson admitted to being nervous ahead of having her long hair shaved off at Awapuni School's Child Cancer Foundation fundraiser yesterday. But she wanted to do it to show solidarity with her son Lucas Sigvertsen, who lost his hair three times over the course of his cancer treatment. Helping nine-year-old Lucas with the chop is teacher Janine Bava while Lucas's sister Niamh Sigvertsen lends her support.

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Picture by Liam Clayton

Matawhero car crash kills two

A YOUNG woman died at the scene and a young man with her died later in hospital when their vehicle left State Highway 2 south of the city last night and crashed.

It happened at around 9.20pm about midway between the Jolly Stockman corner at Matawhero and Bell Road.

"Their car left the road, went through a fence and struck shelter belt trees," a senior firefighter said.

"The vehicle was extensively damaged in the crash."

The young woman was pronounced deceased at the scene by St John ambulance officers.

Her male companion was transported to hospital by ambulance with critical injuries, but died later in the night.

Police said it was a single-vehicle crash.

The Herald was told both victims were out of the

vehicle when emergency services arrived.

"It appears they were thrown out of the vehicle on impact," an emergency services spokesman said.

State Highway 2 was closed at the crash scene for some hours while the scene was cleared and police began an inquiry into the tragedy.

The names and further details of the two young people who died have yet to be released. Police continue to advise next-of-kin.

Missing divers found clinging to their broken-down jet ski

by Murray Robertson

DIVERS on a disabled jet ski were plucked from the sea on the southern side of Mahia Peninsula early yesterday morning in a dramatic rescue by the Trust Tairāwhiti Rescue Helicopter crew.

The two men, a 57-year-old from Hamilton and a 27-year-old from Mahia, had gone to the Portland Island area for a dive on Wednesday afternoon.

They failed to return that night and family reported them missing.

"We were called out at about 1.30am and we located the men about 800 metres offshore, about halfway down the peninsula on the southern side," said chopper pilot Kurt Schierning.

"They obviously heard us and we were drawn to them by the flickering of their cigarette lighters, which we saw when we were about two kilometres from them as we came down the coast.

"As we got nearer they set alight a piece of fuel-soaked rope, which helped guide us right to them."

Mr Schierning said they winched the older man on board first.

"He was suffering from severe hypothermia, and was status 1-2 — critical to serious. We flew him to shore and then

returned to get the other man, who was cold but otherwise OK."

Both men were flown to Gisborne Hospital for further treatment.

"They were pretty happy to be in the helicopter with the heater on full for the trip to Gisborne," said chopper base manager Doug Buchanan.

"There was a 20-knot wind blowing which made the night colder for them and the job a little more challenging for us.

"But what a fantastic outcome — they were two very lucky divers."

The men were treated at Gisborne Hospital and discharged yesterday.

The jet ski had been anchored and was left at sea.

"The ski had broken down at around 5.30pm Wednesday evening, so they had been out there a long time before we found them clinging to the ski."

Mr Buchanan said the incident illustrated the need to carry personal locator beacons.

"We could have got to them a lot earlier in the night if they had been carrying one.

"It also showed the benefit of night vision goggles because with the goggles we could see their flickering cigarette lighters and then the burning rope from a long way off."

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AT THE HELM: Waka Tairawhiti Hourua manager Emma van Berkel (right) is using her experience in outdoor leadership in her new role. Picture by Rebecca Grunwell

VOYAGE TO THE FUTURE

‘Our challenge is to make sure the waka can cover its own operating expenses and still serve as a resource for the community’



by Kim Parkinson

RECONNECTING the people of Tairawhiti with waka voyaging is the core purpose behind Tairawhiti Waka Hourua, which has been operating for almost three years.

After considerable evaluation, Tairawhiti Voyaging Trust is taking on the challenge of balancing its educational priority with being financially sustainable.

Emma van Berkel has been appointed manager and she and her team are fine-tuning the operation so it can continue bringing educational benefits to the community while covering running costs.

Ms van Berkel started with the waka in 2018, working on the school programmes and helping with the development stage.

Trust founder Te Aturangi Nepia-Clamp recently retired from the board after leading the project and acting as chief executive since 2017.

“As a new organisation we have learned a lot over the past three years as we completed the initial project phase of having the waka built and moved to an operational focus,” Ms van Berkel said.

“Assumptions made during the early development were tested over the last couple of years and it was a big reality check for everybody in terms of what it actually means to operate a waka here.

“The waka is an amazing resource and the crew is very adaptable.

“It is not so much about taking people for a ride, it’s about allowing people to participate

and connect with the waka, with their voyaging heritage, as well as the community and environment around them.”

Crews of the future are being developed on board the waka as it sails towards an ultimate goal of international voyaging.

A group of local teenagers, who are sailing on the waka every Wednesday of this school term, embody the vision of the trust — taking people from all over the region out on the water, from small to longer trips and eventually international voyages.

The young kaumoana (crew/mariner) have been learning how to work as a team, developing their skills, along with an understanding of and connection to the region’s voyaging history.

The waka is an educational resource for all schools in Tairawhiti.

It has a mixture of paid crew and volunteers, skippered by Jorge Sanchez, whose experience working at Outward Bound has helped him become adept at giving young people the confidence and skills to become kaumoana.

However, in the wake of Covid-19 and other circumstances, it has been a tough period for the Tairawhiti Voyaging Trust.

“Education is the underlying foundation of why the waka exists but the reality is it’s quite an expensive operation to run and education doesn’t make money.

“Our challenge is to make sure the waka can cover its own operating expenses and still serve as a resource for the community.

“There still needs to be a commercial element



CONFIDENT KAUMOANA: Some of the Wednesday waka club who are developing new skills are Kyra Langford, Mourei Maniapoto-Love, Kya Thornicroft, Brianna Marriott, Emma Marriot, Evelyn Busher and Arty Baker. Picture by Rebecca Grunwell

that can generate income and there is still interest in things like tours and charters.”

With a lack of international visitors, including cruise ship passengers, due to Covid-19 times, the trust has had to adapt.

“We are focusing on what we can do now with the situation,” said Ms van Berkel.

“Our aim is to get the balance right between education and offering commercial, income generating experiences.

“We want to ensure the waka provides

opportunities for all people in our region to reconnect with the skills, knowledge, culture and traditions of Pacific voyaging.”

■ ON Saturday, September 19, the Wednesday kaumoana crew are hosting a fundraising open day on the waka to raise funds for an upcoming voyage in the school holidays. They plan to beach the waka at Waikanae where the public can go on board. More details on this and the trust are on its facebook page Tairawhiti Waka Hourua.

Sporting Excellence Awards deferred to 2021

THE Tairawhiti Sporting Excellence Awards has become another casualty of Covid-19.

The Bronwyn Kay Agency-sponsored event has been deferred to November 2021, organisers Sport Gisborne Tairawhiti said in a statement.

“Unfortunately, our environment is ever-evolving and there is too much uncertainty at this time to reschedule

the annual event for later this year.”

The awards acknowledge and pay tribute to outstanding achievements and commitment by the sporting community over the last 12 months.

“It is not a decision that we took lightly, as we know that our sports awards are a community highlight, and we have so many great athletes, volunteers, and providers of sport

that deserve to be recognised for their outstanding achievements and contributions,” said SGT chief executive Stefan Pishief.

“However, we do need to ensure the safety of our community.”

The impact of Covid-19 disrupted the qualifying period where athletes, teams, clubs, and coaches could showcase their talents.

However, a revised qualification period for the 2021 event will extend to include achievements from July 2019 to June 2021.

Mr Pishief acknowledged the ongoing generosity of the various sports awards sponsors.

“We thank all of our local sponsors for their continued support and understanding.”

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- Call to attend next Wednesday’s ‘Farming for Profit’ seminar at Patutahi with a focus on the summer-autumn drought.
- Prices and comment from today’s sheep sale at Matawhero — about a thousand head on offer.
- Shortage of veterinarians nationwide described as “critical”.

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Plea for positive spectator behaviour in Level 2

by Jack Malcolm

POVERTY Bay junior rugby was nearly cancelled last weekend because of spectators failing to comply with Level 2 restrictions.

Ongoing negative behaviour led to Poverty Bay Rugby Football Union conditionally cancelling junior rugby before staff and delegates came through with a new plan to manage the games.

Union chief executive Josh Willoughby said Ngatapa and Uawa “stepped up” to host the majority of junior games and manage the entries.

“If people aren’t abiding (by the rules) then we can’t say we’re providing a safe environment.”

Issues included some spectators refusing to give their details for contact tracing and not following the one spectator per child rule, said Willoughby.

“Our staff and volunteers were abused. It wasn’t good enough.”

“It wasn’t confrontational, just attitude. . . all we’re asking for is positive behaviour.”

He had heard of the issues the Cossie Club had faced due to non-compliance over pool and darts and the last thing they wanted for their activities to be restricted as well.

Junior rugby was usually completed before premier and senior club finals but this season had been different, putting extra pressure on the union.

“Finals are our busiest weekend and to have junior rugby and Level 2 restrictions on top of that. . . it’s been extremely challenging for our team.”

To read of similar issues experienced by Gisborne Netball Centre in The Gisborne Herald yesterday was “incredibly disappointing”, he said.

The Herald also saw first-hand the reluctance of some rugby spectators to follow the Level 2 regulations.

During Waikohu’s last home game, a spectator sat next to a Herald reporter and refused to move when asked by management, saying “there’s no Covid in Gisborne” and that he would pay the fine if the district council issued one to the club for non-compliance.

Willoughby says you only need to look at the Farah Palmer national women’s competition and men’s interprovincial Mitre 10 Cup games, at which they have no spectators, to see the work that is being put in behind the scenes to have rugby running locally.

“The easy option is to not play. . . there are other unions who have shut down.”

Water sports group to be represented on Olympic Pool steering committee

by Murray Robertson

A GROUP calling for a rethink on the design of the 50-metre pool in the \$46 million Olympic Pool Complex redevelopment have been invited to have a representative on the project’s steering committee.

The water sports leaders group called for the 50m pool to be two metres deep throughout, with a collapsible/adjustable floor, to cater for a wider range of community uses, team and family programmes, and national and international events.

They described what they propose as a “game-changing opportunity” of greater benefit to the long-term economy of the city and district.

The group appreciates the invitation from Gisborne District Council to have a member of the group on the project reference group, or steering committee.

“We welcome the opportunity to work alongside the design team and hopefully bring about significant changes to the design of the 50-metre pool,” a group spokesman said.

“What we propose will enhance the community value of the pool five-fold.

“This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and what we get we will have for the next 40 years.”

The spokesman said cost savings could be made by having a flat bottom to the 50m pool and an adjustable bulkhead, instead of a thermo bulkhead intended to create two separately heated sections in the pool.

“The costs for half the plumbing and balance tanks required can then be used to fund the adjustable floor.

“We will decide on the appropriate group representative person to fill the role in the next few days.”

The spokesman said they had been told by the council the final design work for the 50m pool has to be completed by the end of November.

“The construction timeframe we’ve been told will see work start on the 50-metre pool in February 2021 and go through to July 2022.

“The rest of the project will be done from August 2022 to February 2023.”

The Government is providing \$40 of the \$46m cost of the overall redevelopment project.

Hair shave tribute to Lucas’s journey

by Kim Parkinson

IN a bold move to celebrate son’s Lucas Sigvertsen’s cancer journey, mum Maree Donaldson and three others got their hair shaved off to raise money for the Child Cancer Foundation yesterday.

Maree was joined by Awapuni School principal Nik House, caretaker Allan Rogers and Lucas’s granddad, Peter Donaldson, who lost their locks for child cancer.

Awapuni students were encouraged to wear crazy wigs or get wacky hairstyles to support child cancer . . . and the whole school got behind the event.

Principal House said he was honoured to lose his hair for such a great cause.

“We are choosing to lose our hair to raise money for child cancer and anyone

who is going through cancer treatment.

“Lucas’s beads that he has accrued — one for every treatment he has received over two-and-a-half years — puts into perspective what people with cancer go through.”

Lucas was diagnosed with acute T-cell lymphoblastic lymphoma in 2017 and has undergone more than 700 procedures to treat the cancer, earning a bead for each one.

The head shave and wacky wig event was a chance to commemorate the turning point now Lucas has reached the end of his treatment.

Almost \$3000 has been raised so far and people can still make a donation by going to the Everyday Hero fundraising page and putting in Maree Donaldson’s name.



SMOOTH FINISH: A family shot at Awapuni School’s Child Cancer Foundation fundraiser. Back (from left) are Peter, Jess, Kerrinne and Keith Donaldson. Front: Lucas Sigvertsen with mum Maree Donaldson and sister Niamh Sigvertsen.

Picture by Liam Clayton

PM, Allan campaigning on the Coast

PRIME Minister Jacinda Ardern and Labour’s East Coast candidate Kiri Allan are on the election campaign trail on the East Coast.

The pair were in Te Kaha, Waihou Bay and Hicks Bay today.

Tomorrow they will be in Ruatoria then Te Araroa, where they will watch a women’s rugby match, followed by visits to Tokomaru Bay and Tolaga Bay on Sunday.

The Prime Minister said Ms Allan would win East Coast, a seat held by National’s retiring Anne Tolley since 2005.

Government investments in the electorate would be transformative. They would make a difference, she said.

“This has come about through the advocacy of the likes of Kiri Allan.”

Ms Allan said her campaign was continuing under Covid-19 Alert Level 2 restrictions.

“We have limited the number of volunteers staying in any one motel or visiting a pub or cafe to 10 at a time. This is manageable but we are getting used to social distancing now.

“Street-corner meetings are easier. I always have time for the one-on-ones,

where people want to talk to me, and I will be doing that on the Coast.”

Ms Allan said one of her usual motels at Tokomaru Bay was fully booked two weeks ago.

“I hope this means that the very successful See New Zealand tourist campaign is still running strongly.”

Ms Allan said she was privileged to be a list MP based in the region.

“Being present up the Coast is something I enjoy and really value, so I’m look forward to hearing from the Coasties about what they see are the key issues are for them.”

LOCALS FIRST

Priority to Tairawhiti residents before Rua Bioscience lists on NZ Stock Exchange

LOCAL pharmaceutical company Rua Bioscience has announced the intention for Tairawhiti residents to be given priority for share allocation before its planned listing on the NZ stock exchange next month.

Investors registering for the priority offer will need to provide evidence of their residence but in the event the Initial Public Offering (IPO) is oversubscribed, it is expected eligible investors will not be scaled back as much as other investors at the Rua Bioscience board’s discretion.

Following a series of meetings with retail investment brokers and institutional investors, Rua chief executive Rob Mitchell says it looks like there

will be strong demand for shares in the company.

“With our facilities at Ruatoria and Gisborne completed, our commercial licence from the Ministry of Health secured, an export agreement signed with a German distributor and the quality of our management team and board, the company seems to have real credibility amongst the investment community” said Mr Mitchell.

“This confidence in the company is a real testament to the founders but also the first investors from Tairawhiti who supported the company via Waiapu Investments Limited.

“They took the early risk and we expect

they will see a significant increase in the value of the shares which will convert to Rua Bioscience shares at the time of listing.

“It is exciting to see the milestones achieved to date and becoming the only publicly-listed company in Tairawhiti is another big milestone for the business and the region.”

Rua Bioscience is seeking preliminary indications of interest.

Residents interested in participating in the IPO (including the priority offer) can register interest at www.shareoffer.co.nz/Rua by providing details and an indicative amount of investment.

No money is being sought.

The shares in Rua Bioscience cannot currently be applied for or acquired under the intended offer of shares in Rua Bioscience as part of the IPO, including under the priority offer.

If the offer is made, it will be made in accordance with the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013.

No indication of interest will involve an obligation or a commitment to acquire any shares in Rua Bioscience.

The opportunity to provide an indication of interest will help the company to determine what proportion of the funds to be raised should be set aside for the priority offer before finalising and opening the offer over the coming weeks.

Unable to revive man in workplace

A RUATORIA man died yesterday morning after suffering a medical event soon after he arrived to start work in a tree planting operation on a property inland from Tokomaru Bay.

Police and other emergency services were called about the incident involving a 64-year-old man at around 9am yesterday.

"His work colleagues did a really good job in trying to revive him," a police spokesman said.

"They carried out good CPR, set off a locator beacon and also obtained a defibrillator from a nearby school, but all to no avail.

"Sadly, the man could not be revived."

The Trust Tairāwhiti rescue helicopter and St John ambulance staff from Ruatoria also attended.

"The man was pronounced deceased by them at the scene," the police spokesman said.

"We have extended our condolences to the man's family."

Police will conduct an inquiry on behalf of the Coroner.



STAYING: Freedom campers in for a night or two at the Red Bus carpark, Makorori.

File picture

Insurance alert with escalating house prices

SKYROCKETING house prices in Gisborne have prompted the Insurance Council of New Zealand (ICNZ) to advise homeowners to keep up to date with annual house insurance "health checks".

ICNZ consumer affairs manager Sarah Knox said it was a common misunderstanding that insurance related to rateable value and market value.

"While property values may have increased, your house's sum insured needs to be set at an amount that will cover the cost of rebuilding your house should you suffer a total loss. Because of this it is affected by increased building costs, materials or labour, or if you have recently renovated, and not market or rateable values.

"There are several ways to calculate a sum insured, including:

- professional advice from quantity surveyors who will calculate the full cost of replacing your property
- a valuation for insurance purposes from a registered valuer,
- an estimate of what it would cost to rebuild your home from a licensed builder or architect,
- an independent, online calculator provided by your insurer that uses information about your house as a guide to work out how much it will cost to rebuild your home.

"To make sure you have the cover you need, we recommend using more than one of the above methods and reviewing your sum insured each year."

Visit the insurance council website www.icnz.org.nz, go to Understanding Insurance and click on Consumer Guides to find advice on calculating your house's sum insured.

CORRECTION

THE year in the headline of a story in yesterday's *The Guide* about Unity Theatre's production of *The Crucible* was out by three centuries. The play is set in 1692, not 1962. The show opens this year, 2020, on October 2.

A CAPTION to a front page photo in yesterday's *Herald* referred to a Las Vegas cannabis dispensary being in the state of California. It is, of course, in Nevada. Recreational cannabis use is legal in both these states.

Not enough time to enact new free camping bylaw

NEW freedom camping bylaws will not be in place in time for this summer.

Gisborne district councillors, sitting as Sustainable Tairāwhiti, have voted to support a motion from councillor Tony Robinson to let the draft Freedom Camping bylaw "lie on the table", instead of supporting the draft policy and sending it out for public consultation.

But the decision not to adopt the draft policy is not the reason why it won't be in place for summer.

Council chief executive Nedine Thatcher Swann confirmed that as freedom camping started at Labour Weekend, there was not enough time to consult and pass the bylaw.

Cr Robinson said the bylaw paper before councillors lacked sufficient information and "strong enough rationale" to make an informed decision.

The paper said a conservative and indicative figure for the value of freedom camping to Tairāwhiti, based on previous freedom camping figures, was \$2.8 million a summer season.

Cr Robinson said the bylaw paper did not state how reducing city camping sites would impact on the economic benefit to the community.

"That is something we should all consider before making a decision."

Under the current bylaw, there are 42 city parking bays where freedom camping is permitted.

The draft bylaw would see the total number reduced to 32 and spread across five small, restricted, self-contained vehicle-only areas, at Midway carpark (maximum of six), Kaiti Beach (maximum of eight), Bright Street carpark (maximum four), Wainiui's Pines (maximum six) and Makorori (maximum of eight).

Cr Shannon Dowsing said he would second Cr Robinson's motion after seeking assurance there was insufficient time to pass the bylaw in time for the freedom camping season.

The draft policy proposes to replace the existing registered summer camping areas with an "expanded" Freedom Camping Bylaw.

Summer camping will continue as seasonal camping, much as it does now, with multi-week camping in tents, vehicles and caravans still permitted.

The council will gain the ability to enforce conditions and issue infringements across all camping areas.

This will support improved management of impacts on the environment, facilities and public access.

The council will no longer collect permit fees for summer camping and

while infringement revenue will increase it is not expected to replace permit revenue.

The sale of rubbish bags for collection from seasonal camping areas will continue.

Seasonal camping will be available from Labour Weekend to April 30 the following year, requiring a permit (free and acquired online; rubbish bags can be purchased at this time as well) and a chemical toilet if not camping in a self-contained vehicle.

The main changes proposed in the draft policy are —

- The region moves to self-contained freedom camping only. Those in non-self-contained vehicles will need to use commercial campgrounds or other accommodation.
- Summer camping areas will become restricted freedom camping areas known as seasonal camping areas.
- Seasonal camping will be available from Labour Weekend to April 30.
- The Gisborne urban area and surrounds become a prohibited area, with five restricted areas for self-contained vehicles only.
- Freedom camping outside the seasonal camping areas is 7pm to 7am only.
- Prohibited areas are added at Te Ararua, Waihou Bay and the northern end of Turihau Point.

Council seeks input on Maori wards, housing and population

NEXT week Gisborne District Council continues its early engagement on the Long Term Plan 2021-31, with an online hui on housing, population growth and Maori wards.

"Although the council does not build houses, we know there is a demand for more houses and more affordable housing," said Mayor Rehette Stoltz.

"Tairāwhiti is a great place to live and this is reflected in our steady population growth.

"While we're enjoying economic development because of this, it brings increased demands on housing and infrastructure."

Mrs Stoltz said the council was seeking community input on whether it should put more resources into supporting housing developments by fast tracking planning and building more infrastructure.

The council will also consult on

introducing Maori wards in the next local body elections.

"Maori make up nearly 50 percent of the population in Tairāwhiti and for the next local body election we would like to know if we should introduce one or more Maori wards (or seats) on the council," she said.

"Establishing Maori wards would help ensure Maori representation in the council is more reflective of the makeup of our community.

New Plymouth and Tauranga councils have both recently voted to establish Maori wards at the next local body elections.

The final matter council is seeking community input on next week is its new vision — "Tairāwhiti Rising. It all starts here."

"We believe this vision captures the essence of living here, where we are first to see the sun rise.

"It also acknowledges our cultural heritage, and that we are bouncing back strongly from Covid-19," Mrs Stoltz said.

"We are excited by this vision and are seeking feedback from our community whether it fits comfortably with your view of our region as well."

The online hui is on Monday, September 14, at 10am. People can follow the link and listen to staff who work in these areas discuss the major issues.

Questions can be posted before, during or after the hui by following the links below.

Online hui

10am, Monday, 14 September, accessed at <https://tellus.gdc.govt.nz/comm-outcomes-hui>
Email questions to feedback@gdc.govt.nz
The hui will be recorded and available on the GDC website.



FIST PUMP MOMENT: Celebrating their win are back, from left, Praveen Muthu, Kim Potroz, Seda Procter, Joy KiNiua, Gill Higgins, Saffron Bull, Rebekah Tanner, Karen Fenn and Jo Graham. Front, from left, Deb Hancock, Anita Taewa, Samara Smith and Monica Donnelly. Picture by Paul Rickard

Fist pump activity a winner

GISBORNE high school students have teamed up with a Gisborne tech company to win a national competition — and improve the start of the working day.

Last month the Youth Employability Programme, part of the Licence to Work programme designed for all young people transitioning directly to the workforce, issued a challenge to the regions to design a new icebreaker activity to add to the kete of Licence to Work facilitators around the country.

An icebreaker, sometimes referred to as energiser, is an activity or game that groups do at the start of a workshop or session to help get to know each other or release tensions before work together starts.

Six Licence to Work students from Gisborne Girls' High School volunteered to help make the icebreaker video entry. Year 12 students Rebekah Tanner, Joy KiNiua, Samara Smith, Rose Te

Rangi and Year 13 students Kim Potroz and Saffron Bull worked together with the Gisborne-based tech start-up Riposte to create a one-minute video, demonstrating how to use the Riposte app in the icebreaker activity.

Tairawhiti Licence to Work coordinator Karen Fenn and facilitator Jo Graham helped to coordinate the project.

With the Riposte app people can make posts about their emotional, physical, mental and social status. Posts can be shared with friends, or made anonymously, and collectively provide a real-time barometer of the community's state of being. People can include demographic details such as age, gender and ethnicity which contributes to more detailed feedback.

"The goal of the icebreaker designed by the group is to help youth take a moment to reflect on how they're currently feeling, or about recent events that have affected them and their current

state of being, and how they are 'turning up' to the day's session," Riposte app founder Debs Hancock said.

"Thinking of a positive or 'fist pump' moment to post on the app helps strengthen their positive attitude, while thinking of a negative or 'facepalm' moment helps them think of the resilience they've gained following a challenging situation. The activity also aims to help build communication skills where the youth share their fistpump and facepalm moments with another person in the group, and listen to them explain their moments.

