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# MAORI WARDS



## Challenge now to 'get our community on board'

by Alice Angeloni

GISBORNE district councillors are gearing up to "get our community on board" after voting to introduce Maori wards for the 2022 and 2025 elections.

A crowded council chambers erupted in applause following a unanimous vote in favour of establishing Maori wards at an extraordinary meeting yesterday.

Elation, tears of joy and hugs were seen in the chambers following

the vote — a moment of respite from the anticipated public poll which can be demanded by electors and has the power to overturn yesterday's decision.

The majority of councillors spoke in favour of the proposal, including Deputy Mayor Josh Wharehinga, who initially moved the paper, saying the decision was "very straightforward", but later became emotional as he explained what the change meant to him.

"Everybody knows around the table that I'm first and foremost a father, and I got into this kind of mahi (work) because of my kids, who are largely female and largely Maori."

When he started at the council in 2014, there were only two female Maori councillors in Gisborne, he said.

His daughters could now look to three strong Maori wahine representing them at a central government level, which he described as a "dream coming true".

"Hand on heart I did not think I would see this day until my girls got older, in terms of representation."

"I love the fact that they have that at central government level, and Maori wards is our chance for representation for my young Maori daughters at local government level."

"If not us, then who, and if not now, then when?"



**TEARS OF JOY:** An emotional Ngati Oneone chair Charlotte Gibson embraces Gisborne District Council chief executive Nedine Thatcher Swann after a vote in favour of Maori wards. Right, Deputy Mayor Josh Wharehinga described the unanimous vote as "a dream coming true".

Pictures by Alice Angeloni/LDR

Councillors followed the staff's recommendation and resolved to establish one or more Maori wards, and to undertake a review of its "representation arrangements".

They also directed the chief executive to undertake the statutory process to establish Maori wards, including notifying the public of its right to demand a poll.

Eight of New Zealand's last nine citizen-initiated polls have overturned these council decisions and in Gisborne only 1625 signatures are needed to

require the council to go to a region-wide poll.

Cr Meredith Akuhata-Brown also shed tears as she explained to her colleagues it was the right thing to do.

"The time is always right to do what is right," she said. "I believe that this isn't a racist discussion, it's a righteous one. It's time to do the right thing by our people."

A number of submitters to the proposal had pointed out there were already Maori representatives on the council, she noted.

While she was proud to sit at the table, she was not the "spokesperson for every

Maori or iwi in the region".

"I need to be really clear. I've only claimed my Maori heritage in the last 12 years of my life. I wasn't raised Maori. In fact, I didn't know I was Maori until I was 11. I didn't know what Maori was. That's inherent in my upbringing. My Pakeha father told us we were not Maori. So, to represent Maori, for me, is actually hard work but it's a journey that I'm loving."

Cr Tony Robinson said Maori wards would "add to the conversation" not "take away from it".

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# Dog alerts family to house fire at Whangara

by Murray Robertson

A WHANGARA family have one of their dogs to thank after its barking woke them as their homestead burned in the early hours of this morning.

The family were able to get out but their home was severely damaged.

Fire and Emergency New Zealand sent multiple crews to the blaze in Waiomoko Road at around 4am.

FENZ in Gisborne sent two appliances, a water tanker and an operational support vehicle.

Tolaga Bay's volunteer brigade also responded.

"When we got there, there were flames coming out of the windows in the bedroom areas of the weatherboard home," said Senior Station Officer Bernie Bull.

"We attacked the fire straight away with hose lines, and were able to get inside the house and cut it off."

They stopped the fire spreading further.

"We were able to save about half of the homestead by doing that."

"Fortunately the family who lived there had a swimming pool and that helped with water to fight the fire."

SSO Bull said the fire started in one of the bedrooms.

"The flames got up into the ceiling void, spreading the blaze to the kitchen and lounge room areas."



**ROOF ON FIRE:** A farm homestead in Waiomoko Road at Whangara was extensively damaged by a fire early this morning. Despite the distance to get to the fire, firefighters were still able to save close to half the property. The cause has yet to be determined.

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"The family who lived in the house were alerted by one of their dogs that started barking."

"The couple and a grown-up son all got out OK without injury."

SSO Bull said the cause was not being treated as suspicious but exactly how the fire started had yet to be determined.

Specialist fire investigator Derek Goodwin went to the home this morning.

"The fire damage involves 50 to 60 percent of the house and then there's smoke damage throughout the rest of it," SSO Bull said.

"Considering the distance from either the city or the Tolaga Bay fire station, it

was remarkable that we were able to save any of the house."

Overhanging trees in the driveway slowed access to the property.

"There's a message in that for rural property owners — to ensure they have a four-metre wide gap in vegetation alongside their driveways."

## High Tea success inspires 'bigger and better' in 2021



THE Cancer Society's first ever High Tea fund-raiser went well and it is hoped it will become an annual event.

"It was a great success," event co-ordinator Becky Burgess said. About \$3400 was raised.

"Being the first time we had hosted such an event, it was a bit hard to get the numbers we hoped for," said Becky. "However, we had over 50 attendees and . . . it definitely inspired us to make it an annual event — bigger and better next time — with hopes it will grow each year by word of mouth."

Becky said the "thrilling rides" in cars courtesy of the Gisborne American Car Club, the stunning setting of the Vines Restaurant at Bushmer Estate, the easy-listening tones from band Table For Two, the excitement of

the mystery bag auctions hosted by auctioneer Katrina Tombleson and the tasty delicacies was the perfect mixture for an magic day.

"It was so great to see everyone enjoying themselves and hearing the laughter after the year that we have had."

"The generosity of all the people who made donations towards our prizes . . . and the people who donated their time to bring this together is a testament to our community."

Becky made special mention of Harcourts for "donating their time for the auction prises, and real estate agent Klaus Sorensen, who "came to the High Tea and announced that for every house he sells that is referred to him by someone mentioning the Cancer Society, he will donate \$500 back to us".

**HIGH TEA . . . AND A GLASS OF VINO:** Enjoying the Cancer Society High Tea fundraiser at The Vines Restaurant are (from left) Susan Steele, Fiona Shivnan, Kody Paulson, Ashley Howell, Holly Paterson, Suzanne Forey, Catherine Forey and Kate Taylor.

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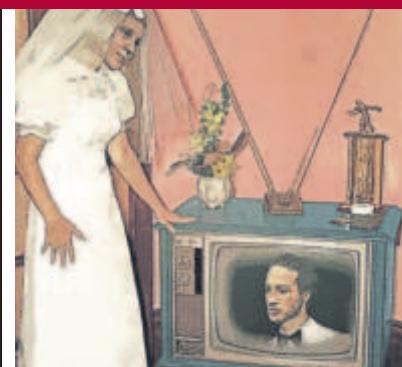
### LOOKING AHEAD



#### FOCUS ON THE LAND

- The 2020 Ahuwhenua Trophy for Excellence in Maori horticulture was won by a Te Kaha kiwifruit orchard.
- An update on the re-emergence of M.Bovis in the Canterbury district.
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# Sky Tower conquered step by step



**CHALLENGE COMPLETED:** The four Gisborne firefighters who successfully tackled the stairs at Auckland Sky Tower on Saturday raised more than \$4300 for Leukaemia and Blood Cancer NZ. From left are Robin Sneddon, Judah Theobald, Sammy Akroyd and Dion Wilson.

Picture supplied

by Murray Robertson

THE Gisborne firefighters who took on the stairs at the Firefighter Sky Tower Stair Challenge on Saturday all completed their climbs in good times.

Robin Sneddon, Judah Theobald and Dion Wilson were in the Firefighter of Steel section of the challenge.

They were in full kit and carried breathing apparatus weighing 19 kilograms as they climbed the 60 floors — a total of 1400 steps.

Samantha Akroyd was in the donned section, wearing a lighter carbon fibre cylinder with the full firefighting kit, and completing 51 floors and 1103 steps.

"The effort was harder this year for all three of us in the Firefighter of Steel category, I think due to the heat and humidity in Auckland at the weekend,"

Robin said.

"Usually the event is run in the cooler autumn month of May."

"Sammy did an awesome first climb, having no idea what to expect."

"You can be told what to expect but you need to experience it for yourself."

Samantha's time was 24 minutes and 36 seconds.

Robin's time was 21 minutes, Dion did 20:35 and Judah 22.04.

The fastest firefighter in their section was Glenbrook Industrial brigade member Mike Steenson, who clocked an impressive 13:30.

The total fundraising for the event so far had reached \$790,427 as of yesterday, all of this going to Leukaemia and Blood Cancer NZ.

Around 400 firefighters from across the country, and a few from overseas, took part this year.

## Info sought after shots fired in Scott Street

POLICE are appealing for information after a shot was reportedly fired at people in an Elgin street on Sunday.

The incident happened in Scott Street near the airport at 11am. No one was injured.

Police have arrested a 21-year-old man who faces violence offence charges.

"We are actively seeking two other men in relation to the incident," police said. "This was gang-related."

A green-coloured jeep, believed to have been used by the offenders, has been recovered by police.

"We have also recovered a high-calibre rifle."

Police say anyone who witnessed the incident or saw a green jeep in the Elgin area on Sunday morning is asked to contact the police.

"Anyone with information that may assist the inquiry can call 105 and quote the file number 201122/1778 or contact either Detective Sergeant Eric Hunter or Detective Constable Jared Phelps on 869-0200.

"Alternatively they could call Crimestoppers on 0800-555-111."

## Now facing challenge to 'fight for this kaupapa'

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"We have a massive challenge ahead of us because invariably there will be a poll — 1625 people will find the need to put their name on a bit of paper, to have a referendum, and then we're really going to have to deal with the muck."

"Over the next seven months we have a huge challenge to really fight for this kaupapa . . . if there's one thing that we do in our time here it is to ensure that this succeeds, that when we go out into our community and have these conversations, we really fight for this."

"Because it's the time. It has been overdue for 20 years. I really hope our community comes on board with us on this journey."

Mayor Rehette Stoltz said she had been asking herself whether the current representation model was "fit for purpose".

"I think the obvious answer is 'no'."

"Our job now is to go out and get our community on board, tell them why this is good for us . . . this is our opportunity not only to address Maori representation but also to put our weight behind our rural councillors," she said.

The public gallery had to be quietened early in the discussions as sounds of disagreement were expressed over councillor Pat Seymour's suggestion to go straight to the poll.

"I think that we have not heard from all of our community on this matter," Cr Seymour said.

She believed the consultation process had not been undertaken as well as it should have done, to which staff said they were not required to consult publicly on Maori wards at all.

Rural councillor Kerry Worsnop expressed concern that a poll of electors might, by overturning their decision, set the introduction of Maori wards back another six years.

"That is broadly accepted to be quite a likely outcome," she said.

"Simply charging ahead and going 'oh look we feel good about this' — that's

not good governance. We need to plan it better than that. We need to do better than that."

She also raised concerns about the loss of rural representation.

"That is an enormous risk for myself and probably for all the other rural councillors here to support this. It's a big risk."

"We could lose our rural wards and we did not warn people about that."

"I take a bit of a leap of faith if I support this movement."

East Coast councillor Bill Burdett said he was "a product of Maori voting for Maori", but Maori wards were the "way forward".

"Seven elections, still here. It can be done," said Mr Burdett. "I believe sincerely in the electoral system we have but I also believe Maori wards are the future."

Cr Shannon Dowsing said they were obligated to improve participation and to foster development of Maori in governance.

"This is absolutely an effective way to do that."

"Those two requirements of council, not options of council, those requirements are exactly why I'm in support of this."

Cr Debbie Gregory said she supported the formation of Maori wards for a number of reasons, the main one being that the representation of Maori at the decision-making table was not there.

"I understand the thinking that there is every opportunity to get elected by any person of any ethnicity in a general election, but it's not true," said Cr Gregory.

"There have not been the same opportunities in the past for Maori and Maori have not been engaging with the local body system for the last 250 years, and it's time for change."

Just three of New Zealand's 78 local authorities have Maori wards — Wairoa District Council and Bay of Plenty and Waikato regional councils — despite legally being able to do so since 2002.

The council ran a consultation period

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from August to November in which 69 percent of the 293 responses said they would like to see Maori wards established.

Those in opposition cited concerns about racism and divisiveness, with some responders likening it to apartheid South Africa and Nazi Germany.

The council received 18 formal submissions representing more than 60 organisations, family trusts, iwi, hapu, marae and kura.

All but one of the formal submissions in favour of establishing Maori wards.

Yesterday was the last day councillors could pass the resolution to be effective in time for the 2022 election.

The council must now give public notice of its decision and of the right for electors to demand a region-wide poll on the matter.

## Teenagers charged with dairy robbery

TWO teenagers appeared in the Gisborne Youth Court yesterday charged in relation to the alleged robbery of the Five Star Food Market in Wainui Road on Sunday.

Police say two youths, aged 17, entered the shop at around 6.45pm on Sunday night and allegedly threatened shop staff with a hammer.

"One staff member in the shop was injured in the incident," a police spokesman said. "He did not require hospital treatment."

The intruders made off with a quantity of tobacco products.

They were arrested later that night at locations in Kaiti and were remanded in custody at their initial court appearance.



## Deaths

**GOODING-OBRIEN, Pauline.** — A true and loyal, dedicated Honorary Life Member of the Gisborne RSA. You will be missed by all members and Housie participants for the 30 years volunteering your service at the Gisborne RSA. Always thinking of others, and putting them before herself. Rest in Peace our friend - Gisborne RSA Inc.

**ROBINSON, Beverley Joan (Betty).** — On 23 November 2020, peacefully at Leighton House, aged 90. Dearly loved wife of Jim (dec). Loved and cherished mother and mother-in-law of John (dec), Ian (dec) and Annette, Linda, Jackie and Dudley. Nana to Steven and Emma. Great-Nana to Violet and Thomas. Special thanks to all the staff at Leighton House who helped, cared and showed true compassion for our Mum over the past years.

A private family gathering will be held.  
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## Fryer at fishing club catches fire

**FIREFIGHTERS** were called to the Gisborne-Tatapouri Sports Fishing Club yesterday after a fryer in the kitchen caught fire.

The call came in to Fire and Emergency NZ at about 11.30am.

"The staff at the club followed their training," a senior firefighter said.

"They isolated the power to the fryer, used a fire blanket to smother the flames, then finished the fire off with a portable extinguisher."

"It was out when we got there."

The firefighters helped ventilate the kitchen and wider club area, which had been evacuated.

# Manawanui 'at home' this week

HMNZS Manawanui, the Royal New Zealand Navy's newest vessel, that calls Gisborne its home port, arrives here on Thursday for four days.

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern named Gisborne the Manawanui's home port when New Zealand purchased the vessel in 2018.

"It's common for naval ships to be assigned an honorary home port once they're commissioned," said Mayor Rehette Stoltz.

The HMNZS Manawanui's visit will include a ceremonial "charter parade" where the Mayor and councillors will hand over the charter to the commanding officer and crew.

"It's the modern version of handing over the keys to the city."

"Gisborne has a long and proud history with New Zealand naval vessels, and it's very exciting that the ship is coming for the first time to its home port," the Mayor said.

HMNZS Monowai and HMNZS Resolution both had Gisborne as their honorary home port, and both vessels received the charter here.

"So we are continuing a proud and a lovely tradition."

HMNZS Manawanui was commissioned on June 7, 2019.

Naval divers and hydrographers from the vessel and its predecessors have provided important services to New Zealand, the Pacific and New Zealand's partners over the years.

"That work has included carrying out underwater search and rescue with the New Zealand Police, removing unexploded ordnance in the Pacific islands left over from World War 2 and surveying the sea floor after the



**FIRST VISIT:** HMNZS Manawanui at sea in the Hauraki Gulf, its first time sailing under Royal New Zealand Navy Control. The ship was commissioned in June last year. It will make its first visit to Gisborne on Thursday.

File picture

Kaikoura earthquake," Mayor Stoltz said.

The charter gives the ship's crew the right to march through Gisborne's streets, and to allow the council to request a ship's officer to attend civic functions to support the Mayor on official occasions.

A series of public events will be held to mark the Manawanui visit, including a free public concert by the Navy band at Kelvin Park from 12.30pm – 1.30pm today.

The Charter Parade through the city

will be on Friday from 11am, starting at Fitzherbert St, crossing the Peel St bridge and continuing up to turn left into Gladstone Road, left into Lowe Street, left again into Reads Quay and back across the bridge to the council offices.

The ship will be open to the public on Saturday from 9am to 1pm at Eastland Port.

Parking may be limited during the public events, so visitors are asked to consider leaving cars at home or in town and walking to the wharf.

## Arty fun at new school holiday programme

A PROGRAMME with a difference will be available for children over the school holidays.

The Kids Creation Stationz programme incorporates art, music, dance and drama.

Called the Arty Party School Holiday Programme, it provides a purposeful alternative for busy working parents looking to solve their childcare problems during the lengthy Christmas/New Year break, says

organiser Tara Kent.

"Children will benefit from exploring their creative side via a range of arts-based activities, with some cooking and other fun stuff thrown in as well," she said.

The programme caters for children aged five to 12 and will be led by a qualified teacher with 20 years experience teaching at primary level.

It will be operate out of Turanganui-a-Kiwa

Activity Centre at 29 Carnarvon Street.

"It's a central location that's perfect for quick and easy drop-off on the way to work, with plenty of parking space."

The standard programme operates from 9am to 4pm, but options for earlier drop-offs and later pickups will be available.

"For more details or to make inquiries and bookings, see the Kids Creation Stationz page on Facebook."

# Account differs 'in key parts'

ONE OF two men who assaulted Raymond Neilson at his Tokomaru Bay home responded to being charged with murder by saying it was bullshit, a jury heard yesterday.

Reuben Gibson-Park also denies ever having made a comment about going back to "torch" Mr Neilson after the assault.

He said a witness who alleged it — the brother of his murder co-accused — lied. He was well known for making stuff up, he said.

Gibson-Park, 25, elected to give evidence after the Crown case against him and murder co-accused Tihei Patuwai, 30, ended yesterday morning.

The trial is in its second week.

Mr Neilson's body was found partly incinerated on the lounge room floor of his Waima house, in the early hours of December 15 last year.

The two accused do not deny assaulting him but claim it was not with the intent or recklessness required for murder. They only intended to give him a "hiding" and did not expect he would die.

Gibson-Park, who is further accused of arson, denies returning to the house a short time after the assault and setting fire to Mr Neilson's body.

In the last of the Crown evidence,

police involved in the case said Gibson-Park was staying with family on Great Barrier Island when he was arrested there on December 24. (Gibson-Park said his partner suggested he go there for Christmas as she is religious and does not celebrate it.)

He was cooperative and willingly gave a DNA sample.

Told he was being charged with murder, he said "that's bullshit" but otherwise he exercised his right to silence.

In his opening address, defence counsel Mark Ryan reminded jurors of that right but said Gibson-Park was giving evidence "because of uncertainty and contradictory statements by witnesses, some of whom seemed to be a bit evasive", Mr Ryan said.

Gibson-Park's account from the witness box of the assault and the lead-up to it differed in key parts to what other witnesses had earlier described.

Patuwai and two teenage workmates initially also involved, described a situation in which Gibson-Park played the lead role. Gibson-Park cast Patuwai in that role.

Gibson-Park said he confronted Mr Neilson when they came across him on the roadside because Mr Neilson had

"smacked" the front of his truck.

Patuwai told police the group was already heading to Mr Neilson's house to confront him about selling drugs to young people.

Gibson-Park described the assault initially as a "gang bash" in which they were all involved, and that at one point he was so tired from all the physical activity he had to stand back.

He did not deny using a baseball bat on Mr Neilson, as the others alleged, but said it was only to keep him on the ground, that he only struck him on the legs, bum, and once on the ribs with it, and only using a five out of 10 force.

