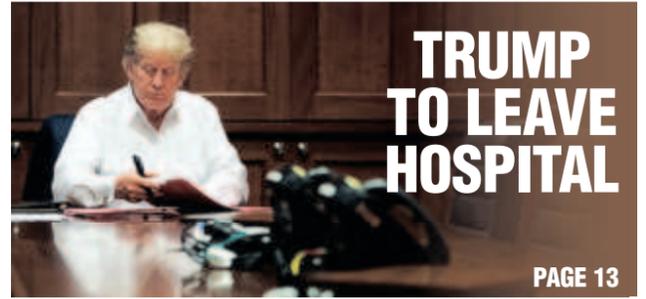


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## SEA, SAND AND SUNSHINE



The hot temperatures have come at the perfect time as children go into the second week of the school holidays. Rangi Kaa, Riann and Savanna Galloway and Te Aomihia Kaa made the most of it at Midway Beach yesterday. It was like a summer's day in Gisborne with a high of 27.4 degrees recorded at the NIWA station at 6pm. Met Service meteorologist Andy Best said the warm temperatures were caused by tropical air moving down from the north with a ridge of high pressure over the top of the North Island and northwesterly winds. The good weather will continue and Gisborne could expect a high of 26 today. But don't put away your winter woollies yet as a cold front is moving up the South Island bringing strong southerlies. It moves into Wellington tonight bringing a period of rain. By tomorrow evening the cold front will be felt in Gisborne, with scattered rain and temperatures dropping to 14 degrees on Thursday and southerlies continuing. Picture by Liam Clayton

# \$1.8M FOR GDC

## Cash distribution from GHIL after 'extremely challenging year'

by Andrew Ashton

GISBORNE Holdings Limited (GHL) will this year be making a \$1.8m cash distribution to shareholder Gisborne District Council, despite an "extremely challenging" year.

In announcing the dividend at the annual general meeting yesterday, board chairman Rob Telfer put the positive result down to a very strong team coupled with a diverse portfolio which provided resilience, helping the organisation navigate through Covid-19 and its

associated lockdowns.

"Our people are our biggest asset and we take tremendous pride in the way the team has adapted to, and navigated through, a testing period of substantial change," Mr Telfer said.

GHL's EBITDAR (earnings before interest, tax, amortisation and revaluations) rose 3 percent on the previous year, to \$4.6 million.

"We are extremely pleased with this result given there was a nationwide drought, and with Covid forcing the closure of both Gisborne Vehicle Testing

Station and the Waikanae TOP 10 Holiday Park for periods."

Mr Telfer was also pleased the company had managed to keep all staff on and fully-paid during Covid-19.

GHL oversees Tauwhareparae Farms, Gisborne Vehicle Testing and the Waikanae TOP 10 Holiday Park, as well as a portfolio of property, farmland and forest for Gisborne District Council, its shareholder.

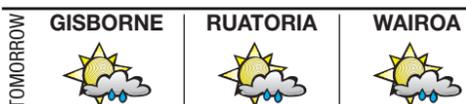
GHL chief executive Tracey Johnstone said this year had been a "phenomenal" one for the holiday park.

"We made \$1.9m in revenue and that's a record.

"Considering the park was closed for six weeks during lockdown and 10 of our most popular units were closed for renovations, it really shows how well the park is doing."

Although profitability had fallen slightly to 11.7 percent return on assets, compared with a forecast 14.5 percent return due to ongoing costs during lockdown, advanced bookings for the remainder of the year were "exceeding all expectations".

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# WAIOEKA GORGE CLEAN-UP



**ONE MORE LOAD:** A volunteer fills a bin with rubbish dumped down the banks of the Waioeka Gorge.

**VOLUNTEER EFFORT:** Nga Kaimahi Whenua cleaned up 55km of the Waioeka Gorge in September. This is what they collected. Pictures supplied

NGATI Ira hapu have undertaken to clean up the Waioeka Gorge because it is their backyard and their pataka kai (pantry).

South of the Waioeka pa is the whenua (land), ngahere (nature), awa (river) and pataka kai of Ngati Ira hapu, a sub-tribe of Whakatohea.

Over the years this pataka, located along and inland of State Highway 2, has become a haven for hunters passing through.

Some have taken more pride in the tusks of poaka (pig), back steaks and legs of tia (deer), leaving the rest as an invitation for pests to feast on and also (moumou kai) wasting food.

As a result, Ngati Ira hapu members established a kaitiaki roopu (guardian group), Nga Kaimahi Whenua.

The kaitiaki monitor hunting and hunting practices, pest management, awa gravel extraction, and watch for dumping of rubbish along the highway edges of their ngahere and awa.

They gather regularly for updates and to plan their next steps.

These hui are sometimes combined with trap checks in the Tauranga loop track road and river clean-up through the Waioeka Gorge.

They started doing clean-ups in 2017 and have done five since then.

Last month, as part of their

own commitment and in support of "The Opotiki Town Proud Clean up", Nga Kaimahi Whenua gathered to lend a hand to the kaupapa.

Te Ataahua (Tawa) Kingi, the kaupapa co-ordinator, estimated a turn-out of around 45 whanau members.

Exceeding all expectations and showing their commitment, 80 hapu members of all ages arrived at Opeke Marae.

Ms Kingi said people fly-tipping at rest stops, dumping household equipment down the sides of the gorge and abandoned vehicles was common.

But they had noticed on this last outing that it was cleaner. "This was the first time we made it all the way through to the top end of the gorge."

She said there had been a lot of positive reaction from people driving through the gorge.

Some who live in the gorge also appreciate the work the hapu does, "and we aim to strengthen those relationships for the betterment of our whenua".

"People need to respect the gorge and Papatuanuku (mother earth). She provides so much for all living things, the least you can do is give a little back to the whenua.

"We, Ngati Ira hapu, are tangata whenua (People of the land). We are not going anywhere, we need to and want

to uphold our responsibilities from our tipuna to look after our mana whenua, rohe, ngahere and awa to sustain future generations".

"So if anyone else is keen to support us, please get in touch via the Nga whenua Rahui facebook page".

After the clean-up the group enjoyed activities and kai to make it more of a whanau occasion.

Tamariki were important in the mahi as they were the kaitiaki of tomorrow, Ms Kingi said.

"Involving them is key to growing and maintaining mana whenua knowledge and understanding in this kaupapa."

Safety gear is provided and volunteers were briefed on health and safety before they started.

The hapu pakeke (elders) kept an eye on everything during the day to ensure smooth running of the kaupapa.

They collected rubbish from Tautara in Opotiki to Opato at the base of Traffords Hill, covering 55 kilometres.

Their collection filled five caged tandem trailers, plus a few 4x4 truck decks.

The dumping fee is waived by the Opotiki District Council for being apart of this event.

"There's no putea involved in our clean-ups. It is all out of aroha. It is all about growing and strengthening our connection to the whenua," Ms Kingi said.



## LOOKING AHEAD



### FOCUS ON THE LAND

- Gisborne farmers team up with Poplar and Willow Research Trust
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# Nightly Lip Sync to hold whanau together

## Written over lockdown, first play set to feature in festival's Tipu Te Toi

by Mark Peters

AFTER bonding on set during filming for the New Zealand TV drama series *Head High*, actors Te Ao o Hinepehinga Rauna and Manuka Luiten-Apirana realised they were both from Tairāwhiti. Luiten-Apirana has since penned the play *Lip Sync, Kanikani and Twerk Off* — “a gem to come out of lockdown” — that Rauna will also feature in.

*Lip Sync, Kanikani and Twerk Off* will be part of Te Tairāwhiti Arts Festival's Tipu Te Toi: Works in Development programme on Sunday, October 11.

The play tells the story of Kahu, Te Rina and Ariana who lose their mother in a fatal car crash. To hold their whanau together they launch the nightly Lip Sync.

As the first anniversary of their mother's death approaches, the siblings' Lip Sync might not be enough to hold them together.

Luiten-Apirana plays

Kahu, the sibling who holds the family together and takes on motherly duties while trying to keep up with her university study. Rauna's character is Kahu's youngest sister who is very clever.

“I wanted to tell a story with young women as the main characters,” says Luiten-Apirana.

“Three teenagers, the power of family and how family come together during hard times.”

Luiten-Apirana grew up in the Waikato but spent her high school years on the East Coast. She attended Gisborne Girls' High School then went on to study acting at South Seas Film and Television School and The Actors' Programme.

*Lip Sync, Kanikani & Twerk Off* is her first play, written for Te Pou's Koanga Festival Playwrights Programme 2020.

■ **Tipu Te Toi: Works in Development, 2pm-4.30pm, Sunday, October 11 at Lawson Field Theatre.**



**IN SYNC:** Former Gisborne Girls' High School student Manuka Luiten-Apirana (right) with Te Ao o Hinepehinga Rauna (left) and Alex Tunui in *Lip Sync, Kanikani and Twerk Off*. The play, written by Luiten-Apirana, will be part of Te Tairāwhiti Arts Festival's Tipu Te Toi: Works in Development programme, on Sunday at Lawson Field Theatre. Picture supplied

# Greens plan for fast passenger rail here

## In phase two of transport plan, 2027-2035

THE Green Party's Future of Transport Plan includes a fast daily passenger rail service between Gisborne, Napier and south to Palmerston North and Wellington.

This would involve reinstating the Wairoa to Gisborne line and purchasing modern passenger rail trains to run the service, and is part of a second phase of investment from 2027 to 2035.

The party's transport plan is aimed at addressing the climate crisis and making it easier to get around without a car.

The policy will cost \$13 billion, including \$9.2 billion on inter-city rail investment which would be done in two phases.

Phase one, which would start in 2022 and end in 2027, would see the Wellington to Palmerston North line electrified and new daily passenger services from Auckland to Hamilton and connecting to Wellington, making it possible to travel from Auckland to Wellington on a train.

Phase two, starting in 2027 and ending in 2035, would see passenger services extended from Wellington to more provinces including Marton, Whanganui, New Plymouth, Napier and Gisborne — as well as extensions from Auckland to Whangarei, Bay of Islands, Tauranga and Rotorua.

Green Party transport spokeswoman Julie Anne Genter said

fast inter-city rail would help reboot urban and regional economies while decarbonising some of the nation's busiest transport routes.

“Our regions will play a crucial role in our recovery from Covid-19, but our regional transport infrastructure has been neglected for too long.

“The Green Party is making sure that places like Gisborne are connected to the bigger cities, making it possible for more people to find affordable housing while still being able to easily connect with work, business, friends and families in the cities.

“The plan would also support domestic tourism in Gisborne, by providing an easy way for people to get to and from there from Wellington.

“Our Future of Transport Plan will create thousands of jobs, while moving us towards a low-carbon future. It's a win for the regions, and a win for climate action,” Genter said.

Costs include both infrastructure improvements and procurement of electric trains for some lines to operate at the proposed service levels.

The party also wants to establish a \$1.5 billion Cycle Super Highway fund, which would be used to build separated school and commuter cycling routes around the country.

“We know we must make cycling a safe and viable option,” Green Party co-leader and climate change spokesman James Shaw said.

The party also plans to make public transport cheaper by setting up a Go Anywhere Transport card, which could be used in every city in New Zealand. It would provide free public transport for people over the age of 65, under the age of 18, and community service card holders.

Tertiary students and apprentices would have half-price fares. “Our new nationwide Go Anywhere transport pass will further reduce barriers to using public transport, making it free for under 18s and over 65s, and cheaper for students and apprentices, regardless of where in the country they are,” Mr Shaw said.

The plan includes a requirement that all new imported light vehicles be zero emissions by 2030, and sets standards and incentivises for heavy freight to transition to zero emissions vehicles and be 100-percent powered by renewable energy by 2050.

‘The Green Party is making sure that places like Gisborne are connected to the bigger cities . . .’

— Julie Anne Genter

# Small net loss as livestock, forestry assets revalued

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The vehicle testing business posted a \$27,000 loss following closure over the Covid-19 lockdown and difficulty filling vacancies due to a national shortage of qualified testing inspectors.

However, director Dave Mullooly said the business now had four inspectors with a fifth starting in November.

GHL had received resource consent to build a new three-bay coin-less carwash at an adjacent section to the testing station. This would help maximise staff efficiency and showed confidence in the business.

Negative biological and forestry asset revaluations, driven by lower year-end commodity prices, meant GHL has posted a net loss for the year of \$113,000.

GHL finished the year in a strong balance sheet position, with a 14 percent debt ratio — down from 16.5 percent in the previous year — and a positive cashflow. The \$1.8m distribution is in line with 2019 and GHL's Statement of Intent with the council.

In the past four years, GHL has seen overall asset growth of \$30.4m, equating to 32 percent. Total distributions in the same period total \$7.8m.

Mr Telfer said the organisation was poised to continue in a positive vein.

“There is a lot in the pipeline to be excited about.

“We have a number of projects in various stages due for completion in 2021 and 2022, together with continued investment in the Holiday Park and farms.”

Work to develop 30 to 35 sections at a planned housing subdivision on Childers Road would start later in the year.

GHL would also complete a strategic review.

Gisborne Mayor Rehette Stoltz congratulated the GHL board on a “wonderful result”.

“I know it's a big ask as a council to ask you to operate with one foot in the commercial world and one foot in the political world. So, I do want to acknowledge today it's not always easy and sometimes we struggle with that, but overall you do an excellent job.”

**FAMILY NOTICES**

**In Memoriam**

**Deaths**

**BOYCE, Chevy Henry James.** — On 5 October 2020, in Te Kuiti, aged 21. Beloved son of Jean and Adrian. Brother to Matri and Corey Kururangi and Lance Boyce. Loving partner of Francis McClutchie. Loving uncle to Matehaere, Keisharn, Te Awanui, Te Rangi Tawaea and Haylo. Brother-in-law to Hayley and Hoana. Loved stepson of Graeme Mathieson, and loved by everyone. Chevy will be returning to Penu Pa, Makarika, before being laid to rest with his father.



**DENISE SHARYN HOUKAMAU (Nee Haerewa)**

You rest in the arms of angels. In a place of peace and love. Watching over me always, from Heaven up above.

You guide me through my worries, and help me through each day. Always by my side, you never went away.

The bond cannot be broken. Made from love so pure. Death does not break the bond, it lives on for evermore.

You rest in the arms of angels. Free from illness and pain. Waiting for the day we are together once again.

I miss you and love you forever my darling wife.

**Love from your husband Matiu, our baby Pearl and all our moko**

**In Memoriam**



**DENISE SHARYN HOUKAMAU (nee Haerewa)**

22.3.1959 - 6.10.2017

If we could visit Heaven, on this our saddest day. Maybe for a moment our pain would go away.

We'd put our arms around you, and whisper words so true. That living life without you is so hard to do.

We cannot bring the old days back when we were all together. But loving thoughts and memories will stay with us forever.

Love you always Mum.

**Love from Annabelle, Reiana, Maliyah and baby. xoxo**



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# Launch of Arts for Social Action project

An Arts for Social Action project which aims to stimulate awareness around the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) starts tomorrow with a watercolour and pencil workshop.

Taiki e! Impact House in conjunction with Adel Samanzadeh Art, is launching the Toi Rito "Arts for Social Action" project and will run a series of workshops including

printmaking and painting.

Taiki e! resident Renay Charteris said the aim was to engage with a diverse range of people across the community to raise awareness of significant local and global social issues that impacts on our lives at all levels.

"Toi Rito is an opportunity for the community to come together around the SDGs to identify

potential solutions to some of our big challenges and how we might take collective action," said Adel Samanzadeh who is leading the Toi Rito initiative.

"Art is a powerful tool for generating ideas and connection. We aim to engage a wide variety of people in this process to come up with ways we can be more environmentally sustainable,

prosperous and inclusive in Tairāwhiti."

The first workshop will be held at Taiki e! tomorrow starting at 9.30am. Workshops to be held each week on Wednesdays 9.30-11.30am and Fridays 3.30-5.30pm in various locations.

Check out Taiki e! Facebook page for more details.

# Nimon committed to long game for seat

by Wynsley Wrigley

NATIONAL Napier electorate candidate Katie Nimon is out to win the seat which stretches as far north as Ngatapa and Muriwai.

Ms Nimon has met with Ngatapa and Muriwai residents — including some who didn't know they were in the Napier electorate.

She favours an electorate name change because of a misconception among some that it is a Napier city seat only.

Ms Nimon is the third candidate fielded by National in the electorate in as many elections.

But she vouches she will be back to try again if she doesn't turn over the 5520 majority of Police Minister Labour's Stuart Nash on October 17.

"I have every hope that I'll get in."

If she does not succeed — "it's the next election".

"I am here for the long-term," she said.

"I not going anywhere until I am the Napier electorate MP."

Ms Nimon has ties to the district.

Her partner Jeremy knows the farming district well and started his career with a cadetship at Waipaoa.



**SET ON WINNING:** National's Katie Nimon is out to win the Napier electorate in 2020 and if not, vouches to run again in the future to turn the red seat blue. Picture by Liam Clayton

Ms Nimon is general manager of the long-established, family-owned Nimon bus company and knows many clients in Gisborne, particularly among those families who sent their children to Hawke's Bay boarding schools.

The biggest issue raised during her visit here was forestry and carbon farming, she said.

Many farmers had seen neighbouring farms going into forestry with a resulting negative impact on communities, local businesses and employment.

There was nothing wrong

with planting, but it should be in natives and on leased land which was difficult to farm, she said.

Companies like Air New Zealand could lease such land to offset carbon emissions.

The economy, education and health were other key issues.

"If we are consistently producing children who are not equipped for the workforce, and we are not reaching health targets, we have not got the right design."

Ms Nimon said she came from a service background and was interested in service design.

Services had to change over

time and to met customer/consumer and cultural needs.

New Zealanders did pay indirectly for health and education.

"Would they give us a five star review, or would they ask for their money back?"

Ms Nimon concedes she is not the favourite to win the Napier electorate, but says public feedback on the campaign trail is encouraging.

National have only held the seat twice, from 2005 to 2014, and for one term after winning it in 1951, the year of the waterfront strike.

National has won the party vote in the electorate in recent elections.

Ms Nimon said it was time for an MP with "feet on the ground" who lived in the community and listened to people.

She experienced the region "logistically", through infrastructure, health and education with hundred of students on Nimon buses.

"For me, its a way to help people.

"I have a job to go back to, it's not a career change.

"It about making the Napier electorate better for generations to come.

"The electorate, the whole East Coast, could be thriving."

# Poachers caught Goldsmith reckoning on a swing

FOUR males will be charged with unlawful hunting following a combined, police-led operation over the weekend to target illegal hunters and poachers.

Police officers from Manutuke, Matawai, Te Karaka, and Mahia teamed up with members of Muriwai/ Ngai Tamanuhiri iwi and JNL Forestry and stopped multiple vehicles in rural areas. Police caught the four males in a Hilux

as they unlawfully hunted in the JNL forest, Ngai Tamanuhiri whenua. Police seized multiple firearms, tracking gear and thermo optic equipment.

"Illegal hunting and poaching is a costly ongoing issue that is a concern for our farming, hunting, forestry and rural communities," said a police spokesman. The public is asked to record vehicle registration numbers and report all suspicious activity to 105.

## Neighbours help put out fire

TWO Fire and Emergency New Zealand appliances were sent at 7.30pm last night to deal with a kitchen fire in Oak Street.

Smoke alarms had alerted the elderly occupants to the fire and people from three neighbouring homes helped extinguish the fire with a garden hose.

Firefighters removed the pot of oil from the stove. The kitchen, lounge and dining room were damaged by smoke.

In the event of a fire, people are encouraged to close doors

as they leave the house. Even a small fire will smoke-damage a large part of the house, said a firefighter.

Smouldering mulch outside a house in Aberdeen Road was extinguished by firefighters shortly after 11pm last night while at 8.10am today, Fire and Emergency New Zealand appliances from Manutuke and Gisborne were dispatched to a car fire in Taurau Valley Road, Muriwai, that endangered a nearby house.

by Andrew Ashton

A FOCUS of job creation post Covid-19 could see a swing in the political polls, National party finance spokesman Paul Goldsmith says.

Campaigning in Gisborne with East Coast electorate candidate Tania Tapsell on Friday, Mr Goldsmith said with the General Election just two weeks away, and people previously occupied with Covid-19, things were only now starting to "hot up" politically.

"My sense is people haven't given quite as much thought to politics as in previous election cycles, which leads us to believe there is a chance for a greater swing in the last couple of weeks when people really turn their minds to the issues."

In the finance portfolio, Mr Goldsmith said there was a simple choice for voters — high taxes under Labour or a short-term stimulus under National.

"That will put an extra nearly \$50 into the pocket of somebody on the average full-time wage (about \$64,000 a year) which will make a

big difference, we think."

Mr Goldsmith said the proposed tax cuts would last for 16 months.

"The economy is shrinking faster than ever and people may not have felt quite the gravity of the situation because we are borrowing at a rate of \$1 billion a week at the moment and the Reserve Bank is also putting \$1 billion a week into the economy.

"But what we saw from the pre-election update is Treasury concern that we might lose another 100,000 jobs in the next two years.

"So, we feel that extra stimulus is required and tax relief is the fastest and cleanest way to get that money into the system."

Mr Goldsmith said National was also focused on job creation.

He pointed to the Government funding a "very expensive pool" in Gisborne as another difference in policy.

Instead, National would focus on private sector investment to ensure tens of thousands of smaller companies could take on an extra staff member.

"That's how you get job growth

and we need to make it easier for people to do that.

That is why we are not in the same camp as the government, which is an extra week's sick leave, increase the minimum wage, an extra holiday.

"These are all nice to have when the economy is booming but it makes it more difficult for firms to take on extra employees and that's what we really need right now."

Although Gisborne had fared relatively well during the Covid-19 recovery there were still challenges ahead.

"Gisborne is well-placed. The question is where does the future growth come from and our strong view is what we need is an environment that is more supportive of more investment going in to take on extra people."

The other major policy was accelerated depreciation, which means businesses could buy new equipment and write it off from their tax bill faster.

That policy had been "well received" by local businesses in Gisborne, Mr Goldsmith said.

## Pink lights up for town clock

GISBORNE'S town clock is lit up in pink.

The Robinson Memorial Town Clock has joined other notable buildings in New Zealand in promoting Breast Cancer Foundation New Zealand's (BCFNZ) annual Pink Ribbon Street Appeal.

In Tairāwhiti around 40 women each year are diagnosed with breast cancer, and sadly every year about seven will die of breast cancer.

The campaign runs for the entire month of October and ends with Breast Cancer Foundation NZ's major fundraising event, Pink Ribbon Street Appeal, which takes place on the October 30 and 31.

Money raised through the appeal and other October fundraising events around the country will fund research into new targeted treatments, life-saving awareness initiatives, education programmes, and support New Zealanders going through breast cancer.

BCFNZ chief executive Evangelia Henderson said, "It is fantastic to see Gisborne join so many other towns and cities across New Zealand lighting up pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Month."

"It's such a powerful visual reminder that nine Kiwi women are diagnosed with breast cancer every day. It's still the most common cancer for women in our country."

"We hope New Zealanders will get behind this cause and donate generously to our appeal, so that we can continue our crucial work to see zero deaths from breast cancer become a reality."

Other notable buildings turning pink to support BCFNZ include Sky Tower, Auckland Harbour Bridge, Canterbury Museum, Michael Fowler Centre and Wellington's cable car tunnel.

The town clock, opened in 1934, is named after Reginald Deason Blandford Robinson who was town clerk from 1891 to 1933.

# Call out for volunteers to help with Pink Ribbon street appeal

by Wynsley Wrigley

VOLUNTEERS are urgently needed in Gisborne to help with the Breast Cancer Foundation NZ Pink Ribbon Street Appeal on October 30 and 31.

Area co-ordinators are needed to manage a small team of volunteers at local collection sites.

The co-ordinators will be supplied with a detailed briefing, a roster of volunteer collectors, street permits, and all the materials necessary to run a successful appeal.

Breast Cancer Foundation NZ chief executive Evangelia Henderson said the Pink Ribbon Street Appeal could not be held without the support of "our amazing volunteers".

"By giving a little time, people in Gisborne can make a huge difference."

"The money raised will help us to make zero deaths from breast cancer a reality, funding breast cancer research, education and patient support."

"It's been a tough year for everyone and we never imagined we'd be launching this year's appeal in the middle of a global pandemic."

"But this year has shown how great New Zealanders are at banding together, and we hope Gisborne will show some love for Kiwis affected by breast cancer by supporting our appeal."

### SHAKE A BUCKET:

Breast Cancer Foundation NZ is asking for people to put a hand up to help out with the annual Pink Ribbon street appeal. Foundation chief executive Evangelia Henderson says by giving a little time, people in Gisborne can make a huge difference.



Anyone interested in being either a volunteer co-ordinator or collector is encouraged to email pinkribbon@bcfnz.org.nz or phone 0508 105 105 for more information.