"A secondary bonus of this icebreaker activity is that the data from the moments shared by the group can be provided to the facilitator at the end of the day from Riposte Analytics. Doing this activity at the start and at the end of the day's session can provide feedback on the session as well as measuring any shifts in emotional state during the day."

Fired shotgun from house at time of rising gang tensions

A MAN accused of firing shots at rival gang members congregating outside his house in a residential Wairoa street has pleaded guilty to reduced charges.

Neil Munro, 23, was to stand trial in Gisborne District Court this week but instead pleaded guilty to an amended Crown charge notice in which firearms offences he originally faced were reduced to ones with lesser penalties — unlicensed possession of a firearm and discharging a firearm near a dwelling.

Each of the offences carries a maximum penalty of three months imprisonment or fines of up to \$1000 and \$3000 respectively.

Judge Warren Cathcart imposed one month in jail on each charge to be served concurrently.

The judge noted Munro spent 47 days on remand in custody. The sentence would have been one of time served but there was a remaining charge alleging a breach of home detention on the same day as this incident, which Munro was defending — no doubt on the basis of the new summary of facts for the

firearms charges, the judge said.

Munro was remanded on bail to appear for the breach charge in Wairoa District Court on November 18.

According to a revised summary, the incident involving the shots fired by Munro was on July 28 last year.

Gang tensions were escalating in the town at that time.

In the months before, there were a number of serious stabbings and at least six incidents where the gangs exchanged gunfire.

Munro, a patched Black Power member, was at his Sommerville Street home where he lives with his partner and two children and was serving a sentence of home detention.

At about 6pm, several Mongrel Mob members arrived at the address and told Munro's partner at the front door they were looking for him.

The woman refused to let them inside and told them to leave. As they did so, they slashed tyres on two of Munro's vehicles.

Fearing for their safety, Munro's partner and children went to stay with

family.

Munro was unable to leave due to his sentence of home detention.

Police were called but Munro provided them with little information.

At about 8.45pm, two vehicle loads of Mongrel Mob members parked outside the house and began threatening Munro. A number of the occupants from the vehicles began venturing on to the property.

Munro got a double-barrelled shotgun from a wardrobe, loaded it with two rounds of ammunition, went outside and shot towards the rival's vehicles.

They fled but that night returned to the street and fired back at Munro's house.

Police subsequently searched Munro's house and found the shotgun. Munro admitted it was his.

He told them he used it in self-defence as he was fearful the rival gang members were going to seriously harm him.

The judge made an order for the gun to be destroyed.

Information offered to assist jury

As part of the agreed facts in this week's trial for a man accused of sexual offending against a niece and nephew, jurors were given evidential information about the behaviour of sexually abused children. They were told the evidence, from expert sources, did not prove or disprove that the complainants were sexually abused by the defendant but was presented to dispel any myths or preconceived notions jurors might have about the way child (and adolescent) abuse victims should behave. The Gisborne Herald considers there is wider public interest in the information so is publishing it in full here.

THERE is no typical reporting pattern for sexually abused children; reporting may be immediate or delayed, direct or indirect, purposeful or accidental, gradual or incremental.

Research and professional experience show reporting of childhood sexual offending is most usually delayed. Timing does not assist in determining whether the complaint is true or false.

False complaints may also be delayed.

There are many reasons why a child will delay reporting their sexual victimisation. These will vary between children and in differing circumstances but include relationships, the availability of protective adults, shame and embarrassment and fear of not being believed, continued contact between victims and offenders.

Children are less likely to report abuse by those with whom they have a close or family relationship or on whom they are dependent. Children are less likely to report sexual assaults to adults or caregivers who they perceive to have a close relationship with the offender.

If a child is to report sexual offending they require a supportive, competent adult who has the ability to stop further instances of abuse and who will protect them from any retribution by the alleged offender.

They will also require an adult who is prepared to believe them and take their disclosure seriously. The child's perception as to whether a parent or caregiver will protect them to stop the abuse will be dependent on the child's history with that adult and their past competency in protecting the child.

Reasons preventing disclosures include fearing or being expected to be blamed, disbelieved, and/or negatively judged, embarrassment, not wanting to upset anyone, not being bothered by the abuse, wishing to

protect the abuser, fear of the abuser or threats from that person, wanting to obey adults, feeling responsible for the abuse, shame and stigma, or hesitation to break a promise to keep the abuse secret.

Some people might think a sexually abused child will avoid their abuser but this does not take into account the dynamics that surround child sexual abuse. It is not uncommon for a child to have continued contact with the offender.

If the child is concerned about possible consequences of disclosure, they may continue having contact with the offender in order to avoid the sexual abuse from being discovered.

If the child's family has close association with the offender and the child is still dependent on others, who may have contact with the offender, the child may simply have no choice but to continue having contact with someone who has sexually offended against them.

A sexually abused child can have ambivalent or mixed feelings towards the offender and can feel affection as well as hate.

While sexual abuse usually takes place in secret, it often occurs with others nearby, even if those others are asleep or in another part of a building.

Research, court records, incarcerated sexual offender files and clinical experience with both sexual offenders and victims have collectively indicated that children have been sexually abused in virtually any environmental situation, often with others close by but not witness to the offending.

In some cases, normalising of the abuse and/or the child's fear of the offender ensures lack of detection by others who may be in the vicinity.

■ The jury involved in the trial in Gisborne District Court this week returned guilty verdicts for all six charges faced by the accused.

'Bringing cops in to help contact trace a bad look'

Pacific health leaders not happy with police involvement in Covid contact tracing

by Rowan Quinn,
Radio New Zealand

AUCKLAND — Pacific health leaders say bringing the police in to help with contact tracing is a bad look and that there are better ways to bolster expertise.

Police are providing advice to the Auckland Regional Public Health Service about contact tracing the Mount Roskill Evangelical Fellowship church cluster.

However, Pasifika Medical Association chief executive Debbie Sorensen said she was surprised the police had the time and resources to be involved — and that they should not be.

The perception that the police were involved could be intimidating for the community, she said.

The Ministry of Health initially said police would help with community liaison, but was now saying there was a



Pasifika Medical Association chief executive Debbie Sorensen.
Picture supplied

single senior officer doing a one-off exercise behind the scenes.

The officer would not deal directly with the community but would provide advice on how to approach case investigations

and contact tracing, a spokesperson said.

But Ms Sorensen said even behind the scenes, it was the wrong approach.

Contact tracing was about building trust, she said.

"I would have thought that, for example, Pacific health professionals might be best at that."

Auckland councillor and former police officer Alf Filipaina said authorities had to be careful not to create the perception that people who needed to be contacted were in trouble.

He would not want to see police knocking on doors or making calls.

He did not have a particular problem with an officer offering advice in the background, saying they could have good techniques for talking to people and getting information.

But they should be Pasifika — like many of those in the

cluster — because they would know the best way to approach the community, he said.

RNZ did not get a response to a question about whether the officer was from the Pacific Island community.

Ms Sorensen said contact-tracing teams were already full of very skilled investigators with the know-how to deal specifically with an outbreak and sensitive health matters.

University of Auckland associate dean Collin Tukuitonga said he would also have preferred to have seen doctors, nurses and public health experts brought in to provide extra expertise.

Health investigating involved a different set of dynamics to police work, he said.

And there was a risk that knowing the police were involved could drive people underground, he added.

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BRIEFS

Ex-CERA employees facing fraud charges named

WELLINGTON — Two former employees of the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority (CERA) who have been facing fraud charges can now be named.

Simon Nikoloff and Gerard Gallagher, were charged with corrupt use of official information in August of last year, following an investigation by the Serious Fraud Office.

It came after a 2017 report by the State Services Commission alleging that the two had a clear conflict of interest when arranging property deals through their own company.

Nikoloff and Gallagher appeared at the High Court in Christchurch this morning, and denied any wrongdoing.

They were set to reappear in court next month. — RNZ

Inquiry after person shot

PALMERSTON NORTH — Police have launched an investigation after a person was shot in the stomach in Palmerston North last Sunday.

The person was shot following "an altercation" between two groups of people on Brentwood Avenue, police said.

Both groups arrived in vehicles shortly before the confrontation at about 4.30pm.

"This happened in broad daylight and we know there were a number of people travelling through the Brentwood, Farnham and Croyden Avenue areas at the time," acting Detective Senior Sergeant Dave Thompson said.

"We believe some members of the public pulled their vehicles over and might have witnessed this incident."

Detective Senior Sergeant Thompson said people fled Brentwood Avenue at high speed, overtook vehicles and drove dangerously.

"I acknowledge this event has been unsettling for the local Highbury community," he said.

"I want to reassure you all that while firearms events always present an unacceptable risk, I do not believe there is an ongoing risk to the general public."

"The investigation team is working to identify those involved and needs the community's help to solve this investigation."

He added the victim was reportedly in a critical but stable condition in Auckland Hospital.

Any witnesses to the incident were urged to contact Manawatu Police on 105 and quote file number 200907/3904 if they had any information.

Alternatively, anyone who wanted to provide information anonymously could do so via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

— RNZ

Covid scepticism a 'failing of intellect': Goff

AUCKLAND — Auckland Mayor Phil Goff says people in the city are, by and large, following the rules and prosecution should not be ruled out for those who break them or spread misinformation.

Cabinet will meet on Monday to review Covid-19 alert levels in Auckland and the rest of the country.

By then, New Zealand's largest city would have operated for two weeks at Level 2.5 and it would have been over a month since restrictions were reintroduced to curtail community transmission.

The prospect of a lower level in Auckland might have been damaged by ongoing issues trying to contain the Mt Roskill sub-cluster.

Goff said they should only move to Level 2 properly if it was safe to do so. He said the move down from Level 3 was more important to

Auckland than the next step.

"The big change for us was getting out of Level 3. It was hugely welcomed and people have responded pretty responsibly to it.

"That opened up a whole range of businesses and brought back a lot of normality."

He said he was impressed to see Aucklanders take up mask wearing, not just on public transport, but also in public spaces such as supermarkets.

Goff said it was a worry that misinformation was spreading but, by and large, people were "doing the right thing".

"It is really obnoxious that people can spread misinformation — inaccurate information and/or lies — that can damage people's wellbeing and health through social media.

"There are fringe groups in any society — we've just got to make



Auckland Mayor Phil Goff

sure they remain fringe groups."

Goff said it was disappointing that members of the Mt Roskill church had been sceptical about

Covid-19 and had held a meeting while Level 3 restrictions were in place.

He said prosecution was at the end of the line, but should not be ruled out for people who knowingly broke the rules or spread misinformation.

"The huge responsibility is the leader of fringe political parties going out and organising rallies and telling people there is nothing to worry about."

"That is what the president of the US was saying too, so it's not limited to a fringe group in NZ."

Goff said it was not a failing of the Government or health authorities to reach people who were sceptical, it was a failing of their own intellect.

"Anyone who goes out and says there is no such thing as Covid is just denying reality." — RNZ

Mt Roskill MP calls on trolls to stop online abuse aimed at church

AUCKLAND — Mt Roskill's MP is calling on internet trolls to stop writing nasty comments on social media about the church that has been embroiled in the most recent Covid controversy.

Forty-five community cases of Covid-19 have now been linked to the Mt Roskill Evangelical Fellowship church — making the so-called 'sub-cluster' one of New Zealand's largest clusters overall.

It has emerged in recent days that not only did police have to break up a prayer meeting at the church during Auckland's second Level 3 lockdown, but that some members of the church had been sceptical of the seriousness of the virus and reluctant to follow testing and contact-tracing protocol.

Someone from the church had also visited a bereavement event, unaware that they had the virus and were spreading it. The national spotlight on the church has led to abuse towards the congregation on social media.

The local MP, Labour's Michael Wood, told Newshub that the comments were uncalled for.

"It is true that there has been some of that kind of behaviour where some people have reacted to what is going on or what they think is going on," he said.

"We have had some pretty aggressive social

media commentary. We have had a case of a church with a similar name — but a different church — getting very angry messages on its answerphone . . . none of that actually helps us with the public health problem."

Instead, Wood said that Kiwis could support the community by making sure they followed the alert level requirements — which in Auckland included limiting gatherings to 10 people — and by sharing credible information.

Enforcement might also be an option if necessary, and police told Newshub yesterday that church leaders had been warned that any further gatherings in breach of the rules "could result in prosecution".

Wood said we needed to stop the blame game. "By blaming and getting angry at other people, that might feel good in the moment, but it doesn't actually help us with the issue in hand."

Wood's comments were echoed by Labour minister David Parker, who stressed that the "enemy" is the virus, not the people.

"At times, some people have listened a bit too much to the conspiracy theories about compulsory vaccines or that it's not a serious disease. That's why the message was given to them because everyone has got to co-operate,"

he told The AM Show.

The National Party's Simon Bridges agreed.

"People need to follow the rules. It was one person, actually, who has been at a family bereavement and spread the virus quite widely. That's regrettable, but we don't want to get into blaming."

There had been some suggestion that the church should not have been specifically named, but Wood pushed back on that, praising the Ministry of Health's communication.

"It has been important, right throughout the way in which we have dealt with the pandemic, that the information has been out in the open."

"I think it was appropriate that the particular location was named. That enabled people who were around that community to get the information and to know they then needed to go and get tested."

"It was also important, in this particular case, that we could address the fact that there are a small number of people on the fringes of our society who are giving out inaccurate information, who are suggesting that maybe the virus isn't real and that people do not need to get tested."

By addressing the issue in a "proactive way", Wood said officials could emphasise how

serious Covid was and get key messages out to the public.

Anyone directly associated with the church has been asked to get retested for the virus. As of 8am yesterday, laboratories had registered new tests for 64 percent of the congregation.

An additional testing station was also set up at the Mt Roskill War Memorial.

The Ministry of Health said the sub-cluster growing around the bereavement gathering "has come about as a result of a contact of a case having close contact with other people".

"This underscores the importance of close contacts following the public health advice they're given, which includes strict self-isolation even if they don't have symptoms, and even if they have returned a negative test."

Wood said people from across Auckland attended the Mt Roskill church. He said it was a difficult time for the entire community.

"It has been unsettling, it has been worrying for those people, and certainly, unsettling and worrying for people more generally in the community. While it is not a Mt Roskill specific issue, the fact that the church is there with the name of Mt Roskill and it is in the media everyday, does create a little bit of anxiety in the community." — Newshub.

Four new Covid-19 cases

Two linked to Auckland August cluster, two imported

AUCKLAND — There were four new cases of Covid-19 in New Zealand yesterday, two linked to the Auckland August cluster and two imported.

Two of the four new cases are people from the Auckland community who are linked to the already-identified cases in a sub-cluster of people who visited a family who were grieving a dead relative. The sub-cluster is linked to the Mt Roskill Evangelical Fellowship church group.

The other two cases are people who are in managed isolation after arriving from India: a man in his 30s and a woman in her 50s, who flew into Christchurch on August 27 and are both in quarantine. Both tested positive for the virus on their 12th day in isolation.

Health Minister Chris Hipkins said it “would be wrong” to stop people with legitimate rights returning to New Zealand from India just because of the country they are in — he was answering a question on whether the Government had considered banning flights from India, given that dozens of recent imported cases had come from there.

There were now 120 active cases (39 imported cases, and 81 community cases), and three people in hospital with Covid — two in ICU at North Shore and Waikato hospitals.

There were 72 people at the Auckland quarantine facility, including 56 people who had tested positive for Covid-19 and their household contacts.

Yesterday’s new cases brought New Zealand’s total confirmed number of Covid cases to 1441.

Contact-tracing teams had identified 3372 close contacts of known cases, and 3354 of them had been contacted and were self-isolating. Tracing team staff were continuing to contact the remaining 18 people.

At yesterday afternoon’s media conference, Hipkins who is also the education minister, urged parents to send their children back to school so that they could get back to learning. He said it was safe for children to return.

When asked how long the cluster and sub-clusters in Auckland would push back the move to Alert Level 1, Hipkins said: “We are more likely to see new cases out of this sub-cluster, but it would appear that we



CHURCH AT THE CENTRE OF A STORM: The Mt Roskill Evangelical Fellowship church in Auckland has been under fire after Health Minister Chris Hipkins said on Wednesday that some people in its cluster did ‘not accept or haven’t previously accepted the science involved here’. Hipkins, however, has since said that the Government was not considering taking punitive action against members of the church cluster, even though they had possibly flouted rules or refused to pass on information. However, he also said that punitive options could be considered in future for recidivist misinformation spreaders. RNZ picture by Claire Eastham-Farrelly

have managed to get on to it early, which means, at this point, we are not seeing any other cases popping up associated with the sub-cluster that are not already identified contacts.

“When we look at the alert levels and changes to the alert levels, the questions we always ask are: ‘are all the new cases popping up connected, are they people who are known contacts and are they in isolation?’ And, thus far, with this sub-cluster, it is looking quite promising.”

He said a decision on whether New Zealand would move to Alert Level 1 after September 16 would be made next week.

The ministry was still urging anyone who was part of the Mt Roskill Evangelical Fellowship group to self-isolate and to be retested for the virus by today.

“As far as we can tell, they were unaware they had been infected and that they were incubating and spreading the virus at the time. This underscores the importance of close contacts following the public health advice they have been given, which includes strict self-isolation — even if they don’t have symptoms and even if they have returned a negative test,” the ministry said in a

statement.

“We are aware that church leaders are actively encouraging all members of the congregation to retest and to comply with other public health advice.

As a result of this co-operation, by 8am yesterday, laboratories had registered new tests for 64 percent of the congregation (213 of the 332 people). Officials know of 101 close contacts to the sub-cluster and were making daily calls to them to check if they have any symptoms.

“Teams engaged in these checks are reporting a high degree of compliance.”

An extra testing site had been set up at the Mt Roskill War Memorial, and two testing facilities had been dedicated to people connected to St Dominic’s Catholic College, but there was good testing coverage widely available in Auckland, the ministry said.

By 11am yesterday, 561 tests had also been carried out in people connected to St Dominic’s Catholic College, which were being prioritised at laboratories. The ministry said most of these people would be casual contacts, and did not have to self-isolate if they did not have any Covid-19

symptoms.

A deep clean of St Dominic’s had been completed and all staff and students were being tested.

Laboratories processed 7950 tests on Wednesday — bringing the total number of tests completed to date to 839,467.

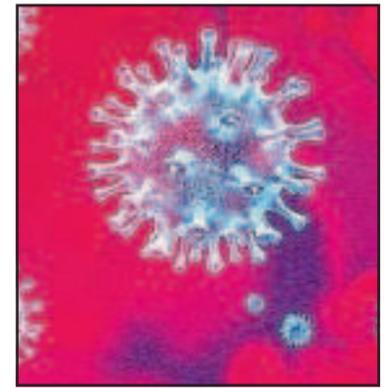
Hipkins said the Government was not considering taking punitive action against members of the Mt Roskill Evangelical Fellowship church cluster who had possibly flouted rules or refused to pass on information.

“The last thing I would want is people sitting there thinking ‘goodness me, I’m in a bit of trouble here, I’m going to stop talking and I’m going to stop sharing information because I don’t want to get into more trouble’.

“The reality is, the virus is the problem — not the people. The people are the answer.”

However, for recidivist misinformation spreaders, Hipkins said he might consider punitive options if this sort of thing continued and became a bigger problem.

On misinformation and how to break through to people who believe Covid-19 is not as bad as medical experts say it is, Hipkins said: “I think we



do need to accept the science, to watch the TV news and to look at what is happening internationally and at the countries where Covid has gotten out of control and where deaths are a daily occurrence.

“We are very fortunate in New Zealand that because of the collective efforts that we have taken, we are not seeing that here.

“What that means though is some people are becoming more sceptical as time goes on. The reality is though, if you just look at what’s happening internationally, you can see that this is very, very real — the virus is very, very deadly, and there is no vaccine for it so people can’t protect themselves from it. The best protection that we all have is through our collective efforts to give the virus nowhere to go.”

On whether the Government had been in discussions with New Zealand Rugby about possibly hosting the Rugby Championship, Hipkins would not comment on where they were in that process, but he said there had been “some very good discussions” around it.

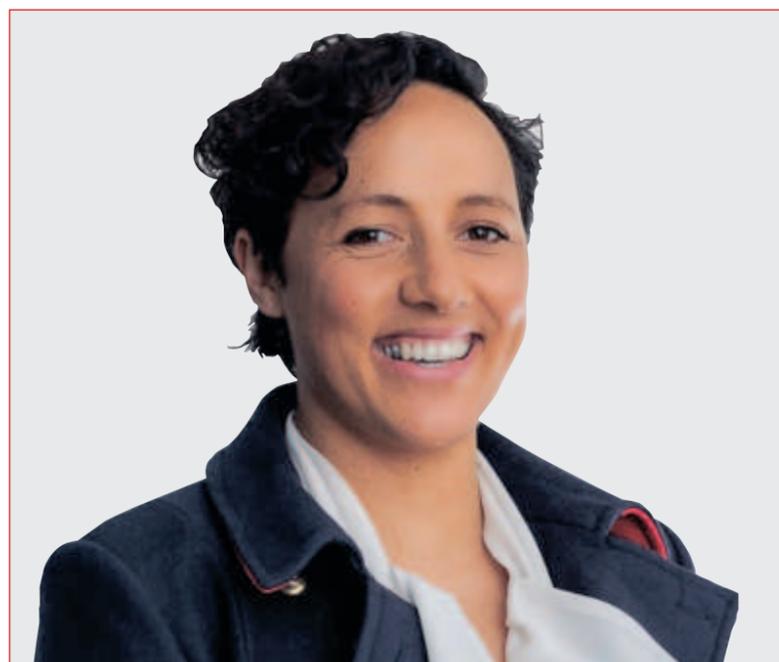
“In any such arrangements, are the quarantine (facilities) sufficiently robust that they are meeting at least as good a standard as our current managed isolation and quarantine facilities? That’s the capacity in which I get consulted on as minister of health and, ultimately, I will be one of the ministers who has to sign off on any final arrangement before the go button is pressed on that.”

On Wednesday, the Ministry of Health confirmed six new cases of Covid-19, all in the community.

More than 2.17 million people have downloaded the NZ Covid Tracer app and there have been more than 49.7m poster scans.

■ If you have symptoms of the coronavirus, call the NZ Covid-19 Healthline on 0800 358 5453 (+64 9 358 5453 for international SIMs) or call your GP — do not show up at a medical centre.

— RNZ



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Families may be able to take legal action: lawyer

Livestock ship crew members' families have 'pathways to claim'

by Andrew McRae, RNZ

NELSON — A maritime lawyer says families of crew members on board the livestock ship that sank in international waters south of Japan last week might be able to take legal action.

The Gulf Livestock 1 went down with a crew of 43 and nearly 6000 cattle.

Two New Zealand stock handlers, Scott Harris and Lochie Bellerby, were on board.

Nelson maritime lawyer, Peter Dawson, said the ship was insured through the P&I Club — one of the largest mutual marine indemnity organisations.

"There is provision for the payment out to crew who suffer injury or, in this case, have passed away.

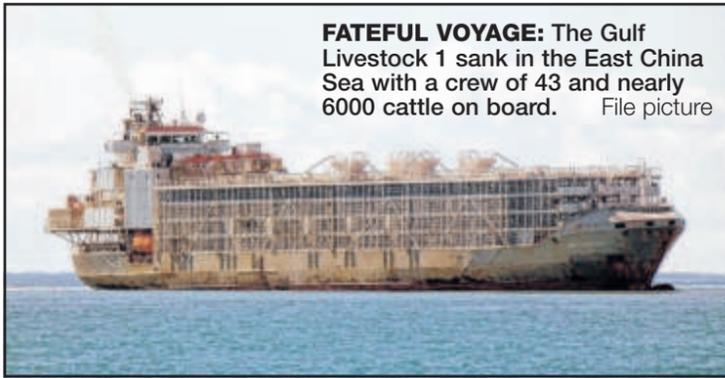
"So — yes — there are pathways to claim," said Mr Dawson.

It would first need to be established whether the shipping company or the stock exporter employed the crew members working with the stock.

Any investigation into the sinking of the ship in the East China Sea would be carried out by Panama — the country where the Jordanian-owned ship was registered.

The Panama Maritime Authority would look at what went wrong and why, Mr Dawson said.

"Its maintenance history, its maintenance records, whether there



FATEFUL VOYAGE: The Gulf Livestock 1 sank in the East China Sea with a crew of 43 and nearly 6000 cattle on board. File picture

were issues with the main engine to start with before she (the ship) commenced the trip. All of that will come into view when they do their investigation and, at some point, they will produce a report as to what, in their view, was the cause of the loss."

Mr Dawson said because Panama had a lot of ships sailing under its flag, it had experience in investigating accidents.