He did not hit Mr Neilson in the head with the bat as he did not want to hurt him.

He said it was Patuwai who instigated a search of the house for drugs.

After the younger men left, Patuwai emerged from a bedroom with what looked like an air rifle and slammed the barrel of it into Mr Neilson's face about three times, saying "where's the shit?" Gibson-Park alleged.

He just stood there "buzzing out a little bit" and said to Patuwai, "what are you up to bro?"

Patuwai went back into a room. Gibson-Park said Mr Neilson then

grabbed him, so he hit him again with the bat a couple more times.

He left Mr Neilson on the floor and went to search a room, albeit he didn't know what to look for, Gibson-Park said.

When he came back Patuwai had moved him to the centre of the lounge room and had propped his head up on the fireplace hearth (similarly to the position in which he was later found deceased). Patuwai was stomping on Mr Neilson's chest and head, Gibson-Park alleged.

"Then I ran and grabbed him and said bro' what the f\*\*\* are you doing? We've got to go."

"I never intended to go there to do stuff like that. I didn't even want to be in his house — that's why I was trying to get everyone out of there."

He could still hear Mr Neilson breathing when they left but it might have been "a bit spluttery", he said.

They woke Patuwai's brother, who lives nearby, to give them a ride home.

He gave evidence earlier of overhearing Gibson-Park say to Patuwai that they should "go back and torch" Mr Neilson.

Gibson-Park denies it.

Cross-examination of him by Patuwai's counsel Eric Forster and Crown counsel Steve Manning resumes today.

# New arrival at Whinray Reserve

by Matai O'Connor

THE second kiwi chick of the season was delivered to Whinray Scenic Reserve earlier this month.

The kiwi chick, who is yet to be named, is a descendent of one of the original kiwis who first lived in the Whinray Scenic Reserve kiwi creche.

The chick was born at the national kiwi hatchery in Rainbow Springs, Rotorua and transported to the reserve by members of the Whinray Scenic Reserve Trust.

Releasing of the kiwi was tied into a planting day for the tuatara creche, a habitat being created for tuatara.

Motu community and Whinray Trust community took part in the planting day.

"The Motu school children have a science project where they will learn about kiwi and, through their research, hopefully come up with a name for the chick," Whinray Scenic Reserve and Motu School trustee Pania King said.

"The students and everyone involved in the day loved it."

About 50 people from the Motu community took part in the day.

"This was one of the first community get-togethers for the Motu community since Covid-19 Alert Level 4 lockdown.

"We all got together for our collective wellbeing. Everytime we organise something it's a sort of check up on how everyone is doing," Mrs King said.

**KIWI COMMUNITY:** From left are Paul Cornwell, Taane King, Harry Newman, Steve Sawyer, Zoe Newman and Greer Newman.

Picture by Lottie Hedley



# Project Jonah brings rescue training course to Gisborne

THOSE wanting to help stranded whales and dolphins have the chance to learn how to get them back out to sea this weekend when Project Jonah New Zealand comes to town.

Each year, hundreds of whales and dolphins strand on New Zealand shores.

While some are sick or injured, others are healthy and just need a helping hand back out to sea.

But saving whales is not as easy as it looks and a successful rescue often depends on properly trained volunteers.

Project Jonah NZ is holding a marine mammal medic course in Gisborne this Saturday, November 29, and another one in Mahia the following day.

The course is for those aged 15 and over. It costs \$120 dollars or \$85 for students with a valid ID.

Once trained you will be added to their national callout list. This means that when a stranding occurs you can be called upon.

By the end of the course you will be trained to assist in the rescue of stranded whales and dolphins, act as a role model to untrained rescuers, understand the roles and responsibilities at a stranding, and avoid potential hazards for people and whales.

To register for the course and find location details go to [projectjonah.org.nz/medic](http://projectjonah.org.nz/medic)

# Tackling more problem plastics

## Proposal to move away from hard-to-recycle items

THE Ministry for the Environment wants to hear peoples thoughts about phasing out more single-use and hard-to-recycle plastics.

Following the plastic shopping bag ban last year, the Government is now proposing to phase-out more plastic items.

The four-month public consultation process ends on December 4.

Seven single-use items have been identified for proposed phase-out, as they provide problems to New Zealand's waste management system, or end up as litter.

The proposed products are single-use plastic bags, tableware (plastic plates, bowls, cutlery), non-compostable produce stickers, drink stirrers, some single-use cups and lids, plastic cotton buds and plastic straws.

The seven items were selected using criteria including environmental harm, sustainable alternatives and international trends.

The Government is also proposing to phase-out all PVC food and beverage packaging, polystyrene food and beverage packaging, other expanded polystyrene packaging and oxo-degradable plastic products.

PVC and polystyrene pose bigger problems for recycling than other plastics, such as PET. In many cases, there are alternative plastics that are easier to recycle.

Plastic Bag-Free Tairawhiti (PBFT), a group committed to phasing out single-use plastics, are 100 percent supportive of the proposals.

Eliminating products that are virtually impossible to recycle in Aotearoa makes perfect sense, Nicky Solomon, one of the founding members of PBFT, said.

**“We’ve taken steps to protect our environment but there is still more to do”**

— Sam Buckle

single-use plastic shopping bags. That initiative had a real impact on the way New Zealanders think about plastic and plastic waste.

"We are now proposing to phase out these seven single-use items, as well as types of hard-to-recycle plastic material to clean up our environment, and to make it easier to recycle."

The public consultation was about seeking input on the possible costs and benefits of the phase-outs, potential unintended consequences, and possible exemptions.

"Please help us ensure the best outcomes for the environment and our communities by telling us anything we may have missed, and any specific impacts on you and your whanau."

Head to <https://tinyurl.com/y69ltq2r> to make a submission.

Submissions close 5pm on Friday, December 4.



**TIME TO VOLUNTEER:** Workers from Cedenco Foods volunteered to help finish the tidying up of Waikanae Stream. Picture supplied

## Improving local waterways

by Matai O'Connor

THE final stage of the Waikanae Stream clean-up was completed by a group of volunteers from Cedenco.

The group of 18 removed weeds from trees, shrubs and grasses that were planted along the bank.

They placed carpets as weed matting around the base of the plants before covering them with bark.

The Waikanae Stream and other small streams surround the Cedenco factory in Innes Street.

"We are becoming more and more aware of how our operational activities on our site are impacting the health of the waterways around us," Cedenco general manager Carla McCulloch said.

"We have started planting and cleaning the stream (near Reynolds Drain) that runs through our site into the Waikanae Stream."

"Our goal is to return the streams around us back to good water quality

and see the return of wildlife.

"We have heard stories of all the eels that used to be found in the stream," she said.

Recently they saw a rare white heron/kotuku in the Waikanae Stream at the back of the factory.

"In 2014-2017 we were involved with the Uawanui Project in Tolaga Bay. This involved a lot of fencing and planting in areas around the Uawa River and estuary.

"We were looking for a new project and something we could do on our annual community day. The Waikanae Stream Project ticked all of our boxes and is something we can work on each year and see real progress," she said.

The team who helped out are proud to be part of an environmental community initiative.

"It's really good to have staff from all areas of the business working alongside each other and getting to know more about one another," she said.

# Probe into 'unlawful' Pike River deal

by Kurt Bayer, NZ Herald

The Law Society is considering an investigation into the controversial deal done with former Pike River Coal boss Peter Whittall over the 2010 mine disaster.

Just days after the 10th anniversary of the Pike River disaster, where 29 men lost their lives on November 19, 2010, the long-running saga has taken a new turn.

In the aftermath of the tragedy, the Health and Safety Group of MBIE put together a case that would have brought 12 charges against then mine boss Whittall.

But there was stunned anger in December 2013 when all 12 health and safety charges were dropped after he

and Pike River Coal offered a voluntary payment of \$3.41 million, seeing \$110,000 given to each of the families and two survivors.

The Crown said after an extensive review that it was "not appropriate to continue with the prosecution against Mr Whittall".

Afterwards, the outraged families slammed the move as "blood money".

In November 2017, the Supreme Court ruled the decision not to lay any charges against Whittall was unlawful.

Yesterday, on the third anniversary of that landmark decision, the Law Society confirmed in a letter to Christopher Harder, who lodged a formal complaint last month, (it) is being referred to a Standards Committee "for consideration of commencing an investigation of its own

motion".

The complaint, viewed by the NZ Herald, claims Whittall's lawyer Stuart Grieve QC and then-Crown solicitor for Christchurch Brent Stanaway brought the legal profession into disrepute by entering into an "unlawful agreement to pay money for the dropping of all charges" and "stifling a prosecution by deliberately misleading and deceiving the sentencing judge (Judge Jane Farish)".

A Law Society spokeswoman yesterday told the Herald they were prevented by law on commenting on whether they had received a complaint or "any details of concerns raised with us".

All complaints must be first considered by Standards Committees, which are comprised of lawyers and lay people, the spokeswoman said. — NZ Herald

## IN BRIEF

### More complaints about musos

WELLINGTON — Police have reports of about 20 incidents involving the group of Wellington musicians accused of sexual assaults, they say, in the first update on the matter in weeks.

The allegations include rape, sexual assault and violence. Police said inquiries were continuing, and no charges had yet been laid.

About a dozen investigators were working on the case, they said, and anyone with information should contact them.

When police opened the investigation, dubbed Operation Emerald, last month they said they had received a small number of complaints.

The investigation began after a woman made allegations online, and said in a follow-up post she had received more than 100 responses from women, men, and minors. They detailed similar attacks included druggings, being chased by the men, sexual assaults and rape. — Radio NZ

# Biden keen to 'reinvigorate' links

## US President-elect talks up future relationship to PM

by Jason Walls, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — United States President-elect Joe Biden wants to "reinvigorate" New Zealand's relationship with the US and has praised Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern's leadership during the Covid-19 pandemic.

He is also keen for New Zealand to share its knowledge and experiences with the US, when it comes to the fight against Covid-19 — something Biden said was his No.1 priority.

Biden spoke to Ardern yesterday afternoon — the first conversation the pair have had since Biden was elected President.

Speaking to reporters, Ardern said the call was "very much looking to the future".

"The President-elect said he would like to reinvigorate the relationship, noting that the breadth of areas where there is agreement, while recalling the long-standing nature of the relationship between our countries," Ardern said of the call.

The pair also talked about climate change and trade — although the Prime Minister didn't go into detail about any potential free trade deal between the two

countries. Ardern extended an invitation for Biden to visit New Zealand as part of the Anzus 70th anniversary next year.

"It seemed only natural, of course, that we extend equally that invitation to New Zealand as well."

That invitation, Ardern said, was "very warmly received".

Ardern struck a positive tone when speaking about the call, saying it was "very positive" and "very warm".

In a statement, Biden appeared to echo this sentiment.

"The President-elect praised the Prime Minister's extraordinary leadership after the 2019 Christchurch massacre, on Covid-19 and as a working mother and role model," a Biden spokesman said.

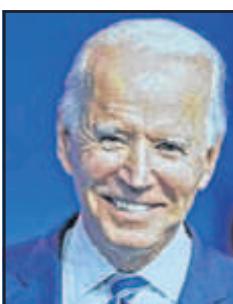
According to the list of "readouts" of Biden's calls with other leaders, Ardern was the 14th leader he spoke to — ahead of several of the G20 countries.

Conversations between newly elected leaders are a tried and tested tradition — Ardern had one with Donald Trump when he was first elected in 2016.

The National Party foreign affairs spokesman, Gerry Brownlee, said it was too early to say if the Biden-Ardern call means the relationship between the countries will improve.



Jacinda Ardern



Joe Biden

congratulations to Biden.

Ardern told reporters yesterday that she and Biden did not talk about Trump not conceding the election.

Rather, the 20-minute conversation was "dominated by talking about the next steps in our relationship".

Ardern said Biden talked very positively about what had happened in New Zealand, in regards to Covid-19.

"I offered to him, and his team, access to the New Zealand (Covid-19) team and health officials in order to share our experience in the things we've learned on our Covid-19 journey."

This was an offer, according to Ardern, that the US President-elect was keen to take up.

Biden has been to New Zealand before — in 2016 he visited in his role as Vice-President.

"He spoke of his fond memories of visiting New Zealand several years ago — you could tell from the conversation he sensed a real connection to New Zealand. He felt very welcomed here," Ardern said.

She added that Biden was very pleased to receive the invitation to come back to New Zealand.

"We are both looking forward to an opportunity to meet face-to-face."

# Maori, Crown must work in partnership for children

WELLINGTON — Minister for Children Kelvin Davis says he is "not into separatism" and that Oranga Tamariki needs to work in partnership with Maori while the Crown still retains a role.

Davis welcomed the report by Children's Commissioner Andrew Becroft who is calling for the transfer of Maori children and babies in state care to Maori groups.

He told Morning Report he was ready to have the conversation.

"We have to be brave and admit where Oranga Tamariki have got things wrong and what needs to change. Working in partnership with Maori is what needs to happen."

"If we move to a by Maori for Maori system, we have to make sure that we get it right."

"I'm not into separatism. The Crown can't absolve itself of its responsibility to make sure children grow up in safe and loving families."

He would not elaborate, but said the general direction was a shift of power and resources



**GOVERNMENT TO DECIDE:** Assistant Maori Commissioner for Children, Glenis Philip-Barbara, says the Government must determine whether iwi and hapu could take on a transfer of power from Oranga Tamariki. She was speaking after the release of Children's Commissioner Andrew Becroft's report. Radio NZ picture

towards Maori.

"We can move from what is a eurocentric paradigm towards a more Maori way of doing things."

Any new system had to be

better than the previous one, he said.

"The first thing we have to do is make sure the mana of the child, the parents, the wider

whanau, hapu and iwi are maintained; that we work with manaakitanga, whanaunatanga, atawhai to make sure that the best outcome is met, but we do it in a Maori way."

"My personal belief is we need to move to a Maori way of doing things, what that looks like ultimately needs to be decided."

"There's still a role for the Crown."

Davis had been meeting with some of Oranga Tamariki's harshest critics and some Maori were "supportive" of the organisation.

"I don't think separatism has worked anywhere in the world, we have to work together in a partnership."

Davis ruled out allowing hapu to take over all of the state's powers to care for their tamariki.

That's something the Children's Commissioner Andrew Becroft has called for, as part of his inquiry into the removal of babies by the Children's Ministry.

The report is part of a large scale investigation into Oranga

Tamariki which found that Maori babies were five times more likely than non-Maori babies to be taken into state care. The urgent removal of Maori babies from their whanau has doubled since 2010.

### Sharing power

Assistant Maori Commissioner for Children Glenis Philip-Barbara said the government must determine whether iwi and hapu could take on a transfer of power from Oranga Tamariki.

"What we're asking for is for the Government to recognise mana Maori by handing over the power to define, determine and decide what 'good' looks like for tamariki Maori to Maori."

"I don't think we've had a better time in our history as a nation to realise this dream. I'm hopeful that Government will step back and understand how important it is to share power as a Treaty partner."

In a statement, Oranga Tamariki chief executive Grainne Moss said any further decisions were the government's responsibility. — Radio NZ

# Five shootings in two days

*'Lure of cash, flashy cars and pretty women conceals reality'*

by John Weekes, NZ Herald

AUCKLAND — A gun crime spree in South Auckland has highlighted a drive-by shooting culture and frustrated community leaders, who blame poverty and the glorification of gang lifestyles for the shootings.

After at least five gang-related shootings in two days, some Otara residents are on edge while others are frustrated at crime again dragging their neighbourhood's name down.

Police have confirmed all five shootings since Friday are linked and involve an organised crime group.

It led to an increased police presence in the suburb at the weekend and early yesterday, with officers in the streets carrying firearms.

Boxer and businessman Dave Letele said Otara had a lot to offer, but grinding poverty meant some kids had few opportunities.

"It's not just an Otara problem. This is a problem throughout any deprived area. The thing that concerns me is crime and the gangster life is so glamorised."

Also known as The Brown Buttabean, Letele's father was a Mongrel Mob president.

Letele said the apparent trappings of gangster life — cash, flashy cars, pretty women — often concealed a reality of violence, jail time, and squandered lives.

"It's just not glamorous."

But Letele said kids who grew up poor, and weren't good at school, unsurprisingly saw some criminals as role models.

"The only people you're looking to are the drug dealers and the gang members ... it's the lure of making quick money. "No one likes being poor."

Letele said it was disappointing the violence overshadowed good local initiatives.

He said the Covid-19 lockdown brought out the best in some locals, such as volunteers who established food banks.

Otara sprouted the Tribesmen in the 1980s and, a generation later, the Killer Beez. The latter was initially a feeder



**GANGSTER LIFE BLAMED:** Armed police officers on the alert in Bairds Rd, Otara, yesterday.

NZ Herald picture

gang for the Tribesmen, but in recent years tensions flared between the two groups.

In 2018, conflict spilled into a Mt Wellington Harley-Davidson store, where the Tribesmen's Okusitino Tae shot and paralysed Killer Beez president Josh Masters.

A senior police source told the NZ Herald that drive-bys were far more common in New Zealand than most people thought.

This was because victims were often reluctant to report shootings, especially if residents in targeted houses were gang affiliates.

Drive-bys were typically a domination tactic gangs used. Turf battles could be the trigger for a drive-by, as could revenge.

Shootings often involved low-calibre weapons or shotguns fired from far away.

And in some cases, there was a tendency to view the incidents as victimless crimes.

But it took just one reckless act, or one miscalculation for tragedy to strike — as happened when a toddler was shot dead in a 2007 Whanganui drive-by shooting.

Not far from where a gun was fired on Preston Road last weekend, the Tonga family's house proudly bears at least 30 flags of their namesake homeland.

On Monday, their neighbourhood was the focus of police attention. A police stationwagon or unmarked car or SUV drove by about every five minutes on average.

That attention did not bother father-of-five Amanaki Tonga.

Neither did the fact police for part of the weekend routinely carried firearms in response to the heightened local gang tensions.

"If you're a good person, it doesn't

matter," he said. "But if you're a bad person, you worry."

He loved Otara, said nowhere else felt like home, and people in the suburb could be successful and happy.

But he said unemployment and disconnection from the family or community sparked problems.

His son Ilaija said the shootings weren't shocking.

"You can't stop it. It's just going to happen. If you ever come around here on Sundays on Preston Road, you'll see the gangs riding around, but they're not making trouble."

He said trouble could happen anywhere in the world.

"When we have a shooting in Otara, people highlight it, blast it up."

The 21-year-old said people who perpetuated negative stereotypes about Otara should visit the neighbourhood.

"Come to our park and buy some food. Or go to Otara and buy some chicken thighs."

"It's cheaper here," his father added. "It's still safe."

Kaumautua and adventurer Busby Noble said Otara was often marginalised. He said some elders and community leaders felt like they were staring down a wave of negative influences.

That wave combined US street gang and violent video game culture, consumerism, and an education system that he felt often sidelined Maori.

Noble said at-risk youth should be helped before the crest of the wave broke and smashed them.

He said mainstream institutions and the police often did not understand that Otara had its own soul and its own culture.

"They're trying themselves to read places and people and things, and not one of them is paying attention to the spirit of the place."

By yesterday afternoon police were no longer routinely carrying firearms. Investigations into the shootings were ongoing, but police have seized ammunition and other items.

## Qatar airport police officers charged over invasive searches

WELLINGTON — Qatar's public prosecutor has filed criminal charges against an unspecified number of police officers working at Qatar's Hamad International Airport after women said they were invasively searched there last month.

Among the women were Australians and New Zealanders, with the incidents sparking outrage in both countries.

Qatari officials said the searches were conducted "in order to locate the mother of a newborn child found abandoned in a garbage bin in an airport bathroom".