The Pink Ribbon Street Appeal raises funds to support women going through breast cancer, search

for ground-breaking scientific discoveries and spread the message about the importance of early detection and going for regular mammograms.

Across Aotearoa 10,000 volunteers will raise money at 1400 collection points.

# Air ambulance notches up its 3000th mission

THE Air Gisborne/Hauora Tairāwhiti air ambulance service has completed its 3000th mission, flying its 5285th and 5286th patients.

Hauora Tairāwhiti chief executive Jim Green told the DHB the 3000th flight was completed by flight nurse Jessie McDonald and Air Gisborne pilot/owner Andrew Reid.

August had been a busy month with 105 patient transfers and a total of 62 missions.

The percentage of patients transferred by "our team" was just above average at 77.14 percent of all patients and 64.5 percent of all missions.

Westpac Air Ambulance completed nine nurse-only flight missions for Hauora Tairāwhiti.

"Five occurred when our team was busy and could not meet the demand for flights on those days," said Mr Green.

"Two occurred on weekend days when we have just one flight per day working, and two occurred after

hours.

Mr Green said there were four direct STEMI (heart attack) pathway transfers from the Emergency Department in August, one helicopter transfer, two Waikato ICU retrievals and one transfer by Westpac with a flight nurse and intensive care paramedic team.

Air Gisborne has been providing air ambulance flights for the Gisborne community for more than 35 years.

In 2012 the company formalised a partnership with the health board for a seamless delivery of aeromedical services.

**MANY MISSIONS:** Pilot Andrew Reid has been working closely with Hauora Tairāwhiti for eight years with the air ambulance service recently completing its 3000th flight.

File picture



### An important message from Three Rivers Medical

To maintain social distancing, we are mainly using telephone consultations in the first instance. All doctor and nurse consults are now by appointment only.

You can ring and book your appointments as usual, and then a GP or nurse will call you back at the agreed time. Normal weekday and weekend charges apply for phone consultations and prescriptions.

Most services including nurse services, cervical screening, childhood immunisations and cardiovascular disease risk assessment checks have resumed but by appointment only.

Our revised opening hours are weekdays 9am-8pm and weekends 9am-1pm then 2pm-6pm. We appreciate your patience during this time.

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# Tests may help prevent future heart failure

DOCTORS say a ground-breaking discovery could help prevent heart failure for people who have already had a heart attack.

Clinicians at the University of Otago's Christchurch Heart Institute and the National University of Singapore have found a way to find out if someone who has already had a heart attack is at risk of heart failure in the future.

The study involved 200 patients from Singapore and 500 from New Zealand who had experienced a heart attack.

The method combines two kinds of testing in blood and heart cells, resulting in fast identification of new blood markers flagging

potential future heart failure.

Researcher and cardiologist Mark Richards said finding the precise biomarkers in the blood that indicate potential for future heart failure after a heart attack was like looking for a "needle in a haystack".

The teams' innovative method involved sifting through massive amounts of data to reveal six new, high-priority indicators of heart failure in patients with a heart attack which will be further researched.

"First, Associate Professor Mark Chan and his team in Singapore applied plasma proteomics — a term used to describe high-throughput

analysis of plasma proteins — using a highly sensitive technique.

"This made it possible to reliably detect more than 1000 proteins in the blood of each patient, despite some proteins having very low levels," Mr Richards said.

A second technology discovery was to cross-reference the proteins by analysing single heart cells one at a time, rather than the usual method of cells in bulk.

"Strong and reliable signals to identify those patients who may be unfortunate enough to incur heart failure following their heart attack, remains an urgent need."

# Collins under pressure over policy on the fly

WELLINGTON — National's leader Judith Collins is facing criticism from within over policy decisions that at worst are improvised and at best did not include consulting the party's own spokesperson.

Collins is having to respond after an email leaked to Newshub showed National's Auckland Council spokesperson Denise Lee criticising a policy announced today to review Auckland Council.

Lee called it a "highly problematic idea", a "nightmare" and "another working group", and said bypassing her was "incredibly poor form and displays a shockingly bad example of poor culture", while another National Party member said Collins was consistently "making up policy on the hoof" and creating division.

Collins' office said she was not available for an interview, but said the policy was one the campaign team had been working on "for several weeks".

"I decided to release it during an interview on Newstalk ZB this morning, and as leader of the National Party it is entirely appropriate for me to make that call," Collins said in a written response.

"I have spoken to Denise Lee about this. She, like all of National's MPs and candidates, are very focused on campaigning and spreading the word about National's plan to create jobs and let Kiwis keep more of what they earn through tax cuts."

Collins admitted to media last week that her plan to prosecute businesses taking unfair advantage of the wage subsidy was improvised, and when questioned over whether it would cause trouble said the government can "do pretty much anything it likes if you have the majority".

She had been questioned during the Newshub debate about whether big businesses who had profited off the wage subsidy without paying it back should be prosecuted.

Labour leader Jacinda Ardern told debate moderator

Patrick Gower she thought it was morally wrong.

Collins agreed, saying they should pay it back, and went further, saying she would try to claw it back and the party may have to change a law to do so.

"We may have to change a law — I would've thought we would've had a lot of support in Parliament to do that," she said.

The next day, Business NZ criticised the move as "misguided" and unnecessary, and the Council of Trade Unions warned it was inappropriate and a form of retrospective taxation.

Collins, having slept on it, also spoke about the difficulties it might pose and appeared to soften her stance.

"When I said 'well we'd have to look at how we could get it back off them', well number one they'd probably get a visit from me. That might help, with media . . . otherwise we'd have to look at how we could do that legislatively wise.

"It's pretty hard to do something like that retrospectively but, you know, sometimes you've just got to think about how you can do it . . . I'd have to work out how to do it . . . without actually unfairly affecting those people who have acted entirely correctly."

She also rejected the suggestion that such retroactive action would be cracking open a can of legal problems. "Not really. Parliament can do pretty much anything it likes if you have the majority."

That was far from the only policy decision that appeared to have been made on stage at the debate that night, with several other commitments made which had not appeared in official party policy documents.

She also pledged inquiries into both Pharmax and Gloriavale, getting rid of the guns register, and matching Labour's commitment to free sanitary products in schools. — RNZ

## National's ambitious plan to 'create 10,000 jobs a month'

WELLINGTON — National says if it were in government it would create 10,000 jobs a month and get unemployment heading down to 4 percent by 2025.

National's leader Judith Collins is in Auckland announcing her party's economic development policy, under which it would commit to a two-year moratorium on changes in regulations and policies that add costs to businesses.

Measures under the policy include a range of promises National has already made during the election campaign.

National would do the following:

- Setting a target of 4 percent unemployment by 2025.
- Replacing the RMA with a new Planning Act biased towards development, and an Environmental Standards Act to protect the Environment.
- Committing to a two-year moratorium on changes in regulations and policies that add costs to Kiwi businesses.
- No tax increases or introducing any new taxes.
- Suspending next year's minimum wage increase.
- Putting a halt to 70's style fair-pay agreements that the government plans to implement.
- Supporting businesses with \$10,000 to hire new staff and provide modern, flexible working practices.
- Support new business owners through its BusinessStart package.
- A suite of investment-friendly tax

initiatives including instant depreciation of up to \$150,000 per asset and doubling the depreciation rate for businesses to invest in new plant equipment and machinery over a year.

■ Encourage high-skilled migrants including surgeons, rocket-engineers and scientist to choose a life in New Zealand to help grow the economy and create more jobs.

National's economic development spokesperson Todd McClay also attended the announcement and is calling for other political parties to follow his party's lead in committing to a two-year regulation and policy moratorium "in order to support businesses to lead the economic recovery".

Collins says: "New Zealand needs a government that not only understands the issues businesses are facing right now, but has the plan and experience to overcome those issues.

"National will revive the economy by supporting our businesses to bounce back and giving them the confidence to lead the recovery and create more jobs and higher incomes for Kiwis and their families." — RNZ



Judith Collins

# Our next big Covid threat

## Auckland prepares for return to Alert Level 1 but complacency the danger

AUCKLAND — Auckland moves to Alert Level 1 tomorrow night but experts say it's too soon to relax all restrictions and fear Kiwis' Covid-19 complacency risks infection spreading rapidly if another outbreak hits the community.

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, too, warned Aucklanders against complacency, pleading for people to scan QR codes with their smartphones, stay home if they're unwell, and get tested if feeling even slightly sick.

Level 1, which Auckland will move to at 11.59pm tomorrow, means no limits on the sizes of gatherings and the removal of social-distancing requirements in restaurants and bars.

Masks are not needed at Alert Level 1 but Ardern yesterday said people should feel free to wear them if it makes them feel safer.

Lesley Gray, a senior lecturer in Otago University's Department of Primary Health Care, told the Herald that mask-wearing on public transport should be required at all alert levels.

Jacqui Maguire, a registered clinical psychologist, also sounded concern

over mask-wearing and gathering sizes not being enforceable at Alert Level 1.

Only about a quarter of Kiwis were scanning QR codes using the NZ Covid Tracer app, Ardern said yesterday, and the number of scans had halved to one million in the past week from a peak of two million.

Dr Andrew Chen, a research fellow at Kōi Tu: The Centre for Informed Futures, the University of Auckland, has been observing that trend with worry.

"As Auckland enters Level 1, we may see increased levels of mobility and will

see the return of larger group gatherings.

"If Covid-19 returns to the community, these both increase the risk of the infection spreading quickly and in ways that may be difficult to predict."

Chen said all Kiwis had a role to play in protecting themselves and others — and one of the most important steps they could take was keeping track of their movements.

"We can't just start keeping records at the beginning of the next outbreak — we need records before it arrives.

"Using the NZ Covid Tracer app is one of the most effective ways to keep track of your records."

Meanwhile, moving Auckland to Alert Level 1 last night instead of tomorrow would have saved an estimated \$28.5 million in economic losses, Treasury says.

New Zealand First is understood to have raised questions with the Prime Minister's Office on Friday about the possibility of easing restrictions in Auckland from 11.59pm last night.

Ardern said yesterday she did not consider calling a Cabinet meeting on Friday to discuss that possibility because

Cabinet had previously agreed for the city to be in Alert Level 2 for two weeks — or one full incubation period.

She said Cabinet also wanted to look at the latest test results from the more recent cases associated with a chartered flight from Christchurch to Auckland on September 11; the last such case tested positive on

September 23.

She said there was a high level of confidence that those cases, as well as the 179-case cluster, were both contained, confirming modelling by Te Punaha

### Alert level 1

#### Auckland's alert level is changing

From 11.59pm, Wednesday, October 7  
Auckland joins the rest of the country at Level 1

#### Level 1 (From 11.59pm, October 7)

- Wearing a mask on public transport not required but still encouraged
- Stay home and get tested if sick
- Continue to use the Covid tracking app or record visits and keep track of who you have spent time with
- Businesses must continue to display QR codes
- Continue to wash your hands with soap for at least 20 seconds
- Maintain social distancing from strangers when out and about



Matahina that there was a 95 percent likelihood Covid-19 had been eliminated.

There had been no new cases in the cluster for 12 days, and only six community cases are still to recover.

Yesterday, there was one new case of Covid-19, but it was contained in managed isolation.

Ardern said indicators including building consents and card spending had been relatively high while restrictions in Auckland were in force, but acknowledged the economic pain for hospitality, retail, tourism and the arts in particular.

"When we quickly stamp this virus out, our economy can return to close to normal sooner."

Treasury estimated the economy was

operating at between 90 and 94 percent with Auckland at Level 2, she said.

A spokesman from Treasury confirmed that amounted to about \$100m a week, or \$14.28m a day.

An Auckland bar owner who was forced to sell his home to keep his businesses afloat and pay staff says the move to Alert Level 1 can't come soon enough.

Mat Jorgensen, who owns Ding Dong Lounge and Infinity Nightclub, was forced to choose between his businesses and his home during the second lockdown.

"They were two pretty sh\*\*\* situations, the best one I thought of working out for me and my family was keep the bars," he said.

Ardern conceded yesterday that higher daily testing numbers in July could have detected the current outbreak earlier.

She said saliva testing, which is being touted as much cheaper and capable of returning a result within 15 minutes, could be a game-changer but it needed to be as reliable as the nasopharyngeal swab test.

Public health experts have said it could be useful in future outbreaks because of the quick turnaround compared with the current test, which can take days to come back.

Ardern praised Kiwis, and Aucklanders in particular, for their efforts in stamping out the virus once again.

"I know for many this one has felt harder, especially for Aucklanders," she said.

"Despite that, Aucklanders and New Zealanders stuck to the plan that has worked twice now and beat the virus again.

"Our team of five million, a little more battle-weary this time, did what our national teams do so often — we put our heads down and we got on with it."

— NZ Herald

# 'It was an absolute freak accident'

## Shocked driver says stroller rolled out of nowhere

AUCKLAND — The driver of a van that struck a runaway stroller carrying a 5-month-old baby says he can't shake the image from his mind.

"I can't believe it," Sudhir Saksena told the The New Zealand Herald. "I really feel sorry for the baby and the family," he said.

"It's a nightmare." Still shocked, Saksena said the stroller rolled down the hill in front of his car "out of nowhere".

"I was driving home to get some tools for work," he said. "There was a car in the middle of the road, going down the hill. I was going up and the house was right on the hill.

"The pram went flying down the hill right in front of me. I slammed on the brakes but it was too late."

The infant was flown to Starship children's hospital with critical injuries but died in hospital yesterday afternoon, police said.

The stroller's basket came free in the collision and was flung forward about three car lengths, said a witness on Auckland's North Shore.

Saksena said he had been driving between 20kmh and 30 kmh along Lake Rd in Northcote before the collision just before 9am.

"I pulled over and put the hazard lights on and went to see the baby.

"There was no one there, and then the mum rushed out to see what had happened." The child's mother told him she'd forgotten to apply the brakes on the stroller, he said.

A staff member from a nearby childcare centre rushed out and began to perform CPR on the baby, Saksena said. "The mother was in shock . . . then she asked what happened and she started to cry."

Saksena said he felt terrible about the incident and his thoughts were with the affected whanau.

Kevin Walker said he was driving on Lake Rd with his wife when the collision occurred. "You just see a pram come out the driveway. In your head you're like, 'Am I dreaming?' It was kinda like a nightmare.

"I saw the mum come running, she was in a panic, everybody

was."

He said the fast-moving pram ran through a narrow gap between two moving cars in his lane but was then struck by a vehicle coming the other way. "You could probably have that happen 100 times and it would not have hit anything.

"The timing of it — it was an absolute freak accident."

He said the vehicle which struck the pram was not driving fast. "He tried his best to brake. But it hit the middle of the car . . . and the basket went flying, about 15 metres."

He added: "Everything just stops when you see something like that. It's just absolutely heartbreaking."

Jackie, a nearby resident, came past in the evening to leave some flowers at the roadside.

She did not know the family well but said such a tragic death affected a whole community.

"It happened on the same road I drive down every day. It just brings home home life can be taken away so quickly. Five months old — it's just devastating."

Jackie said she felt sorry for



**HEARTBREAKING TRAGEDY:** The scene on Lake Rd, Northcote, in Auckland where a baby was killed after being hit by a car while in its pram. NZ Herald picture

the driver of the car. "There's just nothing they would have been able to do."

A witness to the crash earlier told the Herald the stroller had to be pulled from the van it hit, and there was a large dent in the front of the vehicle.

Ali, who didn't want his last name used, said other motorists rushed to try to help but there wasn't much they could do.

The police serious crash unit

examined the scene.

Saksena spoke to police after the incident and tried to continue his working day in a bid to distract himself. "I didn't know what to do. I went to work but I couldn't do anything, so I just went home. I can't sleep, I can't drive, I can't do anything."

The child's death will be referred to the Coroner and police are ensuring those involved have support. — NZ Herald

# Mop-up continues after 'intense' fire threatens homes

AHIPARA — The man who took responsibility for an accidental blaze that ripped through an estimated 20ha of Far North scrub and bush says it's a warning to all about current dry conditions.

The blaze started about 12.20pm on Sunday on Ngakarua Rd, off Roma Rd, inland from Ahipara.

Rueben Taipari Porter said the blaze began accidentally as a small rubbish fire. It spread into kikuyu and was out of control within minutes.

As the landowner, Porter said he was responsible for the blaze and called the fire brigade immediately.

Principal rural fire officer Myles Taylor said the fire was patchy over a large area but had posed a considerable threat to a number of houses.

At least three and as many as eight houses were evacuated.

"Without the suppression that we were able to apply those houses would certainly have been lost," Taylor said.

"The fire intensity was some of the worst I have seen in Northland in 10 years, particularly at this time of year."

Two helicopters supported firefighters from Ahipara, Kaitaia, Houhora, Karikari, Paihia and Kerikeri, but struggled to control the blaze.

The tide started to turn only when two more helicopters arrived about 5pm.

Taylor said it was fortunate there was a small dam nearby the helicopters could take water from.

Smoke could be seen from Kaitaia, 15km away. Firefighters closed Ngakarua Rd to stop well-



**FIGHTING FIRE:** The fire swept through an estimated 20ha of bush and scrub at Ahipara's Ngakarua Rd. A helicopter battles the flames while firefighters stand guard over a nearby home. Northern Advocate picture

intentioned but ultimately unhelpful members of the public from offering to assist.

Porter said he had been surprised by just how dry his whanau land was, given its heavy clay loam soil that was normally wet at this time of

year.

"Everybody needs to take this fire as an example of what summer is going to be like," he said.

"A fire ban should be declared before Labour

Weekend. The ground and bush are so dry and rivers are still so low."

Deputy principal rural fire officer Clinton Lyall said mopping up was continuing on Monday with 15 members of Kaitaia-based Far North Roding's forestry crew on the ground along with a digger and bulldozer to cut fire breaks and create access.

"It's an indication of just how dry and vulnerable things are," he said.

The fire risk was likely to get worse with no serious rain on the horizon for at least the next 10 days.

He urged Northlanders to be extra vigilant with fires, even if they lived in an area with an open fire season.

He urged people to keep the area around fires clear and to monitor fires all day until they were out.

Taylor said the fire was within Zone 1 where fire permits were needed year round but the fire that started Sunday's blaze had an exemption.

The situation was complicated by the presence of a number of significant archaeological sites in the area where the bulldozer was working so a kaumatua was being consulted in the hope of avoiding damage.

Porter thanked the many fire brigades, helicopter companies and St John, as well as Roma, Wainui and Manukau marae for allowing firefighters and evacuees to use their facilities.

— Northern Advocate

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# 'Completely unrecognisable'

## Owners see village's charred ruins where 46 homes were destroyed

LAKE OHAU — Residents of Lake Ohau village have been briefly let back through fire cordons to see what remains of their homes among destroyed houses, burnt-out cars and charred land.

The blaze broke out early Sunday morning following high winds the previous evening. Residents were woken by loud sirens to see the village already ablaze.

They grabbed what they could and fled — some tooting their car horns as they drove to make sure everyone was awake.

The fire was contained by midday yesterday, and residents, many visibly tired and sleep-deprived, were allowed to board three buses and taken on a tour of what remains of Lake Ohau village.

Inside the village, 46 homes had been destroyed. Many properties were just a concrete foundation covered in a tangled mess of corrugated iron. Some still had charred chimneys standing.

Burnt out cars sat in some driveways — one resident said they looked like a "molotov cocktail had been thrown" at them.

Despite the widespread destruction, some homes were spared.

Fire and Emergency Incident Controller, Graeme Still, said that was due to many different factors, including how embers flew through the air, the construction of the homes, and the fuel around them.

Embers could fly "hundreds of metres", he said.

Outside the town, thousands of hectares of farmland and conservation had been scorched, with fire crews still attacking hotspots. Smoke could still be seen rising from hills behind the village.

Janet Brown said her house was flattened by the blaze.

"It looks like a nuclear bomb gone off, it just flattened everything," she said. "We will rebuild one day, we just don't know when."

Dwayne Rennie owned a bed and breakfast in the village and fled with guests after the alarms sounded. The second storey of his house had collapsed on to the first.

He said the area was "completely unrecognisable".

Civil Defence minister Peeni Henare and Conservation minister Eugenie Sage also visited the area. Henare announced the Government was putting \$100,000 into the mayoral relief fund as an "initial contribution."

"There is no rhyme or reason when it comes to fire. One house is affected while the neighbour isn't," he said. "As you drive through you can feel a sense of loss." — NZ Herald



**BLAZE DISASTER:** The fire destroyed 46 homes. Many properties were just a concrete foundation covered in a tangled mess of corrugated iron.

NZ Herald picture

## Devastated residents may collect belongings

LAKE OHAU — Residents of the fire-ravaged Lake Ohau Village may be able to collect essential belongings from their homes today.

Fire and Emergency said that helicopters and ground crews will be back on the ground at first light today.

Around 90 residents were evacuated after the fire broke out, with locals following a pre-determined plan, it said.

Principal rural fire officer for Otago Graeme Still said the proof that the plan has worked is that no one was hurt. As of midday on Monday the fire had burned 4600 hectares, of which 1900 hectares is conservation estate, Fire and Emergency said on Twitter.

Janet Brown, who owns a property at Lake Ohau village, said it was a terrifying night when the fire started.

"The winds were so strong and I know how bad the winds get at Ohau, it can get very fierce. But it was particularly bad and I couldn't sleep, no-one could sleep it was that bad, and I heard the siren which I had never heard before so I knew something was not right. We had these two big sliding windows that looked out to the mountains and it was all ablaze, it was orange, the whole sky, and it was very close."

Brown, who had visitors staying with her, knew they didn't have long to get out.

"We woke everybody up. Fortunately we were

ready to fly out the next day so we grabbed the bags, chucked them in the boot of the car and got out of there as quickly as possible.

"There were lots of people in the village because of the school holidays, lots of cars on the road. It was incredible what the residents did to get everybody out. They knew this was going to happen and I can tell you this because of the wilding pine problem and it has to be sorted out. This is going to happen again and again and unfortunately I think people may die in the future if we don't do something about it now . . . I can not believe nobody died. It's a miracle.

"Well done to all those lovely people in the village that live there who were so organised to get everyone out. They are heroes, I'm very proud of them."

Brown said her family has lost everything in the fire. "It's our only home. We don't own a home, this is it, we built it with our own hands, we lived in caravans with our children, we spent three years building it, our hearts and souls went into it, kids call it home. It's all gone.

"We don't have another home, but we're lucky we live in Auckland so we've got jobs and a place to live."

She said the community had been concerned about the wilding pines in the area for a long time.

"The people have been going out on their own and snipping the wilding pines for years and years and years with no help. It's all been

voluntary.

"It was a disaster we knew would happen one day, I just didn't think it was going to be so devastating to us. I thought we'd be lucky and I was wrong."

As of Monday, Brown had only seen images of the damage, but described it as harrowing.

"It looks like a nuclear bomb has gone off."

Residents were given their first glimpse of the damage on Monday, as three buses took them on a tour of the area.

Graeme Still said it was a humbling experience to take residents to see the fire-affected area. Still has been a firefighter for 40 years and said the damage to the buildings is the worst he has seen.

Fire and Emergency say crews have been working through the night to protect any further structures from being destroyed in the fire.

A drone equipped with an infrared camera was used to seek out hotspots.

Fire services said controlled access will be available between 10am and 2pm, if conditions are safe. The access is only available for essential purposes, such as collecting medication, or tradespeople needing their tools.

Crews are working to reduce the hazards around undamaged properties, including fire-damaged trees, loose iron and debris, Fire and Emergency said. It said that work will need to be completed before residents can be given unrestricted access. — RNZ



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# ‘Still traumatised by the surgery’

## Auckland DHB censured after swab left inside patient’s abdomen

AUCKLAND — A woman in her 40s was left “traumatised” after a surgical swab was mistakenly left inside her abdomen for four weeks after an operation at Auckland District Health Board.

The DHB has been found in breach of the Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers’ Rights for the error, a report released yesterday reveals.

Former Health and Disability Commissioner (HDC) Anthony Hill, who led an investigation into the woman’s care, was highly critical of the mistake saying it cost the woman “unnecessary harm and a protracted recovery process”.

“She said that she is still traumatised by this surgery, and is still suffering with the outcome,” the report says.

The woman had symptomatic artery disease and claudication (pain caused by obstruction of the arteries) in her right thigh.

She underwent an operation at an Auckland DHB facility to increase the flow to her legs.

The HDC report said the nurses counted items used during the surgery as required, and no items were unaccounted for.

“The surgeons were notified of, and acknowledged, the correct count,” the report said.

However, three weeks after the surgery the woman noticed a lump on the left-hand side of her abdomen, and experienced associated pain and unwellness.

She saw her GP, who documented a soft, tender, fluctuant mass in the upper



**CRITICAL ERROR:** A surgical swab was mistakenly left inside a woman’s abdomen for four weeks after an operation at Auckland District Health Board. Picture supplied

abdomen, which was not something she would expect in a patient following aortoiliac bypass surgery.

