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MONEY IN THE BANKSY

Street artist's iconic print makes Gisborne man \$225,000

by Jack Marshall

A GISBORNE man has turned \$170 into \$255,000 after a Banksy print he bought in London 17 years ago sold at auction in Auckland last week.

The artwork — Love Is In The Air, depicting a protestor throwing a bunch of flowers — is one of anonymous street artist Banksy's most famous pieces.

It was originally predicted to go for between \$150,000 and \$250,000 at the auction of important and rare art at the International Art Centre in Parnell.

However, the hammer went down at \$255,000 last Tuesday — by far the highest of any of the

eight Banksy works at the sale and one of three highest prices in the world paid for an unsigned Banksy.

With auction house commission taken from the price, the owner received \$225,000.

Like Banksy, the Gisborne man who bought the print wishes to remain anonymous but did talk to The Herald about the print he almost never bought in the first place.

"I was walking back to the Underground and I heard this music coming out of the shop called Eat My Handbag, Bitch, with all these Banksys on the wall."

Apart from a few stray pieces of street art he had seen around London, he knew nothing about Banksy.

"I saw a couple I liked and I didn't even buy them at the time. I just asked the guy if he could hold on to them and told him 'I'm undecided and I'll make up my mind by the morning'."

"By the time I got home that night I had made up my mind and phoned the guy."

He paid £60 (NZ\$170) for the print.

The shop owner told him he had made a good decision as the pieces were becoming popular.

Little did he know, that decision years later would pay off his house.

The buyer had two reasons for selling the art.

Firstly he wanted to put a big dent in the mortgage — although it has turned out he will be able to pay off his mortgage with a nice chunk of change left over.

Secondly the artwork he enjoyed had become risky to keep around the house.

"I started to realise it was becoming more valuable and the more valuable it got, the more of a liability it became. I couldn't hang it anymore."

All the Banksy works were accompanied by Certificates of Authenticity from Pest Control Office — the organisation established by Banksy to authenticate his work.

Love Is In The Air is a black and red screenprint on wove paper.

It depicts a protestor in a baseball cap back-to-front, and with a bandanna around his mouth, leaning back and poised to hurl a bouquet of flowers.

Also known as the Flower Thrower, the image first appeared in 2003 in large format stencilled on the West Bank Wall that separates Palestine from Israel.

The wall, as Banksy put it, "essentially turns Palestine into the

world's largest open prison".

The piece sold at the auction is edition 124 in a print run of 500.

International Art Centre director Richard Thomson said Love Is In The Air was considered one of Banksy's most iconic, powerful and sought-after works.

"The Banksy protestor has become the poster boy of the peace movement and has been reproduced on posters, T-shirts, phone covers and other merchandise material all around the world."

Banksy has never been publicly identified but Mr Thomson said he had become the most popular contemporary artist in the world.

When asked what drew him to the print in the first place the Gisborne man said: "When I saw the prints in the shop, especially the protestor with the flowers, it was just so current and it always will be. It had to be the one."

"I love it as a piece of work. Even though it's only two colours, it's always renewed itself. It's so dynamic."

MOST POPULAR: Richard Thomson, director of the International Art Centre, with some of the Banksy prints for sale at last week's auction.

NZ Herald picture



Festive theme to Floral Art Society's exhibition

by Mark Peters

CHRISTMAS is the theme for this year's Gisborne Floral Art Society's exhibition at Lawson Field Theatre this weekend.

The exhibition has been held at Bushmere Arms for the past three years but this year it is in town.

The theatre's seating will be retracted to create an open space for the exhibition — titled A Floral Christmas — and Gisborne's Creative Lighting will provide exhibition-grade lighting.

Traditional floral arrangements known as Biedermeier will line the theatre entrance for the occasion.

Created in Germany in the 1800s, the Biedermeier style of floral design is generally round or conical and patterned concentrically with circles or spirals.

Certain floral design principles come into play. The design is without negative space. That is, the surface is filled with the faces of flowers. Colours typically range from bright hues to wood tones.

With three floral design clubs in this region, including Wairoa, visitors can expect to see a wide variety of styles and



BLOOMS BEFORE CHRISTMAS: Gisborne Floral Art Society exhibition convener Bev Miller (left), Sue Jones and Vonnie Fletcher work on designs for this year's show, A Floral Christmas. Picture by Paul Rickard

interpretations of the Christmas theme.

And because the exhibition is all about Christmas, the two-day show includes an Advent calendar.

For the 25-day lead-up to Christmas, 25 floral artists will create a work for each day for the calendar.

A Wairoa Floral Group member has taken on the Nativity scene.

"It's an awful lot of work," says show convener Bev Miller.

"Our home looks like Christmas already."

Devonshire teas, which include scones

with jam and cream, will be available for visitors on the Sunday morning and afternoon.

■ A Floral Christmas is at Lawson Field Theatre from 9am to 5pm on Saturday and Sunday. Entry is \$5, cash only.

Time for trees

CHRISTMAS is coming to the CBD with Christmas trees small and large appearing this week, and the Christmas Parade on Sunday.

Ken Huberts, project manager for the Trust Tairāwhiti City Centre Vibrancy wooden Christmas trees, has started picking up the 67 trees painted and decorated by students from 27 schools and is about to distribute them to CBD retailers.

City Centre Vibrancy, with help from C R Taylor, put up the big Christmas tree on the Peel Street-Gladstone Road corner yesterday morning.

Mr Huberts has been the Christmas trees project manager for seven years and says the trees are still proving popular.

The aim of the Christmas trees is to attract people into the CBD and that has been successful.

The feedback from retailers has been excellent.

"They say the trees attract hundreds of people into the CBD.

"You can see then walking through the CBD and looking at all of the trees."

Students from schools from Wainui to Te

Karaka paint and decorate the trees, this year working on a theme of What Christmas Means to You.

The trees also identify the schools and feature photographs of the participating students.

Images on the trees range from Father Christmas, religious themes, and a white Christmas, to Christmas in the summer, sunscreen themes and other more esoteric ideas.

"I never fail to be amazed," said Mr Huberts.

City Centre Vibrancy manager Lana Davy, co-ordinator Belle Huhu and Mr Huberts thanked Trust Tairāwhiti, Awapuni Joinery, Gisborne Resene and Department of Corrections for supporting the project.

The trees are cut out at Awapuni Joinery, Department of Corrections have people serving community work sentences prime the trees and Gisborne Resene provide the paint.

Trust Tairāwhiti buys the wood.

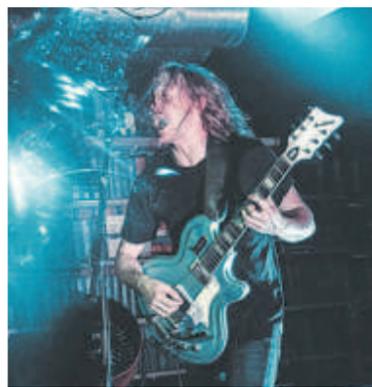
The Trust Tairāwhiti Colours of the Rainbow Christmas Parade 2020 is on Sunday at 4pm.



MERRY CHRISTMAS: Trust Tairāwhiti City Centre Vibrancy wooden Christmas trees project manager Ken Huberts (left) and assistant Maurice Hall are about to distribute Christmas trees painted and decorated by the district's school students into the CBD. Picture by Liam Clayton

The Guide Arts & Entertainment

- They rocked the Dome two years and now Sea Mouse is about to return with the band's garage rock infused psychedelia sound.
- Concerts and music festivals around the world have been canned but the Gisborne International Music Competition goes on. The Guide looks at what to expect this year.
- Singer/songwriter Marlon Williams isn't due to return to Gisborne until March but in the meantime he has joined Saskatoon duo Kacy Anderson and Clayton Linthicum on the collaborative album Plastic Bouquet.



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Historian turns his hand to fiction

'A saga from the uttermost end of the Earth'

HISTORIAN and author Monty Soutar of Gisborne has turned his hand to writing fiction, in the first volume of a planned trilogy he says has been coming together well.

Dr Soutar has won acclaim for his non-fiction books *Nga Tama Toa: Price of Citizenship: C Company 28 (Maori) Battalion 1939-1945* and *Whiti! Whiti! Whiti! E! Maori in the First World War*.

In a move to the other end of the literary spectrum, he started writing his first novel in March during the Covid-19 lockdown.

"It's called *Kawai* — a saga from the uttermost end of the Earth," Dr Soutar said.

"Given it was my first foray into fiction I wasn't sure how my writing might be received.

"But last week I received news that Copyright Licensing New Zealand was awarding me one of their Contestable Fund Grants 2020, which are for projects that had clearly defined and measurable

outcomes that align with the fund's objectives. I'm thrilled about it."

Dr Soutar describes *Kawai* as an epic historical fiction/adventure trilogy based primarily on real events featuring the experiences of nine successive Maori generations in pre-colonial, colonial, and post-colonial Aotearoa (1728 to 2018).

"As a historian I've found fiction more difficult to construct because I'm so used to relying on facts.

"I struggled at first with making something up, when I didn't know what happened in a particular situation, especially given the first novel starts a generation before Captain Cook arrived.

"But I'm used to it now. "Showing instead of telling in order to make the reader part of the experience was another challenge," Dr Soutar said.

"In my application to Copyright Licensing I pointed to the New Zealand school curriculum, which is resetting a national framework from 2022 . . . in the hope that students will become more

aware of key aspects of Aotearoa New Zealand history and how these have influenced and shaped the nation.

"Most historical writing about Aotearoa New Zealand, I argued, has adopted a Eurocentric point of view, even when writers have delved into periods where that point of view was not the norm.

"In this trilogy the experiences of the key protagonists are presented from the viewpoint of Maori."

Dr Soutar has nearly come to the end of the first novel in his series and expects it will be on bookshelves early next year.

"I have already been offered contracts from two publishers for it, so again, I'm well pleased with progress."

FIRST NOVEL: Dr Monty Soutar is close to completing his first fiction novel following major factual works on Maori in World War 1 and World War 2. It is titled *Kawai*.

File picture



FREE CONCERT: The Royal New Zealand Navy Band perform at Kelvin Park yesterday. Picture by Rebecca Grunwell

Concert paves way for visit

THE Royal New Zealand Navy Band entertained lunchtime crowds yesterday ahead of the home port visit of HMNZS Manawanui.

The Royal New Zealand Navy (RNZN) diving support, hydrographic survey and deep sea salvage vessel HMNZS Manawanui arrives in Gisborne tomorrow and will be here until Monday. It is the ship's first visit to her ceremonial home port.

"The crew of HMNZS Manawanui are really looking forward to spending time in Gisborne and the opportunity to further enhance the special and strong relationship that began in June 2019 when the ship was commissioned," Commanding Officer Lieutenant Commander Andy Mahoney said.

The visit to Gisborne cements the relationship between the City of Gisborne and the RNZN where the ship will receive the Charter to the City granting the men and women of HMNZS Manawanui the privilege of being able to march through the streets with drums beating and bayonets fixed.

"The receipt of a charter to a city is a long-standing naval tradition and one that we are incredibly honoured to receive from the



LUNCH WITH THE BAND: Peter and Hazel Wooding enjoy the free public performance by the Royal New Zealand Navy Band yesterday.

Picture by Rebecca Grunwell

Gisborne District Council. Our crew come from all over New Zealand, but we can now proudly call

Gisborne home."

This is not the first time Gisborne has had a charter with an RNZN ship. The decommissioned hydrographic ships HMNZS Resolution and HMNZS Monowai held the charter until 2012 and 1997 respectively.

As well as a charter parade on Friday, the ship will be open to visitors on Saturday.

"The crew are looking forward to parading through the streets of Gisborne but also engaging with the community and providing an opportunity for them to view their ship and learn more about their Navy by interacting with the ship's company," Lieutenant Commander Mahoney said.

A number of activities have been organised during HMNZS Manawanui's visit to Gisborne. Along with the Charter Parade and the ship being open to visitors, there will be a powhiri to welcome the ship, an official call by the Commanding Officer on the Mayor of Gisborne and a number of official functions on the ship.

■ The Manawanui will be open to the public on Saturday from 9am to 1pm.

Location of model

Ideas roll in for Endeavour spot

by Alice Angeloni

GISBORNE'S Endeavour saga continues as "propositions" roll in to the community group which has been gifted back the controversial 200kg model.

Former councillor Malcolm MacLean, who co-organised a fundraiser to rebuild the Endeavour models, said he "can't say too much at this stage" but confirmed they had received offers for the model.

"We're just grouping together and just letting water settle," he said.

"We've got some propositions being put to us. At this stage, we haven't discussed it thoroughly, but there will be some further comments made as we make progress."

It follows a decision by Gisborne district councillors on November 12 to seek permanent installation of one model at the museum, despite the museum's director saying they did not want it.

When formally offered the model, the Tairāwhiti museum director and trust refused, saying it was both "impractical" and "incompatible" with its policies.

The other model will be given to Te Aitanga a Hauiti and the Tolaga Bay community, who welcome the gift.

Staff explained to councillors before their decision that the community group would need consent if they wanted to put up the model in a public space.

"If it can be viewed by the public generally, and it's a piece of art, the premise would be that

you consult with the public," a staffer said.

The first Endeavour models were commissioned by the Cook Bicentenary Committee in 1969 and not expected to last more than a year, but were refurbished and rebuilt multiple times over the next 40 years.

The models, which sat on large poles in Gladstone Road, were removed in 2016 after they became a health and safety concern.

Two years later the council put \$19,000 towards new models, and the community raised \$20,000, and the project was overseen by a group concerned with ensuring they were replaced.

After the build was completed, it was discovered the existing poles were not strong enough for the new models, and replacing the poles would cost \$29,000.

The council voted in favour of reinstalling the models at the existing locations in May, but after much criticism, including a protest outside the council building, the decision was revoked.

The council received more than 1000 submissions during community consultation over the future of the Endeavour models which ran during July and August.

The majority of submissions supported the models being re-erected, while tangata whenua said they did not support the installation of the models on their rohe.

Gisborne District Council Nedine Thatcher Swann said last week that she respected the museum's position and had been in contact with the fundraising group advising them of the outcome.



FAMILY NOTICES

Deaths

AUGUST, John Thomas (Hoani). — Passed away peacefully, on 14.11.2020. Beloved son of the late Whitiawa and Kiriwera (Gillie, nee Clay), and beloved husband of Rosemary (nee Stevens). Beloved brother of Edith Hamilton, Julianne, Rupert, George (dec), Catherine, Whiti, Kohi, Daniel, Nassej and Darcy. Beloved partner of Marie Samson till the end. Father, Brother, Brother-in-law, Paka and uncle, grand-uncle, nephew and loving friend always of Amelia Maynard Green, Dianne Tamanui Murray, Rebecca (Bub) Hollis Walker and Rob Hollis. Johnny will be arriving at Takipu Marae at 11am on Friday 11 December. He will be lying there until 13 December where his service will be held at 12 noon, followed by cremation. The family wish to let people know that the Hakari will be served from 10am before Johnny leaves the marae. All welcome back to the marae for a light supper. No Reira, the August whanau. "We will walk with you till the end."