Australia's Prime Minister Scott Morrison has said the searches were appalling and Qatar's Prime Minister Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa bin Abdulaziz al-Thani has apologised.

Judicial police officers working in the Airport Security Department broke the law when they summoned female medical staff to conduct the searches, the public prosecutor said.

The police officers acted unilaterally and now face "penalties of a maximum of three years", officials said.

The public prosecutor did not say what crimes

had been committed, how many police officers had been charged or detail the penalties they faced, such as imprisonment, if convicted.

The public prosecutor said it had also charged the child's mother, who has left the country, with attempted murder and that it had launched legal proceedings to arrest her.

The mother, identified as of "Asian nationality", faces a maximum penalty of 15 years if

convicted. A male defendant has been identified as the father of the baby after a DNA test.

The mother of the abandoned baby had messaged the father telling him that she had just given birth and that she was abandoning the child and leaving the country, the prosecutor said. It was not clear what charges the father faced. The baby girl is being taken care of by Qatari authorities. — Newshub

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# Labour attacked over poverty

AUCKLAND — A poverty advocacy group has issued a scathing response to a letter from the Labour Government detailing how it's helped low-income families, accusing it of "institutional gaslighting" and "dismissing the lived experience of everyone on a benefit".

The letter, sent to Auckland Action Against Poverty (AAAP) in response to their plea to boost benefits and low incomes before Christmas, sets out all Labour's achievements in fighting poverty since coming into power.

It pointed out the introduction of its child poverty reduction target, \$5.5 billion Families Package, the COVID-19 wage subsidy and the move to index main benefits to average wage growth as examples of policies that benefit New Zealand's poorest citizens.

"As you have said, we all want every child in Aotearoa to experience a thriving and happy childhood," the letter, signed by Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, Finance Minister Grant Robertson and Social Development Minister Carmel Sepuloni reads.

"That's why we already started making a range of changes over the course of our last term, which we believe will have made a significant difference for families with children on the

**'We're well aware of what they've implemented and we've been saying it's not enough. The (Govt's) letter dismisses the lived experience of everyone on a benefit'**

— Brooke Stanely Pao

lowest incomes, including those supported by benefits."

But while AAAP acknowledges the Government has made steps in the right direction, spokesperson Brooke Stanley Pao says its actions aren't enough to meet the urgent needs of vulnerable Kiwis.

"In the letter it mentions the Government is proud of what they've achieved, but it's very different from what people are experiencing on the ground," she says.

"Jacinda Ardern, Carmel Sepuloni and Grant Robertson are all people who don't have to live or be directly affected by the impacts of their decision to choose to keep people in poverty. I bet they don't even know anyone in their direct circles who are receiving welfare support."



**SCORNED:** A letter pleading for an increase in benefits and low incomes before Christmas was answered by Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern (above), Finance Minister Grant Robertson and Social Development Minister Carmel Sepuloni sending a letter that itemises all the things Labour say they have done to improve the lot of the poor.

NZ Herald picture

"We're well aware of what they've implemented and we've been saying it's not enough. The letter dismisses the lived experience of everyone on a benefit. At this point it's institutional gaslighting and people are exhausted."

Among AAAP's biggest complaints is the Government's

lack of action on the construction of public housing.

Labour has promised to deliver an extra 8000 new public and transitional homes through Budget 2020, in addition to the 6400 public housing homes that were currently being built.

But AAAP points out that there are still more than 20,000 people

waiting for state or social housing — more than triple the size of the waitlist in 2017, when Labour first returned to power.

"The letter talks about their commitment to building more public housing, when the public housing waitlist is at 20,000 households. The average rent in Tamaki Makaurau (Auckland) is about to hit \$600 before the end of the year and it's already at \$625 in Porirua," Pao says.

"They need to commit to building enough public housing to house the waitlist and all those struggling with private rentals."

Pao says the Government needs to take action now to address inequality.

"We're staunch in our belief that everyone should have what they need in order to thrive and the things we're fighting for are essential human rights," she says.

"Everyone should have the protection of secure and affordable housing, along with enough resources to ensure themselves and their children aren't left behind. We don't want our communities to be continuously ignored. If they don't urgently address the needs of the people and families we work with, then the poverty crisis will be a part of the Labour government's legacy."

— Newshub

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## Kylee Guy 'utterly disgusted' by event about husband's murder

by Louise Gould, HB Today

HAVELOCK NORTH — Supporters of the widow of slain farmer Scott Guy say a Havelock North Club event promising the "inside story" into a 2012 murder trial is "utterly disrespectful" and should be cancelled.

However, the organiser has defended the event, saying attendees won't hear anything that isn't "out there already".

The Havelock North Club is set to host the event, Inside Story — Ewen Macdonald (sic) trial for the murder of Scott Guy, with defence lawyer Peter Coles on December 4.

Dairy farmer Mr Guy was 31 when he was gunned down at the end of his driveway near Feilding on July 8, 2010.

Coles was one of the lawyers defending Macdonald in the 2012 trial, after Macdonald was accused of killing Mr Guy, his brother-in-law.

Macdonald was acquitted at the jury trial, but was jailed for five years for other offences, including arson, poaching, and vandalising the Guy's property.

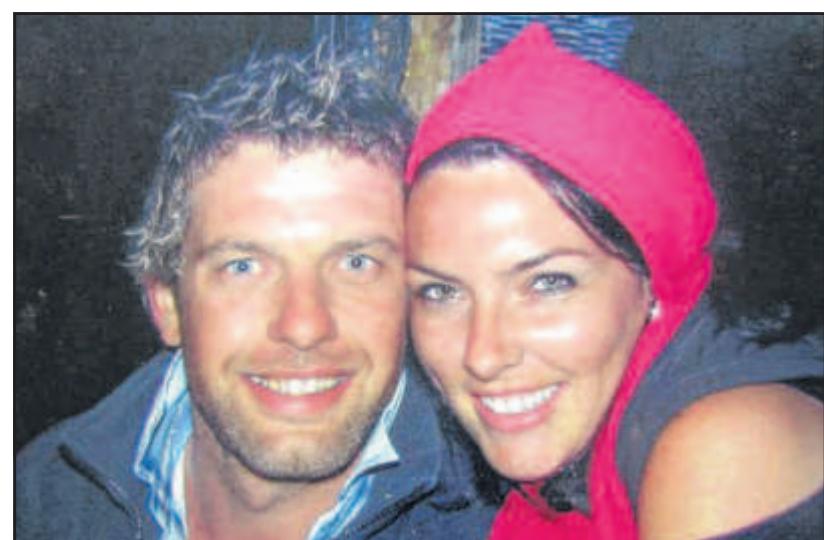
Private victim advocate Ruth Money said the club had no respect for Kylee Guy and her family, and the event should not go ahead. "Of course it should be cancelled — it should never have been instigated in the first place," she said.

"The club never gave Kylee the respect of asking permission. She found out through local chat and called them. Utterly disrespectful," she said.

Guy provided a statement to Hawke's Bay Today that said nobody should be profiting from the death of her husband.

"It's utterly disgusting that anyone would try to benefit commercially from my family's pain," she said. "This is not some soap opera — this is our real life. This is no one's 'story' but Scotty's."

According to the event on Facebook, the club is charging \$100 per person to attend the talk, which includes a three-course meal. The event page stated that no press will be allowed to attend.



**HORRIFIED:** Kylee Guy, the Hawke's Bay-based widow of murdered farmer Scott Guy says she is 'horrified by the morality' of a Havelock North event offering the 'inside story' of the trial into her husband's death.

Kylee Guy, who now lives in Hawke's Bay, said she was not consulted by the club about the talk on the case.

"I'd be interested to know if they would try and sell \$100 tickets to hear about another family's tragedy."

"Do other poor families get this unwanted and unwavering attention or just mine?" she said.

Event organiser Neil Hollebone has told Stuff the event was not for money-making purposes, and they expected about 100 people.

"We may make a profit, but it's not being held to raise a profit. At best, it will make \$10 to \$20 profit per person," he said.

Hollebone said the whole thing came about because he had simply asked Coles to speak and he said "Fine".

"He's doing it out of interest," he said.

Hollebone told Stuff Kylee Guy had contacted him after finding out about the event.

"Obviously she got emotional and fair

enough too. She's lost her husband in a terrible way. But it's nothing that's not out there already," Hollebone said.

Money said Hollebone and Coles were missing the point: "They may well be claiming to just speak about what 'is already out there' — that is called re-victimisation, plain and simple," she said.

Guy was horrified by the morality of the situation.

"People write books, produce so-called documentaries and now this. I am horrified at the lack of moral compass this decision demonstrates," she said. "Why does anyone think they have the right to gain personally and commercially by leveraging my family's grief?"

A Facebook post advertising the event was put up on Friday, but has been taken down after the event was criticised.

Money said she and Guy understood the event was still happening.



**SAFELY ARRIVED:** Santa Claus lays his head in Wanaka. ODT picture

## Giant Auckland Santa lands at his new home

**WANAKA** — The new owner of the giant Auckland Santa hopes it will eventually shake off its "creepy" tag.

The five-tonne, 18m-tall Christmas decoration, which spent 60 years encouraging Aucklanders to shop, arrived safely yesterday at Wanaka's National Transport and Toy Museum.

The Santa's ability to wink and move its finger led to claims it was creepy.

However, museum and new Santa owner Jason Rhodes felt the decoration had been unfairly labelled. "I would like to know who maligned him to start with, because most people I know have enjoyed him for what he is."

"He's an iconic figure and he's got a smile on his face, trying to bring happiness to everyone around him. Why malign him?"

Rhodes bought the Santa — which cost \$200,000 a year to maintain and store — from the Auckland Heart of the City organisation for \$1. Rhodes noted the mechanisms for the winking eye and moving finger were gone and was unsure whether those functions would be restored. The Santa would be assessed after Christmas and fibreglass repairs would be done over the summer. — Otago Daily Times

## 'Stateless' Kiwis working abroad struggle to book isolation facility

by Isaac Davison, NZ Herald

**AUCKLAND** — New Zealanders who work overseas say they are being locked out of the country by the managed-isolation voucher system.

Seafarers and others working in offshore industries return to New Zealand regularly and say their uncertain travel schedule makes it near-impossible to book spaces in managed isolation.

As a result, they are being left "stateless" and stranded in other countries, they said.

Matt Daniels, a seafarer who works on offshore oil fields, left New Zealand in September, before the Managed Isolation and Quarantine (MIQ) voucher system was introduced.

He is scheduled to disembark from his vessel in Malaysia on Saturday. Under that country's rules, he must leave within three days or go into quarantine for two weeks.

However, he can only secure a voucher for isolation in New Zealand for December 11 — when he would still be in quarantine.

"For us, it's just not practical," he said. "We very rarely know what week we are getting off, let alone which day."

The next available date for managed isolation was in mid to late-January. Daniels was due to head to another job in South East Asia in early January.

"As this is my regular employment I feel like I am being locked out of New Zealand," he said.

"I just want to get home when I've finished my work."

Daniels applied for an emergency allocation in a managed-isolation facility but was declined.

MIQ did not immediately respond to a request for comment but said in an

# 'Govt-managed scam'

## Immigration NZ not refunding unprocessed visas

**AUCKLAND** — Immigrants say they feel scammed after their visas were not processed and they received no refund.

Michael Hemmerde applied for residence in 2019 but lost his job as a manager at Auckland's ASB Waterfront theatre in August.

The Chilean asked Immigration New Zealand (INZ) for a refund and was refused two months later. "I had not even been given a case officer, nothing had happened to my file," he said.

"When you apply for something and you don't get a service, you are expecting a refund of the work that wasn't ever done on your file. They take the money, they put you in the queue, nothing happens, they kept the money and I never got the service I paid for."

He's back home but still angry.

"To be super honest with you, I find what INZ does is a government-managed scam."

Qi Lishuang, from China, who worked in hospitality in the South Island for four years, asked INZ what work had been done since she applied for residence in December 2018.

"I've been waiting one-and-a-half years and then all of a sudden I got a case officer days after I submitted my



**LEGAL ROBBERY:** According to applicants the way immigration works is complete robbery but it's legal because the immigration clearly says: 'Sorry — no refunds.' File picture

refund request," she said.

"They said 'oh, your documents have been transferred from one building to another building of the same branch in Manukau — your money is

in there now, you're unable to take it back.'

"I just said, this is completely a robbery, but it's legal. Because you don't get the say, they get the final say: 'Sorry — no refunds'."

A partial refund for people who no longer fit the criteria

after such a long delay — and the chaos that Covid had caused to jobs — would help them get on with their lives, she said.

She would use the money to help pay her retraining in early childhood education.

Immigration advisor Matt Simpson said the refusal to refund when little had been done on applications was a consumer affairs issue.

Government information he received showed little was

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# Deposit rate plummets

Kiwis are advised to think about managing funds better

by Tamsyn Parker, NZ Herald

AUCKLAND — Investors are being urged to look around at other options for their money as deposit rates at the bank plunge to all-time lows.

A \$10,000 investment in a one-year term deposit is now earning only about \$113 in the bank compared with seven years ago when the money would have earned \$409, research by Canstar has revealed.

And the returns are even worse for savings in bonus saver or flexible saver type accounts — some of the most common held by Kiwi savers.

In November 2012 a \$10,000 deposit in a bonus saver account would have earned \$319 in interest but that has dropped to just \$51.

Jose George, general manager of Canstar New Zealand, said the low rates were a wake-up call for investors to think about how better to manage their money.

"If there is any positive out of this with these kinds of interest rates I think it is about time people get more serious about looking at what their money is doing for them. How they make their money work better."

Bank deposit rates have fallen on the back of cuts to the official cash rate.

In March the Reserve Bank cut the OCR to a record low 0.25 percent as the global coronavirus pandemic began to hit and it has indicated it could take the OCR negative next year.

That has seen the average six-month term deposit rate fall from 3.26 percent in October 2018 to 0.93 percent in October 2020.

Despite lower rates money continues to pour into the banks. Total deposits rose from \$359.1 billion to \$394bn in the

## What you get

First year interest earned from a \$10,000 deposit into an average savings account

\$10,000 deposited at the start of November ...	1 year term deposit	Bonus saver total rate	Flexible saver ongoing rate
2012	\$409.00	\$319.15	\$259.10
2013	\$382.75	\$350.09	\$263.36
2014	\$422.63	\$383.56	\$267.52
2015	\$365.28	\$280.97	\$162.71
2016	\$343.82	\$226.26	\$106.22
2017	\$337.33	\$200.33	\$108.99
2018	\$336.54	\$186.54	\$96.29
2019	\$261.67	\$97.05	\$51.47
2020	\$113.33	\$51.23	\$27.98

Source: canstar.co.nz / Herald Network graphic

year to September 30.

Term deposits have fallen from \$195.8bn to \$178.2bn but money going into savings accounts has risen from \$83.7bn to \$105.25bn.

George said it was still a good idea to have savings in the bank to take care of emergencies and unforeseen expenses, with experts recommending a buffer of three to five months cover for expenses. Financial adviser Liz Koh said money in the bank had a specific purpose and that was to provide liquidity, ease of access, and stability.

"Any money where you need those attributes needs to be still in the bank and you just don't worry about what

interest rate you are getting on it," she said.

But money in the bank should not be investment money, she added.

"You don't go to the bank to invest your money, you put money in the bank to have it on hand until such time as you plan to spend it in the short term — if you get interest on it that is just a bonus."

She said those looking for an investment return needed to look elsewhere and she urged retirees who hoped to live off the interest on their savings to forget it.

Koh said over-65-year-olds could consider investing in KiwiSaver if they did not need the money for the next five years.

For those not retired she said diversification was key.

Tom Hartmann, personal finance editor at Sorted — the Government's money education website — said once inflation and tax were taken into account people were "basically rolling backwards" if the money was not earmarked to be used in the next year or two for short-term expenses or being kept as an emergency fund.

He said those looking to invest their money elsewhere needed to consider when they needed to spend the money and how they felt about the ups and downs of an investment.

More retirees were using KiwiSaver because of the low interest rate environment and due to the recent change which had enabled over-65s to join the scheme, he said.

But the low interest rates also meant there were greater concerns about people getting caught in scams or investing in things they did not understand.

"The old adage [is] 'if something is too good to be true it probably is'. In this environment if something is paying 10 percent — that is a red flag."

Investments sold by cold calling, which is illegal in New Zealand, were also a red flag.

"If you are contacted out of the blue — cold calling is illegal but still scammers will prey on the sense of this is your opportunity, don't tell anybody about it — it is exclusively for you — any air of exclusivity is a red flag."

Hartmann said in general it recommended managed funds, of which KiwiSaver is one type, as the investment type was well regulated and more transparent than others and allowed people to diversify with small amounts of money.

## New Zealand tourism is missing \$12.9bn due to border closure

AUCKLAND — New Zealand faces a revenue gap of \$12.9 billion a year without international visitors.

Research for Tourism New Zealand shows that it takes 12 overnight trips from Kiwis to equal the spend of one international visitor and foreign tourists spend up to three times more a day than locals.

International visitors spend \$232 a day, Kiwis travelling around the country spend \$155 a day while those residents staying local spend \$74 a day. Total spending by international visitors was \$17.2bn in the 12 months ended March last year. New Zealanders spent \$23.7bn on domestic holidays and it is estimated this will be boosted by \$4.2bn — half of what Kiwis spent on trips abroad last year.

The study by Tourism NZ — a government agency — and economists, Fresh Info, drew on data from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment data as well as Stats NZ. It showed Government revenue was boosted by \$849 for every international visitor. New Zealand tourists paid about \$11 a day in GST while international visitors paid \$26 a day. Every \$178,000 of tourism spend created one job and this was equal to 42 international visitors or 480 domestic overnight trips.

Tourism NZ chief executive Stephen England-Hall said tourism was vital to the country's recovery and the research would dispel some misconceptions.

"Tourism is a major employer of women and youth and on average every \$178,000 of visitor spend creates one new job. These jobs are important for our regions, especially where there may be few other employment options."

"Embracing technology and improving digital capability could lift tourism productivity even further. This could result in higher wages and better standards of living, especially for our regional communities."

England-Hall said the research showed there was still some work to do to become more environmentally sustainable.

"The sector is doing some incredible things to reduce or offset carbon with many operators moving towards being carbon zero. While there is still work to be done, tourism's carbon efficiency is improving, and its intensity is lower than other large sectors including agriculture, utilities and mining."

He said the study results would be shared with Government and industry with more research expected to be conducted in the coming months. — NZ Herald

## Goodman's 'solid' result — company adapts to Covid

by Anne Gibson, NZ Herald

AUCKLAND — Bottom-line profit from \$3.3 billion industrial and logistics landlord Goodman Property Trust dropped in the first half of this year compared to last year due to less spectacular property valuations.

The business made \$224.3 million in last year's first half, falling to \$176.3m net profit after tax in this latest six months to September 30, 2020,

although revenue rose from last year's \$84.1m to \$87.3m this year.

Property valuations were the main influencer, rising \$172.4m in last year's first half but \$140.2m in this latest period.

That pushed down pre-tax profit from \$236.4m last year to \$186.4m this year, accounts showed.

Chairman Keith Smith called the result solid and said it was achieved despite a more challenging operating

environment.

"We've adapted to the disruption of Covid-19 and continued to execute our investment strategy for the trust. New acquisitions, further development progress and recent capital management initiatives have maintained positive momentum in the business," Smith said.

Changing consumer behaviour is driving the acceleration of e-commerce, Smith said. Customer demand for well-

located warehouse and logistics space has continued to support the trust's portfolio fundamentals and targeted development activity.

John Dakin, chief executive, said: "We're extremely pleased with the resilience of the business. Occupancy has been maintained at almost 100 percent, year-to-date rental cashflows are consistent with our expectations and development enquiry remains strong."