The GP made an urgent referral to hospital where a CT scan showed a mass in the left abdomen measuring 7.9cm by 8.3cm.

As a result the woman made a complaint to the HDC and an investigation was conducted — the findings have been published yesterday.

Hill reported the error to be the responsibility of the DHB and all the staff involved in the surgery.

He was critical of the DHB’s count policy and discrepancies in training for different teams at the time of events, and considered that improvement in these areas may help to reduce any unnecessary risk and opportunities for error in future.

“The DHB needed to ensure that its system provided (the woman) with safe care of an appropriate standard,” Hill said.

“Somehow, that system failed (the woman), and a swab was left inside her abdomen. As a result of this, the

surgery caused unnecessary harm and a protracted recovery process for [the woman].”

In the report, the woman told Hill she remained “dissatisfied that there was a retained swab despite a correct swab count”.

She said that she is still traumatised by this surgery, and is still suffering with the outcome.

Hill recommended that the DHB mandate that all surgical staff read the Count Policy and ensure that they keep up to date with any changes.

He also advised that the DHB consider how new medical surgical staff will learn the Count Policy and provide the results of its yearly audit including details of any changes made as a result and any specific education provided to staff.

In the report, it said Auckland DHB sincerely apologised to the woman for her surgical experience at the hospital, which resulted in a very painful and protracted journey following what should have been a straightforward surgical procedure.

The DHB advised that its clinical teams strive to provide the best quality of care to all its patients, and the surgical team is deeply saddened about what happened to this woman, and feel very disappointed that its investigation did not provide a clear outcome.

Following review of the patient’s incident, it was agreed that yearly directorate-wide audits will be completed in February each year, with specific targeted education to be arranged for any areas where non-compliance has been identified. — NZ Herald

# Woman’s bladder removed after signs of cancer ignored

WAIKATO — A Waikato woman in her 80s has been left without a bladder and is in an extremely weak state after alarming signs of her cancer were ignored by two GPs for three years.

An oncologist has said it’s likely her cancer could have been picked up three years earlier and that her treatment would have been “relatively simple for a reasonably well patient of her age” if it had.

Yesterday, the Health and Disability Commission (HDC) have released a damning report finding Tui Medical Centre and two of its GPs in breach of the Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers’ Rights for repeated failures of the woman’s care.

“The impact of living without my bladder, and the effects of chemotherapy have left me weaker, and unable to live the life I did prior. I was a fit person who looked after the house and

garden, and was the full-time carer for my husband who is disabled,” the woman said in the report.

She is not being named for privacy reasons.

Between 2014 and 2017, the woman had several consultations at the medical centre about blood in her urine. She was treated with antibiotics, despite her urine tests showing no infection.

The investigation — led by former HDC commissioner Anthony Hill — found the

woman was not notified of her results, and no further follow-up action was undertaken by the GP.

The woman was not referred for a specialist review of her symptoms until more than three years after her initial consultation, at which time a cystoscopy revealed tumours in her bladder, the report said.

She had multiple surgeries to remove the tumours, her bladder, uterus, and lymph nodes before getting chemotherapy.

The woman has filed an ACC treatment injury claim and expert advice was sought from an oncologist, who said the cancer likely could have been picked up in 2014 and if it had treatment would have been much simpler, the report said.

The woman has now completed all scheduled treatments and was being monitored for any return of the cancer.

The commissioner was critical of a number of failures including a lack of the appropriate

**“The impact of living without my bladder, and the effects of chemotherapy have left me weaker, and unable to live the life I did prior.”**

—The elderly woman

standard of care, not informing the woman of her test results and for the lack of effective co-operation between the GPs who provided care to the woman.

“Clinicians must do the basics — read the notes, ask the questions, and talk with the patient,” he said.

“The delay in the woman’s diagnosis with bladder cancer had significant consequences for her.”

Hill said the medical centre

breached the Code by not reviewing her clinical history adequately and not following up her persistent symptoms appropriately, and thereby failing to provide services to the woman with reasonable care and skill.

“With medical practices focusing less on individual doctor consultations and more frequently involving a multidisciplinary team, attention must be paid to the issues that can arise when no single clinician takes overall responsibility for the patient, and the need to ensure continuity of care.

The commissioner recommended:

- The medical centre discuss the findings with all staff employed who were involved in the woman’s care.

- Update its policy for the review of test results when staff require leave at short notice.

- The medical centre should review its processes around provision of care to patients who present repeatedly with the same problem.

- Report back to HDC regarding implementation of the changes it has made.

- Provide the woman with a verbal and written apology.

- The GP attend a Medical Protection Society workshop, review the HealthPathways guidance on urinary symptoms.

One of the GP’s at the clinic said in the report: “At the end of it all, there is [a woman in her 80s] who was poorly done by and that is not something any of us can live down.”

“I would like to take this opportunity again to apologise to her and wish her all the best with her ongoing treatment and recovery.”



**MISSED CANCER:** A GP failed to pick up an elderly woman’s alarming signs of cancer for three years. Picture supplied

Tui Medical said in the report as a result of this incident it identified areas for improvement and changes had been made including peer reviews and audits of notes; separating Urgent Care and General Practice to allow better continuity of care; and making sure all staff are well informed of the guidelines on urinary tract infections.

### Wrong medication

Another HDC report released today found a woman living with Parkinson’s suffered panic attacks, blurred vision and vomiting after being given the wrong medication by a pharmacist.

Though the label was correct, the medication was not and she had been taking it for a month before the mistake was discovered.

In the report, the woman said the error had cost her and her

family financially, physically, and mentally.

Deputy Commissioner Kevin Allan found there was failure to check the medication against the prescription adequately and involve another pharmacist for a second check. This was a breach of the Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers’ Rights.

“As a consequence of the dispensing error, (the woman’s) health was affected adversely as a result of not taking her correct medication, and taking a medication that was not indicated, for a number of weeks before she was alerted to the medication error.”

Allan recommended that the pharmacist undertake an audit of her accuracy in dispensing medication, and report back to the HDC. He also recommended that the pharmacist provide an apology to the woman and commence a near-miss log, which she has done. — NZ Herald

# Cannabis legalisation to 'reduce Maori arrests'

## BRIEFS

WELLINGTON — Cannabis campaigners say fewer Maori will get a criminal record if New Zealanders vote 'yes' in the referendum, with research showing a reduction in arrest rates for African-Americans in US states where it has been legalised.

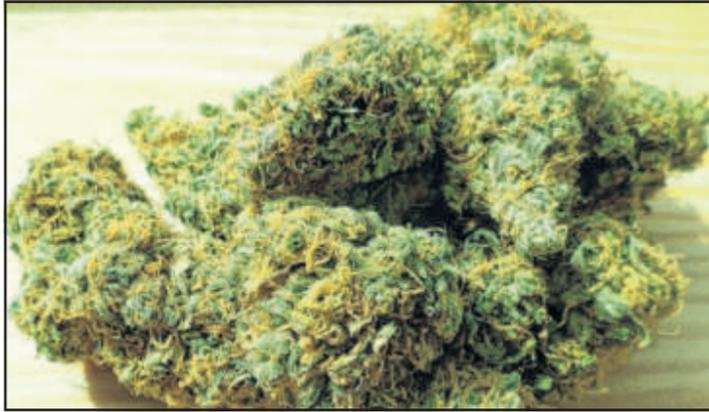
Justice advocacy group JustSpeak commissioned research into whether legalisation in North America had reduced disparities in arrest rates for people of colour and how that could apply to criminal justice outcomes for Maori if New Zealanders voted in favour of legalisation at the referendum.

It found that the first US jurisdiction to legalise it — Washington State — saw an 8-fold decrease in African American's being charged for cannabis offences.

Professor of criminology at Victoria University, Fiona Hutton, supervised the research and said it indicated there would be a drop for similarly over-criminalised groups like Maori if cannabis was legalised.

"That would be a positive outcome that we might see under the New Zealand system, if the yes vote goes ahead . . . we would see a decrease in convictions and prosecutions for minor cannabis offences across all diverse groups," Prof Hutton said.

However, while there was an overall drop in offences in Washington state, the disparity between cannabis criminal justice outcomes for whites and African Americans actually



increased.

Prof Hutton said that was because people of colour were still being overly-targeted for offences that sat outside the legal framework, such as when people under the legal age limit were caught possessing cannabis.

That would not be a problem in New Zealand, however, because those under the age limit of 20 years old who are caught with cannabis would not be criminalised, although Prof Hutton said the government still needed to be mindful of discriminative policing of cannabis.

She said elected officials should look at the Racial and Identity Profiling Act in California, which was passed in 2015, where police had to record information such as ethnicity on all initial interactions between law-enforcement officials and members of the public.

"We can build up much more information about police practices and then hopefully

intervene in harmful policing practices."

Reducing the stigma of cannabis is the main motivator of legalisation campaigner Roxxane Williams-Tai.

She grew up in fear as her whanau grew and consumed cannabis — and she ended up trying it for the first time when she was in her mid-teens.

She hated it when she was younger, and she said it did not enhance her life when she used it again in her 20s because it was just a means of escape for her.

However, she was now a strong advocate for the medicinal properties of cannabis and would be voting in favour of legalisation.

"I was actually quite against it only because I would rather it be decriminalised than legalised. The thing that worries me is that people will get greedy and see the financial side of things and not necessarily the health side of things. But I do like that legalising it will keep it off the

black market."

She saw legalisation as a way to stop harmful cannabis use in rangatahi.

Mamaeroa Merito has been helping to run a campaign to get Maori students to vote 'yes' at the referendum because she says the current system is not working for Maori.

"Maori and Pakeha use at the exact same rates, but Maori are three times more likely to end up going through our court system, getting picked up by the police, having terrible experiences that affects not just them but their whanau as a whole, and can have long-lasting impacts on their lives and livelihoods. So all of those things are a real concern for us," Ms Merito said.

While most of the rangatahi she had engaged with were voting 'yes', Ms Merito was worried older Maori voters would vote against legalisation, which was a concern shared by Drug Foundation chair, Tuari Potiki.

He was urging people to vote 'yes' because the evidence overwhelmingly showed that criminalisation was harming Maori and that the application of the current law was racist.

"If your kid or your mokopuna has a problem with cannabis or any other drug, how do you want them to be treated? Do you want a criminal justice approach where they are arrested and given a conviction that's going to be there for the rest of their lives, or do you want a hauora — some sort of health intervention? It's that simple really." — RNZ

## Vandals damage glasshouse

HASTINGS — The John Holt Memorial Display House in Cornwall Park was closed yesterday to the public after the front window was smashed by vandals.

Hastings District Council said vandals had not entered the building, but a maintenance team had been sent to secure the areas and make repairs.

The council's public spaces and building asset manager, Colin Hosford, said it was the third time in the past week that much-loved council buildings had been hit by vandalism.

"This vandalism follows similar incidents at the pavilion at the Havelock North Village Green, which was targeted twice in the past week.

"Council has made significant investments in these well-loved facilities for the public to enjoy, so this kind of vandalism is very disappointing for our community."

The memorial house was opened in March of 1966 in honour of John Holt. It was given a makeover in 2010 and has since hosted an array of floral and plant displays in the heart of Cornwall Park, in Hastings.

Anyone who might have witnessed the acts of vandalism could call the police's 105 non-emergency number, the council said.

— Hawke's Bay Today

## Three arrested in phone scam

AUCKLAND — Three people have been arrested as part of an investigation into phone scam complaints.

Police say the Auckland City Financial Crime Unit is seeing a surge in reports from people who say they have lost significant amounts of money to phone scammers in recent months.

In one instance, an 84-year-old woman reported losing almost \$10,000 from her account in August, after a call from someone claiming to be from Spark and saying her account had been hacked.

Police said she was asked to download an application to her computer and later noticed a large sum of money missing from her account.

Three men, aged 31, 28 and 26, are due to appear in the Auckland District Court this month, in relation to alleged money-laundering offending.

"We will continue to investigate these phone scam cases and further arrests are likely," Detective Senior Sergeant Bridget Doell said.

"Never give your personal banking information out over the phone and do not allow the caller to access your computer remotely — regardless of what company the caller claims to be from," Doell said. Nothing is that urgent. — RNZ

# Hole deliberately cut in fence at animal sanctuary, Zealandia

WELLINGTON — Police have been notified after a hole was deliberately cut in a fence at Wellington's native animal sanctuary, Zealandia.

The hole in the predator-exclusion fence appears to have been cut with a power tool, and is large enough to let in rats and weasels.

A local community member found the hole on Sunday.

"It is extremely upsetting and disappointing to see someone target the fence in this way. It protects countless rare and threatened species, including kiwi, hibi/stitchbird, tieke/saddleback, titipounamu/rifleman, tuatara and more," said Zealandia chief executive Paul Atkins.

"The sanctuary has played a huge role in improving birdlife across the city, and the specially-designed fence is critical for giving these species a safe space to establish."

The hole, measuring about 15cm high by 10cm wide, is of a sufficient size to allow access for rats, mustelids or other predators of native New Zealand species, many of which are just starting their breeding season.

"At this point, we are unable to pinpoint exactly when the damage was done. We do very frequent fence checks, so it was



## ECOSANCTUARY IN THE CAPITAL:

Zealandia is the world's first fully-fenced urban ecosanctuary. It was named one of Time magazine's World's 100 Greatest Places of 2019.

Picture by Judi Lapsley Miller

most likely over the weekend," said Dr Danielle Shanahan, the director of Zealandia's centre for people and nature.

Zealandia was mounting a precautionary incursion response in case any predatory mammals did enter following the damage. This included setting trapping lines and cameras to identify intruders.

"The Zealandia fence line is a popular walking track, and we are appealing to the Wellington public to report any vandalism they witness to the police. There is also a phone number to report damage at many locations along the fence line."

Zealandia was looking at additional security measures that could be installed, such

as CCTV to prevent future damage.

Zealandia was named one of Time magazine's World's 100 Greatest Places of 2019.

For 24 years, Zealandia has been working to restore a valley located just 2km from downtown Wellington, with the vision to restore its forest and freshwater ecosystems as closely as possible

to their pre-human state.

Zealandia is a 225-hectare ecosanctuary, which was fenced in 1999. After predators were eradicated there, it reintroduced 20 species of native wildlife into the area, including six species that had been extinct on mainland New Zealand for over a century.

— The New Zealand Herald

# 'I think we can take more risk'

## Economist warns of Covid-19 fatigue if more lockdowns occur

AUCKLAND — An economist believes New Zealand shouldn't be so cautious when future outbreaks of Covid-19 hit the country, having successfully negotiated lockdown twice, but Jacinda Ardern says they have the balance right.

Modeller and economist Rodney Jones says the government has been too conservative with its approach to the Auckland cluster — believing the city's restrictions are being lifted a week late this Wednesday.

"The toolkit we have is really first class in terms of contact tracing, testing, and particularly the genome sequencing that gives us an enormous understanding of each outbreak. "I think we can take more risk and we need to take this kind of learning into a future outbreak if it was to occur."

Jones said each week in lockdown accounts for 2 percent of GDP across the country.

"We forget how important each week is and by reducing the amount of time around lockdowns, we can still get back to zero and allow a bit more economic activity while we're doing it."

He said that in July, people around the country became overconfident and assumed the virus was never coming back, but now we're probably a bit too fearful and we risk building up fatigue.

"In some ways, 2021 is going to be more challenging as we move towards a vaccine and move towards leaving this virus behind us.

"We don't want to leave that responsiveness, but we also don't want to see what's happened in Europe where there's real fatigue."

However, Jones said New Zealand's response to the virus has been the best in the world and New Zealanders aren't acting like it.

But Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern told Morning Report she rejects the idea the government took too long getting Auckland back to Alert Level 1.

"I don't believe we've been too cautious and you'll know, for instance, that even when we moved into Level 2 there was some concern that we'd moved too early. There are others who thought we should've moved into Level 1 earlier. We constantly get a bit of tension on either side



**ECONOMY AND LOCKDOWN:** PM Jacinda Ardern announcing Auckland will move to Alert Level 1. According to Economist Rodney Jones, each week in lockdown accounts for 2 percent of GDP across the country. RNZ picture

there, but I'm confident we've made the right decision at the right time.

"Ultimately, if you pull back and look globally just as (Jones) has done, New Zealand is in a great position and I do think he makes a fair point that we probably don't spend as much time as we should just reflecting on where we are relative to the rest of the world."

She said that rather than

being fearful, we should get to a position where New Zealanders feel confident.

"We have every right and reason to feel confident and that's because we've had a plan and that plan has worked for us on two occasions.

"When you look at the rest of the world, where they've had a resurgence they're still struggling with it and many are looking to potentially go back

into lockdown."

There has been some suggestion from experts, including Jones, that the government consider extra measures for people coming in from high risk countries.

Ardern said Cabinet has asked the health ministry to expedite advice on the issue.

"So far, the view has been that our system has done what it needs to do. We want to take a more targeted approach for those high risk countries; does it mean an extra test, does it mean a lengthier stay — that's advice I expect to come through from health in short order."

There have been grumblings from the National and Act parties that Ardern has been able to capitalise on Covid-19 for election gains, but she said that wouldn't be advantageous if the pandemic wasn't managed well and people need to understand that the leader of the opposition, Judith Collins, has signalled she would handle things differently.

"It is not a given that what we are rolling out is what every political party would do. People have to make a judgement call on who they trust to continue to take us through Covid." — RNZ

## Air NZ shakeup: CFO out, new sales chief in

AUCKLAND — The Air New Zealand executive shakeup continues, with veteran Jeff McDowall to join four other top staff leaving the airline and the announcement of the internal appointment of a chief customer and sales officer.

McDowall will leave the airline towards the middle of 2021 after the completion of the planned capital raise. Airline and tourism veteran Leanne Geraghty has been appointed to the new role.

CFO McDowall has been at the airline for more than 20 years and last year was acting chief executive for several months.

Chief executive Greg Foran said McDowall was playing a critical role in supporting him and the board as the airline rebuilt from the ravages of Covid-19.

"But after a career spanning more than two decades with the airline, he feels it will be time to open a new chapter of his career once the capital raise is complete," Foran said.

The airline will shortly commence a global search for a successor.

So far this year the departure or pending



**RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENT:** Air New Zealand CFO Jeff McDowall resigns. He has been at the airline for more than 20 years. Leanne Geraghty has been appointed to the new role. NZ Herald picture

departure of four veteran executives has been announced. They are chief marketing and customer officer Mike Tod, chief air operations and people safety officer John Whittaker, chief strategy networks and alliances officer Nick Judd and chief customer and commercial officer Cam Wallace.

Foran paid tribute to McDowall.

"Without Jeff's leadership over the past two decades, especially as part of the

executive team in recent years, the airline would not have delivered its long run of commercial success or grown its international footprint around the world so successfully."

Geraghty is described as one of the airline's most experienced global leaders and will report directly to Foran.

"Leanne is an outstanding leader with a tremendous depth of industry knowledge having worked in the aviation and tourism industries on

both sides of the Tasman for more than 30 years and led teams around the world."

He said her detailed knowledge of the New Zealand, Australian and Pacific Island markets, in particular, set the airline up well for the post-Covid-19 international tourism recovery when the time came.

"Leanne is held in the highest regard by key stakeholders ranging from trade and government partners through to our most valuable customers and her fellow Air New Zealanders."

Geraghty is currently group general manager airports and has responsibility for more than 1800 employees and operations across 50 airports internationally.

Originally from Australia, she holds a Bachelor of Economics and Finance from the University of New South Wales and has studied International Business Management at IMD in Switzerland and Marketing at the Australian Institute of Marketing.

She is also a graduate of the company directors course from the Australian Institute of Directors. — NZ Herald

## Energy war rages as 69,000 customers change company

AUCKLAND — Data from the Electricity Authority show 69,000 account holders switched energy companies from March through August this year.

The rate of switching was particularly pronounced over the winter months, with the rates of defection increasing significantly in May, June and July.

Each of these months saw large increases compared to the movement of customers a year earlier. The winter data this year corresponds with a period of increased working from home, as the nation grappled with the Government's lockdown response to the coronavirus pandemic.

The big winners from the exodus of customers were smaller players Electric Kiwi with a gain of 13,100 customers and Nova Energy, which added 8900 to its customer roster.

Electric Kiwi chief marketing officer Andrew Cooper says that movement of customers indicates that Kiwis are on the hunt for deals in a tough economic climate. "Unfortunately there is a very large number of New Zealanders who have never switched and many of these people will be paying too much. We would encourage those people to have a look around to see if there is a better deal out there. A great place to start is Consumer NZ's Powerswitch website," Cooper said.

Cooper says it is particularly rewarding for a smaller firm like Electric Kiwi to win the tussle for customers, given his company simply doesn't have the big budgets of the major companies.

While major power company Meridian added 7500 customers, the same could not be said of the other major players in the market. Mercury saw its customer numbers drop by 13,500, Genesis by 11,300 and Contact by 9700. — NZ Herald

## SHAREMARKET YESTERDAY

WELLINGTON — A powerful day on the Australian bourse failed to rub off completely on the New Zealand sharemarket which closed with a reasonable gain — albeit, there was light trading on both sides of the Tasman.

The S&P/NZX 50 Index was up 0.64 percent to 11,898.26, with 32.5 million shares worth \$117.05 million changing hands. There were 83 gainers and 48 decliners over the whole market.

In Australia, the S&P/ASX 200 Index was up 145.6 points or 2.51 percent to 5937.1 at 5.45pm.

Matt Goodson, managing director of Salt Funds Management, said the ASX was sold off

aggressively late on Friday following President Donald Trump's hospitalisation.

"We never got the sell-off that Australia had. And the news on Trump's health is slightly better than worse. United States futures are up 0.7-1 percent, so there's a little bit of a global bounce in the markets."

The NZX September statistics showed the top 50 index increased 7.5 percent year-on-year, the total market capitalisation grew 7.3 percent to \$208.9 billion, and total capital raisings slipped 1.4 percent to \$2.21bn in September and \$12.66bn for the year to date.

The two market heavyweights continued to make headway from earlier falls, Fisher & Paykel Healthcare gaining 75c or 2.26 percent to \$33.90 on trade worth \$19.74m, and a2 Milk increasing 24c to \$15.44 on \$9.8m worth of trade.

The dual-listed banking stocks rose on the strong day in Australia, ANZ up 59c or 3.18 percent to \$19.15 (\$20.69) and Westpac up 60c or 3.33 percent to \$18.64.

The retirement sector continued to flourish, with Ryman Healthcare climbing 22c to \$14.72, Arvida Group up 4c or 2.30 percent to \$1.78 and Summerset Group rising 5c to \$9.10.

Contact Energy was up 14c to \$7.07 but Meridian fell 6.5c to \$4.905. Restaurant Brands

climbed 37c or 3.11 percent to \$12.25, Fletcher Building rose 10c or 2.47 percent to \$4.15, Freightways hit the \$8 mark with a gain of 15c, and Comvita gained 5c to \$3.20.

Online travel provider Serko had a late turn, falling 10c or 2.1 percent to \$4.67 after rising 12c during the day. Pushpay Holdings fell 34c or 3.82 percent to \$8.57, Chorus was down 11c to \$8.49, and Auckland International Airport declined 6c to \$7.30.

Property for Industry is buying an Auckland Rosebank Rd industrial estate for \$65.55m, and its share price rose 4c to \$2.74. Metro Performance Glass was the day's biggest mover, increasing 10.94 percent to 35.5c. — NZ Herald

EDITORIAL

## GHL shares annual update with public

Gisborne Holdings Ltd took its annual meeting to the public yesterday in an informative presentation that was appreciated by those attending, who included five councillors and the Mayor.

As chairman Rob Telfer explained, the previous practice of holding the Gisborne District Council trading arm's AGM at a GDC meeting in December meant it was very backwards-looking. It made more sense to talk to their accounts for the year ended June 30, 2020 once they had been audited and while the report was more relevant.

It was left unsaid, but it was also beneficial to be transparent and to engage with the public as GHL grows into a more substantial owner and operator of community assets, that is returning \$1.8m to its shareholder despite a challenging year.

Formerly overseeing 11,000ha Tauwhareparae Farms only, the council has transferred significant GDC property assets as well as the Waikanae Beach Holiday Park and Gisborne Vehicle Testing businesses to GHL in recent years. The farms now make up 55 percent of GHL's total assets of \$124.5m; total equity rose \$591,000 to \$99.3m.