"Just how good or bad they are, I can't really comment."

Maritime New Zealand (MNZ) confirmed the investigation was the responsibility of Panama.

"As the search and rescue operation has now been suspended, we expect the focus of efforts will move to understanding the causes of the incident. Under international conventions, the Flag State for the vessel involved (the place where the

ship is registered) — in this case, Panama — has a responsibility to investigate the incident in accordance with established international procedures (known as the Casualty Code)."

MNZ said New Zealand had a strong interest in this incident, and it had contacted Panamanian authorities to express its interest in the matter so it could provide any support that might be required.

The vessel, which is a converted container ship, was built in 2002.

Mr Dawson described the vessel as being in-class, which meant survey and maintenance was regulated by international class societies, which oversaw the safety and condition of vessels.

He said in the case of the Gulf Livestock 1, it was a French company called Bureau Veritas.

Mr Dawson said, on some recent trips, the Gulf Livestock 1 had had some deficiencies recorded against it. "One was regarding a satellite-based mapping system and one was around voyage planning, which suggests to me the skipper of the vessel hadn't been filing voyage plans properly before arriving in Australia."

Mr Dawson said, going back further, there were deficiencies recorded in Indonesia around emergency systems, propulsion systems around the main engine in particular, and passage planning.

"It seems to me, under the current owners, the vessel has come to the attention of authorities before its arrival in New Zealand."

He was also surprised the ship continued on its voyage knowing a typhoon was heading its way. "It seems odd to me that the skipper persisted in the track that he took."

But Mr Dawson also said ship captains were under significant pressure to meet deadlines. "I am guessing this particular captain had additional pressures to keep the stock fed and watered and in good condition, and I wouldn't be surprised if that was why he persisted with going through the storm."

Mr Dawson said looking at the tracking of the ship overlaid with the prevailing weather at the time would mean the vessel would roll alarmingly.

Mining company overcomes effort to block its plans for waste dump

by Rachel Thomas, RNZ

WAIHI — A mining company has overcome an environmental group's attempt to block its plan to build a waste dump at Waihi.

A High Court decision to clear the sale of 178 hectares of farmland to OceanaGold marks a milestone in a controversial application to purchase the land — one that divided coalition ministers and required two attempts from the mining giant.

Environmental group, Coromandel Watchdog, was behind the attempt to block the application and its chairperson, Catherine Delahunty, says the battle is not over.

"Given the weakness of the Government on mining, we are the frontline. We are incredibly disappointed that we have had to spend our volunteers' effort and money to go to the High Court unsuccessfully, but we will keep fighting this — we have to."

The group was still considering whether it would appeal the decision, but it had further plans to battle other aspects of OceanaGold's expansion plans at Waihi, Ms Delahunty said.

No one from OceanaGold was available for an interview, but in a statement, Acting General Manager Dan Calderwood stressed that the plan to build a waste tailings dam still needed resource consent.

That process included extensive technical, environmental and cultural studies beyond the initial geotechnical work already done, Mr Calderwood explained.

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DEAL OF THE WEEK

'Vote for somebody else' if you don't like our tax policy: Labour

by Dan Satherley, Newshub.

WELLINGTON — Labour MP David Parker says anyone disappointed with his party's tax policy is free to vote for someone else.

Labour on Wednesday announced that, if re-elected, it would not make big changes to the tax system — the only significant change being a new top tax rate of 39 percent on income earned over \$180,000.

The party said that would only affect 2 percent of earners but it would raise \$550 million a year, which would help to keep a lid on debt while continuing to battle the raging worldwide Covid pandemic.

The policy has been slammed by the Opposition, saying it would punish people for succeeding while hardly making a dent in Government debt, which is at a record high thanks to the pandemic.

"It doesn't raise much money," National MP Simon Bridges told The AM Show today.

"It doesn't hit the truly wealthy, because the corporate and trust rates are much lower, so they'll be able to play around with that. I strongly dislike it and it's simply for this reason — it sends a signal to young New Zealanders that if you go to varsity, if you do well, if you're going out there earning good money in due course, that we (society) don't value that."

Statistics NZ figures show there were 49,130 Kiwis who earned more than \$180,000 in the 2019 calendar year. They brought in about \$13.8 billion between them — an average of about \$280,000.

A person on that amount would be paying an extra \$115 a week in tax — out of a weekly gross pay of \$5384.

The median income is about \$52,800 a year — \$1016 a week.

"I think \$180,000 is a high income in New Zealand," said Parker, who appeared with Bridges on The AM Show.

"You're pretty well-off if you're getting \$180,000 — you're in the top two percent of income earners."

The policy has also been criticised by Labour's partners on the left, the Greens, who want more tax brackets and wealth taxes.

Co-leader James Shaw said Labour's plan fails to address "the growing wealth gap and inequality in Aotearoa" and would not be near enough to help pay for the Covid response and recovery.

"If you're in the top six percent and can't afford being taxed slightly more, then try to not eat avocado on toast — instead try growing a veggie garden and budgeting," Green candidate Luke Wijiho posted on Twitter, mocking advice commonly given to the poor by wealthier people.

He pointed out New Zealand's top tax rates under both the Greens' plan and Labour's plan would remain "lower than most of the 'developed' world".

Finance Minister Grant Robertson said Labour would not entertain the Greens' tax policy even if they were needed to form a coalition after the election, while Shaw said he would walk away from negotiations if Labour did not consider it.

"We're clear — if you don't like our tax policy, vote for someone else," said Parker.

National has promised to index tax brackets to inflation. They have not changed since 2010, meaning Kiwis are paying a higher effective tax rate now than they were 10 years ago, thanks to rising wages.

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Poverty in NZ requires same urgency as the pandemic

WELLINGTON — A delivery of fresh vegetables and fruit has just arrived at Wellington City Mission's Newtown depot — mountains of apples, oranges, carrots and broccoli — enough to feed hundreds of people over the next few days.

A volunteer busily trimming broccoli explains it will all go in the chiller, ready for other volunteers to make up into food parcels during the week. He has also just picked up a van-load of bread and other baked goods from the New World supermarket across the road.

"The supermarkets are really good to us. It's all about community, isn't it? Supporting each other."

Wellington City Missioner Murray Edridge — former deputy chief executive at the Ministry of Social Development — said Covid had exposed gaping inequalities that already existed.

Demand for food parcels has increased 500 percent since the pandemic began.

"We're seeing people we've never seen before — people who have lost their jobs, lost hours, lost their income," Mr Edridge said.

"We see people every day who don't have enough food for their families. Is that a food issue? No, it's a household income issue, it's a housing issue because, particularly in Wellington, housing is unaffordable."

Wellington City Mission expects that demand for services to increase over the next year as more people find themselves out of work.

The state should treat poverty with the same urgency as the pandemic, Mr Edridge said.

"During the early stages of the pandemic, the Government was awesome — what we saw was courage and bravery and a preparedness to do things under a state of emergency. Now that we are back under some kind of 'normality', the bureaucracy is reclaiming its space."

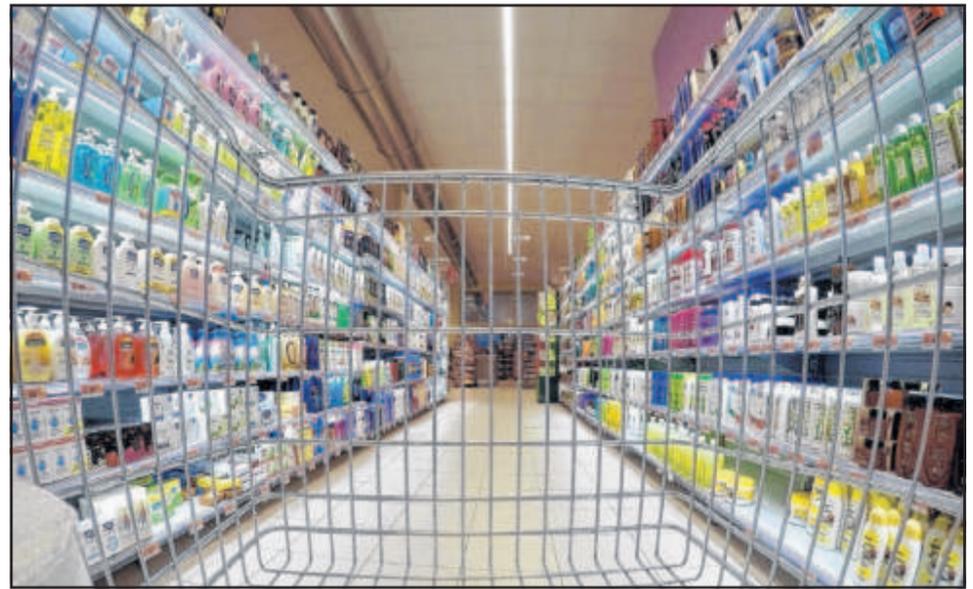
The Government needed to target funding to support initiatives around housing and food distribution, Mr Edridge said.

Wellington City Mission had applied for funding under the Government's shovel-ready project fund for its ambitious rebuild, which was already consented.

Whakamaru would include 35 supported-living apartments for people who had endured chronic homelessness, a 120-seat cafe offering healthy and affordable meals, a social supermarket, a commercial laundry with free services for people on the street, and office space for staff and volunteers.

Mission staff met with contractors this week, and Mr Edridge said it was hoped the new facility could be up and running by mid-2022.

— RNZ



Consumer NZ complains to the Commerce Commission over supermarket discounts

by Vita Molyneux, Newshub.

WELLINGTON — Consumer New Zealand is asking the Commerce Commission to investigate whether supermarket promotions are breaking the law.

Consumer NZ chief executive Jon Duffy says sometimes deals in Kiwi supermarkets are too good to be true.

"Some of this discounting could be misleading," he told The AM Show.

"Especially when products are left on special for extraordinarily long amounts of time and they never really return to the price they're supposed to be discounted from."

Mr Duffy said he had laid a complaint with the Commerce Commission to investigate whether this practice breached the Fair Trading Act.

"It's quite hard to tell to be honest."

His other concern was loyalty cards —

since New World rolled out its Clubcard in 2016, checkout staff had been able to swipe a card if a customer did not have their own.

However, staff were no longer allowed to do this.

"I was caught out by this myself recently," Mr Duffy said.

"New World has claimed they put out a lot of information about this change, but if they only put out the information to people with the cards, then a lot of people are missing out on the deals they thought they were entitled to."

While customers could just sign up for a card, Mr Duffy said that also meant they had to sign up to share personal data with the supermarket and third parties.

"Requiring customers to sign up for a Clubcard, to get deals that checkout staff used to just give them anyway, sounds to us a little bit like a data grab."

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Private Green School principal resigns

NEW PLYMOUTH — The principal of the privately-run Taranaki Green School, which became embroiled in controversy after receiving an almost \$12 million government grant, has resigned only months into the job.

Since then, Green Party co-leader James Shaw has said the grant would now likely be a loan rather than grant.

In a statement, the school said Stuart MacAlpine had been headhunted by a “prestigious” — but unnamed — global foundation and would leave at the end of the year.

MacAlpine said although the goodbye was premature, he felt fortunate to have spent time at the school and worked alongside its founders, Mike and Rachel Perrett.

“I know the school will flourish in ways we cannot yet imagine with their leadership.

“I am profoundly grateful to them and chief executive Chris Edwards, who has been a mentor, friend and guide in my time here. I know we will be lifelong friends.”

Edwards said the poaching of MacAlpine was an affirmation of the quality of the school’s

educational leadership team

“Stuart is considered to be one of the top educators and curriculum developers in the world and his curriculum work at Green School has been truly exceptional,” Edwards said.

“It has been an honour to have him with us to set the foundation of Green School for our first year and really does validate the strength of the learning programme we now have in place.”

MacAlpine would continue to be involved in the development of the school’s curriculum after his departure, Edwards said. — RNZ

Police investigating possible corruption at Rimutaka Prison

by Charlotte Cook, RNZ

WELLINGTON — The Corrections Association says the police have been investigating possible corruption at Rimutaka Prison for the past eight weeks.

In early August police confirmed to RNZ there was an ongoing investigation into what it said were “matters” at the prison.

RNZ understands the investigation relates to gang members, money laundering and inmates paying Corrections staff.

Police said the investigation, being run by the National Organised Crime Group had been running since July, prompted by information gathered in an earlier police operation.

Corrections Association president Alan Whitley said more than 70 officers had been involved in the investigation.

“All we have heard is that the investigation is into possible corruption,” he said.

“We’ve been aware that the police have been doing an investigation there for quite some time.

“We don’t know all the details of it, but it’s been running for probably six to eight weeks now.”

He said not everyone who had been interviewed as part of the investigation would be suspects but could be witnesses or just gathering information.

Whitley said if there had been any criminal activity, they would expect to see charges soon.

The investigation is a good thing, he said.

Detective Inspector Stuart Mills, the investigations manager with the National Organised Crime Group, said the vast majority of the staff who had been interviewed had been co-operative.

“The investigation remains ongoing, and no charges have been laid at this stage.”

Mills said for operational reasons the police were unable to confirm the nature of the investigation.

Minister of Corrections Kelvin Davis said the inquiries relate to alleged offending that began some years ago.

“I expect that Corrections staff conduct themselves with the utmost professionalism and integrity.

“There is no tolerance for conduct that undermines the integrity of the prison system,” Davis said.

A report from 2017 found Corrections staff at Rimutaka were overly familiar with inmates and did not show enough discipline with them.

The Department of Corrections said staff from Rimutaka prison were assisting police with inquiries under way at the site.

In a statement the department said it welcomed the inquiries being undertaken by police.

“The overwhelming majority of our people act with integrity, honesty and professionalism, and those who don’t place their colleagues’ safety at risk, damage trust in their profession and undermine the integrity of the prison system.

“They inevitably get found out, and held to account for their actions.”

Landlords advised to boot ‘problem tenants’

DUNEDIN — Otago landlords with unruly tenants are being told to give them the boot before a law change makes that even harder to do.

But the group representing tenants’ rights said the move was “highly unethical”.

Limitations to terminating a rental were among new changes to tenancy rules that come into effect next February.

Landlords would need firm evidence, such as video of several anti-social events before going to the Tenancy Tribunal.

Otago Property Investors’ Association president Kathryn Seque told Midday Report responsible tenants considerate of their neighbours need not be concerned.

“Keep the good tenants, keep the good relationships — especially while we’re going through everything with Covid.”

Seque said now might be the time for landlords to move along tenants with the potential to cause major hassles when the new laws come into effect.

She said “problem tenants” would know who they were, as they were likely to have received several warnings already.

“It’s a good idea for landlords to move on those tenants who yell, throw bottles and play loud music at 2am on a Tuesday, and all of those things that do happen, unfortunately quite often.

“They’re the ones likely to get eviction notices, and rightly so. We’re not in a world where you can just do whatever you like.”

Seque said while landlords planning to evict tenants will need more detailed evidence in the future, it was not yet clear what form the evidence would need to be.

“I would think you’d have to witness the behaviour yourself. That means a landlord might have to go over to a property at 2.30 in the morning to hear



UNRULY RESIDENTS: Otago landlords have been urged to evict problem tenants before a law change comes into effect in February. Picture supplied

the loud music, and record it.”

She said neighbours threatened by bad behaviour were unlikely to want to put their name to any evidence that pointed to them as the reason a tenant was being given notice.

“In my mind it’s definitely going to have to be a video recording of some sort, but tenants will also be able to take the landlord to the tribunal to dispute it.”

Renters United spokesperson Anna Mooney said the call to move tenants early could lead to some being evicted unfairly. She said it showed how urgently the new laws were needed.

“We would be hoping that landlords weren’t going to use the opportunity to

evict tenants for other reasons.

“Under the new law, landlords are still going to be able to evict tenants who exhibit anti-social behaviour, but they’re going to need to give evidence and go through a fair process.”

Mooney said the group knew from experience that evictions happened for a number of reasons, and most of the time it was not because of anti-social behaviour.

“At this point in time landlords are able to evict tenants as a retaliation if they want to get new tenants in.

“We think this new law is just going to make things a lot fairer for tenants.” — RNZ



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NZ properties remain frozen as Crafar saga heads for retrial

WHANGANUI — Several Kiwi properties and other assets linked to the Crafar Farms scandal will remain frozen for at least another year as those accused of the conspiracy await a retrial.

The Serious Fraud Office (SFO) may also be on the hook for significant costs if the case ends in acquittals after a joint evidence gathering exercise with Hong Kong's Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) led to the criminal charges.

After a lengthy trial, May Wang, Jack Chen and Eric Yee were all convicted in 2016 of two charges of conspiracy to defraud the Hong Kong stock exchange and the listed company Natural Dairy Holdings Ltd and its shareholders.

The alleged fraud was over the sale of 22 North Island farms belonging to Crafar, once thought to be NZ's largest family-owned dairy business, which collapsed when milk prices plummeted in 2009.

Chen, aka Chen Keen, a former director of Natural Dairy, was also convicted of money

laundering and sentenced to seven years and nine months in prison. Wang, aka May Hao, was jailed for eight years and three months, while Yee, aka Yee Wenjye, a Singaporean national and New Zealand resident, was imprisoned for five years.

All three were disqualified from managing companies for 10 years.

The trio's first appeal was dismissed before a determinative bid was mounted last year at the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal.

In a turn of events, however, the top court found the convictions were unsound and there was a risk the jurors may have convicted the group without agreeing upon who was part of the conspiracy.

The judges said the jury had not arrived at a valid verdict and the prosecution may not have proven their alleged criminal agreement beyond reasonable doubt. "This is fatal to the convictions of all three appellants," the court ruled.

It allowed the appeals on the grounds of latent duplicity, quashed the trio's convictions and

ordered a retrial, Hong Kong court documents obtained by The New Zealand Herald show.

In a judgement from the same court in January, it was also ordered that the costs of the preliminary inquiry, which included an evidence gathering exercise in New Zealand by the SFO, will form part of the costs of the retrial.

In a statement to the Herald, the SFO said: "We note the decision of the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal and will await any further request from the Hong Kong authorities for assistance in relation to the retrials."

Meanwhile, a foreign restraining order by the High Court of Hong Kong, first registered in New Zealand in September 2013, was due to expire last Wednesday.

It had frozen several multimillion-dollar properties and North Island farms, shares, and bank accounts belonging to Wang, Chen and his wife, former Natural Dairy executive Ye Fang.

Before it expired, however, the Crown applied for a one-year extension of the order, which has

already been extended several times during the past decade.

Chen and Fang also sought a variation to allow for some of the frozen money to be used to pay Auckland Council rates and other charges relating to other restrained property.

Justice Neil Campbell allowed the money to be transferred directly from the bank accounts to Auckland Council, court documents obtained by the Herald show. He extended the restraining order until September 2 next year.

Sixteen of the farms were eventually bought in 2012 by China's Shanghai Pengxin for a sum thought to be about \$200m.

After the SFO's joint investigation with the ICAC, Wang and Chen were arrested and charged in Hong Kong in late 2011. Yee was charged in early 2012. The ICAC alleged the group conspired by dishonestly inducing Natural Dairy to buy the Crafar farms at an inflated price.

Natural Dairy has said it is also pursuing civil proceedings in Hong Kong. — NZ Herald

'Economically desperate' Tourism hotspots urge govt to relax distancing rules

by Grant Bradley and Kim Moodie, NZ Herald

QUEENSTOWN — Desperate tourism hotspots are calling on the Government to relax physical-distancing rules on airlines as the school holidays approach.

Queenstown Lakes District mayor Jim Boulton says the region is in "an economically desperate situation" and in dire need of visitors.

He "strongly urged" the Government to reconsider airline distancing requirements, saying that left unchecked, they would have a "seriously detrimental effect" on visitor numbers during the impending school holidays.

Under the current alert level, Aucklanders are able — and keen — to travel, with large crowds at the city's domestic terminal less than 12 hours after the restrictions were relaxed last month.

With international flights grounded indefinitely, New Zealanders have been urged to instead spend their next holiday exploring Aotearoa.

"My message to Kiwis is, come and experience your own backyard and come and experience the cultural and hospitality here in Aotearoa," Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said in May.

But pricey flights due to physical-distancing restrictions are dampening Aucklanders' prospects for a weekend getaway, and Boulton is calling for a rethink on the "excessive" rules.

Under current restrictions, Air New Zealand can only sell 50 percent of seats on turbo props and 65 percent on A320 jets and has dropped many of its lead-in fares. Current physical-distancing rules will slash the number of seats available by 50,000 during the school holidays, the

airline says.

Boulton said he understood the need to protect Kiwis from Covid-19.

"However, given the requirement for masks I think the social-distancing rules on aircraft are excessive. We're in an economically desperate situation and the district needs the additional travellers that a relaxing of distancing requirements would bring. We are aware of current unsatisfied demand by would-be visitors to the district, which is frustrating given the position local businesses find themselves in."

Air New Zealand says the current physical-distancing requirements mean fewer Kiwis can hop aboard a plane for their next holiday, and those that can are paying a higher price.

"For example, if it were in place for the school holidays, there would be around 50,000 Kiwis whose holiday plans could

be disrupted," said the airlines general manager commercial and offshore regions Michael Williams.

"Once physical-distancing is removed, we're looking forward to opening up thousands of seats at lower prices."

Rival airline Jetstar has halted domestic flights altogether, after briefly reinstating 90 percent of its jet routes, until the second wave of restrictions were imposed in mid-August.

"As a low-cost carrier, Jetstar is unable to continue its operations in New Zealand whilst there is a requirement for airlines to keep the middle seat free," the airline said last month.

"The limitations on the number of customers that are allowed on board our aircraft make the operations of our flights unviable."

Epidemiologists Professor Michael

Baker and Associate Professor Nick Wilson agree that mask use should suffice for safe flying.

"Masks on planes are probably far more important than the empty seat between people and it is a reasonable trade-off to allow for airlines to work more efficiently," said Wilson.

Tourism Industry Aotearoa is also lobbying to have the restrictions relaxed, as chief executive Chris Roberts warns the holidays could be a lost opportunity for the struggling tourism industry.

"People want to make their arrangements for the school holidays now. NZ might be back in Alert Level 1 in time for the holidays, but that will be too late for many families to make plans," he said.

"As we saw in the July school holidays, there is strong enthusiasm from Kiwis to explore their country and visit friends and family. However, many people's travel plans may be thwarted by the current physical-distancing requirements on aircraft," he said.

"If social-distancing remains in place, there just won't be enough seats to meet demand during the school holidays. If people can't fly, other businesses from accommodation providers to visitor attractions and restaurants also miss out."

But Baker and Wilson warned that Auckland's growing numbers of Covid-19 could diminish an already small window of travel opportunities.

As part of a revised alert level system, travel should be banned out of any region where there is a designated outbreak (such as Auckland now) under Alert Level 2.5 and interisland travel from an outbreak area under Alert Level 2, they said.

Baker said their proposal was a mixed bag for travel. "All of NZ outside Auckland could potentially move to a new Alert Level 1.5 with fewer restrictions if people were not allowed out of Auckland while we have transmission there."

Pricey flights due to physical-distancing restrictions are dampening Aucklanders' prospects for a weekend getaway.

Kiwis withdraw \$766m from Bonus Bonds

AUCKLAND — Around 60,000 Kiwis have withdrawn a total of \$766 million from Bonus Bonds since August 26 when ANZ announced it would stop taking new investments and wind up the scheme.

The average amount taken out so far is \$12,767, but the vast majority of bondholders remain in the scheme, which is to begin winding up from the end of October.

There were 1.2m bondholders with \$3.2 billion in Bonus Bonds when the bank declared it would end the investment product set up by the Government in 1970.

ANZ is winding up the scheme because low interest rates had reduced the scheme's investment returns, affecting the size of its prize pool. It has also come under fire in recent years for its high levels of fees compared to payouts for investors.

Instead of getting interest, savers went into a monthly draw to win a prize of up to \$1m.

Bondholders who stick with the scheme for now remain in the September and October draws to win \$1m.

An ANZ spokesman said there had been a strong initial response to redeeming Bonus Bonds after the announcement but demand had since eased.

He said the ANZ Investment Services Board intended to begin winding up the scheme no later than October 31, although that may be brought forward if redemptions exceeded the cash available to repay redemptions.

"If bondholders don't want to be part of the wind-up they need to redeem before this happens."

He said at this stage the bank was in a strong position to pay redemptions and all redemptions made before the scheme moved to wind up would be paid out. The bank has said the wind-up could take up to a year.

Advisers are seeing a wave of queries from Bonus Bond holders trying to figure out where to reinvest their savings. — NZ Herald

SHAREMARKET YESTERDAY

WEILLINGTON — The New Zealand sharemarket rebounded as expected after a good day on Wall Street, but there's still a great deal of investor uncertainty over the direction of indices, both here and overseas.