Cash earnings of at least 6.3cpu are now expected for the year, an increase of 0.1cpu from earlier guidance.

Distribution guidance remains unchanged, with full-year cash distributions of at least 5.3cpu being reaffirmed.

The trust has \$87.7m of development work on, including the recommended 9000sq m warehouse project at M20 Business Park in Wiri. The development has a total cost of \$25m.

## SHAREMARKET YESTERDAY

WELLINGTON — The New Zealand sharemarket resumed normal service with the energy stocks and other heavyweights making useful gains and pushing the leading index higher.

The S&P/NZX 50 Index was up 0.48 percent to 12,501.74. Trading increased later in the day, with 55.03 million shares worth \$168.96m changing hands, and there were 92 gainers and 49 decliners over the whole market.

Lately, trading has been choppy with quality stocks surprisingly being hit as investors looked for other value. But the quality stocks came to the fore again.

Dan Stratful, investment adviser with Forsyth Barr, said "buoyancy prevails and we should

have a reasonable run-in to Christmas. The month of December is usually positive, as long as the United States does not break down into lockdown with the rising Covid case.

Fisher and Paykel was up 24c to \$32.90 on trade worth \$13.7m. Mainfreight rose \$1.35 or 2.31 percent to \$59.85.

Port of Tauranga, gaining more business at the expense of Ports of Auckland's cargo congestion, rose 16c or 2.24 percent to \$7.31; Ebos Group increased 26c to \$25.26; Fletcher Building climbed another 14c or 2.58 percent \$5.56; Freightways rose 16c to \$9.30; and Summerset Group Holdings was up 29c or 2.76 percent to \$10.80.

Fellow retirement village operator Ryman

Healthcare continued to fall, losing 44c or 2.91 percent to \$14.69, after reporting a steady result last week.

Chorus was down 8c to \$8.48 and a2 Milk decreased 23c to \$14.36. New listing Harmony fell a further 7c to \$3.63.

Syntel, 20 percent owned by a2 Milk, rose 11c or 1.97 percent to \$5.69; seafood company Sanford gained 10c or 2.04 percent to \$5.01; and Air New Zealand climbed 4.5c or 2.64 percent to \$1.75.

The energy stocks had a good day, the best of them, Genesis, rising 12c or 3.81 percent to \$3.27. Meridian was up 10.5c to \$5.99, Trustpower gained 10c to \$7.68, Mercury increased 3c to \$5.83, Contact moved 3c to \$7.75 and Vector was up 3c to \$4.29.

Early childhood education firm, Evolve Education, was the day's biggest mover, rising

1.9c or 13.10 percent to 16.4c after sitting at 9.5c on November 2.

Another strong mover later Z Energy gained 6c or 1.82 percent to \$3.36. Stratful said Z Energy bottomed out at \$2.70, and was now having encouraging monthly volumes. Two property companies reported their latest first half results.

Kiwi Property, which has \$3.2 billion assets including Sylvia Park shopping centre, fell 1.5c to \$1.26 after its operating profit, before tax, decreased 84 percent to \$55.2m for the six months ending September.

It is paying an interim dividend of 2.2c a share on December 18.

Goodman Property Trust, with a \$3.3bn Auckland warehouse and logistic portfolio, lost 2c to \$2.395 after its operating profit, before tax, fell from \$236.4m to \$186.4m. — NZ Herald

## EDITORIAL

## Ka pai Gisborne District Council

Gisborne District Council has spoken with one voice in affirming the time is right for Maori wards, to improve the participation and representation of tangata whenua in local government decision-making.

Our councillors and Mayor have been elected by us, they have considered the situation and all information available, and reached this conclusion. Our rural councillors in particular are to be commended, as the introduction of Maori wards will have an unknown (at this stage) impact on the rural ward system. They won the case for keeping rural wards two years ago, and can take confidence from that for the representation review ahead.

Wouldn't it be great if our community decided to trust in our elected representatives, and say 'no' to signing a petition calling for a poll of all electors? With the threshold to force a poll just 5 percent, that seems unlikely.

The better hope to avoid a costly and potentially-divisive referendum is Minister of Local Government Nanaia Mahuta's pledge to change the law that allows this majority block to Maori wards, and only Maori wards . . . although such a poll in this district should be winnable — unlike elsewhere around the country where Maori are a minority, and their desire for separate wards, supported by their councils, has repeatedly been vetoed.

Local government in New Zealand has not served Maori well. However, in this district our council has been making a much better effort of late to be responsive to tangata whenua concerns. It has also supported the creation and promotion of a bicultural public sphere, as we should have for a region where half the population are Maori. The lack of this previously illustrated the power structures that have denied Maori anything like an equal say in our development.

While it is true that polls have shown a majority of New Zealanders do not support Maori wards, as a correspondent today says, this does not "irk" your editor — what irks him is the ill-will, inability to understand Maori grievances over injustices that continue to this day and, yes, the racism that often pervades such discussions.

And while he might not be a trustee of lobby group Hobson's Pledge (as was added after his name in a letter published on Saturday), he is promoted on a "Who we are" section of the trust's website as being one of 14 people behind Hobson's Pledge Trust.

Te Tairawhiti should stand as one and tell Hobson's Pledge to play its divisive game elsewhere.

## Long white cloud has big, ugly stain

by Jane Luiten



RE: Seeking effective representation, Nov 21 editorial.

Deja vu. It's almost 30 years ago now that Gisborne District Council was first challenged by the prospect of including tangata whenua in the business of local government. That's a whole life time ago for recently-elected councillor Isaac Hughes. Twenty-five years since the 1995 "Declaration of Understanding" between GDC and tangata whenua to act towards each other with the utmost good faith and, further, to accept the Treaty of Waitangi as a basis for ongoing partnership. Twenty years since the establishment of a still-born Tangata Whenua Standing Committee, which was to have equal standing with the council's other committees.

Throughout the 1990s, notwithstanding the acknowledgement that representative democracy patently does not result in a representative council, Te Tairawhiti was unable to come up with a solution. The status quo prevailed, and here we go again.

The deep-seated resistance to tampering with representative democracy is based on strongly-held convictions about human equality and democratic freedoms of the individual. The ballot

box being the only way to ensure the resulting local body has the authority and mandate to represent all the people of the district.

Alternatively, as argued most famously by Don Brash in January 2004, the Treaty of Waitangi, or tangata whenua status per se, should not be used as the basis for giving greater civil, political or democratic rights to any particular ethnic group. A related pillar of belief insists that any deviation from "one rule for all" would be divisive and unfair.

Such "colour-blindness" is the privilege of a Pakeha majority. It ignores the reality of a distinct tangata whenua experience and perspective; it ignores traditions of collective representation based on kinship and geography; and above all it ignores our long, destructive history of colonisation.

Local government as we know it is not a "New Zealand" institution, but a Pakeha one. It was established only in the wake of war, the "pacification" of Maori communities, including those of Te Tairawhiti, achieved by the colonial government at the point of a gun. And for the next 100 years local government was, almost without exception, white men's business.

Based as it was on a rate-paying franchise, Maori were precluded from taking part until 1904 when all Maori freehold land became rateable. The ill fit of the system based on individual title with Maori multiply-owned land (another imposed

Crown invention) meant that, in practice, Maori remained outside the ballot box until the single residential vote was created in 1945.

The reasons behind modern-day non-participation (the recent by-election attracting only 32 percent of qualified electors) is more difficult to fathom, but inter-generational estrangement must play a part. It is a matter of history that local government funded by rates has served Maori communities poorly, and has been one of the strongest lobbies behind the continued alienation of Maori land.

All of these things happened in the past, yes, and yet we live them still. In the 150 years of local government in New Zealand, there has never been any attempt to bring hapu voices to the council table in a way that fits with hapu ideas of authority and mandate. The current system does not achieve this. Why not give participatory democracy a go, making room for the leaders who represent their local hapu?

Aotearoa's long white cloud wears a big, ugly stain. Is it here to stay? We can never make up for the dislocation and dispossession colonisation has wrought to New Zealanders, but we can examine our systems to ensure that they serve us all, and change them when they don't. Making room for tangata whenua on council would be a good start. Don't let's leave the work for yet another generation.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Treaty finally taken seriously

Re: Representing every resident, November 23 letter.

And here we go!

Tena koe Mike,

Don't beat around the bush. Why don't you just come right out and declare your racism openly instead of straining to sound reasonable when most of us are fully aware that your organisation, Hobson's Pledge,

wants a rewind to the good ole days. You know, when middle-class white guys held

most of the power and got to make decisions with a white-centred gaze. Nga mihi nui

LARA MEYER

That would be an easy letter for many in the district to agree with. After all, it sounds so reasonable — after all, we all do exactly as we say.

In truth the establishment of Maori wards would actually give action to the commitments and promises made at the time the Treaty of

Waitangi was signed by those lawfully living in the country, and those migrants who wished to live here and be part of a new nation.

It is just unfortunate that it has taken many generations for the Crown to finally start living up to its commitments.

I am sure for those who do not like this state of affairs, they can move to Australia where in some cases the Crown totally ignores any claims from the First Nations.

MATHEW BANNISTER

## Ahhh democracy, gotta love it

Re: 'No' to racial segregation, Nov 21. Now then, let's talk about democracy Mr Hobson's choice — what is it, what does it mean? Here's my slant on it.

We will start with governments. When you want to pass legislation you need to have a majority, ie 51 percent, that's how it works. Comprende? Good. If any members of your government disagree, they are told to toe the party line. If they don't, they will be kicked to the back-benches, or out of the party. That's democracy/party politics.

Here's another example, local government now. The council have something we need to vote on. It's an even split, bugger. So, we break off into our factions, and here's what can happen — we begin to browbeat people, threaten

who we perceive to be the weakest, hell, bribe them, you scratch my back, I'll scratch yours, anything as long as we get our way. Even an offer of fistcuffs, like at Tauranga City Council. Ahhh democracy, don't you gotta love it.

But not the democracy our ancestors were offered. All they were given was a choice Mr Hobson, the dreaded Hobson's choice — no democracy, just a choice.

They never stood a chance. You would think that after 180 years, things may have changed. Tomorrow, people, we will talk about freedom of speech, buenos dios.

PS to all ye who know not what Hobson's choice means — it's the choice you have when you don't have a choice! Ain't democracy beautiful?

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SCOTT HILBURN

# White House moves forward with holiday plans



**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS:** Melania Trump welcomed a six-metre tall Fraser fir to the White House, which arrived by horse-drawn carriage.

AP picture

**WASHINGTON** — All those warnings from public health officials begging Americans to limit gatherings this holiday season amid a surge in coronavirus cases aren't stopping the White House from planning a host of festivities and holiday parties in the midst of a pandemic.

Monday's delivery of a six metre tall Fraser fir by horse-drawn carriage signalled the kickoff of the usual array of White House holiday events that will include the annual turkey pardon and Christmas and Hanukkah events.

"Attending the parties will be a very personal choice," said Stephanie Grisham, first lady Melania Trump's spokeswoman and chief of staff, referring to the plans. "It is a longstanding tradition for people to visit and enjoy the cheer and iconic décor of the annual White House Christmas celebrations."

The decision to move forward with indoor gatherings and project a sense of normality comes as the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, top White House advisers and public health professionals across the nation have been pleading with Americans not to travel for Thanksgiving or spend the holiday with people from outside of their households.

As the weather has cooled, the virus has been spreading out of control, with cases and hospitalisations surging across the nation and more than 250,000 people dead.

The White House has already been the site of several suspected "super-spreader" events and dozens of staff — the President, his wife and two of his sons — have been infected, along with a long list of campaign aides, other advisers and allies in Congress. — AP

# Biden signals shift from Trump's 'America First'

**WASHINGTON** — US President-elect Joe Biden on Monday tapped Obama administration veterans for top national security positions, signalling a stark shift from the Trump administration's "America First" policies that disparaged international alliances, career diplomats and other veteran government officials.

The six picks, including former Secretary of State John Kerry, mark a return to a more traditional approach to America's relations with the rest of the world and reflect Biden's campaign promises to have his Cabinet reflect the diversity of America.

In choosing foreign policy veterans, Biden appears to be seeking to upend President Donald Trump's war on the so-called deep state that saw an exodus of senior and mid-level career officials from government, notably from the ranks of the State Department and National Security Council, including some who were fired for voicing opposition to the President's moves.

Biden will nominate his longtime adviser Antony Blinken to be secretary of state, lawyer Alejandro Mayorkas to be homeland security secretary and Linda Thomas-Greenfield to be ambassador to the United Nations. Avril Haines, a former deputy director of the CIA, will be nominated as director of national intelligence, the first woman to hold that post.

The incoming president will also appoint Jake Sullivan to be his national security adviser and Kerry to be his climate change envoy. Those posts do not require Senate confirmation.

The choices reflect Biden's emphasis on developing a diverse team with Thomas-Greenfield, a Black woman, at the helm of the US Mission to the United Nations, and Mayorkas, a Cuban American lawyer who will be the first Latino to lead Homeland Security.

Biden is also expected to nominate Janet Yellen, the former Federal Reserve chair, as treasury secretary, the first woman to hold that post. That is according to a person familiar with Biden's plans who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity to discuss them.

They "are experienced, crisis-tested leaders who are ready to hit the ground running on day one", the transition said in a statement.

"These officials will start working immediately to rebuild our institutions, renew and reimagine American leadership to keep Americans safe at home and abroad, and address the defining challenges of our time — from infectious disease, to terrorism, nuclear proliferation, cyber threats, and climate change."

In making the announcements, Biden moved forward with plans to fill out his administration even as Trump refuses to concede defeat in the November 3



**PRESIDENTIAL U-TURN: US**  
President-elect Joe Biden has chosen former Secretary of State John Kerry (above) and Linda Thomas Greenfield (right) for key roles in his national security team.

AP pictures



election, has pursued baseless legal challenges in several key states and has worked to stymie the transition process.

The stakes of a smooth transition are especially high this year because Biden will take office amid the worst pandemic in more than a century, which will likely require a full government response to contain.

"If confirmed, this is a mission I will take on with my full heart," said Blinken, who would take over the nation's oldest Cabinet agency and be fourth in line for the presidency.

Thomas-Greenfield — a career diplomat for more than 30 years serving as ambassador to Liberia, director general of the foreign service and assistant secretary of state for African affairs before being pushed out early in Trump's presidency — paid tribute to her mother in accepting the nomination.

"My mother taught me to lead with the power of kindness and compassion to make the world a better place," she said in a tweet. "I've carried that lesson with me throughout my career in Foreign Service — and, if confirmed, will do the same as Ambassador to the United Nations."

The best known of the bunch is Kerry,

who made climate change one of his top priorities while serving as Obama's secretary of state, during which he also negotiated the Iran nuclear deal and the Paris climate accord. Trump withdrew from both agreements, which he said represented a failure of American diplomacy in a direct shot at Kerry, whom he called the worst secretary of state in US history.

"America will soon have a government that treats the climate crisis as the urgent national security threat it is," Kerry said. "I'm proud to partner with the President-elect, our allies, and the young leaders of the climate movement to take on this crisis as the President's climate envoy."

Sullivan, who at 43 will be one of the youngest national security advisers in history, was a top aide to former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton before becoming then-Vice President Biden's national security adviser. He said the President-elect had "taught me what it takes to safeguard our national security at the highest levels of our government".

"Now, he has asked me to serve as his national security adviser," Sullivan said. "In service, I will do everything in my power to keep our country safe." — AP

## GLOBAL BRIEFS

### Bodies found in secret graves

**MEXICO CITY** — Mexican authorities have recovered 113 bodies and additional human remains from a secret grave outside the western city of Guadalajara.

Jalisco state Attorney Gerardo Octavio Solís said on Sunday night that 30 of the victims had been identified.

The state is home to Jalisco New Generation Cartel, one of Mexico's most violent and powerful. More bodies have been found in secret graves there than in any other state in recent years.

According to Mexico's Interior Ministry, from 2006 through September 30 of this year, 897 bodies had been recovered from secret graves in Jalisco, 605 of those during the administration of President Andrés Manuel López Obrador who took office in December 2018.

The burial ground in El Salto, southeast of Guadalajara, was found in October.

In late October, at least 59 bodies were recovered from a grave site in neighbouring Guanajuato state.

Mexico has struggled with a staggering number of disappeared people. The federal government reported in October that more than 75,000 people have disappeared since 2006. Last year had the highest total, with more than 8300 missing people.

Since 2006, 4092 secret graves have been found with some 6900 bodies across all of Mexico. — AP

### Giant wind turbine collapses

**STOCKHOLM** — A 230-metre tall wind turbine in Arctic Sweden came crashing down on the snow during the weekend as high winds swept across the region, officials said on Monday. No one was injured.

Maria Roske, chief executive of windmill operator WPD, told the local Norrland newspaper that there were no construction workers on site when the incident happened.

She added that she believed it was the first time such an incident took place in Sweden.

The white tower, blades and turbine, built by Denmark-based group Vestas, collapsed on Saturday evening near the remote small town of Skellefteå. It was part of a planned 72-windmill farm with some of the power plants intended to start operating in December.

It was not clear whether the collapsed windmill was working or whether it was under construction at the time of the collapse. Roske told Norrland that Vestas will investigate the collapse because the group built the wind turbine. — AP

### China launches moon mission

**WENCHANG, China** — China launched an ambitious mission on Tuesday to bring back rocks and debris from the moon's surface for the first time in more than 40 years — an undertaking that could boost human understanding of the moon and of the solar system more generally.

Chang'e 5 — named for the Chinese moon goddess — is the country's boldest lunar mission yet.

If successful, it would be a major advance for China's space programme, and some experts say it could pave the way for bringing samples back from Mars or even a crewed lunar mission.

The four modules of the Chang'e 5 spacecraft blasted off on Tuesday morning, atop a massive Long March-5Y rocket from the Wenchang launch centre along the coast of the southern island province of Hainan.

The mission's key task is to drill two metres beneath the moon's surface and scoop up about two kilograms of rocks and other debris to be brought back to Earth, according to NASA.

That would offer the first opportunity for scientists to study newly obtained lunar material since the American and Russian missions of the 1960s and 1970s. — AP

### Netanyahu's private visit denied

**JERUSALEM** — Saudi Arabia's foreign minister has denied that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu flew to the Gulf kingdom on Sunday to secretly meet Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

"No such meeting occurred," Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud tweeted.

Citing unnamed Israeli sources, Israeli public broadcaster Kan and other media earlier reported that Netanyahu and the head of the Mossad intelligence service, Yossi Cohen, attended talks in Saudi Arabia on Sunday evening with Crown Prince Mohammed and US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.

However, the Saudi foreign minister later denied that any Israeli officials had attended the meeting between Prince Mohammed and Pompeo. — BBC



**TESTING REGIME:** Health officials in China are mass testing for Covid-19 after locally transmitted cases were discovered last week.

AP picture

## China tests millions after Covid flare-ups

BEIJING — Chinese authorities are testing millions of people, imposing lockdowns and shutting down schools after multiple locally transmitted coronavirus cases were discovered in three cities across the country last week.

As temperatures drop, widespread measures are being enacted in Tianjin, Shanghai and Manzhouli, even though the number of new cases remains low compared to other countries that are seeing new waves of infections.

Experts and government officials have warned that the chance of the virus spreading will be greater in cold weather. Recent flare-ups have shown that there is still a risk of the virus returning, despite being largely controlled within China.

On Monday, the National Health

Commission reported two new locally transmitted cases in Shanghai over the previous 24 hours, bringing the total to seven since Friday. China has recorded 86,442 cases overall and 4634 deaths since the virus was first detected in the central Chinese city of Wuhan late last year.

The two latest cases confirmed in Shanghai were close contacts of another airport worker who was diagnosed with Covid-19 earlier in November.

On Sunday night, the city's Pudong International airport decided to test its workers, collecting 17,719 samples through the early hours of Monday morning.