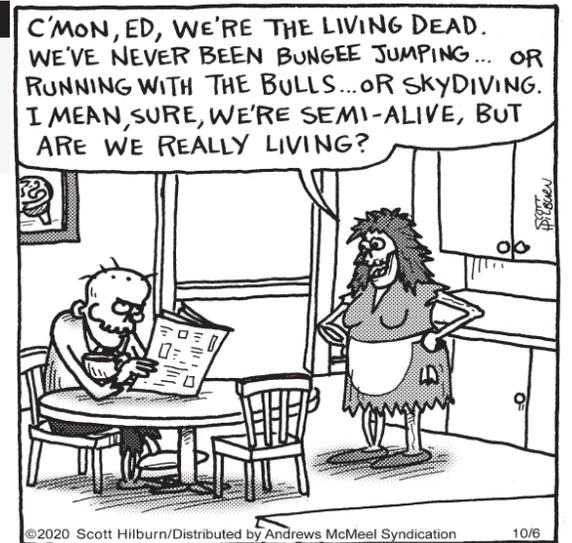
(The council has fallen silent on a proposed third tranche of asset transfers, which involved forestry — much of which is now being reverted to natives — and the council's 120 community housing units, which GHL already manages for it.)

The diversity of its assets was acknowledged yesterday as providing resilience and extra security for GHL in uncertain times. There were also a number of synergies, for instance having a property management arm that worked across all businesses.

Lower year-end commodity prices saw negative revaluations of \$4.2m for its livestock and forestry assets, which meant GHL posted a net loss of \$113,000 for the year. Ebitdar earnings were up 3 percent on the previous year, to \$4.6m, despite the farms being impacted by nationwide drought and Covid lockdown forcing the holiday park and GVT to close.

The holiday park was in fact a standout performer, earning a record \$1.9m. Gisborne Vehicle Testing has been extremely challenged, with income of \$677,000 about half what was budgeted and posting a loss of \$27,000, but will have new opportunity to shine with a full complement of inspectors soon and a new car-wash facility being added.

A 30 to 35-section residential development on Childers Road will get under way later this year, and potential commercial developments were signalled for GHL properties at Dunstan Road and Banks Street.



## Swayed by cannabis facts

On reading Saturday's Herald about legalising cannabis . . . while I have tried it, I am not totally in favour of voting "yes". However, I am swayed by the facts.

Less people are killed on the roads by partaking in cannabis compared to either alcohol or speed. By legalising cannabis, the Government stands to gain \$1.5 billion in revenue. As with alcohol, selling without a licence will be a criminal offence.

In 2017 a survey was carried out on the 20 to 25-year-old age group who were incarcerated for cannabis crimes as minor as possession. That age group alone cost the taxpayer \$56 million. Treating drug users, as they do in Canada, resulted in an up to 60 percent recovery rate, at much less cost.

When I consider these facts, I am voting "yes".

HUGH GREENWOOD

## Criminalisation cynical

I'll be voting yes in the cannabis referendum and there are lots of reasons why.

The biggest reason for me is that many simply can't afford medical cannabis. Big Pharma extract the drug out of a plant which people can grow at home for little cost and sell it for \$300-\$400 a month to vulnerable people.

Nobody should be forced into using dangerous synthetic

opiates or other drugs because a plant which is known to relieve pain and has many other health benefits is illegal.

I think that criminalising cannabis in the first instance was a cynical move to protect the profits of those who can legally produce prescription drugs and alcohol.

That should be overturned.

MARY-ANN de KORT

## Speaking out on atrocities

Tena koe, I am disappointed that women in New Zealand are not speaking out over the rape and mutilation of the two Dalit women in India.

I have heard in the media they are "untouchables" of the Hindu classes, the lowest of the lowest. However, they are human beings, somebody's daughter, mother, women of the world.

I believe that ethnic communities in Aotearoa should be speaking out about such atrocities. We are in the middle of an election and it is hoped that

our Government would speak out to the Indian government about these tragedies.

People in our country were quick to demonstrate over the shootings in America in the past few months, so let us be fair and just, standing alongside these women and their families. We are the voice of the voiceless.

In Peace

PAULINE E TANGIORA  
Patron Aotearoa Peace Foundation and vice-president of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom Aotearoa

## Parallel only, apparently

After visiting the Ormond Road Cafe last week we were surprised to find, on returning to our vehicles, parking infringement notices being issued by council wardens to all patrons who had angle parked in Sheehan Street.

Whilst there are two computer-generated and printed "Parallel Parking" signs on the cafe wall, there is nothing denoting that it is illegal to do otherwise.

Interestingly, circa a block in either direction, angle parking is permitted — with car bays marked as such (in Ballance Street outside retail outlets etc and in Stafford Street for Willy's Dairy) with council signage erected. It

would be easy to assume it is the same in Sheehan Street.

Council staff told us they are aware this has been an ongoing issue for cafe patrons since it opened, but the council has done nothing about it.

When we asked to speak with the council staff member who dealt with issues such as this, he could not come to the counter as he was having a cup of tea (overheard).

In light of the above, one can only deduce that this is just another revenue-raising exercise and that it comes down to "buyer beware". The food, drink etc may cost you less than the \$40 fine for parking.

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## Drugs destroyed son's life

I write as the mother of four boys; my youngest at the age of 15 became hooked on cannabis at school. Aged 16 he left school and left home, and became very difficult to deal with. He couldn't keep a job, hung around with the wrong crowd and any money he came across was quickly spent on drugs for himself and his mates.

He went downhill fast. By the time he was 25 he was like an old tramp, if I met him in the street my heart would break to see him in such a state. I would buy him food and find a place for him to live, but he would soon be back on the streets and became like a derelict tramp.

Any money he managed to get was spent on drugs.

One morning the police informed me that he was reported missing, and for the next six weeks my heart ached waiting for news. He was eventually found dead in a paddock, almost unrecognisable. How he died is unknown.

Drugs destroyed my son's life. Brought up as a Christian, the wrong choices he made soon overwhelmed him and a beautiful young man's life was lost.

Think before you vote. Vote "No" to cannabis law reform.

God bless

MARY PARKER

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, ONLINE COMMENTS

## Part of the human race

Joe, You got me — yes I am racist. That is probably why I feel the need to have these books in my bookcase:

Pakeha and the Treaty — Why It's Our Treaty Too, Patrick Snedden; The New Zealand Wars, James Bellich; The Path To The Treaty of Waitangi, Paul Moon; A Short History of the New Zealand Wars, Gordon McLauchlan; Waitangi A Living Treaty, Matthew Wright; Maori Made Easy, Scotty Morrison; James Cook, Peter Fitzsimons; First Map, Tessa Duder.

It's probably why I spent last Friday afternoon at the Historic Places Tairāwhiti's First Meetings Korero at the Waikanae Surf Life Saving Club.

I, like you, am part of the human race and that means I am full of frailties, confirmation bias and woolly thinking. I leap to judgement, am emotional and easily offended.

I am Pakeha and as proud of my culture as you are of yours. A big

chunk of my background is Irish and I would recommend Googling the Siege of Drogheda by Oliver Cromwell, which was around the same time as Abel Tasman paid Aotearoa a visit.

The boats are made of aluminium alloy and my submission was to have at least one of them put on display at the museum, or other agreed place. They are part of our ongoing historical flow, but I do not wish to offend anyone who sees things differently. I see this position as a compromise.

The reason for my little poem was to bring attention to what I perceived as "foot dragging" on this matter.

I was rung the next morning by a councillor and the record put straight. The timetable also appeared in the paper.

A favourite quote of mine is that humans are the strangest creatures on the planet.

RON TAYLOR

## A powerful production

I have just been to a performance of "The Crucible" at Unity Theatre and feel I have to tell everyone what they are missing if they haven't already thought of going.

Wow! What an amazingly powerful production. I was bolt upright in my seat all the way through and left feeling I had experienced something very rare. How often do Gisborne audiences get the chance to witness something so completely compelling? This is a drama of unusual force and both the cast and the staging are simply brilliant.

I have seen many professional productions in cities here and overseas, but really felt this would hold its own anywhere. Heartiest congratulations to all involved, you completely bowled this theatre-goer over and I heard so many similar reactions on my way out of the venue. Gisborne is fortunate indeed to have such skilled and dedicated theatre people prepared to put in the enormous effort that made this production so completely memorable.

WENDY SHEPHERD

## BRIEFS

**Israel army strikes Gaza target after rocket attack**

JERUSALEM — An Israeli aircraft struck what the army said was a Hamas military target in the southern Gaza Strip late on Monday, shortly after Gaza militants fired a rocket into Israel.

The rocket landed in an open area and did not cause any damage or injuries, Israeli media reported. But it broke a weeklong lull in the area.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the rocket fire. But Israel holds Gaza's Hamas rulers responsible for all fire out of the territory and usually responds to rocket attacks with airstrikes on Hamas targets. There were no reports of casualties from the Israeli airstrike.

In the Israeli-occupied West Bank, meanwhile, the Israeli army said it opened fire at three Palestinian men who were throwing firebombs at troops near the settlement of Einav.

It said one of the suspects was hit, while the two others managed to flee. There were no further details on the condition of the man who was shot.

— AP

**3 dead, in building collapse**

HOUSTON — Three workers were killed on Monday during a partial collapse of a high-rise building under construction in Houston, according to fire department officials.

The fire department said one injured worker was taken to a hospital and was listed in a stable condition.

The agency said its rescue team was on the scene and working with an engineer at the site of the building, located near Interstate 10 on the city's westside. Authorities believed all other workers were accounted for, but rescue crews were still working to ensure there were no other victims.

It was not immediately known what caused the partial building collapse. Television news footage showed damage in the building's lower floors.

The names of the workers who were killed and injured were not immediately released. — AP

**Mexico City shooting kills six**

MEXICO CITY — A shootout between rival gangs in Mexico City left six people dead and four wounded, and police in the north-central state of Guanajuato found two heads and bags of severed body parts scattered on roadsides in two cities there.

The violent and fast-growing Jalisco cartel has been expanding into both Mexico City and Guanajuato, though it was unclear immediately who was responsible for the killings.

Guanajuato state prosecutors said the gory discoveries there began on Sunday, when two severed human heads were found on the side of a highway in the town of Romita. Then on Monday, police in the larger city of Celaya reported finding "several black bags in wooden boxes, a sack and some sheets" containing hacked-up bodies. — AP

**Hotel Rwanda man to be tried**

KIGALI, Rwanda — Rwanda's prosecution intends to hold a joint trial of Paul Rusesabagina, whose story inspired the film "Hotel Rwanda", together with 16 prisoners alleged to be rebel fighters.

Rusesabagina, 66, is a founder of the Rwanda Movement for Democratic Change, a coalition of opposition groups, which has an armed wing known as the National Liberation Front. The government accuses the rebel group of killing Rwandans in the country's north.

In court last month, Rusesabagina admitted his ties to the rebels, but said the group was never meant to kill Rwandans. — AP

**One in 10 may have had Covid**

GENEVA — One in 10 people around the world may have contracted Covid-19, the World Health Organisation said, at a special meeting of WHO leaders. A top official said the estimate meant "the vast majority of the world remains at risk".

Just over 35 million people have been confirmed as being infected with coronavirus — the WHO's estimate puts the true figure at closer to 800m.

Experts have long said the real number of cases would exceed those confirmed.

The WHO is meeting at its headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, to discuss the global response to the pandemic.

Ten months on, the crisis shows no sign of ending. Several countries are seeing second waves after easing restrictions and in some cases numbers are even higher. The estimate that 10 percent of the world's population has contracted the virus came from Mike Ryan, the executive director of the WHO's Health Emergencies

# Trump leaving hospital

## President exhorts Americans 'don't fear virus'

BETHESDA, United States — President Donald Trump said on Monday he's leaving the military hospital where he has been receiving an unprecedented level of care for Covid-19, immediately igniting a new controversy by declaring that despite his illness the nation should not be afraid of the virus that has killed more than 210,000 Americans.

Trump's doctor, Navy Commodore Sean Conley, said the president would not be fully "out of the woods" for another week, but Trump had met or exceeded standards for discharge from the hospital.

Trump is expected to continue his recovery at the White House, where the reach of the outbreak that has infected the highest levels of the US government is still being uncovered.

Trump himself made a point of sounding confident. He tweeted: "I will be leaving the great Walter Reed Medical Centre today at 6:30pm. Feeling really good! Don't be afraid of Covid. Don't let it dominate your life. . . . I feel better than I did 20 years ago!"

Trump's message that people shouldn't fear the virus alarmed infectious disease experts and suggested the President's own illness had not caused him to rethink his often-cavalier attitude toward the disease, which has also infected the First Lady and several White House aides, including new cases revealed on Monday.

"We have to be realistic in this: Covid is a complete threat to the American population," said Dr David Nace of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Centre, an expert on infections in older adults.

"Most of the people aren't so lucky as the president," with an in-house medical unit and access to experimental treatments, Nace added.

"It's an unconscionable message," agreed Dr Sadiya Khan of Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. "I would go so far as to say that it may precipitate or worsen spread."

There was political pushback to Trump's attitude toward the virus, as well.

Republican Senator John Cornyn of Texas told the Houston Chronicle editorial board that Trump had "let his guard down" in his effort to show that the country was moving beyond the virus and had created "confusion" about how to stay safe.

Conley said that because of Trump's unusual level of treatment so early after discovery of his illness he was in "uncharted territory". But the doctor also was upbeat at an afternoon briefing and said the president could resume his normal schedule once "there is no evidence of live virus still present".

According to the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, those with mild to moderate symptoms of Covid-19 can be contagious for as many — and should isolate for at least — 10 days.



**VIGIL OUTSIDE HOSPITAL:** Karen Simon from the District of Columbia, waves a banner together with other supporters of President Donald Trump, gathered outside the Walter Reed National Military Medical Centre in Bethesda, on Monday. Trump said on Monday he was leaving the military hospital where he was being treated for COVID-19 and will continue his recovery at the White House. AP picture

Trump's expected discharge raised new questions about how the administration was going to protect other officials from a disease that remains rampant in the president's body.

Press secretary Kayleigh McEnany announced she had tested positive for the virus on Monday morning and was entering quarantine.

Both Nace and Khan expressed fear Trump won't properly stay isolated at the White House — and that he hasn't learned his lesson about wearing a mask.

"We know he hates the mask, we know he hates to be restricted, we know he's unpredictable," Nace said. "The rest of the American people are held accountable to a 10-day isolation period."

There were also lingering questions about potential long term effects to the president — and even when he first came down with the virus.

Conley repeatedly declined to share results of medical scans of Trump's lungs, saying he was not at liberty to discuss the information because Trump did not waive doctor-patient confidentiality on the subject. Covid-19 has been known to cause significant damage to the lungs of some patients. Conley also declined to share the date of Trump's most recent negative test for the virus — a critical point for contact tracing and understanding where Trump was in the course of the disease.

Trump's nonchalant message about not fearing the virus comes as his own administration has encouraged Americans to be very careful and take precautions to avoid contracting and spreading the disease as cases continue to spike across the country. For more than eight months, Trump's efforts to play down the threat of the virus in hopes of propping up the economy ahead of the election have

drawn bipartisan criticism.

Only a day earlier, Trump suggested he had finally grasped the true nature of the virus, saying in a video: "I get it."

But then on Sunday afternoon, Trump briefly ventured out of the hospital while contagious to salute cheering supporters by motorcade — an outing that disregarded precautions meant to contain the virus.

White House officials said Trump was anxious to be released after three nights at Walter Reed National Military Medical Centre, where doctors revealed that his blood oxygen level had dropped suddenly twice in recent days and that they gave him a steroid typically only recommended for the very sick.

Trump's experience with the disease has been dramatically different from most Americans, who do not have access to the same kind of monitoring and care. While most must cope with their symptoms — and fear of whether they'll take a turn for the worse — at home and alone, Trump has been staying in the presidential suite of one of the nation's best hospitals and has been given experimental drugs not readily available to the public. He returns to the White House where there is a team of doctors on call with 24-hour monitoring.

Trump was to leave the hospital after receiving a fourth dose of the antiviral drug remdesivir Monday evening, Conley said. He will receive the fifth and final dose Tuesday at the White House.

Less than one month before Election Day, Trump was eager to project strength despite his illness and to press his campaign effort across the country.

Vice President Mike Pence returned to the campaign trail moments after Trump announced he would soon

leave the hospital. The vice president boarded Air Force Two to fly to Salt Lake City, where he is to face off against Democratic vice presidential nominee Senator Kamala Harris on Wednesday.

Joe Biden's campaign, meanwhile, said the Democratic presidential nominee again tested negative for coronavirus on Sunday. The results came five days after Biden spent more than 90 minutes on the debate stage with Trump.

McEnany, who announced on Monday that she had contracted the virus, spoke briefly with reporters on Sunday evening without wearing a mask, but said that no members of the White House press corps spent enough time around her to be considered close contacts.

Even before Trump's motorcade outing on Sunday, some Secret Service agents had expressed concern about the lackadaisical attitude toward masks and social distancing inside the White House, but there isn't much they can do, according to agents and officials who spoke to The Associated Press. This close to the election, thousands of agents are engaged on protective duty so they can be subbed out quickly should someone test positive.

Trump's aggressive course of treatment included the steroid dexamethasone and the single dose he was given on Friday of an experimental drug from Regeneron Pharmaceuticals Inc. that supplies antibodies to help the immune system fight the virus. Trump on Friday also began a five-day course of remdesivir, a Gilead Sciences drug currently used for moderately and severely ill patients. The drugs work in different ways — the antibodies help the immune system rid the body of virus, and remdesivir curbs the virus' ability to multiply. — AP

# Missiles fired at Armenia's capital

YEREVAN, Armenia — Armenia accused Azerbaijan of firing missiles into the capital of the separatist territory of Nagorno-Karabakh on Monday, while Azerbaijan said several of its towns and its second-largest city were attacked.

Iran, which borders both countries, said it was working on a peace plan for the decades-old conflict, which reignited last month and has killed scores of people on both sides.

The region of Nagorno-Karabakh lies inside Azerbaijan, but has been under the control of ethnic Armenian forces backed by Armenia since the end of a separatist war in 1994.

Armenian military officials said missile strikes in the territorial capital of Stepanakert, which came under intense attacks all weekend. Residents told the Russian state RIA Novosti news agency that parts of the city were suffering shortages of electricity and gas after the strikes.

Firefights of varying intensity "continue to rage" elsewhere in the conflict zone, Armenian Defence Ministry spokeswoman Shushan Stepanian said.

Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinian said that while Nagorno-Karabakh's army "confidently controls the situation" in some areas where fighting was going on, it was "very difficult" in other areas.

The Azerbaijani Defence Ministry, in turn, accused Armenian forces of shelling the towns of Tartar, Barda and Beylagan. Ganja, the country's second-largest city far outside the conflict zone, also was "under fire", officials said.

Hikmet Hajiyev, aide to Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev, tweeted that

Armenian forces attacked "densely populated civilian areas" in Ganja, Barda, Beylagan and other towns "with missiles and rockets".

Armenia's Foreign Ministry dismissed allegations of attacks being launched from Armenia's territory as a "disinformation campaign" by Azerbaijan. Nagorno-Karabakh officials didn't comment on the accusations, but warned on both Sunday and Monday that the territory's forces would target military facilities in Azerbaijani cities in response to strikes on Stepanakert.

The fighting erupted on September 27 and has killed dozens, marking the biggest escalation in the conflict. Both sides have accused each other of expanding the hostilities beyond Nagorno-Karabakh.

According to Nagorno-Karabakh officials, about 220 servicemen on their side have died in the clashes since then. The state-run Armenian Unified Infocentre said that 21 civilians have been killed in the region and 82 others wounded.

Azerbaijani authorities haven't given details about military casualties, but said 24 civilians were killed and 124 wounded.

Nagorno-Karabakh was a designated autonomous region within Azerbaijan during the Soviet era.

It claimed independence from Azerbaijan in 1991, about three months before the Soviet Union's collapse.

A full-scale war that broke out in 1992 killed an estimated 30,000 people.

By the time the war ended in 1994, Armenian forces not only held Nagorno-Karabakh itself, but also substantial



**AZERBAIJAN HOMES DAMAGED IN SHELLING:** A person carries a carpet as he walks past buildings in a residential area in Ganja, Azerbaijan, damaged by shelling by Armenian forces. AP picture

areas outside the territory borders.

Aliyev has repeatedly said Armenia's withdrawal from Nagorno-Karabakh is the sole condition to end the fighting.

Armenian officials allege Turkey is involved in the conflict on the side of Azerbaijan and is sending fighters from Syria to the region.

Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinian said a cease-fire could be established only if Turkey was removed from the South Caucasus.

Turkey's government has denied sending arms or foreign fighters, while publicly siding with Azerbaijan.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan reiterated that Turkey will stand with its ally Azerbaijan until it reaches

"victory". He also maintained that it was the international community's silence in the face of what he called past Armenian aggression that encouraged it to attack Azerbaijani territory.

"In truth, lending support to Azerbaijan's struggle to liberate territories that have been occupied is the duty of every honorable nation. It is not possible for the world to reach lasting peace and calm without getting rid of bandit states and their bandit leaders," Erdogan said.

On a trip to Ankara, NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said the 30-country military alliance is "deeply concerned by the escalation of hostilities", and urged Turkey to help

end the fighting.

"I expect Turkey to use its considerable influence to calm tensions," Stoltenberg told reporters after talks with Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu, who reiterated calls for Armenia to withdraw from the region.

"Everyone, and especially NATO, must make a call for Armenia to withdraw from these territories, in line with international laws, UN Security Council resolutions and Azerbaijan's territorial and border integrity," Cavusoglu said.

The Foreign Ministry of Iran, which has nearly 760 kilometres of border with Azerbaijan and a short border with Armenia, said it was working on a peace plan.

Ministry spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh did not elaborate but said Iran was talking to all related parties.

"Iran has prepared a plan with a specific framework containing details after consultations with both sides of the dispute, Azerbaijan and Armenia, as well as regional states and neighbours, and will pursue this plan," he said.

Khatibzadeh also warned both sides against expanding the hostilities into Iranian territory.

"Any aggression against the borders of the Islamic Republic, even inadvertently, is a very serious red line for the Islamic Republic that should not be crossed," he said.

Since the beginning of the conflict, stray mortar shells have injured a child and damaged some buildings in rural areas in northern Iran, near the border with Azerbaijan. — AP

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# Cineworld closure affects 45,000 staff in US, UK

LONDON — In the latest blow to the beleaguered film industry, the second-largest movie theatre chain in the US is temporarily shuttering its locations on Thursday due to a lack of blockbusters on the calendar and major domestic markets like New York remaining closed.

Cineworld Group Plc said on Monday that it would close 536 Regal cinemas in the US and 127 Cineworld and Picturehouse venues in the UK this week, affecting some 45,000 employees.

“This is not a decision we made lightly,” said Cineworld chief executive Mooky Greidinger.

In the past few days, the already decimated 2020 release calendar lost another big film in the James Bond pic “No Time to Die”. It is at least partly due to the fact that one of the country’s biggest markets, New York, has not committed to a plan or a date for reopening cinemas in the state.

Cineworld has high debts and is, like the wider industry, struggling with the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. The absence of the biggest North American markets and a consistent, solid release schedule from Hollywood studios have

been devastating to their business.

“We never argued the fact that we needed to be closed until we saw that similar activities to us started to open,” Greidinger said, citing indoor dining. “We cannot be in a situation where we lose more cash when we are open than we lose when we are closed.”

Last week groups representing theatre owners, movie studios and directors issued a plea to US lawmakers to provide relief to ailing movie theatres. The letter, signed by the likes of Steven Spielberg, Christopher Nolan, Patty Jenkins, Clint Eastwood and Martin Scorsese, said that if the status quo continued, nearly 70 percent of small to mid-size movie theatres could be forced to close permanently.

Efforts to slow the spread of the virus resulted in closure of most cinemas for nearly six months. Many started tentatively reopening in late August, anticipating the release of money-making blockbusters, like Nolan’s “Tenet”, the Bond pic “No Time to Die” and Marvel’s “Black Widow”. Exhibitors also poured resources into enhanced safety and sanitisation protocols, including limited



capacity theatres, social-distanced seating, cashless transactions and staggered showtimes.

But ticket sales for Warner Bros.’ “Tenet”, the first major film out of the gates, were not as strong in the US as hoped, likely a combination of audience reluctance to return to theatres and the effects of big markets like New York and Los Angeles remaining closed. While

some analysts stress that films need to play the “long game” at the box office in this current environment, studios responded by delaying most other major films that had been set for the autumn and winter.

Some merely moved back 2020 openings as late as possible, like “Death on the Nile” (December 18) and “Wonder Woman 1984” which is now set for Christmas.

But others abandoned the year entirely, including Marvel’s “Black Widow”, Spielberg’s “West Side Story” and Universal’s “Candyman”, all of which were pushed to 2021 in recent weeks.

Although there are a handful of major films still set for 2020, like Pixar’s “Soul”, as well as a consistent calendar of independents and art house films, Friday’s announcement that “No Time To Die” was being delayed to 2021 came as a final blow.

Without the big releases, Cineworld said it couldn’t give customers “the breadth of strong commercial films necessary for them to consider coming back to theatres against the backdrop of Covid-19”. — AP

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# Racism declared a health issue

## Covid-19 pandemic amplifies racial disparities

CHICAGO — Christy DeGallerie noticed a startling trend in her online group for coronavirus survivors: White patients got medications she'd never heard of, were offered X-rays and their doctors listened to their concerns.