Unveilings

WHANAU AND FRIENDS

Are invited to the unveiling of the headstone of:

Percy Honeri Raukawa and Ruahine (Bub) Raukawa

Where: Omarumutu Marae, (Powhiri) State Highway 35, Opotiki

When: 28th November 2020
Time: 10am
Shared lunch to follow

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Roundabout detour in place until Monday

MOTORISTS driving to Tiniroto are having to detour through alternative routes as Tiniroto Road is closed at the state highway roundabout.

Funded by the Provincial Growth Fund, dig-out and stabilisation works are under way on Tiniroto Road at the approach to the roundabout, where damage had occurred on both sides of the road.

"In order to maximise efficiency, a road closure has been put in place from the hours of 6am to 7pm, with a detour through Kirkpatrick and Wharekopae Roads," a Gisborne District Council spokesman said.

Repairs are expected to be completed by Monday, November 30, weather permitting.



REPAIR WORK: Tiniroto Road roadworks at the Waipaoa River roundabout are expected to be finished by Monday, weather permitting.

Picture by Liam Clayton

Kayaker rescued after craft punctures

by Murray Robertson

A MAN in his early 60s was rescued at Tatapouri yesterday morning after the kayak he was using on a dive trip struck a rock and started to take on water.

A passerby on the highway around 6.30am saw the man struggling to stay on his craft and called 111.

Police responded, along with St John Ambulance and members of the Character Roofing Emergency call-out surf lifesaving

squad.

"The man was about 200 metres off the beach when he struck trouble," said Sergeant Jak Rowe of Gisborne police.

"His plastic kayak had punctured when it hit a rock out from the Tatapouri boat ramp."

Sgt Rowe said while emergency services were being mobilised, another kayaker who happened to be nearby went to the man's aid.

"He managed to take the guy in tow and towed him back to the safety of the shore."

The pair were approaching the beach when

the other rescuers arrived at the scene.

"They were so close to the beach the surf life savers in their IRB stood by at the boat ramp and waited till the two kayakers arrived.

"A St John Ambulance team checked out the man who had been in difficulties, but he was OK."

Sgt Rowe said the passerby did well to spot the problem and the other kayaker did a great job in rescuing the man.

"The response from the other emergency services was really good, too."

'Brutal, horrific' attack

Closing arguments heard before jury retires to consider verdict

A MAN'S anger at something so trivial as a pedestrian maybe touching his vehicle, escalated into a brutal and sustained assault that ended the life of a defenceless man, prosecutor Steve Manning alleged yesterday.

Closing the Crown case in the High Court trial for murder accused Reuben Gibson-Park, 25, and Tihei Patuwai, 30, Mr Manning said the pair might not have started a night out socialising, intending to end a life, but by the early hours of morning that was exactly what they had done.

Tokomaru Bay resident Raymond Neilson, 48, died from blunt force head and facial trauma and neck compression after being fatally assaulted at his Waima home some time between 1am and 1.30am on December 15 last year.

Mr Manning said each of the men was at least guilty of manslaughter but the nature of the assault was such that both accused must have known the injuries they caused — and intended to cause — could result in death. They were therefore guilty of murder.

Gibson-Park was also guilty of arson, Mr Manning alleged.

Panicked at leaving a dead or dying man, Gibson-Park — as he said he would — went back to Mr Neilson's house and torched him to destroy evidence to avoid being caught, Mr Manning said.

The accused accept assaulting Mr Neilson and yesterday, in closing addresses, counsel Mark Ryan said Reuben-Park accepted he was guilty of manslaughter.

Neither of the accused accept they

are guilty of murder and Gibson-Park denies lighting the fire.

The jury began considering its verdicts today following Justice Francis Cooke's summing up of the case.

Mr Manning said this was a spontaneous homicide all caused by Gibson-Park losing his temper on the roadside after his vehicle was perhaps slapped by Mr Neilson as he was walking home.

Gibson-Park's anger escalated to a point where he was in so deep, he could not stop.

What went on was "brutal" and "horrific", Mr Manning said.

Outside on his deck where another man was initially also involved, Mr Neilson was punched, kicked, and elbowed. Gibson-Park upped the ante by introducing a baseball bat, which he used repeatedly.

There was no evidence of Mr Neilson fighting back. He was genuinely defenceless, lying on the ground and injured as Gibson-Park pinned him down, rammed his elbow into his face and hit him with the bat, Mr Manning said.

How could anyone do that and not expect the victim might die, Mr Manning asked.

This was a joint operation with Gibson-Park and Patuwai almost taking turns. Jurors did not need to decide who delivered what blow where — what mattered was the totality of their combined effort.

Patuwai, on his own admission, meted out a huge amount of violence. He might not have used the bat but he knew Gibson-Park was using it and continued to punch Mr Neilson after seeing Gibson-Park use it.

Having dealt to Mr Neilson on the deck, and with him clearly physically hurt and bleeding, the violence moved inside.

"We're not talking about a couple of blows. This is not a case of someone getting angry and reacting by smacking someone a couple of blows — it went on and on for well over 20 minutes," Mr Manning said.

Jurors should consider the duration of the assaults, the opportunities to pull out, and continued blows, as a reflection of the men's mindsets and intent.

The pair must have appreciated the risk there was a likelihood of Mr Neilson dying but they carried on anyway.

Of the arson charge, Mr Manning said the fire, directed at the body, could only have been lit by someone who knew it was there. Circumstantial evidence pointed strongly to Gibson-Park and included his comments heard by trustworthy witnesses, "we need to go back and torch him bro" and he had "somewhere to be and something to do".

Mr Ryan said Gibson-Park was guilty of manslaughter but not murder or arson. He did not intend to inflict any injuries that would kill Mr Neilson and had not done so.

Evidence was Mr Neilson could have survived his head and facial injuries were it not for the neck compression. There was no evidence Gibson-Park was responsible for any neck injuries, Mr Ryan said.

If Gibson-Park wanted Mr Neilson dead he would have hit him in the head with the bat, but did not.

Any joint enterprise ended when

Rubbish fire call-out

FIREFIGHTERS were called to a property in Harper Road at Makauri yesterday afternoon after a neighbour became concerned about a rubbish fire that was starting to get into a shelter belt.

Fire and Emergency NZ sent two appliances to the scene at 12.30pm. "The property owner had the fire contained by the time we got there," a senior firefighter said.

iPads taken in school break-in

THIEVES broke into a classroom at Riverdale Primary School sometime over last weekend and stole nine iPads and the chargers. Police have appealed for information about the theft.

"We would like to hear from anyone around the city and district who is offered a cheap iPad for sale," said acting Detective Sergeant Ian McKinnon.

"We take a dim view of break-ins like this at schools, and want to catch up with the people responsible."

Top school patrol award to Wainui

Students follow the 5 Rs:

Reliable, Resilient, Responsible, Respectful, Role models

by Ryan O'Sullivan

THERE were cheers of joy from Wainui Beach School students and their supporters for their achievements in road safety this year.

The school's combined efforts to keep students safe have been recognised by Gisborne District Council and Tairāwhiti police with the award for Best School Crossing Patrol.

Deputy principal Rachel Duckworth said it was only the second time this century the school had won the award.

"It's an awesome achievement. The students put a lot of time into their training, with plenty of enjoyment.

"We make it compulsory for our Year 6 students to train with the exception for a few Year 5 students, who become our patrol leaders for the following year."

Police school community officer Carolyn Hodgkinson said the school won the award for following the five Rs.

"They are reliable, resilient, responsible, respectful and good role models," she said of the patrols students.

"Every year there are often two or three good schools that could win the award but we felt that Wainui Beach

had done a fantastic job considering the increase in traffic State Highway 35 is seeing."

Senior Sergeant Tina Smallman said the pupils demonstrated all the right qualities.

"You guys are organised, responsible, and you have awesome manners.

"You are a great bunch of youngsters."

GDC communications adviser Fraser Hopkins said the students' work was not going unnoticed.

"You go out in the cold and rain to keep our roads and our drivers safe.

"Your mahi is part of a big project in the region to keep our roads safe and we appreciate the work you do."

The school celebrated the win with a movie, ice cream and popcorn at the Odeon Multiplex.

REWARD FOR A JOB WELL DONE:

Wainui Beach School crossing patrol members with the trophy awarded by Tairāwhiti police to the Best School Crossing Patrol. The students involved celebrated their achievement with a movie, ice cream and popcorn at the Odeon Multiplex.

Picture by Rebecca Grunwell



Couple lending their talents to exploring local potential

by Sophie Rishworth

IT entrepreneur and business analyst Phil Kupenga is tired of people thinking the only way to build capability in Tairāwhiti is to outsource or bring talent into the region.

He believes the potential already exists here, and is adamant this district must invest in its own people.

"The talent is here. This area has produced outstanding people who have done great things here and outside our community."

Phil returned home to Gisborne after 20 years away, bringing his wife Rachael and their son.

They are spearheading a campaign to help 25 people who have lost their jobs through Covid-19, are new to the benefit, and who want a career change.

Rachael is a former IT recruiter who now works as a career transition consultant.

Together they help people impacted by redundancy who want to change careers.

"We are looking to work with 25 Tairāwhiti locals who have lost employment due to Covid-19 or who have solid work experience but just recently became clients of the Ministry of Social Development."

Through his own career journey Phil has a passion for steering candidates into tech professions, where he has been working for the past 13 years.

Once people have digital or tech literacy, the world is their oyster, he said.

"IT will never stop having opportunities, and advancements. I believe our primary industry workforce is vulnerable to this tech wave that includes robotics and automation. Jobs we are doing now in

CAREER CHANGES: Rachael Isaac-Kupenga and her husband Phil Kupenga have made Gisborne their home. For Phil it is a return home after 20 years. The couple want to work with people who have had to go on the benefit after losing their jobs due to Covid-19, and who need help changing careers.

Picture supplied



the region, will not be around in the near future and our people need to be prepared.

"We need to start building our awareness around the new opportunities that will come from technology advancements and increase our tech literacy so as a community we are ready to seize these new opportunities when they arise.

"Our region already understands this. It is recognised in the Tairāwhiti Rau Tipu Rau Ora plan that there is a need to build resilience in our workforce.

"Covid showed with forestry stopping that we need different industries to lean on. Building a tech workforce is a great idea.

"People here already have the

ability to be successful in the tech sector with their operational experience and understanding of how businesses work, if they know how to work in a team and can talk to people. All they lack is digital literacy understanding how systems work but we can learn this."

Phil is a co-founder of Orawa, a not-for-profit organisation. It is funding Phil and Rachael in their enterprise to help 25 people whose jobs have been affected by Covid, and/or who are newcomers to the benefit, to change careers post-Covid.

■ Anyone interested in being considered for these career transition services can contact Phil on phil@nextchapter.co.nz or 021 877 827 or www.facebook.com/orawatairāwhiti

Boys' High switches on to LED lights

by Jack Marshall

THINGS are looking a little greener and brighter at Gisborne Boys' High School with funding approved to instal new LED lights throughout the school.

The school is replacing 570 fluorescent tube lights with LED lighting. The work must be completed by the end of March next year.

Boys' High successfully applied to the Sustainability Contestable Fund which aims to reduce carbon emissions and costs for schools across the country.

The Ministry of Education's Kim Shannon, who is head of education infrastructure service, said that between 25 and 40 percent of energy consumption is driven by a school's lighting and LEDs are about 60 percent more efficient than fluorescent.

The life of an LED is about 50,000 hours, so in a school environment they may last up to 20 years because they are on for a relatively short time and used infrequently over weekends and school holidays.

Around the country 41 schools will receive money from the latest round of funding for projects building green and efficient infrastructure in schools.

This was the second round of funding, allocating a total of \$2.5 million to successful schools, for a combined investment of \$5 million over the two funding rounds.

A total of 94 schools have now been tapped for an upgrade.

Education Minister Chris Hipkins said the Government was accelerating investment where projects could begin straight away to support local jobs.

The minister said he expected these projects to help build business confidence by providing a pipeline of work for local suppliers and contractors, such as plumbers, gasfitters, electricians and builders.

Oranga Tamariki boss rumoured to quit job

AUCKLAND — Controversial Oranga Tamariki chief executive Grainne Moss is believed to be poised to depart from the troubled welfare agency.

Several sources have said she is leaving, with an announcement imminent, and today, when Whanau Ora Minister Peeni Henare was asked, he didn't deny reports the Irishwoman was about to vacate the position.

Oranga Tamariki declined to comment on a potential departure today.

Maori leaders, including Dame Naida Glavish, Dame Iritana Tawhiwhirangi, Lady Tureiti Moxon and Whanau Ora Commissioning Agency chair Merepeka Raukawa-Tait have been critical of the way the welfare department has dealt with Maori children and families under Moss' leadership.

Labour deputy leader Kelvin Davis has just taken over as the Minister for Children.

"For a long time, Maori and communities all over have told MPs, if we want to move forward, we need to look at the people running these organisations. So this isn't surprising. I support the work of my tuakana Kelvin Davis."

Asked if the impending departure was a sign the Government was listening, Henare said: "Yes, we are listening to the complaints, grievances and hurt of Maori over the years. For a long time, Kelvin has said we need to create a new path, so the unjust of early years won't affect us today. I want to say, there is still a lot to do. Let's not think that this will fix everything, no. If we follow a new path, we will need to start at step one."

Change the head

Henare said what was most important was the wellbeing of tamariki.

"That's why I said before the election if we want to change

things, we must look at the head. We've seen my tuakana is following a new path and it's under way."

Asked if State Services Commissioner Peter Hughes, who appoints the chief executive of Oranga Tamariki should also leave, Henare said no, because Hughes was the head of all the heads of government departments.

"To get rid of this person because of another head, who allegedly may be vacating in a couple of hours, I don't believe that's right. I say forget that and let's look at who will be filling these shoes. That's the main question."

Was he concerned that someone like Grainne Moss would be appointed to replace her?

"That's perhaps our most important job. Let's not repeat our mistakes. That's why I'm saying we need to look for the right person to lead this government department. A few ministers and I will talk to him

about what Maori want."

Passionate Maori leader

Should the CEO of Oranga Tamariki be Maori?

"If you are asking me as a Maori, I will say yes. However, no doubt there is a lot to do. The Government will be there instructing him on how to select a new person. But I've heard the complaints from Maori, so it should be Maori."

"For a long time, iwi have said by applying Maori initiatives, our children will benefit. So we aim to appoint a Maori to lead these initiatives, someone passionate about Maori initiatives, and someone who has seen and heard Maori all over the country. For a long time, I have believed in that."

Asked if he agreed with the Children's Commissioner, Andrew Becroft, who has said the powers of Oranga Tamariki need to be handed back to Maori, he said yes.

"That's why I believe we

must follow Maori initiatives. I've seen it in the initiative I ran called Wharau Ora. We must uplift each other."

Moss, who was the first Irishwoman to swim the English Channel at age 17, went on to build a career in the UK National Health Service. Moss, a Catholic, emigrated to New Zealand in the 1990s.

She worked at Carter Holt Harvey Forests in the central North Island as the regional operations manager for forests before getting her MBA in 2003, then in 2007 was hired at Bupa, eventually becoming managing director.

Bupa is a London-based multinational company with tentacles in insurance, care homes, health services and hospitals. In 2007, Bupa bought New Zealand's Guardian Health Care rest homes, hospitals and retirements villages.