Videos on social media purportedly from workers showed what appeared to be chaotic scenes at the airport as they were given last-minute orders to get tested. In the

videos, people are seen standing in large groups pushing back and forth against officials in hazmat suits.

Shanghai has been more selective with mass testing, targeting people associated with a particular place, such as the airport or the hospital where someone who has tested positive had worked.

In Tianjin, health workers have collected more than 2.2 million samples for testing from residents in the Binhai new district, after five locally transmitted cases were discovered there last week.

In Manzhouli, a city of more than 200,000 people, local health authorities are testing all residents after two cases were reported on Saturday. They also shut down schools and public venues and banned public gatherings such as banquets. — AP

## Oxford Covid-19 vaccine 'effective and accessible'

LONDON — Drugmaker AstraZeneca said on Monday that late-stage trials showed its Covid-19 vaccine is highly effective, buoying the prospects of a relatively cheap, easy-to-store product that may become the vaccine of choice for the developing world.

The results are based on an interim analysis of trials in the UK and Brazil of a vaccine developed by Oxford University and manufactured by AstraZeneca. No hospitalisations or severe cases of Covid-19 were reported in those receiving the vaccine.

AstraZeneca is the third major drug company to report late-stage data for a potential Covid-19 vaccine as the world waits for scientific breakthroughs that will end a pandemic that has pummeled the world economy and led to 1.4 million deaths. But unlike the others, the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine doesn't have to be stored at freezer temperatures, making it potentially easier to distribute, especially in developing countries.

"I think these are really exciting results," Dr Andrew Pollard, chief investigator for the trial, said at a news conference. "Because the vaccine can be stored at fridge temperatures, it can be distributed around the world using the normal immunisation distribution system. And so our goal . . . to make sure that we have a vaccine that was accessible everywhere, I think we've actually managed to do that."

The Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine was 90 percent effective in preventing Covid-19 in one of the dosing regimens tested; it was less effective in another. Earlier this month, rival drugmakers Pfizer and Moderna reported preliminary results from late-stage trials showing their vaccines were almost 95 percent effective.

While the AstraZeneca vaccine can be stored at two degrees to eight degrees, the Pfizer and Moderna products must be stored at freezer temperatures. In Pfizer's case, it must be kept at the ultra-cold temperature of around minus-70 degrees.

The AstraZeneca vaccine is also cheaper.

AstraZeneca, which has pledged it won't make a profit on the vaccine during the pandemic, has reached agreements with governments and international health organisations that put its cost at about \$2.50 a dose. Pfizer's vaccine costs about \$20, while Moderna's is \$15 to \$25, based on agreements the companies have struck to supply their vaccines to the US government.

All three vaccines must be approved by regulators before they can be widely distributed.

Oxford researchers and AstraZeneca stressed they weren't competing with



**PROMISING RESULTS:** Pharmaceutical company AstraZeneca announced that late-stage trials showed its coronavirus vaccine was up to 90 percent effective, giving public health officials hope they may soon have access to a vaccine that is cheaper and easier to distribute than some of its rivals.

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other projects and said multiple vaccines would be needed to reach enough of the world's population to end the pandemic.

"We need to be able to make a lot of vaccine for the world quickly, and it's best if we can do it with different technologies so that if one technology runs into a roadblock, then we've got alternatives, we've got diversity," professor Sarah Gilbert, a leader of the Oxford team, told The Associated Press.

AstraZeneca said it will immediately apply for early approval of the vaccine where possible, and it will seek an emergency use listing from the World

Health Organisation, so it can make the vaccine available in low-income countries.

The AstraZeneca trial looked at two different dosing regimens. A half-dose of the vaccine followed by a full dose at least one month later was 90 percent effective. Another approach, giving patients two full doses one month apart, was 62 percent effective.

That means that, overall, when both ways of dosing are considered, the vaccine showed an efficacy rate of 70 percent.

Gilbert said researchers aren't sure why giving a half-dose followed by a larger dose was more effective, and they plan to investigate further. But the answer is probably related to providing exactly the right amount of vaccine to get the best response, she said.

"It's the Goldilocks amount that you want, I think, not too little and not too much. Too much could give you a poor quality response as well," she said. "I'm glad that we looked at more than one dose because it turns out to be really

important."

The vaccine uses a weakened version of a common cold virus that is combined with genetic material for the characteristic spike protein of the virus that causes Covid-19. After vaccination, the spike protein primes the immune system to attack the virus if it later infects the body.

Peter Openshaw, professor of experimental medicine at Imperial College London, said the finding that a smaller initial dose is more effective than a larger one is good news because it may reduce costs and mean more people can be vaccinated with a given supply of the vaccine.

"The report that an initial half-dose is better than a full dose seems counterintuitive for those of us thinking of vaccines as normal drugs: With drugs, we expect that higher doses have bigger effects, and more side-effects," he said. "But the immune system does not work like that."

The results reported on Monday come from trials in the UK and Brazil that involved 23,000 people. Of those, 11,636 people received the vaccine — while the rest got a placebo.

Overall, there were 131 cases of Covid-19.

Leaders of the world's most powerful nations on Sunday agreed to work together to ensure "affordable and equitable access" to Covid-19 drugs, tests and vaccines.

"If we don't have the vaccine available in many countries, and we just protect a small number of them, then we can't go back to normal because the virus is going to keep coming back and causing problems again," Gilbert said. "No one is safe until we're all safe." — AP



**SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:** Qantas will ask people to have a vaccination before they can get on an aircraft, its chief executive says.

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## Vaccination required to fly: Qantas

SYDNEY — International air travellers will in future need to prove they have been vaccinated against Covid-19 in order to board Qantas flights, the airline says.

The Australian flag carrier's boss, Alan Joyce, said the move would be "a necessity" when vaccines are available.

"From talking to my colleagues from other airlines around the globe, I think that's going to be a common thing," he said.

Australia shut down its international borders early in the pandemic and required those returning to quarantine.

The country has more recently relied on lockdowns, widespread testing and aggressive contact tracing to push daily infections nationwide close to zero.

In an interview with Australia's Nine Network on Monday, Mr Joyce said Qantas was looking at ways of changing its terms and conditions for international travellers as the industry, which has been hit hard by travel restrictions, looks at ways of moving forward.

"We will ask people to have a vaccination before they can get on the aircraft. For international visitors coming out and people leaving the country we think that's a necessity," he told the broadcaster.

"There are always exemptions for any vaccine on medical grounds, but that should be the only basis," he told radio station 3AW.

On Monday, the Australian state of New South Wales (NSW) reopened its border with neighbouring Victoria for the first time since infections soared in Melbourne in July.

Flights between the city and Sydney — normally one of the world's busiest routes — had been cancelled.

Arriving in Sydney on a Qantas flight for the first time in months, passengers were greeted by people at the terminal holding up signs that read "welcome back".

More than 20 additional flights were scheduled between the two states on Monday.

"Today is the day I get to meet my four-month-old grandson for the first time," one passenger told the BBC.

Australia has recorded about 900 coronavirus-related deaths and almost 28,000 infections in total. — BBC

# Climate crisis

Carbon emissions rise despite pandemic

GENEVA — A slowdown in industrial activity linked to the coronavirus pandemic has cut emissions of pollutants and heat-trapping greenhouse gases, but hasn't reduced their record levels in the atmosphere, the United Nations weather agency said on Monday.

The World Meteorological Organisation pointed to a record-setting surge of carbon dioxide emissions in recent years, but warned that any reduction in levels as a result of a pandemic-related industrial slowdown will take years to materialise. The organisation also said this can best be achieved if countries are able to cut their greenhouse gas emissions to zero.

"The lockdown-related fall in emissions is just a tiny blip on the long-term graph. We need a sustained flattening of the curve," WMO Secretary-General Petteri Taalas said on Monday after releasing the latest edition of the organisation's annual Greenhouse Gas Bulletin.

"The Covid-19 pandemic is not a

solution for climate change."

WMO cited estimates from the Global Carbon Project indicating that daily carbon dioxide emissions could have fallen by as much as 17 percent worldwide during the peak of the lockdown period when people in many countries were forced to stay home. But figures for the whole year remain unclear, and WMO said preliminary estimates indicate a reduction in annual global emissions of between 4.2 percent and 7.5 percent.

The lockdown has cut emissions of many pollutants and greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide. But the change in CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations — the result of cumulative past and current emissions — is in fact no bigger than the normal year-to-year fluctuations in the carbon cycle and in the amount of carbon being soaked up by vegetation and oceans.

"There has been a slight plateau in the use of carbon, which is a slightly



**AIR POLLUTION:** New data has revealed that carbon dioxide levels have not reduced, despite a worldwide industrial lockdown as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

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positive thing," Taalas told a video news conference, saying removing it from the atmosphere is "a very slow process".

WMO said carbon-dioxide levels spiked again in 2019 to what Taalas called a "record rate of increase", rising to a

concentration of 410 parts per million just four years after topping 400 parts per million.

Taalas praised efforts by some countries to reach carbon neutrality in coming years. — AP

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# Grounded ferry resumes trip

**HELSINKI** — A passenger ferry that ran aground in heavy winds in a Baltic Sea archipelago between Finland and Sweden was dragged off the shore and towed early on Sunday to a port, where some of its over 300 passengers disembarked.

The M/S Viking Grace was sailing on Saturday from the Swedish capital of Stockholm to the western Finnish city of Turku with a brief stop at Mariehamn, capital of the Aland Islands, when it hit ground just a few hundred metres short of the passenger terminal at Mariehamn. No injuries were reported in the grounding.

The Viking Grace's 331 passengers and crew of 98 spent the night on board the vessel while the Finnish coastguard and rescue units got two tug boats to drag the ship off the seabed and towed it to Mariehamn early on Sunday.

Later on Sunday, the ship resumed its journey under its own engines to Turku, where it will be put into a local shipyard for a closer inspection and repairs.

"(The ship) has been cleared by authorities and the classification society

Lloyd's Register to transport passengers to Turku by its own engines," ferry operator Viking Line said on Sunday.

Divers inspected the vessel twice in the Aland Islands and found no leaks or major damages.

The Viking Line, headquartered in Mariehamn, said no security risks were involved with Sunday's transfer trip to Turku.

Viking Line CEO Jan Hanses told Finnish media that a strong gust of wind likely pushed the ship in to the shore at the time of the accident, about 2pm on Saturday.

The Aland Islands is an autonomous Swedish-speaking Finnish territory that consists of thousands of named and unnamed islands. Its shallow waters and narrow passageways are particularly tricky to navigate for large vessels such as the Viking Grace, which is capable of carrying up to 2800 passengers.

In September, Viking Line's M/S Amorella passenger ferry also ran aground in the Aland Islands. No one was hurt in the accident. — AP



**BACK TO SAILING:** The passenger ferry Viking Grace is seen at the port of Mariehamn, Aland Islands, Finland. The Baltic Sea ferry with 331 passengers and a crew of 98 had run aground in the Aland Islands between Finland and Sweden amid heavy storm winds.

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Men's violence towards women in our communities remains appallingly high and if we are to tackle this violence we need to focus on the attitudes that enable men to think violence is OK, and that trap them in the "man box".

We are asking men to speak up about the #Outdated ideas they hear and sometimes feel pressured to conform to.

We've all heard these phrases and this November we want to highlight behaviour that exemplifies healthy masculinity, and in doing so we will challenge the #Outdated.

Healthy masculinity is about being kind, empathetic and finding peaceful resolutions to problems.

It is about boys and men being confident in who they are without feeling pressure to be a certain type of boy/man.

This campaign continues our focus on Respectful Relationships which are built on equality between women and men, the effective use of non-violent communication, flexible gender behaviour for men and women, and respectful sexual relationships, which includes consent.

Today boys and young men are still being taught unhelpful messages about what it is to be "Real Men".

Boys and young men are routinely expected to betray their better natures, to smother their consciences, to renounce the best of themselves and submit to something low and mean.

As if there's only one way of being a bloke! That such rules – or roles – of masculinity have remained constant, despite an increasing awareness that such rules hurt everybody, points to just how ingrained

and pervasive these expectations are, evidenced by White Ribbon.

Let's challenge the #Outdated ideas of masculinity, which is a problem.

When we say things like "boys should keep quiet", "they're keen", we're putting limits on boys' potential and their world and how they do things.

Many men have grown up with these ideas and end up copying their unhelpful behaviours – even if they don't mean them.

At their worst, these attitudes can lead to violence towards women.

This violence affects our families, our communities, and our whole society.

So how do we change it?

In all of our relationships – with our partners, colleagues, teammates – we can challenge #Outdated stereotypes of what it means to be a man.

We can role-model healthy behaviour, based on strength that comes from within and aroha.

We can call each other out and have a korero about gender and equality.

By challenging each other's attitudes, we become stronger and safer places for everyone who needs it the most.

### It's time to show them who's boss –

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When kids hear this outdated advice, they're getting an idea of manhood as being in control of their partners, family, even their friends.

This can lead to men mistaking fear and intimidation for love and respect.

The strongest relationships are built around respecting the people in our lives as their own people.

Particularly, it means not assuming there are set roles or rules that give men power over women.

Showing that you care creates better relationships and teaches the behaviours you want your children to learn.

Kids should ~~keep quiet~~ – be heard

When a kid asks a question, they're reaching out to us to learn something.

When a child engages in play, they are learning important skills that teach them how to behave in the world.

When a child cries, they are asking for comfort.

Kids ask us for attention because they are learning how to navigate the world and build relationships – they need to be able to speak and be heard, so they can grow.

Treat 'em mean, keep 'em keen? – equal

The opposite of violence is showing respect.

When kids hear old clichés like "treat 'em mean, keep 'em keen" they're receiving a false idea about relationships.

They're hearing that negative behaviour has positive results, which is really dangerous.

Respectful relationships aren't about manipulation and mind games – they require us to treat our partners as our equals, by listening to each other and making decisions together.

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## TUESDAY—WEDNESDAY'S TELEVISION GUIDE

## TVNZ 1 ©TVNZ 2020

**5pm** The Chase **7**  
**6pm** 1 News At 6pm **7**  
**7pm** Seven Sharp **7**  
**7.30** Paramedics M **7**  
 An emergency airlift for a woman who has had a massive stroke; a patient refuses to go to hospital without his dog; a fun day at a waterpark goes awry.

**8.30** Cold Case 16C **7**  
 The disappearance of Joe Chatfield, who vanished from Auckland over 30 years ago.

**9.30** Coronation Street PG **7**

**10.30** 1 News Tonight **7**

**11pm** Our Shirley Valentine Summer M **7**

Annabel Giles, Ninja Benjamin, and Sian Lloyd try speed-dating Greek style; Annabel must face her fears about relationships; Lizzie Cundy pursues her dream of opening a restaurant.

**WEDNESDAY**

**12.05** Te Radar's Chequered Past **7**

It is 1892, and Taranaki is experiencing a spate of highway robberies by one of New Zealand's most inept criminals, the masked Taranaki Highwayman.

**12.35** There And Back **7**  
 Presenter Matt Gibb sets out to discover the real people and places behind the television moments that put New Zealand towns on the map.

**1.05** Te Karere **7**  
**1.30** Infomercials  
**5.35** Te Karere **7**  
**6am** Breakfast **7**

**9am** The Ellen DeGeneres Show **7**

**10am** Tipping Point **7**

**11am** The Chase **7**

**Noon** 1 News At Midday **7**

**12.30** Emmerdale PG **7**

Vinny wonders if he should open up to Mandy; Aaron receives a letter; Chas continues to be distant.

**1pm** Coronation Street PG **7**

**2pm** The Ellen DeGeneres Show **7**

**3pm** Tipping Point **7**

**4pm** Te Karere **7**

**4.30** Driving Test PG **7**

**5pm** The Chase **7**

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**5.30** Keeping Up With The Kardashians PG **7**

**6.30** Million Dollar Listing Los Angeles PG **7**

**7.30** Songland PG  
 will.i.am hears unknown songwriters pitch their original material to be the next hit song for the Black Eyed Peas.

**8.30** Marrying Millions M  
**9.30** Killer Couples M  
**10.30** Snapped M **7**

**11.25** Killer Siblings M **7**

**WEDNESDAY**

**12.15** Infomercials

**10am** Judge Jerry **7**

**10.30** How To Look Good Naked: UK PG **7**

**11.30** Snapped M **7**

**12.30** The People's Court **7**

**1.30** The Real Housewives Of Orange County PG **7**

**2.30** Vanderpump Rules PG **7**

**3.30** Southern Charm PG **7**

**4.30** Undercover Boss **7**

**5.25** Keeping Up With The Kardashians **7**

## TVNZ 2 ©TVNZ 2020

**5.05** The Simpsons **7**  
**5.30** The Big Bang Theory **7**  
**6pm** Neighbours **7**  
**6.30** Home And Away PG **7**

**7pm** Shortland Street PG **7**  
 TK plays it smart; Drew puts his best foot forward; Tillie's courage is short-lived.

**7.30** Dog Almighty **7**  
 The top six dogs are back in the arena undertaking more tasks to avoid elimination.

**8.35** Young Sheldon **7**  
**9.30** Late Night Big Breakfast 16C **7**

**10pm** Will And Grace PG **7**

**10.30** Two And A Half Men PG **7**

**11pm** 2 Broke Girls M **7**

**11.30** The Resident MC **7**

**WEDNESDAY**

**12.30** Station 19 M **7**

**1.15** Shortland Street PG **7**

**1.40** Infomercials

**2.45** 2 Overnight

**4.40** Emmerdale PG **7**

**5.05** Neighbours **7**

**5.30** Infomercials

**6.30** Esme And Roy **7**

**6.50** Code Fun **7**

**7am** New Looney Tunes **7**

**7.25 Ben 10** **7**

**7.50 Unikitty!** **7**

**8.15 Puppy Dog Pals** **7**

**8.40 Moon And Me** **7**

**9am Religious Programming**

**9.30** 8 Simple Rules **7**

**10am** Neighbours **7**

**10.30** Murphy Brown **7**

**11am Kevin (Probably) Saves The World** **7**

**Noon** Come Dine With Me Couples **7**

**1pm** Judge Rinder PG

**2pm** The Middle **7**

**2.30** Home And Away PG **7**

**3pm** Shortland Street PG **7**

**3.35** Power Rangers Beast Morphers PG **7**

**4pm** Brain Busters **7**

**4.30 Friends** **7**

**5pm** The Simpsons **7**

**5.30** The Big Bang Theory PG **7**

**CHOICE**

**5.30** Mysteries At The Museum PGC

**6.30** Salvage Hunters

**7.30** The Weekend Workshop

**8.30** Property Brothers: Forever Home

**9.30** Amazing Spaces Shed Of The Year

**10.30** Salvage Hunters

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**WEDNESDAY**

**12.30** Choccywoccydoodeah

**1.30** Freedom Riders

**2am** Man v World

**3am** Inside The Vets

**4am** Amazing Spaces: Shed Of The Year

**5am** Mysteries At The Museum PGC

**6am** The Great Interior Design Challenge

**7am** Choccywoccydoodeah

**8am** Inside The Vets

**9am** Escape To The Chateau

**10am** Freedom Riders

**10.30** Mysteries At The Museum PGC

**11.30** Salvage Hunters

**12.30** The Weekend Workshop

**1.30** Amazing Spaces: Shed Of The Year

**2.30** Property Brothers: Forever Home

**3.30** Great Blue Wild

**4.30 Nigella Bites**

**5pm Jamie Oliver Quick 'n' Easy**

**5.30** Mysteries At The Museum PGC

## THREE

**5pm** Millionaire Hot Seat **7**  
**6pm** NewsHub Live At 6pm  
**7pm** The Project

**7.30** The Block Australia PG **7**  
 Bad news from home upsets one couple; there is a storm brewing, bringing pain with it.