With the leading United States indices picking up more than half of their lost gains from the day before, the S&P/NZX 50 Index gained 0.62 percent to 11,811.78. But the index fluctuated between a low of 11,745.89 and high of 11,884.31 during the day's volatile trading.

There were 84 gainers and 55 decliners over the whole market and a solid 73.8 million shares worth \$194.76 million changed hands.

Mark Lister, head of private wealth research at Craigs Investment Partners, said the Dow Jones Industrial's 400-point rise and that positive sentiment was always going to flow through to

this part of the world.

"The New Zealand and Australian markets were up more strongly but as the day progressed they came off the boil. With the reporting season over, the New Zealand market doesn't have much to latch onto and there's a general feeling that the Wall Street volatility is not over."

ANZ economists predicted the second quarter GDP would fall sharply by 12 percent based on the latest Stats NZ supplementary data, and per capital GDP will be cast back to levels that prevailed in 2005. However, "now we are in the final month of quarter three, that's likely to bring the sharpest quarterly economic expansion we'll ever see."

Strong movers were Napier Port gained 14c or 4.01 percent to \$3.63; Restaurant Brands

recovered 25c or 2.13 percent to \$12; Ryman Healthcare rose 38c or 2.85 percent to \$13.70; Goodman Property Trust increased 8c or 3.54 percent to \$2.34; and Auckland International Airport climbed 10c to \$7.11.

Pushpay Holdings was down 19c or 2.52 percent to \$7.35 and Mainfreight slipped 20c to \$47.70.

Sky Network Television was savaged after reporting a full-year net loss of \$156.97m, although it was an improvement on the \$607.8m loss in the previous year. The latest result included a goodwill impairment of \$177.5m.

Sky TV's revenue fell 6 percent from \$795m to \$747.64m and subscribers totalled 990,000, above expectations, with streaming customers rising 153 percent to 404,000.

It is not paying a final dividend, and Sky TV's share price fell 1.8c or 10.84 percent to 14.8c after reaching 16.6c the day before. Jarden kept the pay-TV provider at neutral but raised its

price target.

Fishing company Sanford fell 15c or 2.52 percent to \$5.80 after it was announced chief executive Volker Kuntzsch was stepping down on September 18.

New Zealand Media and Entertainment (NZME) was the day's biggest mover, increasing 4c or 10 percent to 44c after Californian private equity fund Osmium Partners said it had taken an 8.8 percent stake.

In the United States, the Dow Jones rose 1.6 percent to 27,940.47 points, the S&P 500 climbed 2.01 percent to 3398.96 and the technology-driven Nasdaq went up 2.71 percent to 11,141.56 after falling 4.11 percent the previous day.

Apple recovered 3.99 percent to US\$117.32 (\$175.41), Microsoft was up 4.26 percent to US\$211.29, Amazon gained 3.77 percent to US\$3268.61 and Tesla cut its loss by half after rising 10.92 percent to US\$366.28 following the 21 percent drop the day before. — NZ Herald

EDITORIAL

Tax policy proposal a tightrope walk

Labour's proposed new tax rates are the most dramatic development of the election campaign so far and cut straight to the issue of how the country can recover from the economic recession caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Finance Minister Grant Robertson says Labour wants to increase the tax rates on income over \$180,000 to 39 percent. This would affect only two percent of New Zealanders and cost someone earning \$200,000 just \$25 a week.

Getting the new tax rate across the line would be a real challenge — Labour would probably need to have an outright majority in Parliament.

Not surprisingly the strongest reaction has come from the National Party and ACT.

National's finance spokesman Paul Goldsmith says no country has ever taxed its way out of recession. The proposed tax is estimated to raise \$550 million which he says would not make a dent in the proposed deficit forecast for this year which is \$28 billion. It is typical of Labour's tax and spend mentality and he warns there is more to come.

ACT leader David Seymour described the policy as divisive populism which was aimed at a small group of New Zealanders.

Perhaps more significant are the comments of Greens co-leader James Shaw whose party is part of the coalition government. Shaw says the policy will not address the growing wealth gap and inequality. The Greens have pressed for a wealth tax and are supporters of a capital gains tax.

The Greens have proposed a wealth tax of one percent on wealth of over \$2 million which would be combined with a minimum wage.

The fact that Grant Robertson introduced the tax instead of Jacinda Ardern, who was busy campaigning elsewhere in the country, is seen as indicating that this is his baby.

Tax is always one of the main differences between the two largest parties. The Labour government of Helen Clark introduced a maximum tax rate of 39 percent which was later reduced by the John Key-Bill English government.

The policy would probably go down well with Labour's core supporters, few of whom would not earn anything like \$180,000.

One problem, however, is that it does not address the actual wealth of people such as the value of property, shares or even art works. As a result many wealthy people would escape its reach.

The policy has however, introduced a serious issue into a campaign that up to now has consisted largely of personal barbs exchanged between the various party leaders.

Care not nullified by choice

by Ann David, Waikanae



The false dichotomy is an old but effective scaremongering tactic, now dusted off for use by the lobby opposed to the End of Life Choice Act.

Their familiar argument goes thus: We should vote No to assisted dying and instead put more resources into palliative/hospice care.

The first implication of this false dichotomy is that we cannot have both — it must be one or the other. This is simply not true.

There is absolutely no reason not to have both. In countries like Holland, Belgium and now increasingly in Canada, hospice care and assisted-dying services work as a seamless continuum, with assisted-dying doctors taking over at the patient's request when hospice care is ineffective. This cooperation of services is what most patients want.

Even in countries where palliative care declines to cooperate with assisted-dying physicians, it nevertheless continues to improve and expand.

Palliative Care Australia commissioned an arms-length investigation into the potential adverse impact on itself of assisted-dying legalisation last year. The study found that: "If anything, in jurisdictions where assisted dying

is available, the palliative care sector has further advanced."

The second implication is that all problems of end-stage suffering could be eliminated if only palliative care services were better funded, better resourced and more widely extended. It would be comforting to believe that, but sadly it is also not true.

In Oregon last year, 90 percent of patients granted an assisted death were already receiving hospice care. In Canada, 82 percent of patients were receiving hospice care. Why would these patients request a medically assisted death if palliative and hospice care could adequately address their suffering?

The limitations of palliative care are further confirmed by official reports such as those routinely compiled on behalf of Palliative Care Australia by the University of Wollongong, NSW, showing that up to six percent of its patients experience "severe" suffering in their terminal phase.

So, does the international push for the legalisation of medically assisted dying constitute a failure of palliative care? Not at all. A death with palliative care is an enormous improvement on a death without palliative care and the suffering of patients (and their families) is significantly, if not entirely, relieved by its expertise. It is a service well-deserving of better funding, better resourcing and of extension.

But there is a component of the human being that sits outside the sphere of influence of palliative care. It is whatever does not pertain to the purely anatomical — call it mind, personality, spirit or other. Or just call it "the person". The person comes into hospice care with a set of values.

Among these may be the most commonly cited reasons for requesting an assisted death, namely the desire to retain autonomy, physical independence, control of bodily dignity. These are difficult to hang on to if the disease causes vomiting of faeces through the mouth or fungating tumours whose stench is so unbearable that family gag to approach. Double incontinence, loss of function, paralysis, breathlessness causing terror, thrashing fits and hallucinations are not soothed by better funding, better training or kindly intention.

The false dichotomy should be rejected. We can and should continue to extend our already excellent palliative care services by applying ever-increasing funding for them.

In addition, we can and should legalise assisted dying for that small percentage whose suffering can only be relieved by the hastening of death. Of the 33,000 people who die in New Zealand each year, that might be around 300 medically assisted, peaceful deaths annually.

Read the safeguards in the End of Life Choice Act at www.referendums.govt.nz

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, ONLINE COMMENTS

Consider people's wants

For the last few days, New Zealand has been talking about the ethics of livestock exports, but from what I see one important point is being left out. Muslim countries don't and won't buy cut meat from non-Muslim countries.

In the 2000's, this cost millions of dollars to Turkish exporters who didn't understand the sensitivities of the Turkish public. At that time, to help the Turkish public get access to cheaper meat, some exporters made a deal with Argentina involving high quality Angus meat.

That meat ended up in the market for a quarter of the price of Turkish products. And most of it became animal food or ended up in the rubbish. Back then, very few people had understood why the target population wasn't buying this superb meat. I learned the answer a few years later when I was talking to a Muslim friend.

She said: "Who knows whether those animals were halal or not ...?" (The killing of the animal has to be done in a specific way and in general, the public don't trust the meat that comes from other countries).

So when you are asking the question as to whether New Zealand should sell livestock or not, you should also take into consideration that the Middle East countries would want livestock. (Remember the scandal of the sheep export to Saudi Arabia which ended up with a ban. And don't forget that New Zealand used to sell 500,000 sheep per year to Saudi Arabia in the 80's).

Meat companies don't welcome live animal trade, they see it as a competitor, but to me, this shows how little they understand the countries they want to do business with.

ZEYNEP SIMPSON

Generous heart for all

Re: Keeping in touch with Myanmar, September 06, story Ken and Alison are heroes.

I have seen their work first hand. They fund their own way to get there. They empower a demoralised group of people and walk alongside them.

Their aim is for local people

to become leaders and teach healthcare to others. It has made a huge difference and fosters independence rather than dependence. This is an awesome couple with a huge generous heart.

RUTH MARTIS, Cambridge

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Give it a thought . . .

Re: Here's an idea for the Greens, September 09, Opinion piece

The Greens are so far ahead of Mr Bibby in promoting the use of wool in insulation products — more than 20 years ahead in fact. After many years of promoting home insulation the Greens secured government-subsidised programmes with Helen Clark in 2008 and again with John Key in 2009.

Both schemes supported the use of wool, such as in the products made by

Christchurch company Terra Lana. Greens co-leader Russel Norman was pictured way back then with PM John Key during a visit to their factory.

Over the past two decades the Greens have developed many other progressive and exciting policy ideas that Mr Bibby has not thought about yet.

He could use his Party Vote Green next month to support them along with his recent discovery of wool insulation.

RON ELDER

'What made her quit?'

With the by-election to replace Amber Dunn on council, it would be enlightening to know in more detail exactly why she suddenly resigned.

The small article which appeared in the paper gave but the sparest picture of what made her quit.

Surely ratepayers are entitled to a fuller explanation, as indeed are those who may be considering putting themselves forward as candidates.

The few words Ms Dunn gave hinted at something unwholesome in the council — something she was not prepared to endure.

I do not like the curtain of silence

which has been drawn over this resignation. What is it we are not being told?

Meantime, I wish Ms Dunn all the best for her future.

To those considering standing, I suggest it is high time to put aside personal crusades on non-council matters.

The wellbeing of the local ratepayer is the most important thing, and taking a hard look at what the ratepayer can sustainably afford — especially in these Covid times. "Back to Basics and Budgeting."

ROGER HANDFORD





INFLUENTIAL ICON: Actress Diana Rigg, who became a 1960s style icon as secret agent Emma Peel in TV series "The Avengers," has died at age 82. AP file picture

Rigg remembered for 'luminous' talent

LONDON — Diana Rigg, a commanding British actress whose career stretched from iconic 1960s spy series "The Avengers" to fantasy juggernaut "Game of Thrones," has died. She was 82.

Rigg's agent, Simon Beresford, said she died on Thursday morning at home with her family. Daughter Rachael Stirling said she died of cancer that was diagnosed in March.

Rigg "spent her last months joyfully reflecting on her extraordinary life, full of love, laughter and a deep pride in her profession. I will miss her beyond words," Stirling said.

Rigg starred in "The Avengers" as secret agent Emma Peel alongside Patrick Macnee's bowler-hatted John Steed. The pair were an impeccably-dressed duo who fought villains and traded quips in a show whose mix of adventure and humour was enduringly influential.

Rigg also starred in 1969 James Bond thriller "On Her Majesty's Secret Service" as Tracy di Vincenzo, the only woman ever to marry, albeit briefly, Agent 007. Bond producers Michael G Wilson and Barbara Broccoli said Rigg was "much beloved by Bond fans for her memorable performance".

George Lazenby, who made his only appearance as Bond in the film, said on Instagram that he was "so sad to hear of the death of Diana Rigg. She undoubtedly raised my acting game when we made 'On Her Majesty's Secret Service' together in 1968-9."

In later life, she played Olenka Tyrell — the formidable "Queen of Thorns" — in "Game of Thrones," receiving an Emmy Award nomination for the role.

Diana Rigg spent her last months joyfully reflecting on her extraordinary life.

Other television roles included the Duchess of Buccleuch in period drama "Victoria", and Rigg starred alongside her daughter in the gentle British sitcom "Detectorists".

Rigg spent several years in the 1960s as a member of the Royal Shakespeare Company, and combined screen work with a major stage career, in plays including William Shakespeare's "Macbeth", Bertolt Brecht's "Mother Courage" and Tom Stoppard's "Jumpers" at the National Theatre

in London.

She had several acclaimed roles in the 1990s at London's Almeida Theatre, including Martha in "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" and the title role in Greek tragedy "Medea".

Rigg won a Tony Award for "Medea" on Broadway, and was nominated on three other occasions — most recently in 2018 for playing Mrs Higgins in "My Fair Lady".

Jonathan Kent, who directed Rigg in some of her great stage roles, said her "combination of force of personality, beauty, courage and sheer emotional power made her a great classical actress — one of an astonishing generation of British stage performers".

She never retired. One of Rigg's final television roles was in rural veterinary drama "All Creatures Great and Small", which is currently running on British television.

Stoppard said Rigg was "the most beautiful woman in the room, but she was what used to be called a Trouper".

"She went to work with her sleeves rolled up and a smile for everyone. Her talent was luminous."

Rigg is survived by her daughter, son-in-law Guy Garvey — lead singer of the band Elbow — and a grandson. — AP

Brexit talks in crisis

EU offers UK ultimatum over withdrawal deal changes

LONDON — Instead of closing in on a future trade deal, the European Union and Britain entered a bitter fight on Thursday over a planned British law that the EU says would constitute a serious violation of the Brexit divorce agreement and destroy what little trust remains between the two sides.

The 27-nation bloc said Britain must withdraw the planned law dealing with Northern Ireland trade by the end of the month or face legal action even before the transition period following Britain's EU departure ends on December 31.

"By putting forward this bill, the UK has seriously damaged trust between the EU and the UK. It is now up to the UK government to re-establish that trust," European Commission Vice President Maros Sefcovic said after talks with Britain's chief Brexit minister, Michael Gove, at a hastily arranged meeting in London.

Simultaneous talks on a future trade deal also remained in a rut, with EU chief negotiator Michel Barnier accusing Britain of wanting to keep the advantages of membership it freely relinquished on January 31 when it officially left the bloc.

"The UK is refusing to include indispensable guarantees of fair competition in our future agreement, while requesting free access to our market," Barnier said.

Less than a year ago the two sides signed and ratified a withdrawal agreement that Britain now acknowledges it will violate with its Internal Market Bill, which would diminish the EU's oversight of trade between mainland Britain and Northern Ireland. That's a sensitive issue because Northern Ireland has the UK's only land border with the EU.

Sefcovic said the bill, if adopted, "would constitute an extremely serious violation of the Withdrawal Agreement and of international law."

He said that if Britain didn't change course by the end of September, the EU would take legal action.

"The Withdrawal Agreement contains a number of mechanisms and legal remedies to address violations of the legal obligations contained in the text — which the European Union will not be shy in using," Sefcovic said.

The UK has acknowledged that the proposed legislation breaks international law "in a very specific and limited way".

But it argues that it is acting legally under British law because according to the "fundamental principle of Parliamentary sovereignty . . . treaty obligations only become binding to the extent that they are enshrined in domestic legislation".

Britain and the EU have jointly promised in



ULTIMATUM: The EU is demanding the UK ditches plans to change Boris Johnson's Brexit deal "by the end of the month" or risk jeopardising trade talks. AP picture

the Brexit divorce agreement to ensure there are no customs posts or other obstacles on the Northern Ireland-Ireland border.

An open border underpins the peace agreement that ended decades of violence in Northern Ireland. Any hardening of the border could anger nationalists who want a united Ireland. But any new barriers to trade across the Irish Sea would rile Unionists who want Northern Ireland to stay British.

Britain and the EU claim to be acting to preserve peace.

Britain says its law is intended to ensure there are no barriers to trade between Northern Ireland and the rest of the UK in the event that there is no deal with the EU. On Thursday, it said it would try to push the bill into law quickly, scheduling it for debate in Parliament starting on Monday.

The EU has an ally in Nancy Pelosi, speaker of the US House of Representatives. She said Britain would have no chance of striking a coveted trade deal with the United States if it breached an international treaty and undermined Northern Ireland's Good Friday peace accord.

"How can they walk away from an international agreement? How do you trust that?" Pelosi said at a news conference at the US Capitol on Thursday.

"What were they thinking?" Pelosi said. "They're not thinking of the UK-US bilateral trade agreements."

Many British politicians and lawyers have also expressed alarm, saying that reneging on a legally binding international commitment would

trash Britain's reputation for upholding law and order.

The top civil servant in the Government's legal department resigned this week, reportedly because of opposition to the proposed law.

Former Conservative leader Michael Howard, a supporter of Brexit, said the Government was damaging "our reputation for probity and respect for the rule of the law".

"How can we reproach Russia or China or Iran when their conduct falls below internationally accepted standards, when we are showing such scant regard for our treaty obligations?" he said in Parliament.

Britain left the political structures of the EU on January 31 and will make an economic break when an 11-month transition period ends on December 31.

The two sides are trying to strike a new trade deal by then, but talks have bogged down over issues including fishing rights in UK waters and fair-competition rules for businesses.

The two sides' chief negotiators, David Frost and Barnier, ended their latest round of negotiations on Thursday with no major progress reported, though they did agree to keep talking.

Frost said "we remain committed to working hard to reach agreement by the middle of October" and the two sides would hold more talks in Brussels next week.

Barnier said that "the EU is intensifying its preparedness" for a possible no-deal by New Year's, which is set to hurt the bloc, even if not as much as it will hurt Britain. — AP

Vaccine trial paused after neurological symptoms detected

LONDON — A woman who received an experimental coronavirus vaccine developed severe neurological symptoms that prompted a pause in testing, a spokesman for drugmaker AstraZeneca said on Thursday.

The study participant in late-stage testing reported symptoms consistent with transverse myelitis, a rare inflammation of the spinal cord, said company spokesman Matthew Kent.

"We don't know if it is (transverse myelitis)," Kent said. "More tests are being done now as part of the follow-up."

On Tuesday, AstraZeneca said its "standard review process triggered a pause to vaccination to allow review of safety data".

It did not provide any details other than to say a single participant had an "unexplained illness". The vaccine was initially developed by Oxford University after the coronavirus pandemic began this year.

Kent said an independent committee was reviewing the study's safety data before deciding if and when the research could continue.

The study was previously stopped in July for several days after a participant who got the vaccine developed neurological symptoms; it turned out to be an undiagnosed case of multiple sclerosis that was unrelated to the vaccine.

Late last month, AstraZeneca began recruiting 30,000 people in the US for its largest study of the vaccine. It's also testing the vaccine in thousands of people in Britain, and in smaller studies in Brazil and South Africa. Several other Covid-19 vaccine candidates are in development.

Dr Soumya Swaminathan, the World Health Organisation's chief scientist, said the UN health agency wasn't overly concerned by the pause in the Oxford and AstraZeneca vaccine trial, describing it as "a wake-up call" to the global community about the inevitable ups and downs of medical research.

Temporary holds of large medical studies aren't unusual, and investigating any serious or unexpected reaction is a mandatory part of safety testing. AstraZeneca pointed out that it's possible the problem could be a coincidence; illnesses of all sorts could arise in studies of thousands of people. — AP

Death of man tasered by police sparks deadly clashes

BOGOTA — At least seven people have been killed in protests in Colombia as outrage spreads over the death of a man who was pinned to the ground and repeatedly tasered by police in Bogota.

Video of the incident shows 46-year-old Javier Ordonez begging the officers to stop and telling them “I am choking”.

The officers were arresting him for allegedly breaking social-distancing rules by drinking with friends.

He was taken to a police station and

later moved to hospital, where he died.

At least seven people have died in the protests.

Defence Minister Carlos Holmes Trujillo said five of those who died had been shot. He also offered a reward for information leading to the capture of “the perpetrators of the murders”.

Bogota Mayor Claudia Lopez said 248 people had been injured, of which 58 had received gunshot wounds. Lopez added that more than 100 police officers had also

been hurt.

She said that no one had ordered police to shoot at protesters, especially not in an indiscriminate way, but that there was evidence that that was what had happened in some areas.

Hundreds of protesters clashed with officers outside the police post where the man was held. More than 40 such posts, small police stations dotted across the city which often consist of only one room, were attacked and 17 were burnt down. — BBC

Russian hackers targeting US political parties

BOSTON — Hackers with ties to Russia, China and Iran are attempting to spy on people and groups involved with the US 2020 presidential election, Microsoft says.

The Russian group which hacked the 2016 Democratic campaign is again involved in cyber-attacks, said the tech firm.

Microsoft said it was “clear that foreign activity groups have stepped up their efforts” targeting the election.

Both President Donald Trump and Democrat Joe Biden’s campaigns are being targeted.

Russian hackers from the Strontium group have targeted more than 200 organisations, many of which are linked to US political parties — both Republicans and Democrats, Microsoft said in a statement.

“Similar to what we observed in 2016, Strontium is launching campaigns to harvest people’s log-in credentials or compromise their accounts, presumably to aid in intelligence gathering or disruption operations,” said Tom Burt, a Microsoft vice-president in charge of customer security and trust.

The firm said Chinese hackers had launched attacks targeting individuals connected to Biden’s campaign, while Iranian hackers had continued efforts targeting people associated with the Trump campaign.

Most of the cyber-attacks had not been successful, according to Microsoft. The attacks have also not been launched on groups that handle the voting systems themselves.

“What we’ve seen is consistent with previous attack patterns that not only target candidates and campaign staffers, but also those they consult on key issues,” Mr Burt said.

“These activities highlight the need for people and organisations involved in the political process to take advantage of free and low-cost security tools to protect themselves as we get closer to election day.”

Although the director of US counter-intelligence said in August that China favoured Biden, Microsoft reported that Chinese groups had launched attacks on the personal email accounts of people affiliated with the Biden campaign, as well as “at least one prominent individual formerly associated with the Trump Administration”.

“Prominent individuals” in the international affairs community, academic institutions and policy organisations were also said to have been targeted by the Chinese hacking group, known as Zirconium.

The Iranian group known as Phosphorus has unsuccessfully sought to access accounts of White House officials and Trump’s campaign staff between May and June of this year.

The report comes a day after a whistleblower at the US Department of Homeland Security alleged he was put under pressure to downplay the threat of Russian interference in the election as it “made the President look bad”. — BBC

Beirut blaze raises alarm

Fire erupts at port one month after fatal explosion

BEIRUT — A huge fire broke out at Beirut’s port yesterday, raising new panic among residents still struggling with the traumatic effects of the catastrophic explosion at the same site last month.

Some sought safety in closed bathrooms or threw open their windows to guard against shattering glass in case of another blast; others piled into cars to flee the capital. No injuries were reported.

Dark smoke and the smell of toxic fumes enveloped Beirut in the evening as army helicopters circled and sprayed water over the orange flames, helping firefighters on the ground.

It was unclear what caused the blaze at the port, which was decimated by the August 4 explosion when nearly 3000 tonnes of ammonium nitrate blew up, sending out a shockwave that killed nearly 200 people and caused widespread damage.

The Lebanese army said the fire started in the port’s duty-free zone amid containers of tyres, oil and other flammable materials.

Fabrizio Carboni, regional director for the International Red Cross, tweeted that the warehouse on fire is where his organisation stores thousands of food parcels and oil, risking the serious disruption of humanitarian operations.

Port director Bassem al-Qaisi told Voice of Lebanon radio that the fire started in a warehouse containing barrels of cooking oil and later spread to where tyres were piled. He added it was too early to say if it began as “the result of heat or some other mistake”.

In a sign of the ever-widening gulf of distrust after the explosion, many Lebanese accused politicians of deliberately trying to destroy evidence at the port that led to the blast. Thursday’s fire was the second mysterious blaze there this week, following a small fire on Tuesday that also caused some panic but was quickly extinguished.

Lebanon is gripped by an unprecedented economic crisis and financial collapse, blamed on decades of



TOXIC FUMES: A huge fire broke out on Thursday at the Port of Beirut, triggering panic among residents traumatised by last month’s massive explosion that killed nearly 200 people and injured thousands of others.

AP picture

mismanagement and corruption by an entrenched political class.