Moss was appointed to lead Oranga Tamariki in late 2016.
— Maori Television via NZH

'Dramatic and draconian'

Bridges urges minister not to intervene in council

by Samantha Motion, NZ Herald

TAURANGA — Tauranga MP Simon Bridges has urged local government minister Nanaia Mahuta not to take the "dramatic and draconian" step of intervening in the Tauranga City Council.

Following the shock resignation of Tauranga mayor Tenby Powell on Friday and a damning independent review and observation team report into dysfunction in the council's governance, Mahuta said she would consider intervention options including potentially replacing elected members with commissioners.

Long-time Tauranga MP and former National Party leader Bridges wrote to Mahuta yesterday asking her not to intervene and calling for caution.

"Despite the dysfunction the report identifies, intervention is a dramatic and draconian step not to be undertaken lightly and things are likely to become more functional from here on in," he wrote.

Bridges said in his view, Powell quitting removed a "significant source of friction".

He said it was reasonable to assume the council would become more functional with the upcoming elections of a new mayor and councillor — replacing Powell and Jako Abrie, who quit in October.

"While no one can be certain of this, I say this is more likely than not because last term the council was more functional than it has been so far this term and the majority of councillors left on the council were councillors before this term and the mayor's tenure.

"Previous mayors such as mayor (Stuart) Crosby and (Greg) Brownless have more or less successfully managed councillor conflict in the past," he said.

Bridges' letter said he apportioned "no blame on the mayor or any current councillor" and community views would vary.

While the report highlighted issues on top of dysfunction between elected members, in his view, those issues were not beyond what the council would normally deal with.

"Therefore they do not individually or collectively reach anything like the



CALLING FOR CAUTION: Leave council alone says MP Simon Bridges (left). He has written to local government minister Nanaia Mahuta (right) asking her not to intervene. Mahuta said she would consider intervention options including potentially replacing elected members with commissioners.



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threshold for intervention."

Bridges — who previously said commissioners would be "embarrassing" for the city — said his request for the minister not to intervene specifically related to the appointment of a Crown manager or commissioner. He did not have a position on a Crown observer.

Responding to comments in Bridges' letter, Powell said, in his view, previous mayors "managed internal conflict by not addressing the key issues facing Tauranga and not having the moral courage to do what's right" and the city lagged behind in infrastructure as a result.

"Simon Bridges isn't the Government, (local Labour list MPs) Jan Tinetti and Angie Warren-Clark are and, because of their very active roles in the community, they are significantly better placed than Mr Bridges to understand this dynamic."

Powell also said the report did not find he was "the problem" but identified governance issues across the elected members.

"For Mr Bridges to suggest the

remaining (elected members) are capable of governing is to reject the report."

Both Brownless and Crosby disputed Powell's characterisation.

Brownless said his council did face up to its issues, and without the "level of vitriol" of the current council.

Brownless, who lost his re-election bid to Powell last year, is still considering whether to run for mayor in the by-election, having previously said he would stand for councillor. He is a National Party supporter.

Crosby, currently a regional councillor and president of Local Government New Zealand, said during his time as mayor Tauranga City Council made substantial investment in three-waters and community infrastructure, raising rates and debts to fund it.

He said State highway investment failed to keep pace "despite having the Minister of Transport (Bridges) residing in Tauranga".

Asked to comment on what the Government should do about the council, Tinetti and Warren Clark both said

they would support Minister Mahuta's decision.

Mahuta is expected to receive advice from officials tomorrow on whether the council's situation met the threshold for intervention under part 10 of the Local Government Act.

She would report back to Cabinet in December, she said in a statement last Friday.

Officials were considering intervention options "at the higher end of the scale" including appointing a Crown observer (to assist the council), Crown manager (to direct the council), or commissioners (to replace the council).

A week ago the review and observation team recommended the council ask the Minister to appoint a Crown manager.

The council supported this recommendation on Friday in a 5-5 split vote decided by Powell's casting vote. Minutes later, he resigned and called for the council to be replaced with commissioners, saying the city's future "cannot be left to a small group of petty politicians".

A spokeswoman for the Minister's office said yesterday Bridges' letter had been passed on to the officials in the Department of Internal Affairs who would be advising her.

Nominations for the by-election opened yesterday. No nominations were received as of the afternoon, according to electoral officer Warwick Lamm.

Interventions rare

Central Government interventions into local councils are reasonably rare but can be long-lasting.

Three commissioners were appointed by the National government to replace Kaipara District Council in 2012 — among them Peter Winder, who chaired Tauranga's review and observation team.

The commissioners left at the 2016 election.

The trio of commissioners appointed in 2010 by the National government to take over Environment Canterbury retired in 2019, with the last three years of their tenure spent as appointed regional councillors following a partial election.

Progress with mayor or without

INVERCARGILL — Invercargill City councillors still reeling from Mayor Sir Tim Shadbolt's surprise press conference say they will go ahead with major changes with or without his support.

On Monday, Sir Tim hit back over an independent report which found his performance left a "leadership void" at the heart of the issues the council was facing.

However, councillors did not believe his opposition to the report's findings would have any impact on council's plan of action as they are prepared to carry out what had been decided — with or without Sir Tim's blessing.

A councillor described the mood after the press conference as something like a funeral, while another said it was Sir Tim himself who seconded the report that he now challenges.

Councillors earlier this month unanimously agreed to the findings and the plan following a review carried out by Richard Thomson who said, among other key issues, Sir Tim was struggling to fulfil certain aspects of his role.

After agreeing to its contents little more than a week earlier, Sir Tim struck a completely different tone at Monday's press conference where he said he would not be the "scapegoat" for council's dysfunction.

Everyone was surprised — even his deputy mayor.

Cr Clark said during the closed meeting when the report was discussed, he was the one who moved the document for approval and Sir Tim seconded it.

So he was shocked at Monday's turnaround from Sir Tim.

"I was surprised that he went down this track. I didn't think that is where we were heading collectively. It seemed to have a

Draft timeline for action

November

- ▶ Develop terms of reference for active observers; identify suitable candidates; present to council for decision.
- ▶ Develop draft delegations for deputy mayor.



December

- ▶ Induct active observers.
- ▶ Present deputy mayor delegations to council for decision.
- ▶ Council's strategic projects as per long-term plan reviewed, decisions made by council.
- ▶ Training needs for councillors and committee chairmen identified.

January

- ▶ Observers start work
- ▶ Draft training programme for councillors and committee chairmen identified.

February

- ▶ Workshop on "working together".

Ongoing

- ▶ Further development of committee report and action tracking systems and individual needs analysis.

SOURCE: ICC

good feeling around the table prior to the media release, that we would be forward-focusing, would put the past in the past and would look to a way forward — I'm not sure whether His Worship did that."

He said the mayor was having a "pretty rough" time following pressures from media and fellow councillors.

Cr Clark understood where Sir Tim was coming from, but did not believe the press conference was the right place to do it, he said.

Cr Clark admitted his role and that of the committees' chairmen would be more "hands-on" than in the past, but he was happy to do it to get things done.

He said the bottom line would be not focusing on personalities but on actions. "Now we need to have 13 leaders — not just one provincial leader. And that is the way to go for us."

Cr Rebecca Amundsen agreed and said she was not worried about how Sir Tim's refusal would affect the council's action plan as there were 12 councillors willing to work their "butts off" to show the community they could achieve what they promised.

While the majority of councillors spoken to yesterday said it was not their call to say if it was time for Sir Tim to leave the role, Cr Amundsen thought his response on Monday supported the view sometimes you get to a point when it was "time to give it up".

Cr Graham Lewis hoped Sir Tim could reflect on his comments and change his attitude so the council could progress positively, "for the sake of the city".

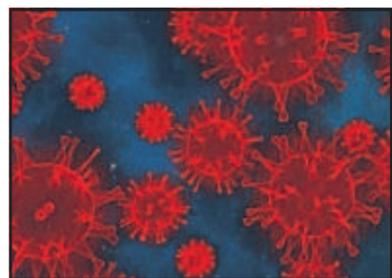
Cr Peter Kett said he was still stunned by the press conference and the mood in the room following Sir Tim's speech, which he compared to a funeral.

He said the council was determined to be unified and to "put all this crap behind".

Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) ministerial advice, monitoring and operations director Anita Balakrishnan yesterday said the statements made by the mayor did not change the fact the council had agreed to develop and implement an action plan.

"The council is currently developing an action plan to address its problems. DIA will monitor the implementation of the plan as part of its assurance that the action plan would adequately address its problems." — ODT via NZ Herald

Get tested, pet shop visitors told



by Derek Cheng, NZ Herald

AUCKLAND — Shoppers who went to a pet store in Manukau on Saturday afternoon are being told to get tested for Covid-19.

Animates Manukau was one of the locations visited by an Air New Zealand staffer who has tested positive for Covid-19.

The Ministry of Health said anyone at the store on Saturday, November 21, between 1.22pm and 2.11pm, should get tested. Notifications were being sent through the Covid tracer app to people who scanned into the store about that time.

The store declined to comment.

The ministry said testing was being recommended as a precaution and the risk of contracting the virus was low. Details about the case emerged along with confirmation of two new cases in managed isolation.

The Air New Zealand cabin crew member tested positive after arriving in Shanghai on Sunday. It was being treated as a confirmed case.

In the two weeks before the positive test, the person's movements had been confined to Auckland, with contact with relatively few people.

Three close contacts of the person had been identified in Auckland and were in self-isolation. Another two close

Level of Covid-19 herd immunity vital: Ardern

AUCKLAND — Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern has revealed New Zealand will need to have a certain level of Covid-19 herd immunity before border restrictions are significantly altered.

But that may be a way off — Minister of Covid-19 Response Chris Hipkins said some travel restrictions would likely remain in place for another 12 to 18 months.

Ardern said that the Government was still working through its immunisation strategy, centred around a Covid-19 vaccine.

People would need to be able to go safely about their lives before quarantine rules were eased, she said.

contacts were under investigation.

The Air NZ staffer also visited other businesses and shops on November 20 and 21. Staff at most of them were advised to isolate at home and get tested if they developed symptoms. Members of the public at the locations were not considered at risk.

The positive result emerged on Monday and Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said the person tested negative on November 18 and on November 22 as part of routine testing while in China.

The person had been asymptomatic. But Covid-19 Response Minister Chris Hipkins yesterday said the person had now developed mild symptoms, though the rest of the crew were still asymptomatic.

They were returning to New

The question was: "What will it take us to get — through immunisation — up to that herd immunity (level)?"

Once that was answered, she said, New Zealanders would be able to be less worried about what was happening at the border.

Hipkins said work was under way, given the vaccines that continue to emerge, to decide how much of the population needed to be vaccinated before travel restrictions could be eased. "It doesn't necessarily have to be 100 percent — we may never get to 100 percent."

But he said some travel restrictions would likely be in place for the next year to 18 months. — NZ Herald

Zealand, and would go into isolation when they landed about 6 this morning.

"Contact tracing has already started for the last couple of weeks for the person's time in New Zealand," Hipkins said.

"They were doing quite a busy international flight schedule during that time, so they spent a lot of time away, but we obviously look at what they were doing while they were here as well."

The person's flight schedule in the past month included flights to Australia and China, he said: "Coming back from a higher-risk place like China, they should be doing a 48-hour stand-down and a negative test at the end of the 48 hours before they can go back out into the community."

"We're checking to make sure all those things have happened."

Scientists awaiting results on Air NZ crew member with Covid-19

AUCKLAND — Scientists are waiting for a sample from the Air New Zealand crew member who tested positive for Covid-19 after a flight to China.

The crew are due back in New Zealand this morning, and will be isolated and re-tested. The crew member tested negative before leaving on the trip, but tested positive once the plane had arrived in Shanghai.

Dr Jemma Geoghegan, a virologist at Otago University, said she and other researchers are eager to get a sample to help identify the strain of virus involved.

She said it is difficult to know

how someone got the virus when there is no known contact with anyone who had the infection.

"So the only way we can determine perhaps where and when this person became infected is to look at the genome sequence and to compare it to the genome sequences that we have already for the cases that we've had in New Zealand."

But Geoghegan said that will not necessarily provide answers.

It is very likely given that this person is a cabin crew member that the infection could have been contracted in a different part of the world, she said.

"If it is a global case, some international case that this person got infected from, then the genome

sequence might not exist, so there are challenges."

It is also possible it is a historic infection which may mean there is not enough virus present to be able to sequence a genome, she said.

Geoghegan said it is important to remember that a negative Covid test does not necessarily mean that the person does not have the virus.

"A negative test means that there's not enough virus present in the person to detect at that time."

Geoghegan said some research she undertook in conjunction with ESR and the Ministry of Health showed there is very strong evidence that transmission

“A negative test means that there's not enough virus present in the person to detect at that time.”

—Dr Jemma Geoghegan

of Covid-19 can occur on a plane during a flight.

She said they looked at a group of people who arrived in New Zealand on the same flight.

"They didn't know each other and their only contact was during the flight," she said.

During their stay in quarantine they tested positive for coronavirus and the plane's seating plan showed they were all seated within a few rows of each other, she said.

"It was very strong evidence from these cases that were genomically linked, that actually the transmission occurred during the flight."

She said most of them had tested negative for Covid-19 a few days before the flight. — RNZ

'He was our role model'

Kiwi dad 'sacrificed himself' saving family at beach

by Julia Gabel, NZ Herald

SYDNEY — A New Zealand man who drowned trying to save his son and niece at an Australian beach refused help from rescuers, instructing them to help the children instead.

He's now being remembered by his partner and family as a big-hearted, selfless man who put his kids first.

"He sacrificed himself. He knew it was either him or the kids," his cousin Queenie Fa'alua told the Herald.

"There were people trying to help him and he pushed (them towards the kids)." Stephen Mote, 41, a strong swimmer, wanted to go for one last dip at the beach in Wollongong, south of Sydney, after spending the afternoon fishing with his kids, his partner Fordene MacDonald said.

Before getting into the water, the New Zealand-born Samoan father-of-four said what would become his final words to his partner of five years.

"He said 'I love you my love', and I repeated it back." Between them, the couple has nine children, Mote's four sons, and MacDonald's five kids.

MacDonald waited under a gazebo while the family members went swimming.

It is understood that Mote and his 10-year-old son and niece were playing in shallow water at Woonona Beach when they were swept out to sea by a wave. At the same time, bystanders, surf lifesavers, and members of the local boardriders club used jet skis, boards, and a chilly bin lid to help the group.

The kids were hauled to safety, but when Mote was dragged back to shore he was unconscious. He died on the beach despite paramedics' best efforts to save him.

