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Near miss for Gisborne



STORMY WEATHER: The ominous sight of dark storm clouds rolling towards the city yesterday. Gisborne escaped being struck full-on by a front that bore down from the north. Picture by Liam Clayton

by Roger Handford

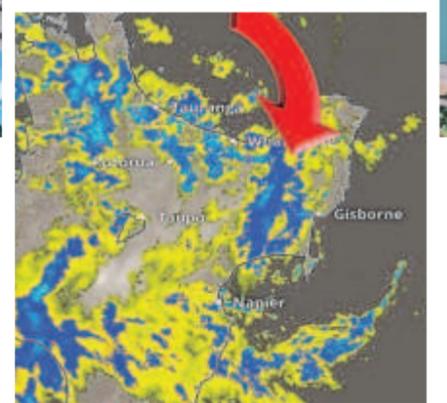
GISBORNE city narrowly missed being hit by a rainstorm that swamped Napier streets and stormwater drains late yesterday. A rain-laden front that swept in from the north brought Gisborne an intense downpour at about 6.15pm, but the bulk of the rainstorm passed inland to the west of the city. In just 15 minutes a gauge at Makaraka recorded over 20 millimetres, or more than a millimetre a minute.

Waerenga-o-Kuri topped the local rainfall records yesterday with 61mm, while Ngatapa received just over 47mm. Similar amounts were recorded at the Waikohu River, Waipaoa River at Kanakanaia, Wharekopae and in the Whareratas. The mass of rain that swept past to south of Gisborne pixelated and blanked out television signals for local viewers, and thunder and lightning struck over the western hills and Whareratas. Further south, the rainfall intensified in the Wairoa

district, with 75mm recorded at Wairoa and 84mm at Ardkeen. Kotemaori copped almost 120mm in the past 24 hours while a gauge at Glenstrae Station just south of Wairoa recorded 125mm. Much of Hawke's Bay had falls of around 80mm but Napier city was hit by an intense and localised cell deluge of 231.5mm. It was Napier's second-wettest day in record in 150 years and Mayor Kirsten Wise declared a state of emergency just before 10pm. During today and Wednesday,

a low is forecast to track slowly southeast across the upper North Island delivering rain and thunderstorms to many places. A Heavy Rain Watch remains in force for the Coromandel Peninsula, Bay of Plenty, Gisborne and Hawke's Bay. Although the rain in Gisborne and Hawke's Bay may not be as heavy as Monday's rain, it could cause further issues for some places.

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CLOSE CALL: This graphic shows the rainstorm skirting Gisborne city at 6.30pm yesterday. The blue mass at the bottom left shows the rain that flooded Napier.

CHANGING CLIMATE

Report predicts more extreme events over next 80 years

by Alice Angeloni

DROUGHTS, fires, floods, farmers facing more pests and diseases, livestock stressed by heatwaves and a tide which keeps creeping up against the coast. This is how experts anticipate climate change will look in Tairawhiti and Hawke's Bay over the next 80 years.

A new report by the National Institute for Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA) explores possible impacts of climate change for the two east coast regions, outlining the future with a scenario of continuing high emissions, and alternatively what it could



look like if the world took effective action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Tairawhiti and Hawke's Bay are likely to see more "extreme hot days", less frost days and a shift to more extreme rainfall events. With some of the most erodible soils in New Zealand, rainfall events were likely to cause more slips and erosion, as well as floods and damage to infrastructure in Tairawhiti. Gisborne District Council principal scientist Dr Murry Cave said climate change would be one of the biggest issues the region had to consider over the next century. "It has the potential to significantly

affect land use, water availability for horticulture and productivity of forestry, and change the dynamics of climate-based natural hazards the region will experience in the future," he said. Tairawhiti had already experienced significant social and environmental impacts from the forestry harvest in severe storms, and risks from those events could increase in the future, he said. The report, commissioned by Gisborne District Council, Hawke's Bay Regional Council and Envirolink, said sea level rise in both regions was trending at about four millimetres per year, just below the national average. Dr Cave said a key issue would be the rise in coastal erosion and inundation, and

its impact on residential properties and recreational activities. There were also infrastructural threats like coastal erosion affecting road links between Gisborne city and towns further north, he said. NIWA climate atmosphere and hazards manager Petra Pearce said they were expecting about a metre of sea level rise by 2100, which would have "considerable impacts" for people living on the coast, as well as infrastructure, the primary sector and native habitats. Mrs Pearce said Tairawhiti and Hawke's Bay were likely to experience some of the largest reductions in rainfall across the country throughout this century.

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'All we're asking for is equity'

by Wynsley Wrigley

GISBORNE Primary Health Care (PHC) nurses and administration/reception staff who went on strike for 24 hours yesterday are adamant they will continue to fight for pay parity with their health board colleagues.

"Negotiations have been continuing for more than a year and we are starting to get tired and we're starting to get disheartened," said PHC nurse and New Zealand Nurses Organisation (NZNO) delegate Tegan Jones.

"All we are asking for is equity — equal pay for equal work."

An NZNO spokesperson said an experienced PHC nurse earned 10.6 percent less (\$7651 a year) than a hospital nurse, and some on the medical receptionist/administration scale earned lower than The Living Wage.

Ms Jones was one of about 50 Gisborne PHC staff, along with 3200 staff from 500 GP practices across the nation, who went on strike yesterday, and are scheduled to do so again on November 23.

They previously went on strike on September 3.

"We would rather be at work and we don't want to strike again on November 23."

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern has said PHC staff were not directly contracted by the Government, but Ms Jones said that explanation was "a bit of a dodge".

PHC staff did work in the private sector, said Ms Jones. But the majority of funding came from the Government via the Ministry of Health and health boards, and PHC staff had to meet targets set by the same organisations.

The costs of PHC staff could not be passed on to patients "and that is how it should be", she said.

Healthcare had to remain affordable.

Ms Jones said the Government had passed the Equal Pay Amendment Act last week,



EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK: That is the mantra for Gisborne Primary Health Care nurses and administration/reception staff, who went on their second 24-hour strike in just over two months yesterday. They say they perform the same work as hospital-based colleagues, with the same training and qualifications, but are paid up to 10.6 percent less.

Picture by Liam Clayton

which aimed to make pay equity claims simpler to pursue.

Early childhood teachers, who worked in the private sector, had received pay parity-related pay increases in this year's budget.

Health board nurses were currently negotiating, meaning the wage gap would only increase.

That would exacerbate recruitment and retention issues in the primary health sector

as nurses moved to work in hospitals.

Primary healthcare staff had a low profile but PHC nurses were the nurses most seen by the public.

"It's all in the name, really."

Givealittle page for man who lost home in fire

THE family of an elderly Gisborne man whose house was destroyed by fire have set up a givealittle page with the aim of rebuilding the home of 55 years.

Family and neighbours rescued Dan Peneha from the fire that engulfed his Kara Street house last month.

The man was asleep in a bedroom in the house while the rest of the whanau were part of a family function in the backyard of the property at the time, senior station officer Ed Hindmarsh told The Gisborne Herald afterwards.

The weatherboard home was almost totally destroyed in the blaze.

"The family who lived there have lost just about all their household possessions."

Specialist fire investigator

Derek Goodwin said the cause was "accidental" and had nothing to do with the elderly man.

The house was not insured.

Mr Peneha was "doing OK" but would feel the effects of this for a long time, a family member wrote on the Givealittle page.

"Sadly it was also his 79th birthday and he had to watch his once-called home go up in flames.

"This page has been set up to show support for the Peneha whanau, with any funds being donated to help them start a rebuild.

"Donations of food and items are much appreciated but the family has nowhere to store these at the moment."

"We're hoping to rebuild

exactly where the house is now because the whare holds so many great memories and wairua," the man's eldest son, Martin Peneha, told the Herald.

Martin said his father had suffered multiple tragedies — losing his eldest daughter in 2004, and his son and wife in the same week in 2013, and lost another son in 2019.

And now his home had burned down on his birthday.

As of this morning, 34 givealittle donors had contributed \$5340 to the cause.

■ To make a donation, go to the givealittle website and type "fire destroys family home of 55 years" into the search, or use the URL bit.ly/2liyhL9



STARTING OVER: Peneha whanau members have set up a givealittle page after their elderly father lost his Kara Street home to a fire last month. Firefighters are pictured battling the blaze.

Picture by Rebecca Grunwell

LOOKING AHEAD



FOCUS ON THE LAND

- The property judged Farm of the Year in Tairāwhiti was celebrated in style on Friday as a big crowd marked Malcolm and Caroline Rau's big day.
- The way ahead for pastoral farming is spelled out in a thought piece in the wake of Labour's General Election win.
- The weekly AgriHQ report for the week beginning November 9.

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OCEAN EROSION: Sponge Bay has experienced significant coastal erosion — a key issue the region is facing through the impacts of climate change. Herald file picture

‘More common, more severe’ in the future

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Annual rainfall was expected to decrease by up to 5 percent by 2040, while more dramatic decreases of 10 to 15 percent were expected by 2090, depending on greenhouse gas concentrations.

Mrs Pearce said this would have implications for both regions, which were already dry and had experienced droughts regularly.

“We can expect those types of events and those dry conditions are going to become more common and more severe into the future,” she said.

This would impact on the agriculture and horticulture industries, river flows and water availability for drinking water supply, stock water and aquifer capacity.

Mrs Pearce said there was time to make plans to ensure water supply didn’t become a “major problem” but it was something that Tairāwhiti and Hawke’s Bay councils, decision-makers and residents needed to consider more than other parts of the country.

Temperatures were projected to increase by 0.5 to 1 degree over the next 20 years, and by up to 3 degrees by 2090 under a high greenhouse gas concentration pathway.

This was likely to impact the primary sector through more pests and diseases,

and would affect the rate of plant growth.

Increased concentrations of carbon dioxide would increase forest, pasture, crop and horticulture growth, however, it might also be limited by the availability of water.

Frosts were expected to decrease and heatwaves were expected to increase, with the majority of both regions projected to receive 20 to 60 additional heatwave days a year by 2090 under the high greenhouse gas model.

To date, the council had relied on national projections for changes in temperature, rainfall and drought conditions, and had been reliant on outdated sea-level-rise projections.

The council’s objective in commissioning this report was to ensure it had the best possible information at a more detailed regional level to plan for how to respond and adapt to climate change.

The report would be presented to a full council meeting for consideration and work was under way to assess how the report would be integrated into the review of the Tairāwhiti Regional Management Plan and within council asset management plans.

Information would also be used to assess long-term water supply issues for drinking water and agricultural and horticultural use.

Scientist flags food security as big issue

by Matai O’Connor

THE Covid-19 pandemic has shown “now more than ever” how New Zealanders are reliant on a robust, vibrant food sector.

This was one of the messages from scientist Professor Sir Peter Gluckman when he spoke at this year’s Edible Innovation event in Gisborne.

New Zealand had big opportunities for branding, especially at a regional level, he said.

“You are the first place to see the sun, the sun sees your crops before anyone else.

“You have a good narrative to tell in this part of the world and people would pay for that.”

The Edible Innovation event was organised by Trust Tairāwhiti and the New Zealand Food Innovation Network in support of food and beverage industry innovation.

Sir Peter’s presentation focused on high-level discussions about the overall strategy of the food sector over the next 20 to 30 years.

Covid-19 had brought three things to the fore, he said.

The first was the unpredictability and uncertainty around the virus, “as the world understands very little about it and is still needing to create a vaccine”.

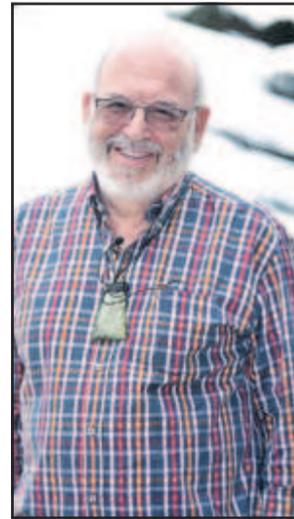
The reality of trade-offs was another — “we have seen around the world different attitudes taken towards health, economy and personal freedoms.”

And thirdly, it has triggered discussions whether the world is going through a fundamental change.

There were opportunities created by new technology, such as genetic and breeding technology, he said.

He also spoke about the future of environments, economic shifts and social change.

“Without it we would be in trouble, given the collapse of tourism and international



FUTURE OF FOOD: Sir Peter Gluckman was in Gisborne to speak at the Edible Innovation event organised by Trust Tairāwhiti and the New Zealand Food Innovation Network.

Picture by Rebecca Grunwell

education, which are two of New Zealand’s biggest foreign exchange earners.

“Covid is changing the global supply chains. We don’t know how everything will end up but it’s quite clear an increasing number of countries are looking at food security, and alongside that we are seeing a rise in protectionism.

“Another issue is the economic downturn. A lot of people think we may need to get used to the reality that there will be much lower growth rates over a longer period of time.”

In New Zealand issues of domestic food security had come to the fore for some parts of the population during the Covid crisis, he said.

Two fundamental changes that impacted on food were technology and climate.

“We are in the midst of the biggest changes of technology we have ever seen. What does that mean for the food sector?”

One of the major questions around climate change was what would the next 20 to 30 years hold for ruminant meat and food.

Globally, 10 percent of climate change emissions came from cows and 22 percent of global emissions were from food production, he said.

“The issues here are real. Will political scientists or public consumer demand cause a reduction in the production of milk and meat?”

“The solutions to problems will not be without considerable amount of philosophical discomfort.

“There are many possibilities ahead. No one is going to change their habits today or has the answers.”

• Professor Sir Peter Gluckman served as the inaugural principal science adviser to the Prime Minister, from 2009 to 2018. He is director of the newly established Kōi Tu: The Centre for Informed Futures, a University of Auckland Faculty of Arts Research Centre.

‘Early Christmas present’

Farmers and croppers around region welcome rain

by Murray Robertson

CROPPERS and farmers around Gisborne have welcomed the rain yesterday that has come on top of a good downpour two weeks ago, to further bed in spring plantings.

Most of the district got something out of the latest weather system with an approximate 10-70mm range across Tairāwhiti.

Gisborne and the Poverty Bay flats picked up 12-24 millimetres, and hill country places like Ngatapa (53mm), Waerenga-o-Kuri (70mm) Waikohu (42mm) and Matawai (60mm) also got a good dollop.

The MetService has a heavy rainfall watch in place for this district today. Rain was forecast to set in again around midday with some heavy falls and possible thunderstorms with hail predicted.

Federated Farmers Gisborne-Wairoa provincial president Toby Williams said

the rain in the past few weeks had been “an absolute godsend”.

“The rain we got before the Spring Show, and then this latest bit yesterday has been an early Christmas present for farmers.

“There’s still a water deficit out there, but we’re growing grass, which will enable farmers to wean stock before Christmas, which means money in the bank and helps heading into the New Year,” Mr Williams said.

Cedenco general manager Carla McCulloch has likewise welcomed the rain.

“Things were starting to dry out a bit so it’s been good rain. If we get a lot more later today it will delay our sweetcorn and tomato planting a little.

“At this stage though we are well ahead with both planting seasons.”

She said the company started its pea harvest around Wairoa on Friday and will move to Mahia today.

“We should be ready to start the pea harvest around Gisborne in about 10 days.”

Cedenco’s peas will go into domestic markets such as My Food Bag and are also exported to Japan and China.

“We have 440ha planted across Mahia, Wairoa, Gisborne and Tolaga Bay and we are looking for an estimated 2200 metric tonnes field weight of peas this season.”

LeaderBrand general manager farming Gordon McPhail said the rain two weeks ago set things up well for the season.

“The rain we got yesterday was better than nothing, and a top-up for what we got a fortnight ago.

“We’re on top of our planting programme for squash, sweet corn and salad leaf crops, and all the crops are looking good.

“We’ve had a great spring to date.”

Procurement manager for Corson Grain, Richard Hyland, said they have just recently completed planting their grain

maize crop for the season.

“The planting programme went very well, especially in the dry conditions early on. That gave us a good head start.

“The rain yesterday was welcome.

“We had a bit more of it down in Wairoa, which is not ideal for late plantings, but it was still very welcome rain.”

Mr Hyland said they have aimed for a harvest of 20,000 tonnes again this year.

Glencore Grain regional manager Dave Corrin said they were about 90 percent through their grain maize planting programme, aiming at a crop of about 10,000 tonnes.

“We should finish next week.

“The crops look good thanks to the warmth and the rain we’ve been getting, though around Tolaga Bay and Wairoa there’s now been enough rain. We don’t need any more.

“Now we just need the sun to shine and we’ll end with quite a good season,” Mr Corrin said.

FAMILY NOTICES

Bereavements

KARAITIANA,
John Charles

On behalf of the children of John, Tepuka, Jonas, Heather, Katarina, and Deanna, and all his mokopuna, we would like to acknowledge all the love and support and work that was received over the past week. We would like to thank our whanau, ministers, friends, and everyone who travelled from near and far, for our beloved Dad, Papa, brother, uncle and friend. You will be forever in our hearts.

Arohanui

'Amazing' journey ends for campus director



RETIRED: Jan Mogford has retired from her position as EIT campus director. Picture supplied

by Mark Peters

AFTER nine years of service as EIT Tairawhiti campus director, Jan Mogford retired on Friday.

She was not planning on leaving a role she loved so soon but a change in personal circumstances meant she decided to retire much earlier than she would have liked, she told The Gisborne Herald.

"It's been a heck of a journey — in more ways than one. It has been amazing. The people you meet and work with, I'll miss them terribly."

Asked about the highlights of her time with EIT, Mrs Mogford said the success the tertiary education institute had with Maori and Pacifica trades training in partnership with Ngati Porou.

"That went from strength to strength."

The success of the trades academy — that includes courses in automotive,

carpentry, engineering, hospitality and computing and robotics — with high schools was another highlight, she said.

"The biggest thing was the difference my tutors make to the lives of the students — the care and compassion and the time they put into making a difference to people's lives and the community."

At a staff farewell for Mrs Mogford, colleagues made tribute to her long-standing commitment to promote education and educational aspirations in Tairawhiti.

They described her as calm, enthusiastic, constructive and positive.

Mrs Mogford spent 26 years in various roles with what was originally Tairawhiti Polytechnic, then EIT Tairawhiti.

Having started with Tairawhiti Polytechnic in 1995 as a tutor, she took on the role of head of school of

business, computing, humanities, rural and trades, and hospitality from 2000 to 2010.

Following the merger of EIT Tairawhiti and EIT Hawke's Bay in January 2011, Mrs Mogford was appointed campus director, a role she held for close to 10 years.

From 2012, she was responsible for EIT's regional learning centres across Hawke's Bay and Tairawhiti campuses which meant the tertiary institute's programmes were delivered into remote locations.

Mrs Mogford was one of the reasons the merger between Hawke's Bay and Tairawhiti was so successful, said EIT chief executive Chris Collins.

"Jan has made an extraordinary contribution to education on the East Coast. She also put a lot of energy into building and fostering EIT's relationships with community, stakeholders, business leaders and iwi."

Looking at how to go 'further, faster'

by Andrew Ashton

NEW Zealand's top public official led a high-profile delegation to Gisborne last week to look at how people here could get better access to government services.

Public Service Commission head Peter Hughes said the visit, which also involved the chief executives of Oranga Tamariki, Ministry of Social Development and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, was intended to look at how government departments could operate in a more joined-up way across the region.

Mr Hughes said with 33 separate government departments in operation, the aim was to ensure people could utilise "a single face" of government, with "no wrong door" so people were not passed between government departments to access services.

"These days with technology, a lot

of the business you do, you do online and you should be able to that with government . . . tell the whole story once and get the whole service once.

"We have to organise ourselves into government departments but we can link together better and get joined-up around some common customers and clients."

Discussions with the region's representatives on Friday, were at a detailed and practical level, focusing on how to get more flexibility across the different government programmes.

"It was a really great discussion,"

"It's great to be able to see the energy and activity here, it's really encouraging."

"People here have got organised and mobilised with their leadership. We are not here because it's broken, we're here because stuff is happening and we can learn from that and look at how we go further, faster."



REGIONAL CO-OPERATION: Some of the country's top civil servants visited Gisborne last week. They are pictured with some of the people they met with during their time here. Back, from left, are Daniel Williams, Trust Tairawhiti chief executive Gavin Murphy, Tim Egan, Doug Jones, Oranga Tamariki chief executive Grainne Moss, MSD chief executive Debbie Power and Ronald Nepe. Front, from left, GDC chief executive Nedine Thatcher Swann, NZ Public Service head Peter Hughes, Rongowhakaata Iwi Trust general manager Amohaere Houkamau and MBIE chief executive Carolyn Tremain.

Picture by Liam Clayton

Couple deny dairy robbery

Identification the issue in district court jury trial

A MAN robbing a Wairoa dairy kept stuffing a bag with tobacco products even as thick fog from a security cannon filled the small shop, a jury in Gisborne District Court heard yesterday.

The robbery, at about 5.40pm on November 30 last year, was recorded in high-resolution detail on the Riverview store's colour CCTV camera system.

The jury saw the footage as part of the Crown case against Chad Anthony Reti, 44, and his domestic partner Michelle Bridget Baty, 45, who are jointly charged with aggravated robbery.

Reti is said to have entered the store wielding a knife.

Baty is said to have driven him there in a borrowed grey utility vehicle and been his getaway driver.

A trial for the pair, who deny any involvement, began yesterday.

Among witnesses heard from in person were a couple who were the only customers in the store at the time of the robbery.

They said they were ushered to a part of the store where they remained afraid to move as the robber loaded his bag with the till drawer and cigarette products.

He carried on taking tobacco even after the fog cannon was activated and then had difficulty getting back over the counter to flee.

The couple said they were unable to see after the thick fog accumulated inside. The woman, an asthmatic, said she was worried it might cause her to have an asthma attack.

They could hear the distraught shopkeeper, who managed to get to a private area at the back of the store, calling out, asking if they were all right.

It took about 90 seconds before the fog cleared enough for them to see their way outside.

The shopkeeper — not confident speaking English — asked them to call police.

His evidence was unchallenged by the defence so was read to the jury.

He said he gave the robber the till drawer containing between \$800 and \$900, then as the robber was occupied at the cigarette cabinet, he activated the fog cannon.

He escaped to the back of the store, locking himself behind a door, and continued watching the robbery through

the CCTV monitor.

The robber took numerous tobacco products totalling about \$2000, he said.

The incident left him sleepless for several days and afraid of opening the store again through fear of something similar happening.

In opening statements, defence counsel — Mark Sceats for Reti and Michael Lynch for Baty — said the issue for the jury was identification.

Was Reti the robber and Baty the getaway driver?

Witnesses yesterday were unable to identify the robber alleged to be Reti who — as seen in the CCTV footage — had a beanie drawn down covering his entire head, was fully covered in dark clothing and wearing gloves.

The Crown case relies in part on evidence Reti and Baty were together in Wairoa in the borrowed utility vehicle at the time of the robbery and afterward at a bottle store.

Shoes similar to those the robber wore were later found during a search of a house where they were staying, and a pair of gloves said to have been worn by the robber contained traces of each of

Reti and Baty's DNA.

Police found the gloves with the till drawer and a jacket also said to have been worn by the robber, hidden under a bush in a paddock.

Other evidence crucial to the Crown case has been suppressed until a verdict in the case is reached.

Another couple who gave evidence yesterday said they were on their way in a car to the dairy when they noticed the vehicle used in the robbery pull up at the store some distance ahead of them.

They each described it as a white car with a trailer attached, although one of the witnesses said he could not be completely sure, a year later, it was a car he saw.

However, he thought it was more likely a car than a truck.

Neither witness described seeing the driver or was questioned about it.

Several police officers were to give evidence today.

The jury is expected to retire to consider its verdicts tomorrow.

Lara Marshall is prosecuting for the Crown.

Judge Warren Cathcart is presiding.

Fight for the future

A BOOK about living with the climate crisis features a chapter from Gisborne-born climate activist Maia Ingoe.

The chapter is called “A Fight for Our Future” and is inside the book “Living with the Climate Crisis: Voices from Aotearoa”.

The book’s editor Tom Doig describes climate change, saying, “it is there, in the background. Always. Increasingly urgent. Its ominous hum is the soundtrack to every other story we tell.”

“If Aotearoa can be among the countries to lead the world in tackling Covid-19, we could also be a role model in how to limit, and live with, the other imminent threat to humanity — catastrophic climate change.”

“Contributors to this BWB Text write about their concern, confusion, anger and fear — along with a willingness to act, protest and work for change in the hope that people will join together to pull the world back from the brink.”

“This BWB Text brings together Maori and Pasifika perspectives, voices from academia, activism, journalism and economics to bear witness to these troubled times.”