Last month’s blast was seen as the culmination of leaders unable to manage the country’s affairs or protect its people. So far, authorities have been unable to provide answers about the explosion, and there has been no accountability for it.

The raging fire and column of smoke was eerily similar to the one that preceded the devastating explosion.

Back then, curious residents stood on balconies or behind windows in offices and homes to photograph the fire, compounding the injuries from flying glass when the gigantic fireball mushroomed across the city.

On Thursday, panicked residents cracked open windows and called or texted warnings to each other. Local TV stations said companies with offices near the port asked employees to leave the area. Some hid in bathrooms, while others dropped what they were doing

and rushed home.

A video on social media showed port employees running from the fire, a chilling reminder of the dozens of workers and 10 firefighters who were killed in the blast. Lebanese troops closed the major road near the port and rerouted traffic.

The panic was compounded by the fear that more chemicals could be in the wreckage of the port. Earlier this month, the army said it found more than four tonnes of ammonium nitrate in four containers stored near the port that it said were “dealt with”.

French and Italian chemical experts working in the remains of the port identified more than 20 containers of dangerous chemicals. The army later said these containers were moved away from the port and stored safely.

The August 4 explosion, the single most destructive blast in Lebanon’s history, killed 191 people, injured about 6500 and damaged thousands of buildings. — AP

Greek ships to help shelter 13,000 refugees after fire

ATHENS — Greece is sending three ships to help house thousands of migrants sleeping rough on the island of Lesbos after a fire destroyed their overcrowded camp.

For a second night families slept on roads, and in fields and carparks after fleeing Moria camp, where about 13,000 had been living in squalor.

A blaze engulfed Moria on Tuesday night before another wiped out any remaining tents on Wednesday.

About 400 teenagers and children have been flown to mainland Greece.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Emmanuel Macron have agreed on a plan for the EU to take in about 400 unaccompanied minors from Lesbos, AFP news agency reports. It is not yet clear if they will be the ones already flown to mainland Greece.

The EU has tried previously to resettle migrants among different member states but

only a minority have been transferred from overcrowded camps in Greece and Italy.

The Greek ferry Blue Star Chios has now docked at Sigri, a Lesbos port about 100km from the main town Mytilene. It has capacity to house 1000 migrants, and Greece is also sending two naval vessels to provide emergency accommodation.

Migration Minister Notis Mitarachi said about 2000 people would be temporarily sheltered on the ships.

He said efforts were under way to provide shelter near the devastated Moria camp site.

Mr Mitarachi said tensions had been running high in the camp because a 15-day quarantine had been imposed after a migrant tested positive for Covid-19 last week.

By Wednesday, 35 people linked to the camp had tested positive for the virus, and there is concern on Lesbos now that most of them need to be urgently located. — BBC



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PEOPLE'S BEST FRIEND

Belarusian activist claims authorities threatened to kill her

KYIV — A detained Belarusian opposition leader has said she feared for her life when security officers threw a bag over her head during an attempt to deport her.

Through her lawyer, Maria Kolesnikova said she was forced into a van and told that if she did not leave willingly she would be removed “alive or in bits”.

She is now seeking a criminal case against Belarusian security forces including the KGB, her lawyer said.

Mass unrest has gripped Belarus since last month's disputed polls.

Kolesnikova is one of three women who joined forces to challenge President Alexander Lukashenko in August's election. She is the last of the three women to remain inside Belarus after she resisted attempts to forcibly deport her into Ukraine earlier this week.

The main opposition leader, Svetlana Tikhonovskaya, says she won 60-70 percent of the election in places where votes were properly counted. She fled to Lithuania after she was detained in August.

In a statement filed by her lawyer, Kolesnikova said she had been forced into the van by masked men on Monday in the capital, Minsk.

“It was stated that if I did not voluntarily leave the Republic of Belarus, I would be taken out anyway, alive or in bits. There were also threats to imprison me for up to 25 years.”

Kolesnikova was driven to the Ukrainian border with two other people, but she prevented officials forcibly expelling her by tearing up her passport and throwing it out of a car window, those who travelled with her said.

Her lawyer said her client was in “good spirits”.

The other two women who joined forces with Kolesnikova to challenge Lukashenko, Veronika Tsepkalo and presidential candidate Tikhonovskaya, left the country soon after the election.

Poland's Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki has offered Tikhonovskaya a house in the country's capital, Warsaw. — BBC



WILDFIRES RAGING: Over the last month, California wildfires have chased thousands of families from their homes, destroyed more than 3600 buildings, blackened huge expanses of land and killed 12 people. In all, more than two dozen major fires are burning around the state, some of them among the largest in recent California history. Feeding off strong winds and dry brush, the fast-growing blazes have chewed through old-growth redwoods and vegetation and forced evacuations in wine country north of San Francisco and along the Sierra Nevada mountain range. Photos show the flames exploding from trees and bushes, reaching out to lick vehicles, firefighters and homes. Drifting smoke chokes much of the state and fills the sky with an eerie orange glow. Wildfires are also burning in Oregon and Washington state. AP picture

Intra-Afghan peace talks to begin

ISLAMABAD — The long-awaited peace talks between the Taliban and the Afghan government's negotiating team are to begin tomorrow in the Gulf Arab state of Qatar, the Taliban and Qatar's foreign ministry said on Thursday.

The talks — known as intra-Afghan negotiations — were laid out in a peace deal that Washington brokered with the Taliban and signed in February, also in Qatar, where the Taliban maintain a political office. At the time, the deal was seen as Afghanistan's best chance at ending more than four decades of relentless war.

Shortly after the announcement, President Donald Trump said US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo would travel to Qatar to attend the start of the negotiations.

Sediq Sediqqi, spokesman for Afghan President Ashraf Ghani, confirmed in a tweet that their delegation will be in Qatar's capital of Doha for the talks and said the President wished the negotiating team success.

Pompeo issued a statement welcoming the start of negotiations and saying they will mark “a historic opportunity for Afghanistan to bring an end to four decades of war and bloodshed”.

“The people of Afghanistan have carried the burden of war for too long,” Pompeo said.

That deal Washington signed with the Taliban aims to end Afghanistan's protracted war and bring American troops home while the intra-Afghan talks are to set a road map for a post-war society in Afghanistan.

The negotiations are expected to be a difficult process as the two sides struggle to end the fighting and debate ways of protecting the rights of women and minorities. The Taliban have promised women could attend school, work and participate in politics but stressed that

would all be allowed in keeping with Islamic principles — without saying what that might mean.

The Taliban have also said they would not support a woman becoming president of Afghanistan and that while they would allow women to be judges, a woman could not serve as a chief justice.

Meanwhile, Kabul's reconciliation council has an array of disparate figures, including hardliners such as Abdul Rasool Sayyaf, a former warlord who served as the inspiration for the Philippines' Abu Sayyaf militant group, and Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, a one-time UN-listed terrorist. Both espouse deeply restrictive interpretations of Islam.

Hekmatyar in an earlier interview with The Associated Press also rejected women serving as chief justice. Afghanistan's Parliament has so far been unable to ratify a Violence Against Women's bill because it is feared that

hard-line lawmakers would defeat any such legislation.

The Government's negotiation team includes several women who will carry a heavy burden to defend and protect rights for their gender,

analysts say. The Taliban have no women on their team.

The fate of the tens of thousands of armed Taliban, as well as militias loyal to government-allied warlords, will also be on the agenda, along with constitutional changes for Afghanistan.

There's also the issue of power-sharing. While the Taliban have said they do not want to monopolise power, the suggestion of an interim administration has largely been rejected by Kabul. Deep mistrust also exists on both sides.

Washington's peace envoy Zalmay Khalilzad, who negotiated the US-Taliban deal signed on February 29, has been in Doha for the past week, trying to push the talks forward.

The withdrawal of US troops is not

KEEPING THE PEACE: Officials on both sides of Afghanistan's protracted conflict say efforts are ramping up for the start of intra-Afghan negotiations, a critical next step to a US negotiated peace deal with the Taliban.

AP picture



dependent on the success of the upcoming negotiations but rather on commitments taken by the Taliban under the deal with the US to fight other militant groups, most specifically the Islamic State group, and to ensure that Afghanistan is not used as a staging ground for attacks on the United States or its allies.

Delays had plagued the start of negotiations as the two sides squabbled for months over the release of prisoners until the exchange was complete earlier this month — 5000 Taliban freed by the Afghan government and 1000 government and military personnel who were released by the Taliban. The prisoner release was set in the US-Taliban deal as a prerequisite for the start of the intra-Afghan negotiations.

However, the negotiations will begin under difficult circumstances, marred by stepped-up attacks on Afghan forces by the Taliban, target killings and attempted assassinations. Scores of civilians have died in the crossfire. There have also been attacks on released Taliban prisoners returning to their homes and accusations by the insurgents of being attacked inside their homes with their families.

Abdullah Abdullah, the head of Afghanistan's High Council for National Reconciliation, the body that is overseeing the negotiations on behalf of the

Government, will attend the opening of the talks but the day-to-day negotiations will be carried out by a team headed by Mohammed Masoom Stanikzai, a former intelligence chief.

Abdullah was appointed head of the council as part of a power-sharing agreement with Ghani to end a political standoff between the two following last year's controversial presidential elections.

The country's election commission declared Ghani the winner while Abdullah claimed he had won and went on to self-declare himself president.

The impasse lasted for months — also delaying the start of the intra-Afghan negotiations — before the US negotiated a power-sharing deal under which Abdullah joined the Government.

In his statement, Pompeo warned both sides against squandering this opportunity to hammer out a negotiated end to the fighting.

“Immense sacrifice and investment by the United States, our partners, and the people of Afghanistan have made this moment of hope possible. I urge the negotiators to demonstrate the pragmatism, restraint and flexibility this process will require to succeed.

“The people of Afghanistan and the international community will be watching closely.” — AP

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\$22,500, rating 65 benchmark*, 2100m

- 1 54P05 Maestro Blu (5) 60 65 M Kareem (a3)
- 2 21s52 My Callisto (2) 59 5 64 A Calder
- 3 21 Captaintinkletoes (6) 59 63 T Thornton
- 4 s0841 Renegade Fighter (8) 59 63 T Yanagida (a1)
- 5 s1134 Zedman (1) 59 63 S Collett
- 6 0s761 Mr Bazamour (17) 58 5 62 C Lammas
- 7 s0204 Zabd (7) 58 5 62 M Hashizume (a3)
- 8 21542 Tunzagutz (10) 58 65 C Burdan (a2)
- 9 97516 Brawler (4) 58 61 A Goindasamy (a2)
- 10 s6217 Ifraajinator (15) 58 61 S Spratt
- 11 01005 Tahuroa Height (11) 58 61 L Innes
- 12 5170s Rapidz (18) 57 5 60 C Dell
- 13 s4535 Zeeza Zed (13) 57 5 60 M McNab
- 14 7s921 Ruffedoodah (19) 56 5 62
- 15 — Unacceptable SCRATCHED

EMERGENCIES:
 16 s0733 Dr Hank (14) 57 59 S McKay
 17 — Innamincka SCRATCHED
 18 70300 Johnnie Redmond (3) 56 57 D Danis (a2)

6 Otakiri Reserve 3.15

\$30,000, rating 84 handicap, 1200m

- 1 s2180 Lupelani (4) 62 84 M Hashizume (a3)
- 2 1427s Braavos (2) 61 5 79 C Burdan (a2)
- 3 2s442 Cyber Attack (14) 61 78
- 4 18s05 Red Chois (11) 60 5 81 C Grylls
- 5 43s63 Justacanta (7) 59 5 75 D Johnson
- 6 — Inca-Warrior SCRATCHED
- 7 4s224 Air Centre (13) 56 72 C Dell
- 8 0s171 Gorgeous Geisha (9) 56 72 Callum Jones (a3)
- 9 6s114 Shoshone (5) 56 72 S Collett
- 10 21721 Divine Dive (12) 56 68 L Innes
- 11 11359 Diogenes (3) 55 5 67 T Yanagida (a1)
- 12 1366s Familia (8) 54 5 69 S McKay
- 13 0s110 Macushla (6) 54 68 A Goindasamy (a2)
- 14 21s36 Miss Ricky Bobby (10) 54 68 S Spratt

7 Jra Trophy 3.50

\$30,000, rating 95 handicap, 1400m

- 1 3178s Sherwood Forest (1) 62 95 M McNab
- 2 4140s Concert Hall (14) 59 93 R Elliot
- 3 2112s Two Illicit (13) 59 93 L Innes
- 4 45s85 Watch This Space (10) 59 89 D Danis (a2)
- 5 s0007 Forged (1) 54 71 K Mudhoo
- 6 99870 Just Push Play (10) 54 71 C Barnes
- 7 13245 Gee Tee Eleanor (4) 54 69 R Mudhoo (a2)
- 8 0s105 Stop Making Sense (5) 54 67 K Asano (a1)
- 9 s6004 Beam Me Up Scotty (3) 54 65 K Williams
- 10 s0342 Jildi Jildi (2) 54 65 A Ballou
- 11 91072 Top Ghia (11) 54 62 C Johnson
- 12 — Mamba SCRATCHED

5 38352 Battle Time (9) 58 87 C Burdan (a2)
 6 0s102 Finbarr (6) 56 83 S Spratt
 7 10s00 Orakei Overlord (5) 56 83 S Collett
 8 9s259 Ritani (3) 54 77 D Johnson
 9 s4191 Sweet Clementine (17) 54 76 A Calder
 10 166s4 Nasha Riva (8) 54 75 C Grylls
 11 4421s The Buzz (4) 54 70 C Lammas
 12 474s0 Rhaegar (7) 54 68 M Cameron
 13 33s66 Bransome (12) 54 67 T Yanagida (a1)
 14 7s142 Alaskan Gold (16) 54 65
 15 0s714 Justastate (11) 54 63
 16 8s000 Hear My Voice (15) 54 57

8 Auckland Co-op Taxis 4.25

\$30,000, rating 104 handicap, 1600m

- 1 114s6 Tiptronic (4) 62 104 D Danis (a2)
- 2 7228s Fiscal Fantasy (6) 57 98 L Innes
- 3 007s4 Blue Breeze (17) 54 85 A Goindasamy (a2)
- 4 19s00 Obsessive (7) 54 82 S Spratt
- 5 57s25 Lady Shabeel (3) 54 78 C Lammas
- 6 773s0 Yatima (15) 54 77 C Burdan (a2)
- 7 2s670 Tweedledee (2) 54 76 T Yanagida (a1)
- 8 s2540 Mont Ventoux (1) 54 74 C Dell
- 9 s7s40 Lubaya (12) 54 73 M Cameron
- 10 1400s Rodolfo (8) 54 73 T Thornton
- 11 s0151 Penelope Cruise (10) 54 72 D Johnson
- 12 s7526 Codecracker (16) 54 71 C Grylls
- 13 95305 Deluxe Edition (11) 54 69 M Hashizume (a3)
- 14 s7151 Sentito (13) 54 69 S Collett
- 15 s4443 Speechmaker (9) 54 65 S McKay
- 16 07s63 Pushka (5) 54 57
- 17 87s54 Critics Choice (14) 54 56 M Kareem (a3)

Canterbury races at Riccarton Park Saturday

Selections
 Race 1: VOLVIK, ROAD TO DIAMONDS, MAN OH MAN
 Race 2: LAPHROAIG, RUSSIAN FABLE, SERIOUSLY
 Race 3: BELLE FASCINO, DEVIOUS, SUMMER MONSOON
 Race 4: MARKUS AURELIUS, ARISTOTLE, ALL BLACK MAGIC
 Race 5: FIVE PRINCES, MAJOR TOM, DIORISSIMO
 Race 6: OWEN PATRICK, CAMINO ROCOSO, BRONTE BEACH
 Race 7: NELLIE BLY, AOTEA LAD, TURNCOAT
 Race 8: BLACKBOOK, QUEEN JETSON, ITSONLYMONEY

1 Riccarton Park Function Centre 12.05

\$10,000, maiden, 1800m

- 1 37 Jack The Ripper (16) 58 5 50 T Moseley
- 2 s9056 Grab The Bar (11) 58 5 49 K Chowdhury (a2)
- 3 0s0 Atlantean (15) 58 5 46 R Cuneen
- 4 09 Battlinaway (2) 58 5 45 D Bothamley
- 5 8s900 Man Oh Man (13) 58 5 45 G Jogoo
- 6 00 Rambo's Way (1) 58 5 45 L Callaway
- 7 7s080 Shinneckock (6) 58 5 45 J Laking
- 8 53524 Road To Diamonds (4) 56 5 53 K Mudhoo
- 9 s7023 Volvik (12) 56 5 53 S Wynne
- 10 05628 Aquattack (18) 56 5 51 C Johnson
- 11 04946 Last Letter (5) 56 5 51 A Ballou
- 12 7s084 Tantalee (8) 56 5 50 Z Bohlah (a3)
- 13 s0567 Ginger Jane (10) 56 5 47 C Barnes
- 14 08 Betathedevilunio (7) 56 5 45 B Murray
- 15 0 Dame Du Jour (9) 56 5 45 C Campbell (a1)

2 NZ Cup Meeting Tickets On Sale 12.38

\$10,000, maiden, 1400m

- 1 200s3 Laphroaig (6) 58 5 54 J Laking
- 2 9542s Zakunda (12) 58 5 52 K Chowdhury (a2)
- 3 35 Barrett (5) 58 5 51 K Asano (a1)
- 4 4s893 King Rat (18) 58 5 51 R Cuneen
- 5 734 Seriously (19) 58 5 51 R Cuneen
- 6 s5366 Jack Knows Best (2) 58 5 49 T Comignaghi
- 7 08s Sergeant Pepper (15) 58 5 47 R Mudhoo (a2)
- 8 s0222 Russian Fable (9) 56 5 54 (a3)
- 9 s2633 The Last Word (10) 56 5 54 C Johnson
- 10 052s0 Iwonderwai (4) 56 5 52 S Wynne
- 11 5s569 Elle Cee (16) 56 5 51 R Beeharry (a3)
- 12 s8246 Youneverknow (13) 56 5 51 K Williams
- 13 50044 Pearl Davone (8) 56 5 50 C Barnes
- 14 — Sunny-Lady SCRATCHED
- 15 89s46 Blackjakk (1) 56 5 49 K Mudhoo

EMERGENCIES:
 16 00s65 Gotchalookin (7) 56 5 47 A Ballou
 17 47s90 Van Halen (11) 58 5 47
 18 Bluegrass Dixie (14) 54 5 45
 19 Spook (17) 58 5 45
 20 — Tappy's Lad SCRATCHED
 21 66s7 Vardon Road (3) 56 5 45

3 Grp 1 Raceday Party Now 24/10 1.13

\$30,000, rating 91 handicap, 1400m

- 1 6000s Dee And Gee (10) 62 91 R Beeharry (a3)
- 2 8s903 Belle Fascino (5) 59 85 Y Y Chew (a4)
- 3 95431 Carson River (8) 57 77 S Wynne
- 4 4131s Sister Monica (4) 56 79 K Mudhoo
- 5 05600 Emily Margaret (2) 55 5 78 K Williams
- 6 147s0 Quintuple Twins (3) 55 5 78 C Johnson
- 7 219s8 Summer Monsoon (11) 55 73 R Mudhoo (a2)

Jetbet 6 TAB Doubles 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 Trebles 2-3-4, 6-7-8 Quaddies 1-2-3-4, 5-6-7-8 Place6 3-8

8 1s344 Devious (6) 54 71 T Comignaghi
 9 32s20 Whale Song (9) 54 70 W Papier (a4)
 10 1s231 Golden Harvest (1) 54 69 K Chowdhury (a2)
 11 18s70 Jewel Of Patch (7) 54 68 B Murray
 12 s6s92 Zelenski (12) 54 67 T Moseley

4 NZB Ready To Run Sale Series 1.48

\$22,500, rating 65 benchmark*, 1400m

- 1 2452s All Black Magic (6) 60 65 Y Y Chew (a4)
- 2 05489 Are You Cereal (18) 59 5 64 T Jonker
- 3 5645s St Andre (20) 59 5 64 W Papier (a4)
- 4 231s6 Markus Aurelius (7) 59 63 J Laking
- 5 7312s Aristotle (11) 58 5 62 R Cuneen
- 6 1744s Panzer (19) 58 5 62
- 7 18940 Expressive (3) 58 65 C Campbell (a1)
- 8 94308 Leighton Warrior (4) 57 5 60 L Callaway
- 9 1s Caitlyn Jay (15) 57 63 K Asano (a1)
- 10 6s471 Heartoheart (2) 56 5 62 K Chowdhury (a2)

EMERGENCIES:
 11 s9651 Jojo Roxx (9) 56 5 62 S Wynne
 12 9s016 Madam Sequoia (13) 56 5 62 T Moseley
 13 s0074 Stella Daze (10) 56 5 62 R Mudhoo (a2)
 14 50s07 Rocket Ship (17) 56 61 C Barnes
 15 9372s Major Ish Choux (14) 55 5 9 C Johnson

5 C'church Casino NZ Cup Trial 2.23

\$30,000, rating 94 handicap, 2000m

- 1 31113 Major Tom (8) 62 94 K Chowdhury (a2)
- 2 4s050 Kharau (7) 61 92
- 3 4s270 Dhorissimo (6) 54 5 83 C Campbell (a1)
- 4 21141 Five Princes (9) 54 74 G Jogoo
- 5 s5007 Forged (1) 54 71 K Mudhoo
- 6 99870 Just Push Play (10) 54 71 C Barnes
- 7 13245 Gee Tee Eleanor (4) 54 69 R Mudhoo (a2)
- 8 0s105 Stop Making Sense (5) 54 67 K Asano (a1)
- 9 s6004 Beam Me Up Scotty (3) 54 65 K Williams
- 10 s0342 Jildi Jildi (2) 54 65 A Ballou
- 11 91072 Top Ghia (11) 54 62 C Johnson
- 12 — Mamba SCRATCHED

6 Pryde's Easifeed 2.58

\$30,000, rating 94 handicap, 1600m

- 1 109s4 Camino Rocoso (13) 62 94 C Johnson
- 2 15s87 Owen Patrick (12) 59 88 K Chowdhury (a2)
- 3 16s50 Zentessa (6) 54 5 83 B Murray
- 4 s1508 Frankie The Fox (8) 54 78 R Mudhoo (a2)
- 5 517s5 The Growler (3) 54 76 K Williams
- 6 s4982 Upperhand (5) 54 75 T Comignaghi
- 7 0s671 Bronte Beach (4) 54 72 K Asano (a1)
- 8 010s0 Cinto Bay (9) 54 72 BB Hong
- 9 8840s King Of The Dance (1) 54 72 R Beeharry (a3)

7 Speight's 3.33

\$30,000, rating 97 handicap, 1200m

- 1 9s5s7 Signify (14) 62 97 (a3)
- 2 1024s Killamey (15) 59 91 T Comignaghi
- 3 2s195 El Bee Darci (1) 57 87 K Asano (a1)
- 4 21953 Turncoat (8) 55 5 84 C Johnson
- 5 80s8s Age Of Fire (13) 55 83 R Mudhoo (a2)
- 6 517s5 The Growler (3) 54 76 K Williams
- 7 s4982 Upperhand (5) 54 75 T Comignaghi
- 8 0s671 Bronte Beach (4) 54 72 K Asano (a1)
- 9 010s0 Cinto Bay (9) 54 72 BB Hong
- 10 5s04s Sulcifera (2) 54 72 G Jogoo
- 11 38s4s Mazzuro (7) 54 70 S Wynne
- 12 49s22 Splendor (10) 54 70 C Campbell (a1)
- 13 39025 Dreaming Easy (11) 54 69 C Barnes

8 Racecourse Hotel & Motor Lodge 4.08

\$22,500, rating 65 benchmark*, 1800m

- 1 1s492 Coup Dreamwood (9) 59 63 K Chowdhury (a2)
- 2 66s32 Monkey Shoulder (16) 58 5 62 C Barnes
- 3 41703 The Buffer (20) 58 5 62 L Callaway
- 4 44s43 Blackbook (2) 58 65 T Comignaghi
- 5 s6513 Itsonlymoney (13) 58 65 S Wynne
- 6 91068 Apellido (1) 58 61 R Cuneen
- 7 09s94 Heberite (15) 58 61 J Lowry
- 8 4s222 Anjameme (11) 57 63 C Campbell (a1)
- 9 48s26 Queen Jetsun (10) 57 63 K Williams
- 10 1s002 Querty (4) 56 5 62 K Mudhoo
- 11 s4021 Zurafaa (12) 56 5 62 B Murray
- 12 0s210 Donnatina (14) 56 61 T Moseley
- 13 02510 Figeamout (18) 56 61 Y Y Chew (a4)
- 14 s8030 Hot Tap (3) 56 61 C Johnson
- 15 s5806 Queen Sweep (19) 56 61 (a3)
- 16 s1704 The Sainly One (21) 57 5 60
- 17 0s005 Outram (6) 57 5 60
- 18 00070 Effervescent (5) 57 59
- 19 0s600 Pickup (8) 57 59
- 20 53035 Van Diamond (7) 56 5 58
- 21 70s75 Never Back Down (17) 56 5 58