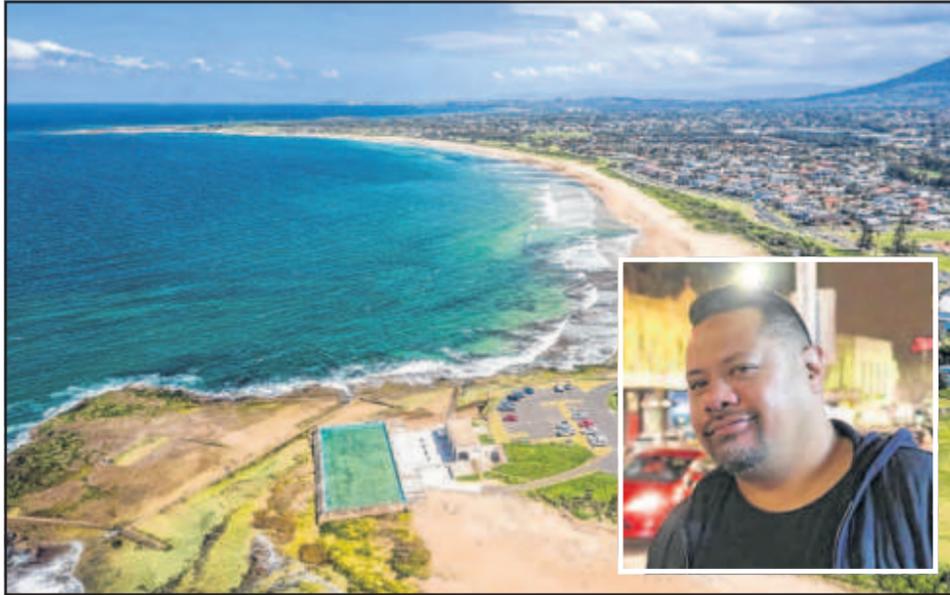
MacDonald told the Herald she knew something was wrong when she heard someone yell "float on your back". "I heard my eldest son's voice."

She ran across rocks to get to the water. She has poor vision and calls Mote "her eyes", which made running across the rocks challenging.

"That was the first time we'd ever been there. It was a vicious spot," she said, speaking about the beach.

When MacDonald got to a crowd of rescuers, people were trying to prop Mote up onto surfboards.

Some of the family's sons got involved



HEROIC ACT: Steve Mote (inset), aged 41. Mote died while trying to saving his 10-year-old son and niece as they were swept out to sea from Woonona Beach, Wollongong. Pictures supplied

in the rescue, trying to keep their father's head above the water.

MacDonald says Mote was a "mighty heavy" man, and one of the boys swam under to push off the sea floor to try to propel Mote upwards.

"They were punching his chest to resuscitate him in the water. The waves were coming over Stephen's head. There was one board on his left side and one board on his right side."

MacDonald, who had also gone into the water, was helped onto a surfboard and taken back in to shore. She watched Mote being dragged across the sand.

Paramedics began CPR and used a defibrillator to try to resuscitate him.

"I knew he wasn't with us when we were out in the water. I wailed out for him." Once MacDonald knew all the kids were accounted for, she turned her attention to Mote.

She sat at his feet as efforts to revive him continued.

"The lifeguards and the paramedics were phenomenal. They were awesome. They were bugged [from the CPR]. They did not stop."

Tangi preparations for the much-loved father, who was born in Lower Hutt, are under way. MacDonald's son Deno called

Mote a great father, teacher, and listener.

"My last words to him were 'hey Steve, we should leave now'. We'd just finished fishing. I had a feeling something might go wrong."

His cousin Fa'alua remembered him as a funny man who put others before himself.

"He was the one that got our family together. He understood us. He was our role model. He protected us. Who do we look to next? He's left a legacy (that) we can continue because we learned so much from him. It's really raw and sad." She said Mote's actions that day on the beach "shows you what kind of person he was".

A bystander, who grabbed a board and jumped in the water to help, later sent MacDonald a message, praising Mote's heroism and bravery. "I wished I could've done more for Steve," he said.

MacDonald said the family had never been to that part of the beach before and were having "a beautiful time" before the accident.

MacDonald said she'll no longer look at the beach that place.

"I hate that place. We (went) there to relieve stress . . . (now) his four sons don't have a dad, my sons don't have someone they can rely on."



HORRIFYING: An aerial drone photo of the whales stranded on the Chatham Islands. RNZ picture

Scores of whales and dolphins die, stranded in 'horrific scenes'

CHATHAM ISLANDS — More than 100 pilot whales and bottlenose dolphins are dead after being stranded on the Chatham Islands.

Commercial diver and photographer Sam Wild said the whales stranded at a northern beach on the main Chatham Island over the weekend. He said it was a horrific and emotional scene.

Locals had put out word of the stranding the day before, he said.

"I mean the Chatham Islands . . . is a pretty remote place, their beaches are pretty remote, there's not a lot of people around them so when they were eventually found the radio call went out to a few people, cause there's so many divers around the island, myself included."

Wild said the diving community is told to stay out of the water when there has been a whale stranding because the Chatham Islands has a population of great white sharks which may come in to feed on the carcasses.

"So I stayed out of the water and took the camera instead and yeah it was pretty sad to see."

Wild said the Department of Conservation had been to the area the previous day to gather data and to euthanise some of the whales.

Whale strandings happen every year or two on the islands, he said.

The Department of Conservation has been asked for comment.

DOC's website describes the Chatham Islands as a mass stranding "hotspot" for pilot whales, adding that the biggest recorded pilot whale stranding was when an estimated 1000 whales stranded in the Chatham Islands in 1918. — RNZ

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Ambulance strike called off after agreement made: Union

AUCKLAND — A planned strike by some St John paramedics and ambulance workers has been called off.

Hundreds of St John staff who are First Union members had been preparing to walk off the job for 24 hours today over failed pay negotiations.

First Union now says a pay agreement has been reached.

The agreement will see the full implementation of the independent pay review commissioned by St John. "This is a fair offer that will see a number of staff receive significant pay adjustments to reflect their skills while ensuring that everyone benefits," First Union's Transport, Logistics and Manufacturing Secretary, Jared Abbott said.

"The settlement is the first step in rebuilding the relationship between the parties and will allow staff to refocus on their key priority of providing a safe and effective ambulance service."

A second strike planned for Saturday has also been cancelled.



ADJUSTMENTS MADE: According to St John spokesperson the pay review is historic and significant. NZ Herald picture

A St John spokesperson said: "We are very pleased to reward our people with the full implementation of the independent pay review. This is a historic and significant pay correction for our

people."

As part of the offer, concerns raised during bargaining about pay progression for existing call handlers and dispatchers have also been resolved. — RNZ



COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER: Annabel and Martin Rutherford (left) have lent a home to the family who lost theirs in a Portobello fire on Saturday, Josh Moffitt and Alice Hudson and their children (front, left) Grace, George and Evie. Otago Daily Times picture

Support after costly fire awes family

by John Lewis, Otago Daily Times

DUNEDIN — Alice Hudson feels lucky beyond belief after being offered a house, rent-free, after her family lost nearly all they owned in a weekend fire close to Dunedin.

She, her partner and three young children escaped their burning rental home in Portobello Village unharmed on Saturday.

Hudson said locals had been co-ordinating drop-off points for donations; bikes, clothing and a car had been offered; and a givealittle page had raised nearly \$25,000. And having a property to move into so soon had been a major stroke of luck.

“There’s not many rental properties out this way. This is huge. We’re incredibly grateful for the offer. It’s quite hard to put into words how we feel about the support we’ve had.”

Hudson said it had lifted a huge weight off

their shoulders.

Rental property owner Martin Rutherford, of Portobello, said he offered his three-bedroom house to the family, rent-free until the new year, to help them get on their feet.

“I’ve done it, because I can.” He said the house was a bed and breakfast until recently, but he was working on turning it into a long-term rental.

His wife, Annabel Rutherford, said neighbours had pitched in and were going to tidy the house and get it ready for the family to move in, including filling the pantry.

There was an opportunity for the family to stay on and pay rent in the new year, and Hudson said they were keen to take it: “We absolutely love Portobello. We don’t want to leave.”

They might be able to move in at the end of the week.

Students head into exams with fewer NCEA credits

by John Gerritsen, RNZ

WELLINGTON — Teenagers had about 300,000 fewer NCEA results in the bag last month than at the same time last year, according to Qualifications Authority figures.

The figures also show big variations in the way the pandemic has affected NCEA results in different parts of the country.

By October 28, schools in the Tasman region and in Manawatu-Whanganui had reported fewer results compared to the same time in 2019 than schools in Otago, Nelson and Gisborne.

Nationally schools had reported 22 percent fewer not-achieved results, 18 percent fewer achieved and merit results, and 15 percent fewer excellence results.

The number of achieved, merit and excellence results totalled 1,718,698 — a drop of 359,588 or 17 percent from the same time last year.

In Auckland, which has had two lockdowns that closed schools, not-achieved results were down by 26 percent while achieved results were down 22 percent, merit 20 percent and excellence 17 percent.

The pandemic appeared to have had the least impact on schools in Otago, where achieved results were nine percent lower, merit 11 percent and excellence 10 percent lower.

In Tasman, schools had reported fewer results than at the same time last year with not-achieved results down 37 percent, achieved down 22 percent, merit down 34 percent and excellence down 40 percent.

In Manawatu-Whanganui, schools had reported 22 percent fewer achieved results, 20 percent fewer merits and 19 percent fewer excellence results.

The Qualifications Authority said schools had deferred assessments until later in the year.

“With the 2020 school terms and holidays being altered in response to Covid-19, key reporting dates are later this year than last year. Results will continue to be reported by schools into December,” it said.

Secondary Principals’ Association president Deidre Shea said the lag in reporting of results was in line with what schools were expecting.

She said the extra learning recognition credits available for students this year would give many students enough credits to ensure they gained their NCEA qualifications.

The credits give students in Auckland up to 20 percent of the credits required for an NCEA certificate, and up to 13 percent for students elsewhere.

The principal of the largest secondary school in the Tasman district, Scott Haines from Waimea College, said he was not aware of any particular problems with student achievement in the area as a result of the pandemic.

He said the relatively low number of results reported by the region’s schools was most likely due to delays in assessment and reporting of results, and his own school recently sent a large number of results to the authority.

Haines said some students had not engaged well with learning since the Alert Level 4 lockdown earlier this year, but others had risen to the challenge.

Nationally, the figures showed little difference between Maori, Pakeha and Asian results, although Asian students had only 13 percent fewer excellence results than last year.

Volcanic exploration

Scientists searching for crucial geothermal energy

by John Gibb, Otago Daily Times

DUNEDIN — A team of Dunedin scientists are keen to drill two 500m-deep exploration wells into the 11 million-year-old Dunedin Volcano in a hunt for crucial geothermal energy.

Dr Mike Palin, of the University of Otago geology department, said significant amounts of carbon-based fuels were burned in New Zealand and elsewhere to generate heat for buildings and manufacturing.

He and several other geologist department colleagues were asking if residual heat from extinct volcanoes could be harnessed as a geothermal energy resource, “thereby reducing carbon-based fuel consumption and consequent greenhouse gas emissions”.

The scientists hope to drill beneath the veneer of sedimentary rock to monitor any residual heat from the now solidified magma chamber that lies beneath, from the area’s volcanic past.

If testing proves positive, heat could be captured by pumping water underground in a loop and bringing it back heated.

This was likely to require deeper drilling eventually.

Successful utilisation of this geothermal resource, if it was of sufficient size, would have long-term economic benefits locally and nationally.

In Dunedin, the main users of heat were the Dunedin Hospital, Otago University and the central business district.

“Reduction in fuel costs will translate

EXPLORING HISTORY: Marco Brenna (left) and Mike Palin, of the University of Otago geology department, with a map indicating Dunedin’s ancient volcanic past.

Otago Daily Times picture



into direct economic benefit for them as well as indirect savings for central government through funding of health services and tertiary education,” Dr Palin said.

Otago University and Dunedin Hospital already used some shared heating, and one possibility was that the new, redeveloped hospital could have some of its heating needs met from geothermal sources.

It is hoped to drill one exploratory well in central Dunedin, and another in the Port Chalmers-Portobello area, perhaps at the university’s Portobello marine laboratory.

Dr Marco Brenna is the science leader of the proposal, and Dr Christian Ohneiser and Associate Professor

Andrew Gorman are other group members.

The aim was to submit to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment by tomorrow a concept proposal seeking support for the \$1 million project through MBIE’s Smart Ideas scheme.

MBIE would assess the proposal and indicate by March if it could be developed in more detail, Dr Palin said.

Measurements gained from the drill-related monitoring would also be used to generate a 4D spatial-temporal geological model of the volcano, and to determine the extent of the geothermal resource.

Dr Palin outlined the geology group’s vision for the drilling proposal in a talk he gave on their behalf at a recent Otago Energy Research Centre symposium.

Brierley facing further charges

SYDNEY — Eight more charges of possessing child abuse material have been laid against New Zealand businessman Sir Ron Brierley in Australia.

The “corporate raider” — as he is usually referred to — was arrested in December last year on six counts of possession of child abuse material.

Border officials had found child sexual abuse material on his laptop and electronic storage devices.

The court in Sydney has confirmed the additional charges.

He will next appear in court by video link on December 10. — RNZ

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Rescued teen hikers only hours from death

by John Weekes, NZ Herald

PALMERSTON NORTH — The last thing Olly Dale remembers before seeing a rescue helicopter flying up a valley was having lost all feeling in his feet as he got colder and colder.

The 17-year-old, rescued along with three friends in the Ruahine Ranges on Sunday, later learned that paramedics believed he was just an hour from death.

And his friends weren't much better off. "They gave us two hours before they were lifting multiple bodies out."

The four Palmerston North teenagers had taken off from Rangiwahia in the lower North Island bush and stayed in a DoC hut on Saturday night.

Much of the area had no cellphone reception so Dale decided to take a personal locator beacon with him.

It was a decision that probably saved his life.

Dale, two fellow Freyberg High School graduates and a Longburn Adventist College school leaver spent Saturday night at the six-bunk Triangle Hut.

It rained all night and they woke early on Sunday before heading to the Oroua River where they had to cross waist-high water.

The downpour returned at about 11am and

they decided to take a rest on a steep bank as it was becoming increasingly unsafe zig-zagging their way across the river.

Dale and his friend Lachlan, 18, went off to find a safer spot. They did so hoping the 17-year-old girls, Meghan and Esther, could get some rest and shelter.

"We started walking again. We were all confident we could do it but of course everyone was cold, tired and miserable. We were just trying to get on with it."

"We walked another 100m down the river and I stopped the group to do a hypothermia check. I could see I was starting to get hypothermia."

Symptoms of hypothermia can include shivering, exhaustion, clumsiness, fumbling hands and confusion.

"We stopped and we put our gas cooker on and boiled some water."

The group made hot orange drinks out of flavoured sachets. But the situation was increasingly grim, and Dale eyed up the locator beacon. "I had it in my hand and I pretty much sat around and laid out the facts."

A majority were in favour of setting it off — but it was still a big call to make. The beacons send an exact location to emergency services, emitting a distress signal. Beacons must be registered with the Rescue Co-ordination Centre of New



RUAHINE RESCUE: Teenagers Lachlan, Meghan, Esther and Olly were rescued 'only hours from death' in the Ruahine Ranges on Sunday. Picture supplied

Zealand, which takes charge of land-based missions after the device is activated.

Dale remembered thinking: "Right, I'll do one last vote."

This time, the verdict was unanimous. Now, it was a matter of waiting, and hoping.

Soon Dale couldn't feel his feet at all. He later learned he was drifting in and out of consciousness. "The next thing I remember after that is we had the helicopter coming up the valley."

The Lowe Corporation Rescue Helicopter from Hawke's Bay approached. The four teens

used their shiny emergency blankets to ensure the chopper's intensive care paramedic Ryan Sutherland and his colleagues could see them.