That wasn't her experience. When the 29-year-old Black woman sought a Covid-19 test at a New York emergency room, a nurse said she didn't have a fever. DeGallerie appealed to a doctor of colour, who told the nurse to check again. It registered 101 degrees.

"We know our pain is questioned and our pain is not real to them," said DeGallerie, who later started a group for Black Covid-19 survivors. "Getting medical help shouldn't be discouraging for anyone. It is a discouraging place for Black people."

Addressing experiences like DeGallerie's has become a priority for a growing number of local governments, many responding to a pandemic that's amplified racial disparities and the call for racial justice after the police killing of George Floyd and other Black Americans.

Since last year, about 70 cities, roughly three dozen counties and three states have declared racism a public health crisis, according to the American Public Health Association.

Local leaders say formally acknowledging the role racism plays not just in health care but in housing, the environment, policing and food access is a bold step, especially when it wasn't always a common notion among public health experts. But what the declarations do to address systemic inequalities vary widely, with sceptics saying they are merely symbolic.

Kansas City, Missouri, and Indianapolis used their declarations to calculate how to dispense public funding. The mayor of Holyoke, Massachusetts, a mostly white community of roughly 40,000, used a declaration to make Juneteenth a paid city employee holiday.

The Minnesota House passed a resolution vowing to "actively participate in the dismantling of racism".

Wisconsin's governor made a verbal commitment, while governors in Nevada and Michigan signed public documents.

"It is only after we have fully defined the injustice that we can begin to take steps to replace it with a greater system of justice that enables all Michiganders to pursue their fullest dreams and potential," Michigan lieutenant governor Garlin Gilchrist II said.



**WHITE TREATED BETTER BY DOCTORS:** In her online group for Covid-19 survivors, Christy DeGallerie noticed white patients got medications she'd never heard of, were offered X-rays and said their doctors listened to their concerns. Addressing experiences like DeGallerie's has become a priority for a growing number of local governments, many responding to a pandemic that has amplified racial disparities and the call for racial justice after the police killing of George Floyd and other Black Americans.

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Wisconsin's Milwaukee County takes credit for being the first with its May 2019 order. It acted because of sobering health disparities in Wisconsin's most populous county, where nearly 70 percent of the state's Black residents live.

It's the only county with a significantly higher poverty rate than the state average, 17.5 percent compared with 10.8 percent statewide, according to a University of Wisconsin-Madison report.

County officials developed a "racial equity budget tool", requiring departments to explain plans to hire and retain a diverse workforce and how budgets affect disadvantaged communities.

"The framing helped accelerate the conversation, not only stakeholders could actually grasp and understand," said Jeff Roman, head of the county's Office on African American Affairs.

Kansas City was another early adopter in August 2019. Councillor Melissa Robinson called it a new decision-making lens.

For instance, when the city approved a \$2 million pandemic relief plan, more money went to areas with more Black residents, who have been hit

disproportionately hard by the virus, instead of being divided equally among ZIP codes.

"Let's look at where our communities are hurting the most to lift them up," she said.

Officials in Indianapolis approved a resolution in June, and departments proposing budgets now must answer questions like: "How does compensation and level of authority compare between white and minority employees?"

"We needed to say it and put it out there so all the decisions we make in this realm are not made in a vacuum," said Vop Osili, president of the Indianapolis City-County Council.

To some, the efforts fall short.

Some clergy called the Indianapolis resolution "meaningless".

The head of the Chicago Hispanic Health Coalition said Cook County's 2019 resolution does nothing to help those lacking health insurance, often because of low-paying jobs.

Nearly 20 percent of Hispanic people under 65 are uninsured, compared with 11 percent of Black people and 8 percent of white people, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation.

"We cannot take advantage of people to pay low wages and pay no attention to their health care," coalition director Esther Sciammarella said.

Efuru Flowers, co-founder of Black Women Rally for Action, called Los Angeles' 2019 declaration problematic.

The city offers guidelines, including equality training for city employees. While it notes disparities, like Black residents making up 8 percent of Los Angeles County, but 42 percent of the homeless population, the solutions don't specifically mention Black people.

"It does not promote the urgency of eliminating racism in all its forms," said Flowers, who started her Los Angeles County organisation after a 2019 health report card revealed poor outcomes for Black women. "It doesn't promote or enlist citizens to join the effort."

Some are trying to change that.

A coalition of hospitals and community clinics took up the cause in Chicago, where a city study showed chronic disease and gun violence are top causes for the almost nine-year gap in life expectancy between Black and white residents.

The group published an open letter in June calling racism a "real threat to the health of our patients, families and communities".

Their goals include increasing access to care, even as one of Chicago's oldest hospitals that serves predominantly Black, Hispanic, elderly and low-income patients is set to close. The group aims to have specific commitments by year's end.

"The reality is that we helped create some of these structural barriers," said Brenda Battle, vice president of the University of Chicago Medicine's Urban Health Initiative. "We are the ones who have the ability to influence access to health care services. We have not effectively ensured that everybody has access."

DeGallerie is encouraged by such efforts but says she's never felt racial disparities so strongly. In her Black Covid-19 survivors' group, not being taken seriously by medical professionals is a common theme, as is getting substandard care.

She's sceptical of when she'll see change.

"I would only believe it when it comes from the mouths of patients who are Black," she said. "Those are the only people who would be able to tell you that something has changed." — AP

## Claim Omaha police used excessive force at protests

OMAHA, Nebraska — A lawsuit accuses Omaha police of using excessive force when they responded to protests against police brutality and racial injustice in Nebraska's largest city earlier this year.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Nebraska said on Monday it would file a federal lawsuit challenging police tactics that included firing pepper balls at protesters and making mass arrests during the protests in May, June and July.

"The answer to protests against police brutality shouldn't be more brutality," said Danielle Conrad, executive director of the ACLU of Nebraska. "Omaha Police have put Black Omahans and all Omahans calling for justice in the unacceptable position of deciding between their constitutional rights and their own health and safety."

Omaha City Attorney Paul Kratz said he believed police acted properly. Previously, city officials defended the arrests made during protests because police believed the gatherings had

the potential to become violent and in some cases violence had already broken out.

"Omaha has always been supportive of free speech and public demonstrations and will continue to do so," Kratz said. "The police make every effort to co-operate and protect demonstrators as long as they obey the law and police commands."

On several nights this spring and summer, hundreds of people gathered in Omaha to protest. The ACLU says the majority of the protests were demonstrating peacefully although the city also saw instances of violence and vandalism during some of the protests. On May 30, a protester was killed during a scuffle with a downtown bar owner after a protest involving several thousand people turned chaotic and the windows of the bar and several other nearby businesses were smashed.

Police used pepper balls and tear gas as part of their effort to disperse the crowds and arrested dozens of protesters for failing to leave. The Omaha World-Herald reports that



Omaha police used pepper ball guns 157 times during the first half of 2020,

which is more than in the previous seven years combined.

In one of the biggest arrests, more than 100 people were detained in downtown Omaha on July 25. That mass arrest was cited in the lawsuit because the protests were peaceful and the people who were arrested were held in crowded cells at a jail that was battling a Covid-19 outbreak.

The ACLU said several protesters heard police say the arrests were designed to discourage further protests.

Afterward, city prosecutors dismissed most of the charges against protesters because of a lack of evidence. City officials also changed their policy to require police officers to use body cameras to get pictures of each individual they arrest during protests instead of doing mass arrests. The lawsuit was filed on behalf of eight protesters, bystanders and a journalist who were at the protests. The ACLU also argued that the ordinances police used to arrest protesters should be thrown out because they are too broad and they restrict free speech too much.

— AP

# TUESDAY—WEDNESDAY'S TELEVISION GUIDE

## TVNZ 1 © TVNZ 2020

**5pm The Chase** *PG*  
**6pm 1 News At 6pm**  
**7pm Seven Sharp**  
**7.30 Paramedics** *PG*  
 Matt rescues an injured paraglider; a horse trainer has been kicked in the head; Taz and Amanda deal with an aggressive patient at a railway station.  
**8.25 Billionaire Babies** *M*  
 The exclusive world of wealthy parents and their babies and young children, and the people offering services that cater to their every whim.  
**9.25 Coronation Street** *PG*  
 Geoff corners Adam and Daniel; Carla refuses to listen to Peter's excuses; Sarah lets slip to David that Oliver's illness is not the only cause of Nick's stress.  
**10.25 1 News Tonight**  
**10.55 Sunday**  
**11.55 Shop Well For Less**  
 A family must get their finances back on track.

### WEDNESDAY

**1am Te Karere**  
**1.25 Infomercials**  
**5.35 Te Karere**  
**6am Breakfast**  
**9am The Ellen DeGeneres Show**  
**10am Tipping Point**  
**11am The Chase**  
**Noon 1 News At Midday**  
**12.30 Emmerdale**  
 Jamie worries about Andrea's whereabouts; Rhona and Nate panic; Harriet has reservations about Will.  
**1pm Coronation Street**  
 Geoff corners Adam and Daniel; Carla refuses to listen to Peter's excuses; Sarah lets slip to David that Oliver's illness is not the only cause of Nick's recent stress.  
**2pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show**  
**3pm Tipping Point**  
**4pm Te Karere**  
**4.30 Spencer's Big 30**  
 Chef Spencer Watts creates healthy, hearty meals that can be made in around 30 minutes, for around 30 dollars.  
**5pm The Chase**

## BRAVO

**5.30 Keeping Up With The Kardashians** *PG*  
**6.30 Million Dollar Listing Los Angeles**  
**7.30 The Bachelor Australia** *PG*  
**9.10 Marrying Millions** *M*  
**10.05 Killer Couples** *M*  
**11pm The Mark Of A Killer** *M*  
**11.50 Judge Jerry**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**12.15 Infomercials**  
**10am Judge Jerry**  
**10.30 How Do I Look?**  
**11.25 Million Dollar Listing Los Angeles** *PG*  
**12.25 The Kelly Clarkson Show**  
**1.30 The Real Housewives Of Orange County** *PG*  
**2.30 Below Deck: Sailing Yacht** *PG*  
**3.30 Southern Charm** *PG*  
**4.30 Millionaire Matchmaker** *M*  
**5.25 Keeping Up With The Kardashians** *PG*

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**5.05 The Simpsons** *PG*  
**5.30 The Big Bang Theory** *PG*  
**6pm Neighbours**  
**6.30 Home And Away** *PG*  
**7pm Shortland Street** *PGS*  
**7.30 MasterChef Australia: Back To Win**  
**8.50 Young Sheldon**  
**9.20 Mom** *PG*  
**9.50 Will And Grace** *M*  
**10.50 2 Broke Girls** *PG*  
**11.20 The Resident** *MC*  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**12.15 Station 19** *PG*  
**1am Shortland Street** *PGS*  
**1.25 Regular Show**  
**1.40 Infomercials**  
**2.45 The Russell Howard Hour** *16L*  
**3.35 How To Get Away With Murder** *PG*  
**4.20 Scrubs**  
**4.40 Emmerdale** *PGC*  
**5.05 Neighbours**  
**5.30 Infomercials**  
**6.30 Book-Hungry Bears**  
**6.50 Maia The Brave**  
**7am We Bare Bears**  
**7.25 Beyblade Burst Rise**  
**7.50 Miraculous: Tales Of Ladybug And Cat Noir**  
**8.15 Rainbow Rangers**  
**8.35 Moon And Me**  
**9am Dorothy And The Wizard Of Oz**  
**9.10 Religious Programming**  
**9.40 Infomercials**  
**10.10 Neighbours**  
**10.10 Murphy Brown** *PG*  
**11.10 Grey's Anatomy** *PG*  
**12.05 MasterChef Australia: Back To Win**  
**1.30 Judge Rinder** *PG*  
**2.30 Home And Away** *PG*  
**3pm Shortland Street** *PGS*  
**3.30 Bluey**  
**3.40 Power Rangers: Beast Morphers** *PG*  
**4.05 Brain Busters**  
**4.35 Friends**  
**5.05 The Simpsons**  
**5.30 The Big Bang Theory**

## CHOICE

**5.30 Mysteries At The Museum**  
**6.30 Salvage Hunters**  
**7.30 The Weekend Workshop**  
**8.30 Property Brothers: Forever Home**  
**9.30 Cash In The Spare Room**  
**10.30 Salvage Hunters**  
**11.30 Mysteries At The Museum**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**12.30 Choccywoccydoodah**  
**1.30 Stars In Their Cars**  
**2am A Place In The Sun: Summer Sun**  
**3am Grizzly Bear Cubs And Me**  
**4am Cash In The Spare Room**  
**5am Mysteries At The Museum** *PGC*  
**6am Gardeners' World**  
**7am Choccywoccydoodah**  
**8am Grizzly Bear Cubs And Me**  
**9am Hotel Impossible**  
**10am Stars In Their Cars**  
**10.30 Mysteries At The Museum** *PGC*  
**11.30 Salvage Hunters**  
**12.30 The Weekend Workshop**  
**1.30 Cash In The Spare Room**  
**2.30 Property Brothers: Forever Home**  
**3.30 Animal Park**  
**4.30 Gino's Italian Coastal Escape**  
**5pm Jamie's 30-Minute Meals**  
**5.30 Mysteries At The Museum**

## THREE

**5pm Millionaire Hot Seat**  
**6pm NewsHub Live At 6pm**  
**7pm The Project**  
**7.30 Bondi Rescue**  
 Chappo catches a young thief; Whippet and Reidy rescue a woman found unconscious in the water; a skateboarder injures his ankle.  
**8pm Bondi Rescue**  
 An elderly man loses control of his car and crashes into a café.  
**8.30 Mean Mums** *PG*  
 Jess's son draws a horrifying picture that his teacher bafflingly displays; Heather learns the truth about her daughter at her Parent Teacher conference.  
**9pm Golden Boy** *PG*  
**9.30 NCIS: LA** *M*  
**10.25 NewsHub Late**  
**10.55 NCIS: Los Angeles** *M*  
**11.55 Infomercials**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**5am Infomercials**  
**6am The AM Show**  
**9am The Café** *PG*  
**10am Infomercials**  
**11.25 Face The Truth** *PG*  
**11.50 Dr Phil** *PG* (Part 2)  
**12.50 MOVIE Gabe The Cupid Dog** *2012 Family Comedy.* Boti Bliss, Brian Krause, Linden Ashby, Barbara Niven.  
**2.45 The House That \$200k Built: Tricks Of The Trade**  
**4pm Taste Of Australia With Hayden Quinn**  
**4.30 NewsHub Live At 4:30pm**  
**5pm Millionaire Hot Seat**

## PRIME

**5pm Frasier**  
**5.30 Prime News**  
**6pm Storage Hunters** *PGL*  
**7pm The Crowd Goes Wild**  
**7.30 Artefact**  
**8.30 Instinct** *MVC*  
 A street artist's work is found with a dead body in the middle of it; Ryan catches a suspect in the Sleeping Beauty Killer investigation; Dylan's new book editor visits him.  
**9.30 Louis Theroux: Altered States** *16LC*  
**10.50 The Breakdown** *WEDNESDAY*  
**12am The Late Show With Stephen Colbert** *PG*  
**1am Closedown**  
**6am Ben 10**  
**6.25 Top Wing**  
**6.50 Legion Of Super Heroes**  
**7.15 Ben 10: Ultimate Alien**  
**7.40 Double Dare**  
**8.05 The Moe Show**  
**8.30 Batman: The Animated Series**  
**9am A Place In The Sun**  
**10am The Doctors** *PGC*  
**11am Ice Road Truckers** *PGL*  
**Noon Hot Bench** *PG*  
**12.30 The Great Australian Bake Off**  
**1.30 Married... With Children** *PGL*  
**2pm The Late Show With Stephen Colbert** *PG*  
**3pm Wheel Of Fortune**  
**3.30 Jeopardy**  
**4pm American Pickers** *PGC*  
**5pm Frasier**  
**5.30 Prime News**

## MAORI TV

**5pm Pipi Ma**  
**5.05 Takaro Tribe**  
**5.20 Kia Mau**  
**5.30 Takoha**  
**5.40 Te Nutube**  
**5.50 ZooMoo**  
**6pm Darwin + Newts**  
**6.10 Purakau**  
**6.20 Paia**  
**6.30 Te Ao Marama**  
**7pm Debates**  
**8pm Tere Tonight** *PGC*  
**9pm Piri's Tiki Tour** *PGC*  
**9.30 Wild Kai Legends** *M*  
**10pm FINA! Hunting** *Aotearoa MLC*  
**10.30 Te Po Mekemeke**  
**11pm Whawhai**  
**11.30 Closedown**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**6.30 Pipi Ma**  
**6.35 Takaro Tribe**  
**6.50 Kia Mau**  
**7am Te Ao Tapatahi**  
**8am Takoha**  
**8.10 Te Nutube**  
**8.20 ZooMoo**  
**8.30 Cube**  
**8.40 Huritua**  
**8.50 Paia**  
**9am Easy Eats**  
**9.30 Opaki**  
**10am Whakatauki**  
**10.30 Whanau Living**  
**11am Te Araroa: Tales From The Trails**  
**Noon Hamu And Tofiga** *PG*  
**12.30 Matau Bros Gone Fishing** *PGL*  
**1pm Nga Pari Karangaranga O Te Motu**  
**1.30 Ako**  
**2pm Toku Reo**  
**3pm Korero Mai**  
**3.30 The Stage: Haka Fusion**  
**4pm Te Mana Kuratahi**  
**4.30 Pukana**  
**5pm Pipi Ma**  
**5.05 Takaro Tribe**  
**5.20 Kia Mau**  
**5.30 Takoha**  
**5.40 Te Nutube**  
**5.50 ZooMoo**



**Billionaire Babies**  
8.25pm on TVNZ 1



**Will and Grace**  
9.50pm on TVNZ 2



**Mean Mums**  
8.30pm on Three

## RNZ NATIONAL

**5pm Checkpoint**  
 News and current affairs programme.  
**6.30 Trending Now**  
 Programme highlighting the RNZ stories people are sharing online.  
**7.06 Nights With Bryan Crump.**  
**10pm News At Ten**  
 A roundup of today's news and sport.  
**10.15 Lately With Karyn Hay.**  
**11.04 Worlds Of Music With Trevor Reekie.**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**12.04 All Night Programme**  
**5am First Up** **6am Morning Report**  
**9.06 Nine To Noon**  
**10.45 The Reading**  
**Noon Midday Report**  
**1.06 Afternoons**  
**4.06 The Panel**  
**5pm Checkpoint**

## PAY TV

### SKY SPORT 1

**5pm Mitre 10 Cup** (HLS)  
 Canterbury v Wellington.  
**5.30 Mitre 10 Cup** (HLS)  
 Counties Manukau v Manawatu.  
**6pm Mitre 10 Cup** (HLS)  
 Southland v Waikato.  
**6.30 Mitre 10 Cup** (HLS)  
**7pm Guinness Pro 14** (HLS)  
**7.30 Mitre 10 Cup** (HLS)  
**8pm Mitre 10 Cup** (HLS)  
**8.30 The Breakdown**  
**9.30 French Top 14 Highlights Show**  
**10pm Skipper Cup** (HLS)  
**10.30 Rugby Nation**  
**11.30 The Breakdown** *WEDNESDAY*  
**12.30 Mitre 10 Cup** (RPL) North Harbour v Tasman.  
**2.30 Mitre 10 Cup** (RPL)  
 Southland v Waikato.  
**4.30 Mitre 10 Cup** (RPL) Otago v Hawke's Bay.  
**6.30 Skipper Cup** (HLS)  
**7am French Top 14 Highlights Show**  
**7.30 The Breakdown**  
**8.30 Mitre 10 Cup** (RPL) Bay of Plenty v Auckland.  
**10.30 Skipper Cup** (HLS)  
**11am Rugby Nation**  
**Noon The Breakdown**  
**1pm Farah Palmer Cup** (HLS)  
**1.30 Farah Palmer Cup** (HLS)  
**2pm Mitre 10 Cup** (HLS)  
**2.30 Mitre 10 Cup** (HLS)  
**3pm Mitre 10 Cup** (HLS)  
**3.30 Mitre 10 Cup** (HLS)  
**4pm Mitre 10 Cup** (HLS)  
**4.30 Mitre 10 Cup** (HLS)  
**5pm Mitre 10 Cup** (HLS)  
**5.30 The Breakdown**

### 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 NCIS: LA** *MV*  
**8.30 Truck Night In America** *PGL*  
**9.30 The Cops** *MV*  
**10.30 NCIS: LA** *MV*  
**11.15 NCIS** *MV*  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**12.05 Hardcore Pawn** *PGL*  
**12.55 Wheel Of Fortune**  
**1.20 Jeopardy!**  
**1.40 The Force** *MC*  
**2.05 The Cops** *MV*  
**2.50 Truck Night In America** *PGL*  
**3.40 NCIS** *MV*  
**4.25 Hardcore Pawn** *PGL*  
**4.50 NCIS: LA** *MV*  
**5.35 The Simpsons** *PG*  
**6am Jeopardy!**  
**6.25 Wheel Of Fortune**  
**6.45 The Simpsons** *PG*  
**7.10 Combat Dealers** *PGC*  
**8am The Force** *MC*  
**8.25 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away** *MVL*  
**9.15 Hardcore Pawn** *PGL*  
**9.40 NCIS: LA** *MV*  
**10.25 NCIS** *MV*  
**11.10 Combat Dealers** *PGC*  
**Noon Jeopardy!**  
**12.25 Wheel Of Fortune**  
**12.50 Truck Night In America** *PGL*  
**1.40 The Cops** *MV*  
**2.25 NCIS: LA** *MV*  
**3.10 Combat Dealers** *PGC*  
**4pm The Simpsons** *PG*  
**4.30 Jeopardy!**  
**5pm Wheel Of Fortune**  
**5.30 Hardcore Pawn** *PG*

### MOVIES PREMIERE

**5.24 The Catcher Was A Spy** *MVLS 2018 Drama.* Paul Rudd, Mark Strong.  
**6.55 Ready Or Not** *16VLC 2019 Horror.* Samara Weaving, Andie MacDowell.  
**8.30 Welcome To Marwen** *MV 2018 Drama.* When an attack wipes away all his memories, a man finds a unique therapeutic outlet to help him through his recovery process. Steve Carell, Leslie Mann.  
**10.30 Top End Wedding** *ML 2019 Comedy.* Miranda Tapsell, Gwilym Lee.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**12.10 Hotel Mumbai** *16VLC 2019 Thriller.* Dev Patel, Armie Hammer.  
**2.10 Wish You Were Dead** *16VC 2017 Thriller.* Emily Rose, Brian Krause.  
**3.40 Love On The Vines** *PG 2017 Romantic Comedy.*  
**5.04 The Catcher Was A Spy** *MVLS 2018 Drama.*  
**6.36 The Last Witness** *MV 2018 Thriller.*  
**8.08 Welcome To Marwen** *MV 2018 Drama.*  
**10am Top End Wedding** *ML 2019 Comedy.*  
**11.40 Hotel Mumbai** *16VLC 2019 Thriller.*  
**1.40 A Mother's Sacrifice** *MLC 2017 Thriller.*  
**3.10 The Public** *MLSC 2019 Drama.*  
**5.07 Little** *PGLS 2019 Comedy.*

### DISCOVERY

**5.40 Outback Opal Hunters** *PG*  
**6.35 Aussie Gold Hunters** *PG*  
**8.30 What On Earth?** *PG*  
 Lost Tombs of the Gold Kingdom.  
**9.25 Ripley's Believe It Or Not!** *PG Showstoppers.*  
**10.15 Naked And Afraid** *MC Two*  
 Tarzans One Jane.  
**11.55 How It's Made** *PG*  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**12.20 How Do They Do It?** *PG*  
**12.45 Car Crash TV** *PG*  
**1.10 Car Crash TV** *PG*  
**1.35 Gold Rush** *PG*  
**2.25 Moonshiners** *M*  
**3.15 Gold Rush: Parker's Trail** *PG*  
**4.05 Expedition Unknown** *PG*  
**4.55 Naked And Afraid** *M*  
**5.45 Gold Rush** *PG*  
**6.35 Fast N' Loud** *PG*  
**7.30 Expedition Unknown** *PG*  
 World's Eighth Wonder.  
**8.20 What On Earth?** *PG*  
**9.10 Ripley's Believe It Or Not!** *PG*  
**10am How Do They Do It?** *PG*  
**10.25 How Do They Do It?** *PG*  
**10.50 How It's Made** *PG*  
**11.15 How It's Made** *PG*  
**11.40 Outback Opal Hunters** *PG*  
**12.30 A Crime To Remember** *M*  
**1.20 The Coroner: I Speak For The Dead** *M*  
**2.10 Top Gear**  
**3pm Alaskan Bush People** *PG*  
**3.50 Gold Rush** *PG*  
**4.45 Fast N' Loud** *PG*  
**5.40 Outback Opal Hunters** *PG*