New South Wales races at Rosehill Saturday

Selections
 Race 1: CADRE DU NOIR, DESERT PATH, KORCHO
 Race 2: BELLASTAR, YULONG BASE, TIM'S PRINCIPAL
 Race 3: SHE'S IDEEL, YONKERS, VEGAS JEWEL
 Race 4: MASKED CRUSADER, FITUESE, WAYUPINTHESKY
 Race 5: MO'UNGA, OVERLORD, BAZOOKA
 Race 6: PELTZER, FARNAN, MAMARAGAN
 Race 7: FUNSTAR, SPECIAL REWARD, RIODINI
 Race 8: FASIKA, HAUT BRION HER, SEASONS
 Race 9: ENTENTE, ORCEIN, PAPAL WARRIOR

1 Everest Carnival On Sale 2.15

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

- 1 97s06 Lord Fandango d (6) 62 5 91 B Ryan (a2)
- 2 88119 Korcho tw (4) 62 99 Ms L Day (a3)
- 3 4s221 Cadre Du Noir dw (7) 59 5 100 J Mc Donald
- 4 62814 Desert Path cdw (3) 59 5 97 N Rawiller
- 5 36522 Birth Of Venus tw (1) 56 5 96 B Avdulla
- 6 s8228 Pressure w (2) 55 98 K Mc Evoy
- 7 s7227 Merlinite (5) 54 5 94 G Boss
- 8 6s754 Etheridge w (8) 52 95 Ms R King

2 TAB Highway Handicap 2.50

\$75,000, 3yo & up Class 3, 1400m

- 1 62426 Tim's Principal (15) 61 5 94 Ms L Day (a3)
- 2 51531 Morpheus dw (6) 60 94 J Parr
- 3 13149 Leg Work cw (9) 57 5 99 S Clipperton
- 4 34s66 Bellastar (8) 57 100 K Mc Evoy
- 5 15461 Izzy Looking Good dw (11) 57 98 B Ryan (a2)
- 6 2s111 From The Bush dw (3) 56 5 100 A Hyeronimus
- 7 18063 Rexx w (10) 56 5 94 Shane Arnold
- 8 s2121 Yulong Base c (12) 56 5 97 A Gibbons
- 9 s40s8 Dulette cw (1) 56 96 G Schofield
- 10 190s9 Harboursing d (7) 56 94 J Van Overmeire (a1.5)
- 11 3s345 Lose The Snip dw (4) 56 97 J Penza
- 12 1s986 Denmiss dw (16) 55 95
- 13 711s9 Brother Bassy w (13) 55 96 J Collett

EMERGENCIES:
 14 22131 Entreat dw (14) 54 96
 15 s1218 Amy's Shadow w (5) 54 99
 16 19s03 Larynx w (2) 54 5 96
 17 — Clergyman SCRATCHED

3 Cleanaway Handicap 3.25

Victoria races at Flemington Saturday

Jetbet 12 TAB doubles 1-2, 4-5, 8-9 Trebles 3-4-5, 7-8-9 Quaddie 2-3-4-5, 6-7-8-9 Place6 4-9

Selections
Race 1: PERSAN, SCHABAU, DOUBLE YOU TEE
Race 2: IMMORTAL LOVE, CROSSHAVEN, BARTLEY
Race 3: ARCADIA QUEEN, SAVATIANO, AFFAIR TO REMEMBER
Race 4: THE INEVITABLE, GREAT AGAIN, ZOUTORI
Race 5: DJANGO FREEMAN, AKTAU, SHOT OF IRISH
Race 6: BUMPER BLAST, WINDSTORM, ADELAIDE ACE
Race 7: RUSSIAN CAMELOT, FIERCE IMPACT, MASTER OF WINE
Race 8: PRAGUE, RANTING, PERSONAL
Race 9: AMURI, MINHAJ, PARLOPHONE

1 Very Special Kids Pin And Win 2.05
\$135,000, Open Quality, 2500m
1 s17s7 Young Rascal dw (10) 62 92 J Allen
2 s7811 Lord Belvedere tcwn (5) 59 88 B Melham
3 36113 Exemplar tw (11) 57.5 89 M Zahra
4 1s7s3 Schabau t (7) 57 95 W Pike
5 40715 Sweet Thomas w (8) 57 85 M Rodd
6 50322 Double You Tee wn (4) 56.5 91 W Egan
7 11121 Persan tcw (6) 56 100 J McNeil
8 06412 Saunter Boy w (3) 56 80 C Williams
9 1s042 More Than Ever dwhb (2) 56 85 L Currie

2 Antler Luggage Exford Plate 2.35
\$140,000, 3yo SW+P Listed, 1400m
1 11s1 Immortal Love cw (6) 58.5 100 C Newitt
2 370s8 Rathlin (7) 58 93 J McNeil
3 111 Cherry Tortoni tcw (11) 58 88 W Egan
4 60s75 Tanker (2) 58 88 J Allen
5 112s7 Khoekhoe w (8) 57.5 93 F W Kersley
6 Aim SCRATCHED
7 116 Crosshaven w (13) 57.5 96 D Stackhouse
8 20s41 Bartley (4) 57 95 M Zahra
9 123s2 Crown Mint (5) 57 91 C Williams
10 2141 So You Can w (3) 57 91 D Oliver
11 032 Johnny Get Angry h (9) 57 83 L King (a)
12 42s2 Ironedge b (10) 57 88 B Melham
13 13s9 National Choice w (12) 57 92 M Dee

3 Furphy Let's Elope Stakes 3.05
\$200,000, 4yo & up Mares SW+P Group 2, 1400m
1 105s5 Arcadia Queen d (12) 58 96 W Pike
2 766s1 Savatiano dwh (4) 58 100 M Zahra
3 s2s7 Pretty Brazen dwh (9) 58 92 L Currie
4 0016s Shrouded In Mist dwhn (8) 58 82 J Allen
5 111s3 My Gold Bracelet d (6) 58 95 D Oliver
6 3640s Spanish Reef tcwn (11) 57 88 C Newitt
7 s180s Bonvicini cwb (3) 57 89 J McNeil
8 835s0 Fidelia tcw (10) 55 86 D Vendall
9 91533 She Shao Fly dw (1) 55 95 B Melham
10 83s45 Street Icon (2) 55 93 C Williams
11 s670s Southbank wh (5) 55 92 W Egan
12 85532 Lady Loft wn (7) 55 82 B Mertens
13 133s5 Affair To Remember wb (13) 55 89 M Dee

4 Bobbie Lewis Quality 3.40
\$200,000, 4yo & up Quality Group 2, 1200m
1 7351s Tofane tdwh (3) 58 95 D Oliver
2 2319s Hellova Street tdwn (4) 56 92 J Maskiell
3 2400s Zoutori tcwhn (6) 56 100 M Zahra
4 s820s The Inevitable tdwn (1) 55.5 99 B Melham
5 308s8 Dollar For Dollar tdwh (5) 55 95 L Currie
6 16232 Great Again cdwb (10) 54 98 D Bates
7 438s4 Bold Star tdwn (8) 54 97 C Williams
8 8115s Galaxy Raider tdw (7) 54 85 T Nugent (a)
9 325s7 Banquo th (9) 54 97 J McNeil
10 s1220 Rock Prophet w (2) 54 89 L German (a)

5 Winning Edge Handicap 4.15
\$125,000, Open, 1700m
1 8572s The Chosen One (1) 61.5 92 M Dee
2 511s0 Oceanex tdw (10) 59.5 99 M Zahra
3 1311s Aktau th (7) 59 94 J McNeil
4 07s06 Aristia th (12) 58 96 D Moor
5 2s33s Django Freeman b (3) 58 94 M Rodd
6 80s80 Mantastic th (13) 57.5 98 W Pike
7 221s5 Toffee Tongue wh (15) 57 100 C Williams
8 121s8 Shot Of Irish wn (14) 56 95 J Mott
9 Future Score SCRATCHED
10 0s47s Harrison w (4) 56 90 L Currie
11 7256s Midterm wh (6) 56 96 T Nugent (a)
12 s4737 Rivet Delight (11) 56 96 B Melham
13 3s882 Prince Ziggy wn (2) 56 93 L Nolen
14 2423s Good Idea wn (5) 56 95 D Oliver
15 96s33 Irish Flame w (9) 56 92 M Walker
16 68s85 O'Tauto w (16) 56 93 L German (a)

6 The Sofitel 4.55
\$140,000, 4yo & up Listed, 1400m
1 61s8s Kiwia dw (12) 61.5 86 D Moor

7 PFD Food Makybe Diva Stks 5.35
\$750,000, WFA Group 1, 1600m
1 s395s Vow And Declare twbh (11) 59 89 C Williams
2 2s00s Gailo Chop tdw (3) 59 88 J Allen
3 549s7 Harlem t (6) 59 89 J Mott
4 348s3 Fierce Impact cdw (5) 59 98 M Zahra
5 s9400 Gatting cdw (4) 59 90 L Nolen
6 8s58s Levendi cw (1) 59 81 J Maskiell
7 050s3 Kings Will Dream tcwh (15) 59 92 J McNeil
8 1164s So Si Bon tdw (16) 59 86 D Stackhouse
9 114s0 Master Of Wine wbh (10) 59 88 M Rodd
10 5633s Warning twh (9) 58.5 85 W Egan
11 12s23 Dalasan tcwb (8) 58.5 95 J Childs
12 3115s Quick Thinker dwb (13) 58.5 85 M Dee
13 s411s Russian Camelot dwhn (14) 57.5 87 D Oliver
14 01121 Perfect Jewel dw (2) 57 100 W Pike
15 356s8 Princess Jenni dwn (12) 57 89 E Brown
16 s84s4 Miami Bound tdwh (7) 56.5 92 B Melham

8 Seppelt Danehill Stakes 6.15
\$200,000, 3yo SW+P Group 2, 1200m
1 6162s Prague dwn (8) 58.5 96 J Allen
2 s115s Wisdom Of Water d (7) 58.5 94 M Zahra
3 s0s10 Hard Landing tw (3) 58.5 97 L Nolen
4 11s5 Doubtland wh (9) 58.5 95 W Pike
5 71s84 Extra Time dw (2) 58.5 100 C Williams
6 5413s Amish Boy db (1) 57 92 J Mott
7 23s25 Ranting h (5) 57 99 B Melham
8 5s112 On The Lead wb (10) 57 94 L Currie
9 11 Tydeul d (11) 57 96 M Rodd
10 2130s Personal t (4) 55 100 D Oliver
11 1 Annavisto dw (6) 55 98 J McNeil

9 G.H. Mumm Cap D'Antibes Stks 6.50
\$140,000, 3yo Fillies SW+P Listed, 1100m
1 1330s Mildred tw (8) 58.5 96 J Childs
2 169s0 A Beautiful Night t (4) 58.5 81 J Mott
3 116s Letzbeleg d (7) 58.5 91 M Dee
4 110s Minhaaj tw (13) 58.5 90 D Stackhouse
5 111s Forever Free dwh (3) 57.5 91 D Moor
6 2s116 Parlophone wb (10) 57.5 100 J McNeil
7 18s75 Supreme Idea dw (14) 57.5 90 M Zahra
8 s115s September Run dwh (2) 57.5 93 C Williams
9 10s Swats That h (15) 57 87 J Allen
10 8s133 Standoff cw (12) 57 84 B Park
11 12611 Peggy Selene w (17) 56 91 B Mertens
12 379s4 Unstoppabelle (11) 56 88 W Egan
13 3s1 Yosemite dw (9) 56 89 W Pike
14 5s102 Zooming Zebra dw (6) 56 87 L Nolen
15 14 Jenni's Rainbow db (5) 56 85 E Brown
16 8s1 Gypsy Choice w (1) 56 88 L Currie
17 1 Smokin' Val w (18) 56 86 D Oliver
18 Amuri h (16) 56 86 B Melham

10 21391 Roland Garros dw (1) 56 86 D Stackhouse
11 00096 Benall dwn (9) 56 76 L German (a)

10 Molly's Rocking dwn (12) 56.5 93 M Mc Gillivray
11 1210s Superare wn (10) 56 93 SCRATCHED
12 Unguarded SCRATCHED

2 TAB Long May We Play Plate2.23
\$50,000, Class 3 SW, 1200m
1 Fisticuffs SCRATCHED
2 Mittere SCRATCHED
3 115s7 Tesarc tw (4) 59 82 B Stewart
4 16612 Chico Milagro dwb (9) 57.5 100 B Nothdurft
5 Great Keppell SCRATCHED
6 56s12 Vivendo Il Sogno dw (8) 57.5 88 Ron Stewart
7 s1131 Amiche cdw (6) 57 99 R Maloney
8 13s72 Hearts Lifted dwh (5) 57 86 J Guthmann-Chester
9 136s1 Oh Five Glory c (10) 57 94 A Thompson (a2)

3 Gallopers Sports Club 2.58
\$75,000, Benchmark 80, 1200m
1 76174 Piracy dw (2) 60 93 Ms A Patis (a3)
2 085s7 Mishani Bullitt cdw (1) 59.5 89 S Tomlinson (a3)
3 47342 One Stryke tw (4) 58.5 91 Justin P Stanley
4 All Important SCRATCHED
5 43549 Defence Missile cdw (3) 58 93 J Guthmann-Chester

4 TAB Long May We Play 3.33
\$100,000, 3yo Quality, 1350m
1 3411s The Actuary tcw (5) 59 92 B Nothdurft
2 2s30s Clairvue Star tw (3) 58 100 M Cahill
3 s0116 Im'twentyfourseven wn (7) 57 93 L Tarrant
4 3195s Neutron b (9) 57 91 A Mallyon
5 8s1 Good Chat (2) 56 94 R Maloney
6 231 Tycoon Evie t (6) 55.5 97 J Orman
7 42s11 Aerial Combat w (1) 55.5 99 B Thompson
8 2 Palaszczuk (8) 54 91 M Mc Gillivray
9 9s524 Safework (4) 54 98 M R Du Plessis

5 BRC-Like Nowhere Else Hcp 4.08
\$75,000, Class 6, 1350m
1 123s7 Impasse c (1) 60 92 R Fradd
2 709s6 Guntantes tcw (4) 57.5 94 B Thompson
3 94384 You Make Me Smile w (7) 57.5 93 Ron Stewart
4 365s6 Plitvice cw (3) 57 92 D Smith
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FRI-SAT-SUN 1pm, 3.40pm, 5.30pm, 8.25pm

AFTER WE COLLIDED (M) FRI-SAT-SUN 3.10pm, 5.50pm, 8.10pm

THE AUSTRALIAN DREAM (TBC)
FRI-SAT-SUN 1.15pm, 5.50pm

STAR WARS: EPISODE V - THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK (PG)
FRI-SAT-SUN 1pm, 5.50pm

THE NEW MUTANTS (M) FRI-SAT-SUN 4pm, 6.10pm, 8.10pm

BILL & TED FACE THE MUSIC (PG) FRI-SAT-SUN 3.40pm, 8.10pm

WHISPERS OF GOLD (E) \$10 FRI-SAT-SUN 1.15pm, 4.30pm

TENET (M) FRI-SAT-SUN 1pm, 7.40pm

THIS TOWN (M) FRI-SAT-SUN 2.30pm

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Meetings

WAIOTAHU PARISH LOT 19D AHU WHENUA TRUST

WAIARIKI
112 DUNLOP ROAD, OPOTIKI

Meeting to be held at Accommodation Ahi Kaa, 61 Salisbury Road, Gisborne

SUNDAY 11.10.2020 AT 11AM

Mihimihi & Karakia

AGENDA

1. Elect trustees
2. Other business

Meetings

TAPUIHIKITIA CSC2

ADD TRUSTEES \$239, TE TURE WHENUA MAORI ACT 1993

An application will be heard at the Maori Land Court, Te Whare o Te Ra Building, 60 Reads Quay, Gisborne on **Friday 2 October 2020 at 11.45am.**

Meetings

SUPERGRANS TAIRAWHITI TRUST

AGM

Tuesday 15th September 2020

at 6pm

185 Childers Rd Gisborne

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The successful applicants will:

- * have an understanding of the Nutrition Guidelines for Healthy School Lunches
- * have experience cooking for groups
- * be well organised with attention to detail
- * have excellent kitchen hygiene standards and hold a Food Hygiene Certificate
- * have knowledge of all Health and Safety aspects associated with food preparation and storage

Position starts Term 4 of 2020.

Please send your CV and enquiries to :
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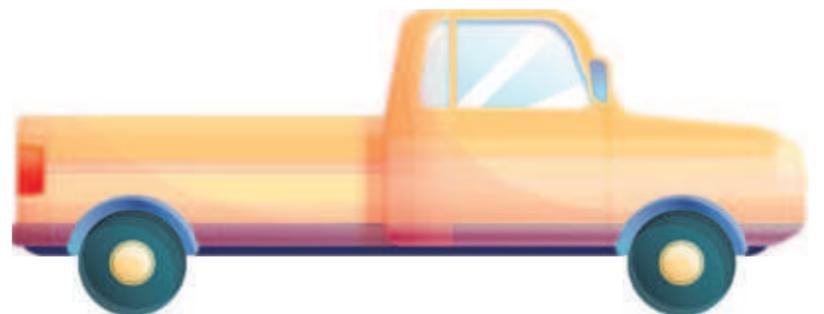
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The making of modern royals

FINDING FREEDOM

by Omid Scobie and Carolyn Durand
published by HarperCollins

In *Finding Freedom*, two members of the royal press corps give a close account of the Windsor-Markle marriage.

Although royal family members are unable to authorise a biography, it's hard to imagine a more supportive work than this.

Scobie and Durand will convince readers that after what Harry and Meghan have been through at the hands of the media, the British people, and the rest of the royal family, they deserve a bit of compassion.

Despite the fact there are no major bombshells in the book, the authors add previously unknown nuances to what appeared to be a modern fairy tale.

They offer intimate details of Harry and Meghan's first date, their takeout orders, who said "I love you" first, Meghan's awkward early encounters with William and Kate, and their decision not to use a night nurse for baby

Archie.

Readers after dirt should look elsewhere.

This is the type of thing that passes for a "confession":

"To this day, Harry doesn't like wearing a tie. He once confessed to the authors of this book, 'We need to live these things up, make them more fun and interesting'."

While their story starts as somewhat of a fairy tale, most fairy tales don't end with the prince and princess turning in their resignations.

What went wrong?

Race and class open the door for failure as the absurdly cruel press fight tooth and nail to make their life together difficult.

"My deepest fear is history repeating itself," Harry said in a statement not long after his son was born.

"I've seen what happens when someone I love is commoditised to the point that they are no longer seen or treated as a real person."

As the story ends with the stressed couple fleeing to Los Angeles ahead of the Covid-19 travel shutdown, one can



only hope they have found the freedom suggested by the title.

PAGE-TURNING WHODUNNIT

UNDER PRESSURE

by Robert Pobi
published by Hodder & Stoughton

In the sequel to *City of Windows*, where we first met Dr Lucas Page, a series of high-casualty bombings in and around New York City drives the FBI to consult pattern-sensitive astrophysicist Dr Page, whose people skills may need work but are still far better than the bombers'.

The first explosion, at a Guggenheim Museum gala for eco-friendly Horizon Dynamics, destroys a billion dollars' worth of art and 702 human beings without bringing down the iconic structure.

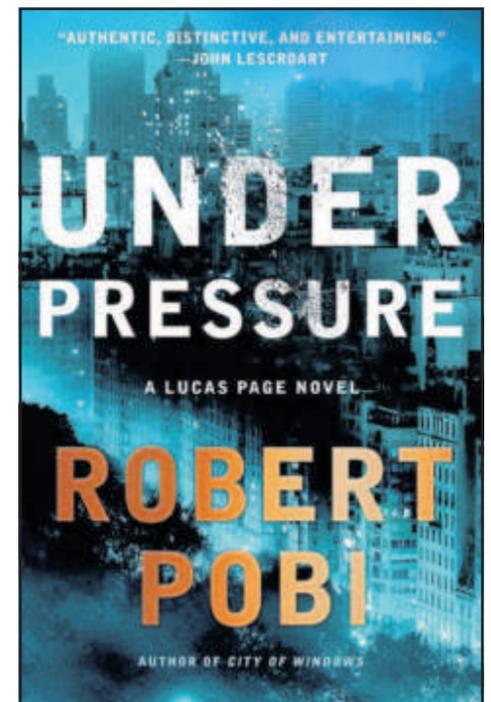
That's one smart bomb, observes Dr Page, who quickly realises that the weapon was a thermobaric explosion and enlightens Special Agent Brett Kehoe before the FBI's crack team of investigators armed with endless computing power can do so.

A delayed warning letter to a CNN anchor and a rapid succession of later bombings raise urgent questions about whodunnit and why.

As far as Dr Page and Angela Whitaker, the intuitive FBI agent who worked with him in *City of Windows* can tell, the Machine Bomber, as the media dub the perpetrator, seems intent on hurting Hockney Worldwide Enterprises instead of helping it.

A violent confrontation that doesn't happen to include a bomb kills Kehoe's leading suspect, but Dr Page, seriously injured but sceptical as ever, is eager to get back in the hunt even after Kehoe pulls him off it, and his uncanny concentration and tenacity pay off in a gripping final showdown.

Pobi's novel is full of non-stop thrills, especially for readers who want one last glimpse of New York's landmarks before they're incinerated.



Thunberg's call to save the planet

OUR HOUSE IS ON FIRE

by Malena Ernman, Greta Thunberg, Beata Ernman and Svante Thunberg
published by Penguin Books

Since August 2018, when Greta Thunberg initiated a "school strike for the climate", the teenager has become the face of climate activism.

In *Our House is on Fire*, Swedish opera singer Malena Ernman, her husband, Svante Thunberg, and their daughters, Greta and Beata, stitch together scenarios about "burned-out people on a burned-out planet".

Years before Greta stepped into the public eye with her strike outside the Swedish Parliament, she struggled with depression.

"She was slowly disappearing into some kind of darkness and little by little, bit by bit, she seemed to stop functioning. She stopped playing the piano. She stopped laughing. She stopped talking . . . She stopped eating."

Through condensed recollections, Malena explains how autism and selective mutism unfolded in her household.

When Greta was finally diagnosed with Asperger's and OCD, and Beata with ADHD and other conditions, the



family found a level of comfort.

Behind the book's matter-of-fact writing, Greta's parents emerge as involuntary superheroes and recipients

of no awards but hard-won knowledge.

"Perhaps we will never be fine, but we can always get a little bit better, and there is strength in that. There is hope in that."

But they still faced plenty of struggles. The narrative delivers a potent, challenging, and heartening portrayal of a family's struggle to hold it all together.

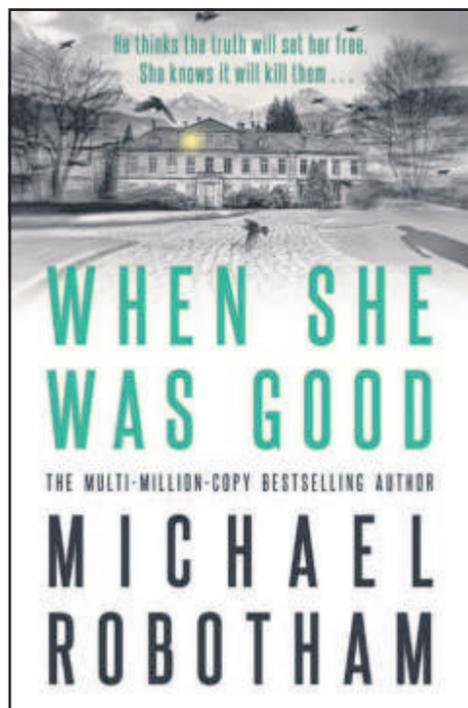
The text is troublesome when it fuses environmental issues — such as sustainability and the climate crisis — with mental health problems, hypothesising that society's prioritisation of economy over ecology has led to increasing isolation and desperation.

While provocative, the argument feels grounded in abridged sentiment.

Passages about carbon emissions, the damage done by air travel and the failings of world leaders are blatantly pessimistic but valuable.

Because these elements echo many of Greta's speeches, they come off as repetitive in the book.

The build-up to Greta's strike — and the strike itself — is an inspiring portrayal of the teenager who has become a leading climate change activist and the family who supports her.