Dale and one of the girls were in the worst condition, so were flown out first to Palmerston North Hospital. After three hours in hospital, Dale was free to go.

"They actually only gave me one hour left." He said without the beacon, the best-case scenario would have been a search operation lasting days.

Rescue Co-ordination Centre NZ spokesman Keith Allen said it was important for people to carry locator beacons, as this group did.

Flaws seen in way police handle DNA

by Harry Lock, RNZ

WELLINGTON — The Law Commission is calling for a radical overhaul of how DNA is obtained, used and retained by police.

A commission report found the way DNA was used in criminal investigations ignored human-rights values, tikanga Maori and the Treaty of Waitangi.

The review looked into the Criminal Investigations (Bodily Samples) Act 1995, and found there was no clear and robust process which guided police on how to collect, use and store DNA.

Lead commissioner on the review, Donna Buckingham, said: "In 1995, Aotearoa became only the second country to establish a legal regime for the use of DNA in criminal investigations."

"But time and technology have moved on and what a tiny amount of DNA can reveal about a person has grown hugely in 25 years."

The commission has made 193 recommendations which would provide police clear guidelines. It would also protect human rights and privacy, and address the disproportionate impact the system

had on Maori.

Six fundamental problems were found. The commission said there was no clear, robust guide for police. The law did not recognise tikanga Maori and the Treaty, unlike other legislation.

A commission report found the way DNA was used in criminal investigations ignored human-rights values, tikanga Maori and the Treaty of Waitangi.

Further, it did not properly accommodate human-rights values, was not comprehensive, was confusing, and there was no statutory provision for independent oversight, which was inconsistent with international best practice.

The commission proposes:

- Improving protections for adults from whom police seek to obtain DNA by consent or on arrest.
- Requiring a court order to

obtain DNA from suspects who are children or young people or who lack the ability to provide consent.

- Regulating the use of DNA where the law is either silent or fragmented.

- Establishing a single DNA databank to hold all DNA profiles obtained by police with clear rules on use.

- Restricting the retention of DNA profiles and aligning any retention of youth offender profiles more closely with the rehabilitative focus of the youth justice regime.

- Creating an independent mechanism for the assessment of new DNA analysis techniques and whether these should be approved for use.

- Improving oversight by increasing the role of the judiciary, establishing a new DNA Oversight Committee (with mandatory Maori representation), and providing for external auditing by the Independent Police Conduct Authority.

Buckingham said the recommendations also sought to address the disproportionate impact of the existing regimen on Maori.

Emergency services investigate suspicious boarding house fire

AUCKLAND — An overnight fire at an Auckland secondary school hostel where pupils were sleeping is being treated as arson.

Students and staff at Mt Albert Grammar School were forced to evacuate from School House, on the school grounds, after the blaze broke out after midnight.

Fire and Emergency northern shift manager Daniel Nicholson said four fire engines raced to the central Auckland school where they discovered a fire in a dormitory near the back of the boarding block.

Everyone sleeping in the dormitories had been safely evacuated by the time fire crews arrived, he said.

Nicholson said although the fire wasn't large and was quickly extinguished it was being treated as suspicious.

Police had been notified and fire investigators returned this morning to examine the cause.

Meanwhile, fire crews attended the scene of a major blaze in a South Auckland restaurant which had been extensively damaged overnight.

Nicholson said Broncos Steakhouse on Great South Road was well involved when the alarm was raised just after 1am.

At the height of the blaze, 14 fire crews were battling the flames.

The large restaurant, just up the road from popular theme park Rainbows End, took around an hour to bring under control.

Nicholson said two fire crews were at the scene and investigators would be arrived this morning to determine the cause of the blaze. — NZ Herald

Builder fined for illegally converting warehouse into apartments

AUCKLAND — A builder has been fined tens of thousands of dollars for illegally turning a warehouse into a building with offices, car parks and apartments in the central Auckland suburb of Eden Terrace.

John Liang Kiat Wong was fined \$80,750 relating to four charges including illegal building work, breach of notice to stop work, continuing offence relating to fire safety systems and conversion without resource consent.

The illegal building work on Exmouth Street was discovered in 2018 when a large concrete block fell from the top

level of the converted building and on to a neighbour's roof, narrowly missing a skylight.

As well as converting the building illegally, people were living in the apartments and basic safety features such as smoke detectors and fire sprinklers were not compliant.

He was sentenced at the Auckland District Court last week.

Judge David Kirkpatrick said Wong was an experienced developer, so there was no explanation for why he did not follow the rules.

He said the offending called for a

substantial penalty.

"In particular, the purposes of the Building Act include providing for the safety of occupants of buildings.

"The deliberate behaviour of the defendant in failing to obtain the necessary consents and in failing to have the specified systems checked and approved requires a deterrent sentence," Judge Kirkpatrick said in his decision.

Mayor Phil Goff said the penalty reflected the serious nature of the offending and would send a strong message to anyone purposefully not meeting their obligations under the

Building Act.

"Those who flout the rules in such a manner need to know that they will be caught and face the consequences of their actions."

Auckland Council compliance response and investigations manager Kerri Fergusson said the offending in this case was calculated and deliberate, for commercial gain, and put occupants and neighbours at risk.

She said the sentence should act as a deterrent to others wanting to avoid the legal process of obtaining the required consents and inspections. — RNZ

Dollar pushes higher despite Covid shadow

WELLINGTON — The New Zealand dollar continues to leap ahead, pushing past two-year highs despite Covid-19's long shadow over the economy.

The currency traded yesterday at US69.86c, revisiting levels not seen since June 2018, a far cry from the lows of around US57c in March, when the world was still reeling from the impact of the pandemic.

Analysts said several factors were driving the kiwi up, but the most compelling one was the country's strong terms of trade performance.

Another was the market repositioning itself away from the likelihood of the Reserve Bank's official cash rate (OCR) going negative.

New Zealand's terms of trade — a measure of the purchasing power of the country's exports — rose by 2.5 percent in the June quarter,

driven by stronger forestry and dairy product prices.

A "live" index created by Citibank shows the terms of trade trend has remained in place most of the year.

Hamish Pepper, fixed income and currency strategist at Harbour Asset Management and former Reserve Bank analyst, said the kiwi was reflecting that strong terms of trade story.

"The story (it is telling) is that we are close to all-time highs for the terms of trade. It is saying that our export prices are doing well and we are not having to pay as much for things that we need," Pepper said.

Much of the advance in the kiwi has come on the back of reduced expectations for the Reserve Bank to cut interest rates into negative territory in early 2021, because of the economy's ongoing resilience in the face of Covid-19 headwinds.

News of Covid-19 vaccines means the global economy should take a recovery path next year, analysts said.

Higher global growth usually translates into high commodities prices, which typically means a higher New Zealand dollar. "They would obviously like it weaker, but (they realise) why it is where it is," Pepper said.

Another key driver is that despite all the Covid-19 uncertainty, the strength of world sharemarkets meant that investors were comfortable holding kiwi dollars — typically viewed as being higher risk.

BNZ currency strategist Jason Wong said the advent of Covid-19 vaccines was going to be positive for world growth next year. He said if the US dollar continues to fall, as many expect, the kiwi should pass US70c. — NZ Herald

RBNZ outlines risks

WELLINGTON — Ongoing containment of Covid-19 and significant fiscal and monetary support has ensured the New Zealand economy has been resilient to the economic shocks from the pandemic but significant risks remain, according to the Reserve Bank.

New Zealand's central bank released its six-monthly Financial Stability Report this morning and Reserve Bank governor Adrian Orr said the relatively resilient economy meant the financial system had not been tested as severely as it could have been.

"The banking system has maintained strong buffers of capital and liquidity, and the insurance sector remains well capitalised."

But Orr also signalled caution, saying Covid-19 remained rampant internationally, implying significant risks to New Zealanders' health and economic prosperity remain.

Deputy Governor Geoff Bascand acknowledged that actions to support employment and investment had also spurred on activity in the housing market, resulting in an increase in higher-risk lending, particularly to property investors.

"High leverage in the housing sector poses risks if house prices fall sharply or unemployment rises, reducing the ability to service loans." — NZ Herald

Big step to tame housing market

Robertson lobbies Reserve Bank governor to lower house prices

by Jason Walls, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — Finance Minister Grant Robertson has called on an important ally in the Government's attempts to tame New Zealand's red-hot housing market.

Robertson has publicly lobbied Reserve Bank governor Adrian Orr to do more to cool the market.

It comes at a time when house prices have grown 20 percent in the space of a year, while the rest of the economy grapples with a recession. The move, Robertson hopes, will help bring about a period of "sustained moderation" to New Zealand's housing market.

In the meantime, he has revealed the Government is looking into a number of demand-side measures, such as extending the bright-line test, which would help relieve pressure.

He publicly released a letter he had sent to Orr, asking him to expand the Reserve Bank's mandate to cover house price stability.

The move has been welcomed by the opposition, with Act and National saying the letter was a good idea — although they both claimed credit for the initiative.

But, one economist was less convinced. "The letter from the Finance Minister seems to be a knee-jerk response to soaring house prices and appears as a way to shift the blame and appear proactive on the housing front," says Infometrics senior economist Brad Olsen.

In his letter to Orr, Robertson said he was "concerned that the recent rapid escalation in house prices, and forecasts for this to continue, are affecting the Government's ability to meet the economic objectives set out in the Remit".

In a separate press release, he said that given the extended period of low interest rates, "now is the time to



IMPORTANT ALLIES: As house prices reach an all-time high, Finance Minister Grant Robertson has called on the Reserve Bank's Adrian Orr in an attempt to cool the market. NZ Herald pictures

consider how the Reserve Bank may contribute to a stable housing market".

At the moment, the Reserve Bank's mandate includes controlling inflation, supporting sustainable employment and ensuring financial stability — nothing specifically about house prices.

After Covid-19 started significantly impacting New Zealand's economy, the Reserve Bank slashed the official cash rate (OCR) and flooded the market with tens of billions of dollars' worth of bond-buying — essentially printing money.

The Reserve Bank said this had helped stimulate the economy — but economists have argued that it's pushed house prices up.

Despite this, Robertson said he was

not blaming the Reserve Bank for the rapid house-price inflation and said the central bank had served New Zealanders "incredibly well".

Orr replied later yesterday in a letter posted on the bank's website. He said the bank welcomed the chance "to contribute to your work programme aimed at improving housing affordability. As I've said publicly on many occasions, monetary and financial regulatory policy alone cannot address this challenge.

There are many long-term, structural issues at play." He also said: "We will consider your suggestion of how the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) could further take into account house prices when formulating monetary policy, and



Adrian Orr

will respond with considered feedback in due course."

Robertson said he had sought advice from the Treasury about demand-side levers the Government could pull to help tame the housing market. This includes initiatives such as the bright-line test and the ring-fencing of rental losses. Robertson would be looking to possibly expand these policies.

But Olsen said this doesn't show the Government is very serious about addressing house prices and was, in fact, "abdicated responsibility for issues in the housing market to others".

Independent economist Cameron Bagrie said the Reserve Bank needed to have debt-to-income limiting tools, which would work to dampen house price demand.

Although the Government has ruled out any further tax increases to cool the housing market, the Greens say the tax lever needs to be pulled if the Government wants to make meaningful changes to the housing market.

SHAREMARKET YESTERDAY

WELLINGTON — More vaccine news and a strong rebound by leading stock Fisher & Paykel Healthcare drove the New Zealand sharemarket forward on another positive day.

The S&P/NZX 50 Index finished 51.63 points or 0.41 percent ahead at 12,553.38. There were 86 gainers and 47 decliners and trading was strong with 58.42 million shares worth \$227.30 million changing hands.

Across the Tasman the leading S&P/ASX 200 Index was into its third straight week of gains, rising 1.42 percent to 6654.90 points at 5.45pm.

The Oxford University-AstraZeneca coronavirus vaccine shows an efficacy rate of between 62 percent and 90 percent depending on the dosage, and AstraZeneca will be making

three billion doses next year. The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose more than 300 points or 1.12 percent to 29,591.27.

Jeremy Sullivan, investment adviser with Hamilton Hindin Greene, said the market was buoyed by another vaccine development, which is positive for tourism.

"Air New Zealand had a strong day and Fisher & Paykel was doing some heavy hitting — which is interesting since the New Zealand currency is going up."

The NZ dollar climbed to 69.9c against the American during the day, and the market is also watching whether the Reserve Bank will introduce further loan-to-value ratio restrictions to cool the housing market.

The day before reporting its latest financial result, Fisher & Paykel Healthcare surged \$1.15 or 3.5 percent to \$34.05 on trade worth \$32.6m. It was joined by Spark which gained 11.5c or 2.55 percent to \$4.63 on trade worth \$16m.

Air New Zealand, wanting to do more flying when the border re-opens, climbed 9.5c or 5.43 percent to \$1.845. Tourism Holdings was up 3c to \$2.64, and wine exporter Delegat Group surged 78c or 5.3 percent to \$15.50.

Retirement village operator Arvida reported an eight percent increase in revenue to \$86.19m and a seven percent drop in net profit to \$41.84m for the six months ending September.

It is paying an interim dividend of 2.4c a share and its price fell 7c or 3.89 percent to \$1.73.

Arvida said it was on track to deliver 247 new units for the year, and it will be added to the

MSCI Global Micro Cap index on December 1.

Fellow retirement stocks Summerset Group Holdings and Ryman Healthcare were also down — Summerset declining 10c to \$10.70 and Ryman losing another 36c or 2.45 percent to \$14.33, having fallen \$1.65 in four trading days.

Personal lender Harmony fell below its listing price after losing 13c or 3.58 percent to \$3.50, and Synlait Milk was down 11c or 1.93 percent to \$5.58.

Insurance company Tower rose 2.5c or 4.24 percent to 61.5c after announcing it has reached a \$42.1m agreement with the Earthquake Commission for an outstanding receivable resulting from the Christchurch earthquakes.

Vital Healthcare Property Trust has bought Tauranga's 51-bed Grace Hospital for \$95m — the city's only private in-patient hospital. Vital's share price fell 0.5c to \$2.945. — NZ Herald

EDITORIAL

Express yourselves boys, and be kind

After a recent weekend of sportsmen shedding tears of joy over their latest successes, veteran broadcaster Keith Quinn took to Twitter to say blokes of today need to "harden up", asking "What's happened to bloke-ism?"

He described it as a "fairly light-hearted tweet, that's all" and apologised in the face of a wave of criticism. Numerous media and commentators took the opportunity to discuss the importance of men expressing their emotions rather than bottling them up, referencing our high male suicide rate.

Sir John Kirwan, a legendary All Black and campaigner for greater awareness of men's mental health issues, responded with a tweet praising the Argentina coach following his team's win over the ABs: "My highlight from the weekend was the team and Mario Ledesma crying, made me cry. Beautiful."

Beautiful alright, Sir John. Current All Black TJ Perenara later challenged Quinn on the social media site: "Mate, remove your tweet. You're so out of touch and the fact that you've acknowledged the response from others but still choose to leave this up isn't good enough. Be better mate."