Ms Ingoe’s contribution is the second chapter in the book. While studying at Victoria

University of Wellington, she was approached by Mr Doig a few months ago and asked if she would be willing to write a chapter for the book.

“Our first interaction was in July and we worked closely on what I was going to write,” Ms Ingoe said.

The chapter focuses on the School Strikes for Climate, which Ms Ingoe helped organise last year.

Mr Doig has seen opinion pieces and articles she has written or been featured in.

“I think having the youth perspective is crucial.”

“Being able to share these experiences could help create the change that is needed. The work is not over, the fight doesn’t end.”

“I wrote about the strikes along with taking the Climate Emergency petition to Gisborne District Council. I wanted to show people what can be achieved,” Ms Ingoe said.

She used her own experiences to help write the chapter.

“Without the strike community and their hard mahi I would not have been able to write this chapter.”

Living with the Climate Crisis: Voices from Aotearoa is available to purchase on www.bwb.co.nz/books/living-climate-crisis

DoC ranger awarded for hard work

by Matai O’Connor

DEPARTMENT of Conservation’s East Coast biodiversity ranger Jamie Quirk was awarded a Te Ra Ratonga Tumatanui Public Service Day award for his work in the region.

Former conservation minister Eugenie Sage said in a Facebook post that Gisborne-based ranger Jamie Quirk has played a big role in working with Ngati Oneone at Puhī Kai Iti/Cook Landing Site and working with Ngati Konohi to establish and care for Te Tapuwae o Rongokako Marine Reserve.

Te Ra Ratonga Tumatanui Public Service Day awards celebrate the ethos of public service and a commitment to the country.

Receiving the award was totally unexpected but it was a great honour to receive it, Mr Quirk said.

“While this is a recognition of me, it is also a reflection of the hard work of all DoC staff.”

“It gives an insight into the superb work that public servants do all around New Zealand.”

Mr Quirk was one of 14 recipients of the award.

“While this is a formal award,



SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY: From left, Public Service Commissioner Peter Hughes, East Coast biodiversity ranger Jamie Quirk, and Minister for the Public Service Chris Hipkins at last week’s Public Service Day Awards. Picture by Elias Rodriguez

it is the informal recognition that makes it worthwhile.

“It’s things like seeing a kid at the Marine Reserve screaming with delight because they have seen an octopus, or a group of mountain bikers having a superb time on the Pakihi track, or a tourist at Puhī Kai Iti getting a better understanding of the history of that special

place,” Mr Quirk said.

“It has also been great for my parents. They are so proud that I am receiving this award.”

“Along with the various emails and texts from people congratulating me, it is humbling to see the impact that I have had.”

“It is strange to be put up on a pedestal.”

Breathing life into the land

Te Rea programme aims to connect, educate and restore

A NEW ecological restoration kaupapa in Tairāwhiti is working to enhance tangata whenua aspirations for whānau and their whenua.

Te Rea — Tairāwhiti Agroecology Recovery Programme is helping tangata whenua breathe life back into their lands through their own design, with indigenous knowledge and practice, while creating a sustainable industry for their whānau.

Ecological restoration, socio-economic development, community wellbeing and the revitalisation of traditional knowledge (mātauranga) are all desired outcomes of the kaupapa.

Te Rea is a collaborative venture of hapū/iwi, Department of Conservation, the Ministry for the Environment and the Tairāwhiti Environment Centre, supported by a range of government agencies, including the Ministry of Social Development working towards catchment restoration in Tairāwhiti.

Te Rea programme manager Ranell Nikora says the focus of Te Rea is to enable whānau to undertake kaitiakitanga as they define it on their own whenua.

“The overarching vision is to restore the mauri by relearning and restoring our traditional practices and returning mana whenua to those obligated with the responsibility of kaitiakitanga,” Ranell said.

“It is believed this will not only correct the mauri of our taiao, but also the mauri of our people.”

The impact of colonisation has had a devastating effect on the mauri of the land and the people of the land, programme kaitautoko (supporter) Panapa Ehau said.

“We, tangata whenua, believe that by returning to our own mātauranga, we will be able to make the right decisions for our taiao.”

“This would include researching our own models of indigenous biodiversity enhancement. Whānau and hapū should be empowered to take on this role of leadership if restoration and biodiversity



LEARNING: Te Rea Aka (teams) learning how to identify native trees at a wananga at Waihi Domain in October. Pictures supplied by Te Rea

enhancement is to be successful with local and central government providing support.”

Several projects throughout Tairāwhiti are already under way, designed to generate land-based opportunity and the creation of more than 60 jobs (across the entire programme) with wrap-around capability and business development support.

The current projects are being carried out on landblocks and water bodies that are in private or joint-Māori ownership and all centre around riparian/catchment restoration in rural/agricultural areas.

One of the featured projects is the Uawa Taniwha Connections project, which has been running on voluntary power and the passion of the local people.

“I have been volunteering since my 2012 diploma and I fell in love with tuna (the eel). I continued on with my studies to gain a Bachelor’s degree in Te Mana Ao Turoa Taiao,” team leader Mere Tamanui said.

“Te Rea to us is like the kumara, as we would say in Te Aitanga a Hauiti. Te

SHARING KNOWLEDGE: Te Rea’s Mere Tamanui and Ruatorea team members at the Te Rea induction wananga at Te Poho o Rawiri Marae.



Rea has been a salvation to our whānau of Taniwha Connections to continue to learn, grow and share the knowledge of mātauranga Māori and kaitiakitanga taiao (environmental guardianship).”

“We are most excited in creating relationships with nga whānau whānui o Te Tairāwhiti. Connecting ‘whānau ki te whenua’ is to increase the biodiversity of that space.”

DoC Senior Capability Development Adviser Charles Barrie said, “it has

been a privilege to represent Te Papa Atawhai and work with whānau in the development of this programme. Te Rea has the potential for enormous restoration activity across Tairāwhiti”.

Tairāwhiti Agroecology Recovery Project received a \$4.8 million investment from the Government through the \$1.1 billion Jobs for Nature package in the 2020 Budget, which aims to create 11,000 environment jobs in regions in response to Covid-19.

PM's comments blasted as 'reeking of privilege'

AUCKLAND — An Auckland anti-poverty group has blasted Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern as “disconnected” with the realities of hardship, claiming she is “choosing to keep people and families in poverty”.

Auckland Action Against Poverty's (AAAP) co-ordinator Brooke Stanley Pao says Ardern's refusal to raise benefits before Christmas and her justification for not doing so are not good enough.

On Monday, Ardern confirmed she would not be raising benefits before Christmas, saying poverty is not an issue that can be solved in a week, month, or Parliamentary term.

She also cited the permanent \$25 boost to benefits introduced in April in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, saying this was a “substantial increase”.

“Referring to \$25 as a ‘substantial increase’ in benefit levels is so problematic and disconnected with the realities of people who are living day-to-day in this country, and to be frank it reeks of privilege,” says Pao.

“This Labour government has consistently campaigned and talked about being ‘transformational’ in their approach to social issues like welfare reform and we are yet to see any of these slogans backed up by real and lasting action.”

Pao also challenged the Prime Minister and other politicians to try to live on the current benefit for a month and “see how they find themselves”.

“They have no idea what it's like having to live day-to-day, and it really shows, as they truly believe they're doing enough at the moment which simply isn't the case.”

In her press conference on Monday Ardern said while she was extremely proud of the work the Government has done towards poverty it's “fair to say”



DISCONNECTED: The Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern reference to \$25 as a ‘substantial increase in benefit levels’ is so problematic and disconnected with the realities of people who are living day-to-day in this country, says Auckland Action Against Poverty's co-ordinator Brooke Stanley Pao. “To be frank, it reeks of privilege,” she said. NZ Herald picture

there's more that needs to be done.

“But we're not going to fix these issues overnight.”

Labour has said it will tackle hardship by increasing the amount people earn while on the benefit by raising the abatement threshold and reinstating the Training Incentive Allowance which provides extra assistance to single parents, disabled people and their carers towards the cost of study.

However, the Covid-19 pandemic brought fresh criticism to the Government's approach to benefits — namely the Income Relief Payments designed to help those who were made redundant due to Covid-19 creating “two

tiers of unemployed people”.

Eligible full-time employees no longer working received \$490 and part-time workers received \$250 under the new scheme.

AAAP criticised this for separating those who deserve liveable incomes and those who don't. It said the Income Relief Payments acknowledged that benefits are “too low to live on”.

“A single adult on a Jobseeker benefit would receive \$250, compared to \$490 for those on the (full-time) Income Relief Payment. All unemployed people deserve liveable incomes.”

Newshub has contacted Ardern for comment. — Newshub

Low bidding to score jobs

AUCKLAND — Struggling construction firms are reverting to low-ball bidding in an attempt to get contracts as the pandemic recedes, according to a new survey.

Business advisory firm BDO found most contractor margins are down between one and four percentage points, while more than half of subcontractors reported margin cuts by five to 10 points.

One in 10 subcontractors reported their margins had fallen by more than 10 points.

The report also indicated two-thirds of respondents had projects delayed or cancelled because of the pandemic, with ongoing uncertainty about the future weighing heavily on the sector.

BDO construction sector advisory partner James MacQueen said the re-emergence of race-to-the-bottom bidding was a worrying sign for the industry.

“It creates an expectation amongst clients that prices



are dropping, which means everyone is then competing on the same basis and it doesn't take too long for some in the industry (that) can't pay their bills anymore, to collapse and they are at risk of taking more people with them.”

MacQueen said firms needed to avoid indulging in low-ball bidding and there was also an onus on clients to leave enough of a margin for the builder to finish the job without risk of collapse.

The biggest concern for the

sector in the wake of Covid-19 was the uncertainty of future work.

MacQueen said as a result firms did not have the confidence to go out and hire new staff, cut staff, invest or ride the disruption caused by Covid-19 out.

“However, by no means is it all doom and gloom for the sector. Due to the strong performance of the sector prior to Covid-19, most companies still have strong cash positions, with 85 percent of respondents

able to pay their creditors within contractual timeframes.”

Businesses had been improving their management systems, but there was still room for improvement.

“A lot of the products out there have some pretty cool functions in terms of improving productivity through the better use of technology and that's through building information management (BIM) through to the project management systems.” — Radio NZ

Covid vaccine could be here in 2021

AUCKLAND — A promising vaccine against COVID-19 could be available to New Zealanders as early as the first quarter of 2021, according to the Government.

An interim analysis has found a vaccine candidate developed by Pfizer and BioNTech to be 90 percent effective in protecting people — without evidence of prior infection — against the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is responsible for more than 1.26 million deaths and 50.7 million infections worldwide.

Hopes are soaring that a potential end to the pandemic is in sight, following months of stringent lockdown restrictions, closed borders and heightened uncertainty — battering economics and throwing daily life into disarray.

New Zealand's response to the virus has been internationally lauded, hailed as a leading strategy alongside the likes of Taiwan — the East Asian country managing to eliminate the virus without resorting to harsh lockdown measures, as implemented by Jacinda Ardern's Government.

Yet while Taiwan records more than 200 days without a case of local transmission, New Zealand continues to battle sporadic outbreaks in the community. With a daily influx of imported cases, staff at managed isolation and quarantine facilities (MIQ) across the country are in close proximity to active infections — the latest community cases being two Defence Force (NZDF) workers with a plethora of close contacts between them.

The Pfizer vaccine utilises a completely new technology, injecting the genetic code (RNA) of the SARS-CoV-2 virus in order to train the immune system.

On Tuesday, Minister of Research, Science and Innovation Megan Woods confirmed the Government had signed an agreement in October to purchase 1.5 million vaccines — enough for 750,000 people, as the vaccine requires two doses — from Pfizer and BioNTech. The agreement is subject to the vaccine successfully completing its ongoing clinical trials and passing local regulatory approvals.

As a result, Kiwis could be getting immunised against the virus within the first few months of 2021 — at earliest.

“As part of the agreement, vaccine delivery to New Zealand could be as early as the first quarter of 2021,” Woods said.

“Provided the vaccine is approved for use in New Zealand by Medsafe, it is possible that some doses will be available to us in the first part of 2021.”

Medsafe is currently working to ensure any promising vaccines can be assessed as quickly as possible, against the same criteria used for all other medicines that enter New Zealand.

“Pfizer and BioNTech will keep us up to date as to when data will be available for Medsafe to begin its evaluation process.”

Woods said the Covid-19 Vaccine Strategy Taskforce, led by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, is currently negotiating with other pharmaceutical companies. Further announcements are expected this month.

The agreement with Pfizer and BioNTech was one of a number of negotiations under way, the minister said. The additional agreements would ensure that once the portfolio was completed, “we will have sufficient Covid-19 vaccines for the whole population”.

The statement said Ministry of Health was preparing for a range of vaccine scenarios, and was yet to finalise the expected vaccination approach. However, three broad groups were being considered as high priority:

- those at risk of spreading Covid-19
- those at risk of contracting Covid-19
- those at risk of increased morbidity and mortality associated with Covid-19.

“Ensuring equity of outcomes is a key measure of success, including protection for Maori, Pacific peoples and our most vulnerable population groups, such as older people, disabled people, health workers, essential workers and border staff,” Woods said.

“The Government has set aside \$66.3 million for medical supplies and infrastructure to ensure New Zealand is ready to launch a Covid-19 Immunisation Programme as soon as we obtained a vaccine.” — Newshub

Slips and flooding in Napier

NAPIER — The torrential rain that saturated Napier — turning streets into rivers — is the second wettest day on record in 150 years.

Locals are waking up to the aftermath of yesterday's deluge, which resulted in people having to evacuate and left more than 3000 homes without power.

Another deluge is forecast from 3pm this afternoon from Hawke's Bay, north to Coromandel.

Already more than 600 lightning strikes have flashed above the Bay of Plenty coastline as the wild weather starts to unleash across the region.

Mayor Kirsten Wise last night declared a state of emergency.

Weather experts have called yesterday's event "record breaking" and it is now officially the second wettest day in the city since records began.

National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research said yesterday's downpour was 423 percent of what was normally seen in the whole month of November — in a single day.

As of about 10pm yesterday, 237mm of rain had been recorded since 9am.

Niwa said the wettest hour on record, since 1995, is 54mm.

More than 3000 homes without power

Thousands of people in the area have been without power since late last night.

Officials said more than 3300 people had been left in the dark

after yesterday's major storm flooded Napier.

A statement from lines company Unison said up to 3370 customers around Napier were without electricity about 10.15pm yesterday.

Unison spokesman Danny Gough said conditions were too rough for crews to continue working through the night.

"Heavy rain and widespread flooding throughout the day, combined with darkness setting in, has made the conditions too unsafe for our crews to continue to operate," he said last night.

"The safety of the public and our crews is paramount and hence we have made the decision to stand our crews down until first light."

He thanked the public for their patience and said all their available resources were on standby to start repairs this morning — weather permitting and on condition of floodwaters subsiding.

"We are also mindful of our customers who are medically dependent on power, so we urge them to make alternative arrangements and liaise with their medical providers for advice."

Schools closed

Parents were told to keep children home today, as staff worked to assess their respective school grounds as well.

A number of schools have already issued notices via Facebook. The Hawke's Bay Civil Defence was working with emergency services again this morning. — NZ Herald



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Crops rot due to staff shortage

Act MP blames grower's plight on needless restraints

by David Fisher, NZ Herald

WAIPAPA — There's waste everywhere and Act leader David Seymour's shoe just squelched through a rotten marrow.

That's what happens when a courgette isn't harvested. It grows to a marrow. There's no money in it.

For courgette producer Brett Heap, this is what he wanted — one of those Wellington politicians to come to Waipapa in the Far North to witness what's actually happening in places where fruit and vegetables are grown.

This harvest season, those are the places struggling to find workers because the borders are closed and the 14,000 annual seasonal foreign workforce is shut out.

Seymour's visit — three-and-a-half-hours' drive from Auckland — came the day after the NZ Herald revealed Heap had let fields of courgette go to waste because he was blocked from importing from Thailand the 11 workers he hired each season.

As a result, Heap was left scrambling to hire locally and — even with a crop 60 percent of his usual — those who had worked for him struggled to fill the gap of his experienced workforce.

Seymour said: "There's nothing worse than seeing someone defeated not through any fault of their own or natural disaster, but because of needless restrictions placed on them by someone else."

"The Government knew this season was coming, they knew there would be a labour shortage, they knew there were



LUCKY IF ABLE TO BREAK EVEN: Brett Heap says he's "pretty well lost the crop" on his courgette farm in Kerikeri. NZ Herald picture

options to get people in from Covid-free countries to do private MIQ for low-risk people in remote regions — we knew all that.

"The Government did nothing and now we have courgettes rotting in the fields."

He said the Government needed to work with private business and should have anticipated problems then found solutions before now.

"The Government has left people like Brett Heap questioning whether their business has any future because after this season, you can understand they don't want to do another one."

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern was quizzed by broadcaster Mike Hosking on Newstalk ZB about the labour shortage at harvest time.

Ardern said there wasn't a shortage. "We have the people. We just need to get them to the right place."

She said 6000 foreign workers were still in NZ from last season.

"We want to make sure we are redeploying them across the country."

She said work was under way to do that.

There were also 14,000 people on a working holiday who had had their visas extended, Ardern said.

Heap's claim he couldn't get good help brought an angry public response, but he hasn't resiled from it.

Heap pays minimum wage of \$18.90 an hour plus 8 percent holiday pay for those starting out in the job. In the past, he has paid workers with experience and skill

\$23 an hour plus holiday pay.

The difference, he says, is the nature of seasonal work and the variable nature of harvesting. A cold day means the courgette grows slowly. Warm weather supercharges growth.

"It can go from a one-tonne pick a day to five tonnes the next."

It means he needs workers who will work seven days a week, 14 hours a day, when the courgettes are growing.

"For seasonal work, you're either all in or you miss the boat. If you're all in, you're grossing \$3000 a fortnight," he said.

And the degree of expertise involved often isn't appreciated — the vege has to be harvested at a specific weight or it doesn't sell. It needs to be removed from the plant carefully.

What's more, those harvesting the plant are operating at ground level. It's leg-aching, back-breaking work to which, Heap says, New Zealand workers are unsuited.

To those who say "pay more", Heap says: "Pay has nothing to do with it. This is a bogey they have been pulling out for years and years."

"It comes down to stamina. (Local workers) just don't have it. And you've got to pay attention to detail and have pride in your work. This is what RSE workers bring. They are committed."

"They have a goal and they want to achieve something. That's not here. It's all been taken away from New Zealanders."

"Worth ethic is work ethic and you either have it or you don't. You apply yourself to the job or you don't."

Heap's courgette season is winding up. He doesn't need workers for this season and is wondering whether there will be another.

"I've pretty well lost the crop. This crop, I'll be lucky to break even."

Plan to tighten ECE rules

WELLINGTON — The Ministry of Education is planning a series of rule changes that will make it easier to crack down on poor-quality early childhood centres.

Ministerial documents said the overhaul was needed in part because of a rising number of complaints about centres and a growing number of challenges when the ministry tried to act.

They also warned the pandemic could cause financial difficulties for some services, "potentially leading to decisions that do not support quality outcomes for children".

The documents said the first round of changes would target problems that potentially put children's health and safety at risk.

They included allowing the ministry to issue directions to early-learning services without first initiating a formal review of their licence, and allowing it to shut down those that had repeatedly been on provisional licences.

The documents said there was currently no restriction on the number of times an early-learning service could be placed on a provisional licence.

"This means services can cycle on and off provisional licences for regulatory breaches, even repeated breaches of the same regulation, as long as they meet the licence conditions within the required timeframes," the document said.

"This type of 'cycling' demonstrates that a service is unable to sustain compliance with the regulations and could be putting the health and safety of children at risk. It is of particular concern when a service is frequently on a provisional licence for the same type of breaches and unable to embed practices that ensure continued compliance."

The chief executive of early childhood research and advocacy organisation, Child Forum, Sarah Alexander, said

the proposed changes were small, but important.

"The ministry should be able to cancel the licence of an early childhood service based on its past history. That would be a good thing if it reduces the number of services that cut corners and that put children's safety at risk," she said.

Some centres on provisional licences had the ability to improve, but others did not and the ministry should consider the competence of the people running

a service when making its decisions, she said. Low-quality was a lot more common than official figures indicated.

"There are probably many more services breaching minimum standards because they know they can get away with it than are on the official record," she said.

The head of the Teacher Advocacy Group, a support group for early childhood teachers, Susan Bate, said the ministry should hurry up and change the rules, particularly around provisional licences.

"The thing that we really need to look at is the ability of the ministry to cancel licences for centres that have been endlessly on a provisional licence," she said. "I don't think that should even be up for discussion, I think that should have been dealt with a long time ago — just do it," she said.

The documents said further changes would be made in 2022 and 2023.

Early childhood researcher Mike Bedford said he hoped the next round of changes would include much better ratios of teachers to children.

"We need an improvement on teacher: child ratios absolutely as soon as we can get it. It's the number one priority, because the ratios at the moment are a cause of stress right the way through the sector," he said. — Radio NZ

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Paramedics vote for strike action

AUCKLAND — Paramedics say morale among their St John colleagues is the lowest they've ever seen it, and they hope a planned strike will help secure better working conditions.

The majority of First Union's 1100 ambulance members are said to have voted to strike — believed to be the first time paramedics in New Zealand have ever walked off the job. It comes after a breakdown in negotiations with St John over negotiations around shift rates, some proposed salary cuts and changes to rosters.

Union organiser Sarah Stone said St John was still refusing to pay the 1.25 shift rate agreed to after bargaining last year, and the charity wanted to reduce the wages of dispatchers and call takers by up to \$10,000 per year.

Additionally, Stone said during bargaining St John confirmed they wanted to remove minimum staffing levels, hours and places of work from the Collective Agreement.

"None of this is good enough, and First Union members are taking action after being taken advantage of by their employer for far too long."

She said ambulance crews voted to take full strike action, and the first 24-hour withdrawal of labour would take place on November 25.

Trevor Hill is a paramedic in Hamilton and said the decision to walk off the job didn't come lightly, but crews were exhausted.

"We feel really, really undervalued, we feel St John don't really care."

Having been a paramedic for 12 years, Hill said he was paid \$60,000 a year, but working an extra 12 hour shift every week he managed to earn around \$90,000. He said the extra pay that St John agreed to last year for shift pay would bring him up to around \$90,000 a year — without having to work overtime.

"Instead of having to work 60 hours a week I would only have to be working 45 hours a week, and that would have a massive, massive impact on my family and my lifestyle."

Hill said when he filled in as shift manager he would send out more than 200 texts asking staff to work, and not get one response — which he put down to staff burnout.

St John believes its latest pay offer is an improvement — it's touting it as the biggest pay correction in the history of the ambulance service.

Deputy chief executive Sue Steen said the offer it had made to ambulance staff was significant — including 1.15 shift rates and committing to maintain predictable rostering arrangements. She said if increased penal rates were awarded it would not be possible to offer other parts of the remuneration progression package.

"We are able to make this unconditional offer following confirmation by the government that they will provide a sufficient contribution to enable the full implementation of the independent pay review," she said.

Two ambulance workers' unions have taken the offer to their members for ratification — she said the issue over penal rates would be heard by the Employment Court next year. — RNZ

First live export since loss of ship in typhoon 4750 cattle set to sail from Napier today

NAPIER — The Yangtze Fortune livestock ship has arrived in Napier Port to take cattle to China.

The ship berthed yesterday morning from Australia and is due to transport live cattle to China.

It is set to leave today at 10.30pm, according to the Napier Port shipping schedule, with close to 5000 cattle on board.

It is thought to be the first live export ship leaving under new rules enacted by the Government following the sinking of the Gulf Livestock 1.

The livestock carrier capsized in a typhoon in the East China Sea in September with 43 crew and close to 6000 cattle on board. Forty one people are believed to have perished.

Following the tragedy, the Government put a temporary ban on live exports, which expired on October 23 but a "conditional prohibition" remained in place until the end of November when the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) will have discretion to consider applications for Animal Welfare Export Certificate (AWEC) applications for livestock exports.



CONDITIONAL PROHIBITION: MPI will conduct a post-loading review after animals have been loaded.

Hawke's Bay Today picture

MPI has introduced extra requirements including restricting stock numbers to 90 percent of current limits; requirements for voyage reporting, including daily veterinary reports during voyages and increased minimum fodder requirements ensuring at least 20 percent of feed is available for unplanned delays.

It also includes focused maritime inspection of livestock carrier ships entering New Zealand to transport livestock by Maritime New Zealand as an additional safeguard.

An MPI spokesperson said MPI received an Animal Welfare Export Certificate application for the shipment of up to 4750 cattle.