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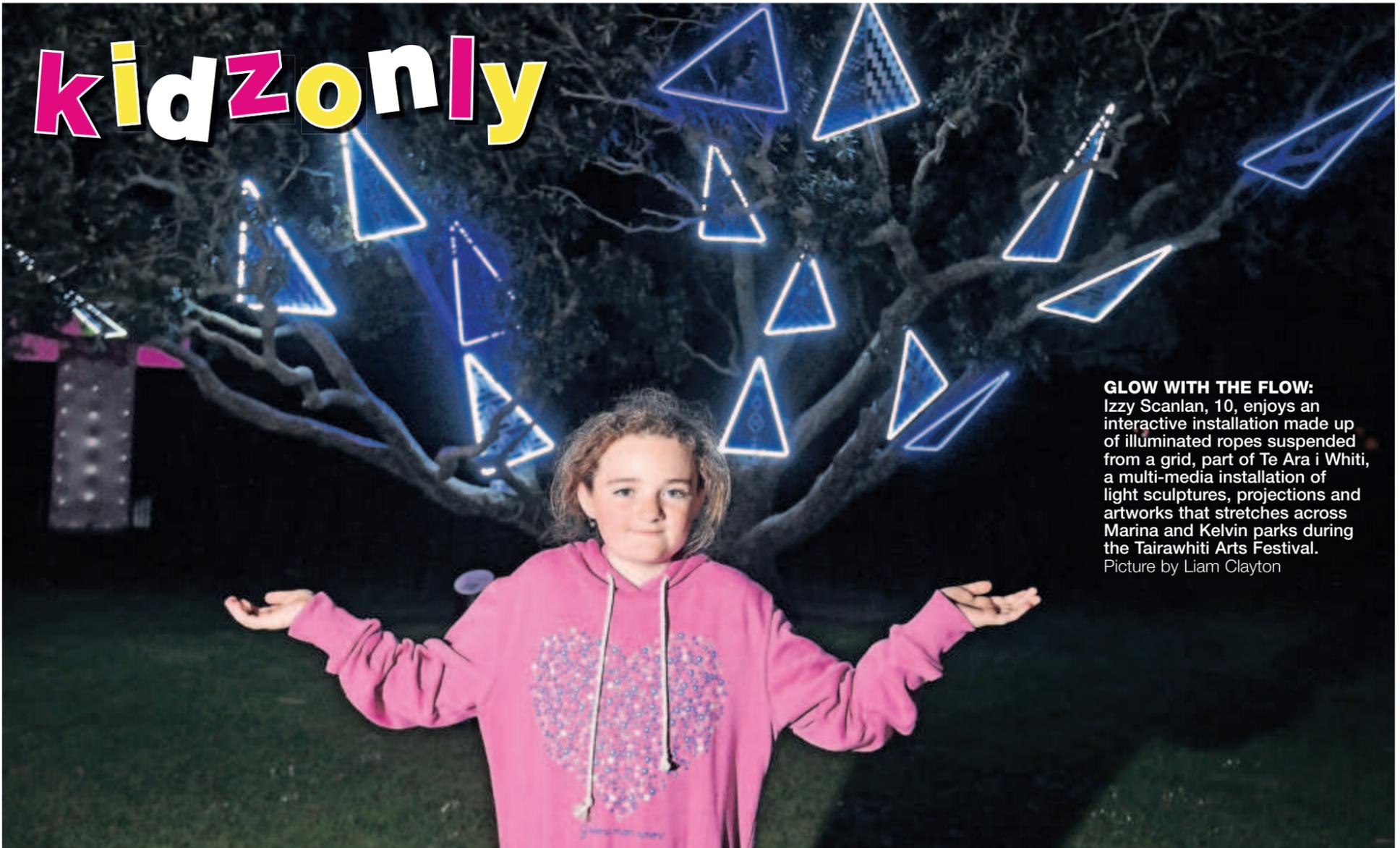
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**GLOW WITH THE FLOW:** Izzy Scanlan, 10, enjoys an interactive installation made up of illuminated ropes suspended from a grid, part of Te Ara i Whiti, a multi-media installation of light sculptures, projections and artworks that stretches across Marina and Kelvin parks during the Tairāwhiti Arts Festival. Picture by Liam Clayton

## ROCK CLIMBING

Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

T E B C A F Z M O U N T A I N A S  
 V C M L A B H F I S S U R E R T H  
 E I I L S V S B S P R F F I O W E  
 R P L S E C E E R S O S D O S B E  
 G I C U U A A E I Q P G B T C M R  
 L C U E C A F L Q L E C H A S M C  
 A E A X S C X N E U S S K C O R S  
 S R E B E X A L V X I S C S P L A  
 B P T S R C T I A S C P N D N E V  
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 O C P H P L V V I P P M P H N E C  
 U T W I A O I A L N A M L E I T A  
 A U T N X C L Y R R S I P M A C L  
 C O C L E F T S C T S T K R V K A  
 N H G L I S S A D E F F I L C N B  
 E F S Y T N E C S A T H G I E H A

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| ABSEIL    | CHASM     | HEIGHT    | ROCKS    |
| ALPS      | CLEFT     | LEDGE     | ROPES    |
| ASCENT    | CLIFF     | MOUNTAIN  | SCALE    |
| AVALANCHE | CLIMB     | OUTCROP   | SCREE    |
| BALACLAVA | CRAMPON   | PASS      | SHEER    |
| BIVOUAC   | CREVICE   | PEAK      | SLOPE    |
| BOOTS     | EQUIPMENT | PITON     | SNOW     |
| CAIRN     | FACE      | PLATEAU   | SUMMIT   |
| CAMP      | FALL      | PRECIPICE | TRAVERSE |
| CAVE      | FISSURE   | RESCUE    | VERGLAS  |
| CHAIN     | GLISSADE  | RIDGE     | WHISTLE  |

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## SUDOKU

Enter numbers into the squares so that every row, every column and every 3x2 box contains all the numbers from 1 to 6

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		4		3	

Start here

Finish here

## WORD-FIT

Fit all the words into the grid to create a finished crossword.

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|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>2 LETTERS</b> | GATE             | <b>7 LETTERS</b> |
| HE               | GEAR             | AMOUNTS          |
| MY               | ITEM             | DEGREES          |
| NO               | LAWN             | SETTING          |
| SO               | LIDS             | STREETS          |
| <b>3 LETTERS</b> | SANG             | <b>8 LETTERS</b> |
| AIR              | TERM             | GESTURES         |
| ANY              | TINY             | IGNORANT         |
| CAR              | YAWN             | INCLUDES         |
| EYE              |                  | STRANGER         |
| HER              | <b>5 LETTERS</b> |                  |
| HUM              | ARGUE            | <b>9 LETTERS</b> |
| JAR              | ARRAY            | APPARATUS        |
| JET              | CLAIM            | INSURANCE        |
| NOR              | HEARD            |                  |
| SIR              | ROMAN            |                  |
| SKY              | SIDES            |                  |
| TAR              | STAMP            |                  |
| TOO              | WASTE            |                  |
| USE              | <b>6 LETTERS</b> |                  |
| <b>4 LETTERS</b> | PLUSES           |                  |
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## TRIO

These four words can be completed using the same three-letter sequence. Can you find it?

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 SPE\_\_\_  
 BE\_\_\_  
 CR\_\_\_E

## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

3	4	1	5	2	6
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1	2	4	6	3	5
2	3	5	4	6	1
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**100% WOLF (PG)** TUE-WED 10am, 12.05pm, 2.10pm  
**THE WAR WITH GRANDPA (PG)** TUE-WED 12.05pm, 4.10pm, 6.25pm  
**THE SECRET GARDEN (PG)** TUE-WED 10.15am, 12.30pm, 2pm, 6.30pm  
**HOPE GAP (M)** TUE-WED 12.45pm, 6.30pm  
**THE BROKEN HEARTS GALLERY (M)** TUE-WED 4.15pm, 6.15pm, 8.35pm  
**CATS & DOGS 3: PAWS UNITE (G)** TUE-WED 10am, 2.10pm  
**ASTRO KID (PG)** TUE-WED 10am, 12noon, 4.15pm  
**PAW PATROL: JET TO THE RESCUE (G)** TUE-WED 10am, 11.20am, 2.50pm  
**DEAD (M)** TUE-WED 8.40pm  
**SAVAGE (R16)** TUE-WED 4.15pm, 5.40pm, 8.30pm  
**AFTER WE COLLIDED (M)** TUE-WED 8.40pm  
**TENET (M)** TUE-WED 2.40pm, 7.50pm  
 Times may vary subject to late changes  
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**Having a garage sale Saturday?**  
 Deadline to advertise is 2pm Thursday.

**Entertainment**

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 Directed by Norman Maclean  
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## Weed Spraying

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Spraying of all Council sports fields will be carried out over the next 4 to 5 weeks, weather dependant to treat Onehunga Weed, Cape Daisy and Broadleaf weeds with Fairway herbicide.

Signs will be in place when the spraying is carried out.

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**LOST & FOUND**

**Found**

**KITE**, multi-coloured, found Aberdeen Rd/Botanical Gardens area. Ph 867 7094.

**Classifieds**  
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 The Gisborne Herald

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**KEEPER COMMITMENT:** Thistle Reserves teenage goalkeeper Kaelle Straatmas charges out of the goalbox to tackle Gisborne United's Stu Cranswick in front of Janai Randall. The teams met in a crunch Eastern Division 1 football game at Childers Road Reserve, with United scoring late to secure a 3-2 win and the title.



**INCOMING:** Thistle Reserves player Fletcher Stewart-Hill (left) and Gisborne United's Aubrey Yates eye a crossed ball.



**PINK LADIES:** But the pink uniforms of Paikea contained Poverty Bay representative women on Saturday for a masters clash against a Tauranga Hockey Association team on the turf at Harry Barker Reserve. The Bay triumphed 6-1. In action for the home side are Amy England (left) and Shannon Williams.



**MEN AT WORK:** United midfielder Craig Christophers tries to slip the ball past Thistle Reserves defender Gaurav Chetan Kashyap. Both men worked hard in their roles but it was Christophers' crew who got the spoils from a 3-2 win.

**TWO TO GET THROUGH:** Poverty Bay men's player Matt King faces double trouble from Tauranga club side Mt Mavericks in their masters hockey game. The visitors won 7-1.



**PROUD WHANAU:** Santana Marsh — with children Claudia, Santana jnr and Reese — watches daughter Savannah performing as part of the band Sixth Sense at the Tairawhiti Arts Festival art market.



**THE GREAT RACE . . . IN GISBORNE:** Isaac Kinder gets some last-minute advice from Team Kiwi Racing owner David John before taking on the Bathurst 1000 via a simulator. TKR was at Mitre 10 Gisborne as part of a 20th anniversary national tour to thank those who have supported them. They brought with them one of their two Holden ZB Commodore cars for local motorsport fans to enjoy.



**LOCAL CREATIVITY:** Lara Ajello (middle) and Toni Arnold admire works of Amanda May of Bird of Prey Jewellery at the Tairawhiti Arts Festival art market at Marina Park.

**Pictures by Liam Clayton, Paul Rickard**  
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Avondale races at Avondale Wednesday Jetbet 2 TAB D. 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 T. 1-2-3, 5-6-7, 9-10-11 Q. 2-3-4-5, 8-9-10-11 PL6 6-11

Selections
Race 1: SOPHISTICARDO, MISS IPENEMA, BRIX
Race 2: LORD PAINTON, IL AFFARE, DROPS OF JUPITER
Race 3: DAWNED ON ME, TARWYN, FOODIE KING
Race 4: LIMENTIS, SHEBRINGSMERUBIES, PRINCESS ORIGAMI
Race 5: SIZZLER, ONEROA, O JESSICA
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1 Westbrook - Cellar Door Waimauku 11.39
\$10,000, 2yo sw+p, 800m
1 Palamos SCRATCHED
2 Sophisticardo (3) 57.47 T Harris
3 Brix (5) 55.50 A Goindasamy (a2)
4 Miss Ipenema (2) 55.47 S Spratt
5 Lucybelle (1) 55.45 T Thornton
6 Royal Roc (4) 55.45 C Burdan (a2)

2 AJC Marshall Stand 12.09
\$10,000, maiden, 1600m
1 226s Drops Of Jupiter (6) 58.5 53 J Riddell
2 400s4 Bayeux (11) 58.5 50 M Hashizume (a3)
3 7s00s Castle Black (15) 58.5 45 R Beemud (a4)
4 6245s Rusalka (8) 56.5 52 T Thornton
5 362 Whanga Wonder (13) 56.5 52 L Satherley
6 63s90 Sparkling Lady (16) 56.5 49 Brandon May
7 05 Shezawinkle (1) 56.5 47 D Johnson
8 7s0s Optimum Sweet (12) 56.5 45 T Yanagida (a1)
9 8 Rising Steps (10) 56.5 45 S Spratt
10 0s78 Ultimate Angel (2) 56.5 45 C Burdan (a2)
11 3s00s Zion Hill (3) 56.5 45 M Kareem (a3)
12 2232 Lord Painton (14) 56.5 4 M McNab
13 54 Iverson (4) 56.5 0 M Cameron
14 47 Always On Time (9) 56.49 S Weatherley
15 6s24 Il Affare (7) 54.52 A Goindasamy (a2)
16 00 Incy Wincy Spider (5) 54.45 E McCall (a3)
EMERGENCY:
17 Get The Treats SCRATCHED

3 Next Trials At AJC 15/10 12.43
\$10,000, maiden, 1600m
1 263s3 Foodie King (10) 58.5 54 M Hashizume (a3)
2 8s423 Tarwyn (4) 58.5 53 C Ormsby
3 s6625 Reliabil (2) 58.5 52 O Bosson
4 Jaydeear SCRATCHED
5 36 Oso Savvy (12) 58.5 50 D Johnson
6 5 Parker Lewis (14) 58.5 47 L Satherley
7 00s90 Go Bobby (13) 58.5 45 Brandon May
8 89 Rising Silver (16) 58.5 45 A Goindasamy (a2)
9 0s0s9 Senzabeel (5) 58.5 45
10 2s82 Dawned On Me (15) 56.5 53
11 4s7 Doha (11) 56.5 49
12 49 Summer Night (9) 56.5 49 S Weatherley
13 79s95 Striking (3) 56.5 47 T Yanagida (a1)
14 s7968 Choux A Star (7) 56.5 45 T Thornton
15 0s0 Our Modena (6) 56.5 45 M Cameron
16 905 Beautifulnightmare (8) 54.47 L Satherley
EMERGENCY:
17 69s Get The Treats (1) 56.5 45 C Burdan (a2)

4 Avondale Sunday Markets 1.18
\$10,000, rating 65 benchmark\*, 1600m
1 3352s You're Welcome (6) 59.63 O Bosson
2 s7001 All The Rage (4) 58.5 62 Brandon May
3 710s9 Marbuzet (8) 57.5 60 S Spratt
4 500s6 Satriani (3) 57.5 60 M Hashizume (a3)
5 s00s0 Silver Sasanof (10) 57.5 60 T Yanagida (a1)
6 s4214 Limentis (11) 56.5 62 D Johnson
7 441s7 Sympathique (7) 56.5 62 L Satherley
8 54627 Shebringsmerubies (2) 56.61 C Burdan (a2)
9 s0073 Jutanugarn (1) 55.5 60 S Weatherley
10 s50s0 Delle Quarta (9) 55.59 J Kamaruddin (a4)
11 0s5s0 Princess Origami (5) 55.59 M Cameron

5 ajc.co.nz 1.53
\$10,000, maiden, 1200m
1 85s Deep Beauty (10) 58.5 47 T Harris
2 8 Dragon Express (15) 58.5 46 J Riddell
3 Dreams-Of-Heaven SCRATCHED
4 Te Ngaere Falls (9) 58.5 45 M Kareem (a3)
5 Oceans-Eight SCRATCHED

6 436s5 Origineel (4) 56.5 53 L Innes
7 337s3 O'Jessica (8) 56.5 52 S Spratt
8 54 Aspiring (6) 56.5 50 A Goindasamy (a2)
9 764s Cash Me Ousside (11) 56.5 50
10 s7664 Sizzler (5) 56.5 50 D Danis (a2)
11 Sugar Loaf (14) 56.5 47 S Weatherley
12 Shirazele SCRATCHED
13 7s Oneroa (12) 54.47 M Cameron
14 Spine Tingle (13) 54.45 M Hashizume (a3)
EMERGENCIES:
15 8s Not Usual Grace (1) 58.5 45 M McNab
16 6800s Hetty (3) 56.5 45
17 2 Kahma Lass (2) 54.52 D Johnson
18 46s Ready For This (7) 56.49 C Burdan (a2)

6 Racing Next At Ajc 4/11 2.28
\$10,000, maiden, 1200m
1 2 Edit (8) 58.5 52 S Weatherley
2 5s Street Cat (4) 58.5 47 M Hashizume (a3)
3 Pinto (9) 58.5 45
4 2s225 Gitche Gumee (6) 56.5 54 A Goindasamy (a2)
5 46s O'Jude (7) 56.5 50 S Spratt
6 Uber-Roca SCRATCHED
7 Shibuya-Kosaten SCRATCHED
8 Kathies Choice SCRATCHED
9 Sarun (11) 56.5 45 T Thornton
10 37s Perfect Scenario (1) 56.51 M McNab
11 00 Great Commission (12) 56.45 T Yanagida (a1)
12 Macs (3) 56.45 M Cameron
13 Camarosa (5) 54.47 D Johnson
14 Sola Fide SCRATCHED
EMERGENCIES:
15 Not Usual Grace SCRATCHED
16 6800s Hetty (10) 56.5 45
17 2 Kahma Lass (2) 54.52 D Johnson
18 Ready For This SCRATCHED

7 Westbrook Vine & Wine Club 3.03
\$10,000, rating 65 benchmark\*, 1200m
1 35143 Bounty (8) 59.63 C Burdan (a2)
2 9217s Excitonic (6) 58.5 62 O Bosson
3 Loose Gannon SCRATCHED
4 s5s02 A Proper Lady (1) 57.5 64 L Innes
5 4s524 Lookseasy (10) 57.5 64 D Johnson
6 1 Keke Star (7) 57.63 D Johnson
7 204s5 Highland Dancer (5) 57.59 M Cameron

8 51009 Makabar (11) 57.59 Brandon May
1s9 Awareness (9) 56.5 62 M McNab
10 0s16s Shanlane (12) 56.5 62
11 3541s Xplosion (3) 56.5 62 J Kamaruddin (a4)
12 83277 Call Me Bob (4) 56.5 58
13 075s0 First Rock (2) 56.61 L Satherley

8 Nikau Grove Nursery (Kumeu) 3.43
\$10,000, maiden 3yo, 1200m
1 5s260 Boomer Hill (2) 57.5 56 S Weatherley
2 26 Chopper Reed (11) 57.5 53
3 46s Ready For This (14) 57.5 49
4 7s Listonian (6) 57.5 46
5 Zoulander (3) 57.5 45 A Goindasamy (a2)
6 280s6 Hasstobemagic (15) 55.5 63
7 Kahma-Lass SCRATCHED
8 Caminata (7) 55.5 50 L Innes
9 Tango-Love SCRATCHED
10 40s9 La Tardigrada (13) 55.5 48
11 El Roseay (8) 55.5 47
12 Aunt Cindy (9) 55.5 45
13 Fleetwood Maca (12) 55.5 45
14 Kiki (1) 55.5 45
EMERGENCIES:
15 Ciambella (4) 55.5 45 M Cameron
16 8s Winlock (10) 57.5 45 T Harris
17 Red Star (5) 55.5 45 Brandon May
18 7s Storm Shadow (16) 57.5 45
19 28s2 Helsinki (17) 55.5 54
20 Perfect Scenario SCRATCHED

9 NZB Insurance Pearl Series 4.22
\$10,000, maiden f&m, 1400m
1 32s33 Always Sacred (3) 57.5 54 M McNab
2 4s2 Mai Tai (5) 57.5 52 T Harris
3 7s2s4 She Speeds (10) 57.5 52
4 9s424 Silverstream (11) 57.5 52
5 4 Anzac Power (1) 57.5 50 M Cameron
6 Savappiel SCRATCHED
7 49s07 Sheez Leica (2) 57.5 48 L Satherley
8 Lady-Murano SCRATCHED
9 0s807 Azafran (9) 57.5 45 Brandon May
10 Get-The-Treats SCRATCHED
11 Sheza Pro (12) 57.5 45 S Weatherley
12 28s2 Helsinki (13) 55.5 54 D Johnson
13 6 Pinmoney (8) 55.46
14 67 Bubalina (4) 55.45
15 Slave To Love (6) 55.45
16 8 Zendora (7) 55.45 L Innes

10 AJC Members 4.57
\$10,000, maiden, 1400m
1 237s3 Landry (5) 58.5 53 S Weatherley
2 562s3 Red Hussar (11) 58.5 53 C Ormsby
3 27s0s Forgetz (7) 58.5 50 D Danis (a2)
4 0s89s Nitro (8) 58.5 47 N Alam (a4)
5 Shadow Warrior (1) 58.5 47 O Bosson
6 0s000 Extersea (9) 58.5 45 L Satherley
7 00s0 Makaraka (13) 58.5 45 J Riddell
8 49s07 Sheez Leica (15) 56.5 48
9 57s9 Missouri (6) 56.5 45
10 2 Extortion (14) 56.52
11 2 Nozi Cyclone (10) 56.52 M Cameron
12 9 Canadian Mountie (3) 56.45 C Burdan (a2)

13 King-Zazu SCRATCHED
14 Golden Eagle SCRATCHED
15 Travelling Kate SCRATCHED
16 5 Zee Falls (2) 54.47 S Spratt
EMERGENCIES:
17 Slave To Love (12) 54.45 A Goindasamy (a2)
18 Kathies Choice (4) 56.5 45 D Johnson
19 Shirazele SCRATCHED

11 Auckland Alarms 5.37
\$11,000, rating 74 benchmark, 1400m
1 484s8 Pierina (10) 59.5 77 D Johnson
2 3106s Fabulous Flight (15) 58.5 71 O Bosson
3 6569s Inca Warrior (3) 58.5 71 J Riddell
4 7746s Master Painton (14) 58.5 71 M Kareem (a3)
5 553s0 Ohceedee (13) 58.5 71 T Harris
6 s4s7s Nabiac (1) 57.5 69 R Beemud (a4)
7 1830s Babiche (16) 57.72 M Hashizume (a3)
8 99s79 Royal Prince (9) 57.68 D Danis (a2)
9 98626 Saignon (4) 56.5 71 Brandon May
10 48000 Soda (17) 56.70 S Weatherley
11 3671s Sunburst (2) 56.70
12 4483s Aileen Grace (7) 54.5 67
13 217s0 Amasecoya (12) 54.5 67
14 58s20 Boogie Easy (11) 54.5 67 S Spratt
15 61s1s Couturiere (5) 54.5 67 A Goindasamy (a2)
16 1s367 Miss Ricky Bobby (8) 54.5 67 M Cameron
EMERGENCIES:
17 8s058 Rukuhia (18) 56.5 67
18 1147s Gravitelle (6) 54.66 C Burdan (a2)

Whanganui greys at Hatrick Wednesday Jetbet 3 TAB D. 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10 T. 1-2-3, 4-5-6, 8-9-10 Q. 2-3-4-5, 7-8-9-10 PL6 5-10

Selections
Race 1: AHUROA WHIZZ, ARIANA SUNSET, WIFI SOPHIE
Race 2: TELLTALE SIGNS, FIRECRACKER, IDOL ANDY
Race 3: HARDCORE BRUTE, ALAMEIN SAM, FRECKLE
Race 4: HYPOTHETICAL, BIG TIME BEAT, SO SEVERE
Race 5: SUMMER GLEE, WEBBER COME, MANIMAL
Race 6: DILLER, TRUTH HURTS, IDOL JAN
Race 7: ALLEGRO LINCOLN, IDOL LUCY, UNO ELEVEN
Race 8: BIG TIME FELIX, OPAWA DAWN, MAX VOLUME
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8 23568 Allegro Gemma nwtwd Wendy Kite
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9 25688 Citizen Zagreb nwtwd John McInerney
10 8867 Shot Of Class nwtwd Carol Morris

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1 F So Like Me nwtwd Carol Morris
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9 43477 Goldstar Harlowe nwtwd Kellie Gommans
10 78 Endless Style nwtwd J & D Bell

3 Laser Plumbing 12.34
\$1365, CO, 305m
1 66422 Hardcore Brute nwtwd Agent & Williams
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9 14581 Paving Way 18.03 Lana Pearce
10 17535 Lucky Scar 17.88 Nathan Udy