Some All Black fans had a go at Perenara, with one tweeting: "Tj you should rather focus on the on-field matters, tweets should be the last of your worries now." The ABs halfback replied: "The wellbeing of humans will always come before rugby to me. If you hold your job above the wellbeing of other humans then maybe you should take a hard look in the mirror and challenge your values. #FoodForThought"

Hats off to TJ Perenara for showing this leadership in challenging outdated views that we know are harmful, and turning the focus to what's really important.

New Zealanders have suffered immensely from the consequences of unhealthy views around what it is to be a man, which research has shown links to violence as well as a greater risk of mental health issues.

Our boys and young men today are still being taught unhelpful messages about what it is to be "real men". We need many more role models like TJ and Sir John, throughout our communities and our families, who speak out and challenge outdated views.

Today is white ribbon day, the international day where people wear a white ribbon to show they do not condone violence against women.

It is also a chance to celebrate the many men who are willing to challenge each other on attitudes and behaviour that are outdated, unhelpful and abusive.

Bring on poll Very proud

Re: Unanimous vote for Maori wards, Nov 23 story. Congratulations to the council for being unanimous. Now bring on the binding poll that will prove you all never voted for the wishes of the community. I'm not angry because I can't stop laughing.

PETER JONES

A fair suck of sauce bottle

Re: Most of us against racial segregation, Nov 24 letter. Tena koe Andy, By "most of us" are against "racial segregation" do you mean the 70 percent of our population who identify as Pakeha? I am all for anything that helps ensure equity here in Godzone. I am certainly not well informed

Re: 'Yes' to Maori wards right decision, Nov 23 column. Today, I'm very proud to be a resident in a region where the council has made this important and progressive decision. My only regret is that it has taken this long to get over the line.

TONY LEE

about the need for Maori wards but even I know that if Maori (who make up 16.5 percent of the population nationally) are to be treated fairly as per the Tiriti o Waitangi, then Maori wards will help facilitate Maori to have a fair suck of the sauce bottle.

Nga mihi

LARA MEYER

Next step a Maori mayor

Re: Face the people you misled, November 19 letter.

I have lived my 80-plus years in this country always sensitive to racism and attempting to promote good race relations between us — after all, I am a 50/50 Kiwi.

I have sat around tables with the high and mighty in both government and industry representing the "Maori view". I have studied the process of colonisation in New Zealand at tertiary level and lectured on Te Reo Maori me Ona Tikanga to hundreds of students of all nationalities at tertiary level.

Born on the Coast in the 1930s and shifting to Auckland in my teens to get "educated", I have always kept an eye on what was going on back here. Things have

not changed much regarding race relations, just new faces promoting their beliefs consciously or unconsciously.

I am pleased however to see some progress in the number of Maori becoming interested in standing for the council and I hope this controversy will catch their attention — the next step is a Maori mayor and then a 50/50 share of council seats.

I cannot see any reason why not. It must lead to progress when all the talent and brains here are representing ALL the people.

Incidentally, the Maori of Te Tairāwhiti have the distinction of being the most educated iwi in Aotearoa.

JOE NADEN Tokomaru Bay

Wards proposal misguided

London has a population of 8 million, less than half of which is now indigenous British; it even has a Muslim mayor. If London copied the idea of Maori parliamentary seats and reserved seats on London's council for indigenous British, it would be condemned as racist. Yet the salient difference between the London and New Zealand scenarios is only the colour of the indigenous skin.

Now Gisborne District Council

has voted unanimously in favour of establishing Maori wards, expanding the concept of the Maori parliamentary seats. In so doing, the council is participating in a popular ideological bias that is now producing insidious racism in local body politics too.

I assume that you will have a poll and I hope you vote against this misguided proposition.

Dr BARRIE DAVIS, Wellington

Wards move shows integrity and vision

Congratulations to the council for the unanimous decision to introduce Maori wards. We can't undo the past but we can work for a better future. This was the right decision.

I especially admire the courage of rural ward councillors, Burdett, Seymour, Faulkner and Worsnop who have unselfishly voted in the

interests of the community in spite of possible prejudice to their own positions.

This is a council acting with integrity and vision, and we should be grateful to them. There is work ahead to design the right future structure but with goodwill it can be done.

Kia kaha

MICHAEL CHRISP

A topsy-turvy world ...

This is to exercise my right of reply to Lara, who played the racist card in her reaction to my letter (Gisborne Herald, November 23).

The Maori wards debate draws attention to a topsy-turvy world we live in.

Gisborne District Council has proposed a voting system which divides Gisborne citizens based on race while arguing that such a system is anti-racist.

Meanwhile, anyone who criticises such a race-based voting system is smeared as racist.

My letter was an open invitation to anyone to make the case for Maori wards in Gisborne.

Curiously, Gisborne's mayor and around five councillors seem happy to put themselves out of a job by reserving five seats for Maori-roll candidates to represent, not only Maori roll voters, but the general electoral population as well.

Maori-seat councillors are not required to be Maori, but must be voted for by Maori-roll voters, Maori candidates may be elected to

general seats.

Is this not a virtue-signalling shambles?

Even the argument that Maori wards petitions are racist because no other ward option may be challenged by a petition may be resolved by opening all wards decisions, rural or urban, to the possibility of referenda.

But no, the Minister prefers to remove a democratic check rather than extending such a check.

Are the mainly non-Maori councillors who voted to proceed with Maori wards motivated by a quaint type of paternalism, and not appearing to understand that a race-based ward is by definition racist?

Surely, in a multicultural society such as we have, any governance structure should be racially neutral with political rights based on citizenship, not ethnicity.

I'm still waiting for someone to make a compelling case for Maori wards.

MIKE BUTLER, Hastings

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, ONLINE COMMENTS

Tree removals senseless

Re: On removal of acacias ... November 23 letter.

Hi Tree Hugger, I totally agree with you. I too think it is very often senseless and I would disagree with the response given by the GDC Journeys operations manager.

Many trees that have been felled were of no risk. I have been watching the killing for the past few weeks all along our rural road. Huge, dead areas of bank left behind with poison liberally applied.

On top of the tree killing, many have been felled in spring time when our birds are nesting. I have recently seen two very forlorn-looking kereru sitting on a remaining

branch very bewilderedly looking around for their home and probably babies. Nothing stands a chance. It all gets put through the giant chipper.

Other towns and cities in NZ work with their giant old trees, they love and protect them. Cambridge, Matamata, Hamilton to name a few. Other regions also undertake huge native plantings to replace any destruction in the name of progress. Roadside plantings are very noticeably absent in the Gisborne region — just scorched, sprayed-off roadsides that are also now devoid of trees.

Sad.

TANYA HAWTHORNE

Scootering in all weather

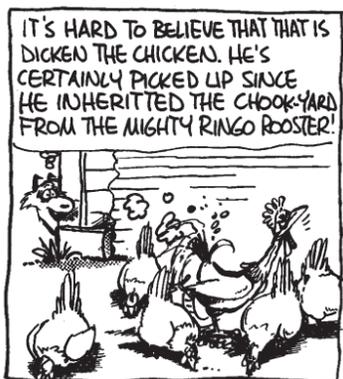
A huge thank you to Christy at ACC for waterproofing my mobile

scooter. It is so wonderful.

GRATEFUL

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Trump grudgingly clears way for Biden transition

WASHINGTON, DC — The US government has recognised President-elect Joe Biden as the “apparent winner” of the November 3 election, formally starting the transition of power after US President Donald Trump spent weeks testing the boundaries of American democracy.

Trump relented after suffering yet more legal and procedural defeats in his seemingly-futile effort to overturn the election with baseless claims of fraud.

Trump still refused to concede and vowed to continue to fight in court after General Services Administrator (GSA) Emily Murphy gave the green light on Monday (local time) for Biden to co-ordinate with federal agencies ahead of his January 20 inauguration. However, he also tweeted that he was directing his team to co-operate on the transition.

The fast-moving series of events seemed to let much of the air out of Trump’s frantic efforts to undermine the will of the people in what has amounted to a long stress test for the nation’s confidence in the political system and the fairness of US elections.

Those efforts had not ended and were likely to persist well beyond Trump’s presidency.

Murphy, explaining her decision, cited “recent developments involving legal challenges and certifications of election results”.

She acted after Michigan on Monday certified Biden’s victory in the battleground state and a federal judge in Pennsylvania tossed out a Trump campaign lawsuit on Saturday, seeking to prevent certification in that state.

Pennsylvania certified its results, and its 20 electors for Biden on Tuesday morning.

The concession — of sorts — came as an increasing number of Republicans were publicly acknowledging Biden’s victory, after weeks of tolerating Trump’s baseless claims of fraud.



Joe Biden

The Republican president has grown increasingly frustrated with the flailing tactics of his legal team.

In recent days, senior Trump aides including chief of staff Mark Meadows and White House counsel Pat Cipollone had also encouraged Trump to allow the transition to begin, telling the president he did not need to actually concede, but could no longer justify withholding support to the Biden transition.

Meadows, late on Monday, sent a memo to White House staffers saying that their work had not yet finished and that the administration would “comply with all actions needed to ensure the smooth transfer of power”, according to a person who had received it.

Yohannes Abraham, executive director of the Biden transition, said the decision “is a needed step to begin tackling the challenges facing our nation, including getting the pandemic under control and our economy back on track”.

Murphy, a Trump appointee, had faced bipartisan criticism for failing to begin the transition process sooner, preventing Biden’s team from working with career agency officials on plans for his administration.

The delay has denied the Democratic president-elect access to highly-classified national security briefings and hindered his team’s ability

Electoral vote certification

States have begun certifying election results from the Nov. 3 presidential election. All states must certify their votes before the Electoral College meets on Dec. 14.



to begin drawing up its own plans to respond to the raging coronavirus pandemic.

Murphy insisted she had acted on her own.

“Please know that I came to my decision independently, based on the law and available facts. I was never directly or indirectly pressured by any executive branch official with regard to the substance or timing of my decision,” she wrote in a letter to Biden.

Trump tweeted moments after Murphy’s decision: “We will keep up the good fight and I believe we will prevail! Nevertheless, in the best interest of our country, I am recommending that Emily and her team do what needs to be done with regard to initial protocols, and have told my team to do the same.”

Still, Trump continued to spread false information about the vote and indicated he would not concede. He tweeted

on Tuesday morning, “the GSA does not determine who the next President of the United States will be”.

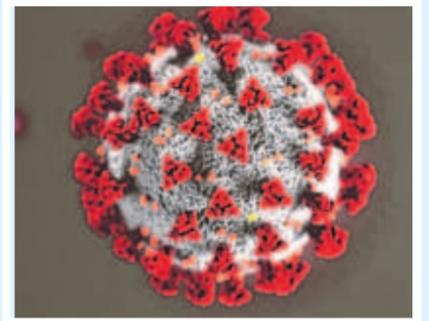
Max Stier, president and CEO of the nonpartisan Partnership for Public Service, criticised the delay but said Biden’s team would be able to overcome it.

“Unfortunately, every day lost to the delayed ascertainment was a missed opportunity for the outgoing administration to help President-elect Joe Biden prepare to meet our country’s greatest challenges,” he said.

“The good news is that the president-elect and his team are the most prepared and best equipped of any incoming administration in recent memory.”

Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer said the GSA action “is probably the closest thing to a concession that President Trump could issue”.

— AP



Oldest son and others around US president test positive for the coronavirus

WASHINGTON, DC — US President Donald Trump’s oldest son has tested positive for coronavirus, according to his spokesman.

Donald Trump Jr, 42, was diagnosed early last week and has been quarantining at his cabin since the result, the spokesman said over the weekend.

“He’s been completely asymptomatic so far and is following all medically recommended Covid-19 guidelines,” said the statement.

It was unclear whether his partner, Kimberly Guilfoyle, had also been affected.

Guilfoyle, a former Fox News host, tested positive for the disease in July, and had recovered from it.

Trump Jr apparently did not contract the infection at the time. Earlier on Friday (local time), Andrew Giuliani, a special assistant to US President Trump, announced he had also tested positive for coronavirus.

Giuliani — who is the son of the president’s personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, tweeted that he was experiencing mild symptoms after receiving his positive test on Friday morning.

CBS News confirmed late last week that at least four other White House aides had tested positive for Covid-19.

Earlier this month, White House chief of staff Mark Meadows was among several aides who tested positive for the infection.

Trump himself was also briefly hospitalised at the beginning of October after contracting Covid-19.

■ According to live statistical data website www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/, the US had a total of 12,829,263 cases of the virus at the time The Gisborne Herald went to press this morning. The US had also had 264,485 deaths attributed to Covid-19.

— BBC/agencies

Biden prioritises climate change with Kerry pick

WASHINGTON, DC — US President-elect Joe Biden on Tuesday (local time) said his creation of a senior climate post on the National Security Council would put climate change “on the agenda in the situation room” for the first time. Biden talked to reporters on Tuesday (local time) after naming former Secretary of State John Kerry as his climate envoy in national security matters.

Biden said the appointment meant the US would have a “full-time climate leader” for the first time in top-level meetings to make sure the issue did not get overlooked.

Biden’s emphasis on curbing the fossil fuel emissions that are causing global warming, and on dealing with worsening natural disasters and other problems of climate change, come in intense contrast to the views of President Donald Trump.

Trump has said scientists were mistaken in their warnings on global warming.

— AP

Delivered brief speech, no formal concession

WASHINGTON, DC — US President Donald Trump has kept an unusually-low profile since his election defeat, making few public appearances and hardly actually speaking — except for on Twitter.

However, when the Dow Jones Industrial Average crossed 30,000 for the first time on Tuesday (local time), Trump emerged — fleetingly — to take a victory lap.

He made a brief statement from the White House, in which he also pointed out advances in Covid-19 vaccines and hailing his country.

The statement, less than two minutes long, made no mention of President-elect Joe Biden and did not formally concede defeat.

“I’m thrilled with what is happening with the vaccine,” said a flat-toned Trump.

He also referred to the Dow Jones Index, which measures the stock performance of 30 large companies listed on stock

exchanges in the United States.

“The stock market just broke in 30,000 . . . a sacred number.”

Trump congratulated his administration and also his fellow Americans.

“I just want to congratulate the people of this country, because there are no people like you.”

Biden on Tuesday was certified as the winner of the presidential election in Pennsylvania.

Democratic Governor Tom Wolf first disclosed in a tweet that the Department of State had certified the vote count for president and vice-president. The state result underscored the end of the fight for Trump, giving Biden its haul of 20 electoral votes, putting him over the 270 needed and led AP to declare him the President-elect four days after Election Day.

— NZ Herald, AP, agencies

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MEANWHILE, AHEAD OF THANKSGIVING . . . : US President Donald Trump walks away after pardoning Corn — the national Thanksgiving turkey, in the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington, DC, on Tuesday (local time), as first lady Melania Trump watches on.

AP picture

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Log Transport Safety Council (LTSC) Certification

Eastland Wood Council has a strong commitment to health and safety and ensuring a safe and healthy work environment; which includes supporting and leveraging

Earlier this month the Eastland port had a daily high of 617 trucks entering the port, with an average of about 530-570 trucks a day (this includes those which do multiple runs to the port each day).

national initiatives.

EWC member companies have

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The LTSC certification for log truck companies and Safetree Contractor certification for silviculture and harvesting contractors are the accepted industry standards for health and safety.