"But this will be approved only if, and when, MPI has conducted a post-loading review to ensure we are completely satisfied with the conditions on board and all existing and new requirements have been met," the spokesperson said.

"The approval of an AWEC is also dependent on Maritime NZ signing off on its focused maritime inspection of the ship."

The inspections of the animals, on-board conditions and the vessel involve a surveyor, MPI veterinarians and Maritime NZ staff.

The post-loading inspection will take place once the animals have been loaded and the schedule for loading is still flexible and dependent on factors such as berth availability and transport logistics of the animals to the ship.

Animal rights organisation Safe held a protest outside the port on Saturday.

Safe chief executive Debra Ashton said it was an "incredibly successful" day with about 100 people in attendance.

A review of live animal export which was ordered in 2019 is yet to be released.

— Hawke's Bay Today

New HIV test-kit vending machines may help end transmissions

AUCKLAND — Getting an HIV test could now be as simple as getting a packet of chips or a soft drink.

It's hoped new test-kit vending machines could help end HIV transmissions in New Zealand.

"It's touchscreen — answer a couple of questions and it spits out a test, it's that easy," says New Zealand AIDS Foundation's Russell Bradshaw, who's been leading a pilot scheme for the HIV test vending machines.

"We've been able to reach quite a number of men who haven't been testing regularly which has been really great to see."

Last year 212 people were diagnosed with

HIV in New Zealand. Quarterly testing is recommended for those at risk.

With no need to visit a GP or clinic, the free vending machine is another option for those who may want to be discreet.

"The key is to remove as many of the barriers as possible," says New Zealand AIDS Foundation CEO Jason Myers.

"We're reaching those people that might not have tested frequently or may indeed have never tested."

The pilot study found 28 percent of those who accessed the machine hadn't had an HIV test in at least a year.

Myers says HIV is most dangerous when it's

undiagnosed.

"They're not just not getting the care and treatment they need, they could also be passing HIV on inadvertently," he says.

The self-test is free, it comes in a plain box, and can easily be done at home.

"Simply swab the top of your gums, swab the bottom of your gums, place it in the liquid, and 20 minutes later you've got your result," Bradshaw says.

And there's support for anyone who tests positive from the New Zealand AIDS Foundation.

The vending machines will start in Auckland with plans to expand to other parts of the country. — Newshub

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NZ kids more obese, unhappy

Auckland — A new report shows obesity and unhappiness are becoming issues in Kiwi children, despite most of them living busy lives in supportive families.

Obesity and mental wellbeing are among a raft of measures the University of Auckland researchers examined in their study Growing Up in New Zealand, which released its Now We Are Eight: Life in Middle Childhood report today.

It continues the series of 'Now We Are' reports by the university, where the lives of more than 6000 children born in 2009 and 2010 are followed.

Growing Up in New Zealand principal investigator Professor Susan Morton said the report provides a unique portrait of the everyday reality of young Kiwi children.

The study found that 34 percent of eight-year-olds are classed as overweight or obese, compared to 14 percent of pre-school-aged children.

The report says that of those children classified as obese, two-thirds stated they wanted to be smaller.

The children lead busy lives, with more than half being involved in extracurricular activities such as sport or music. But along with this, the children also spend increasing amounts of time using screens.

Ninety-five percent said they had access to at least one device at home and they averaged nearly three hours of passive screen time a day. Twelve percent said they often felt worried about their safety online and a quarter of mothers surveyed reported concerns about their children's online experience.

Professor Morton said average screen time has almost doubled since the pre-school years and it's apparent that children are using devices more at home and school.

While most children are growing up in supportive family environments — with 95 percent of mothers saying they regularly express physical affection with

their child — one in ten children were reported as regularly witnessing either psychological or verbal conflict between their mother and her partner.

Two in three children also don't eat enough vegetables and one in three drank two or more fizzy drinks in the past week.

Material hardship and not being able to afford everyday necessities is still a common experience for some children, especially those living in high deprivation areas:

One in ten children experienced material hardship and this was more common for children who identified as Maori or Pasifika.

Seventeen percent of mothers reported they "sometimes" ran out of food but 3 percent said this "always" happened for them.

Professor Morton said their research showed that around one-third of children had experienced persistent deprivation throughout their early lives.

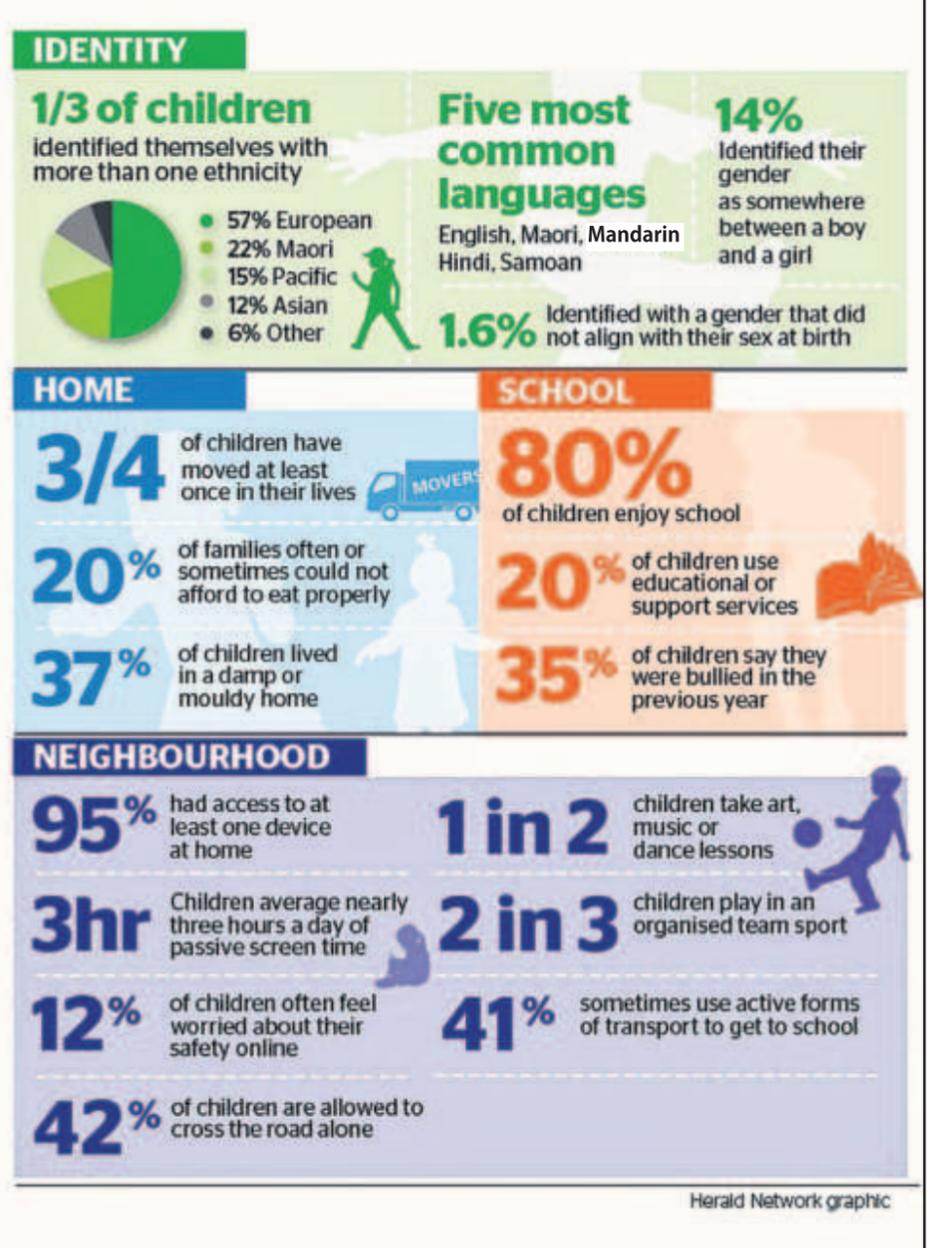
She said by the age of eight, these children were more likely to be experiencing poorer mental wellbeing than those who had not experienced poverty at any time in their early years.

"We know from previous research that children who experience persistent poverty in early life are more likely to face a multitude of poorer outcomes in adult life, but we also know that some children thrive despite experiencing ongoing adversity," she said.

"We will be following these children's stories carefully to learn more about what supports and protects children through hardship and what allows them to thrive and flourish as they transition from childhood into adolescence."

She said the report could help develop policies and services to support children growing up in New Zealand.

"The information (the families) provide helps us learn more about what supports families and whanau and what enables all young children growing up in Aotearoa today to thrive." — Newshub



Staying put helps keep JJ thriving

by Isaac Davison, NZ Herald

AUCKLAND — JJ Mariner has one thing that many kids his age do not.

The 11-year-old, who is one of 6000 children tracked in the Growing Up in NZ study, has lived in the same house in Papatoetoe his entire life. He has also attended just one school.

"We are renting . . . but we have been here since the time JJ was born," said his mother Linda.

"I just know that there is such a housing crisis, and a lot of our families struggle and kids have to move around quite a bit.

"I think we've been blessed in that respect."

For most New Zealand children taking part in the study, shifting house had become a common occurrence, and often meant a change of school or community. Three-quarters of participants shifted between age 6 and 8 alone, some of them multiple times.

Linda said their home was owned by family, so they had security and did not face sudden rent rises. She believed that JJ's stable housing and school situation had probably helped him thrive.

Like many other kids in middle childhood, he was happy and busy — learning the saxophone, in the school maths team, playing basketball



HOUSING SECURITY A BENEFIT: Linda Mariner says son JJ's stable housing and school situation has given him and the family security. NZ Herald picture

and dodgeball. He was a digital native and liked coding and robotics.

Linda, a social worker, said she felt more protective towards him than other parents. He was not allowed to ride his scooter to school until he turned 9 years old, and that was mostly out of necessity — she had to go to work at another school.

JJ watched about two hours of television a day, but his Xbox and iPad use was limited to the weekend. At age 8 — when JJ was last interviewed for the study — he had a growing sense of who he was. Unlike his

parents, who identified mainly as Samoan, he was also claiming his Canadian heritage.

Like a third of New Zealand children, he had experienced bullying at school.

His mother said: "Now that he's older and he's not an athlete, he's really tall and big for his age, and because he is an avid reader and into those sorts of things he does get labelled by other kids who think he should be more a certain way."

The family was thinking about choosing an out-of-zone intermediate school which might better nurture his interests.

Kids' waits for dental help 'just too long'

by Nikki Preston, NZ Herald

AUCKLAND — About half of Kiwi kids are estimated to be missing out on having annual checkups at community dental centres as the effects of lockdown mean the kids with the highest risk of tooth decay are prioritised.

Last year almost a quarter of children enrolled at a Community Oral Health Service faced delays in getting treatment, and Covid's effects mean a longer wait is likely this year.

The Ministry of Health warns it could "take some time" for service to return to pre-Covid levels.

The NZ Dental Association says waiting up to three years for an appointment is too long and it's calling on the ministry to change its funding rules so private dentists can help ease the burden.

President Katie Ayers said the NZDA had raised the issue about kids being overdue for their checkups about two years ago and lockdown had only exacerbated the problem.

Ayers, a Hamilton-based paediatric dentist, said while no official figures had been released, it was her understanding only about half of kids had their annual check up and the other 50 percent were still waiting.

While the average callback time was 12 months, some district health boards were calling back low-risk

children only every 18 months which under the current circumstances could result in them only being seen two or three years later, she said.

"Children can be experiencing pain, have significant levels of decay, could have erupted new teeth with significant problems . . . that is just too long for children to be waiting."

Private dentists — including Ayers' clinic — were also seeing a substantial rise in the number of children visiting their clinics because they couldn't be seen by the community oral health service and their parents were prepared to pay the fee of about \$150.

Under the current criteria, the Government will only fund children visiting a private clinic if they have an acute issue and cannot get into their community clinic.

The ministry said it was up to each DHB to decide the level and mix of services they provide with the funding allocated.

The NZDA last week wrote to Dr Riana Clarke, the ministry's national clinical director of oral health, suggesting some options to help ease the backlog and get children seen in a more timely manner.

Clarke said the Community Oral Health Services, run by the DHBs, were actively addressing Covid's effect on overdue examinations, including forming a cross-DHB working group to share ideas and innovations.

SFO making calls about America's Cup funding

by Hamish Rutherford, NZ Herald

AUCKLAND — The Serious Fraud Office (SFO) appears to be looking into the use of taxpayer funding of the America's Cup, with its director, Julie Read, making calls to senior government officials about an investigation which largely cleared a company closely tied to Team New Zealand.

After days of refusing to comment on revelations in The New Zealand Herald last week about its handling of whistleblower complaints about America's Cup Event Limited (ACE), a company set up to run next year's regatta and largely funded by taxpayers, the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) confirmed that its chief executive, Carolyn Tremain, had spoken to the SFO, possibly on more than one occasion.

"We can confirm that the secretary for MBIE (Tremain) and the director of the SFO have had discussions about this matter," a spokesman for MBIE said.

MBIE has refused to answer questions about whether as a result of its investigation it provided material to police or the SFO, or if the SFO had asked it to provide information. A spokesman for the SFO confirmed the contact but refused to elaborate or say whether the organisation had begun an investigation.

A Team NZ spokesman said no one from the SFO had contacted anyone at the organisation or ACE.

"Our only information that we have ever had regarding the SFO has been that MBIE told us that they had considered it in January when discussing options,"

Team NZ chief executive Grant Dalton said.

Previously, MBIE has minimised the issues at ACE as being about record keeping, largely overlooking sharp criticism of ACE's governance.

When a summary of the final version of an audit into ACE was released, MBIE issued a joint statement with Team



TOTAL VINDICATION: Am CUP 2021 regatta to be raced in Auckland. According to a MBIE spokesman, it can be confirmed that the secretary for MBIE and the director of the SFO have had discussions about America's Cup Event Limited. File picture

New Zealand and Auckland Council welcoming its findings and looking forward to the event.

Team New Zealand chairman Sir Stephen Tindall said the investigation amounted to "total vindication" but has refused to be interviewed since.

ACE operates from within Team New Zealand's base on the Auckland waterfront and shares Dalton as its chief executive. It will receive up to \$40 million from taxpayers to run the world's oldest sailing regatta and associated events.

In July the Herald revealed that MBIE had raised concerns about ACE and had asked forensic accountants Beattie Varley to investigate.

As well as looking into whether a loan had been reclassified as a design fee, Tremain alluded to concerns around "poor governance including suggestions that records should be retrospectively amended".

Team New Zealand went to court to prevent the Herald from revealing the details of an initial report.

After the Herald revealed the probe and prepared to disclose its contents, MBIE froze funding to ACE.

Two months later, the final Beattie Varley report concluded it had seen no evidence that event money had been misapplied or of misappropriation of funds. MBIE resumed funding after the final report was released.

Several weeks later, a heavily redacted version of the full report was released, revealing the elaborate lengths Team New Zealand went to to justify the \$3m payment.

Over time, MBIE's statements about the investigations have subtly changed. Initially it claimed the probe was an attempt to look into the allegations of the whistleblowers.

Later it admitted the probe was not an attempt to test the veracity of statements made to it by ACE.

Last weekend the Herald revealed that Beattie Varley and MBIE had refused to take other evidence from the whistleblowers during the second phase of the investigation. This included a recording of an ACE meeting in which Dalton spoke of the need to "boogie the numbers" in relation to a disputed \$3m design fee.

The Herald also revealed emails which appeared to be at odds with what ACE told the investigation on the key questions of whether a \$3m fee — apparently a charge for boat design — was initially a loan from ACE to Team New Zealand.

Just hours before confirming the SFO's involvement, MBIE defended its investigation. It has refused interview requests from the Herald for more than two months and has refused to allow Beattie Varley to speak to the Herald.

Beattie Varley's conclusion about the \$3m "design fee" appeared to hinge on the account of former Team NZ chief financial officer Greg Kemp, whose account to the

forensic accountants appeared to be at odds with the emails published by the Herald.

MBIE clarified that the investigation was not an attempt to look into the whistleblowers' claims, but only to examine whether ACE was meeting the terms of the contract under which MBIE agreed to pay it up to \$40m of public money.

"The process was run in a way that allowed Beattie Varley to get the information they needed to determine if ACE and ETNZ have complied with their respective obligations under (the Host Venue Agreement)," Cossar said.

Initially MBIE appeared to suggest the Beattie Varley report was an attempt to look into the claims, rather than an examination of the terms of a contract. "There were claims, we looked into it, the report's come back. I don't know how many other times we can point that out," MBIE media official Anthony Bull said in an interview in early September.

A copy of the whistleblowers' claims was accidentally released to the media after ACE's lawyers, Lee Salmon Long, overlooked redacting it from court documents which were about to be released.

Meanwhile, the head of the Public Service Commission, a body which oversees behaviour in the public sector, has hinted it may become involved over MBIE's handling of the investigation into the audit.

"On the issues the Herald reported on Saturday 30 October, these are matters for the chief executive of MBIE to answer in the first instance," Peter Hughes, the Public Services Commissioner said. "It may then be appropriate for other authorities to become involved. That may include the Public Service Commission."

Hughes also revealed that a director of ACE — who he would not name — had approached the commission "about the actions of MBIE". After meeting MBIE, Hughes said he had concluded he did not need to take part any further.

Dalton said ACE "would welcome an independent review of MBIE's actions and process by the Public Service Commissioner or Ombudsman".

Stock markets rocket on Covid vaccine hopes

NEW YORK — Stocks surged on Monday (local time), and Wall Street is catapulting back to record heights on a burst of hope that the global economy can get back to normal following encouraging data about a potential coronavirus vaccine.

The S&P 500 was 3.2 percent higher in afternoon trading after Pfizer said an early peek at its vaccine data suggests the shots may be 90 percent effective at preventing Covid, though that doesn't mean its release is imminent. The index at the heart of many 401(k) accounts is on track to close at an all-time high for the first time in more than two months.

Global markets also got a boost from a resolution to the long, market-bruising battle for the White House. Democrat Joe Biden over the weekend clinched the last of the electoral votes needed to become the next president.

Treasury yields and oil prices burst higher as the vaccine news allows investors to feel confident about a stronger economic recovery on the way.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury shot up from 0.81 percent before the announcement to 0.95 percent, a very big move for the bond market and one that shows stronger confidence in the economy. The key rate touched its highest level since March earlier in the morning. US oil jumped 8.9 percent.

Stocks of companies that most need the economy and the world to return to normal for their profits to heal led the way.

A 13.6 percent surge for Chevron and 11.3 percent jump for The Walt Disney Co. amid hopes that people will start driving and flying to theme parks again helped the Dow Jones Industrial Average leap 1355 points, or 4.8 percent, to 29,679, as of 1:35pm Eastern time.

Cruise operators, airlines and owners of office buildings and shopping centres were among the market's biggest winners on expectations people will feel comfortable again riding elevators to a desk or shopping in enclosed stores.

Carnival surged 35.9 percent, though it's still down by more than half for 2020 so far. It led a resurgence for what are called "value stocks" ones whose prices look cheap and had gotten left behind by the rest of the market through the pandemic.

"People are buying those because they see a light at the end of the tunnel," said Todd Morgan, chairman at Bel Air Investment Advisors.

If a vaccine for Covid-19 does indeed pan out, analysts say it's a "game changer" and just what the market had been waiting for. It underscores again how the coronavirus and its effect on the economy are the dominant concerns for investors, much more than who wins what in Washington.

The 90 percent effectiveness rate for Pfizer's potential vaccine is what struck Ajay Rajadhyaksha, head of macro research at Barclays.

"If that proves to be correct, it is a significant positive surprise and increases the odds of a quicker return to normality," he said.

Pfizer jumped 11.1 percent as its announcement indicates the company and its German partner, BioNTech, are on track to file an emergency use application for their Covid-19 vaccine with US regulators later this month.

Some investors weren't able to participate immediately, though. — AP

SHAREMARKET YESTERDAY

WELLINGTON — The New Zealand sharemarket had plenty of positives to chew over and revelled in one of its strongest trading days for several weeks, with a2 Milk making a big rebound.

The S&P/NZX 50 Index climbed 1.83 percent to 12,562.20, a record close. There were 106 gainers over the whole market of 182 stocks and just 32 decliners. Volume was solid with 43 million shares worth \$150m changing hands.

Harbour Asset Management portfolio manager Shane Solly said the markets have taken on a positive tone, with US futures up 1.5 percent. "You have a more predictable, more collegial Democratic President Joe Biden and a Republican-led Senate.

"There will be less risk of a blow-out in

the Budget and increasing inflation with the Republican-led Senate, but still some good economic stimulus. Biden will allow an improvement in global trade, and China has put out some economic data showing it is in expansionary mode."

Solly said the latest developments from the leading Covid vaccine contenders will be known this month and Australian biotech company CSL has started making and stocking up on the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine.

After taking a slide over the past few weeks, a2 Milk rose 64c or 4.32 percent to \$15.45 on increased share transactions worth \$25 million.

Solly said the daigou selling channel is recovering in Melbourne and latest research shows a2 Milk product is well received in the

mother and baby stores in China, with parents using the product longer for children up the age of 3 or 4 years.

Synlait, 20 percent owned by a2 Milk, gained 43c or 7.82 percent to \$5.93 before it went into a trading halt pending an announcement. Synlait sent a note to brokers saying it is looking to raise capital and trading may not resume till November 13.

Market heavyweight Fisher & Paykel Healthcare increased 84c or 2.33 percent to \$36.95, Mainfreight was up \$1.45 or 2.7 percent to \$55.25, Ebos Group gained 18c to \$25.88, and Chorus, which is planning to make a \$200m bond offer, jumped 31c or 3.59 percent to \$8.95.

Freightways rose a further 18c or 2.08 percent to \$8.85, having steadily risen from \$8.40 on October 29 when it told shareholders at its annual meeting the business was in good

heart.

The energy companies are now benefiting from a demand in green renewable stocks. Contact was up 10c to \$7.85, Meridian rose 24c or 4.25 percent to \$5.89, Mercury gained 18c or 3.29 percent to \$5.65, and Trustpower increased 8c to \$7.36.

Summerset Group Holdings climbed 43c or 4.10 percent to \$10.93, and rival retirement village operator Ryman Healthcare rose 21c to \$14.91.

Heartland Bank Limited has cut its already-low floating home loan rate to 2.50 percent — the lowest of any NZ bank — and its share price rose 4c or 3.08 percent to \$1.34. AFT Pharmaceuticals climbed 22c or 4.25 percent to \$5.40, after saying it is getting closer to US Food and Drug Administration approval for its Maxisic pain relief tablet. — NZ Herald

EDITORIAL

Set for 2021 rollout of Covid vaccines

News today that the first vaccine to prevent Covid-19 should be available from late this year has been labelled a “great day for science and humanity” by its developers, New York-based multinational Pfizer and German company BioNTech.

Their excitement at the “milestone” results is shared around the medical science community involved in a global effort that has seen vaccines developed, being tested and on their way towards delivery in months, compared to the usual five to 15 years. It is also a massive relief globally as many countries deal with surging cases of coronavirus and the Covid-19 disease, to know that effective vaccination is not only possible but the first supply is imminent.

Preliminary analysis shows this vaccine can prevent more than 90 percent of people from getting Covid-19. About 43,000 people have been given the vaccine — an experimental approach that involves injecting part of the virus’s genetic code in order to train the immune system — and no safety concerns have been raised.

Pfizer and BioNTech say they will have enough safety data by the third week of November to take their vaccine to regulators and seek emergency approval for public use.

They say they will be able to supply 50 million doses by the end of this year, and about 1.3 billion doses by the end of 2021 — enough to vaccinate 650m people, as each person needs two doses. New Zealand signed a deal last month for 1.5m doses of this vaccine, if it proved successful.

More than 150 Covid-19 vaccines are in development across the world and about a dozen are in the final stages of testing — known as phase three trials, involving more widespread testing in humans; this is the first to show any results.

Normally only about 10 percent of vaccine trials are successful, with about a 50 percent success rate for those that reach phase three trials. A BBC report says the hope is that the odds will be higher this time, because of the global focus, new alliances and common purpose.

Some other leading candidates have also said they hope to have their vaccines approved by the end of this year, although the World Health Organisation doesn’t expect widespread vaccinations against Covid-19 until the middle of 2021.

With initial supply limited, reducing deaths and protecting healthcare workers will be prioritised — then vulnerable populations. Looking around the world, it does seem like near-Covid-free New Zealand should be down the pecking order.

Aquifer recharge vs surface water storage

Re: Waiting for a meaningful plan, November 7 column.