**8.35** MOVIE 22 Jump Street 16 **7**  
 © 2014 Comedy.

Underachieving police officers Schmidt and Jenko having managed to pass high school, go undercover at a local college. Jonah Hill, Channing Tatum, Ice Cube.

**10.50** NewsHub Late **7**  
**11.20** NCIS: LA PG **7**

**WEDNESDAY**

**12.30** Station 19 M **7**

**1.15** Shortland Street PG **7**

**1.40** Infomercials

**2.45** 2 Overnight

**4.40** Emmerdale PG **7**

**5.05** Neighbours **7**

**5.30** Infomercials

**6.30** Esme And Roy **7**

**6.50** Code Fun **7**

**7am** New Looney Tunes **7**

**7.25 Ben 10** **7**

**7.50 Unikitty!** **7**

**8.15 Puppy Dog Pals** **7**

**8.40 Moon And Me** **7**

**9am Religious Programming**

**9.30** 8 Simple Rules **7**

**10.30** Neighbours **7**

**10.30 Murphy Brown** **7**

**11am Kevin (Probably) Saves The World** **7**

**Noon** Come Dine With Me Couples **7**

**1pm** Judge Rinder PG

**2pm** The Middle **7**

**2.30** Home And Away PG **7**

**3pm** Shortland Street PG **7**

**3.35** Power Rangers Beast Morphers PG **7**

**4pm** Brain Busters **7**

**4.30 Friends** **7**



# TAKING PART

Te Kura o Whangara pupils, from left, Sky Hohipa-Wehi, Mawhai Manuel, Kate Love, Manaaki Totoro, and Tania Patuwai-Te Kani perform at the Tamararo 2020 kapa haka festival at the weekend. About 3000 people came and went over the event, held at Te Poho-o-Rawiri Marae.

Picture by Paul Rickard

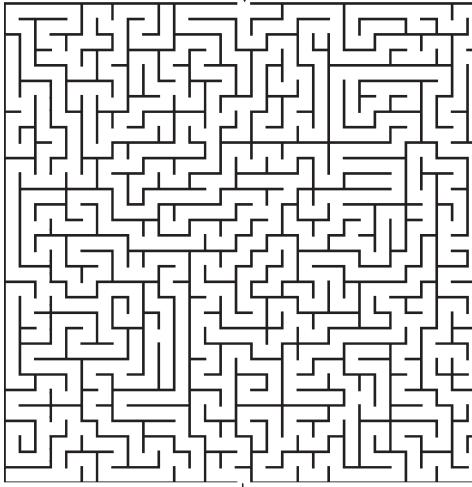
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## SUDOKU

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

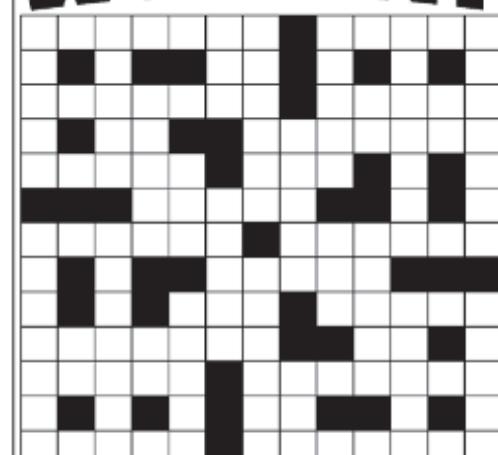
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## WORD-FIT



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

**2 LETTERS**  
AM  
DO  
GO  
IN  
IT  
ME  
NO  
ON

**7 LETTERS**  
IRON  
LASSO  
ONION  
PINES  
REACT  
SHAME  
SIGNS

**3 LETTERS**  
EAR  
END  
LIE  
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TOO

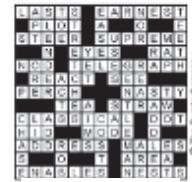
**7 LETTERS**  
ELEMENT  
GRASSES  
INTENSE  
PERSONS  
PIGEONS  
SHARPER  
SHINING

**4 LETTERS**  
SONGS  
STEMS  
TOPIC  
TOWER  
TREAT  
VISIT  
WAGON

**8 LETTERS**  
CONTAIN  
GRASS  
INTENS  
PERSON  
PIGEON  
SHARP  
SHININ  
SINGIN  
VESSEL

**5 LETTERS**  
ALIEN  
ASIDE  
COATS  
DISKS

**9 LETTERS**  
FIREST  
PIRATA  
STER SUPREME  
N EYES RAI  
HELD THOROUGH  
REACT SEE  
PEACH NASTY  
NEW STRAW  
CLUBBING DOT  
ADORES EAT  
2 O T AREA  
CHILLED HEATING



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## TRIO

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

— — — PER  
— — — E  
S — — E  
— — — Y

## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

6	4	3	5	2	1
5	2	1	6	3	4
4	1	2	3	6	5
3	5	6	4	1	2
2	3	5	1	4	6
1	6	4	2	5	3

TRIO SOLUTION  
**DEA**

## DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE?

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.

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

AILING	CONSULTANT	EMERGENCY	OXYGEN	SICK
AMBULANCE	COUGH	EMULSION	PAIN	SURGERY
ANTIDOTE	CURE	ETHICS	PILL	TABLET
CAMPHOR	DIAGNOSE	EXAMINE	PLACEBO	TAKE
CAPSULE	DISEASE	FIRST AID	POTION	TEST
CARE	DISPENSE	HEAL	POWDER	TONIC
CAST	DOCTOR	HEALTH	PRESCRIBE	TREAT
CASUALTY	DOSE	INJECT	PREVENT	VISIT
CHECK	DROPS	KIND	PULSE	WELL
CLINIC	ELIXIR	NURSE	SCAN	WOUND

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## Meetings



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### Entertainment

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**FATMAN (R13)**  
TUE-WED 11.10am,  
1.30pm, 6pm  
**MADE IN ITALY (M)**  
TUE-WED 11am,  
1.10pm, 6pm, 8.10pm  
**THE SECRETS WE KEEP (R16)** TUE-WED 11.10am,  
1.40pm, 5.50pm

**RAMS (PG)**  
TUE-WED 11.10am,  
1.20pm, 5.50pm, 8pm  
**FREAKY (R16)** TUE-WED  
3.40pm, 8.10pm

**COMBAT WOMBAT (PG)**  
TUE-WED 3.50pm  
**I AM WOMAN (M)** TUE-WED  
1.10pm, 5.40pm

**IP MAN: KUNG FU MASTER (R13)**  
TUE-WED 3.50pm  
**HONEST THIEF (M)**  
TUE-WED 3.40pm,  
8.20pm

**GREENLAND (R13)**  
TUE-WED 8.10pm  
**THE WAR WITH GRANDPA (PG)**  
TUE-WED 3.30pm

Times may vary subject to late changes  
[WWW.ODEONGISBORNE.CO.NZ](http://WWW.ODEONGISBORNE.CO.NZ)

### Having a garage sale Saturday?

Deadline to advertise is 2pm Thursday.

**POHATUROA TRUST (MANGAPOIKE 2A3)**  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Nau mai haere mai  
Notice is hereby given that the 2020 Annual General Meeting of Beneficiaries/Shareholders will be held at the Pohaturoa Station Woolshed on Saturday, 28 November 2020, commencing at 10am with registrations from 9.30am.

A full Agenda for the meeting has been posted to all shareholders with known addresses.

Copies of the Agenda and Financial Statements are available by email or post from 16 November 2020 and can be requested from the Registered Office:

Coates Associates Ltd  
300 Childers Road Gisborne  
Ph 06 867 0015 Email:  
[carol@coates.co.nz](mailto:carol@coates.co.nz)

**RUA-O-HINETU 21 TRUST**  
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 19 December 2020  
10.30pm

The Stewarts Residence  
Tuaraki Road Manutuke

**AGENDA**  
1. Mihimihi/Karakia  
2. Apologies  
3. Confirm Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held 17 November 2018

4. Election - for three positions caused by retirement by rotation of Erana Peka, George Whenuakura Nepia and Graham Nepia who offer themselves for re-election  
5. Chairperson's Report  
6. 2019 Audited Financial Report  
7. Dividend Distribution  
8. General Business

All enquiries should be directed to the Trust Administrator, Ph 027 675 1653 or by email [ruaoinetutrust@yahoo.com](mailto:ruaoinetutrust@yahoo.com)

**MANUTUKE MARAE AGM**  
10am Saturday 19 December 2020

At the Green Building Manutuke, Gisborne

### AGENDA

- Karakia/Mihimihi
- Apologies
- 2019 AGM Minutes
- Chairman's Report
- Financial Report
- General Business

Kai o te ra nui  
Nau mai haere mai tatou katoa

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

**KIWINUI A TRUST**  
Approve the resignation of Sarah (Hera) Boyle as Trustee.

Venue:  
Ministry of Justice Court Hearing Centre Hekiera Rd Ruatoria

**Date: Tuesday 1 December 2020**

Time: 1.55pm

**Inquiries:**  
BDO Gisborne Ltd 06 869 1400

**RIVER END CREATIONS**

OPEN WEDNESDAY 25 November

10am-4pm  
15 Peel St Treble Court

### Meetings

**RAKAU A UE URUPA**  
KAITI 313 2C2C MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting will be held at Te Poho o Rawiri Marae Queens Drive, Gisborne

**7pm, Monday 14 December 2020**

To replace and elect trustees

Trustees are requested to be present

### Situations Vacant

**MCDONALD'S**  
Gisborne is now hiring Baristas. Freshers are welcome. Negotiable pay for experienced Baristas. Flexible shifts.

Apply at "<https://careers.mcdonalds.com/new-zealand/jobs?keywords=gisborne>" or simply email with CV at [pjgoel9@gmail.com](mailto:pjgoel9@gmail.com)

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### Situations Vacant

**WOOLTRUCK** Driver wanted for summer work on casual basis.

Clean Class 2 license please. Five days a week. Ph Nigal, 027 223 6518.

### Situations Vacant

**RELIABLE** gardener wanted for maintenance with good gardening knowledge. Ph 021 483 925.

### Situations Vacant

**Wooltruck** Driver wanted for summer work on casual basis.

Clean Class 2 license

please. Five days a week. Ph Nigal, 027 223 6518.

### Situations Vacant

**GLOBE** school shoes, black lace-up, size USA11, as new cond,

\$20. Ph 867 4278.

### Situations Vacant

**BILLABONG** wetsuit, women's short sleeve, short leg, med, excell cond \$50. Ph 867 4278.

### Situations Vacant

**CONCRETE** blocks, \$1.50ea, approx 100. Ph 867 9247.

### Situations Vacant

**RIDGELINE** Performance Outdoor Monsoon Classic longline jacket with hood, fully seam taped & waterproof, olive colour, 3XL, as new, retail \$299.95, sell \$170. Ph 867 4278.

### Situations Vacant

**STIHL** chain for 660 saw, as new \$50. 027 4352 172.

### Situations Vacant

**WINDSOR** Smith black leather loafer shoes, size 9, unworn, paid \$190, sell \$50. Ph 867 4278.

**INFINITI** boxing headgear, excell cond \$20. Ph 867 4278.

**PANASONIC** stereo, AM/FM radio, CD player \$30. Washing machine, Haier, 6kg \$50, both as good as new. Carving, Rauamoko, 3' tall, round log \$50. Fridge freezer, F&P, good working order \$50. Women's blue Just Jeans, size 10, \$10. Ph 021 0228 2303.

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## Selection, Selection, Selection



**2019 FORD ESCAPE TREND AWD**  
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**2019 MAZDA CX-5 GLX**  
2.0 litre, 6 stage auto, 5000kms, co-demo, 6.9 litres/100kms

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**2012 FORD TERRITORY TITANIUM**  
Petrol, 6 stage auto, 7 seats, 122,000kms

**NOW \$24,995**



**2016 SUZUKI SWIFT SPORT**  
1600cc, 5 speed, 41,000kms

**NOW \$16,995**



**2017 FORD RANGER XL FLATDECK**  
4WD, 112,000kms, 6 stage manual

**NOW \$36,500**



**2017 MAZDA CX-3 GSX HATCH**  
71,000kms, 2.0 litre, 6 stage auto, 6.1 litres/100kms

**NOW \$24,995**



**2014 FORD RANGER XLT 4WD**  
3200cc diesel turbo, auto, 124,000kms

**NOW \$34,995**



**2011 MAZDA 6 LTD LIFTBACK**  
NZ new, 2.5 litre, 8.8 litres/100kms, black leather, quality

**NOW \$14,995**



**2010 MAZDA AXELA**  
169,000kms, auto, very tidy

**NOW \$10,995**



**2011 MAZDA 2 HATCH**  
1500cc, 5 speed manual, 81,000kms

**NOW \$11,995**



**2018 FORD ESCAPE FWD SUV**  
1500cc Ecoboost, auto, 43,000kms

**NOW \$23,995**



**2012 FORD FOCUS TREND**  
2.0 litre, auto, 6.4 litres/100kms, SPECIAL

**NOW \$9900**



**2015 MAZDA 3 GSX SEDAN**  
38,000kms, 2.0 litre, auto, 5.7 litres/100kms

**NOW \$17,995**



**2013 FORD TERRITORY DIESEL**  
Auto, 8.2 litres/100kms, 7 seats, WAS \$19,995 SPECIAL

**NOW \$17,500**



**2008 FORD FALCON BFII XT**  
4 litre, Auto, 153,000kms, great buying

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PUBLIC NOTICE

## Postponement of Meeting

The following meeting originally scheduled for Wednesday 25 November 2020 has been postponed until:

**Wednesday 16 December**  
9am Audit and Risk

Meeting agendas and associated reports are available on our website two days before the scheduled meeting. This notice is given under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

[www.gdc.govt.nz](http://www.gdc.govt.nz)

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### MAZDA MPV



FROM \$37.85 P/W\* Now \$5180 BONUS \$500 FUEL

### 2013 HONDA FIT SHUTTLE



FROM \$57.64 P/W\* Now \$8640 BONUS \$500 FUEL + ORC

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### 2008 SUZUKI SWIFT



FROM \$52.76 P/W\* Now \$7665 BONUS \$500 FUEL + ORC

### 2008 MAZDA MPV



FROM \$60.64 P/W\* Now \$9240 BONUS \$500 FUEL + ORC

### 2010 TOYOTA MARK X



FROM \$50.50 P/W\* Now \$7213 BONUS \$500 FUEL + ORC

NZ's best

## 4 Year Warranty

included in payments, unlimited kms

### 2009 NISSAN TIIDA



FROM \$54.81 P/W\* Now \$8074 BONUS \$500 FUEL + ORC

### 2008 MAZDA DEMIO



FROM \$52.41 P/W\* Now \$7595 BONUS \$500 FUEL + ORC

### 2012 MAZDA BT-50



FROM \$151.10 P/W\* Now \$27,214 BONUS \$500 FUEL + ORC

### 2012 TOYOTA HILUX



FROM \$134.97 P/W\* Now \$23,990 BONUS \$500 FUEL

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**CUTBACK:** Spray flies as Adam Grimson chases points while competing in Gisborne Boardriders Club's shortboard contest at Makorori. A quality field battled it out for the \$1100 in prize money.



**OFF THE TOP:** Tom McFarlane powers up the face of a wave and on to the lip.



**CLASS ACT:** Damon Guinness, above, charges at the Gisborne Boardriders Club shortboard circuit contest held at Makorori. A renowned big wave rider, 2002 national men's open champion Guinness can also tear it up in the smaller stuff. Left, Riku Gordon is following in the footsteps of such prolific talent as Ricardo Christie.

#### Pictures by Paul Rickard

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**TAMARARO:** Hundreds of people enjoyed the Tamararo 2020 festival hosted by Te Poho-o-Rawiri Marae — with this year's focus on participation and togetherness in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic. Pictured in action are (clockwise from above left) Hikurangi, Whangara Mai Tawhiti, Te Hokowhitu-a-Tu; Te Aitanga-a-Hauiti and Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Te Waiu o Ngati Porou.



**Waikato races at Te Rapa** Wednesday**Selections**

Race 1:	ABU DHABI, TRUTH BEKNOWN, LADY GWENDOLYN
Race 2:	NOWANAGEN, FLUOROBUS, OUR BEESKEES
Race 3:	O'JESSICA, FELICIENCE, EXPLOSIVELY
Race 4:	HE'S THE MAN, BRIMSTONE, DARCI DIVA
Race 5:	MADAM HASS, TOP BRASS, WILLPOWER
Race 6:	DRAGON QUEEN, TONYA, NO LIMITS
Race 7:	MISS INTERPRET, SCREAMIN EAGLE, CHEAPERHANDIVORE
Race 8:	DUNTAYAR, FUNNY GAME, AMERICO
Race 9:	SESTO, GITCHEE, COVENANT
Race 10:	HUMBUCKER, VISTOCK, VITANI
Race 11:	KEKE STAR, ENRICHMENT, O'SUSANA

**1 Beefeater Garden Bar 12/12 1.39**

\$10,000, maiden, 2100m

1	2222 Abu Dhabi (2) 58.5 54
2	0582 Oak (1) 58.5 52 L Satherley
3	9603 Camping (9) 58.5 50 W Pinn (a3)
4	42605 Rising Risk (7) 58.5 50 A Calder
5	46580 Seven Aajes (4) 58.5 49 J Riddell
6	50596 El Zita (17) 58.5 46
7	5s768 Hosel Rocket (14) 58.5 45 E McCall (a3)
8	504 Nautical Mile (8) 58.5 45
9	57722 Truth Beknown (6) 56.5 54 S Weatherley
10	s6452 Lady Gwendolyn (16) 56.5 52 C Grylls
11	50003 Shocking Penny (3) 56.5 51 J Fawcett
12	OP Blue Ice (12) 56.5 45 T Newman (a3)
13	06587 Knock On Wood (5) 56.5 45 T Thornton
14	00 Viva L'rippa (10) 56.5 45 T Yanagida (a1)

**EMERGENCIES:**

15	s8907 Beau Archers Rose (11) 58.5 45
16	69570 Get The Treats (18) 56.5 45
17	40006 Under The Pump (15) 58.5 45
18	809 Mr Moss (13) 58.5 45

**2 Adashiko Fashion Stakes 12/12 2.14**

\$10,000, rating 65 benchmark\*, 2100m

1	2s208 Fluorobus (5) 59.63 A Calder
2	2s642 Military Step (15) 59.63 T Harris
3	2314 Nowanagen (4) 59.63 R Elliott
4	s0761 Border Leicester (6) 58.5 62 J Riddell
5	02028 Our Beeskees (7) 58.5 62
6	60010 Husk (8) 58.61 D Danis (a2)
7	39100 Our Craftsmen (12) 58.61 M Cameron
8	— Enjoy The Show SCRATCHED
9	14086 Mr Bazamour (14) 57.59 T Yanagida (a1)
10	96485 Marbzet (11) 56.5 58 T Thornton
11	0s080 Silver Sasanof (2) 56.5 58 V Colgan
12	997s2 Surrey (1) 56.5 58 S Collett
13	41836 Turret (10) 56.61 T Newman (a3)
14	8s004 Darcee Que (9) 55.5 60 M Hashizume (a3)

**EMERGENCIES:**

15	s0706 Delle Quartza (13) 54.56 L Satherley
16	— Kipling SCRATCHED
17	00006 Rising Ransom (3) 55.55