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1 24424 Barbarossa Boy 17.74 Brian Goldsack
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3 22134 Webber Come 17.83 John McInerney
4 56241 Bigtime On Track 17.68 Fred Kite
5 62284 Zara Cheebie 17.62 Marcie Flipp
6 81235 Manimal 17.77 Nathan Udy
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8 75163 Boot Camp Tiara 17.91 Lana Pearce
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10 13247 My Pablo 17.92 Nathan Udy

6 First Security 1.27
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1 63335 Idol Jan 17.80 Marcie Flipp
2 35278 Cockney Rip Off 17.72 Melissa Olden
3 76615 Nellie Marjen 18.15 Marcie Flipp
4 67836 Punch On Scooby 18.22 John McInerney
5 73341 Diller 18.19 John McInerney

6 37283 Alamein Pudly 18.09 D P Symes
7 22667 Bigtime Sam 17.80 G & S Fredrickson
8 23234 Truth Hurts 18.20 Carol Morris
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9 86686 Big Time Ricky 18.10 Agent & Williams
10 78775 Small Paige nwtwd Agent & Williams

7 Accell Canine Therapy 1.44
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1 55384 Homebush Yuri 17.96 John McInerney
2 57333 Idol Lucy 17.93 Marcie Flipp
3 81585 Hardcore Kylie 18.28 Agent & Williams
4 62844 Clansman Douglas 18.16 Brian Goldsack
5 34422 Allegro Lincoln 17.92 Lisa Cole
6 78837 Oma Rapeti 18.42 Carol Morris
7 64245 Uno Eleven 17.75 Nathan Udy
8 76747 Homebush Jennia 17.92 John McInerney
EMERGENCIES:
9 86686 Big Time Ricky 18.10 Agent & Williams
10 46587 Alamein Graeme 18.03 Kettlewell & Phillips

8 Happy B'day Tara Symes-Simpson 2.02
\$2505, C1, heat, 520m
1 61446 Big Time Frankie 30.85 Lisa Cole
2 31363 Opawa Dawn nwtwd Marcie Flipp
3 36784 Midnight Molly 30.46 Bill Hodgson
4 64575 Takakawe 30.91 Ivan Cox
5 64347 Big Time Tommy 30.81 Lisa Cole
6 33646 Race Me Home 30.68 Bill Hodgson
7 531 Big Time Felix nwtwd Lisa Cole
8 86444 Skinny Binny 30.60 Ross & Voyce

EMERGENCIES:
9 53765 Max Volume nwtwd S O'Neill
10 34865 Indi Shae 30.80 S O'Neill

9 Palamountains Nutrition 2.18
\$2505, C1, heat, 520m
1 17647 Three Of Hearts 30.82 Bill Hodgson
2 56517 Big Time Goldie 30.90 Wendy Kite
3 24525 Dangerous Di nwtwd Kellie Gommans
4 52213 Speed Machine 31.06 Lisa Cole
5 41537 Big Time Harry nwtwd Lisa Cole
6 2F555 Big Time Ronnie 30.63 Lisa Cole
7 37756 Mitcham Greg nwtwd S O'Neill
8 48763 Rowdy Ruby 30.39 Susie Kite
EMERGENCIES:
9 68467 Fear The Fur nwtwd S O'Neill
10 58786 Mainline Lil 31.21 Bill Hodgson

10 Wanganui Toyota 2.37
\$1450, C1, 305m
1 33548 Allegro Vey 17.75 Lisa Cole
2 53837 Gemmas Dilemma 18.16 John McInerney
3 82837 Idol Little Girl 18.13 Marcie Flipp
4 85356 Paradox Prince 18.13 Bill Hodgson
5 45716 My Emmett 18.50 Robin Wales
6 87442 Not Shackley 17.73 Jim Black
7 35365 Homebush Vassy nwtwd John McInerney
8 26152 Rapid Renegade 18.10 Richard Waite
EMERGENCIES:
9 86686 Big Time Ricky 18.10 Agent & Williams
10 78788 Small Boy 18.32 Agent & Williams

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Selections
Race 1: HOT SPRING GOLD, KERMANDING, RAPIDS
Race 2: TOTAL RECALL, YURALLA BOY, OUR BAMBINO
Race 3: PYRMONT, MALKOVICH, DENIKI
Race 4: VILLAMI, CALIFORNIA ZIMBOL, PANDEMIC
Race 5: KARMAZONE, ROCK AMORE, HIGH COURT
Race 6: EMPRESS BEA, WILLOWHEART, RATHVILLY MISS
Race 7: PETRONIUS, PROMOTIONS, ANIMATE
Race 8: GARRISON, INTREPIDACIOUS, LET IT POUR

1 TAB Long May We Play Plate3.20
\$50,000, 3yo Maiden SW, 1400m
1 7s554 Distinctive Glory h (6) 57.93 T Clark
2 54343 Hot Spring Gold (4) 57.94 N Rawiller
3 44s2 Kermanding b (5) 57.94 T Berry
4 Rapids (1) 57.88 K Mc Evoy
5 0Ps24 Only Mine (7) 55.96 B Avdulla
6 34 Prilly Good (3) 55.100 J Collett
7 9 Thrillology h (2) 55.84 Ms L Day (a3)

3 57401 Yuralla Boy w (1) 55.5 100 Ms M Weir (a3)
4 05373 Dambulla wh (4) 54.5 99 R Dolan
5 21928 Wristband wb (7) 54.5 98 K Mc Evoy
6 10005 Ocean Walzer n (3) 54.94 Ms L Day (a3)
7 42441 No Complaints wh (2) 54.91 Ms A Collett
8 70463 Chief Kidder wh (8) 54.91 J Ford
9 84282 Everly Girl dw (5) 54.91 Ms J Taylor

3 Impending @ Darley 4.35
\$50,000, 3yo Benchmark 68, 1100m
1 531s6 Pyrmont cw (7) 59.88 J Collett
2 1s6s8 Tilia Rose (5) 58.5 89 T Clark
3 6s31 Malkovich dh (6) 58.100 Ms R King
4 18s1 Verbal Assault h (8) 58.89 K Mc Evoy
5 25s1 Deniki c (1) 57.95 T Berry
6 2318 Rocketing By h (3) 57.89 R Dolan
7 432s1 Ballistic Lover dh (4) 56.93 B Avdulla
8 1733s Mrs Maisel dw (9) 56.87 T Sherry (a3)
9 352s1 Zoroccat (2) 54.5 90 D Mc Lellan
10 14 Parachuter dwh (10) 54.94 Ms L Day (a3)

3 57401 Yuralla Boy w (1) 55.5 100 K Mc Evoy
4 s144s Pandemic d (6) 54.95 T Berry
5 45821 Akasaki tcdw (8) 54.91 Ms R King
6 298s4 Rare Episode tdw (4) 54.94 R Dolan
7 8s779 Tonsor twhn (5) 54.86 G Schofield
8 31723 Bengalla Bay dw (3) 54.84 Ms C Graham (a3)

5 Sky Racing Active 5.45
\$50,000, 3yo & up Benchmark 72, 1600m
1 s7111 Royal Marine tw (4) 60.92 L Magorrian
2 33121 High Court d (8) 59.5 91 G Buckley
3 32s64 Time Raid w (5) 58.5 94 N Rawiller
4 9s352 Rock Amore tw (9) 58.95 T Clark
5 s4121 Luovir w (2) 57.93 K S Latham
6 9619s Crown Affair tw (6) 56.5 85 Ms L Day (a3)
7 6s553 Karmazone w (7) 56.5 90 K Mc Evoy
8 14s33 Night Witches w (3) 55.5 100 T Berry
9 31 Jack The Lad t (1) 54.5 96 B Avdulla

2 50s98 Lisdoonvarna tdwh (6) 62.99 Ms C Graham (a3)
3 s5415 Willowheart tw (11) 61.5 96 T Stockdale (a2)
4 8s939 Almerheri tdw (8) 60.94 T Sherry (a3)
5 1329s Money Magic d (9) 60.93 J Parr
6 21152 Rathvilly Miss dwh (7) 58.95 K S Latham
7 s1343 Empress Bea w (4) 57.5 96 S Clipperton
8 s70s4 Majella wh (12) 57.94 G Schofield
9 1045s Bubba dw (3) 56.5 95 B Avdulla
10 18s36 Dubai Star n (2) 56.5 99 T Clark
11 65s76 Instant Attraction (5) 56.5 100 N Rawiller

7 Vale Mick Hood 6.55
\$50,000, 3yo & up C,H&Gs Benchmark 78, 1400m
1 38s38 Royal Tudor tcdw (3) 63.88 T Sherry (a3)
2 18s99 Animate dw (7) 60.92 Ms L Day (a3)
3 2113s Navy Cross w (10) 60.86 Q Krogh
4 000s0 Valentino Rossa tdh (6) 60.80 T Stockdale (a2)
5 s7s06 Safado d (11) 59.88 J Collett
6 9067s Fortress Command d (9) 58.92 N Rawiller

9 s1717 Green Mountain wh (2) 56.5 91 R Hutchings
10 619s6 Budderoo Knight dw (8) 56.88 B Ryan (a2)
11 6009s The Bald Eagle w (1) 55.5 88 B Avdulla
12 43733 Esteem Spirit dwb (4) 54.5 88 G Boss

8 Hyland Race Colours 7.30
\$50,000, 4yo & up Benchmark 72, 1200m
1 60s39 Junglized d (10) 61.5 95 Ms L Day (a3)
2 2136s Come Along dw (16) 61.91 T Sherry (a3)
3 1308s Intrepidacious wh (8) 59.5 95 Ms R King
4 On-The-White-Turf SCRATCHED
5 58462 General Soho dwb (6) 59.92 K S Latham
6 s5131 Garrison dw (5) 58.5 97 B Avdulla
7 Military-Magic SCRATCHED
8 8s70s Famous dh (14) 58.87 G Boss
9 9s625 Juan Diva tb (3) 58.99 T Berry
10 50s14 Let It Pour dh (2) 58.100 J Parr
11 3080s Saas Fee t (11) 57.5 97 J Innes Jr
12 s4635 Karaja dwh (7) 57.95 T Stockdale (a2)
13 56s72 Kawaikini dwh (13) 57.93 S Clipperton
14 2464s My Demetra w (9) 56.5 92 K Mc Evoy
15 06s12 Just Field (4) 56.97 J Collett
EMERGENCIES:
16 12324 Catapult wh (12) 58.91 N Rawiller
17 51924 Joy And Mirth dwh (1) 55.5 90 Ms K O'Hara

# PARKER v FA

## Terms agreed but Govt playing hardball over sparring partner

**BOXING** by Dylan Cleaver, NZ Herald

THE eagerly-anticipated Joseph Parker-Junior Fa boxing bout is set to go ahead.

The Kiwi boxers' camps have agreed to terms with an official announcement yesterday.

There are a few loose ends to tie up but it is understood the promoters are looking at a fight in Auckland in December.

Meanwhile, a snag has hit preparations, threatening to upset the build-up to the heavyweight bout.

Parker recently learned his sparring partner, Italian heavyweight Guido Vianello, has been denied dispensation to enter the country to help prepare him for the fight.

They have appealed the decision but if that too comes back negative, they will look to postpone the fight.

"We will not put Joseph in the ring against a guy ranked No.6 in the world by the WBO without a proper build-up," said manager David Higgins.

"We went through the correct process to have him designated as an essential worker but that was denied on the grounds his skillset is otherwise available



**BACK IN THE RING:** Joseph Parker's highly-anticipated fight with fellow Kiwi Junior Fa is a step closer. Promoters are looking at a December date in Auckland. Parker is pictured during his world title fight against Anthony Joshua in Cardiff.

NZ Herald picture

in New Zealand.

"I don't know if they have anybody in that (economic development\_ bureaucracy with boxing expertise but that is simply not the case, and we have appealed that."

Stuart Duncan, one of the top matchmakers in the Southern Hemisphere, and Kevin Barry, Parker's

trainer, both wrote to the ministry explaining that Vianello's height, weight and expertise were perfect to help prepare Parker for Fa's challenge.

Vianello lives with Barry in Las Vegas and has been a part of Parker's camps in the past. The 26-year-old Italian nicknamed The Gladiator has a professional record of 7-0, winning all seven fights by knockout.

Parker's management say they are not looking for special treatment and Vianello had committed to the 14-day quarantine protocols upon arrival.

Duncan and Barry explained there was nobody in New Zealand capable of preparing Parker to sufficient standard, but the Government was not buying that argument.

"We're not coming out swinging to put pressure on," said Higgins, "but we want common sense to prevail. We've seen dispensations made for the film industry, the America's Cup and other sports, so I don't know how this is different."

Indeed, the Parker camp could feel fully justified at the snub given the obvious health and safety benefits of having an appropriate sparring partner, as well as the economic ramifications of the fight not going ahead.

One significant sticking point that remains out of the promoter's control is Covid-19. If a crowd cannot attend, the fight will be postponed as the promoters would risk losing serious money even with a rich broadcasting deal.

If it goes ahead as scheduled you can make an argument that this could equal David Tua v Shane Cameron as the most prestigious all-Kiwi fight in history.

While that was a huge hit locally, Parker-Fa would likely have more traction internationally as the industry has been starved of quality match-ups due to the pandemic.

Parker is 27-2 and ranked by the influential BoxRec.com ratings as the 12th-best heavyweight in the world. Fa is 19-0 and sits at No 31 on the same list.

While this is not part of Parker's three-fight deal with Matchroom, promoters Hearn will still use their considerable heft in the European and American markets to push this fight to a huge global audience.

A win by Parker, 28, would be a timely boost after his ascent plateaued following back-to-back losses to Anthony Joshua and Dillian Whyte.

A win to Fa, 30, would move him to the fringes of title contender.

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# SUDOKU

SUDOKU is a logic puzzle made up of 81 squares on a 9x9 grid. To solve the puzzle, each row, column and 3x3 grid within the larger grid must end up containing each number from 1 to 9, and each number can only appear once in a row, column or box.

A sudoku grid has a single unique solution, which can be reached without using guesswork.

SOLUTION IN NEXT PUBLICATION.

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## THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

Wednesday, October 7, 2020 *by Eugenia Last*

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:**  
Shawn Ashmore, 41; Toni Braxton, 53; Simon Cowell, 61; Joy Behar, 78.

**Happy Birthday:**  
Explore and learn; expand your mind, interests and friendships. Connect with people who share your goals. Detail and precision, along with agility and speed, will help you gain respect and self-satisfaction. Personal growth will lead to a lifestyle adjustment that encourages you to push for the truth, exercise your rights and build a solid base to support your accomplishments. Your numbers are 9, 15, 21, 29, 33, 38, 40.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):**  
Don't let frustration get you down. Take care of your responsibilities, and move on to something physically or mentally stimulating. Consider your interests, research new possibilities and focus on achieving your goals. Refuse to let an outsider meddle in your business. 4 stars

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):**  
Check motives before you get involved in a joint venture. You'll face less opposition if you do your own thing. Make personal changes that will change the way you socialize or interact with others. Romance is featured. 3 stars

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):**  
Don't let your emotions interfere with what you have to get done. A positive attitude will help you summon the support you require to finish what you start. Take better care of your health and pending domestic problems. 3 stars

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):**  
You may not receive all the information you require to make the right decision. Ask questions, bide your time and don't be afraid to make a last-minute change if you have doubts. Personal improvements will pay off, and romance is favored. 3 stars

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):**  
Say less and do more. Your actions will make a difference. A passionate approach to work will lead to progress and eliminate any doubts someone has in your ability. Don't let the changes someone makes stand in your way. 4 stars

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):**  
Let technology help you get things done. Set up meetings, and voice your opinion. How you conduct business will impress someone who can help you get ahead. Valuable information that will help you improve your direction and lifestyle will come your way. 2 stars

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):**  
Hop on the information highway and research something that interests you. The outcome will be an innovative idea that will help you get ahead. A change to the way you handle money or the direction you decide to pursue looks promising. 5 stars

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):**  
Strive to achieve your goal. Stay within budget, even if someone tries to persuade you to spend more. The change you make personally will have a positive impact on your state of mind. An innovative approach will lead to monetary gains. 3 stars

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):**  
Too many options will confuse you. Take a moment to digest your options and consider the long-term effects. Don't leave anything to chance or count on someone for help. Go after your goal, and do the work yourself. 3 stars

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):**  
Someone will put up a fuss or question your motives. Use charm and offer incentives if you want to make changes without interference. A personal goal you set will change the way you work and live. Contracts can be negotiated and signed. 3 stars

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):**  
Take pride in what you do. Fix up your surroundings to accommodate something you want to pursue. A personal change you make will boost your confidence and fetch compliments. Physical action will bring good results; talks will lead to empty promises. 5 stars

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):**  
Mull over what you've accomplished, and proceed to make positive changes to the way you live, work and handle your money. Don't let the emotional decisions you make lead to a regrettable mistake. Someone from your past will offer insight. 2 stars

**Birthday Baby:**  
You are playful, energetic and thoughtful. You are intuitive and intelligent.

**STAR RATINGS**  
FIVE STARS: Nothing can stop you now. Go for the gold.  
FOUR STARS: You can pretty much do as you please. It's a good time to start new projects.  
THREE STARS: If you focus your efforts, you will reach your goals.  
TWO STARS: You can accomplish a lot, but don't rely on others for help.  
ONE STAR: It's best to avoid conflicts. Work behind the scenes or read a good book.

## DOUBLE CROSSWORD

No 11,112

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### CRYPTIC CLUES

**ACROSS**

- 7 & 12Ac. How many properly run railway is operated (2,3,5,5)
- Deflated and left without support (3,4)
- Pass on information about a nobleman (7)
- Prove equal to the requirement of the would-be striker (5)
- See 7 Across
- Greenfly, for instance, could be a danger to pets (6,4)
- The result of adding to unfinished story (5)
- Gild the illuminated translation (7)
- Startin' to show what the freight is in (7)
- Intimate show to give one's opinion of, we hear (5)

**DOWN**

- The spectacle of one apologising? (5-5)
- Part of the gun the shopkeeper holds (5)
- This will include some nutriment and some nutriment will include it! (4)
- Hold tight when the driver operates it! (6)
- Trips and falls under the back of the bus (8)
- Confuse ten with four - that could be a substantial sum (7)
- They cultivate one who's already married before other fellows (10)
- As a standard of perfection it's varied by a non-practical type (8)
- Few arts are spoilt by this tool (4-3)
- Courteous staff will need to take it in (6)
- Where you'll find some of the hottest ovens (5)
- Clothes are not finished in Great Britain (4)

### SOLUTIONS TO PUZZLE 11,111

**QUICK**  
Across: 1 Bumptious; 8 Sol; 9 Meritorious; 11 Dimness; 12 Lucid; 13 Strain; 15 Enrage; 17 Erect; 18 Applies; 20 Educational; 22 Ass; 23 Extremity.  
Down: 2 Use; 3 Title; 4 Onrush; 5 Swollen; 6 Association; 7 Blandness; 10 Remorseless; 11 Dispersal; 14 Intrude; 16 Vacant; 19 Price; 21 Act.

**CRYPTIC**  
Across: 1 Take apart; 8 Ice; 9 Kept his head; 11 Trieste; 12 Canoe; 13 Litter; 15 Temple; 17 Older; 18 Cellars; 20 Arctic Ocean; 22 End; 23 Entreated.  
Down: 2 Age; 3 Aphid; 4 Auster; 5 Treacle; 6 Hiding-place; 7 Senseless; 10 Painted lady; 11 Tall order; 14 Earache; 16 Script; 19 Loose; 21 Ace.

### QUICK CLUES

**ACROSS**

- Protuberance (5)
- Continue (7)
- Ban (7)
- Worth (5)
- Artifice (10)
- Capsized (10)
- Virago (5)
- Hammer smooth (7)
- Mortification (7)
- Change (5)

**DOWN**

- Fawning (10)
- Sphere (5)
- Beloved (4)
- Shoot (6)
- Chat (8)
- Fervent (7)
- All over (10)
- Perverse (8)
- Retire (7)
- Rue (6)
- Dirt (5)
- Absent (4)

# Third NRL ring would be extra special

## RUGBY LEAGUE

PENRITH'S Zane Tetevano buried his first NRL premiership ring with his grandfather, while his second was given to him by his then-coach Trent Robinson.

Which would make a third in as many seasons extra special.

The Panthers booked a place in the NRL preliminary final with a one-point over the Sydney Roosters last Friday and await the winner of this week's Parramatta-South Sydney qualifying final.

Tetevano was part of the Roosters' 2018 title victory and was last year gifted Robinson's ring after he made way in the line-up for Jake Friend after playing 24 games through the season.

While he has that one in safe-keeping, his first one was buried in late 2018 with his grandfather William, who raised him in New Zealand.

"I'm not going to lie, I kind of visualise those moments," the 29-year-old said yesterday.

"But then I have to pull myself back.

"I passed my '18 one off to my grandfather, who passed away back in 2018 which I'm proud of and in 2019 my coach Trent Robinson gave me his ring.

"This one would be very special to me, so I'm looking forward to it, but I don't want to look too far ahead."

Squeezed out by the salary cap at the Sydney Roosters, Tetevano landed at the Panthers this season and despite leaving a dual premiership-winning club, could see he was on to another winner.

"I could see the boys at training, and their enthusiasm, with the training staff and the coaches, I knew that this was a great team," he said. "It was pretty easy to come here. 'It's a work

in progress but I knew it was great and I'm glad to be here."

Despite his finals experience, Tetevano said he was nervous himself heading into the Roosters match, rather than handing out advice to his young teammates.

"Although I've been a part of a couple of finals series I still get nervous so I don't know how to get past it. You just have to help each other out. But that's what this team does well."

Tetevano said the Panthers needed to do more in the preliminary final to secure a grand final berth. With 42 missed tackles their defence needed to improve, as well as their start after letting the Roosters get out to a 10-0 start.

"We were excited to win that game but everyone looked at each other knowing we've got more and everyone was keen to get to training on Monday to work on it." — AAP

## SPORT BRIEFS

### Man United sign defender

MANCHESTER United bolstered its defensive options by signing left back Alex Telles on the final day of the summer transfer window in the wake of a 6-1 loss to Tottenham.

United already agreed to a deal with Porto ahead of yesterday's embarrassing loss to Aston Villa but it was completed today at a cost of 15 million euros (\$18 million), plus potentially another 2 million euros depending on the 27-year-old Brazilian's success with the club.

United, who were also pursuing a deal for free agent 33-year-old former Paris Saint-Germain striker Edinson Cavani, have only three points from their first three English Premier League games. —AP

### Covid costs Barca \$355m

BARCELONA — The impact of the coronavirus pandemic has cost Barcelona more than 200 million euros (NZ\$355 million) in revenue, the club said today.

Barcelona reported losses of 97 million euros (NZ\$172 million) for the 2019-20 season, blaming the deficit on "the effects of Covid-19."

The Catalan club said its revenues reached 855 million euros (NZ\$1.5 billion), but they would have been 203 million euros (NZ\$360 million) higher in a "scenario without Covid-19," which would have allowed the club to reach the planned milestone of 1 billion euros (NZ\$1.77 billion) in revenue.

Without the pandemic, the club said it would have closed the year with a profit of 2 million euros (NZ3.55 million).

Barcelona said "efforts to control and reduce spending to cover for the lost revenue" saved the club 74 million euros (NZ\$131 million).

The club also announced a new financing model for the renovation of the Camp Nou, with a formula that "protects all current financial assets and land owned" by Barcelona. — AP

### Massive mistakes by all

LIVERPOOL boss Juergen Klopp said his players had made "massive mistakes" in the 7-2 English Premier League thrashing at Aston Villa, adding "a game like tonight should not happen".

Klopp's Premier League champions were left stunned as Ollie Watkins registered a first-half hat-trick and John McGinn, Ross Barkley and Jack Grealish, with a brace, also got on the scoresheet for Villa.

"If we can put all our rubbish mistakes in one game then it's done and we can start again," Klopp said. "Pretty much everybody made massive mistakes around the goals." — AP

### Debutants step up

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NPEC head coach Hosea Gear noted improvements in the Sky Blues' play.

"Our scrums were better this week. Hirini (Delamere) has come on in leaps and bounds during this short campaign," said Gear. "(Reserve tighthead prop) Mahue Dewes and (reserve loosehead prop) Mike Chambers-Rarooa joined us late in the lead-up to this game. It's good that we got to introduce new players."

Rams head coach Isaac Boss said it was "a good tussle, physical as always, and the Coast disrupted any momentum we got".

"They ensured it was a stop-start affair and it almost felt, with the stoppages in the first half, as if we played two games."

"I thought Rapata controlled things well for them and their option-taking was very good in terms of when to kick or run, while Hone carried the ball strongly."

The Coast have shown heart, grit and no less flair than usual since the season began. They are a happy team, well led and work hard for each other.