While it is great to have ideas put forward, it does make me wonder if Mr Bibby has taken the time to review published material regarding freshwater management for the region and the associated documentation regarding the Managed Aquifer Recharge project.

Gisborne is blessed with many things but suitable locations for large surface water storage is not something we have in abundance. This was identified in the MAR project when alternatives were considered.

Also, if a storage reservoir was built there is a lot of additional infrastructure to be installed to distribute water from where it is stored to where it gets used.

This was a significant part of the MAR proposal, as it allows water to be distributed for free under a large proportion of the Flats.

The freshwater management plan is a ground-breaking publication

which outlined many strategies for the improved management of our water resource, and methods to ensure that resource is available for people and industry for now and in the future.

MATHEW BANNISTER

No need to wonder any more Mr Bannister. Actually, I am the first to commend all those involved with the testing of the managed aquifer recharge project.

They appear to have proved that the theory can work in practice.

Unfortunately, what they can’t and will never be able to prove is the simple “pub test” of reliability under all extreme climatic conditions.

That doesn’t mean that it can’t be a valued part of the total freshwater delivery system.

Just that no engineer worthy of the name would be prepared to recommend Government stump up the cash for a reticulation system hooked up to such an unreliable source that could not be guaranteed to meet the demand in every instance. That is because nobody is or will be

able to guarantee that the recharge water will be available in the quantities we need when we want it.

There are a number of reasons why this limiting factor will remain as such, but the most obvious one is that we have no way of knowing whether the source of the recharge water will be sufficiently unpolluted or available in the quantities we require to satisfy the needs of all users from both urban and rural sectors.

Why else do you think that every East Coast region (except us) is either looking at or is in the process of building a system of supply based on massive freshwater storage capacity, when every one of them could have taken the option to use the aquifers they have (like us) under their arable plains? It is all about reliability and quality of supply.

And yes, we do have options for water storage sites, either by enlarging the capacity of existing dams that are not earthquake-prone like the Pungia complex or in the Motu catchment that’s probably the best option on a reliable rainfall basis.

CLIVE BIBBY

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, ONLINE COMMENTS

Clearly biased, arrogant

Re: US election result — more of the same? November 7 column.

The only fraud here is you Gwynne Dyer. Pulling the wool over people’s eyes by not reporting truths and pushing such clearly biased opinions (not news) is disgraceful but typical of such media hacks as yourself and the rest of mainstream media. No wonder the majority of Americans do not trust you and watch episodes of SpongeBob

SquarePants in much greater numbers than CNN, MSNBC etc etc. Should 70 million Americans who voted for the dreaded “Orange Man Bad” be allowed out without adult supervision? Your arrogance really knows no bounds! I think the numbers are against you on this one Gwynne and it is you sounding like the petulant baby. Grow up and retire — please!

TIM STEWART

Fearing port freight levy?

Re: The Shipping News. On Friday (TGH Nov 6) there was a small news item from an unnamed Eastland Port official informing us that October was great for export cargo. The word “great” was in quotes; a word much favoured by a former US president.

Not so many years ago the shipping news was a reason to buy a newspaper. In 1993 “The Shipping News” won a Pulitzer Prize for literature. Perhaps our port (owned by a community trust) is afraid to draw attention to the fact that 293,000 tonnes of unprocessed logs passed free of charge over our local roads. That’s about 6000 truckloads in a 20-day period; say, 300 a day. Maybe port officials are afraid the

council will consider imposing a freight levy on them to recoup part of the district’s roading costs.

In fact, council staff are working up a proposal for councillors to rubber stamp which will impose a higher road tax on selected (targeted) foresters. Better and more efficient of course if the council collected the payment at the point of destination — namely, the port; in the same way our airport charges for parking. It would reduce the port’s profits (revenue \$37.5 million in 2018) and management bonuses, but why should the port get the free benefit of our roads when it is, itself, the prime driver of the road repair bill?

WINSTON MORETON

Happy to host live music . . .

Re: Promoting a playlist to showcase local music, November 6 story.

Would be happy to host local

artists down in the harbour as a live music venue.

GRANT, Wharf Bar

On the taxing of toilets

Re: Toilet pan tax.

Quite simple. No one pees or poos any more, whether they are at work or at home.

When ya gotta go, ya gotta go. So why rate industrial or schools more than homes?

It should be more residence focused, than any other. After all, most of the food is eaten there — it just gets deposited in other areas.

Easy to have a flat rate on all properties . . . oh but this house only has one occupant, the next has eight.

Number of toilets doesn’t change the fact of how many bums are on them.

Next you’ll have schools pulling up half their toilets, to keep in budget.

JON GARDNER

An attitude with baggage

Re: Christianity under attack, November 9 letter.

Hi Anne, have you had an opportunity to closely study European history to any great extent? If you have, can you please share with me how the acts of violence perpetrated by people who called themselves God-fearing Christians pleases your God?

I am thinking about Christian believers’ centuries of extreme violence towards women (starting with burning women on stakes); I am thinking about Christians systematically murdering, enslaving, displacing or sublimating indigenous peoples of many nations; I am thinking about the Crusades, when Christians took it upon themselves to wage war in ‘the Holy Land’ upon Muslims; I am thinking about the way Christians in positions of trust have (in more recent times) traumatised innocent

children in care.

Perhaps you can help me understand how Christianity is better than other supernatural belief systems?

Whilst recognising your right to your opinions, I must admit I find your rhetoric offensive.

LARA MEYER

That’s not very Christian of you Anne, to label all other religions as false and following pagan gods. That was exactly the type of Christian attitude towards other people’s beliefs that invoked the Christian Crusades, the problems arising between Protestants and Catholics, and the Roman inquisitions that persecuted those not abiding by god’s laws.

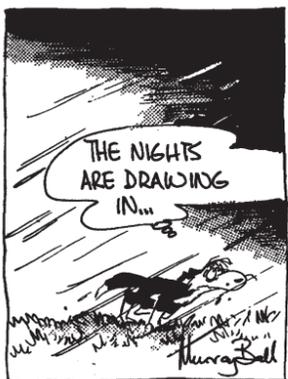
The idea that “my god’s bigger and better than your god” has been a contributing factor towards chaos and cruelty throughout history.

Man was certainly made in god’s image: egotistical, jealous, selfish and violent.

BAZ DAVIES

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Trump dismisses defence secretary Mark Esper

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump fired Defence Secretary Mark Esper on Monday, a stunning move on the heels of Trump's failed re-election bid.

Presidents who win re-election often replace Cabinet members, including the secretary of defence, but losing presidents have kept their Pentagon chiefs in place until Inauguration Day to

preserve stability in the name of national security.

Trump announced the news in a tweet, saying that "effective immediately" Christopher Miller, the director of the National Counterterrorism Centre, will serve as acting secretary, sidestepping the department's No.2-ranking official, Deputy Defence Secretary David Norquist.

"Chris will do a GREAT job!" Trump tweeted.

"Mark Esper has been terminated. I would like to thank him for his service."

Esper's strained relationship with Trump came close to collapse last summer during civil unrest that triggered a debate within the administration over the proper role of the military in combatting domestic unrest. Esper's opposition to using active duty troops to help quell protests in

Washington, DC, infuriated Trump, and led to wide speculation that the defence chief was prepared to quit if faced with such an issue again.

Officials familiar with internal discussions say Esper has been ready to resign for months, and as rumblings about Trump's unhappiness with him have grown, he's taken additional steps to prepare to step down. — AP

Ensuring a smooth transition

Trump faces calls to work with Biden team on transfer of power

WILMINGTON, Delaware — President Donald Trump is facing pressure to co-operate with President-elect Joe Biden's team to ensure a smooth transfer of power when the new administration takes office in January.

The General Services Administration is tasked with formally recognising Biden as president-elect, which begins the transition. But the agency's Trump-appointed administrator, Emily Murphy, has not started the process and has given no guidance on when she will do so.

That lack of clarity is fuelling questions about whether Trump, who has not publicly recognised Biden's victory and has falsely claimed the election was stolen, will impede Democrats as they try to establish a government.

There is little precedent in the modern era of a president erecting such hurdles for his successor. The stakes are especially high this year because Biden will take office amid a raging pandemic, which will require a comprehensive government response.

"America's national security and economic interests depend on the federal government signalling clearly and swiftly that the United States government will respect the will of the American people and engage in a smooth and peaceful transfer of power," Jen Psaki, a Biden transition aide, tweeted on Sunday.

The advisory board of the nonpartisan Centre for Presidential Transition also urged the Trump administration to "immediately begin the post-election transition process and the Biden team to take full advantage of the resources available under the Presidential Transition Act".

Biden, who was elected the 46th president on Saturday, is taking steps to build a government despite questions about whether Trump will offer the traditional assistance.

He is focusing first on the virus, which has already killed nearly 240,000 people in the United States. Biden on Monday announced details of a task force that will create a blueprint to attempt to

bring the pandemic under control that he plans to begin implementing after assuming the presidency on January 20.

Former Surgeon General, Dr Vivek Murthy, ex-Food Drug Administration Commissioner Dr

David Kessler and Dr Marcella Nunez-Smith, a Yale University associated professor and associate dean whose research focuses on promoting healthcare equality for marginalised populations, are its co-chairs.

Biden pledged in remarks on Monday to work with "governors and local leaders of both parties" to craft a response to the coronavirus pandemic and called on Americans to "put aside the partisanship and the rhetoric that's designed to demonise one another" and come together to fight the virus.

"It's time to end the politicisation of basic responsible public health steps, like mask wearing and social distancing," he said.

"We have to come together to heal



HIGH STAKES: President Donald Trump is being urged to co-operate with president-elect Joe Biden when it comes time to transfer the power to Biden. So far, Trump has been reluctant to recognise his loss. AP picture

the soul of this country so that we can effectively address this crisis as one country, where hardworking Americans have each other's backs, and we're united in our shared goal: defeating this virus."

In his statement announcing the task force, Biden said that tackling the pandemic is "one of the most important battles our administration will face, and I will be informed by science and by experts."

"The advisory board will help shape my approach to managing the surge in reported infections; ensuring vaccines are safe, effective and distributed efficiently, equitably and free; and protecting at-risk populations," he said.

There are also 10 members, including two former Trump administration officials: Rick Bright, who said he was ousted as head of the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority after criticising the federal government's response to the coronavirus, and Luciana Borio, who until last year was a biodefence specialist on the National Security Council.

The remainder of the panel includes experts with expertise in a number of areas, including Eric Goosby, who was President Barack Obama's global AIDS co-ordinator.

Biden was also launching agency review teams, groups of transition staffers that have access to key agencies in the current administration.

They will collect and review information such as budgetary and staffing decisions, pending regulations and other work in progress from current Trump administration staff at the departments to help Biden's team prepare to transition.

But that process can't begin in full until the GSA recognises Biden as president-elect. The definition of what constitutes a clear election winner for the GSA is

legally murky, making next steps unclear, especially in the short term.

The GSA's leadership is supposed to act independently and in a nonpartisan manner, and at least some elements of the federal government already have begun implementing transition plans. Aviation officials, for instance, have restricted the airspace over Biden's lakefront home in Wilmington, Delaware, while the Secret Service has begun using agents from its presidential protective detail for the president-elect and his family.

George W Bush, the only living Republican former president, called Biden "a good man, who has won his opportunity to lead and unify our country".

But other Republicans, including Senator Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, urged Trump to continue pursuing legal challenges related to the election, making a bumpy transition more likely.

Transition planning also may hinge on two Senate races in Georgia that have advanced to a January 5 runoff. If Republicans hold those seats, they'll likely retain the Senate majority and be in a position to slow confirmation of Biden's top Cabinet choices and complicate his legislative goals, including calls for expanding access to healthcare and bolstering the post-pandemic economy with green jobs and infrastructure designed to combat climate change.

That could test Biden's campaign pledge to move past the divisiveness of the Trump era and govern in a bipartisan manner.

While Biden's aides acknowledged it would be easier for him to get his proposals enacted with Democrats controlling the Senate, Stef Feldman, the policy director on his campaign, said Biden has been known for working with Republicans to move legislation.

"The president-elect's plan will remain the president-elect's plans regardless of who wins the Senate majority, and he will work with colleagues across the aisle in order to get it done," she said. — AP



DIFFERENT SITUATION: Russian President Vladimir Putin has not offered his congratulations to President-elect Joe Biden, despite being one of the first to congratulate Trump on his 2016 win. AP picture

Putin holding off on offering congratulations

MOSCOW — Russian President Vladimir Putin won't congratulate President-elect Joe Biden until legal challenges to the US election are resolved and the result is official, the Kremlin announced on Monday.

Putin is one of a handful of world leaders who have not commented on Biden's victory, which was called by major news organisations on Saturday. But President Donald Trump's team has promised legal action in the coming days and refused to concede his loss, while alleging large-scale voter fraud, so far without proof.

When Trump won in 2016, Putin was prompt in offering congratulations — but Trump's challenger in that election, Hillary Clinton, also conceded the day after the vote.

Putin's spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters on Monday that this year is different. "Obviously, you can see that certain legal procedures are coming there, which were announced by the incumbent president — therefore this situation is different, so we consider it correct to wait for the official announcement," he said.

The leaders of China, Brazil and Turkey are also holdouts in offering congratulations. And Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador also said he would wait to comment until the legal challenges were resolved.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin offered a similar explanation of why President Xi Jinping has stayed silent.

"We understand the presidential election result will be determined following US laws and procedures," he said.

A senior Turkish official said Ankara also was waiting for the various legal challenges to be settled before congratulating "the winner".

"Turkey will congratulate the winner as soon as the results of the election will become official as part of the respect it has for the US people and democracy," said Omer Celik, spokesman for President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's ruling party. "We are waiting for the final results... because there are objections and other disputes."

Celik said Turkey knows both Trump and Biden and is prepared to work with "whichever wing" is the winner.

Peskov suggested that when the time comes, a congratulatory message from Putin would come with all the expected protocol. — AP

Landmark Covid vaccine results

Pfizer says vaccine trial is looking 90 percent effective

NEW YORK — Pharmaceutical corporation Pfizer has announced that early results from its coronavirus vaccine suggest the shots may be 90 percent effective at preventing Covid-19, putting the company on track to apply later this month for emergency-use approval from the Food and Drug Administration.

The announcement, less than a week after an election seen as a referendum on President Donald Trump's handling of the crisis, was a rare and major piece of encouraging news in the battle against the scourge that has killed more than 1.2 million people worldwide, including almost a quarter-million in the United States alone.

"We're in a position to be able to offer some hope," Dr Bill Gruber, Pfizer's senior vice president of clinical development, told The Associated Press. "We're very encouraged."

Dr Anthony Fauci, the US government's top-infectious disease expert, said the results suggesting 90 percent effectiveness are "just extraordinary", adding: "Not very many people expected it would be as high as that."

"It's going to have a major impact on everything we do with respect to Covid," Fauci said as Pfizer appeared to take the lead in the all-out global race by pharmaceutical companies and various



COVID PROTECTION: Pfizer said an early peek at its vaccine data suggests the shots may be 90 percent effective at preventing Covid-19.

AP picture

countries to develop a well-tested vaccine against the virus.

Dr Bruce Aylward, the World Health Organisation's senior adviser, said that Pfizer's vaccine could "fundamentally change the direction of this crisis" by March, when the UN agency hopes to start vaccinating high-risk groups.

Still, Monday's announcement doesn't mean for certain that a vaccine is imminent: This interim analysis, from an independent data monitoring board, looked at 94 infections recorded so far in a study that has enrolled nearly 44,000 people in the US and five other countries. Some participants got the vaccine, while others got dummy shots.

Pfizer Inc. cautioned that the protection rate might change by the time the study ends. Even revealing such early data is

highly unusual.

Dr Jesse Goodman of Georgetown University, former chief of the FDA's vaccine division, called the partial results "extremely promising" but ticked off many questions still to be answered, including how long the vaccine's effects last and whether it protects older people as well as younger ones.

Also, whenever a vaccine does arrive, initial supplies will be scarce and rationed, with priority likely to be given to healthcare workers and others on the front lines. Pfizer has estimated that 50 million doses of its two-shot vaccine could be available globally by the end of 2020, which could cover 25 million people.

Global markets, already buoyed by the victory of US President-elect Joe Biden, exploded on the news from Pfizer.

The S&P 500 surged 3.7 percent after the opening bell, and the Dow Jones Industrial Average was up more than 1300 points.

The timing of Pfizer's announcement is likely to feed unsubstantiated suspicions from Trump supporters that the pharmaceutical industry was withholding the news until after the election. Donald Trump Jr tweeted: "The timing of this is pretty amazing. Nothing nefarious about the timing of this at all right?"

Pfizer Chairman and CEO Albert Bourla said on CNBC that the election was always an artificial deadline and that the data was going to be ready when it was ready. The independent data monitors met on Sunday, analysing the Covid-19 test results so far and notifying Pfizer.

"I am very happy," Bourla said, "but at the same time, sometimes I have tears in my eyes when I realise that this is the end of nine months, day-and-night work of so many people and how many people, billions, invested hopes on this."

Scientists have warned for months that any Covid-19 shot may be only as good as flu vaccines, which are about 50 percent effective and require yearly immunisations.

Earlier this year, Fauci said he would be happy with a Covid-19 vaccine that was 60 percent effective.

Pfizer opted not to join the Trump administration's Operation Warp Speed, which helped a half-dozen drugmakers accelerate their vaccine testing and helped fund the work. Instead, Pfizer funded all its testing and manufacturing costs itself. The company said it has invested billions of dollars. — AP

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Glimmers of hope emerge in Europe

LISBON — Portugal and Hungary on Monday became the latest European countries to impose curfews against the resurgent tide of coronavirus infections and deaths lashing the continent and filling its emergency wards.

But glimmers of hope emerged from France, Belgium and elsewhere that tough restrictions might be starting to work.

Portugal, which like other European countries has seen new cases and hospital admissions surge in recent weeks, imposed a state of emergency and ordered some seven million people — around 70 percent of its population — to stay home on weeknights from 11pm to 5am for at least the next two weeks. They'll be even more limited over the weekends, allowed out only in the morning until 1pm, unless to buy essentials at supermarkets.

Portugal's government warned that the measures may be broadened and prolonged if they prove insufficient.

Hungary also imposed its strictest measures so far: an 8pm to 5am curfew announced by Prime Minister Viktor Orban. All businesses must close by 7pm.

Other measures in Hungary mirrored those becoming depressingly familiar across Europe, including limits on eateries and sports events, family gatherings limited to 10 people and remote learning for high school and university students. The restrictions kick in at midnight (local time) and will remain for at least 30 days.

The French government has gradually ratcheted up from localised curfews and bar closings to what is now a full-blown nationwide lockdown, albeit with schools and essential businesses open.

Health Minister Olivier Veran said early indications are that the measures may be starting to slow the latest virus surge and that it would "have flared up faster and stronger" without them.

Still, the situation in French hospitals



LOCKDOWN MEASURES: European nations have introduced new restrictions aimed at limiting the spread of the Covid-19, and the results look promising. AP picture

and nursing homes was grim, with emergency wards approaching saturation levels and some sick patients being evacuated from struggling hospitals to others that still had space. With more than 1.8 million infections since the start

of the pandemic, France has Europe's highest total of recorded cases and the fourth-highest worldwide.

Other European nations also reported the fledgling beginnings of a possible turnaround. — AP

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Exiled former leader returns to Bolivia

LA PAZ, Bolivia — The former president of Bolivia, Evo Morales, has crossed from Argentina into Bolivia almost a year after he went into exile.

Morales resigned and left Bolivia in November 2019 amid mass protests over allegations of vote rigging in the presidential election.

He said he would return to Bolivia if his Mas party won the re-run of the election, which it did on October 18.

The former president was received by hundreds of supporters at the border.

Morales was Bolivia's first indigenous

president and led the country for almost 14 years.

Following his departure from Bolivia in November 2019, members of the right-wing interim government accused Morales of sedition, terrorism and statutory rape.

A judge issued an arrest warrant for the former leader, but last month that order was annulled, paving the way for him to return without fear of being detained.

Morales had long said that he would return to Bolivia if his socialist Mas

party, which he continues to lead, won the re-run of the disputed 2019 election.

While Luis Arce, the candidate for the Mas party, had been leading in the polls, he surprised many observers by winning outright in the first round.

Since his election win, Arce has distanced himself somewhat from Morales, stressing in a BBC interview that "I am not Evo Morales".

But Morales retains the support of many Mas activists in his power base in Cochabamba province, where he says he is now headed. — BBC

UN envoy lays out strategy for financing climate battle

LONDON — The UN's special envoy for climate change on Monday laid out a strategy for financing efforts to cut carbon emissions, calling on companies to be more transparent about their efforts and the impact rising temperatures will have on their operations.

Mark Carney, the former governor of the Bank of England, said 126 countries have committed to achieving net-zero carbon emissions, and investors overseeing more than \$140 trillion are demanding that companies do more to assess the risks and opportunities of climate change.

But, he said, more needs to be done to secure the trillions of dollars in private investment needed to slow the rise in global temperatures.

Carney's speech to financial leaders in London comes as the UK prepares to host the next UN climate summit, known as COP26, a year from now in Glasgow. The summit's goal is to ensure the world meets the Paris climate accord's goal of limiting global temperature rises to no more than 1.5 degrees.

"When the world's governments set the goal of net zero and over \$100 trillion of capital are demanding action, at a minimum, major companies need to disclose whether the assumptions in their financial accounts are aligned with Paris," Carney said. "In other words, are they joining us on the Road to Glasgow or not?"

The comments come at a crucial moment for climate campaigners. The US, which withdrew from the Paris Agreement under President Donald Trump, is expected to rejoin the accord once President-elect Joe Biden takes office.

Carney has long championed the notion that making companies accountable for their impact on the planet is the first step toward reducing greenhouse gases.

He said on Monday that companies need to go further by disclosing the risks climate change poses to their businesses and their plans for the future. Investors such as banks, insurance companies and investment funds should also disclose how their choices are aligned with climate goals, he said.

Later on Monday, the UK's Treasury chief, Rishi Sunak, said he would force British companies to reveal the impact they are having on the environment as the country moves to meet a net zero target by 2050. Companies will have until 2025 to get in line with the rules.

He also announced plans for "green sovereign bonds", in hopes to position the UK as the hub of green finance before COP-26.

Carney also called for the creation of new markets, particularly in carbon offsets, to facilitate investment in the projects needed to meet climate goals, the most cost-effective of which are in the developing world.

Carbon offsets occur when a polluter pays someone else to reduce their emissions, then receives credit for those reductions. These credits can then be used to offset the polluter's own emissions, reducing net releases into the atmosphere.

While demand for such offsets is likely to soar as more companies commit to net-zero emissions, this market "barely exists", Carney said. — AP

Storm Eta makes landfall

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida — A deluge of rain from Tropical Storm Eta caused flooding on Monday across South Florida's most densely populated urban areas, stranding cars, flooding businesses, and swamping entire neighbourhoods with fast-rising water that had no place to drain.

The system made landfall in the Florida Keys and posed a serious threat across South Florida, which was already drenched from more than 35 centimetres of rain last month.

"Never seen this, never, not this deep," said Anthony Lyas, who has lived in his now-waterlogged Fort Lauderdale neighbourhood since 1996. He described hearing water and debris slamming against his shuttered home overnight.

After striking Nicaragua as a Category 4 hurricane and killing nearly 70 people from Mexico to Panama, the storm moved into the Gulf of Mexico early on Monday near where the Everglades meet the sea, with maximum sustained winds of 85kmh.

"It was far worse than we could have ever imagined, and we were prepared," said Arbie Walker, a 27-year-old student whose Fort Lauderdale apartment was filled with 13 to 15 centimetres of water.

"It took us 20 minutes to navigate out of our neighbourhood due to the heavy flooding in our area," Walker added.

Eta hit land late on Sunday as it blew over Lower Matecumbe, in the middle of the chain of small islands that form the Keys, but the heavily populated areas of Miami-Dade and Broward Counties bore the brunt of the fury.

It is the 28th named storm of a busy Atlantic hurricane season, tying the 2005 record for named storms. Hurricane season lasts until November 30.

By mid-afternoon on Monday, the storm was about 225 kilometres west-southwest of the Dry Tortugas, moving southwest at 26kmh. It was expected to slow down and strengthen overnight. Rain and wind were felt as far north as the Tampa Bay Area.

Forecasters said the system could intensify again into a minimal hurricane as it slowly moves up the southwest Gulf



FLOODED NEIGHBOURHOOD: On Monday, Tropical Storm Eta made landfall in the Florida Keys and flooded parts of South Florida. AP picture

Coast. It is just far enough offshore to maintain its strength while dumping vast amounts of water across the lower third of the Florida peninsula.