The benefits are for companies and contractors, and provides certification assurance that health and safety and employment standards will be met.

Pacific Haulage are the first company in the Tairāwhiti region to start the LTSC certification audit process, and won't be the last.



LTSC Certification strengthening log transport



Steve Murphy Ltd, Christchurch, the first log truck company in the country to achieve LTSC Certification.

The Log Transport Safety Council (LTSC) is a pan-industry collaborative of truck operators, transport researchers, trailer manufacturers, forest owners, legislators and enforcement agencies. It is recognised as the premier source of log transport research and industry knowledge that leads the world in innovative, sustainable, and safe log transport operations.

In 2019, the LTSC recognised a need to implement a certification programme for its members that set out to strive for continuous improvement in health and safety within their own businesses. It aims to give a clear picture of where the company was doing well and where changes could be made

to lift their game.

Last month three members completed contractor certification and 15 are registered with assessors ready to go through their audit.

The audit is a five-star programme with stars issued for achievements, from starting the process to the top acknowledgement for the organisation that can show that they are leading by going beyond industry best practice.

The certification audit covers health and safety and employment outcomes recognised by the forest industry and road sector with the expectation to review.

The programme has been built on a sustainable evaluation process for the future and it will continue to evolve and change as the

industry moves forward in demonstrating continual excellence.

Contractors will be audited every two years and they will be assessed and rated accordingly. If the contractor does not meet the required rating as set by their principal or if they elect to implement the conditions raised by the auditor, they can do so within six months of their initial audit date.

The auditor's reports will include photographic evidence with 12 key areas covered — including leadership, risk management, accident reporting and worker interviews, to name a few.

The LTSC Contractor Certification was built by the Log Transport Safety Council and aims to be the tool that

can be used by multiple customers and forest managers, reducing the number of audits the log transport contractors may have to complete.

Members are encouraged to start certification as the industry promotes it as a credible, industry-focused tool.

There is also the possibility to work with the same auditor to save time and money, although the strongest message is to ensure the company has done a thorough job the first time as a complete process will save money by saving time.

For more information about the LTSC Contractor Certification visit the website and take the pop-up tutorial which will assist the contractor through the registration and access to certification. Head to <https://logtruck.co.nz/>

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From accountant to truckie and loving it

Ritchie Scott



At 49, Ritchie Scott decided the rest of his life was not going to be behind a desk and instead at the wheel of a logging truck, so he made a plan and stuck to it.

Now, just over two years later, he says he has the best job in the world, steering his big rig all over the coast.

Ritchie had worked at a local accounting firm for 17 years when he decided to make the change. "I did a bit of research and saw New Zealand was thousands of truck drivers short, so decided to make the move before I turned 50," he says.

He enrolled at EIT to do a transport-related course, took on the night shift at Ovation and put his plan in place. With his Class 2 (truck) licence in hand, he then approached Dave Pardoe who oversees the Tairāwhiti Road Transport Programme while on secondment from Williams and Wilshier. It's Dave who co-ordinates training and placement of those keen to pursue a career in truck driving.

In January 2019, Ritchie started work at Williams and Wilshier while working through the accelerated licence programme with NZTA. "I drove my first big truck on January 31, 2019 and loved it," he says. By mid-April he had his full Class 5 and was away.

"This is the best job in the world. You are out there on your own . . . every boy dreams of driving a big fat Kenworth. You get to see beautiful sun rises and more. I love being out

in the bush driving trucks."

He has nothing but praise for his employer Williams and Wilshier, who had taken a leap of faith in hiring him and supported him right throughout. He also had the backing of his wife Mary and adult children. "She wondered what I was doing for a bit, but I had a plan. EIT was the starting point and I went in there absolutely cold, knowing nothing. It was a good place for me to get going."

He admits it took a bit to break his body into the early starts, but Ritchie has a bit of a track record when it comes to pushing physical limits. In 2017 he weighed 185kg but bariatric surgery and a completely adjusted lifestyle saw him drop 80kg.

"I came into my new job as fit as a fiddle," he says. "As soon as my alarm goes off in the morning — and that could be 1am or 3am — my feet are on the floor and I can't wait to get going."

He admits it was a big call to do what he did but has absolutely no regrets. "If I had left it another five years I probably wouldn't have done it — it was then or never, but I know my job has great security and I work for a great company."

He encourages other to follow their hearts. "Do some planning and if you are keen, find a good company and just go for it. All they ask is that you turn up every day, on time and with a good attitude. Being happy makes life a lot easier."



Warwick Wilshier. Picture supplied by Faye Lougher

Industry Champion — NZ Road Transport Hall of Fame

We acknowledge one of our members, and stalwarts of the log truck industry — Warwick Wilshier, managing director of Williams & Wilshier and Pacific Haulage, who was inducted into the NZ Road Transport Hall of Fame, in Invercargill earlier this month.

He has been the chairman of the Log Transport Safety Council (LTSC) for 20 years, and has made an outstanding contribution to transport safety with the

initiatives, Static Roll Threshold, Share the Road, Sleep Apnoea testing and Fit for the Road.

Among the many accolades he has received, Mr Wilshier has been recognised by the Institute of Road Transport Engineers of New Zealand with the presentation of the Outstanding Industry Achievement Award for service to Log Truck Safety, and was the inaugural recipient of the EWC Industry Champion Award 2019.



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Restrictions to ease in the UK over Christmas

LONDON — British authorities gave the green light on Tuesday to holiday reunions, relaxing restrictions on social gatherings over Christmas and offering arriving international travellers a way around quarantine if they tested negative for Covid-19.

The UK government and administrations in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland struck a deal that would ease limits on travel and socialising over the festive period so that friends and families could get together.

Over the five days between December 23 and 27, up to three households would be able to form a “Christmas bubble” and members would be able to move freely between them.

Those travelling to and from Northern Ireland would be permitted to travel for an additional day on either side.

People were currently barred from visiting members of other households in much of the UK, and there were limits

in place on travel to high-infection areas,

Cabinet minister Michael Gove said the agreement “will offer hope for families and friends who have made many sacrifices over this difficult year”.

Over the five days between December 23 and 27, up to three households would be able to form a ‘Christmas bubble’.

Government scientific advisers have signed off on the holiday plan, although scientists warned it would likely lead to an increase in coronavirus infections.

Paul Hunter, a professor in medicine at the University of East Anglia, noted that the easing would be taking place when schools were closed, which should dampen down on transmissions.

“Christmas, whether or not we celebrate the day as a religious festival, might be what we need to make it through the rest of winter,” he said.

In a boost to holiday travel, the 14-day quarantine requirement for travellers arriving in England from most destinations would be reduced to as little as five days if they tested negative for Covid-19.

Under the new rules, passengers from places not on the government’s travel corridor list could reduce the 14-day quarantine period by paying for a test from a private firm on or after Day 5 of their arrival, at a potential cost of around 100 pounds (NZ\$191.44).

Test results normally took a day or two to come through.

“Our new testing strategy will allow us to travel more freely, to see loved ones and to drive international business,” Transport Secretary Grant Shapps said.

“By giving people the choice to test on Day 5, we are also

supporting the travel industry as it continues to rebuild out of the pandemic.”

The change, which would take effect on December 15, has been long-awaited by the travel industry, which is one of the worst-hit sectors during the pandemic.

The industry hoped it would spur British families to go on holiday over the Christmas break, especially if children would not have to miss school upon their return.

The change only applied in England, however.

Travellers arriving in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales must continue to self-isolate for 14 days.

The Christmas plan would allow people to travel anywhere in the UK to meet with loved ones in private homes, outdoors or in places of worship.

The decision to relax the rule came amid evidence that new virus infections had fallen since restrictions had been tightened in the UK over the past few weeks. — AP



‘TIS (NEARLY) THE SEASON: Christmas trees adorn Covent Garden, in London, on Tuesday (local time). Shopping trips, haircuts and visits to the pub will be back on the agenda for millions of people when a four-week lockdown in England comes to an end next week, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson says. AP picture

Millions in the US stick to Thanksgiving travel plans despite raging pandemic

WASHINGTON, DC — About 1 million Americans a day are packing airports and planes even as coronavirus deaths surged across the US and public health experts begged people to stay home to avoid big Thanksgiving gatherings.

However, the crowds were only expected to grow.

Around 3 million Americans went through US airport checkpoints from Friday until Sunday, which marked the biggest crowds since mid-March, when the Covid-19 crisis took hold in the United States.

Many travellers were simply unwilling to miss out on seeing their families and friends, and were convinced they could travel and gather safely.

Also, many colleges have ended their in-person classes, propelling students to return home, which was adding to the throngs of people on the move ahead of Thanksgiving (November 26, US time).

Laurie Percy, director of administration for a Minneapolis law firm, was flying to New Orleans to attend her daughter’s bridal shower and have a small Thanksgiving dinner with her son.

“I don’t want to unknowingly make anyone sick. But I also don’t want to miss this special event for my only daughter,” she said.

Stephen Browning, a retired executive from Tucson, Arizona, would be flying to Seattle for Thanksgiving with his sister.

Their family celebration usually saw up to 30 people in attendance, but this year they had downsized so that only 10 were attending, and everyone was asked to get a coronavirus test.

Browning did not plan on removing his mask to eat or drink on the flight.

“This is my first flight since December 2019, so yes, I have concerns,” he said.

“But I think most airlines are acting responsibly now and enforcing masks on all flights.”

Last week, the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) urged Americans not to travel or spend the



Thanksgiving holiday with people outside their household.

New cases of the virus in the US have rocketed to all-time highs, averaging more than 170,000 confirmed cases per day, and deaths have soared to over 1500 a day — the highest level since their spring.

Last week, the CDC urged Americans not to travel or spend the Thanksgiving holiday with people outside their household.

The virus has been blamed for more than a quarter of a million deaths in the US and over 12 million confirmed infections.

“There is so much community transmission all over the United States that the chances of you encountering somebody that has Covid-19 is actually very, very high — whether it is on an airplane, at the airport or at a rest area,” said Dr Syra Madad, an infectious-disease epidemiologist for New York City hospitals.

The nation’s top infectious disease expert, Dr Anthony Fauci, told CBS’ Face the Nation that people at airports “are going to get us into even more trouble than we’re in right now”.

The message, however, did appear to be sinking in for some Americans.

Bookings in 2020 were down about 60 percent from where they were this time last year.

Thanksgiving reservations were ticking upward in early October but fell back again as Covid case numbers surged.

Since airlines have made it easier to cancel tickets, there could be a rash of cancellations over Thanksgiving, said John Elder, an adviser to airlines from Boston Consulting Group.

In 2019, a record 26 million passengers and crew passed through US airport screening in the 11-day period around Thanksgiving.

This year, the industry trade group Airlines for America was not even providing a forecast because things were so uncertain.

Because of tighter restrictions by many governments, air travel in other parts of the world had, in contrast to the US, come to a near standstill.

In Europe, traffic between countries was down by 83 percent in September from a year earlier, and that had only worsened since then because many countries had imposed new limits.

Alejandro Zuniga and his fiancée, Megan Muhs, who live in Costa Rica, thought briefly about flying to Wisconsin for Thanksgiving to see Muhs’ family but then thought better of it due to the CDC warning. — AP

French President Macron outlines his nation’s baby steps out of lockdown

PARIS — People in France will be able to go back to their favourite shops and attend religious services again next week, after a month of a partial lockdown — but they will have to wait until at least January 20 to savour a meal in a restaurant or enjoy a gym workout.

French President Emmanuel Macron laid out new rules on Tuesday (local time) in France’s virus strategy, after imposing nationwide restrictions last month as virus infections, hospitalisations and deaths surged around Europe.

France’s infection rate per 100,000 people was now less than a third of what it was at the start of November, and the number of people in hospitals and intensive care had been trending downwards for a week.

“The peak of the second wave is over,” Macron announced in a televised address to the nation.

The situation remained tense, however, with hundreds of virus-related deaths per day, hence Macron’s cautious emergence from the lockdown.

On December 15, some museums and cinemas would be allowed to open, and the nationwide stay-at-home rules would be loosened.

France would re-introduce its 9pm curfew, and its strict associated fines. Macron said that the curfew would be waived for Christmas eve and New Year’s eve. On January



French President Emmanuel Macron

20, and only if daily infections dropped below the 5000 mark, restaurants and gyms would be allowed to re-open.

Currently, everyone in France needed a permission slip to leave their home and no leisure travel was allowed, although schools and some workplaces remained open.

The government ruling was in line with doctors’, who had warned not to relax restrictions too fast and repeat the mistakes France has made as it emerged from its first lockdown in spring, with no clear policy on masks and with limited testing capacity.

“If we let go too quickly, the virus will circulate again too quickly,” Remi Salomon, head of the medical commission at the Paris hospital authority, told broadcaster France-Info on Tuesday.

Wearing face masks, owners of shops, restaurants and bars marched through Lyon on Monday to demand permission to reopen their businesses. Some threw red flares and one held a sign reading simply: “No Future”.

France has reported more infections than any other country in Europe and over 50,000 virus-related deaths — among the highest death tolls in the world.

France’s announcement came the day after British PM Boris Johnson said restrictions would be relaxed in his country when it came out of lockdown next week, including allowing haircuts and pub visits. — AP

UN warns of war crimes in Ethiopia Tigray crisis

GLOBAL BRIEFS

Russia 'chases off US ship'

MOSCOW — Russia says one of its warships has caught and chased off a US destroyer operating illegally in its territorial waters in the Sea of Japan but the US navy has denied any wrongdoing. The Admiral Vinogradov, a Russian destroyer, verbally warned USS John S McCain, a US navy guided-missile destroyer, and threatened to ram it in order to force it to leave the area, prompting it to return to neutral waters, officials in Moscow said.

Russia said its Pacific Fleet warship had been tracking the US destroyer in the Peter the Great Gulf, and that the US vessel had violated Russia's territorial waters at 0317 GMT by going 2km beyond the sea border. However, the US navy said its warship had been in international waters as it carried out a "freedom of navigation" operation to assert its rights and challenge what it said were Russia's excessive maritime claims. — AAP

NSW restrictions to be eased

SYDNEY — A swathe of restrictions introduced in New South Wales to protect the community from the spread of Covid-19 will be eased next week as the festive season gets under way.

The number of visitors allowed in homes would increase from 20 to 30, while cafes, restaurants, pubs and clubs would be allowed to double their capacity, with one person allowed per two square metres. In addition, up to 50 people would be allowed to gather outdoors and 50 patrons will be allowed in small hospitality venues up to 200 square metres. NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian foreshadowed the changes ahead of a meeting of her government's crisis cabinet this morning, telling Sydney media outlets the community had "done an incredible job this year under trying circumstances". — AAP

Qatar airport officers charged

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

A New Zealand woman was among those subjected to internal examinations along with some other Australians. Australian PM Scott Morrison said the searches were appalling and Qatar Prime Minister Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa bin Abdulaziz al-Thani has apologised.

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. — RNZ

MEKELLE — The United Nations (UN) has expressed concern about possible war crimes ahead of a threat by the Ethiopian army to start an assault on the northern Tigray region's capital, Mekelle.

Fighting between Ethiopia's central government and forces in Tigray has been going on for almost three weeks.

Hundreds have reportedly been killed and tens of thousands have fled.