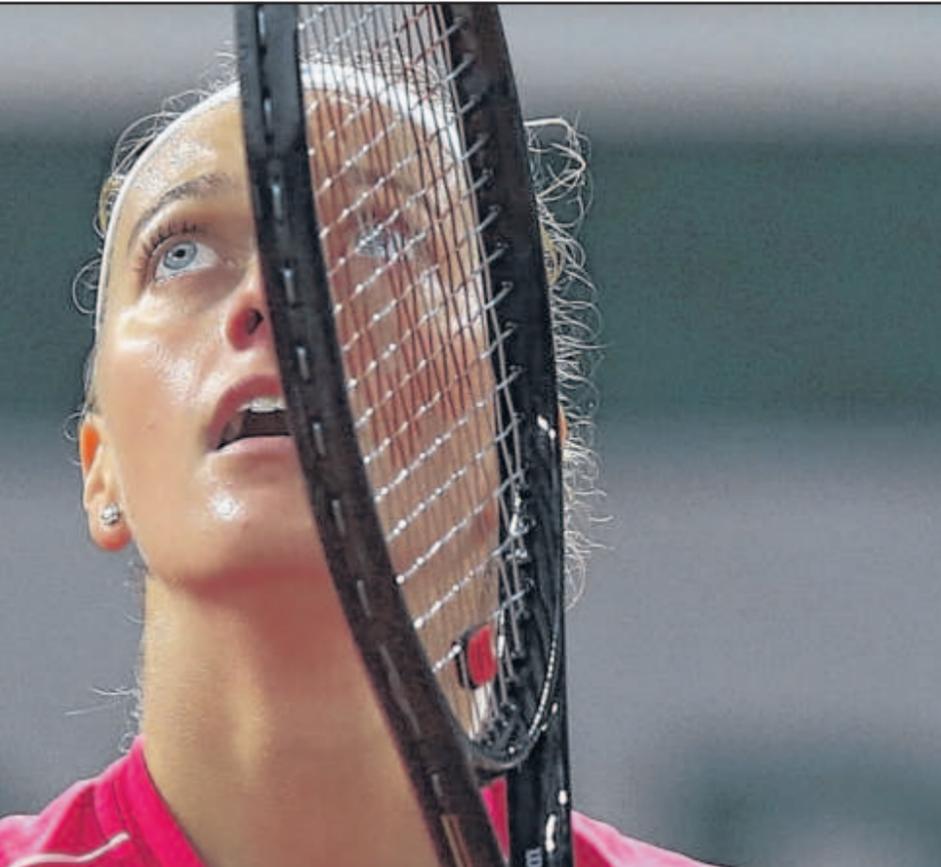
None of their debutants — Hollis, reserve halfback Keegan Rowley, Rapata Haerewa and Simeon — looked out of place and Mato was a worthy Player of the Day for the side.

King Country took the opportunities presented but the Sky Blues were in the game for longer than has been the case at times since 2012.

Ngati Porou East Coast women lost 52-27 to their Opotiki opposites in the curtain-raiser, having trailed 5-24 at halftime.

The NPEC men finish their season against the Northland development 15 at George Nepia Memorial Park in Rangitukia on October 17.

**EMOTIONAL WIN:** Petra Kvitova of the Czech Republic reacts after winning her fourth-round match at the French Open tournament. She beat China's Zhang Shuai 6-2, 6-4, at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris. Below, world No.1 Novak Djokovic advanced to the quarterfinals with a straight sets win. AP pictures



# COMEBACK CONTINUES

## TENNIS

PARIS — Petra Kvitova stood wide-eyed and perfectly still, scarcely believing she was through to her first French Open quarterfinal in eight years after winning against Zhang Shuai 6-2, 6-4 today.

When the chair umpire climbed down and pointed to the mark confirming her two-handed backhand landed just in, she released her emotions.

The seventh-seeded Czech player looked up in the air, then blew kisses and waved to the small crowd gathered on Court Philippe Chatrier, the tournament's main stadium.

"Yeah, I got a bit emotional over the last two points of my match," she said. "When I made my comeback here in 2017, when I step on the Philippe Chatrier, I couldn't really imagine me to be in the quarterfinal of this slam. Everything just came back to me."

Reaching the last eight was less poignant for Novak Djokovic, considering he has done so every year since 2010.

He made sure of an 11th straight French quarterfinal and extended his Open-era record at Roland Garros by beating 15th-seeded Karen Khachanov 6-4, 6-3, 6-3, with the roof shut on Chatrier to keep out the persistent rain.

The 17-time Grand Slam champion

has not dropped a set so far, but his face looked flushed after some heavy exchanges withstanding the Russian slugger's huge forehand.

"It was more difficult than maybe the result shows," Djokovic said. "The result is three sets to love, but I think we were equal on the points."

The top-ranked Serb next plays No.17 seed Pablo Carreño, who outgunned German qualifier Daniel Altmaier 6-2, 7-5, 6-2.

Earlier, Kvitova spoke about her emotional reaction.

Roland Garros was where the two-time Grand Slam champion made her comeback three years ago after she was attacked by a knife-wielding robber in her Czech home and suffered serious injuries to her left hand.

"It's been a long ride definitely. Everything came to my mind," she said. "My whole family, people who helped me through the tough, tough time. Everything came back."

Kvitova's two Grand Slam titles were won on the green grass of Wimbledon in 2011 and '14.

Since making the semifinals here eight years ago, her best result at the French Open was only the fourth round in 2015.

Her next opponent, Laura Siegemund, had never previously been beyond the French Open second round and never

NOVAK Djokovic has hit another linesperson but this time it was clearly an accident despite bringing back memories of his sensational US Open default last month.

The Serbian reached the French Open quarterfinals with a 6-4, 6-3, 6-3 victory over No. 15 seed Karen Khachanov.

In the opening set, Djokovic attempted to return a serve only to send the ball at the face of an official on the side of the court. He was quick to apologise.

It was at the same round in Flushing Meadows when Djokovic was defaulted for unsportsmanlike conduct, after hitting a ball in frustration toward the back wall of the court, which struck a line judge in the throat.

It was also unintentional but avoidable compared to today's moment that happened during the match.

Djokovic has won all 12 sets he's played in Paris this year and dropped a total of only 25 games so far. This victory put him into his 47th Grand Slam quarterfinal, second only to Roger Federer's 57.

Djokovic is seeking a second French Open championship and 18th major trophy overall. Among men, only Federer, with 20, and Rafael Nadal, with 19, have more. — AP

beyond the third round at any major tournament.

In other men's action, No. 5-seeded Stefanos Tsitsipas and No. 13 Andrey Rublev reached the last eight here for the first time.

Tsitsipas won against No. 18-seeded Grigor Dimitrov 6-3, 7-6, 6-2, and next faces Rublev, who beat unseeded Marton Fucsovics 6-7, 7-5, 6-4, 7-6.

Tsitsipas had treatment for eye irritation at the start of the second set, and at the end of it saved two set points in the tiebreaker.

Rublev saved three set points in the fourth set serving at 4-5, 0-40, then won on his second match point when Fucsovics put a forehand return into the net — AP



# ROOKIE MASTERS



**SAME STAGE, DIFFERENT BALL:** Former professional rugby player Dwayne Russell (left) and Poverty Bay representative cricket centurion Glenn Morley return to the cauldron of high-level competitive sport for Poverty Bay-East Coast at the Freyberg Masters national interprovincial in Hamilton next month. Pictures by Paul Rickard

## Morley, Russell no strangers to big match pressure

GOLF by Chris Taewa

WAYNE Russell won't be overawed when he makes his Freyberg Masters national interprovincial debut in Hamilton next month.

As a successful former professional rugby player and coach here and overseas, Russell is familiar with the pressure that goes with the turf.

He can also take some confidence from the one and only time he played representative golf for Poverty Bay-East Coast.

In 2007, Russell marked his debut for the PBEC senior team with a win in his opening match at the Central North Island interprovincial quadrangular in Taupo.

And if that is not inspiration enough, he can always look to his whanau — in particular auntie Frances Pere, a New Zealand junior and senior

golf international, Hawke's Bay-Poverty Bay great and multiple Maori women's champion in the 1970s.

St Stephen's old boy Russell, now teaching physical education and Maori at Gisborne Boys' High after 14 years of various roles with Poverty Bay Rugby Football Union, is one of two players who will taste Freyberg Masters (over-40s) action for the first time.

BDO Gisborne advisory partner Glenn Morley is also in the six-man side who face a week of matchplay on the St Andrew's course.

Morley was bitten by the golf bug after a long and distinguished cricket and football career that featured 100 Poverty Bay cricket caps, including four centuries, and Northern District age group representation, and plenty of goals for Gisborne City that twice earned him player of the year and

golden boot honours.

Like Russell, he also has a strong family connection to the fairways — mother Jean and aunties Agnes Gray and (the late) Thelma Hoole were all top golfers.

"Looking forward to the challenge," said Morley, who has sacrificed a trip with the Poverty Bay Golf Club "Sunday School" to take on what will be the most demanding test of this third sporting passion.

He described himself as "the pure rookie with zero representative golf experience".

Russell (a member of Patutahi) is team reserve, although is likely to get plenty of game time.

Morley (Poverty Bay) will start in the anchor No.5 position.

The rest of the team are Anaru Reedy (Gisborne Park, No.1), Simon Jeune (PB, No.2),

Tony Akroyd (Pat, No.3) and Peter Clayton (PB No.4).

All have Masters experience, particularly Jeune, while Akroyd had a long senior representative career before moving into the masters age group.

PBEC masters regulars Pete Anderson and David Solomann are unavailable.

Anderson has work commitments while Auckland-based Solomann is to play for PBEC at the national interprovincial as it is being played on his home Whitford Park course.

Over the duration of the Masters — from November 2 to 6 — PBEC face Hawke's Bay, Wellington, Bay of Plenty, Aorangi, North Harbour, Otago, Northland and Southland.

PBEC were 13th out of the 15 provinces last year, including a team win over North Harbour and a half with Taranaki.

## From Beefy to Lord Botham

CRICKET

LONDON — Ian "Beefy" Botham swapped Lord's for the House of Lords when he was introduced as a peer today.

The England cricket great donned the traditional scarlet and ermine-trimmed robe and swore the oath of allegiance to Queen Elizabeth II in a ceremony that didn't go according to plan initially.

Technical problems delayed the start of proceedings, with the Speaker saying Botham's words could not be heard outside the House.

"I think rain has stopped play just for the moment," Lord Fowler said in a nod to cricket parlance.

Botham is a Brexit supporter who was one of 36 new peers nominated by British Prime Minister Boris Johnson in August. He will sit as a non-party peer in the Lords, whose members are mostly political appointees, with a smattering of hereditary nobles, judges and clergy.

Referred to as Baron Botham of Ravensworth, his home village, in the chamber, the former cricketer will be known as Lord Botham.

"I, Ian Lord Botham, do swear by almighty God that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, her heirs and her successors, according to the law. So help me God," he told the House.

Botham is one of England's greatest sport stars, retiring in 1992 with 102 matches, 383 wickets and 5200 runs in test cricket.

He has been a TV commentator since retirement. — AP

## World Test final all go ... for now

CRICKET

CRICKET'S global governing body is forging ahead with plans to stage an inaugural World Test Championship final in 2021, despite the disruption caused to the international game by the coronavirus outbreak.

The International Cricket Council devised the championship to give some context to dozens of test series taking place around the world every year, finally giving the five-day game its own standalone showpiece to go with world cup finals in the ODI and T20 formats.

Having been forced to cancel its inaugural competition in 2013 and 2017, there were concerns the ICC would shelve its latest attempts to hold the WTC final next year because of so many test series being called off amid the pandemic.

The World Twenty20 finals, scheduled for October this year, have already been cancelled.

However, Tom Harrison, chief executive of the England and Wales Cricket Board, said he has been notified by the ICC that the WTC final is "proceeding as scheduled."

"Now they are working out what to do with the points from the series that haven't been played and how to distribute those points, which is obviously going to be completely material in terms of who ends up playing in that final."

The nine test countries playing the competition were scheduled to play six series home and away over a two-year period starting in 2019. The top two teams in the standings would then meet in the final in June 2021. These are currently

THE Rose Bowl will not be spending time in New Zealand quarantine.

Australia ensured the trophy would stay put, fending off a much tougher challenge from the White Ferns in the second ODI of the three-match cricket series yesterday to take an unassailable 2-0 lead.

After being rolled for 180 in the opener, the White Ferns put up a fight in Brisbane, compiling 252-9, only to see Australia chase it down with four wickets and 29 balls to spare, thanks largely to an unbeaten 101 from captain Meg Lanning and 82 to Rachel Haynes.

It will take something remarkable to beat this

Australian team — winners of 20 consecutive ODIs and just one victory shy of the all-time world record set in 2003 by their male counterparts.

The Ferns, who haven't won the Rose Bowl since 1999, have now lost eight ODIs on the trot — though five of them have been to Australia, and today's effort showed they're still a formidable side.

"A really courageous effort, we just didn't have enough runs on the board against a really strong Australian side," said Ferns skipper Sophie Devine.

Against most teams, the White Ferns' performance would have been worthy of victory.

The contributions of Devine (79 from 115 balls) and Amy Satterthwaite (69 from 73) were complemented by quickfire knocks from Katey Martin (26 from 14) and Maddy Green (21 from 13) to reach a solid total, albeit one which could have been better, with the visitors losing five wickets in nine balls as they mustered just seven runs from the final two overs.

Yet, when Alyssa Healy clobbered Lea Tahuu for 14 runs on the board against Australia's reply, the message had been sent — you have to do a lot better than "solid" to win in Australia.

The Matildas can equal that world record in the third and final ODI tomorrow afternoon.

India and Australia.

While England, India and Pakistan have played four series each, four countries — Sri Lanka, West Indies, South Africa and Bangladesh — have only played two. Australia and New Zealand have played three series each.

With coronavirus restrictions in place globally and varying from country to country, all fixtures are unlikely to go ahead.

Bangladesh have had matches against Pakistan, Australia, Sri Lanka and New Zealand postponed, and attempts to revive a three-test tour of Sri Lanka failed because the countries' cricket boards couldn't agree to a 14-day mandatory

quarantine period.

Harrison said England was keen to stage the final and the ICC's preference would be that it took place at Lord's.

"It's the home of cricket on an international level, and it certainly has a role to play in the positioning of test cricket," Harrison said. "But we are talking about a Covid environment and when you put Covid into negotiations like this, it changes everything."

"If you are taking part in that fixture and you have potentially two neutral teams playing a world final in the UK, I'm sure you'd want to know you are safe and protected when it comes to the health environment you are heading into." — AP



# FULL SWING

POVERTY Bay's Neal Ebbett winds up as a Tauranga association player closes in during a masters men's hockey game on the Property Brokers Turf at Harry Barker Reserve on Saturday. Above, Poverty Bay masters women's player Kate Gilmore is confronted by a Tauranga counterpart in a women's masters clash. The visiting teams are actually Mount Maunganui club sides — Mt Mavericks (men) and Mt Thunderbirds (women) — who were brought to Gisborne for the games by Go Hockey co-owner Brent Edwards, a regular visitor to the district. The Mavericks, who included former Black Stick Bevan Hari — a veteran of over 200 tests — beat Poverty Bay 7-1. Poverty Bay women levelled the ledger with a 6-1 victory. The visitors were well received and it is hoped to make it an annual competitive and social event, but possibly at a neutral venue.

Pictures by Paul Rickard



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### WEATHER FOR TOMORROW

6 Oct, 2020

**GISSBORNE CITY**

Day	Forecast	Temp (min/max)
TOMORROW	A fine morning with light winds, then rain from late afternoon with S.	9 / 22
THURSDAY	Rain at times. Southerlies.	9 / 14
FRIDAY	Cloudy periods. Chance of an early shower. Southeast breezes.	7 / 14

**GISSBORNE REGION**

Day	Forecast	Temp (min/max)
TOMORROW	Fine to start with light winds. Scattered rain gradually spreading north through the afternoon. Southerlies developing by evening.	9 / 22
THURSDAY	Rain at times. Southerlies.	9 / 14
FRIDAY	Cloudy periods. Isolated early showers. Southeasterlies.	7 / 14

**GISSBORNE SUN PROTECTION ALERT**

9:45 AM - 4:00 PM PROTECTION REQUIRED Even on cloudy days

**SATURDAY** Becoming fine. Southeasterlies dying out.

### MIDNIGHT TONIGHT

### NOON TOMORROW

**NZ SITUATION**  
Weakening fronts move over the country during tomorrow and Thursday, followed by a south to southeast flow. A ridge builds over the South Island later on Thursday then spreads over the North Island on Friday and remains over the country through Saturday.

**NZ TOMORROW**

Auckland	showers	18
Hamilton	showers	17
Tauranga	fine	20
Rotorua	fine	17
Taupo	showers	16
Napier	showers	21
New Plymouth	showers	16
Palmerston North	showers	16
Wellington	fine	14
Christchurch	showers	18
Queenstown	fine	14
Dunedin	showers	13

**GISSBORNE READINGS**  
Taken at the Airport, for the 24 hours to 9am, Tuesday 6 Oct 2020

Category	Value
SUNSHINE hours	12.1
To date for October	52.8
Average for October	209.0
To date this year	1795.3
To date last year	1892.4
WIND km/h	NW 39
Max gust on Mon 5 Oct	NW 39
RAINFALL mm	0.0
24 hours to 9am, Tue 6 Oct	0.0
To date for October	0.0
Average for October	57.0
To date this year	684.4
To date last year	559.2
EVAPOTRANSPIRATION mm	3.8
Daily average for past week	3.8
TEMPERATURE °C	
Maximum	25.8
Minimum	16.0
Grass minimum	13.8
BAROMETRIC PRESSURE	
At 9am 6 Oct (hPa)	1018.0
At 9am 6 Oct (inches)	30.06

**TODAY IN HISTORY**  
1993 – Very dry conditions meant that a number of record or near record low monthly rainfall totals were achieved. Auckland and Christchurch recorded only 5mm of rainfall during the month. Kaikoura managed just 6mm, Gisborne 7mm and Timaru 8mm of rain for the month.

For the latest weather info including Weather Warnings visit [metSERVICE.com](http://metSERVICE.com)

### GISSBORNE TIDE MOVEMENT

Day	Time	Height (m)
Wednesday Oct 7	H 11:00am	11:14pm
	L 4:49am	5:09pm
	H 10:47am	11:01pm
	L 4:24am	4:44pm
Thursday Oct 8	H 11:40am	11:54pm
	L 5:27am	5:50pm
	H 11:27am	11:41pm
	L 5:02am	5:25pm

**SUN-MOON-MAORI FISHING GUIDE**

Item	Time	Quality
Sunrise	6:34 am	Good
Sunset	7:18 pm	Fair
Moonset	9:20 am	Fair
Moonrise	12:15 am	Good
Sunrise	6:32 am	Good
Sunset	7:19 pm	Fair
Moonset	9:59 am	Fair
Moonrise	5:08 am	Good

**WORLD TOMORROW**

Adelaide	showers	9 16
Amsterdam	showers	9 14
Bangkok	rain	25 31
Beijing	cloudy	10 21
Berlin	drizzle	10 16
Brisbane	fine	15 27
Buenos Aires	fine	11 23
Cairo	fine	22 36
Canberra	rain	11 19
Cape Town	fine	15 20
Delhi	fine	19 36
Frankfurt	showers	11 17
Geneva	cloudy	10 17
Hong Kong	fine	24 29
London	showers	9 16
Los Angeles	fine	17 29
Melbourne	rain	10 18
Moscow	fine	10 17
New York	showers	15 23
Paris	showers	11 17
Perth	fine	10 24
Singapore	thunder	23 31
Stockholm	rain	12 15
Suva	thunder	23 27
Sydney	drizzle	15 22
Tokyo	cloudy	15 24
Toronto	showers	12 18



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## EDEN PARK ERA TO END

THE Wallabies' Eden Park graveyard is set to be filled with All Blacks fans after the New Zealand Government announced it would lift restrictions on the Auckland ground.

And the iconic rugby venue could have a new name. The Dave Rennie-coached Australians haven't won in 34 years at the All Blacks' fortress — the last time in 1986 skippered by Andrew Slack.

Dunedin had been placed on stand-by as a back-up venue for the October 18 test after an outbreak of Covid-19 in Auckland meant restrictions in the harbour city.

However, New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern yesterday gave Auckland the green light.

That brings the city into line with the rest of the country and allows Eden Park to host the test match with no restrictions on crowd size.

It could also be under a new name after confirmation yesterday that the national stadium's naming rights had been sold to ASB Bank.

It is understood financial pressures from Covid-19 forced the Eden Park Trust Board to sell the rights.

All Blacks coaching great Sir Graham Henry was at

the helm for a large portion of the winning spell and understood the rationale behind the decision.

"In these times, where money's tough, I guess it's a natural step, but disappointing to some extent," Sir Graham told Newshub.

However, the name change won't "make any difference" to its legacy, he said.

Meanwhile, Slack has called for bold selections in the Wallabies side in a disrupted season he says has thrown up "more pre-test uncertainties than ever before".

He hopes new coach Dave Rennie rolls out a backline packed with players "that can change the game" and has endorsed Brumbies fullback Tom Banks' recall after missing the World Cup squad.

"We've got to be aggressive in our selections and back guys in who can change the game," the former centre said

**NEW NAME:** Eden Park, pictured below in this aerial shot, will be renamed after ASB Bank bought the naming rights for the country's national stadium. NZ Herald picture



# STEADY PROGRESS

## Boot the difference as Rams beat Coast in Opotiki

RUGBY by Ben O'Brien-Leaf

"LONG is the way and hard, that out of hell leads up to light."

The line from John Milton's epic poem Paradise Lost could be related to Ngati Porou East Coast's tough run of the last eight or so years.

But the Hosea Gear-coached Sky Blues continued their steady journey towards that light on Saturday.

"We went well, strung some passes together and put a few points on the board," Coast captain and No.8 Hone Haerewa said of their 34-22 loss to King Country in front of a 1000-strong crowd in Opotiki.

"There's still the occasional error but lots of good stuff as well.

"For instance, I slipped out into the backline on our short lineouts and (lock) Kyah Hollis took control of our lineouts and calls. That was a massive for an 18-year-old to have that responsibility but he showed great leadership. He won our ball and openside flanker Moana Mato also had a killer day in winning some of their ball as well."

Hollis and captain Haerewa, with Mato's support, ensured the Coast won high-quality ball in that critical phase of play.

Both starting props — Perrin Manuel and Hirini Delamere — not only led a great scrum effort, they scored tries as well.

The Coast's forwards and backs kept pace with King Country fitness-wise in what was a good contest.

NPEC matched the Rams with four tries apiece but the right boot of first-five Mohi Roberts was the difference. He didn't miss a conversion and potted two first-half penalty goals.

Under Bay of Plenty referee Sam Fellows, Haerewa won the toss and gave King Country the benefit of a nor' wester in excellent conditions.

The Rams opened the scoring in the third minute when rake Nick Barnes found lock Josh Balme in the first line-out of the game nine metres from the Coast's goal-line in the left corner. Barnes scored from the ensuing line-out drive.

In the eighth minute, the Rams struck again. They won a turnover in midfield,

just on their own side of halfway, drove the Coast back and hard-running centre Josevata Malimole ran on to a well-timed pass from blindside flanker Sisa Vosaki for the try, which Roberts converted.

In the 15th minute, Coast left-winger Taleq Simeon made his presence felt. The sturdy youngster steamed down the touchline and hard into his opposite — former Poverty Bay representative Ratu Vosaki, who was concussed and replaced by Dion Havea.

The Coast opened their account from a lineout 15m from the Rams' line.

Hooker Raniera Whakataka threw to Hollis at four in the lineout and three passes later, right-wing Benny Haerewa showed great pace and finished superbly in the corner.

Barely a minute later, Roberts landed a 21m penalty for a 17-5 lead but the Coast responded in the 29th minute with a try to rock the Princess Street Reserve ground. Hollis won the lineout 10m from the left corner on attack and three phases later — having probed for gaps on both sides of the park — captain Haerewa found tighthead prop Delamere ranging

out wide to score in the corner.

The try was unconverted and Roberts kicked a penalty on the cusp of halftime for a 20-10 lead as an injured Hollis was assisted from the field.

The Rams scored first in the second half, loosehead prop Josevata Curuki going over for the try, converted by Roberts.

But the Coast had more to come. In the 49th minute, 15m off the right touch, 5m from the King Country goal-line, they set and won a scrum.

They went down the blindside and three phases later, loosehead prop Manuel scored for 15-27.

Sisa Vosaki replied with the individual try of the match in the 62nd minute and another Roberts conversion made it 34-15.

The Coast signed off with a fine try to reserve lock Rikki Waitoa from a penalty in the 72nd minute.

The Coast chose to run it, attacked the blindside and second-five Verdon Bartlett gave Waitoa the assist for the try that first five Rapata Haerewa converted from the sideline.

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