Fort Lauderdale Mayor Dean Trantalis called it a 100-year rain event.

"Once the ground becomes saturated, there's really no place for the water to go," Trantalis said. "It's not like a major hurricane. It's more of a rain event, and we're just doing our best to ensure that the people in our community are being protected."

City officials dispatched some 24 tanker trucks with giant vacuums to soak up water from the past few weeks. Some older neighbourhoods simply do not have any drainage. The city also passed out 6000 sandbags to worried residents over the weekend, but water seeped into homes and stranded cars in parking lots and along roadways.

"There was just so much rain in such a short amount of time there was nowhere for it to go," said Fort Lauderdale

resident Morgan Shattuck, who took photos of flooding on her street that showed swiftly moving water near the top of vehicles' wheels.

Randi Barry, 36, also woke up on Monday to flooded streets outside her home in Fort Lauderdale, and joined her neighbours in helping people whose cars were stuck in high water.

"There are a lot of people with their doors open, getting furniture up to higher ground and trying to get water out of their homes," Barry said. "Everyone is helping each other out a lot."

A truck-trailer was left dangling off the elevated Palmetto Expressway in Miami, the Florida Highway Patrol reported. The driver lost control on the wet, slick road and suffered minor injuries, CBS 4 in Miami reported.

"Please take this storm seriously," urged Palm Beach County Emergency Management Director Bill Johnson. "Please don't drive through flooded roadways." — AP

Russian military helicopter shot down in Armenia

YEREVAN, Armenia — Azerbaijan said on Monday that it shot down a Russian military helicopter that was flying over Armenia. Two Russian servicemen were killed.

The helicopter was shot down as it flew near the border with the Azerbaijani exclave of Nakhchivan, which is surrounded by Armenia, Iran and Turkey. The area is distant from Nagorno-Karabakh, the region where Armenian and Azerbaijani forces have been fighting heavily since late September.

The Russian Defence Ministry said earlier that the aircraft was outside the conflict area.

But a statement from the Azerbaijani Foreign Ministry said the conflict was a factor in the incident. The ministry noted that the helicopter was flying in the dark at low altitude and "in the context of these factors and in light of the tense situation in the region and increased

combat readiness in connection with possible provocations of the Armenian side, the duty combat crew decided to open fire to kill".

Azerbaijan has been making advances in Nagorno-Karabakh and seemingly scored a majority victory on Monday. A spokesman for the Nagorno-Karabakh region's government said Azerbaijani forces took control of a strategic city in the separatist territory and were nearing its capital.

The seizure of Shushi — which Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev had claimed a day earlier — is the most significant military development since fighting between Azerbaijani and Armenian forces over Nagorno-Karabakh restarted in September.

The region lies in Azerbaijan but has been under control of ethnic Armenian forces backed by Armenia. — AP



CONFLICT: President Ilham Aliyev said that Azerbaijani forces had taken control of the strategically important city in Nagorno-Karabakh, where fighting with Armenia has raged for over a month. AP picture

‘Extremely disappointing’

Principal’s concerns led to inappropriate behaviour by Ministry staff

by Anusha Bradley, RNZ

WELLINGTON — Ministry of Education staff who subverted communications with a school principal after he raised safety concerns about a proposed bus stop, acted “inappropriately” and their behaviour is “extremely disappointing,” the Ministry says.

Emails obtained under the Official Information Act show the staff pretended to get in touch with Elsthorpe School principal Sandy Crawford, who had repeatedly invited the Ministry to a public meeting on October 9, 2019 to explain their proposal to cut the bus service and instal a new stop, without success.

In the days leading up to the meeting, the Ministry’s national operations manager of transport Steve Guiney wrote to regional transport advisor Janice Kennerley and another official Lucy Jackson asking Kennerley to give the appearance of trying to get in touch with Crawford about the meeting, while actually trying to avoid him.

“Can you head off a requirement to participate in a public meeting (which will be filled with angry parents of ineligible children) and meet with the principal instead,” Guiney wrote.

He then asked his staff member to prove they had attempted to make genuine attempts to talk to Crawford.

“You must try to reach the Principal/ Board . . . show me a trail of attempts to talk via official means with this principal. I am not at all in favour of you or anyone fronting to discuss policy with people who are ineligible to receive the benefits of at policy,” he wrote.

Kennerley responded she had done just that, by calling Crawford when she knew he was not there.

“As below, I did try Elsthorpe School at 2.13pm but no reply. As per Lucys email, the principal is away at the principals conference so not unexpected.”

‘Inappropriate’ emails

The Ministry conceded the emails sent by its staff were “inappropriate” and “extremely disappointing.”

“The internal email was inappropriate. It is extremely disappointing and does not reflect the high standards of integrity and accountability expected of Ministry of Education staff,” MoE head of education infrastructure Kim Shannon told RNZ.

She declined to say if any action had been taken against those staff.

“It is not appropriate to discuss individual employment matters; however, I have made it clear to all my staff that I expect us to conduct ourselves



IRRESPONSIBLE AND IGNORANT: Emails and a phone call to a principal when he was not at school were used to give the appearance of trying to get in touch with him, while actually trying to avoid him says the Ministry of Education. Picture supplied

with professionalism, integrity and accountability at all times.

“On this occasion, we fell well short of the high standards expected of us for which I apologise.”

No apology has been offered to Crawford.

“The only communication I have had was confirmation the bus review has been held over until 2021 because of Covid-19 this year,” Crawford told RNZ.

Safety concerns dismissed

The emails, obtained by Elsthorpe community member and former RNZ journalist Peter Fowler, also show safety concerns about the proposed bus stop were repeatedly dismissed by the Ministry and Nimon bus company, which was responsible for carrying out a safety check.

In July last year, Crawford wrote to Kennerley calling for the status quo to remain as the new stop “is on a dangerous blind corner, whereas the current one is safe and serves the community well”.

Nimon’s senior staff, including its chief executive Katie Nimon, dismissed those concerns.

“We have half a plan to back into the driveway of 1235 Kahuranaki Rd,” Nimon school service manager Garth Nimon wrote, saying there was “reasonable vision and enough space” to turn a school bus on the blind corner.

Kennerley also accused the community of using safety as an excuse to keep the status quo.

“I would say safety is the smoke screen being used to keep the bus going to the

current terminus for the High School students . . . once again explained closest schools.”

It was only after the community asked the police to carry out its own safety check, which found the stop at 1234 Kahuranaki Road was unsuitable and dangerous, that the proposal was abandoned.

School capacity not a factor

Former Tukituki MP Lawrence Yule told the public meeting in Elsthorpe last year, he had met with Ministry officials in Wellington about the bus issue, where it was implied that overcrowding at Havelock North schools was one of the reasons for the proposed change.

While Elsthorpe students were eligible to attend those schools, they were not eligible for a Ministry-funded bus to get there and it was policy to only transport to their closest school, which was Elsthorpe Primary or Central Hawke’s Bay College.

A recent review of Havelock North schools cited they would reach capacity within five years, Yule told the meeting, whereas there were no roll pressures at Elsthorpe or Central Hawke’s Bay College.

The Ministry, however, denied this was the reason behind the route change.

“School capacity is never a factor in determining if students meet the eligibility criteria to get school transport assistance,” Shannon said.

This might be the case for Elsthorpe, but it was an argument used by officials to encourage students into less popular

schools in Taumarunui.

‘Terminate student choice’

Documents obtained by RNZ under the Official Information Act show a dramatic cut to bus services was floated as a way to reduce roll pressures in Taumarunui, where the “majority of students are not attending their closest school”.

In 2015, the Ministry proposed closing or merging several primary schools in the area because they were under-populated, but a community backlash resulted in the plan being quashed.

In July 2019, a Ministry staffer noted that many of the primary schools were still empty because students “are currently supported by the buses to attend their school of choice”.

He proposed reducing the 11 bus services to four or six in order to redirect students to their closest schools which were under-populated.

“Any reduction in bus services will terminate student choice, and will result in students no longer having a way to get to their school of choice.”

“This will be an opportunity to better align the school network in Taumarunui.”

But he also warned the community would “perceive this bus review as the MoE trying to reorganise the education network again via another avenue (ie bus review)”.

School principals in Taumarunui told RNZ they were unaware of these discussions and had never been told about the proposal.

The Ministry said there were no current plans to reduce bus services in Taumarunui.

Widespread change

Communities around the country have faced upheavals in the last year as hundreds of school bus routes have been reviewed and terminated or altered by the Ministry, figures obtained by RNZ show.

Of the 1429 daily bus services funded by the Ministry, 1227, or 85 percent, had been reviewed between July 2019 and July 2020.

More than a third of them (38 percent) had been cut or changed as a result.

The Ministry spent \$103 million a year providing daily school bus services, but the route changes only saved \$233,679.

In comparison, only 250 routes were reviewed and 190 changed during the previous two years.

A large number of reviews were completed in 2019 in preparation for bus tenders being carried out in 2020, the Ministry said.

Petition demands action over ‘potentially hazardous’ tree

CHRISTCHURCH — A petition demanding Christchurch City Council take action over a potentially hazardous palm tree in Shirley has garnered more than 105 signatures.

Residents Jo Dickson and Maurice Grant submitted the petition to the city council over their inaction to fix the broken planter box the tree sits in for the last six years.

The box, at the Palm Drive and Laguna Gardens intersection, has cracks along the side of it.

Residents are concerned that the tree could fall onto nearby pedestrians and cars at any moment.

But city council city streets maintenance manager Mark Pinner said the stability of the tree was currently of no concern as it did not present any immediate danger to road users.

Dickson was told by the city council that funding had been set aside to fix the box in 2015, but she said no work has been done since. “It’s just frustrating. A lot of people have said if we were on the other side of town, it probably would’ve been fixed already,” she said.

“It’s been put in the too-hard basket. The palm tree is in good condition, and they [council] say it was the roots that caused it.”

Last year the Papanui-Innes Community Board requested council staff to consider a range of options, such its removal, repair or replacement.

However, the city council decided to defer the decision on the tree’s future to the urban development and transport committee due to the costs involved.

Residents said they did not want the tree removed, or for it to be placed

directly into the ground instead, like others in the area. But council staff said this would compromise the structural integrity of the tree.

Dickson feared the city council would delay work for another six to eight years, which was why she started the petition in order for them to take action within the next few months.

Said Pinner: “As this feature is unique to this location, council were informed of the costs which are between \$20,000 and \$40,000. An arborist inspected the tree and it was judged to be in good health. The planter box walls are relatively low, and in a few cases, rotated slightly due to root growth.”

Dickson will be speaking more about the issue at the Urban Development and Transport Committee’s meeting next Wednesday. — RNZ



READY TO FALL: The palm tree on the corner of Palm Drive and Laguna Gardens. Residents are concerned that the tree could fall onto nearby pedestrians and cars at any moment. NZ Herald picture

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7pm Seven Sharp *M*
7.30 Paramedics MC *M*
Cam answers a dangerous callout; Amanda has a surprise to celebrate Taz's 10 years in the service; Mike and Eamon's concerns grow for a couple who have come off their motorbike.

8.30 Cold Case *M*
The last moments of pizza restaurant owner Jordan Voudouris's life, including previously unseen CCTV images.

9.30 Coronation Street PG *M*
Scott is arrested for the robbery; Michael looks to the future; Abi questions Debbie about her elusive job.

10.30 1 News Tonight *M*
11pm FINAL Sunday *M*
WEDNESDAY

12am Te Radar's Chequered Past PG *M*
Te Radar steps back in time to meet a gang of goldfield killers led by Richard Burgess.

12.30 There And Back *M*
Matt Gibb sets out to discover the people and places behind the television moments that put New Zealand towns on the map.

1am Te Karere *M*
1.25 Infomercials
5.35 Te Karere *M*
6am Breakfast *M*
9am The Ellen DeGeneres Show *M*

10am Tipping Point *M*
11am The Chase *M*
Noon 1 News At Midday *M*
12.30 Emmerdale PG *M*
Sarah suggests to Amelia that they skip school and go shopping using Al's credit card.

1pm Coronation Street PG *M*
Scott is arrested for the robbery; Michael looks to the future; Abi questions Debbie about her elusive job.

2pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show *M*
3pm Tipping Point *M*
4pm Te Karere *M*
4.30 Beat The Chef *M*
5pm The Chase *M*

BRAVO

5.20 Keeping Up With The Kardashians PG *M*
6.15 Million Dollar Listing Los Angeles PG *M*
7.30 The Bachelorette Australia PG
8.35 Marrying Millions M
9.30 Killer Couples M
10.30 Snapped M *M*
11.25 The Killer Affair M *M*
WEDNESDAY

12.15 Infomercials
10am Judge Jerry *M*
10.30 How To Look Good Naked: UK *M*
11am How To Look Good Naked: UK *M*
11.30 Snapped M *M*
12.30 The People's Court *M*
1.30 The Real Housewives Of Orange County M *M*
2.25 Vanderpump Rules PG *M*
3.20 Southern Charm PG *M*
4.20 Undercover Boss *M*
5.15 Keeping Up With The Kardashians PG *M*

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5pm The Simpsons PG *M*
5.30 The Big Bang Theory *M*
6pm Neighbours *M*
6.30 Home And Away PG *M*
7pm Shortland Street PG *M*
A young patient plucks Drew's heartstrings; Frank paints a target on his back; Maeva faces an uphill battle.

7.30 Dog Almighty *M*
In the first elimination, the dogs must overcome new obstacles and a raucous live crowd.

8.35 Young Sheldon *M*
9.30 Late Night Big Breakfast 16C *M*
10pm Will And Grace PG *M*
11pm 2 Broke Girls M *M*
11.30 The Resident MC *M*
WEDNESDAY

12.25 Station 19 PG *M*
1.15 Shortland Street PG *M*
1.40 Infomercials
2.45 2 Overnight
4.35 Emmerdale PG *M*
5.05 Neighbours *M*
5.30 Infomercials
6.30 Esme And Roy *M*
6.50 Code Fun *M*
7am New Looney Tunes *M*
7.25 Ben 10 *M*
7.50 Unikitty! *M*
8.15 Puppy Dog Pals *M*
8.40 Moon And Me *M*
9am Religious Programming
9.30 8 Simple Rules *M*
10am Neighbours *M*
10.30 Murphy Brown PG *M*
11am FINAL Grey's Anatomy MC *M*
Noon Come Dine With Me Couples
1pm Judge Rinder PG
2.05 The Middle *M*
2.35 Home And Away PG *M*
3.05 Shortland Street PG *M*
3.35 Power Rangers Beast Morphers PG *M*
4pm Brain Busters *M*
4.30 Friends *M*
5pm The Simpsons PG *M*
5.30 The Big Bang Theory *M*

CHOICE

5.30 Mysteries At The Museum PG
6.30 Salvage Hunters
7.30 The Weekend Workshop
8.30 Property Brothers: Forever Home
9.30 Laurence Of Suburbia
10.30 Salvage Hunters
11.30 Mysteries At The Museum PG
WEDNESDAY

12.30 Choccywoccydoodah
1.30 Before And After
2am Cash Cowboys
3am Love Nature: Inside The Vets
4am Laurence Of Suburbia
5am Mysteries At The Museum PG
6am The Great Interior Design Challenge
7am Choccywoccydoodah
8am Love Nature: Inside The Vets
9am Hotel Impossible
10am Before And After
10.30 Mysteries At The Museum PG
11.30 Salvage Hunters
12.30 The Weekend Workshop
1.30 Laurence Of Suburbia
2.30 Property Brothers: Forever Home
3.30 Love Nature: Great Blue Wild
4.30 Nigella Bites
5pm Jamie's 30 Minute Meals
5.30 Mysteries At The Museum PG

THREE

5pm Millionaire Hot Seat *M*
6pm NewsHub Live At 6pm
7pm The Project
7.30 FINAL Match Fit M *M*
The team of former All Blacks learn whether they have achieved the results they were hoping for, and undergo the ultimate test.

9pm NCIS: LA M *M*
Sam, Callen, and Rountree travel to Afghanistan to help with a sensitive case after two Seals claim their chief murdered an unarmed prisoner.

9.55 New Zealand Today 16 *M*
Guy finds the infamous internet celebrity Karen, who wanted her \$20 back; how will the town of Murupara get by after its last ATM is stolen? Guy has a solution.

10.25 NewsHub Late
10.55 NCIS: Los Angeles M *M*
11.50 Infomercials
WEDNESDAY

5am Infomercials
6am The AM Show
9am The Café PG
10am Infomercials
11.40 Face The Truth PG *M*
12.05 Dr Phil PG
1.05 MOVIE Megachurch Murder PG *M* 2015 Drama. Tamala Jones, Shanica Knowles, Corbin Bleu.
3pm Bondi Vet *M*
4pm The Fishing Show Classics PG *M*
4.30 NewsHub Live At 4:30pm
5pm Millionaire Hot Seat *M*

SKY SPORT 1

6pm Mitre 10 Cup (RPL)
Tasman v Canterbury.
8pm Aotearoa Rugby Pod
8.30 The Breakdown
9.30 Mitre 10 Cup (RPL)
Hawke's Bay v Wellington. From McLean Park, Napier.
11.30 The Breakdown
WEDNESDAY

12.30 Mitre 10 Cup (HLS)
Auckland v Northland.
1am Mitre 10 Cup (HLS)
Southland v Otago.
1.30 Mitre 10 Cup (HLS)
Waikato v Bay of Plenty.
2am The Breakdown
3am French Top 14 (RPL)
Toulon v Brive.
5am Mitre 10 Cup (HLS)
Hawke's Bay v Wellington.
5.30 Mitre 10 Cup (HLS)
Manawatu v Taranaki.
6am Rugby Nation
7am Tri-Nations (RPL)
Australia v All Blacks.
9am The Breakdown
10am Mitre 10 Cup (RPL)
Tasman v Canterbury.
Noon Mitre 10 Cup (RPL)
Hawke's Bay v Wellington.
2pm Aotearoa Rugby Pod (HLS)
2.30 Skipper Cup (HLS)
3pm The Breakdown
4pm Under 85kg Club Cup (RPL)
5.30 Black Ferns: Possibles v Probables (HLS)

PRIME

5pm Frasier *M*
5.30 Prime News
6pm American Restoration *M*
6.30 Shipping Wars PGL *M*
7pm The Crowd Goes Wild
7.30 Big Pacific *M*
8.30 Instinct M *M*
A discovery in a city pond has Dylan and Lizzie investigating a man's murder; an old friend reappears; Lizzie decides to embrace adventure.

9.30 Fear The Walking Dead 18VLS *M*
Led by Morgan and Alicia, the group lands in uncharted territory in search of survivors to help, but not everything is as it seems.

10.30 The Breakdown
11.40 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert PG
WEDNESDAY

12.40 Closedown
6am Ben 10: Alien Force *M*
6.25 The Loud House *M*
6.50 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles *M*
7.15 Ben 10: Ultimate Alien *M*
7.40 Double Dare *M*
8.05 Nicky, Ricky, Dicky, And Dawn *M*
8.30 Batman: The Animated Series *M*
9am A Place In The Sun *M*
10am The Doctors PGC *M*
11am Hot Bench PG
11.30 Endeavour MVLS *M*
1.30 Married... With Children PG *M*
2pm The Late Show With Stephen Colbert PG *M*
3pm Wheel Of Fortune *M*
3.30 Jeopardy *M*
4pm American Pickers PGC
5pm Frasier *M*
5.30 Prime News

MAORI TV

5pm Pipi Ma
5.05 Takaro Tribe *M*
5.20 Waiata Mai
5.30 Tamariki Haka
5.40 Te Nutube
5.50 Zoomoo *M*
6pm Darwin + Newts *M*
6.10 Purakau *M*
6.20 Paia
6.30 Te Ao Marama
7.30 Tangaroa With Pio
8pm Billy T James PGC *M*
8.30 Toa Hunter Gatherer PGC
9pm Piri's Tiki Tour PGC *M*
9.30 Hunt With Me M
10pm Hunting Aotearoa MLC *M*
10.30 Te Po Mekemeke *M*
11pm Whawhai
11.30 Closedown
WEDNESDAY

6.30 Pipi Ma
6.35 Takaro Tribe *M*
6.50 Waiata Mai
7am Te Ao Tapatahi
8am Tamariki Haka
8.10 Te Nutube
8.20 Zoomoo *M*
8.30 Cube
8.40 Huritua
8.50 Paia
9am Whanau Bakeoff *M*
9.30 Ki Tua
10am Iwi Anthems *M*
10.30 On The Ladder *M*
11am Nga Tangata Taumata Rau Te Waipounamu
Noon Billy T James PGC *M*
12.30 Tangaroa With Pio
1pm Tuku Reo Tuku Mouri *M*
1.30 Ako *M*
2pm Toku Reo *M*
3pm Korero Mai *M*
3.30 Haka Global
4pm Te Mana Kuratahi *M*
4.30 Pukana
5pm Pipi Ma
5.05 Takaro Tribe *M*
5.20 Waiata Mai
5.30 Tamariki Haka
5.40 Te Nutube
5.50 Zoomoo *M*



Cold Case
8.30pm on TVNZ 1



Late Night Big Breakfast
9.30pm on TVNZ 2



Match Fit
7.30pm on Three

RNZ NATIONAL

5pm Checkpoint
News and current affairs programme.

6.30 Trending Now
Programme highlighting the RNZ stories people are sharing online.

7.06 Nights With Bryan Crump.
10pm News At Ten
A roundup of today's news and sport.

10.15 Lately With Karyn Hay.
11.04 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 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 72 Dangerous Places To Live MVC
9.30 The Cops MV
10.30 NCIS: LA MV
WEDNESDAY

12.05 Lizard Lick Towing PG
12.30 Pawn Stars PG
12.55 Wheel Of Fortune
1.20 Jeopardy!
1.40 The Force MC
2.05 The Cops MV
2.50 72 Dangerous Places To Live MVC
3.40 NCIS: LA 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 Lizard Lick Towing PG
7.35 Pawn Stars PG
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
11.10 Lizard Lick Towing PG
11.35 Pawn Stars PG
Noon Jeopardy!
12.25 Wheel Of Fortune
12.50 72 Dangerous Places To Live MVC
1.40 The Cops MV
2.25 NCIS: LA MV
3.10 Hardcore Pawn PGL
3.35 Lizard Lick Towing PG
4pm The Simpsons PG
4.30 Jeopardy!
5pm Wheel Of Fortune
5.30 Hardcore Pawn PG

MOVIES PREMIERE

6.15 Just Mercy MC 2019 Drama. Michael B Jordan, Jamie Foxx.
8.30 Killerman 16VLC 2019 Action Thriller. A money launderer wakes up with no memory, millions in stolen cash and drugs, with a crew of corrupt cops hunting him down. Liam Hemsworth, Emory Cohen.
10.25 Judy MLC 2019 Drama. Renee Zellweger, Jessie Buckley.
WEDNESDAY

12.20 Elizabeth Harvest 16VLS 2018 Thriller. Abbey Lee, Ciaran Hinds.
2.10 Finding Steve McQueen MLS 2018 Drama. Travis Fimmel, Rachael Taylor.
3.40 John Ford: The Man Who Invented America MC 2018 Documentary.
4.33 6 Below MC 2017 Drama. Josh Hartnett, Mira Sorvino.
6.08 Downton Abbey PGL 2019 Drama.
8.08 Just Mercy MC 2019 Drama.
10.23 Killerman 16VLC 2019 Action Thriller.
12.15 Judy MLC 2019 Drama.
2.10 An Affair To Die For 16VLS 2018 Thriller.
3.35 A Little Something For Your Birthday MLS 2017 Romantic Comedy.
5.10 Ashes In The Snow MVLS 2018 Drama.

DISCOVERY

5.40 Aussie Gold Hunters PG
6.35 Aussie Salvage Squad PG
7.30 Outback Opal Hunters PG
8.30 Expedition Unknown PG
Butch Cassidy's Lost Loot.
9.25 Mission Declassified PG
Escape from Alcatraz.
10.15 Naked And Afraid MC
Amazoned Out.
11.05 Naked And Afraid XL MC
11.55 How It's Made PG
WEDNESDAY

12.20 How Do They Do It? PG
12.45 World's Deadliest Weather Caught On Camera PG
1.35 Gold Rush PG
2.25 Moonshiners M
3.15 Homestead Rescue PG
4.05 Expedition Unknown PG
4.55 Naked And Afraid XL M
5.45 Gold Rush PG
6.35 Fast N' Loud PG
Cutlass Lowrider 2/2.
7.30 Expedition Unknown PG
Lost Mexican City.
8.20 Expedition Unknown PG
9.10 Mission Declassified 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 Aussie Gold Hunters PG
12.30 Evil Lives Here MVLS
1.20 The Coroner: I Speak For The Dead PG
2.10 Top Gear
3pm Gold Rush PG
4.45 Fast N' Loud PG
5.40 Aussie Gold Hunters PG

Full flight



Bay Bramwell (right), from Wainui School, and Te Wharau School's Jake Kara sprint for the finish line at the Primary Interschool Athletics at Awapuni Stadium last week. Mangapapa School finished in first place overall, with Wainui Beach School second and Te Wharau School in third place. Picture by Liam Clayton

IN TIME

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.