Propelled by alternating narratives

WHEN SHE WAS GOOD

by Michael Robotham
published by Hachette Australia

"Lying is so fundamental to our existence, it is wired into our DNA. That's why babies learn to fake cry before they're a year old and to bluff by the age of two."

Forensic psychologist Cyrus Haven makes a much-awaited return in Robotham's captivating follow-up to *Good Girl, Bad Girl*.

Cyrus has finally tracked down Sacha Hopewell, the constable who carried Evie Cormac out of a house of horrors seven years ago, where a man was tortured and killed trying to protect her.

When She Was Good brings the backstory to Evie, or Angel Face as she was then known.

She was eventually given a name and moved to Langford Hall, a secure

children's home.

Evie discovers she has a unique gift — she can tell when someone is telling the truth.

"I don't trust the truth. The truth is a story. The truth is a habit. The truth is a compromise. The truth is a dull-edged knife. The truth is a casualty. The truth died long ago."

Meanwhile, Sacha is threatened and flees London in an attempt to protect her family.

Cyrus is hopeful Sacha can shed light on what happened to Evie in the days following her rescue and offers to take Sacha to see Evie, but she declines.

Cyrus is investigating the possible suicide of retired police officer Hamish Whitmore, where he finds evidence that suggests he may have been murdered.

Cyrus finds the case may be connected to Evie's earlier life when he discovers

Whitmore was investigating a series of child murders.

Whitmore's family reveals to Cyrus that a man with pale blue eyes and a half-moon scar, claiming to be a police officer, had already questioned them.

That's no police officer, and it doesn't take long for Cyrus, with Sacha's help, to find out Evie's true identity.

The pair work quickly in a bid to save the young girl from a powerful group of people who will do anything to keep her quiet.

Once again, Robotham delves into risky territory, and the horror steadily mounts as Evie finally reveals what happened to her before her dramatic rescue.

Cyrus and Evie, both survivors of trauma, are quirky, complicated, and endlessly compelling creations, and their alternating first-person narratives propel Robotham's carefully-crafted tale.



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FRIDAY—SATURDAY'S TELEVISION GUIDE

TVNZ 1

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- 5pm The Chase** © *TV*
- 6pm 1 News At 6pm** *TV*
- 7pm Seven Sharp** *TV*
- 7.30 House Rules: High Stakes** PG *TV*
Lenore and Bradley finally get a rest while teams work on Lenore's Greystanes house, which is in need of some love and affection.
- 8.50 Miranda** PG © *TV*
When a handsome man leaves his wallet in the shop, Miranda and Stevie think it could be a sign, especially when they discover he is called Robert Husband.
- 9.30 FINAL The Mallorca Files** 16V *TV*
While Max and Miranda investigate thefts at the home of a legendary music producer turned reality TV star, they find themselves the stars of a lethal show.
- 10.30 1 News Tonight** *TV*
- 11pm Project Blue Book** 16L *TV*
Hynek and Quinn investigate after a soldier is apparently abducted by a flying saucer at a military base in the remote Nevada desert.
- 11.50 Dinner Date** © *TV*
Elle chooses three blind dates from five potential partners, based on the menus they have created and, after having dinner with each of them, she decides who she wants to see again.
- SATURDAY**
- 12.45 Te Karere**
- 1.10 Infomercials** *TV*
- 6am Te Karere** © *TV*
- 6.30 Country Calendar** © *TV*
- 7am Supershoppers** ©
- 7.30 Infomercials** *TV*
- 9am The Checkup** © *TV*
- 9.30 Tagata Pasifika**
- 10.10 Britain's Got Talent: The Champions** © *TV*
- 12.10 The Hotel Inspector Returns** *TV*
- 1.05 Best Home Cook** © *TV*
- 2.20 The Posh Frock Shop** © *TV*
- 2.50 Jamie's Ultimate Veg** © *TV*
- 3.55 Asia Unplated With Diana Chan** © *TV*
- 4.25 Extreme Cake Makers** © *TV*
- 5pm The Chase** © *TV*

BRAVO

- 5.30 Keeping Up With The Kardashians** PG ©
- 6.30 Million Dollar Listing LA** ©
- 7.30 50 Ways To Kill Your Mum**
- 8.30 MOVIE The Change-Up** 16 © *TV* 2011 Comedy. After a drunken night out, two best friends, one a family man, the other single and free of responsibility, wake up in each other's bodies.
- 10.55 Snapped** M ©
- 11.50 Buried In The Backyard** M ©
- SATURDAY**
- 12.40 Infomercials**
- 10am Judge Jerry** ©
- 10.25 Four Weddings UK** PG ©
- 11.25 Four Weddings UK** PG ©
- 12.20 David Tutera: Unveiled** ©
- 1.15 David Tutera: Unveiled** ©
- 2.10 MOVIE Couples Retreat** PG © 2009 Comedy.
- 4.25 The Bachelor Australia** PG ©
- 5.30 The Bachelor Australia** PG ©

TVNZ 2

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- 5.05 The Simpsons** © *TV*
- 5.30 The Big Bang Theory** © *TV*
- 6pm Neighbours** PG *TV*
- 6.30 Home And Away** PG *TV*
- 7pm Shortland Street** PG *TV*
Desi rails against temptation; Dawn connects with the wrong man; Maeve's family breaks back in.
- 7.30 FINAL Michael McIntyre's Big Show** *TV*
With Robbie Williams and football star Ian Wright.
- 8.40 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown** ML
- 9.45 The Sex Clinic** 16LS *TV*
- 10.40 Two And A Half Men** PGS ©
- 11.10 2 Broke Girls** PG © *TV*
- 11.35 Instant Hotel** © *TV*
- SATURDAY**
- 12.45 Alone Together** PG © *TV*
- 1.10 Shortland Street** PG © *TV*
- 1.35 Regular Show** ©
- 1.45 Infomercials**
- 2.50 Once Upon A Time** PG © *TV*
- 4.20 Scrubs** PG © *TV*
- 4.45 Emmerdale** PG © *TV*
- 5.10 Neighbours** PG © *TV*
- 5.35 The Lodge** © *TV*
- 6am Thomas And Friends** *TV*
- 6.20 Tinpo** © *TV*
- 6.30 Mission Force One** © *TV*
- 6.55 The Insectibles** © *TV*
- 7.05 Wacky Races** © *TV*
- 7.30 Stretch Armstrong** *TV*
- 7.50 Beyblade Burst Rise** *TV*
- 8.15 Bakugan: Battle Planet** © *TV*
- 8.40 Teen Titans Go!** © *TV*
- 9am Adventure Time** *TV*
- 9.10 Marvel's Avengers: Secret Wars** *TV*
- 9.35 The Simpsons** © *TV*
- 10am Fresh** PG
- 10.30 Mystic** © *TV*
- 11am My Wife And Kids** © *TV*
- 11.25 Black-Ish** PG © *TV*
- 12.15 FINAL The Bachelor NZ** PG *TV*
- 1.15 Instant Hotel** ©
- 2.25 God Friended Me** © *TV*
- 3.20 The 100** PGVC *TV*
- 4.15 Zoey's Extraordinary Playlist** PG *TV*
- 5.10 Little Big Shots** *TV*

CHOICE

- 5.30 Mysteries At The Museum**
- 6.30 Salvage Hunters**
- 7.30 Ugly House To Lovely House**
- 8.30 Money For Nothing**
- 9.30 Best Laid Plans**
Architectural designer Charlie Luxton and property developer Sophie Morgan join forces to help UK home improvers.
- 10.30 Salvage Hunters**
- 11.30 Mysteries At The Museum**
- SATURDAY**
- 12.30 James Martin's Islands To Highlands**
- 1.30 Toy Hunter**
- 2am Dirty Rotten Survival**
- 3am Deadly Australians**
- 4am Money For Nothing**
- 5am Mysteries At The Museum**
- 6am Baggage Battles**
- 6.30 Discovering... Cher** PGC
- 7.30 Deadly Australians**
- 8.30 Mysteries At The Museum** PGC
- 9.30 Best Laid Plans**
- 10.30 James Martin's Islands To Highlands**
- 11.30 Salvage Hunters**
- 12.30 Ugly House To Lovely House**
- 1.30 Money For Nothing**
- 2.30 The Curse Of Oak Island** PGC
- 3.30 Wildlife Rescue New Zealand**
- 4.30 Ainsley Eats The Streets**
- 5.30 Expedition Unknown**

THREE

- 5pm Millionaire Hot Seat** *TV*
- 6pm NewsHub Live At 6pm**
- 7pm The Project**
- 7.30 MOVIE Transformers: Age Of Extinction** M © *TV* 2014
Action. A battle has left a great city ruined and, as humanity picks up the pieces, an ancient and powerful new enemy draws nearer.
- Mark Wahlberg, Nicola Peltz, Stanley Tucci.
- 10.30 NewsHub Late**
- 11pm Bob's Burgers** PG
Things become spooky when Tina dissects a pig in science class; Bob and Linda deal with a giant ball of ear wax.
- 11.30 The Goldbergs** PG © *TV*
Barry has a chance to throw the first pitch at a Philadelphia Phillies game, and believes it is his chance to play professionally.
- SATURDAY**
- 12am Millionaire Hot Seat** © *TV*
- 12.50 Infomercials** ©
- 6am Charles Stanley** ©
- 6.30 Infomercials** ©
- 9.30 NewsHub Nation** *TV*
An in-depth weekly current-affairs show.
- 10.30 The Taste US**
- 11.25 Married At First Sight USA** PG
- 12.55 Slice Of Paradise** © *TV*
- 1.55 MasterChef UK** PG
- 2.30 Vacation Creation**
- 3pm Survivor: Island Of The Idols** PG *TV*
- 4pm Hotels By Design** PG *TV*
- 4.30 Hotels By Design** PG
- 5pm Bondi Vet: Coast To Coast** *TV*

PRIME

- 5pm Frasier** © *TV* (Part 2)
- 5.30 Prime News**
- 6pm Storage Hunters** PG © *TV*
- 7pm The Crowd Goes Wild**
- 7.30 The Force** MC *TV*
- 8pm Border Security** PG *TV*
- 8.30 Seal Team** MV *TV*
As he continues to deal with his PTSD, Jason and the team must apprehend those responsible for the bombings; Ray confronts Sonny about his relationship with Lisa.
- 9.30 Raw** PGV
The latest WWE action.
- 10.30 NEW! Suits: Jessica Pearson** M *TV*
After being disbarred in New York, Jessica Pearson moves to Chicago for a fresh start but, when she starts her new job in the mayor's office, she finds herself in a power struggle.
- 11.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert** PG
- SATURDAY**
- 12.30 Cycling: Tour De France (HLS)** Stage 11.
- 1am Closedown**
- 6am Ben 10** © *TV*
- 6.50 Danny Phantom** © *TV*
- 7.45 Henry Danger** ©
- 8.10 Teen Titans** ©
- 8.35 Batman: The Animated Series**
- 9am Justice League** PG ©
- 10am SmackDown** PGV ©
- 11am Raw** PGV ©
- Noon Loosehead Footy** © *TV*
- 1pm NRL Try Time**
- 2pm Outback Truckers** PG © *TV*
- 3pm Pacific Brothers** ©
- 4.05 American Restoration** © *TV*
- 4.30 Hot Bench** ©
- 5pm Addicted To Fishing** *TV*
- 5.30 Prime News**

MAORI TV

- 5pm Pipi Ma**
- 5.05 FINAL Takaro Tribe** ©
- 5.20 Kia Mau** ©
- 5.30 Takoha** ©
- 5.40 Te Nutube**
- 5.50 ZooMoo**
- 6pm Tangaroa With Pio**
- 6.30 Te Ao Marama**
- 7.30 Piri's Tiki Tour** PGC
Piri Weepu travels New Zealand to meet local divers, farmers, hunters, and more, who share local hot spots and anecdotes of what made them who they are today.
- 8pm Te Hokinga Mai O Nga Taonga**
- 8.30 MOVIE 12 Rounds** MVL 2009
Action. When a detective's criminal nemesis escapes from prison and takes his revenge, the detective must complete near-impossible puzzles and tasks to save his girlfriend's life. John Cena, Aidan Gillen.
- 10.20 Ki Tua** ©
- 10.50 Nga Pari Karangaranga O Te Motu** ©
- 11.20 Te Kauta** PG
- 11.50 Closedown**
- SATURDAY**
- 6.30 Waitata Mai**
- 6.40 Takoha** ©
- 6.50 Kia Mau** ©
- 7.20 Pukoro**
- 7.50 Polyfest Kapa Haka** ©
- 8.20 Tamariki Haka**
- 8.30 Pukana**
- 9.30 Korero Mai** ©
- Noon Waka Ama Sprint Nationals** ©
- 1pm The Pits TV** ©
- 2pm Poitukohu Kura Tuarua** ©
- 3pm Touch Rugby: National Championships** ©
- 4pm Waitata Nation** ©
- 5pm The Hui: Kaupeka Wha**
- 5.30 Nga Tangata Taumata Rau**



Miranda
8.50pm on TVNZ 1



Transformers: Age of Extinction
7.30pm on Three



Seal Team
8.30pm on Prime

RNZ NATIONAL

- 5pm Checkpoint**
News and current affairs programme.
- 6.30 Trending Now**
Programme highlighting the RNZ stories people are sharing online.
- 7.06 Nights With Bryan Crump.**
- 10pm News At Ten**
A roundup of today's news and sport.
- 10.15 Lately With Karyn Hay.**
- 11.04 The Mixtape**
- SATURDAY**
- 12.04 All Night Programme**
- 6.08 Storytime**
- 7.08 Country Life**
- 8.10 Saturday Morning**
- 12.12 Music 101**
- 5pm The World At Five**

PAY TV

SKY SPORT 1

- 6.30 North v South (HLS)**
- 7pm LIVE Mitre 10 Cup**
North Harbour v Canterbury.
- 9.10 North v South (RPL)**
- 11pm Gallagher Highlights Show** Round 19.
- SATURDAY**
- 12am Mitre 10 Cup (HLS)** North Harbour v Canterbury. From North Harbour Stadium.
- 12.30 First XV Rugby Revision (HLS)**
- 1am Farah Palmer Cup Highlights Show (HLS)** Round One.
- 1.30 Mitre 10 Cup (RPL)** North Harbour v Canterbury.
- 4am Gallagher Premiership (RPL)** Bath Rugby v Worcester Warriors.
- 6am First XV Rugby Revision**
- 6.40 LIVE French Top 14**
Racing 92 v Montpellier.
- 9am Mitre 10 Cup (HLS)** North Harbour v Canterbury.
- 9.30 Farah Palmer Cup Highlights Show**
- 10am Gallagher Highlights Show**
- 11am Mitre 10 Cup (HLS)** North Harbour v Canterbury.
- 11.30 LIVE Farah Palmer Cup** Waikato v Taranaki.
- 1.30 Farah Palmer Cup (HLS)** North Harbour v Bay of Plenty.
- 2pm LIVE Mitre 10 Cup** Waikato v Wellington.
- 4.15 LIVE Mitre 10 Cup** Otago v Auckland.

SKY 5

- 5pm Wheel Of Fortune**
- 5.30 Hardcore Pawn** PG
- 6pm Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away** MVL
- 7pm The Force** MC
- 7.30 MacGyver** M
- 8.30 Scorpion** MV
- 9.30 Salvation** MV
- 10.30 NCIS** MV
- 11.15 NCIS** MV
- SATURDAY**
- 12.05 Survivor: Worlds Apart** PG
- 12.55 Wheel Of Fortune**
- 1.20 Jeopardy!**
- 1.40 The Force** MC
- 2.05 Salvation** MV
- 2.50 Scorpion** MV
- 3.40 NCIS** MV
- 4.25 Hardcore Pawn** PGL
- 4.50 MacGyver** M
- 5.35 The Simpsons** PG
- 6am Truck Night In America** PGL
- 6.50 The Simpsons Super Saturday** PG
- 9.20 Truck Night In America** PGL
- 10.10 Scorpion** MV
- 11am NXT** PGV
- Noon SmackDown Live** MVC
- 2.05 Storage Wars** PG
- 2.30 Storage Wars** PG
- 2.55 Salvation** MV
- 3.45 Counting Cars** PG
- 4.10 Counting Cars** PG
- 4.35 The Simpsons Super Saturday** PG

MOVIES PREMIERE

- 6.35 Us** 16VLC 2019 Horror. Lupita Nyong'o, Winston Duke.
- 8.30 Can You Ever Forgive Me?** MLSC 2018 Drama. When a best-selling celebrity biographer finds herself unable to get published, she turns her art to deception. Melissa McCarthy, Richard E Grant.
- 10.20 Jojo Rabbit** MVC 2019 Comedy. Taika Waititi, Scarlett Johansson.
- SATURDAY**
- 12.08 The Poison Rose** MVL 2019 Thriller. John Travolta, Morgan Freeman.
- 1.43 You Might Be The Killer** 16VL 2018 Horror. Fran Kranz, Alyson Hannigan.
- 3.08 John Wick: Chapter 3 Parabellum** 16VL 2019 Action. Keanu Reeves, Halle Berry.
- 5.15 Elvis Goes There: Paul Feig** MC 2019 Documentary.
- 6.02 Us** 16VLC 2019 Horror. Lupita Nyong'o, Winston Duke.
- 7.57 Can You Ever Forgive Me?** MLSC 2018 Drama.
- 9.40 Jojo Rabbit** MVC 2019 Comedy.
- 11.25 The Poison Rose** MVL 2019 Thriller.
- 1pm John Wick: Chapter 3 Parabellum** 16VL 2019 Action.
- 3.10 Time Out** MS 2018 Comedy.
- 4.35 The Sisters Brothers** 16VLS 2018 Drama.

DISCOVERY

- 5.40 Railroad Australia** PG
- 6.35 Aussie Mega Mechanics** PG Off Track.
- 7.30 Outback Opal Hunters** PG
- 8.30 Aussie Gold Hunters** PG
- 9.25 Aussie Lobster Men** PG
- 10.15 Ripley's Believe It Or Not!** PG The Curious Case Of....
- 11.05 Naked And Afraid** PG Fan Down.
- 11.55 How It's Made** PG
- SATURDAY**
- 12.20 How Do They Do It?** PG
- 12.45 Car Crash Global Caught On Camera** PG
- 1.35 Gold Rush** PG
- 2.25 Moonshiners** MVL
- 3.15 Gold Rush: White Water** PG
- 4.05 Strange Evidence** PG
- 4.55 Naked And Afraid** PG
- 5.45 Gold Rush** PG
- 6.35 How It's Made** PG
- 7am How It's Made** PG
- 7.30 Aussie Gold Hunters** PG
- 8.20 Railroad Australia** PG
- 9.10 Railroad Australia** PG
- 10am Railroad Australia** PG
- 10.50 Railroad Australia** PG
- 11.40 Railroad Australia** PG
- 12.30 What On Earth?** PG
- 1.20 Deadliest Catch** PG
- 2.10 Aussie Lobster Men** PG
- 3pm Aussie Gold Hunters** PG
- 3.50 Gold Rush: Dave Turin's Lost Mine** PG
- 4.45 Gold Rush: Dave Turin's Lost Mine** PG
- 5.40 Gold Rush: Dave Turin's Lost Mine** PG

Dealing with nitty-gritty

Teams get down to playoff business

HOCKEY by Murray Robertson

THE business end of the hockey season starts tonight and this weekend's semifinals will produce some exciting playoffs as teams vie for places in the finals.

Waituhi have enjoyed a marvellous comeback season and tonight they play GMC Kowhai for a place in the women's bottom-four final.

"Waituhi will go in with a bit of confidence and will look for a solid start to the game," hockey commentator Tony Scragg said.

"If they get out to a lead they will be pretty hard to run down.

"Kowhai, on the other hand, will throw everything at them, and defence will be as important as attack to Waituhi.

"If Waituhi make it through to the final, we will seriously need Covid Level 1 next weekend to be able to accommodate their big crowd of supporters," Scragg said.

Tonight's match starts at 6.30pm.

Tomorrow's line-up of games begins at 12 midday with the clash between Ngatapa and GMC Gold, again with a bottom-four final place on the line.

"Ngatapa must go in as hot favourites," Scragg said.

"They scored a big win against Gold the first time they played them this year.

"While they struggled a bit in their second match with them, Ngatapa have shown they are deserving of a finals appearance," Scragg said.

In the first of the top-four women's semis at 1.30pm tomorrow, GMC Green play Amber Dental Gisborne Girls' High School.

"I think the Green Machine want to defend the women's title and to do that they must win tomorrow.

"Unfortunately Girls' High might be on the receiving end of that determination," he said.

"The only confidence booster for the students would be that they played together in five games last week. They



HOCKEY: YMP's Moelani Tureia-Siataga (left) and GMC Green's Jess Candy bring their sticks together like a hockey coat of arms in a women's hockey match on the turf at Harry Barker Reserve last month. The game ended 1-1. Tomorrow GMC Green play Gisborne Girls' High School and YMP play Paikea. Picture by Paul Rickard

will be together in their work on the turf."

At 3pm, Paikea meet YMP to decide the other women's championship finalist.

"It's hard not to back the most consistent team in the women's competition this season," Scragg said.

"YMP have a belief in each other that has carried them to this point of the season, and I expect that belief to continue tomorrow.

"But Paikea will go right to the wire and play for the full 70 minutes."

The men take over the turf then and at 4.30pm it will be YMP (2) against Gisborne Boys' High School.

"YMP (2) have suffered only one loss

this season," Scragg said.

"It will be a monumental effort for the students to get up in this one.

"They will have to watch out for the aggressive YMP attack. They will be very strong."

At 6pm, YMP (1) play Lytton Old Boys NZ Fruits to complete the weekend's play.

"In the past six weeks, the Fruits have shown how competitive they can be," Scragg said.

"They appear to have got it together at the right end of the season.

"They must be in there with a good chance of making the men's final.

"I mean, who wouldn't want to win the Covid Cup!"

Boys' High prepare for farewells

RUGBY by Ben O'Brien-Leaf

IT'S a team and a season that the Gisborne Boys' High School first 15 of 2020 will never forget.

As the 2019 side came within one point of victory, 21 to St Patrick's College Silverstream's 22, here last year and were pipped 24-21 by Napier BHS on Rectory No.1 three weeks later, the Ryan Tapsell-coached, Amos Roddick-led GBHS of 2020 lost 20-19 to Rotorua BHS at Raukura on August 1 and 22-29 to Tauranga Boys' College in Gisborne a fortnight ago.

Hooker Reweti Ropiha – a reserve in the Gisborne second 15's come-from-behind 29-19 win against New Plymouth BHS at McNaught Field last year – will skipper the seconds for the first time against New Plymouth BHS at the Rectory from 10am tomorrow, and at 11.30am first 15 skipper, onside flanker Roddick, will take them out for what, if NPBHS prevail, would be the last time at home.

Under those circumstances, it would be Roddick, tighthead prop Sione Mafileo, blindside flanker Sam Twigley, No.8 Khian Westrupp, halfback Kirk Ngatai, first five-eighth Nic Proffit and utility reserve Bryan Howard's final appearance at the Rectory.

Second-five Corbyn Peach, centre Von Huata and right wing Isaiah Lemaua may all return in 2021.

Roddick, Mafileo and Westrupp are all third-year first 15 players to have worn the jersey under Tapsell, Mark Jefferson (2019) and Tom Cairns (2018). Roddick and Proffit were named on Tuesday to attend a New Zealand Barbarians-Hurricanes age-grade

camp at Napier BHS from October 28 to November 1.

But that hard-earned honour could not be further from the captain's mind.

He said: "Our team is very close, a real brotherhood: we play for each other."

Gisborne beat 2019 national champions Hastings 17-5 here, had the measure of Rotorua and Tauranga and – if the ball had bounced more favourably on two occasions – might on July 18 have claimed the scalp of Auckland 1A powerhouse St Peter's College, who instead exited from the Rectory with a 21-10 win to retain the Boris Srhoj Cup.

Napier BHS (20-0), Palmerston North (54-10) and Hamilton (80-5) outplayed GBHS at home and in Super 8 competition, Gisborne and TBC both have seven points but TBC are sixth, Boys' High seventh, on the first "tie breaker" rule of head-to-head result – TBC, 29-22 victors here on August 29 – with points differential being the second rule applied.

New Plymouth under head coach Ricky Tito and captain, lock Rowan Slater, come to Gisborne having won 5-6 in the Super 8 this season. Slater, tighthead prop Shaun Leath, first-five Jack Parker, centre Rova Drauna, second-five Levi Rewiti and fullback Matua Robinson are all third-year players; Robinson was the toast of the Gully last year, a two-try hero in their 27-5 win at home.