**3 Website Angels 2.49**

	\$10,000, maiden, 1200m
1	2 Alex My Man (18) 58.5 52 T Thornton
2	s8236 Mr Fox (1) 58.5 52
3	— Gas-Monkey SCRATCHED
4	909s3 Silent Zone (4) 57.51 T Yanagida (a1)
5	Bankers Choice (10) 57.47 D Johnson
6	Explosively (7) 57.47 T Newman (a3)
7	5 Side Eye (11) 57.47 D Danis (a2)
8	37s32 O'Jessica (9) 56.5 54 A Calder
9	62s6 Koal Power (3) 56.5 51 (a4)
10	657s Agey Babe (5) 56.5 46 S Collett
11	258 Acting Out (14) 55.51
12	Felicience (2) 55.47 C Grylls
13	0 Legal Lady (15) 55.47 M Cameron
14	Memories (8) 55.47

**EMERGENCIES:**

15	55s7 Itsy Bitsy (12) 56.5 46
16	— No Quarter Asked SCRATCHED
17	Macs (17) 57.45
18	Jimmy Who (6) 58.5 45
19	Withallmyheart (16) 57.45
20	Copy Me In (13) 57.45

**4 Win A Jetski @ Skycity 3.24**

	\$10,000, maiden, 1200m
1	— Cotton-Eye Joe SCRATCHED
2	— Lightning Field SCRATCHED
3	7s He's The Man (7) 58.5 47 M McNab
4	5 Rockland (3) 58.5 47 T Thornton
5	2 Brimstone (14) 57.52 M Cameron
6	5 Gregory (9) 57.47 V Colgan
7	2s267 Zaffire Bay (17) 56.5 52 M Hashizume (a3)
8	2s9s Rapid Rocket (1) 56.5 51 A Calder
9	5684 Penny Jane (2) 56.5 50 T Yanagida (a1)
10	45s75 Swey My Way (4) 55.50 T Newman (a3)
11	Camarosa (8) 55.47 S Weatherley
12	Os Darcia Diva (6) 55.47 W Pinn (a3)
13	— Image Of You SCRATCHED
14	Parading (15) 55.47 D Johnson

**EMERGENCIES:**

15	55s7 Itsy Bitsy (10) 56.5 46 L Innes
16	No Quarter Asked (11) 57.45 J Fawcett
17	Macs (16) 57.45
18	Jimmy Who (5) 58.5 45
19	Withallmyheart (12) 57.45
20	Copy Me In (13) 57.45

**5 Foster Maintain 3.59**

	\$11,000, rating 74 benchmark, 1200m
1	6s62 Top Brass (7) 59.71 (a4)
2	8s514 Madam Hass (11) 58.74
3	138s6 Lilikoi (5) 58.73 D Johnson
4	253s8 Willpower (10) 57.5 68 M Cameron
5	26942 Saigon (2) 57.71 Brandon May
6	— Tuscan Whistler SCRATCHED
7	s1300 Call Me Evie (3) 56.5 70 J Fawcett
8	s0s41 Tia Celeste (8) 56.5 70 L Satherley

**EMERGENCIES:**

15	s0706 Delle Quartza (13) 54.56 L Satherley
16	— Kipling SCRATCHED
17	00006 Rising Ransom (3) 55.55

**Jetbet 2 TAB D.2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 T.1-2-3, 5-6-7, 9-10-11 Q.2-3-4-5, 8-9-10-11 PL6 6-11**

9	s3231 Naval Fleet (4) 56.69 S Weatherley
10	16s35 On Demand (12) 55.5 68 T Thornton
11	29s46 Showboat (1) 55.5 68 W Pinn (a3)
12	5141s Combat Queen (9) 55.67 C Grylls
13	s626s Medalza (6) 55.67 S Collett

**6 Bcd Group 4.34**

	\$10,000, maiden 3yo, 1400m
1	84 Lowry (7) 57.5 50
2	— Brian-Lamont SCRATCHED
3	540 No Limits (9) 57.5 49 D Johnson
4	5 Jimmy Five (11) 57.5 47 R Elliot
5	Lagerfeld (18) 57.5 47 A Calder
6	— Shang Chi SCRATCHED
7	Dionysus (15) 57.5 45 V Colgan
8	Rising Dream (3) 57.5 45 Callum Jones (a3)
9	Ulaanbaatar (16) 57.5 45 J Ridd

# Rain just enough to be good for racing

KARTING by Rockin' Robin

EASTLAND Kart Cub held its second points meeting of the season on Sunday.

After two rounds of racing, the showers came.

While members had a lunch break, the rain stopped and it was found the moisture had contributed to a good racing surface.

At the end of the meeting, 15 starters raced 12 laps for the all-in feature that has become a popular finale to the meetings.

Seth Iremonger led for 10 laps until lapped traffic played a major part in the race.

Shanan Gooch took advantage of the extra traffic to finish first, with Iremonger second.

In the rookies class, Conrad Gooch won all three races and Nixon Gooch had three second placings.

In the young guns class, Brodie Gooch had two wins and a second placing, while Vinzent MacGregor had a win, a second and a third.

Luca Vita had a win and two second

placings in the junior KT's, while Daniel Tamanui and Koby Gooch had a win each.

Cole Rosie had two wins and Barry Irvine, one, in the pro class and shifters division.

The women's class had three different winners — Aimee Whiteman, Sharyn Rogers and Lyn Lyle.

The KT heavies also had three winners — Dion Lund, Buck Rogers and Wayvern Vause.

In the rotax class, Shanan Gooch took all three races plus the feature — he had a great day.

Paul Farmer had a second and a third placing, while Ben Briant had a second.

In the KT lights, wins went to Alex Rosie, Toby White and Daniel Taylor, with Seth Iremonger having a second placing and a third. Conor White and Jake Callaghan had second placings, while Toby White and Taylor also had a third placing each.

**FLAG BEARER:** Shanan Gooch carries the chequered flag after winning the end-of-meeting feature race. Picture supplied



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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.

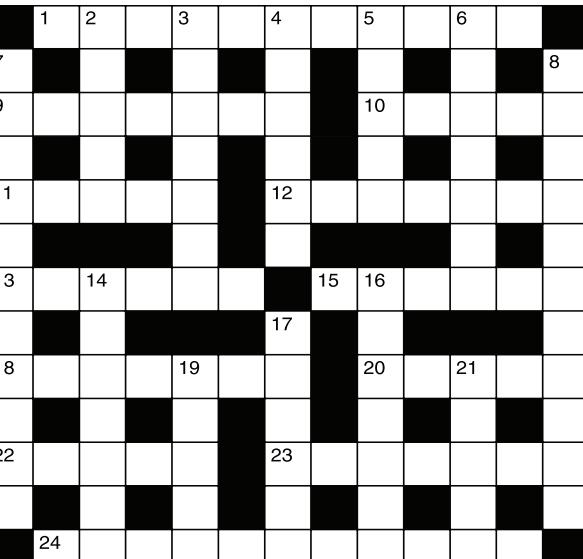
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## DOUBLE CROSSWORD

No 11,153



**SOLUTIONS TO PUZZLE 11,152**

Quick Crossword answers also fit the large grid

### CRYPTIC CLUES

#### ACROSS

- A location where guys provide the necessary support (7,4)
- What the military assume is unchanging (7)
- In desolation I abandoned part of Greece (5)
- The subject of article by me (5)
- Didn't hurry, although everybody passed away all round (7)
- It's not even a peculiar thing! (6)
- One who becomes a member of the Woodworkers' union! (6)
- Pick the artist for a play by Sophocles (7)
- Part of the wedding-dress that shouldn't be missed on the honeymoon! (5)
- Receiver is one embroiled in crooked road (5)
- Lazy pupils, we hear, do some hero-worshipping (7)
- On the spot, like the tricoteuses round the guillotine! (2,2,3,4)

#### DOWN

- Confidential observation of a team (5)
- Plan to present a film (7)
- Wanderers in small numbers will be unbalanced (6)
- Not moving even now (5)
- One isn't affected by stress (7)
- They can only operate at one's bidding (11)
- Consumer not easy to satisfy? (4,7)
- Somehow ends red China! (7)
- Not in to observe the prospect (7)
- District that provides a capital start to the holiday (6)
- Deranged tutor may submit to tickling! (5)
- The dramatic spirit of one in real confusion (5)

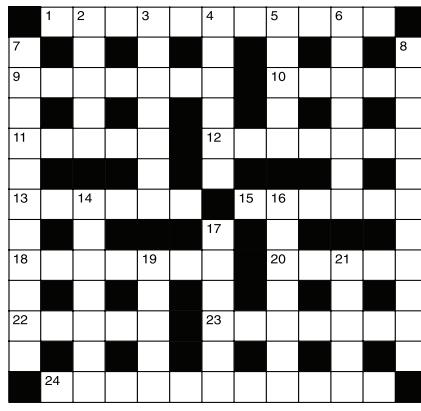
### QUICK CLUES

#### ACROSS

- Last but one (11)
- Hiker (7)
- Curse (5)
- Theme (5)
- Adjacent (7)
- Most exact (6)
- Language (6)
- Silently (7)
- Motionless (5)
- Move aimlessly (5)
- Excursionist (7)
- Combine (11)

#### DOWN

- Ant (5)
- Elates (7)
- Flourish (6)
- Skinflint (5)
- Abundant (7)
- Readiness (11)
- In pieces (11)
- Anointing (7)
- View (7)
- Method (6)
- Heading (5)
- Throw out (5)



## THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

Wednesday, November 25, 2020

by Eugenia Last

### CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:

Katie Cassidy, 34; Jerry Ferrara, 41; Christina Applegate, 49; Bruno Tonioli, 65.

### Happy Birthday:

Get ready to push forward. Greater opportunities are heading your way. Take care of unfinished business, and you'll find it easier to pursue your goals. High energy, coupled with ambition and desire, will encourage you to use your imagination and intuitively jump into action when given a chance. A cash infusion will come to you from an unexpected or unusual source. Your numbers are 5, 12, 20, 28, 34, 39, 42.

### ARIES (March 21-April 19):

Put everything in perspective, and follow the path that suits you best. Don't give in to what doesn't benefit you directly. Offering equality and appreciation will help you get what you want. A financial gain, contract or legal matter will be beneficial. 3 stars

### Taurus (April 20-May 20):

Spend less time worrying about what others are doing and more time working toward your goals. Anger will not speed up the process of getting ahead. It's up to you to bring about the changes required to excel. Be novel, and you'll gain ground. 3 stars

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

Being mysterious and not revealing personal information will be to your advantage. Don't put yourself in a vulnerable or risky position. Keep your opinions and intentions to yourself, and you'll accomplish what you set out to do. 4 stars

### CANCER (June 21-July 22):

Spend more time developing your ideas and focusing on what will help your financial situation. Participate in the changes taking place instead of arguing for something that is no longer feasible. Thinking ahead will lead to progressive results. 2 stars

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):

Think outside the box. Don't feel you have to agree with someone who is making decisions you don't like. Do your own thing, and concentrate on honing and updating your skills. Market what you want to do with energy and enthusiasm. 5 stars

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

A change of scenery will help stimulate your mind and give way to exciting plans. Outside information will provide you with an inside scoop on how best to use your skills to keep up with the latest trends and economic climate. Romance is favored. 3 stars

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):

Refuse to let anyone drag you down. An energetic approach to life, love and happiness will stifle someone's uncertainty and negativity. Embrace the future with an open mind, and you will discover a new way to use your skills to advance. 3 stars

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

Make personal changes that will improve your life. Researching alternatives will help you make a better decision about where you want to live and how you want to spend your time. A change to the way you approach what's holding you back will pay off. 3 stars

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

Spend more time setting up an area at home conducive to work and achieving your goals. Whether you are working on fitness, learning something new or expanding your interests, an allotted space will encourage success. 5 stars

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

Keep your opinions to yourself to avoid getting into a debate with a friend, peer or family member. Spend your time making positive changes that will make you a better person. Personal growth and physical fitness are favored. 2 stars

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

Pour your energy into getting ahead. Send out resumes, upgrade your skills or make changes to the way you live or how you earn your living. Take control of your life, and let the past help you make better decisions. 4 stars

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):

Spend more time sorting through documents, legal paperwork, contracts or financial investments. Once you know where you stand, you'll be able to make positive changes that will encourage more stability. A physical change will enable you to take better care of yourself. 3 stars

### 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.

# Elite event to be launched at Whangamata

## SURF LIFESAVING

A NEW high-performance surf sport competition featuring New Zealand's top surf lifeguards will launch at 9am on Sunday, December 6, at Whangamata beach, hosted by Surf Life Saving Northern Region (SLSNR).

The Invitational is the first event in over a decade to bring together 96 lifeguards, including most of New Zealand's High

Performance surf squad, to compete against each other in drafted teams.

The eight teams of 12 will be challenged in 18 events. These will include beach sprints, surf races, ski relays, beach flags, and ironman.

SLSNR surf sports manager Zac Franich says The Invitational is a chance for the public to see some of New Zealand's top lifeguards competing in events that exhibit the speed, power, endurance and skills

that keep beaches safe.

"The Invitational is an event like no other," he said.

"The geography and the surf conditions of Whangamata will make for a real spectacle for the public, and a great morning of events."

Former Olympian and team captain Steve Kent sees the competition as not only a chance to compete, but an opportunity to encourage the younger

members of his team to be leaders.

Surf sports is a combination of fast-paced and high-intensity events that lifeguards compete in to maintain and improve their fitness and skills in the water in preparation for real rescue situations.

Each team was chosen by one of eight captains, four female and four male, based on the skills and achievements outlined in the athletes' applications.



**BODY BLOCK:** Burnley's goalkeeper Nick Pope (right) makes a save in front of Crystal Palace's Christian Benteke during an English Premier League football match at the Turf Moor stadium in Burnley today.

Picture by Michael Regan/Pool via AP

## Burnley beat Palace for first EPL win

### FOOTBALL

**BURNLEY** — Burnley have finally claimed their first victory in the English Premier League, winning 1-0 against a Crystal Palace side missing star forward Wilfried Zaha after he tested positive for the coronavirus.

Chris Wood scored in the eighth minute, latching onto a neat flick by strike partner Jay Rodriguez and sidefooting powerfully past goalkeeper Vicente Guaita from a central position.

The chance opened up because of a poor attempted clearance by Palace defender

Cheikhou Kouyate, who misdirected a header straight to Rodriguez.

The win in Burnley's eighth game allowed the team to climb out of the bottom three and into fourth-to-last place on five points.

Burnley winger Johann Berg Gudmundsson struck the crossbar at the end of a counterattack midway through the second half while Palace struggled to create any clear-cut openings without Zaha, who appeared in each of the team's last 59 Premier League games stretching back to February 2019.

"He has tested positive, unfortunately,

for coronavirus so is self-isolating, and is awaiting the results of the next test," Palace manager Roy Hodgson said before the game.

"He is not feeling particularly ill, but unfortunately the test proved (positive), and he is following the procedures."

The best chance for Palace fell in stoppage time to substitute Christian Benteke, whose close-range effort was blocked by the outstretched left hand of goalkeeper Nick Pope.

Wood's goal was Burnley's first at home in the league and only their fourth in total. — AP

## Looking forward to bigger crowds

### FOOTBALL

**LONDON** — Up to 4000 spectators will be allowed to attend outdoor elite sports events in the lowest-risk tier one areas of England when a month-long lockdown is lifted on December 2.

As part of new Covid-19 restrictions, 2000 fans or 50 percent of a stadium's capacity — whichever is lower — can attend sporting events in tier two areas but none can do so in tier three areas, Britain's Culture Secretary Oliver Dowden said.

English Premier League matches have continued behind closed doors during the second lockdown announced on November 1.

Supporters have not been allowed into sporting venues since the first lockdown was announced in March, barring a few exceptions.

"I can confirm the national restrictions will end on December 2. People can leave their home,

subject to the rule of six," British Prime Minister Boris Johnson said in a statement to the House of Commons.

"Wedding services, outdoor sports can resume. Leisure can resume. Sports will be able to resume inside in tier one and two with measures on social distancing."

"Enforcement will be strengthened with new powers to close down premises that pose a risk to public health."

MPs are set to cast a vote on plans before they are confirmed and the government will announce on Thursday which areas will go into which tier.

Indoor sport and physical activity will also resume but with some restrictions on activities due to the higher transmission risk of the coronavirus.

The Premier League welcomed the move but said it hoped to quickly move to bigger capacities.

"Our ambition remains to work with government to increase attendance to more substantial levels. Until this can be done, many fans will be unable to attend games and our clubs will continue to operate matches at a financial loss," it said.

"Premier League clubs have a proven track record of achieving high-biosecurity standards and we believe we can play a significant role in the government's rapid turnaround testing initiative".

The Football League (EFL), which organises football in the Championship and lower two divisions, was also encouraged.

"While today's news is subject to regional restrictions, it is an important step in achieving a return to normal, alongside it being crucial to addressing the significant revenue gap left by a lack of spectators and other revenue streams as a result of the pandemic," the league said. — AP

## Five-year ban for financial misconduct

### FOOTBALL

**ZURICH** — African football confederation president Ahmad Ahmad was banned for five years by FIFA on Monday for financial misconduct.

The ban was announced during the Madagascan official's campaign to be re-elected for four more years as the head of African football.

His position also makes him a FIFA vice president.

The FIFA ethics committee found "Ahmad had breached his duty of loyalty, offered gifts and other benefits, mismanaged funds and abused his position as president".

In addition to the ban, he was fined 200,000 Swiss francs (NZ\$316,000).

Ahmad was elected Confederation of African Football president in March 2017, and last month submitted his candidacy to serve a second term in office.

Ahmad's first four-year term was clouded with allegations of financial wrongdoing and misconduct at the CAF headquarters in Cairo.

The investigation by FIFA's ethics committee covered various issues related to the governance of CAF during his tenure.

It included the organisation and funding of a pilgrimage to the Islamic holy site in Mecca, Saudi Arabia, and his involvement in CAF's dealings with a sports equipment company called Tactical Steel, FIFA said.

FIFA's secretary general Fatma Samoura had been sent to work on the implementation of governance reforms at CAF for the six-month period up to February this year.

Samoura's secondment was reportedly organised at the request of CAF itself.

The CAF election is scheduled for March 12 in Rabat, Morocco. — AP

## Boardriders' shortboard contest results

### SURFING

**RESULTS** of Gisborne Boardriders Club's shortboard circuit contest at Makorori on Saturday —

Open: Jay Quinn (12.93) 1, Finn Vette (11.6) 2, Ricardo Christie (11.17) 3, Maz Quinn (7.5) 4.

Women: Saffi Vette (11.9) 1, Stella Smith (9.5) 2, Holly Quinn (9.17) 3, Asia Braithwaite (7.0) 4.

60 and over: John Gisby (10.67) 1, Graham Breckell (6.53) 2, Mike Yukich (6.5) 3, Ross Moodie (3.83) 4, Marguerite Vujcich (3.5) 5.

50 and over: Francois Sneeden (10.83) 1, Sam Phillips (7.67) 2, Anton Lobb (5.33) 3, Andrew McCulloch (5.17) 4, Don Pearson (2.67) 5.

U14: Dale Comhout (12.67) 1, Riku Gordon (11.83) 2, Gabe Lobb (8.33) 3, Max Phillips (6.27) 4.

U12: Ollie Tong (11.5) 1, Milo Livingston (8.33) 2, Luca Tong (4.83) 3, Brad Wilkie (2.17) 4.

# Youngsters flex muscles

## But veterans still have a few tricks up their sleeve

**CRICKET** by Ben O'Brien-Leaf

KELAN Bryant is a good cricketer. The 13-year-old was one of six Year 9 students in the Gisborne Boys' High School second 11 and one of only three batsmen to score a Hope Cup half-century at the weekend.

Two-time defending Senior B club champions Civil Project Solutions Ngatapa Green Caps won the 30-over Round 4 clash with GBHS at Harry Barker Reserve by 24 runs, but Bryant hit a six and seven fours in his 48-ball innings of 62 from No.5 over 54 minutes.

"Kelan's innings was outstanding in a team effort — we played well," new Boys' High captain Dylan Foster said.