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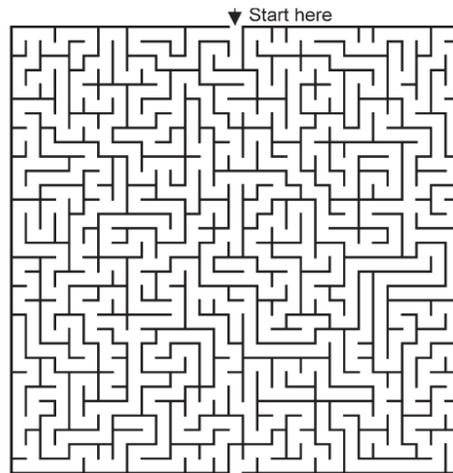
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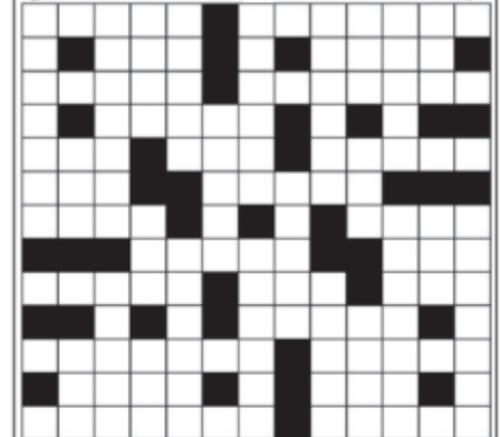
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WORD-FIT



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

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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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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HERE'S TO BEERS: Kerry Taggart and Adrian Athy contributed to the atmosphere of the Gisborne Beer Festival at The Royal venue by donning traditional Bavarian outfits. Inset top, Jamie Foster and Eve Pinfold raise their plastic glasses to a fun day out. Inset right, a few likely lads squeeze on to a couch, but there's no room for a fourth person.



COMBINED SERVICES DAY: New Zealanders who made the ultimate sacrifice or served their country in any capacity in any conflict were honoured at Combined Services Day. The City of Gisborne Highland Pipe Band (above right), including piper Dave Andrews (above) led a march from Plumbing World to the RSA, for the ceremony. Above left, Salvation Army bandsman Grant Harris played the Last Post and Reveille on the bugle. The guest speaker was Trevor Jukes (left) — a retired Corporal in the National Service.



OF ALL AGES: Old and young gathered for the Combined Services Day, which featured a commemorative parade and wreath-laying service at which three events were marked — Trafalgar Day, Remembrance Day and Armistice Day.

Pictures by Rebecca Grunwell and Liam Clayton

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CHRISTMAS CREATIVITY: Poverty Bay Horticultural Society president Rene Babbington with Christine Beard's winning entry in the Christmas table design section of the society's Summer Flower Show at Showgrounds Park and Event Centre. Left, Alan Lewington with his rose called Phar Lap.

NOTICE BOARD

Entertainment

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I AM WOMAN (M)
TUE-WED 11.20am, 2pm, 5.30pm, 8pm
IP MAN: KUNG FU MASTER (R13)
TUE-WED 11.10am, 1.10pm, 3.50pm, 6pm
THE CRAFT: LEGACY (M)
TUE-WED 3.50pm, 8.30pm
THE EMPTY MAN (R16)
TUE-WED 3.15pm, 8pm
BABY DONE (M)
TUE-WED 11.20am, 1.30pm, 5.50pm
HONEST THIEF (M)
TUE-WED 11.20am, 1.30pm, 6pm, 8.15pm
GREENLAND (R13)
TUE-WED 1.20pm, 6pm, 8pm
THE SECRET GARDEN (PG)
TUE-WED 11.10am
THE WAR WITH GRANDPA (PG)
TUE-WED 3.50pm

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Having a garage sale Saturday?
Deadline to advertise is 2pm Thursday.

Meetings




Te Iwi o Rakaipaaka will be holding its ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) ON **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2020**, in Nuhaka at Kahungunu Marae. The meeting will commence at 9.00am. MIHI / KARAKIA

Annual General Meeting Agenda:

- 2019/2020 Annual Report presenting:
 - Te Iwi o Rakaipaaka Report on activities and mahi aligning to the Strategic Pou – Manaaki Whanau; Ngati Rakaipaakatanga; Taiao; Whairawa; Our Organisation; during the preceding income year and plans for the 2020/2021 income year;
 - Financial statements 2020
- Report from the Tatau Tatau o Te Wairoa (TToTW) PSGE Rakaipaaka Representative
- AGM proposed resolutions for endorsement:
 - 2019/2020 Annual & 2019/2020 Financial Reports
 - Recommendations from the TToTW Report
 - Co-option of a Rangatahi to the Governance Board
- General Business

Authorized by Pauline Symes – Te Iwi o Rakaipaaka Chairperson

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10' aluminium dinghy, excell cond, & oars, Mercury 8hp motor needs service, \$800. Ph 862 2697 evenings.

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Readers Bargains

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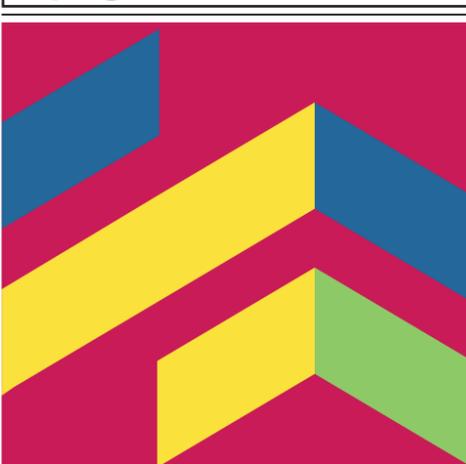
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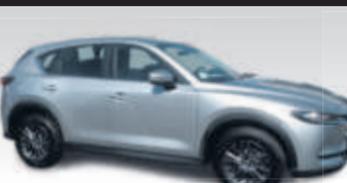
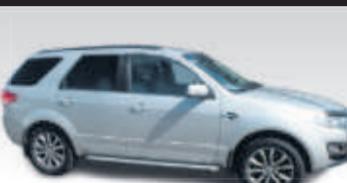
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Selections
Race 1: ZAKUNDA, SWEET KARMA, ROAD TO DIAMONDS
Race 2: VOLVIK, TURN YOUR EYES, VINEYARD MCPHEE
Race 3: BEAVERTOWN BOY, HENLEY, TAVILIGHT
Race 4: YOLO, LETHAL, CLUBCARD
Race 5: OKAY PAL, LOVEBUG, OUR ROSETTE
Race 6: OVERTHERIVER, NOMOATHAJ, CITY SLICKER
Race 7: KIWI IDA, MONZA CIRCUITO, NELLIE BLY
Race 8: SUPREME KHAN, SHOWEMHOWITSDONE, ELIZABETH ROSE
Race 9: SENSEI, MORWEKA, PRINCESS AMELIE
Race 10: ANYTHINGCOULDHAPPN, BEACHED AS BRO, ZELENSKI
Race 11: HYPNOS, COMMUNIQUE, GERMANICUS
Race 12: ALBARON, BEAUDZ WELL, BOTTI

10 55261 Sacred Caga (5) 58.5 62 D Johnson
11 88230 Trekolure (13) 56.5 52 T Moseley
12 37532 Turn Your Eyes (3) 56.5 53
13 46537 Last Letter (14) 56.5 52 A Ballou
14 s0803 Chitter Chat (9) 56.5 51 R Beeharry (a3)
15 — Mistletoe SCRATCHED
16 64936 The Empress (20) 56.5 50 M McNab
EMERGENCIES:
17 s6503 Point Break (17) 58.5 51
18 23000 Super Tap (2) 56.5 45
19 52466 Road To Diamonds (6) 56.5 51
20 45440 Blackjakk (15) 56.5 49 S Weatherley
21 70774 Miss Fendt (19) 56.5 50
22 00684 Mazzoni (1) 58.5 50

14 s25s8 Deebewiththstars (15) 56.5 51 K Kwo (a2) S Collett
15 333 Yolo (12) 55 53
16 63 Da Vinci Girl (1) 55 51
EMERGENCIES:
17 93484 Henley (11) 58.5 51 S Toolooa (a3)
18 4 Beavertown Boy (7) 58.5 50 T Harris
19 6s41 Caddy Smith (19) 59 63
20 74 Seikrid (4) 55 50
21 07464 Wondering (22) 56.5 50
22 7s040 Glory Chance (5) 56.5 49

13 — Ritani SCRATCHED
14 s7111 Irish Girl (16) 55 72 S Collett
15 1142 Aimee's Jewel (12) 55 70 L Allpress
16 55s13 Severine (14) 55 69 K Asano (a)
EMERGENCIES:
17 8s080 Gifted (10) 55 65 T Jonker
18 — Blackbook SCRATCHED
19 s4016 Belindabella (1) 55 61
20 — Lady Byron SCRATCHED

10 62508 Queen Jetsun (13) 54 62 S Wynne
11 65s67 Pop 'n' Rock (2) 54 62 C Campbell (a1)
12 — Remark SCRATCHED
13 49100 Pearl Davone (14) 54 60 C Barnes
14 02500 Qwerty (12) 54 60 K Mudhoo
15 00709 Pickup (10) 54 55 S Collett
16 00590 Producer (8) 54 55 A Ballou

1 Touchdown Car Rentals Premier 11.25 \$15,000, maiden, 2000m

1 — Point-Break SCRATCHED
2 00684 Mazzoni (6) 58.5 50 T Comignaghi
3 62409 Nons The Name (4) 58.5 50 C Grylls
4 s7742 Zakunda (12) 58.5 52 M McNab
5 90905 Battlinaway (18) 58.5 47 D Bothamley
6 s9005 Kristofferson (17) 58.5 47 M Cameron
7 70 Open Range (14) 58.5 45 K Mudhoo
8 s9074 Tappy's Lad (11) 57 50 C Johnson
9 52466 Road To Diamonds (9) 56.5 51 S J Macnab (a1)
10 23000 Super Tap (2) 56.5 45 G Jogoo
11 45440 Blackjakk (10) 56.5 49 C Barnes
12 87740 McGowan (21) 56.5 49 C Barnes
13 70774 Miss Fendt (3) 56.5 50 S Collett
14 — Qiji-Olympia SCRATCHED
15 08565 Nifty (19) 56.5 47 A Ballou
16 77845 Sweet Karma (8) 55 50 T Moseley
EMERGENCIES:
17 79066 Shelby Devine (5) 56.5 45 M Gestain (a4)
18 69s76 Parkview (22) 58.5 45 L Allpress
19 s0077 Sweet Dreams (7) 56.5 45
20 80888 Not Usual Wings (13) 58.5 45
21 30070 On The River (15) 58.5 45
22 90600 Shelob (16) 56.5 45
23 8s097 Shining Bright (20) 58.5 45
24 00000 Magie Noire (1) 58.5 45

3 Romano's Pizzas Premier 12.32 \$15,000, maiden, 1400m

1 93484 Henley (14) 58.5 51 T Harris
2 4 Beavertown Boy (5) 58.5 50 S Collett
3 35868 Barrett (18) 58.5 45
4 — Listenlikethieves SCRATCHED
5 6s41 Caddy Smith (6) 59 63
6 s0984 Tavitlight (2) 57 50 M McNab
7 8 Hay There (7) 57 46 A Ballou
8 7s040 Glory Chance (11) 56.5 49 R Mudhoo (a2)
9 00s66 Nymphadora Tonks (10) 56.5 45 M Cameron
10 07464 Wondering (17) 56.5 50 D Bothamley
11 00847 Vague (4) 56.5 49 G Jogoo
12 85959 Anjarden (19) 56.5 48 C Barnes
13 0 Katchin Feelings (12) 56.5 46 C Johnson
14 Ego Tripper (9) 56.5 45 Z Bohlah (a3)
15 74 Seikrid (16) 55 50
16 0s9 Purple Rain (15) 55 45 T Comignaghi
EMERGENCIES:
17 08s Lady Camorra (1) 56.5 45 K Mudhoo
18 4s097 Popcorn Kate (8) 55 45
19 8081 Santissima (13) 55.5 63
20 s0s08 Sombra Deamor (3) 56.5 45

5 Champion Flour Premier 1.42 \$30,000, rating 65 benchmark*, 1000m

1 94624 Fortune Patch (10) 60 65 S Toolooa (a3)
2 50430 Ottavio (3) 59 63 S Collett
3 106s Okay Pal (4) 58.5 62 M McNab
4 08415 Lovebug (9) 58.5 62 R Mudhoo (a2)
5 31354 Ripa Ruby (6) 57.5 64
6 4s638 Lovebug (11) 56.5 65 S Weatherley
7 1535s Ohio Showgirl (5) 56.5 65 M Gestain (a4)
8 25s02 Our Rosette (1) 56.5 64
9 07230 Riverfalls (12) 56.5 60
10 09510 Tennessee Rock (2) 56 61 R Beeharry (a3)
11 77720 Walkthysway (7) 55.5 63 S J Macnab (a1)
12 s80s0 Spring Blossom (8) 54.5 58 C Barnes
13 00 Lightning Ridge (13) 54 45

8 Haase Marshall Drainage Premier 3.29 \$30,000, 3yo sw+p, 1400m

1 11 Supreme Khan (2) 58.5 67 D Johnson
2 12061 Eva James (3) 57.5 73 S Wynne
3 6s41 Caddy Smith (12) 57.5 63 M McNab
4 s0984 Tavitlight (10) 56 50
5 419L6 Showemhowitsdone (7) 55.5 70 M Cameron
6 9461 Choux In (8) 55.5 63 G Jogoo
7 81 Ocean Point (15) 55.5 63 K Mudhoo
8 36621 The Gift (9) 55.5 63 K Asano (a1)
9 6234 Elizabeth Rose (13) 54 63 C Grylls
10 63 Da Vinci Girl (14) 54 51
11 84 Avaquinnella (11) 54 50 T Comignaghi
12 74 Seikrid (6) 54 50
13 00486 Decisive (5) 54 48 S J Macnab (a1)
14 0869 No Rigarmarole (4) 54 46 T Jonker
15 4s097 Popcorn Kate (1) 54 45

11 16th Coupland's Bakeries Mile 5.14 \$230,000, group 2 open handicap, 1600m

1 s4140 He Kin Fly (9) 59 94 R Cuneen
2 03s21 Hypnos (4) 57 90 D Johnson
3 15s07 Germanicus (14) 56.5 89 T Harris
4 7s025 Wild Jack (12) 56.5 89 T Comignaghi
5 s0040 Killarney (15) 56.5 87 S Weatherley
6 42112 Communique (5) 54 88 C Grylls
7 13s01 Lightning Jack (3) 54 84 L Allpress
8 07s33 Vigor Winner (16) 54 84 M Cameron
9 301s1 Picture Me Rollin (2) 53.5 87 S Wynne
10 01113 Flying Saurde (6) 53 86 R Mudhoo (a)
11 s2492 Shirley Maude (7) 53 86 C Johnson
12 02407 Torre Del Greco (10) 52.5 85 S J Macnab (a)
13 8s809 Age Of Fire (11) 52 79 S Collett
14 s5150 The Growler (13) 52 79 B Murray
15 23s33 Beneficial (8) 52 78 T Moseley
16 22047 Tobilicious (17) 52 78 K Asano (a)
17 — El-Bee-Jack SCRATCHED
18 71624 Bronte Beach (1) 52 71

2 NZB Rtr Sale 18-19 Nov Premier 11.56 \$30,000, maiden, 2000m

1 59223 Gerry Joyce (8) 58.5 54 K Mudhoo
2 43s02 Vineyard McPhee (12) 58.5 54 S Collett
3 85343 Eisenhower (7) 58.5 52 G Jogoo
4 8s023 Ifthappensagain (21) 58.5 53 T Harris
5 04862 Maxwell (10) 58.5 52 C Grylls
6 s9s62 Yulong Lanson (11) 58.5 52 S O'Malley (a3)
7 738 Goodanya (4) 58.5 50 D Bothamley
8 00820 Mr Fahrenheit (18) 58.5 51 C Johnson
9 23452 Volvik (16) 56.5 54 S Wynne

4 Bidfood Processing Premier 1.07 \$30,000, maiden, 1400m

1 0s252 Against All Odds (9) 58.5 54 C Campbell (a1)
2 63225 Jack Knows Best (6) 58.5 54 T Comignaghi
3 22363 Sutherland (13) 58.5 54 K Mudhoo
4 323s2 The Ace (8) 58.5 54 K Asano (a1)
5 54472 Lethal (2) 58.5 52 D Johnson
6 0s2 Our Echo (3) 58.5 52
7 45255 Soviet Wonder (21) 58.5 52 C Grylls
8 3233s Hey Soul Sister (16) 56.5 54 C Johnson
9 452s7 Clubcard (14) 56.5 52 S Weatherley
10 22265 Russian Fable (20) 56.5 53 R Cuneen
11 335 Drift On By (17) 56.5 52 T Moseley
12 05s60 Easy On The Eye (18) 56.5 51 M Cameron
13 20 Wannabe 'n' Paris (10) 56.5 51 D Bothamley

6 Halls Transport Premier 2.17 \$40,000, open handicap, 2000m

1 44032 Who Dares Wins (9) 62 97 S Wynne
2 s4954 Camino Rocosco (4) 60 93 C Johnson
3 14710 William Wallace (1) 57.5 87 S J Macnab (a1)
4 83085 Overtheriver (11) 56 85 K Asano (a1)
5 s9006 Neeson (7) 55.5 84 D Johnson
6 — Beauty-Star SCRATCHED
7 1s904 Sister Monica (2) 54 78 T Comignaghi
8 11433 Dr Velocius (8) 54 77 R Mudhoo (a2)
9 71161 Nomoathaj (10) 54 76 C Grylls
10 62762 City Slicker (6) 54 74 L Allpress
11 00108 Oceans Away (3) 54 67 C Barnes
12 3s866 Take The Deal (5) 54 59 S Collett

9 Lindauer Stewards Stakes 4.04 \$100,000, group 3 open handicap, 1200m

1 471s9 Enzo's Lad (12) 60 102 S Weatherley
2 055s3 Sensei (9) 58 98 M McNab
3 s6571 Johnny Jones (11) 55.5 93 T Comignaghi
4 5s060 Prince Oz (13) 55 92 T Moseley
5 56336 Rocanto (8) 54 90 K Asano (a)
6 12s11 Wekaforce (10) 53.5 97 L Allpress
7 95312 Turncoat (7) 53.5 89 S Wynne
8 05s37 Morweka (5) 53 86 M Cameron
9 821s6 Miss Federer (4) 53 81 S Collett
10 85s74 Princess Amelie (2) 53 80 D Johnson
11 4s458 Fibonaccii (6) 53 75 S J Macnab (a)
12 5s114 Puysegur (3) 53 72 C Grylls
13 s3146 Louie Louie (1) 53 67 C Johnson
14 — Walkthysway SCRATCHED

12 Amicus Ins. Brokers Premier 5.49 \$30,000, rating 65 benchmark*, 2500m

1 — Green-Dispatch SCRATCHED
2 82622 Ying Resolute (12) 60 65 K Kwo (a2)
3 11233 Albaron (9) 59.5 64
4 51445 Beaudz Well (21) 59.5 64 T Harris
5 49211 Botti (1) 61 68
6 59713 Our Boy Ritchie (20) 59 63 R Mudhoo (a2)
7 07241 Whero (3) 59 63 D Bothamley
8 88033 Fantasy Flight (6) 58 65 T Moseley
9 66206 Hillersden (4) 58 61 M Cameron
10 82061 Ekstrememiss (17) 57.5 64 D Johnson
11 47158 Madam De Soir (16) 57.5 64 T Comignaghi
12 9s0s2 Vazza's Gift (19) 57 63 L Allpress
13 08552 Zareeba (23) 57 63 C Grylls
14 91016 Betathedeviluno (13) 56.5 62 C Barnes
15 66158 Raise Your Sights (7) 56.5 62 C Johnson
16 s9648 Red River Rock (11) 56.5 62 K Asano (a1)
17 04034 Hot Tap (1) 56 61 S Weatherley
18 00777 Seemax (2) 55.5 60 C Campbell (a1)
EMERGENCIES:
19 04954 The Sainly One (5) 57 59 L Callaway
20 09867 Francis Drake (18) 57 59
21 90073 Rumour Has It (14) 54 57
22 09664 Magic Ivan (22) 56 57
23 s0040 Villaret (15) 55.5 56
24 09905 Shock And Awe (8) 54 55

7 Canterbury Breeders' Stakes 2.52 \$80,000, group 3 f&m sw+p, 1400m

1 s6832 Kiwi Ida (9) 58 104 C Johnson
2 32s07 Monza Circuito (8) 55 86 R Mudhoo (a)
3 50131 Karalino (13) 55 85 C Grylls
4 03656 Belle Fascino (4) 55 84 S Wynne
5 3223s Nellie Bly (17) 55 82 M McNab
6 12612 Scarfi (15) 55 82 D Johnson
7 s0752 Quintuple Twins (7) 55 81 M Cameron
8 560s7 Xcuses Xcuses (5) 55 81 C Barnes
9 76s21 Excelleration (11) 55 80 H Schofer (a)
10 30s24 Zabay (2) 55 76 C Campbell (a)
11 22s91 All About Magic (3) 55 75 T Comignaghi
12 56244 Meara Mary (6) 55 74 S Weatherley

10 Rfi Premier 4.39 \$30,000, rating 74 benchmark, 1800m

1 07000 Albut Me (3) 59 72 S Toolooa (a3)
2 20s98 Anythingcouldhappn (6) 58 74 C Johnson
3 59000 Ritani (11) 57.5 71 D Bothamley
4 20821 Beached As Bro (1) 59.5 74
5 32613 Monkey Shoulder (4) 57 68 T Comignaghi
6 33100 Jin Lu (9) 56.5 67 B Murray
7 s0155 St Andre (5) 56.5 67 M McNab
8 238L4 Zelenki (7) 56.5 67 T Moseley
9 — Queen-Sweep SCRATCHED

Whanganui greys at Hatrick Wednesday Jetbet 3 TAB Doubles 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Trebles 1-2-3, 4-5-6, 7-8-9 Quaddies 2-3-4-5, 6-7-8-9 Place6 4-9

Selections
Race 1: TIGER CHURN, CLIFF TOP ROSIE, KINA MAGIC
Race 2: SO LIKE ME, ALLEGRO GEMMA, AL'S WITCH
Race 3: BIG TIME TOMMYE, BIG TIME ODETTE, ADOBE TURTLE
Race 4: FROZEN PARADISE, BIG TIME JARRED, KING THEODEN
Race 5: LUCKY SCAR, HOMEBUSH MAYCEE, BIGTIME SAM
Race 6: BIG TIME RICKY, ALAMEIN BEAUDEN, GLANSMAN DOUGLAS
Race 7: GOTCHA MARSHALL, SIDELINE SALLY, ZARA CHEEBEE
Race 8: ARIANA SUNSET, ALAMEIN SAM, ALLEGRO OLIVE
Race 9: TELLTALE SIGNS, DILLER, BIGTIME COCO

6 8258s Ahuroa Lady nwtwd Robert Murray
7 6346 Alamein Bob nwtwd Kettlewell & Phillips
8 43665 Waiting Game nwtwd Kellie Gommans
EMERGENCIES:
9 7557 Homebush Luther nwtwd John McInerney
10 86857 Hurrricane Ayla nwtwd Diane Donlon

4 Adept Accountants Heat 2 12.58 \$2505, C1, heat, 520m

1 58753 King Theoden nwtwd Pauline Blanche
2 52574 Frozen Paradise nwtwd M S Clark
3 66467 Three Of Hearts 30.82 Bill Hodgson
4 14657 Wifi Inga 30.64 G & S Fredrickson
5 14484 Big Time Jarred nwtwd Lisa Cole
6 47337 Odnoc Antkie nwtwd J & D Bell
7 73547 Go Glow 30.73 Marcie Flipp
8 65353 Bigtime Alfie 30.09 Lisa Cole