New Plymouth (23pts), placed second to unbeaten Hamilton (29pts), are coming off a 25-22 win against Napier (20pts) at NBHS. At the last meeting, lock Ofa Tauatevalu's effort as GBHS Player of

the Day was a high point on that tough afternoon, the hosts being 15-0 up at halftime, threatening mayhem. But historically it has been Gisborne who have run riot against New Plymouth: 50-12 here two years ago, 22-14 in 2016, 72-7 victors in 2014, 39-22 in 2012, 22-3 in 2010, 12-7 in 2008, 48-5 in 2006, in 2004 it was 20-10, 23-0 in 2002, 53-27 in 2000 and in the Super 8's inaugural year of 1998, it was 15-5.

In and before the Super 8 era, New Plymouth's first 15 have not beaten Gisborne at home in 11 attempts: GBHS have won five times at the Gully, Jamie Vette leading GBHS to their first win there, 28-17, in 1999.

It has been 50 years since mastercoach Dick Glover's 1970 team under Phil Duncan beat New Plymouth 12-6 here in front of one of the largest midweek crowds for a match at the Rectory: 7000, with gated entry by donation.

With Covid-19 alert level 2 still in effect, such a crowd would pose logistical difficulties – but GBHS rugby fans are loyal and have been known to take the action in from nearby rooftops, in the days before Sideline App's live streaming service.

The officials for tomorrow's first 15 game at 11.30am are Wairoa-based referee Matt Smith with assistant referees (1) Aaron Brown and (2) Hugh Fitzgerald. Brown will referee the second-15 fixture at 10am; both matches will be played on the Gisborne Boys' High School Rectory's No.1 ground.

GBHS first 15: Kitini Taihuka, Nathaniel

SPORTS BRIEFS

Batting to spin must improve

EIEN Morgan believes England must adapt and improve on spinning pitches if they are to successfully defend their World Cup title in India, and hopes that work can begin during the one-day series against Australia.

Captain Morgan is anticipating a gentle turner at Old Trafford, where the rivals will play three ODIs in the next six days, with the weather conditions and wicket likely to favour slow bowlers.

In the recent past that would have been cause for frustration, with England's rise to number one in the ICC rankings built around posting big totals on good batting tracks and their tournament triumph last summer driven by their pace attack.

But with the next edition due to be held in India in three years – as well as a T20 World Cup there next autumn – Morgan is embracing the need for change.

"It's a huge benefit to us playing at Old Trafford, particularly if we play on the wicket I think we're going to play on which will hopefully be slow and take a lot of turn," he said as he celebrated his 34th birthday in the confines of the bio-secure bubble.

"It's been overcast and that makes it tacky. That's the sort of wicket we will be more than likely to play on in India in the World Cup of 2023 and to play on that for a period of time will expose us in different areas we need to get better at.

"Over the course of the last four-and-a-half years we have had to wait to play at Cardiff or Old Trafford or go away on tour to experience those conditions.

"So hopefully a little more of that will help us get better at what we need to do on those sort of pitches.

"I think going away from what we are strong at will do us good for a period of time. It allows us to focus on things that are our weaknesses as a side, so it creates a new dynamic." — AAP

Not getting carried away

FRANK Lampard insists big-spending Chelsea will not jump too far ahead of themselves, pouring cold water on an immediate Premier League title challenge.

Chelsea have paid out more than £200 million to recruit Hakim Ziyech, Timo Werner, Kai Havertz, Thiago Silva, Ben Chilwell and Malang Sarr.

The Blues are in talks to bring in Rennes goalkeeper Edouard Mendy as extra competition for Kepa Arrizabalaga, and have long eyed a deal for West Ham's England international Declan Rice.

But despite that major summer investment, manager Lampard has moved to manage expectations ahead of the new season. — AAP

Hauti, Sione Mafileo, Max Briant, Dylan Bronlund, Sam Twigley, Amos Roddick (c), Khian Westrupp, Kirk Ngatai, Nic Proffit, Siopo Fakahokotau, Corbyn Peach, Von Huata, Isaiah Lemaua, King Maxwell. R: Matariki Kaa, Tyla Keelan-Phillips, TBC, Taimana Teneti, Kyran Russell, Bryan Howard, TBC, Zeke Collier.

GBHS second 15: Moeaki Mosati, Reweti Ropiha, Hayze Nepia, Zeke Collier, Matiu Anderson, Jacob Storey, Ben Phelps, Uetaha Wanoa, Israel Fox, Bryan Howard, Jayrieon Te Ahu Ahu, Adrian Wharehinga-McDonald, Freedom Lemaua, Saylahr Paaka, Mikaere Marino-Moore. R: Drake Wanoa, Haora King, Sitiveni Tuilautala, Whakaruru Waitai-Te Kurupa, Xavier Henare-Brown, Silas Brown, Henare Lardelli-Clarke.

NPBHS first 15: Patrick Howlett, Natalie Raniu, Shaun Leath, Jacob Mitchell, Rowan Slater (c), Shacaine Enoke, Brooklyn Greer-Atkins, Che Potaka, Liam Day, Jack Parker, Samuela Vakadula, Levi Rewiti, Jone Rova, Kusitino Drauna, Matua Robinson. R: Ropata Taylor, Tyler Haupapa, Jack Gallie, Joel Turnbull, Sebastian Lauderdale-Smith, Cullum Tito, Rowan Cole.

NPBHS second 15: Blake Irvine, Harry Theodore, Patrick Howlett, Caleb Nasser, Jack Gallie, Taine McGhee, Joel Turnbull (c), Douglas Tangi, Sebastian Lauderdale-Smith, Cullum Tito, Rowan Cole, Noah Callaghan, Jayden Anaha, Tom Cutler, Zak McDonald. R: Ropata Taylor, Tyler Haupapa, William O'Donnell, Jack Graystone, Siri Rova, Jacob Berquist, Connor Nielson.

Opportunities well earned

RUGBY by Ben O'Brien-Leaf

IT'S an opportunity they've earned.

Gisborne Boys' High School first 15 captain and openside flanker Amos Roddick, 18, and his teammate, first five-eighth Nic Proffit, 17, have been selected to attend the New Zealand Barbarians-Hurricanes age-grade camp from September 28 to October 1.

Based at Napier Boys' High School and facilitated by 'Canes recruitment and development manager Darren Larsen, the NZ Schools Barbarians-sponsored camp will have players running through nutrition, mental skills, and physical, technical/tactical and professional development with a raft of highly qualified and experienced coaches.

New Zealand Rugby's Wes Clarke will run through the NZR pathway, the likes of Poverty Bay's Miah Nikora working with the Hurricanes' Coles 15/Perenara 15 coaches in taking the halfbacks and first-fives for their positional work (Larsen assisting with the locks/loose forwards) before lunch on Day 3. At 3pm, the Coles 15 and Perenara 15 will play a scenario game.

Larsen has a high opinion of Roddick and Proffit, having tracked their progress from under-15 level.

"We like the way that Amos goes hard and shifts bodies as a specialist openside flanker — he's relentless," Larsen said.

"Nic's shown versatility and resilience this year. In selection, we value character and talent equally."

Proffit is excited at the prospect of playing with some of the best age-group players in the Hurricanes franchise, to learn



HARD YARDS: Amos Roddick takes the ball into contact for Gisborne BHS against St Peter's College. Pictures by Paul Rickard

from the Hurricanes coaches, while Roddick, too, is grateful for the opportunity.

GBHS first 15 head coach Ryan

Tapsell is rapt that Roddick and Proffit, having been identified previously, are on the selectors' radar.



ON THE BURST: Nic Proffit against St Peter's College.

"They've been two of our standouts," Tapsell said.

"Amos has the potential to be one of the top schoolboy No.7s in New Zealand. Fit and fast with a great skill-set, he loves contact and he's fearless.

"Nic has developed hugely in his first season as a No.10. Where he is now compared with where he was at the start of the season is a testament to the hard work he's put in.

"He's quick off the mark, has a good kicking and passing game, and uses his pace to get through gaps — a little like Beauden Barrett. He's also a strong defender who's learning to read situations.

"He's improving week by week and deserves this chance, but Kirk Ngatai — who's also played extremely well for us at halfback — was unlucky not to be named."

Proffit and his GBHS captain Roddick inspire fierce loyalty from not just senior players but also players in their first year of first 15 rugby, such as lock Max Briant.

"Amos has been a great leader for us," said Briant, 16.

"When we needed to be told something, he told us, and pushed us to keep going. He's made me feel welcome, and like I've always been a part of the team.

"Amos and Nic both work hard on their own fitness at training, and in games they're very determined.

"We're all stoked they've been selected. They deserve it."

The entire GBHS first 15 squad will need to be at their best in this tomorrow's Super 8 clash against New Plymouth Boys' High at the Rectory from 11.30am, with the second 15 match to precede that on the No.1 ground at 10am.

SIMON SHUKER'S CODE-CRACKER Extra 1121

EACH number in our Code-Cracker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. For example, today 25 represents V, so fill in V every time the figure 25 appears. You have one letter in the control grid to start you off. Enter it in the appropriate squares in the main grid and solve the starter word. Fill in other squares in the main and control grids with the found letters and look for the next word. Follow the word trail through the puzzle to its completion. Visit www.codecracker.co.nz

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Town-versus-Country game much anticipated

RUGBY by Jack Malcolm

TOWN against Country is a rugby match-up older than the trees on the hills, and the players are raring to go.

The Civil Project Solutions game acts as a final chance to impress Poverty Bay selectors and earn a spot in the upcoming Heartland fixtures.

It's an uphill slog for the Gisborne Herald Town team; they are drawn from High School Old Boys, OBM and Pirates, who were fourth, fifth and sixth in the regular-season competition this year.

PGG Wrightson Country, on the other hand, are made up of the top three teams from the premier grade.

Notable exceptions are Andrew Tauatevalu and Adrian Wyrill, who have been included in the town side despite playing for country teams this year. Because they played for the town team last year, selectors decided they would not be eligible for the country team.

It's a quick turn-around for the players who were in the premier-grade final last week. They missed their team's first training session because of their finals preparation.

No one has had much time for familiarisation, with the first training session held last Thursday.

The announced squads are enormous, with over 30 players in each team.

Poverty Bay Heartland head coach and Town team coach Tom Cairns said it was too difficult to shorten the lists any further. They also expect some players to have injuries or become unavailable.

"So many players deserve the

opportunity to play at a higher level after outstanding efforts for their clubs," he said in a statement.

Because of the large numbers and the game being a trial for representative rugby, the game will be played as three 30-minute thirds with each player expected to play at least one third.

It's going to be a tough job for selectors to whittle down the teams into a Poverty Bay squad with so many players in form.

This weekend may end up being the make or break for some of the positions where it's unclear who will get the call-up to wear the red jersey.

An interesting match-up to watch will be at hooker, where the region has a wealth of experience.

Geoff Pari, Ihaia Kerr and Shayde Skudder all played well for their club and will be on the country team, while the town team also have a strong contingent in the No.2 jersey.

In the backs, the first five-eighth position will be hotly contested, with Ricardo Patricio, Kelvin Smith, Austin Brown, Baxter Mackay and Jacob Leaf all in the chase.

No fans will be allowed to watch the game live this week, but family members of the players have been permitted to attend.

The game will be livestreamed again by Turanga FM, who have provided broadcasts for games over the past three weeks.

With live commentary and multiple camera angles, fans don't have to miss any of the action.

Top-of-table games too close to call

NETBALL by Murray Robertson

WHANGARA Old Girls should retain top spot on the premier grade netball table tomorrow but top-of-the-table clashes in three of the other grades are too close to call.

The Level 2 restrictions still apply so primary and senior grades will be at Victoria Domain and the intermediate and secondary grades play again at Gisborne Girls' High School.

Whangara sit atop the table on 40 points, four clear of YMP Sunshine Brewery on 36. Taste One High School Old Girls are on 32.

It will be the upset of the season if Horouta Gold can get up over Whangara in their game at 10am tomorrow.

If they get the four points for a win, Whangara will have the top spot for next week's playoffs.

"Whangara have shown improvement since the beginning of the season and their players are working well together," netball commentator Sherrill Beale said.

"Horouta will need their players to work together for the full game if they want to take this one."

If Whangara win, the result of the 12 midday clash between YMP and HSOG will not change the shape of the playoffs.

They will play each other again next weekend, two versus three, to decide one of the grand finalists.

Whangara will play either Claydens Waikohu or Girls' High Senior A for the other final spot.

But the match between YMP and HSOG tomorrow will still have a lot on it.

Both teams will want momentum going into their playoff game.

"It was a good win to YMP last time they met HSOG, but I am expecting tomorrow's contest to be closer," Beale said.

"HSOG had a strong game against Whangara last week, in a hard-fought match.

"Both teams like to play hard, fast netball and their players work together on defence to pressure the opposition.

"There will be some good match-ups, in all areas of the court."

The 11am match between Gisborne Girls' High School Senior A and Ritana Senior A gives both teams a chance to finish their season strongly.

"The clash of the schools is always a good match," Beale said.

"Girls' High had a close win when they last met.

"Both teams have been playing some good netball and their understanding between teammates has improved.

"Last time both teams' circle defenders had strong games and I am expecting a similar situation tomorrow.

"It will come down to who is more

patient in working the ball into the shooters.

"I think this will be another close game."

In the final premier match, Girls' High play Claydens Waikohu.

"Girls' High won last time in a close game but this time there could also be the pressure of making fourth spot.

"Waikohu are eight points ahead of the students, but if Girls' High beat Ritana tomorrow, then a win in this game would put them on the same points as Waikohu," Beale said.

"Waikohu have been steadily improving and their connections have been working well.

"They won't be making it easy for Girls' High, so the students will need to stick to their own game-plan."

Beale said the top-of-the-table clashes tomorrow would be Claydens Waikohu Masters playing IMS HSOG Masters in the A Grade, Tapuae playing Farmlands Ngatapa in A Reserve, and GGHS Jnr A playing OBM Blue in First Grade.

AERIAL TAKE: High School Old Girls wing attack Courtney Stubbins jumps to take the ball in front of Whangara wing defence Zoey Bryant. Whangara won a hard-fought, entertaining match 33-28 last Saturday. Picture by Paul Rickard





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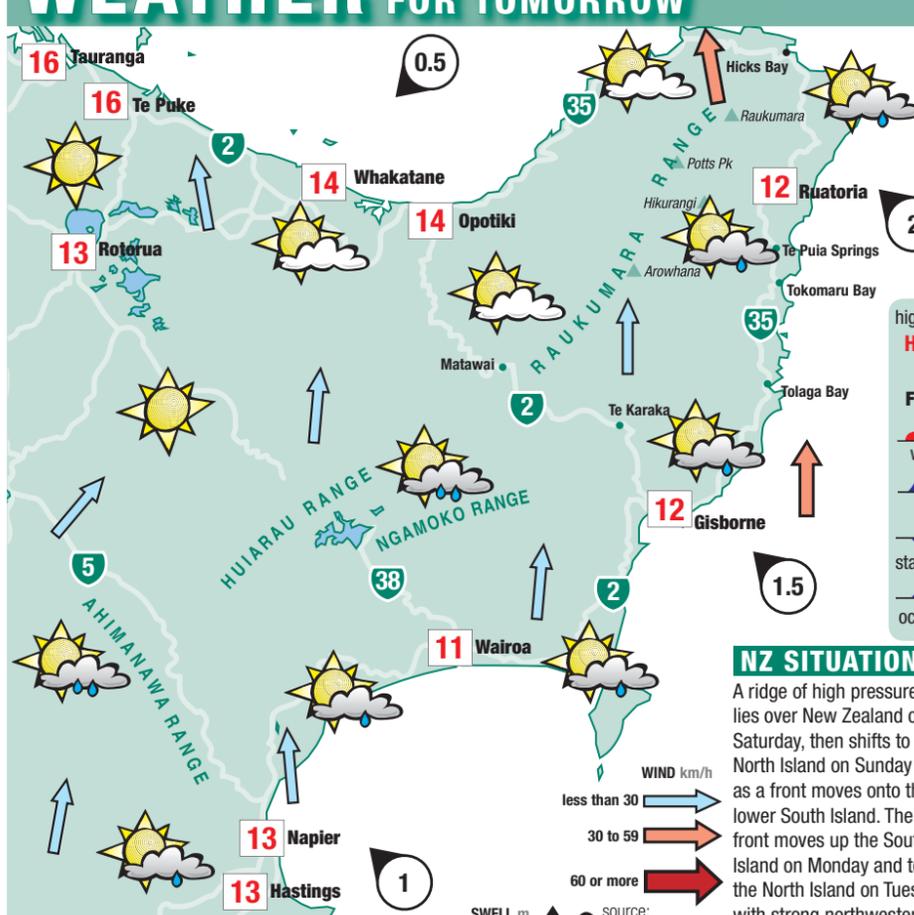
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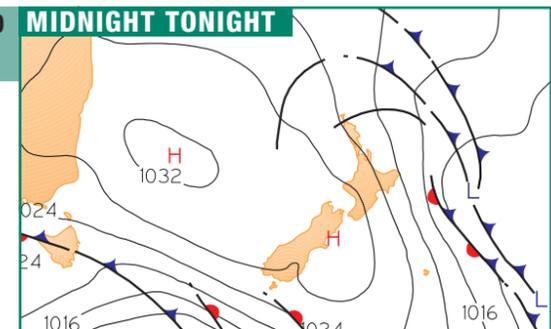
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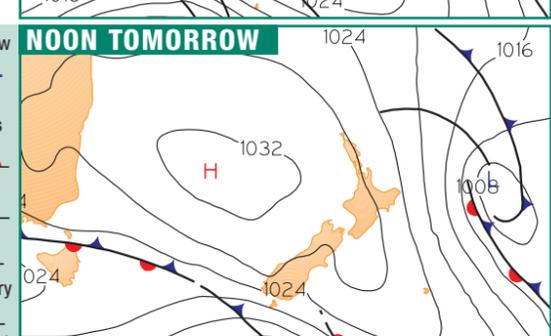
NZ SITUATION

A ridge of high pressure lies over New Zealand on Saturday, then shifts to the North Island on Sunday as a front moves onto the lower South Island. The front moves up the South Island on Monday and to the North Island on Tuesday, with strong northwesterlies ahead.

MIDNIGHT TONIGHT



NOON TOMORROW



GISBORNE TIDE MOVEMENT

Saturday Sep 12			Sunday Sep 13		
am	3	9	am	3	9
Hicks Bay	H 1:01am	L 1:40pm	Hicks Bay	H 1:56am	L 2:38pm
Waipiro Bay	H 12:48am	L 1:27pm	Waipiro Bay	H 1:43am	L 2:25pm
Tolaga Bay	H 12:36am	L 1:15pm	Tolaga Bay	H 1:31am	L 2:13pm
Gisborne	H 12:34am	L 1:06pm	Gisborne	H 1:23am	L 1:57pm
Wairoa	H 12:22am	L 12:45pm	Wairoa	H 1:11am	L 1:36pm

SUN-MOON-MAORI FISHING GUIDE

Sun		Moon		Maori	
Rise	6:13 am	Rise	6:12 am	Best at	7:07 am
Set	5:56 pm	Set	5:56 pm	Best at	8:02 am

WORLD TOMORROW

Adelaide	rain	14	20
Amsterdam	fine	12	19
Bangkok	rain	25	31
Beijing	drizzle	19	27
Berlin	fine	10	26
Brisbane	showers	14	20
Buenos Aires	fine	8	19
Cairo	fine	26	36
Canberra	fog	3	18
Cape Town	cloudy	13	21
Delhi	fine	26	35
Frankfurt	fine	12	28
Geneva	fine	15	25
Hong Kong	rain	27	31
London	fine	9	21
Los Angeles	fine	18	30
Melbourne	rain	13	17
Moscow	rain	9	18
New York	fine	18	22
Paris	fine	13	25
Perth	fine	8	21
Singapore	thunder	25	33
Stockholm	rain	11	15
Suva	showers	22	28
Sydney	fine	10	22
Tokyo	drizzle	23	27
Toronto	fine	11	21

GISBORNE CITY

TOMORROW	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
morning min 7 max 12 A few morning showers then fine spells. Strong S easing afternoon.	morning min 1 max 18 Fine. Light winds.	morning min 7 max 19 Fine. Northwesterlies.	morning min 7 max 19 Fine, some high cloud. Northwesterlies.

GISBORNE REGION

Isolated showers clearing to fine spells in the afternoon. Remaining cloudy about the coast. Strong southerly easing.	Fine. Light winds.	Fine. Northwesterlies.	Fine, some high cloud. Northwesterlies.
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NZ TOMORROW

Auckland	fine	14
Hamilton	fine	15
Tauranga	fine	16
Rotorua	fine	13
Taupo	fine	12
Napier	showers	13
New Plymouth	fine	14
Palmerston North	fine	13
Wellington	fine	12
Christchurch	fine	13
Queenstown	fine	15
Dunedin	fine	15

TODAY IN HISTORY

1987 - Two houses were extensively damaged, and another 18 suffered minor damage as a tornado rampaged across nine streets in Whakatane. A three tonne boat was pushed 40 metres on its trailer and a car was picked up and dumped on a front lawn. Fences and large trees were flattened. Damage costs were estimated to be at least \$300,000.

GISBORNE READINGS

Taken at the Airport, for the 24 hours to 9am, Friday 11 Sep 2020

SUNSHINE hours	10.2
To date for September	69.1
Average for September	178.0
To date this year	1572.9
To date last year	1680.6

WIND km/h	NW 41
Max gust on Thu 10 Sep	NW 41

RAINFALL mm	0.2
24 hours to 9am, Fri 11 Sep	0.2
To date for September	29.2
Average for September	87.0
To date this year	664.6
To date last year	542.4

EVAPOTRANSPIRATION mm	2.1
Daily average for past week	2.1

TEMPERATURE °C	17.9
Maximum	17.9
Minimum	9.1
Grass minimum	8.6

BAROMETRIC PRESSURE	1014.9
At 9am 11 Sep (hPa)	1014.9
At 9am 11 Sep (inches)	29.97

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HOCKEY



Semifinals expected to provide plenty of thrills

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NETBALL



Top-of-table clashes too close to call as playoffs for Gisborne club competition approach

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SLIDING TACKLE: Gisborne Thistle midfielder Ashley McMillan tackles Gisborne United's Jarom Brouwer in a match that United won 3-1 at Harry Barker Reserve in August. Picture by Paul Rickard

SIX OF THE BEST:

If the players who take the field for a club's top team are the 11 best available on a given day, here are six of the best from Thistle and United.

OUTNUMBERED:

Gisborne United players (from left) Malcolm Marfell, Kieran Higham and Kieran Venema surround Western Rangers striker Jarvis Alatise at Harry Barker Reserve. United won the match 5-1.

Picture by Paul Rickard



ON THE BALL: Thistle leftback Kuba Jerabek shields the ball from a Napier City Rovers player in the Jags' 3-2 win. Picture by Paul Rickard



TWO-GAME-A-DAY MAN: United's Stu Cranswick.

Picture by Paul Rickard



SOLID: Thistle centreback Daniel Venema comes away with the ball in the 7-0 victory over Napier Marist Seconds. Picture by Paul Rickard



TRICKY: Thistle playmaker Tomek Frooms in the 3-2 victory over Maycenvale. Picture by Liam Clayton



ELUSIVE: United midfielder Josh Harris changes direction in the 5-1 victory over Western Rangers. Picture by Paul Rickard



TUSSLE: Thistle's Agustin Ventre (left) competes in the 3-2 win against Napier City Rovers Seconds.



HOWZAT: The Jags' Brandon Josling celebrates a goal against City Rovers Seconds. Picture by Paul Rickard

Even more than usual riding on derby

FOOTBALL by John Gillies

GISBORNE Thistle have to beat Gisborne United by three goals tomorrow to win football's Pacific Premiership.

Unless, of course, they score five. Then a two-goal winning margin would suffice. It's all to do with the relative goal-

difference calculations of league leaders Port Hill, who have played all their games, and second-placed Thistle, whose last game is against third-placed United.

Gisborne Vehicle Testing Thistle cannot finish lower than second. United cannot do better than third. But that's not the point. Heavy Equipment Services United

pipped Thistle for the title last year. They'd love to foil them again. The game — at Childers Road Reserve — starts at 2.30pm.

Thistle coach Garrett Blair said a win alone was not enough. They had to clear the goal-difference deficit; maybe take more risks than usual. At the same time, they faced two of the league's fastest strikers.

One of them, Stu Cranswick, is likely to be playing his second game of the day. The Thistle Massive and United Eastern League teams are playing the curtain-raiser.

United coach Corey Adams, 26 next month, says his knee will be right next year, but United have the players now to win: "We want three points; they want three goals."