"At the end of the game, we still had five wickets in the shed — another positive — although the 32 extras conceded by us in the field is a few too many. Also, we might have missed a few opportunities to run quick singles in the run-chase, which is something we can improve on."

Ngatapa's Cam McNaught won the toss on pitch No.4 — a wicket best-suited to front-foot play — and took first knock.

The Caps made 193-6. McNaught's co-captain, Grant Walsh (48 from No.1), and left-hander Richard Briant (41) at second-drop were in good touch. Briant, like Matt King of Campion College, has a remarkable eye, never better demonstrated than when playing cross-bat shots.

Walsh's battle with off-spinner George Gillies (1-32 off six overs) made for great cricket, the veteran using his feet to drive for four down the ground twice. Gillies later had him stumped by keeper Alex Shanks: a classic dismissal.

Foster used the bowlers intelligently and his predecessor as skipper, Noah Torrance-Cribb, took 3-38 off six. Daniel Watts (1-22 off six) and John Broad (1-19 off three) followed Torrance-Cribb's example as seam bowlers, asking questions of Ngatapa with their accuracy and movement of the ball.

In reply, GBHS reached 42 before they lost the wicket of Jack Whitehead-McKay (11). His opening partner, Foster, made 26 off 36 balls and Shanks, in at No.4, made 20 not out.

Kelan Bryant and Shanks put on 93 runs for the fourth wicket — one run more than the GBHS team total in the 48-run loss to Campion last week.

Green Caps all-rounder Ryan West was tidy with the new ball without taking a wicket but the off-spin of Charles Morrison (1-14 off four overs), medium-pace of Paul Randall (1-19 off three) and Tim Gardner (1-38 off six) yielded fruit.

Glovesman Harry Cave held a superb catch to dismiss Watts off Morrison, whose fellow offie Walsh took 2-5 — including the wicket of Bryant, leg before wicket — in the last over of the match.

Walsh, a Boys' High first 11 cricketer in 1987-88, rated the match highly as a contest.



**COACHING BEARS FRUIT:** Kelan Bryant practises a pull shot as Northern Districts cricket development officer Cliff Dickeson (left) and Poverty Bay Cricket Association operations manager Nicholas Hendrie look on during a Northern Districts coaching clinic at Harry Barker Reserve in August last year. Bryant, 13, scored 62 for Gisborne Boys' High School second 11 against Ngatapa on Saturday. File picture by Paul Rickard

"It was good stuff and we're all very happy that GBHS have a second team out on the park again," he said.

"While they had to field in the heat and we got off to a good start, once they got a few wickets, they were right in it."

"We had to work hard to get wickets but then were able to manage the game, change bowlers up and restrict the Boys' High batsmen."

"Boys' High, though, will only get better and that's great for Poverty Bay cricket."

**WHILE** second-placed Ngatapa (nine competition points) beat GBHS (no points), unbeaten competition leaders Rawhiti Legal OBR (12pts) won their clash with team No.3 — Siteworx Horouta (6pts) — by 95 runs.

OBR keeper Thom Berry had a great day, holding two catches and effecting both a stumping and a run-out (courtesy of Craig Christophers' return-throw).

Christophers' OBR won the toss on the practice wicket, Harry Barker Reserve's smallest ground, and scored 188-8.

No.3 Andrew Bristow played a fine hand for 52 off 44 balls with eight fours. He is good to watch, especially on the off-side, when in form.

Opener Berry made 28, with Lloyd van Zyl at No.4 (23 not out) and second-drop Jannie Jacobs (22) also making contributions against The Waka's hard-working seam bowlers.

Billy Morse (3-33 off six overs) and Hasantha Vethanage are consistent performers for Horouta. Vethanage and left-arm orthodox spinner Clarence Campbell shared the same figures, 2-39 off six.

Horouta are a great-hearted cricket club, and the fact that they — like OBR, High School Old Boys and GBHS — field teams in both the Senior B and premier grade competition — is proof of their depth and commitment to the sport.

OBR bowled Horouta out for 93, Vethanage for a golden duck by medium-pacer Bristow (one ball, one wicket) off the first ball of the 23rd over.

Van Zyl (3-9 off five overs, two of them maidens) bowled good pace, while leg-spinner Mana Taumaunu (3-35 off three) and former Horouta player Amit Vyas (2-15 off six) added to the confusion with their wiles and craft.

OBR captain Christophers said: "Our batting focus was on running between wickets, to look for opportunities to rotate strike, and pick up as many singles as possible. All of our batsmen implemented that policy, so our score moved from 150 to 188."

That was an imposing total. Only Horouta club stalwart Greg Taylor (28 off 42 balls from No.2) and Piumal Madasanka (20, in at No.9) made any headway for The Waka with the bat, with eight batsmen scoring five runs or less.

**HIGH** School Old Boys know that Saturday's game was far too close for comfort.

The fourth-placed Bollywood HSOB Presidents (6pts) beat Campion College by three wickets with three overs and five balls left to bowl on HBR No.3.

Yet the truth is that even without player-coach Mark Naden (and another Campion teacher, Daryl Dunn), Liam Spring still came close to leading the college to victory against one of the local

game's great traditional clubs.

Spring — captain and keeper of the fifth-placed Campion side (3pts) — won the toss, opted to bat and then carried his bat for 65 from 84 balls with eight fours, the college getting to 140-4.

The previous Saturday, they had successfully defended 140 against GBHS on the practice wicket while dodging Doleman Cup bullets (from GBHS versus OBR on HBR No.2).

The Campion skipper was impressed by his Year 9 partner Hamish Swann's discipline and technique.

"It's hard work, opening against men but still, Hamish (28 off 49, three fours) and I put up 63 together," Spring said.

"The bowling and fielding from HSOB was tight — we did well to post 140."

"We then made a promising start with the ball and were in with a shot. It was Ollie Needham's composure that won HSOB the game. We fought hard against a strong side."

The aforementioned Matt King, batting at No.5, struck 24 from 28 balls — the third knock of consequence in the innings.

Brett Armour was the most successful HSOB bowler with his tantalising off-spin. He took 2-27 off six overs.

Enter Blake Marshall, spearhead of Campion's attack.

Marshall trapped the dangerous left-hander Baljeet Sandhu, leg before wicket, with the first ball of the second innings and took 2-16 off six overs, two of them maidens.

He shared the new ball with Luke Hurlstone (2-29 off six). Swann, another steady medium-pacer, grabbed 2-36 off 5.1 overs.

Juggling the bowlers at Senior B level is a different proposition now to what it was in the days of 40-over cricket, when captains needed to use only four bowlers.

The 22nd over in this Campion-versus-HSOB clash proved to be a turning point — it cost 26 runs, and included four boundaries. The last such over in Senior B cricket was Gisborne Boys' High School's Cohen Loffler versus Naden in February this year — the latter found the fence at mid-wicket four times.

HSOB skipper and keeper Needham's unbeaten 49 off 67 balls, from No.4, was the key innings. It was backed up by Mahmood Ghaznavi's 21-ball 22 from No.8.

They rode out the storm — Marshall's second spell, overs 21 and 23, Brayden Sycamore having bowled the 22nd.

"Young Hamish played with composure for 28 — he put the bad ball away — in Campion's good batting effort, but they were perhaps 10 to 20 runs light in the end," Needham said.

"They also bowled well as a unit with Blake and Luke the picks. Hamish, too, was effective on that surface and Rhys Grogan conceded only 23 runs in six overs. Year 8 student Taye McGuinness didn't look out of place in men's cricket, with 1-11 off two overs."

## Manly mourn death of rising star Titmuss

**RUGBY LEAGUE** by Scott Bailey, AAP

SYDNEY — Manly coach Des Hasler has paid tribute to Keith Titmuss as a "popular" Sea Eagle after the emerging forward died following a training session yesterday.

Titmuss's death has shocked the NRL, with Manly players called into a meeting yesterday afternoon to be told of the news.

The 20-year-old had been a rising star at the club, having delivered them their maiden Holden Cup title in 2017 with a try on the siren to beat Parramatta.

The play was the last in the 10-year history of the competition, with the footage

of him flying over the tryline set to be repeated regularly in coming days.

The front-rower claimed the players' player award in Jersey Flegg Cup in 2019, and had only just been promoted to their top-30 NRL squad for next season.

However, he fell ill while stretching after a training session at the club's Narrabeen base yesterday and was taken to hospital in an ambulance but later died.

"We are all devastated by this news," Hasler said.

"Keith was a very popular character amongst the playing group. He will be sorely missed but never forgotten by the Sea Eagles."

Both Hasler and chief executive Stephen Humphreys visited Royal North Shore Hospital last night but the young player's cause of death remained unknown.

"Our club sends its deepest condolences to Keith's family and friends and will provide them with all of the support they need during this difficult period," Humphreys said.

"We are working with the NRL's wellbeing team to offer support and counselling to our playing group and staff."

Both the NRL and the players' union also paid tribute to the promising young prop, who many believed was destined for big things.

Manly have cancelled training for today, and are taking on the help of the NRL to best handle the situation.

"Rest easy brother," under-20s teammate from 2017 and current Manly playmaker Cade Cust posted on social media.

Former Sea Eagle and now Wests Tigers backrower Michael Chee-Kam also posted a video of the title-winning under-20s try, with the caption "The OG clutch!"

Manly prop Martin Taupau was among others to post his condolences on social media.

"Absolutely heartbreaking."

"Maguia lau malaga uso (have a good trip brother)."

# Last of the year one of the best

**SURFING** by Jack Malcolm

THE last surfing competition of the year for Gisborne Boardriders was one of the best events of the year.

Over 60 local surfers competed in a star-studded line-up that included Ricardo Christie and brothers Maz and Jay Quinn.

Maz Quinn said on a social media post that it was good to get the "competitive juices hissing again" after a break from competing locally.

He made the open men's final, which was won by his brother Jay, the standout surfer of the day.

Jay Quinn set the tone early, landing a massive air reverse into a tricky section of the wave in the first round.

He scored 8.5 for the wave, which is in the "excellent" range, and backed it up with a score of 5.7 for a combined heat total of 14.2.

The Quinn brothers were joined in the final by up-and-comer Finn Vette and Christie.

Vette has found a wealth of form in recent weeks, having won the under-16 boys' division of the King and Queen of the Point competition at Manu Bay, Raglan, this month.

He took that form into the weekend's competition, winning the best under-20 surfer title and placing second in the open



**CARVE-UP:** Eli Livingston cuts back off the lip of a wave in Gisborne Boardriders' shortboard circuit contest on Saturday.

Picture by Paul Rickard

division.

Vette said it was a "super fun" competition, and a great experience to surf with some of

the world's best.

"Surfing against Ricardo, Maz and Jay was special as they are my childhood idols."

"To go head to head with the best was always going to be a challenge, but something I enjoy as they don't go easy on me."

His sister Saffi Vette also had a great weekend in the water. She won the open women's division and the \$500 winner-take-all prize, after being the only surfer in her final to have a double-digit total.

A highlight was the performance of local surfing legend John Gisby in the over-60 division.

Gisby has won a record 38 national titles across every age-group from over-30s to over-60s.

The competition made the most of the pumping three-to-four-foot surf at Makorori.

Competitors were treated to some of the best waves the region has had in months, and they shredded the waves to pieces.

The swell wasn't perfect and was slightly disorganized. A southerly overnight typically makes the early morning conditions a little messy, but that didn't hold back the surfers.

They made quick work of the tricky waves to put on a showcase of local talent.

Gisborne Boardriders development officer Flo Bub said it was an "epic day" with fantastic competition in excellent conditions.

He said the day was so successful they had already had interest from sponsors about more events with prize money.

"We will have more opportunities after summer."

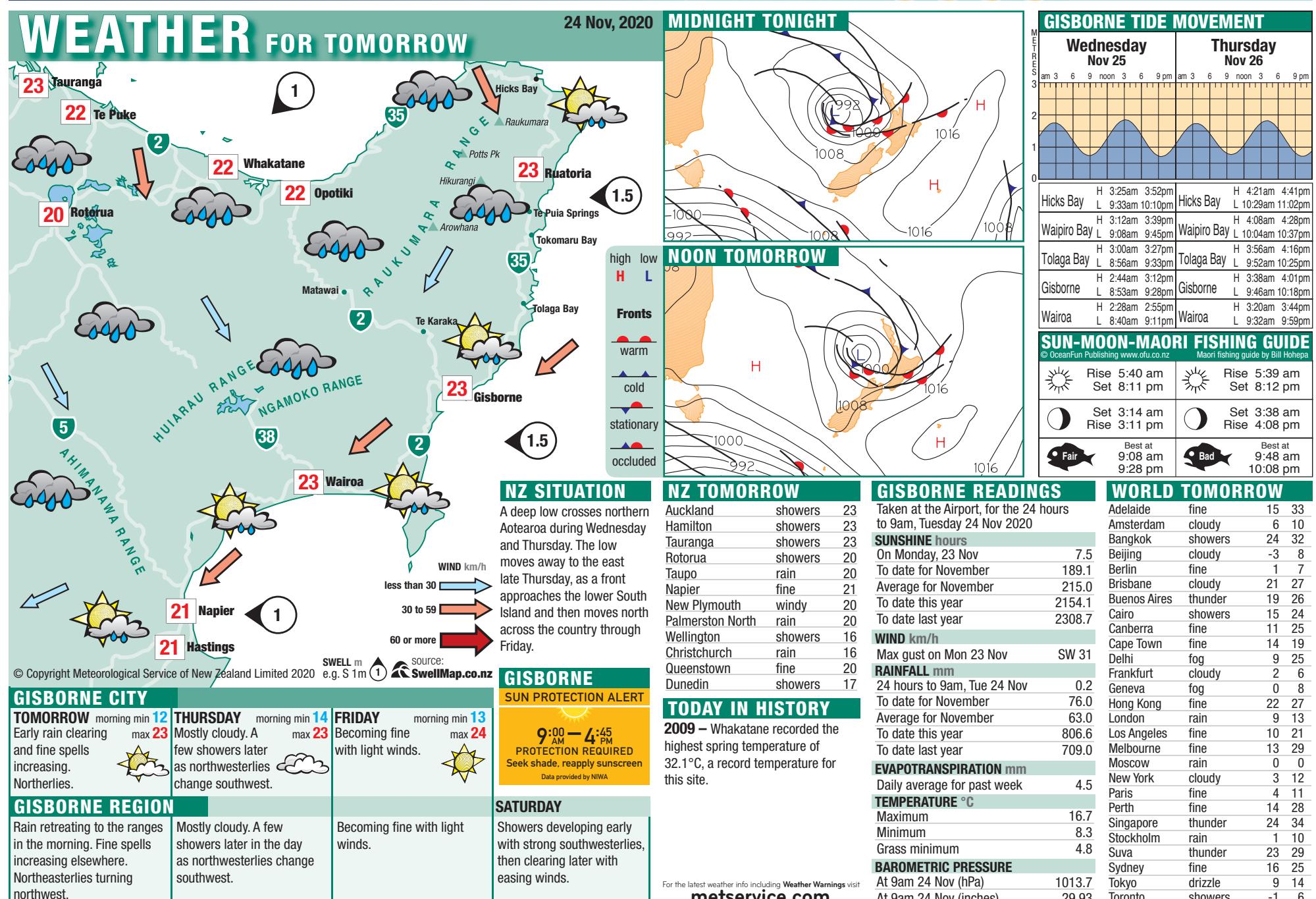
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# Pumas eye unthinkable Tri Nations triumph

RUGBY by Darren Walton, AAP

SYDNEY — Fitness or fatigue won't be factors as the Pumas bid to turn the Tri Nations upside down with another earth-shattering win over the All Blacks on Saturday night.

The unfancied pre-tournament outsiders have emerged as potential champions after backing up their first-ever win over the All Blacks with a gritty draw against the Wallabies on Saturday.

If they can pick up anything from this week's return bout with New Zealand in Newcastle — even a bonus point for a loss by fewer than seven points — the Pumas will be on the box seat to escort the coveted Tri Nations trophy back to Argentina.

That would be a mighty effort for a team that hadn't played a test in more than 400 days before their series-opening triumph over the All Blacks.

Some members of Mario Ledesma's squad have had to quarantine twice, for a total of 28 days, since spending a fortnight holed up first in Uruguay and then in Sydney after joining the Pumas from Europe.

Despite the gruelling campaign, the Pumas remain upbeat about their chances of collecting the most significant piece of silverware in Argentine rugby history.

"We are not looking for excuses. We are looking for our best performance on Saturday. That is our focus," Pumas assistant coach Nicolas Fernandez-

Miranda told AAP yesterday.

"We are feeling very good, we are feeling excited. These are two very important weeks for us."

"The first one is New Zealand, focusing on that, putting our mind, our physical fitness and everything together to be as sharp as we can be on Saturday."

The All Blacks will be smarting after suffering successive test defeats for the first time since 2011, having lost to the Wallabies in Brisbane before falling to the Pumas in Sydney.

But even if they hit back with a win this week, the All Blacks will have to await the result of the Pumas' last-round showdown with the Wallabies in Sydney to learn their fate.

Third at the 2007 Rugby World Cup

and semifinalists again in 2015, the Pumas are delighted to have control of their own destiny after fighting back from nine points down in the second half to secure a priceless 15-all draw against the Wallabies at McDonald Jones Stadium.

"We are very proud of what we did in the first two games of the competition," Fernandez-Miranda said.

"But our mind is on our job and what we are trying to do, and trying to win this week as best as we can."

"I don't know what people think in Argentina. We are very alone here and that's very good for our team because we are just focused on the team, and being as tight as we can and as together as we can."

# ALL BLACKS OUT FOR REDEMPTION

RUGBY  
by Melissa Woods, AAP

MELBOURNE — The All Blacks say they're not feeling more pressure from the "haters" than they already put on themselves ahead of Saturday's crucial Tri Nations clash with Argentina.

The Kiwis are out for redemption at Newcastle's McDonald Jones Stadium after suffering their first loss to the Pumas.

That came on the back of a loss to the Wallabies — their first consecutive defeats since 2011.

Courtesy of the Wallabies-Pumas draw last round, the All Blacks are still in the hunt to add the Tri Nations trophy to the Bledisloe Cup, with victory required in their last test of the year.

Despite their two losses, the teams are all on six points with New Zealand on top of the ladder due to two bonus points and a superior points-differential.

Veteran Sam Whitelock said there was always pressure — internally and externally — to win, so they wouldn't approach Saturday's match any differently.

"For us as All Blacks, we always put ourselves under immense pressure, whether win, lose or draw, and I think we always demand of ourselves that we go out and play really well,"

Whitelock said yesterday. "There is a bit of pressure there at the moment but the reality is that there's pressure every week and you have to embrace it."

His teammate Patrick Tuipulotu said they were aware that their record had put new coach Ian Foster in the firing line, and he felt they owed him the win as much as they owed it to themselves.

"As the coach he's always the face of the squad and if we lose two in a row (to Argentina), he's always going to get the blame," the lock said.

"In this day and age you're going to get a lot of haters, as we call it, but we just move on."

"It's on us to get a result and perform well."

With two weeks to stew over the 25-15 Pumas scoreline, Whitelock said it had also given them time to work through the lacklustre performance and really fine-tune for their game.

"It has been good to use last week differently and we've had extra time to have those little conversations that during a normal test are hard to have because you don't have time," he said.

"We're in a better spot going into this last game, and we're excited to get out there and show the improvements we've made over the last eight or nine days."



**EXCITED TO GET OUT THERE:** All Black lock Patrick Tuipulotu says the team is in a "better spot" and "excited to get out there" going into their last game of the Tri Nations series against the Pumas on Saturday. Tuipulotu is pictured in action during a test match against Tonga played in Hamilton last September.

NZ Herald file picture