6 First Security 1.33 \$1450, C1, 305m

1 36222 Big Time Ricky 18.10 Agent & Williams
2 74488 Homebush Minnie 17.61 John McInerney
3 88876 Dottie Bell 18.09 Leanne Bell
4 66558 Paradox Prince 18.13 Bill Hodgson
5 55786 Goldstar Auburn nwtwd Sue Gommans
6 25854 Nellie Marjen 18.15 Marcie Flipp
7 43557 Clansman Douglas 18.16 Brian Goldsack
8 68116 Alamein Beauden 18.28Kettlewell & Phillips
EMERGENCIES:
9 84887 Midnight Molly 17.73 Bill Hodgson
10 77788 Cool Wolf 17.86 Diane Donlon

8 Xmas Function @ Hatrick 2.07 \$1450, C1, 305m

1 76838 Homebush Jozie 18.03 John McInerney
2 431F5 Allegro Olive 18.14 Lisa Cole
3 85774 Hardcore Kylie 18.28 Agent & Williams
4 13256 Alamein Sam 18.44 Kettlewell & Phillips
5 31247 Ariana Sunset 18.31 Pauline Blanche
6 31774 Ester nwtwd Nathan Udy
7 5278F Cockney Rip Off 17.72 Melissa Olden
8 38788 Homebush Mandy 17.95 Sue Gommans
EMERGENCIES:
9 84887 Midnight Molly 17.73 Bill Hodgson
10 15778 Hardcore Kobe 18.40 Jim Black

1 Welcome To Hatrick 12.05 \$1365, C0, 305m

1 22 Tiger Churn nwtwd Glen Hodgson
2 523 Cliff Top Rosie nwtwd M S Clark
3 7 Engine Room nwtwd Marcie Flipp
4 345 Kina Magic nwtwd A L Frost
5 86736 Shot Of Class nwtwd Carol Morris

2 Aon CPF Insurance 12.22 \$1365, C0, 305m

1 22864 Hardcore Brute nwtwd Agent & Williams
2 37533 Al's Witch nwtwd Lana Pearce
3 F274 So Like Me nwtwd Carol Morris
4 46656 Allegro Sade nwtwd P B Briggs
5 7762F Goldstar Harlowe nwtwd Kellie Gommans
6 67726 Mitcham Liam nwtwd John McInerney
7 7445 Kinetic Anna nwtwd Kettlewell & Phillips
8 84432 Allegro Gemma nwtwd Wendy Kite
EMERGENCIES:
9 76 Yesenia nwtwd Deb Edlin
10 68854 Kay Tuesso nwtwd Sue Gommans

5 racingtips.co.nz 1.16 \$1685, C1/2, 305m

1 82875 Cookie Biscuit 17.73 Marcie Flipp
2 67875 Sozin's Delight 17.83 John McInerney
3 13858 Paving Way 18.03 Lana Pearce
4 75123 Homebush Maycee 18.17 John McInerney
5 21488 Shamrock Green 17.85 Brian Goldsack
6 32321 Lucky Scar 17.61 Nathan Udy
7 53745 Opawa Jody 18.03 Marcie Flipp
8 26183 Bigtime Sam 17.80 G & S Fredrickson
EMERGENCIES:
9 84887 Midnight Molly 17.73 Bill Hodgson
10 77788 Cool Wolf 17.86 Diane Donlon

7 Accell Canine Therapy 1.50 \$1685, C1/2, 305m

1 78666 Idol Ziggy 17.67 Marcie Flipp
2 75785 Elsa Blueblood 17.97 John McInerney
3 22846 Zara Cheebie 17.62 Marcie Flipp
4 88552 Gotcha Marshall 17.74 John McInerney
5 64885 Wifi Robyn 17.78 G & S Fredrickson
6 86865 Homebush Showoff nwtwd John McInerney
7 62652 Sideline Sally 17.88 John McInerney
8 65823 Light Cruiser 17.93 Brian Goldsack
EMERGENCIES:
9 84887 Midnight Molly 17.73 Bill Hodgson
10 87785 Alamein Graeme 18.03 Kettlewell & Phillips

9 Wanganui Toyota 2.25 \$1450, C1, 305m

1 76242 Bigtime Coco 17.72 Nathan Udy
2 77583 Impressive Gift nwtwd Sue Gommans
3 61654 Milo Tonight 18.12 Lana Pearce
4 12644 Diller 18.19 John McInerney
5 54485 Allegro Lincoln 17.92 Lisa Cole
6 68888 Big Time Eilish 18.21 Colleen Brider
7 11225 Telltale Signs 18.10 Melissa Olden
8 31673 Ahuroa Whizz 18.46 Robert Murray
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Extra Whanganui greys at Hatrick Wednesday Jetbet 9 TAB Doubles 1-2, 3-4 Trebles 2-3-4 Quaddies 1-2-3-4

Selections
Race 1: LUCY LINGERS, GO LADYBIRD, LESLIE ALBERT
Race 2: ELITE BUBBLE, TARANAKI BRIE, BOOT CAMP TIARA
Race 3: GOTCHA MURPHY, KIOSK, WIFI SOPHIE
Race 4: NOAH RAPPER, HOMEBUSH SUSAN, CLIFF TOP MOLLY

1 Palamountains Nutrition 2.41 \$1450, C1, 305m

1 74377 Go Ladybird nwtwd Nathan Udy
2 73543 Leslie Albert 18.06 Brian Goldsack
3 75588 Checkpoint 17.95 Marcie Flipp
4 23477 Bailey And Cream 17.93 J & D Bell
5 15776 Homebush Captain 17.95 John McInerney
6 34887 Pretty Belinda 17.98 Wendy Kite
7 74674 Homebush Maree nwtwd Sue Gommans
8 52235 Lucy Lingers 18.02 John McInerney
EMERGENCIES:
9 84887 Midnight Molly 17.73 Bill Hodgson
10 87785 Alamein Graeme 18.03 Kettlewell & Phillips

2 Hatrick Dash 3.01 \$1450, C1, 305m

1 57487 Bigtime Hannah 17.80 Sue Gommans
2 16783 Taranaki Brie 18.00 Colleen Brider
3 78456 Oma Rapeti 18.42 Carol Morris
4 74536 Boot Camp Tiara 17.91 Lana Pearce
5 38457 Goldstar McQueen nwtwd Sammy Stone
6 11783 Elite Bubble 18.39 A L Frost
7 75485 Opawa Marcie 18.07 Marcie Flipp
8 37477 Summer Glee 17.66 John McInerney
EMERGENCIES:
9 84887 Midnight Molly 17.73 Bill Hodgson
10 15778 Hardcore Kobe 18.40 Jim Black

3 Book Your Function @ Hatrick 3.20 \$1450, C1, 305m

1 77425 Impressive Mood nwtwd Sue Gommans
2 22251 Wifi Sophie 18.01 G & S Fredrickson
3 55341 Kiosk nwtwd J & D Bell
4 23312 Gotcha Murphy 17.95 Kellie Gommans
5 74651 Idol Steffie 17.62 Marcie Flipp
6 44232 Truth Hurts 18.25 Carol Morris
7 55646 Homebush Jennia 17.92 John McInerney
8 25823 Not Shackley 17.73 Jim Black
EMERGENCIES:
9 84887 Midnight Molly 17.73 Bill Hodgson
10 78877 Small Boy 18.32 Agent & Williams

4 Kernow Construction 3.38 \$1450, C1, 305m

1 48642 Mickey Mowhawk 17.96 David Denbee
2 2151 Noah Rapper 17.72 Brian Marsh
3 83757 Idol Little Girl 18.13 Marcie Flipp
4 84523 Porcelain Panda 18.09 Lana Pearce
5 7836F Punch On Scooby 18.22 John McInerney
6 42133 Homebush Susan 17.89 Sue Gommans
7 137 Cliff Top Molly 18.28 M S Clark
8 34331 Butter Churn 18.10 Glen Hodgson
EMERGENCIES:
9 84887 Midnight Molly 17.73 Bill Hodgson
10 78877 Small Boy 18.32 Agent & Williams

Queensland races at Ipswich Wednesday Jetbet 14 TAB doubles 3-4, 6-7 Trebles 2-3-4, 5-6-7 Quaddie 1-2-3-4, 4-5-6-7

Selections
Race 1: AZURE PRIDE, BAYERISCHE, PORTOBELLO ROAD
Race 2: SUGAR BUZZ, THUMBS UP, CALL ME LEGEND
Race 3: SHADOW OF TIME, V J DAY, GREAT KEPELL
Race 4: SHE'S AN EAGLE, KALIYA, BETCHA BABY
Race 5: KOONUNGA HILL, KAAVDEH, SWEET GOLD
Race 6: PHIONAIX, BESTIE, MAGIC FOX
Race 7: DIS DAH WUN, SHE'S RUBICCOOL, VENDIDIT

2 Qld State Fair Here Soon 5.28 \$35,000, Benchmark 68, 1690m

1 63606 Bernie's Tiger wn (4) 60.5 95 N Fazackerley (a3)
2 43s28 Fabricator wn (2) 60 92 J Grisedale
3 36121 Rather Salubrious w (5) 59.5 89 Ms L Mc Coy
4 95916 Sugar Buzz cw (6) 59.5 96 T Marshall
5 17243 Call Me Legend c (3) 56 100 R Fradd
6 12224 Thumbs Up twn (1) 55 99 Ms G Cartwright (a1.5)

4 Carpet Court Ipswich 6.38 \$35,000, 3yo Maiden SW, 1200m

1 63s Brannigan (4) 57 95 L V Cassidy
2 94 Fighting Mad (7) 57 94 M Mc Gillivray
3 Agent Ninety Nine (8) 55 92 T Marshall
4 2 Betcha Baby (9) 55 100 M Cahill
5 Boomatier (5) 55 93 J Guthmann-Chester
6 Excel In The Sun (3) 55 94 R Fradd
7 69s7 Gypsy Rozay (6) 55 86 Adam Spinks
8 Kaliya (10) 55 92 B Thompson
9 83s3 Leaside (1) 55 96 Ron Stewart
10 2s She's An Eagle b (2) 55 99 Ms G Cartwright (a1.5)

5 ieec.com.au Handicap 7.13 \$35,000, Maiden, 1350m

1 5 Kaibery (1) 59 100 M Cahill
2 22s33 Koonunga Hill b (7) 58.5 97 R Fradd
3 25235 Sweet Gold (10) 58 94 L R Dittman
4 4 Take The Lead (3) 57.5 80 J Taylor
5 46452 He's All Ready (9) 56.5 91 J Orman
6 6s75 Kacia Rose (12) 56 87 Ms S Thornton
7 533s4 Kaaydeh b (8) 56 86 M Mc Gillivray
8 070s3 Memorial Day b (11) 56 85 C Taylor

Ibra waits for stoppage time

FOOTBALL by Daniella Matar and Andrew Dampf, AP

MILAN — Last week it was an acrobatic overhead winner that belied his 39 years.

This week it was a towering header in stoppage time that secured AC Milan a 2-2 draw with Hellas Verona on Sunday and a two-point lead atop Serie A entering the international break.

Game after game, Zlatan Ibrahimovic keeps showing that his markers are defenceless against him inside the penalty area.

So much so that Ibrahimovic was asked if he thought that Italian defenders had dropped in level in the eight years between his first and second stints with Milan.

“Or maybe Ibra is stronger,” was his reply, with a laugh.

The Swedish great scored braces against Bologna, bitter rivals Inter Milan in the derby, and Roma this season. His eight goals in five matches — he missed two games after testing positive for the coronavirus — top the Italian league’s scoring chart.

“I think he can play until he’s 45 in our league,” retired Italy defender Giuseppe

Bergomi said last weekend. “I really mean that.”

Having lost 3-0 at home to Lille in the Europa League on Thursday to end a 24-match unbeaten run in all competitions, Milan fell behind 2-0 to Verona before Franck Kessie — whose flicked shot was deflected in off a defender — and Ibrahimovic rallied the Rossoneri.

Antonin Barak and Mattia Zaccagni scored for Verona.

It wasn’t all easy for Ibrahimovic this time, though. He missed a penalty with a miserable effort high over the bar at his first chance to equalise, then ruined a potential equaliser from Davide Calabria with a handball before finally finding the target three minutes into added time by leaping over a defender.

“Fortunately the break for international duty is here, because I need rest,” Ibrahimovic said.

“I didn’t have the sharpness and usual determination I have in front of goal. I just felt like I wasn’t all there.”

Milan are two points ahead of Sassuolo, three ahead of Napoli and Roma and four ahead of Juventus and Atalanta.

Lazio scored another stoppage-time goal to rescue a 1-1 draw at home to Juventus.

Juventus appeared to be heading for a win and into second spot after Cristiano Ronaldo’s first-half goal but substitute Felipe Caicedo pounced deep in stoppage time.

Caicedo had netted a stoppage-time winner in Lazio’s last league match — against Torino — and also scored late at Zenit St. Petersburg on Wednesday to salvage a 1-1 draw in the Champions League.

“We were convinced something would happen,” Caicedo said. “Juventus didn’t play for the last 15 minutes. We never give up.”

Lazio were missing a number of players, including European Golden Shoe winner Ciro Immobile, after conflicting results for tests for Covid-19.

Juventus took the lead in the 15th minute when Juan Cuadrado beat a couple of Lazio defenders on the right before sending in a low cross for an unmarked Ronaldo to tap in from point blank range.

It was Ronaldo’s third goal in his two league matches since recovering from the coronavirus, which kept him out for

three weeks.

RECOVERY

Both Inter and Atalanta were looking to recover from midweek defeats in the Champions League against Real Madrid and Liverpool respectively, and they also came away with a 1-1 draw.

Inter broke the deadlock in the 58th when Ashley Young crossed in from the left and, with his back to goal, Lautaro Martinez flicked a header into the far corner.

Substitute Aleksei Miranchuk leveled 11 minutes from time, drilling into the bottom right corner from the edge of the area.

OTHER MATCHES

Napoli moved up to third with a 1-0 win at Bologna, where Victor Osimhen scored with a header.

Henrikh Mkhitaryan netted a hat trick to help Roma win 3-1 at Genoa.

Genoa slipped into the relegation zone after Torino drew 0-0 with bottom-place Crotona to move above Genoa on goal difference.

Crotone defender Sebastiano Luperto was sent off late following a second yellow card.

CRUCIAL CAICEDO

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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, November 11, 2020 by Eugenia Last

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Leonardo DiCaprio, 46; Calista Flockhart, 56; Demi Moore, 58; Marc Summers, 69.

Happy Birthday: Join a cause. Work toward a common goal, and make a difference. Make this year one of hope, hard work and overdue change. Do whatever it takes to have an impact on your community, friends and family. Leave nothing to chance, and use every means available to you to send and enforce a positive message. Your numbers are 8, 15, 23, 27, 32, 38, 46.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Use your energy wisely. Focus on becoming physically fit, doing something that makes you feel passionate and accomplished or spending time with someone who makes you feel good about yourself. Practice moderation, mindfulness and promoting solutions that encourage doing what's best for everyone. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Finish what you start before moving on to something new. Discuss your thoughts with someone who has always offered helpful suggestions, and it will encourage you to take your time and do things according to protocol. Think big, but don't go over budget. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take better care of the ones you love. Nurture relationships, and put greater emphasis on honesty and loyalty. Be willing to offer help when needed and to work as a team player. Love and romance are on the rise. 5 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Verify facts. Don't act on an assumption or pick sides prematurely. Pay close attention to how others respond; it will help you make up your mind regarding what you want to do next. Don't take a physical risk. 2 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Exercise will help ease stress. Set physical goals that will encourage you to make a positive lifestyle change. Distance yourself from people who use the power of persuasion to get you to participate in something that doesn't benefit you. 4 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A change will encourage you to strive for a brighter future. Don't hold back when you should contribute what you have to offer. The best way to get ahead is to participate. Be demonstrative, and you will gain respect. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Problems will surface that leave you feeling unsettled. Size up whatever situation you face, and look for alternatives that favor you as well as those you love. Don't waffle when change is required. Self-improvement, romance and family bonding are encouraged. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Avoid excessive behavior. Speak up on behalf of yourself, your beliefs and those less able. Structure your time and effort in a positive, helpful manner. Run your home in the way that works best for you. Choose to be eccentric. 4 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Stop dawdling and start doing. Refuse to let your emotions take over and lead you down the wrong path. Plan your strategy, and make your move. Finish what you start, and ignore outside interference. A romantic gesture will brighten your day. 2 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Keep life simple, and don't clutter your mind or your schedule with matters that don't concern you. Stay focused on what you are trying to achieve, and avoid getting into a scuffle with someone who doesn't see things your way. 5 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Clear your debt, lower your overhead and spend more time making personal adjustments that will lead to a healthier and happier life. Do whatever it takes to ease stress and to reset your direction to better suit your needs. Romance is favored. 5 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll find new ways to manage your money and how you go about implementing the changes you want to make. Update documents, check bank statements and reassess your eating habits. A fitness routine will improve your state of mind. 3 stars

Birthday Baby: You are curious, determined and possessive. You are attentive and original.

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 11,141

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CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

- Wedding - spoil one in anger (8)
- Song of the year I assume (4)
- Prohibition on string causes explosion (4)
- 100 too old for insurance? (8)
- Confess to being mad about it (5)
- Popular girl gives drug to egghead (7)
- The degrees to which boredom is dispelled? (8,5)
- Good sportsmanship and not bad drama (4,4)
- Help with a wager (4)
- Set teasing questions full of holes? (7)
- It is essential for six with half a talent (5)
- Done with being in 10's cage (4)
- With just claim - not with punches from the left! (2,6)

DOWN

- Leave a gang with no comeback (7)
- Syncopation when clothes are worn out? (3-4)
- What keeps wives happy? (4,9)
- He faces facts about a catalogue (7)
- Sea-legs not affected by time (7)
- Such fear is mostly a mistake (6)
- Imply there is no conflagration (7)
- Play with something to make Ted wild! (7)
- On the surface it's a disturbance (6)
- A way out youth leader gets sovereign for bestirring himself (7)
- A gentle correction in good taste (7)

SOLUTIONS TO PUZZLE 11,140

QUICK
Across: 1 Placid; 4 Abused; 9 Off one's own bat; 10 Enlarge; 11 Title; 12 Essay; 14 Shine; 18 Arras; 19 On trial; 21 Intentionally; 22 Exhale; 23 Prayer.
Down: 1 Proper; 2 At full stretch; 3 Inner; 5 Bewitch; 6 Substantially; 7 Dither; 8 Aspen; 13 Arsenal; 15 Malice; 16 Solid; 17 Player; 20 Tenor.
CRYPTIC
Across: 1 Dubbed; 4 Impale; 9 Clarinetists; 10 Mediate; 11 Haste; 12 Anvil; 14 Edwin; 18 Ashen; 19 Adamant; 21 Counter-motion; 22 Pleads; 23 Tennis.
Down: 1 Decamp; 2 Boarding-house; 3 Erica; 5 Matched; 6 Assassination; 7 Easter; 8 Level; 13 Ignited; 15 Madcap; 16 Tarry; 17 Stones; 20 Alone.

Quick Crossword answers also fit the large grid

QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- Roomy (8)
- Mark left by a wound (4)
- Shortly (4)
- Hostilities (8)
- Hasten (5)
- Shake (7)
- Literary works (6-7)
- Check (8)
- Tube (4)
- Kindly (7)
- Virtuous (5)
- Near (4)
- Was there (8)

DOWN

- Make (7)
- Direct (7)
- Dull (13)
- Mountaineer (7)
- Revert (7)
- Menace (6)
- Haggle (7)
- Durable (7)
- Dress (6)
- Hurricane (7)
- Make amends (7)

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Key battles that will decide Origin 2

RUGBY LEAGUE

JAMES TEDESCO v VALENTINE HOLMES

Valentine Holmes' State of Origin return shapes as a crucial point for Queensland, after he missed last year while trying his hand in the NFL. The Maroons found enough magic in their backline to win game one but Holmes' spark will be crucial if he can step up on what he produced on return for the Cowboys. Tedesco meanwhile threatened

in the series opener but will want more at the back in Sydney.

CODY WALKER v CAMERON MUNSTER

The game's two livewires who have the ability to break the contest open. Walker was the form player of the end of the NRL season, setting up 17 tries and scoring seven of his own in a dynamite 12-week run. He looked dangerous off the bench last week but now gets his shot as a starter after losing it last year. Munster is proven at Origin level, and has

been one of Queensland's best in just about every game he's played.

NATHAN CLEARY v DALY CHERRY-EVANS

Daly Cherry-Evans won the battle of the two ice men in Origin I and it showed in the result. The Queensland half had the better kicking game while he stayed composed when it mattered most in the second half. Wednesday shapes as a defining moment for both. Cherry-Evans is yet to win an Origin series as Queensland's

half, while Cleary has two series wins but is yet to make the same impact he does at club level.

DAMIEN COOK v JAKE FRIEND

The two hookers both ran five times for 42 metres in game one as Jake Friend showed more of a willingness to dart out of dummy-half on State of Origin debut than he does at club level. Both players are crucial to their team's attack and while Friend is usually known for his good service, Cook will want to make more of an impact around the ruck in Sydney.

BATTLE OF THE BENCHES

Brad Fittler has had to change his bench through injury, but it was notable he brought Nathan Brown in and dropped Junior Paulo back from starting. Queensland's reserves well and truly outdid the Blues after the break in Adelaide, with Jai Arrow and Lindsay Collins immense. NSW need to find a way to at least equal them. Paulo has the potential to open the game up with his passing and offloads, while Brown has been told to bring some aggression. — AAP

Cleary keen to prove his big-game credentials

RUGBY LEAGUE

NATHAN Cleary hasn't dominated for New South Wales as he would have liked with no other halfback playing their first six State of Origin games without a try assist.

This stat, along with no line-breaks or line-break assists in his burgeoning Blues career, has raised questions about his ability to deliver in big games.

NSW have chopped and changed halfbacks for a lot less throughout the past decade but coach Brad Fittler has kept the faith in the young Penrith star believing he needs time to develop.

And Cleary, for one, is grateful. "I probably haven't played the way I want to so far in Origin," he said. "It just comes down to the process of getting better each day at training and taking ownership — being that dominant voice."

Origin legends Ricky Stuart, Allan Langer, Johnathan Thurston and Cooper Cronk all played four Origin matches at halfback before landing a try assist.

But Cleary's streak is the longest in the history of interstate rivalry, despite winning the past two series with the Blues.

The 22-year-old has, however, been afforded the vice-captaincy for tomorrow night's must-win game at ANZ Stadium.

In the past, Cleary has admitted to paying attention to the critics and believing the worst in himself but his mental toughness has grown over the past few years.

"It's just about realising you can't change what's happened," he said. "Just trying to be better again when you come into training."

"I'm obviously surrounded by a great bunch of players here and coaches."

"If I thought too much on the outside noise I don't think I'd get much better... I just want to improve."

With a new halves partner in Cody Walker for Game II, Cleary will again be charged with running the show.

He was disappointed with his game management in the loss in Adelaide but hooker Damien Cook backed Cleary to rebound and help the Blues level the series in Sydney.

"For a young kid he's got a level head on him and I know people talk about there might be a bit too much pressure on him, but I don't think that worries him too much," Cook said.

"He's confident in his game and what he does. We've got to make sure we do the right thing by our halfback and get through our sets for him and getting him on the front foot, which will allow him to have a good kicking game."

"I know for some reason halves get a bit of attention and a bit of criticism after a loss but it was a team performance and we've got to do the right thing by him."

Should NSW level the series against Queensland tomorrow night they will head to Brisbane with high hopes of sealing their third-straight series win. — AAP



TRYLINE BOUND: Queensland's Xavier Coates heads towards the tryline, leaving New South Wales' Daniel Tupou in his wake in Game 1 of the State of Origin. Queensland won 18-14. Game II of the series is in Sydney tomorrow night. AAP picture

Queensland out to flip the script again

RUGBY LEAGUE

THERE is no more dangerous rugby league team than a Queensland State of Origin side given no hope of beating NSW.

Just like in 1995 or 2001, the Maroons were written off by many heading into this year's interstate battle.

At 10-0 down at halftime in last week's Game 1 it appeared the tipsters were right and Queensland would do well to avoid a series whitewash.

The Maroons though, flipped the script and came away from the Adelaide Oval with an 18-14 win and a 1-0 series advantage.

The victory was achieved with eight debutants for the Maroons, the least-experienced Queensland line-up since Wayne Bennett picked 10 rookies for the 2001 opener.

One of those new faces 19 years ago was Petero Civoniceva, who would play all three games as Queensland claimed a 2-1 series win against all the odds.

The Maroons legend, who would go on to play 33 games for his state, said Bennett had clearly instilled the same spirit and belief in his 2020 charges as he did with his line-up in 2001.

"At the end of the day it's understanding that the players have the ability, it's being able to have the confidence to be able to compete at that level," Civoniceva said.

"That's what it looked like to me. They

went in with confidence, the younger players.

"The debutants didn't seem overawed and they got into the rhythm and did a fantastic job."

"Looking at parallels between us for instance in that 2001 group or the group before that in 1995, it's just about confidence and belief in your own ability to be able to compete at that level."

"That was certainly the case last Wednesday night. Hopefully that will all play out again in that same vein come this Wednesday."

This year's format, featuring back-to-back-to-back matches, was expected to be a war of attrition and already both teams have been forced to make changes for Game 2.

Valentine Holmes will replace AJ Brimson at fullback for his first Origin match since 2018 after the young Gold Coast flyer suffered a series-ending foot injury in Game 1.

Prop Christian Welch is also out after his late head knock, with Canberra's Dunamis Lui to make his Origin debut in the front-row.

The Maroons may also be forced into a backline shuffle, with Kurt Capewell yet to train fully due to his ongoing groin issue, and another rookie in Edrick Lee the man most likely to come into the line-up if Capewell is ruled out.

Bennett has also dropped Coen Hess, with Jaydn Su'A rewarded for his strong Origin debut off the bench with an

elevation to the backrow, while Gold Coast's Moeaki Fotuauika will make his own Queensland bow from the bench.

The Blues have axed five-eighth Luke Keary, with Cody Walker elevated to No.6 from the bench.

Captain Boyd Cordner (concussion) and Cameron Murray (hamstring) are out of the series.

Angus Crichton will replace Cordner in NSW's run-on side while Payne Haas and Junior Paulo have swapped roles from Game 1.

Melbourne premiership winner Dale Finucane returns to Origin from the interchange bench while Isaah Yeo and Nathan Brown will debut for the Blues, who will be skipped by fullback James Tedesco.

History suggests Queensland's Game 1 triumph will go a long way to winning the series.

Game 1 victors have gone on to win 27 of 38 series since the three-game format was introduced in 1982.

However, two of the past three series have been won by the loser of Game 1 including last year's campaign when Queensland surrendered from 1-0 up for the first time since 2005.

"They'll definitely take a lot out of that performance, giving them some confidence around playing at that level, but no doubt NSW weren't at their best," Civoniceva said.

"It is going to be a more hungry NSW side they'll face in Game 2." — AAP

All Blacks back squad despite shock defeat

RUGBY

THE All Blacks aren't looking for excuses after their shock Bledisloe Cup loss, with hooker Dane Coles insisting they didn't play a "B" team against the Wallabies in Brisbane.

After retaining the trophy with a record win in the third test in Sydney, the New Zealanders left out two-try hero Richie Mo'unga and bustling winger Caleb Clarke in a reshuffled backline.

With four debutants in the All Blacks match-day squad, the revved-up Australians posted a 24-22 victory.

Coles, who was also on the sidelines, bristled at the suggestion they had taken the Wallabies lightly by not picking all of their stars and said those players selected had earned their spots.

"We don't really feel like there's a first-choice player, or however you want to put it," the veteran hooker said yesterday.

Whoever was selected would be part of the best 23 and it would be the same for those selected this week, he said.

"We don't have a hierarchy — we have full confidence in whoever gets the job to do it well.

"We don't see it as an A team or B team; we're one team."

After four successive tests against Australia, the All Blacks will face Argentina on Saturday afternoon at Sydney's Bankwest Stadium.

It's the Pumas' first match of the Tri-Nations after two warm-up games against an Australia A outfit.

"It's exciting facing different opposition, got a bit more homework," Coles said.

"We will take the learnings from the weekend and get better from it and face a



DANE COLES

new team who are a little unknown, but they will be a very physical team.

"They've got some outstanding players who are looking sharp and ready to go."

One "learning" the All Blacks will take is on their tackling technique, after prop Ofa Tuuafafasi was sent off for a high tackle.

Australia's Lachie Swinton suffered the same fate in the Suncorp Stadium match.

Coles said the New Zealanders needed to be better to avoid such costly cards, adding that discipline was an area they had identified to improve in their match review.

"We do a lot of tackling practice in the week and it's only a split second to make that decision but we just have to lower our sights and targets to not get those red cards again." — AAP

Captain's knock key to OBR win

CRICKET by Jack Malcolm

IAN Loffler's captain's knock of 74 not out propelled OBR to victory over 10-man Horouta in Doleman Cup cricket on Saturday.

OBR scored 209-9 in their 40 overs. In reply, Horouta were all out for 134.

Horouta captain David Situ, who was out of town and kept up with the game through live-scoring, said his side had several players unavailable.

They were unable to bring in a suitable replacement from the club's Senior B side, so they were a player short for both fielding and batting.

Despite being a man down, Horouta held firm. The whole team contributed to making the game competitive.

Ben Brick (3-41) and Parminder Kulaar (3-47) were the chief wicket-takers for Horouta.

Brick bowled his entire eight overs in a single spell to give Horouta a great foundation, Situ said.

However, lapses in concentration late in the innings cost them.

"The first and last 10 overs are really important," he said.

"Our fielding let us down in the last 10... again."

Situ said his team had lost a couple of their key playmakers coming into this season.

"This year is a bit of a rebuilding phase, and to have OBR 127-6 at one point was promising."

OBR's innings started with an opening partnership of 25 between

Kieran Venema (18) and Nick Greeks (37), with a good helping of boundaries.

Loffler said it provided a good foundation for his innings.

His 74 runs, with a strike-rate of 85, helped his team to 209-9. It could have been more, but the last eight OBR batsmen all had single-digit run totals.

"A few of the boys didn't protect their wickets, and Horouta bowled quite well; they stopped the flow of runs," Loffler said.

"Early in the season, we were happy to have batted 40 overs. I knew the longer I stayed out there, the easier it would be for us."

Despite being a man short, Horouta gave them a good test, Loffler said.

"They fought right till the end, but our bowling was pretty tight, and we didn't allow them to get into the game."

Best with the bat for Horouta were Brick (25), Tushar Balat (24) and Kulaar (23).

Bowling for OBR, Cody Andrews, Sam Patterson and Jimmy Holden each took two wickets for under 20 runs.

Gisborne Boys' High School head the points table, with six points from two wins. Next are High School Old Boys and OBR, both with three points from a win and a loss. Horouta have no points, from two losses.

OBR 209-9 (Ian Loffler 74 not out, Nick Greeks 37, Kieran Venema 18; Ben Brick 3-41, Parminder Kulaar 3-47) defeated HOROUTA 134 (Ben Brick 25, Tushar Balat 24, Parminder Kulaar 23; Cody Andrews 2-14, Sam Patterson 2-15, Jimmy Holden 2-19).

Ngatapa hard to beat

CRICKET by Ben O'Brien-Leaf

MIKE Gibson's Ngatapa were cool, calm and calculating on Saturday.

The two-time Hope Cup champions of Senior B club cricket — having won the toss in their game against Champion College — then defended their total of 206-9 in 30 completed overs to claim victory by 97 runs.

Although Champion were dismissed for 109 in 26.3 overs, Champion's Mark Naden and Civil Project Solutions Ngatapa Green Caps skipper Gibson both acknowledged the high-quality pitch and outfield of Harry Barker Reserve No.3 as a factor in the match.

Naden said the wicket had something for both bowler and batsman. Gibson said that every member of his team was able to get in on the action as a result of the quality of the wicket.

In their first season as Poverty Bay officials, Level 1 umpires Marty Bennett and James Raroa stood together in the Round 2 match.

Gibson won the toss and Ngatapa opening batsman Grant Walsh — 61 off 47 balls, with eight fours and a six — played the innings of the match. Walsh shared a partnership of 66 for the second wicket with Jeremy Castles (24). Veteran Stephen Hickey (35) and Ryan West (21) also made contributions at seven and six respectively.

Ngatapa are a mature team of good solid heads who bat deep and respond well to pressure.

Champion's attack was led by Blake Marshall (2-33 off five overs), with dutiful Cameron Rowell (2-39 off six) and Year 9 student Rhys Grogan (1-35 off six) being the other successful seam bowlers.

All-rounder Marshall, who made an excellent 43 against Horouta in the season opener at Nelson Park, this week fell to paceman Ryan West (1-8 off four) from the first ball of the run-chase.

Green Caps off-spinners Walsh (2-21 off five) and Jeremy Castles (3-15 off three) bowled with guile, while debutant Harry White (2-19 off three) and Heath Hawea

(one for one in three balls) proved their wicket-taking potential. White overcame his early nerves and Ngatapa club sporting stalwart Hawea took his first Senior B wicket.

Champion captain Liam Spring showed grit after losing his opening partner with 28 runs off 45 balls, falling to the last ball before drinks. He and first-drop Rowell (20) had, to that point, seen Champion through to 58-2.

The next highest score was Darryl Dunn's 17 off 11 balls at No.4.

THEY know what they need to do.

The Gisborne Boys' High School second 11 needs to score more than 126 runs and concede fewer than 54 extras — including 38 wides and 12 no-balls — to be competitive.

Siteworx Horouta won the contest on No.4 by 60 runs.

The Heyan Ranasinghe-led Horouta chose to bat and made 186-8. The 105-run stand by opener Kavinda Yasith (48) and first-drop Mel Knight (32) 105-run stand was the game's highest partnership, Knight in particular putting pressure on the Boys' High field.

Mercurial gloveman Jack Whitehead-McKay held two catches and completed three run-outs. He is a natural keeper with the sometime advantage of height.

Youngster John Broad gave Whitehead-McKay an excellent return over the stumps to find BJ Seymour short of his ground on a quick single, two balls into the 23rd over.

Seymour got a "black duck" (out not having faced a ball) on debut.

Opening bowler Daniel Watts took 3-24 off six overs. He swung the ball into the right-handers, kept a good line and length and will this week have a well-deserved opportunity to play for the school's first 11 in their Doleman Cup clash with Old Boys Rugby.

Gisborne Boys' High were bowled out for 126 in 28.3 overs, despite the middle order showing pluck. Alex Shanks, with a bustling 23 off 29 balls from seven and vice-captain Dylan Foster, 22 off 41 at No.5, topped the scoring list for the students.

Foster and Shanks put on 30 — the highest Boys' High partnership — for the fifth wicket, and DJ Penfold's hard-hit, run-a-ball cameo of 16 suggests he may be a batsman of promise.

Horouta have in their line-up a fascinating clutch of seam bowlers. The release point was difficult for the batsmen to pick up with Piumal Madasanka (2-14 off 4.3 overs) and Hasantha Vethanage (2-26 off six), who moved the ball a little both ways. Left-arm orthodox spinner Clarence Campbell took 2-22 off five for The Waka, generally bowling a good line around middle and off stump.

Boys' High captain Noah Torrance-Cribb said: "I thought the boys did well with the ball overall, although there were a few rough overs and short balls that we didn't need. On the plus side, we batted into the 29th over."

OBR look the goods.

Craig Christophers' crew beat HSOB by 27 runs in these traditional rivals' first meeting this season.

Rawhiti Legal OBR won the toss and batted but were, on the Reserve practice wicket — most unusually — bowled out for 165 in 25.4 overs. First-drop Andrew Bristow (55) and Christophers (52) from No.1 were the leading run-scorers in what was a decent total.

Nicholas Armour (5-39 off six) was Bollywood High School Old Boys Presidents' hero in the first innings, with left-arm orthodox spinner Ryan Majstrovic (3-23 off six) outfoxing Bristow, and later Amit Vyas and Lloyd van Zyl, those batsmen not troubling the scorers.

It was "game on" at that stage. HSOB, however, were then bowled out for 138 in 28.2 overs. Left-arm seamer George Reynolds (3-25 off six) joined forces with Matt Henwood (2-5 off one) and Jannie Jacobs (2-20 off 4.2) for OBR.

Top scorers for HSOB were No.4 Israel Turner (27), first-drop Baljeet Sandhu (25) and Glen Udall — No.2 and the prize wicket in the innings — out for 24.

Rules under scrutiny

GOLF

ADAM Scott suspects golf officials could react with rule changes if Bryson DeChambeau backs up his US Open demolition at Augusta National this week.

Scott, the man who broke Australia's Masters hoodoo in 2013, predicts another DeChambeau performance like his six-shot win at Winged Foot will see change in the game... just not the change many may expect or hope for.

DeChambeau has been the centre of debate in the golf world after adding considerable length to his game over the past 12 months.

The now jacked-up 27-year-old consistently hits drives well over 300 metres with a current average of 344.4 yards (315 metres). He has recently shown proof of breaking the 400-yard barrier on his social media pages, creating fear he will overpower the storied Georgia course.

But while the distance debate rages on, Scott believes rule-makers will attack DeChambeau on the greens first, much as they did to him.

DeChambeau uses a putting technique known as arm-lock, where he "locks in" the top of the grip against the inside of his arm. It has proven to be decisive as he went from 145th in putting on the PGA Tour in 2017 to a career-high 10th last season.

Scott famously won the Masters using a long putter and anchored stroke, a tactic that was subsequently banned in the sport.

"I tried the arm-lock method and, to be honest, it was more anchored than anything I was ever doing. So I can see them taking action like they did before to me and others for sure," Scott told AAP.

"Based off Bryson's results, especially if he continues the way he is going, and of course if the trend sees more and more players using it, it would be no surprise to see it banned.

"There's no doubt the rule-makers have had their ears pricked up with his incredible play. The reality is, it's not easy for other players to add that much muscle to your body but it is easy to change your putter."

Temperatures and forecast rain for the postponed November Masters could also play into DeChambeau's hands as balls fail to roll out on the softer fairways.

"Over the past 10 years, Augusta has turned into a bit of a driving golf course and it's very advantageous if you have a good balance of being long and hitting fairways," Scott said.

"Tee shots now outweigh how important the short game and putting is here, which was not historically the case." — AAP

CRICKET by Jack Malcolm

GISBORNE Boys' High School cricket reinstated a long-lost tradition before their game against High School Old Boys on Saturday.

For the first time in over three decades, the first 11 had a capping ceremony, where players received their "baggy cap".

Boys' High first 11 coach Mal Trowell said he believed it would help inspire the team and bring them together as a unit.

"Today is about dressing down tradition and bringing it back . . . it starts again today for us."

This was a great honour and, as an old boy of the school, he was proud to bring back that tradition.

He said he hoped it would become a memory the players would look back on fondly.

"Today marks your journey; you're now playing cricket at the highest level in the district."

Gisborne Boys' High School principal Andrew Turner presented the caps to the players.

During his remarks, he reminisced on his time playing high school cricket and what it meant to him.

He talked about what the caps signified, and said he was honoured to present them.

"There's 122 years of tradition behind this crest when you put these (caps) on.

"Remember what's on that crest: Virtus Repulsae Nescia — Courage Knows No Defeat."

Capping tradition reinstated



FIRST 11 MEMBERS HONOURED: Gisborne Boys' High School principal Andrew Turner (right) presents Matthew Foster with his cricket first 11 cap. Picture by Jack Malcolm

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WEATHER FOR TOMORROW

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NZ SITUATION
A low and fronts over the North Island move east later tomorrow, while a ridge covers the South Island. The ridge builds across the country on Thursday. On Friday, northwesterlies strengthen over the lower South Island ahead of an approaching trough.

WIND km/h
less than 30
30 to 59
60 or more

FRONTS
warm
cold
stationary
occluded

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e.g. S 1m

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MIDNIGHT TONIGHT

NOON TOMORROW

GISBORNE TIDE MOVEMENT

Wednesday Nov 11	Thursday Nov 12
Hicks Bay H 3:01am 3:33pm L 9:13am 9:54pm	Hicks Bay H 4:05am 4:32pm L 10:15am 10:53pm
Waipiro Bay H 2:48am 3:20pm L 8:48am 9:29pm	Waipiro Bay H 3:52am 4:19pm L 9:50am 10:28pm
Tolaga Bay H 2:36am 3:08pm L 8:36am 9:17pm	Tolaga Bay H 3:40am 4:07pm L 9:38am 10:16pm
GISBORNE H 2:20am 2:49pm L 8:30am 9:06pm	GISBORNE H 3:18am 3:45pm L 9:29am 10:03pm
Wairoa H 2:04am 2:30pm L 8:15am 8:51pm	Wairoa H 3:00am 3:27pm L 9:13am 9:46pm

SUN-MOON-MAORI FISHING GUIDE

Rise 5:49 am Set 7:55 pm	Rise 5:48 am Set 7:56 pm
Rise 3:35 am Set 2:54 pm	Rise 4:06 am Set 4:07 pm
Best at 9:09 am 9:35 pm	Best at 10:01 am 10:26 pm

GISBORNE CITY

TOMORROW	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
morning min 12 max 19	morning min 11 max 20	morning min 10 max 26
Periods of rain, easing at night. S developing in the evening.	Early showers, the becoming fine. SE dying out afternoon.	Fine. Light winds, northwesterlies later.

GISBORNE REGION

Periods of rain, easing at night. Southerlies developing in the evening.	Morning showers clearing, becoming fine. Southwesterlies dying out by afternoon.	Mainly fine, isolated afternoon showers about the ranges. Light winds, northwesterlies developing from afternoon.
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GISBORNE SUN PROTECTION ALERT

9:05 AM - 4:35 PM PROTECTION REQUIRED
Even on cloudy days
Data provided by NIWA

SATURDAY

Fine with northwesterlies.

GISBORNE READINGS

Taken at the Airport, for the 24 hours to 9am, Tuesday 10 Nov 2020

SUNSHINE hours
On Monday, 9 Nov 2.1
To date for November 54.5
Average for November 215.0
To date this year 2019.5
To date last year 2179.2

WIND km/h
Max gust on Mon 9 Nov NW 43

RAINFALL mm
24 hours to 9am, Tue 10 Nov 18.6
To date for November 25.8
Average for November 63.0
To date this year 756.4
To date last year 659.4

EVAPOTRANSPIRATION mm
Daily average for past week 3.7

TEMPERATURE °C
Maximum 17.0
Minimum 7.8
Grass minimum 4.4

BAROMETRIC PRESSURE
At 9am 10 Nov (hPa) 1012.1
At 9am 10 Nov (inches) 29.89

WORLD TOMORROW

Adelaide	fine	16 26
Amsterdam	cloudy	8 13
Bangkok	cloudy	22 27
Beijing	cloudy	2 16
Berlin	cloudy	4 8
Brisbane	fine	16 27
Buenos Aires	fine	18 26
Cairo	fine	16 25
Canberra	fine	9 27
Cape Town	fine	14 24
Delhi	fine	11 28
Frankfurt	cloudy	6 11
Geneva	fine	6 13
Hong Kong	fine	21 26
London	rain	8 13
Los Angeles	fine	8 19
Melbourne	thunder	21 29
Moscow	fine	-1 1
New York	showers	15 19
Paris	cloudy	9 13
Perth	cloudy	10 20
Singapore	thunder	23 33
Stockholm	rain	5 8
Suva	showers	24 30
Sydney	fine	14 24
Tokyo	fine	8 16
Toronto	showers	15 17

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Gisborne Boys' High reinstate capping tradition

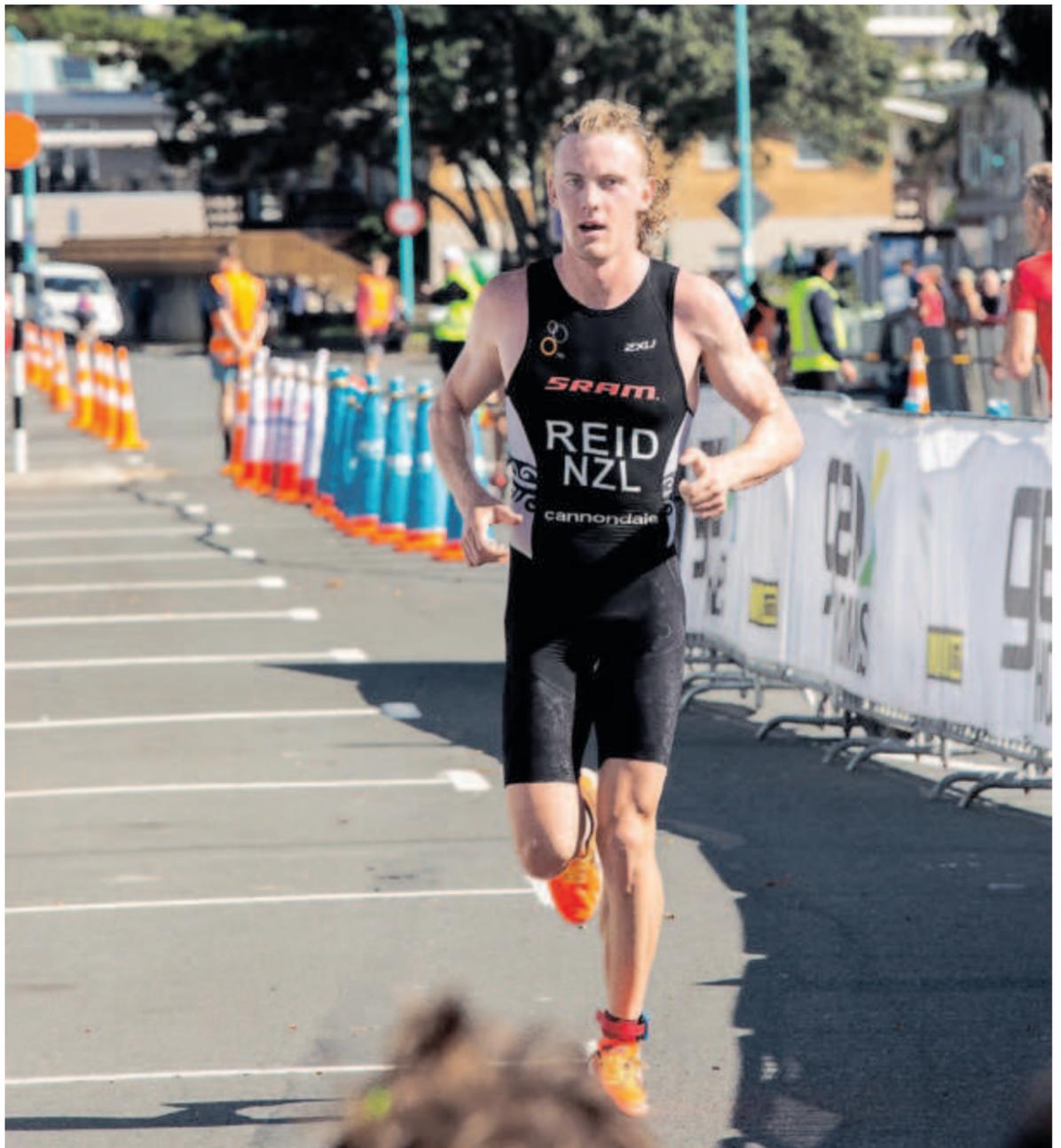
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SWIM-BIKE-RUN: Gisborne triathlete Tayler Reid tackles the Tinman Triathlon. Pictures by Julie Maree Photography



REID THIRD IN TINMAN

TRIATHLON by Jack Malcolm

GISBORNE triathlete Tayler Reid continued his run of form with a podium in the Tinman Triathlon over the weekend.

Hosted in Mt Maunganui, the annual Tinman race is part of Triathlon New Zealand's national series. It was the first race since Covid-19 halted the plans of many of the country's top triathletes, and it attracted a large field of competitors.

Reid said he wasn't "super happy" with

his race, but it was exciting to be out competing again.

"Training's great, we love training . . . but nothing beats a good race."

He started the race well, coming out of the water after the 1500-metre swim in first place (17 minutes 05 seconds), but a slow time on the bike (58:44) meant he fell behind the leader and eventual winner, Hayden Wilde.

Wilde, ranked No.14 in the world for the triathlon, finished the race over two minutes ahead of second-placed

Youth Olympic gold medallist Dylan McCullough.

Reid raced hard to catch McCullough, who had built himself a handy lead after a strong bike leg.

Wilde raced ahead, overtaking McCullough and expanding his lead in his preferred discipline. McCullough looked as if he was fading as the race entered the final lap of the run, but he was able to hold on to second.

It was a great run from Reid in what he believes to be his weakest discipline.

He pulled back almost three minutes from McCullough on the run leg.

Reid has been working hard on his running this year and he had the second-fastest time (33:41) over the 10km run.

"I knew I could take some time out of Dylan (McCullough) on the run, but the dude just biked the house down today," Reid said.

"I've been fizzing for this for a couple of weeks, just itching to get back into racing. It's wicked to have a race at home, finally, again."