Aid groups fear the conflict could trigger a humanitarian crisis and destabilise East Africa.

The UN said it was alarmed by the threat of major hostilities a day before the Ethiopian army said it would advance on Tigray's capital Mekelle, home to about 500,000 people.

On Sunday, Ethiopia's Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed issued a 72-hour ultimatum to Tigray's forces, telling them to surrender as they were "at a point of no return".

But Tigray's forces have vowed to keep fighting, with their leader Debretsion Gebremichael saying they were "ready to die in defence of our right to administer our region".

Meanwhile, Ethiopia's state-appointed Human Rights Commission has accused a youth group from the Tigray region of being behind a massacre earlier



FLEEING CONFLICT: Ethiopian women who have fled the conflict in the Tigray region wait for blankets to be distributed at the Hamdayet Transition Centre, in eastern Sudan. AP picture

this month in which it says more than 600 civilians were killed.

The commission said the group stabbed, bludgeoned and burned to death non-Tigrayan residents of the town of Mai-Kadra with the collusion of local forces.

Human rights group Amnesty International first highlighted reports of a massacre in Mai-Kadra, but was unable to confirm who was behind it, or exactly how many died.

The Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF), a

political party which controls Tigray, denied involvement, and called for an independent international investigation into the killings.

The conflict started after Ethiopia's central government accused the TPLF of holding an illegal election and attacking a military base to steal weapons.

In response, Abiy — a former Nobel Peace Prize winner — ordered a military offensive against forces in Tigray, accusing them of treason.

The TPLF sees the central government as illegitimate, arguing Mr Abiy does not have a mandate to lead the country after postponing national elections because of coronavirus.

UN high commissioner for human rights Michelle Bachelet expressed "alarm at reports of a heavy build-up of tanks and artillery around Mekelle".

She called on all sides to give "clear and unambiguous orders to their forces" to spare civilians.

— BBC story via RNZ

Honey helps to keep Pitcairn Islanders afloat during pandemic

ADAMSTOWN — Pitcairn Islanders might be missing out on important cruise ship revenue, but they also feel privileged that they are isolated from the global pandemic.

Honey is helping to keep Pitcairn Islanders afloat after the pandemic stopped cruise ship visits, which were

a growing source of revenue for the island.

This year, 21 ships were due to visit Pitcairn, which was settled by Fletcher Christian, his fellow mutineers and their Polynesian wives in the late 18th century.

Their descendants, who make up

most of the 42-strong population, make money selling souvenirs and other local produce when the vessels anchor offshore during tours of the Pacific.

Homestay experiences were also part of the offering to the few tourists who venture to Pitcairn, a two week boat journey from New Zealand.

Pitcairn Islander Meralda Warren said locals depended on the tourists and households were making between NZ\$12,000 and NZ\$20,000 annually.

But, thankfully, online sales of honey had increased over the past couple of months, she said.

"So the honey is still flowing,

however, it's terribly, terribly slow," she told RNZ Pacific, pointing out the delays in shipping out of New Zealand because of the pandemic.

Pitcairn Island is one of only a handful of places worldwide that remain free of Covid-19.

— RNZ

OxyContin maker pleads guilty to criminal charges

STAMFORD, CT — Purdue Pharma LP has pleaded guilty to criminal charges over the handling of its addictive prescription painkiller OxyContin, capping a deal with federal prosecutors to resolve an investigation into the drugmaker's role in the US opioid crisis.

During a court hearing conducted remotely on Tuesday (local time) before US District Judge Madeline Cox Arleo in New Jersey, Purdue pleaded guilty to three felonies covering widespread misconduct.

The criminal violations included conspiring to defraud US officials and pay illegal kickbacks to both doctors and an electronic healthcare records vendor called Practice Fusion, all to help keep opioid prescriptions flowing.

Members of the billionaire Sackler family who own Purdue and previously sat on the company's board were not part of Tuesday's court proceedings and have not been

criminally charged.

They agreed in October to pay a separate US\$225 million civil penalty for allegedly making false claims in order for OxyContin to be made to government healthcare programmes, such as Medicare.

They have denied the allegations.

Assistant US Attorney J. Stephen Ferketic said officials reserved the right to prosecute individuals associated with Purdue, including owners, officers and directors.

Sackler family members have said they acted ethically and responsibly while serving on Purdue's board and were assured the company's sales and marketing practices complied with legal and regulatory requirements.

Purdue chairman Steve Miller entered the guilty plea on the company's behalf and admitted to its criminal conduct under questioning from Ferketic.

Of the three criminal counts

against Purdue, two were for violations of a federal anti-kickback law while another charged the Stamford, Connecticut-based company with defrauding the United States and violating the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.

Purdue's plea deal carries more than US\$5.5 billion in penalties, most of which will go unpaid.

A US\$3.54bn criminal fine was set to be considered, alongside trillions of dollars in unsecured claims as part of Purdue's bankruptcy proceedings.

Purdue agreed to pay US\$225m toward a US\$2bn criminal forfeiture, with the US Justice Department foregoing the rest if the company completes a bankruptcy reorganisation dissolving itself and shifting assets to a "public benefit company" or similar entity that steers the US\$1.775bn unpaid portion to thousands of US communities suing it over the opioid crisis.

A sentencing imposing those



ADDICTIVE: Prescription painkiller Oxycontin. Handout/US Drug Enforcement Administration/AFP picture

penalties was set to come at around the time Purdue received court approval for a bankruptcy reorganisation.

Purdue earlier settled separate Justice Department civil claims agreeing to a US\$2.8bn penalty.

The plea deal and other related settlements have come under fire from Democrats on Capitol Hill

calling for Purdue and its owners to face more severe consequences for their alleged roles in the opioid crisis.

The company had reaped more than US\$30bn from sales of OxyContin over the years, enriching Sackler family members, according to US and state officials.

Since 1999, roughly 450,000 people have died in the United States from opioid-related overdoses, according to US data.

Some two dozen state attorney generals have opposed the plea deal on the grounds that it effectively endorses a bankruptcy plan they contend would entangle local governments with a public benefit company that continued to sell OxyContin.

Purdue, which filed for bankruptcy protection last year under an onslaught of litigation, has proposed settling thousands of lawsuits in a deal it values at more than US\$10bn.

— Reuters story via RNZ

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THE SECRETS WE KEEP (R16) WED 1.40pm,
5.50pm. THU 6.10pm
RAMS (PG)
WED 1.20pm, 5.50pm,
8pm. THU 11am,
3.40pm, 8.20pm
HONEST THIEF (M)
WED 3.40pm, 8.20pm
THU 1.30pm
FREAKY (R16) LAST DAY
WED 3.40pm, 8.10pm
COMBAT WOMBAT (PG) LAST DAY WED
3.50pm
I AM WOMAN (M)
LAST DAY WED 1.10pm,
5.40pm
IP MAN: KUNG FU MASTER (R13)
LAST DAY WED 3.50pm
GREENLAND (R13)
LAST DAY WED 8.10pm
THE WAR WITH GRANDPA (PG)
LAST DAY WED 3.30pm
STARTING 26.11.20
SIX60: TILL THE LIGHTS GO OUT (M)
THU 1.20pm, 3.40pm,
6pm, 8.15pm
LET HIM GO (M) THU
11.15am, 3.50pm, 6pm
THE COMEBACK TRAIL (M) THU 11am, 3.40pm,
6.10pm
HAPPIEST SEASON (M)
THU 11.15am, 1.40pm,
8.30pm
DAVID BYRNE'S AMERICAN UTOPIA (TBC) THU 6.20pm
Times may vary subject to late changes
WWW.ODEONGISBORNE.CO.NZ

Meetings


OWNERS ARE INVITED TO
OMAIO 36 AHUWHENUA TRUST AGM
28th November 2020
TK Beach Resort/zoom
Te Kaha, 9am
AGENDA
Apologies
Chairman's report
Financial report
Review Trust Order
General business
Trust Chairman
David Koopu
Please apply to philip.albert@xtra.co.nz for the meeting doc pack.
David Koopu
Trust Chairman
Signed: K. Taggart
Secretary

Meetings

WHANGAPARAOA 2L TRUST
HE PANUI
SHAREHOLDERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, 28th NOVEMBER 2020 AT POTAKA MARAE.
Farm Tour - 8.30am - 11am
All shareholders wishing to attend the farm tour please meet at the Woolshed by 8.30am and bring suitable clothing. The tour will depart at 8.45am.
AGM - 11am - 12.30pm
AGENDA
1. Karakia/Mihi
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting 16th November 2019
4. Matters Arising
5. Chairman's Report
6. 2020 Financial Statement
7. Farm Manager's Report
8. Election of Trustees - Cheryl Te Kani and Trevor Albert (deceased) are up for rotation. Nomination and Proxy forms are available from Cookson Forbes & Associates office. Applications close at 4pm on Thursday 26th November 2020. No applications will be accepted at the meeting.
9. Vary the Terms of the Trust Order - Move to delete "Proxy Voting" from Trust Order
10. General Business
Meeting to close 1pm with lunch to follow
Shareholders are asked to advise Whanau of this meeting notice. Enquiries and copies of the relevant information can be obtained from the Trust Administrators:
Education Grant
Applications are now available to shareholders or beneficiaries of Whangaparaoa 2L Block, Waikura Valley, East Coast.
Application forms can be obtained from Cookson Forbes at office@cooksonforbes.co.nz
Applications close 31 December 2020
Cookson Forbes & Associates Limited - Attention: Donna or Val
96 Waioweka Road, PO Box 541, Opotiki
Tel: (07) 315 7034 Fax: (07) 315 7038
Email: donna@cooksonforbes.co.nz or val@cooksonforbes.co.nz

Meetings

TE AITANGA A MAHAKI TRUST
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Tapuihikitia Marae
10am, Sunday 29 November 2020
AGENDA
• Karakia
• Apologies
• AGM Minutes 2019
• Chairman's Report
• Reaffirm Marae Trustees
• Te Aitanga a Mahaki Trust Consolidated
• Annual Audited Accounts
• Appointment of Auditor
• Fisheries & Environment Report
• Special Projects
• Turanga Ngahere
• Turanga Waimaori
• Marae Renovations Programme
• General Business
• Claims Report
P H Brown
Chairman
MATAWAI MARAE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SUNDAY, 6 Dec. 2020
10.30am
at Tapapa Marae Matawai
Meetings
OWNERS ARE INVITED TO
OMAIO 33B AHUWHENUA TRUST AGM
28th November 2020
TK Beach Resort/zoom
Te Kaha, 11am
AGENDA
Remove & replace Trustees.
Interim chairperson
Phillip Albert
Please apply to philip.albert@xtra.co.nz for the meeting doc pack.

Meetings


TĀMANUHIRI TŪTŪ POROPORO TRUST AND NGĀI TĀMANUHIRI WHĀNUI TRUST
NOTICE OF HUI Ā-TAU
28 November 2020, 10am at Te Muriwai Marae, Te Muriwai, GISBORNE
AGENDA
Tāmanuhiri Tūtū Poroporo Trust
• Karakia
• Apologies
• Previous Minutes of the Hui Ā-Tau Saturday 23 November 2020
• Annual Report
• Adoption of Annual Accounts for 2020
• Special resolution – Trust Deed changes
• Elections update
• General Business
• Closure of TPT Business
Ngāi Tāmanuhiri Whānui Trust
• Apologies
• Confirmation of Minutes of previous AGM
• Adoption of Annual Accounts for 2019
• Special resolution – Wind up NTWT
• Karakia whakamutunga
This is formal notice that:
• Electionz are the Returning Officers for the election of Trustees & have received eight nominations for two Trustee positions. Elections close 11.59pm on 28.11.20.
• Amendments to the Tāmanuhiri Tūtū Poroporo Trust Deed are proposed to wind up Ngāi Tāmanuhiri Whānui Trust, and, for the beneficiary clause to include any trust entity of Tāmanuhiri Tūtū Poroporo Trust.
All documents relating to this hui, including the wording of the proposed amendments to the trust deed and a fuller explanation may be downloaded from the iwi website or obtained from the Trust office from 12pm, Friday 6th November at the address below.
299A Gladstone Road, Gisborne
(06) 8633560
Website: www.tamanuhiri.iwi.nz
Email: trust@tamanuhiri.iwi.nz
Pauline Hill
Chair

Meetings

TE RIMU TRUST
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020
The AGM will be held on **Saturday, 28 November 2020** at Te Rimu Trust Lodge, 4539 Te Araroa Road, SH 35, Te Araroa at 9am.
AGENDA
1. Mihi
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of 2019 AGM minutes & matters arising.
4. Receive Trustees' report
5. Annual financial report
6. Papakainga report
7. General Business.
A copy of the financial statements will be available by email from the secretary at terimu.trust@gmail.com
Anyone requiring transport from Gisborne please contact terimu.trust@gmail.com by 23 November.
Trust Secretary
HINETAMATEA MARAE COMMITTEE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
To be held at 10am on the 6th of December 2020 at the Pa, Lockwood Road, Anaura Bay
AGENDA:
Confirm minutes & Reports
Election of Officers
General Business
Signed:
G. Puhipuhi
Chairperson
WHAREKAHIKA A1 SHAREHOLDERS AGM
Date: 12th December 2020
Time: 11am
Venue: Tatapouri Fishing Club "Shark Bar" Gisborne
AGENDA:
• Karakia
• Minutes of last AGM
• Chairperson report
• Election of one more trustee
• Financial report
• General business
Robyn 027 361 1299

Meetings

RONGOWHAKAATA IWI TRUST
RONGOWHAKAATA SETTLEMENT TRUST
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Notice is hereby given to all beneficiaries of Rongowhakaata Iwi Trust that the Annual General Meeting for the period ending 30 June 2020 will be held at **Whakato Marae, 33 Whakato Road, Manutuke, on Sunday 29 November 2020 commencing at 10am.**
AGENDA
1. Mihimihi/Karakia
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting held 30 November 2019
4. Rongowhakaata Iwi Trust (RIT)/ Rongowhakaata Settlement Trust (RST) Annual Report
(a) RIT / RST Chairperson's Report
(b) RIT / RST Management Report
(c) Rongowhakaata Iwi Asset Holding Company Report
(d) Turanga Group Holdings Report
5. Audited Annual Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2020
6. Appointment of Auditor
General Reports
7. Future Rongowhakaata Iwi Trust Structure
8. Property Development – Peel Street & Birrell Street
9. Annual Plan Performance Report
10. Remuneration Policy
11. General Business
Copies of the Annual Report for year ended 30 June 2020 will be available from Rongowhakaata Iwi Trust office at Manutuke from 6 November 2020 –
78 Whakato Road, Manutuke, Gisborne.
Email: trust@rongowhakaata.iwi.nz
Phone: (06) 862 8086
Nau mai haere mai tatou katoa
Moera Brown
Chairperson

Meetings


TE RUNANGA O TURANGANUI A KIWA
HUI A TAU
Te Runanga O Turanganui A Kiwa Boardroom Level 3
Nga Wai E Rua Building
Low Street
Gisborne
Friday 27 November 2020 at 12noon
AGENDA:
• Annual Report
• General Business
Naumai Haeremai
Moera Brown
Chairperson

Meetings

AWATERE B TRUST
2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Notice is hereby given that the **Annual General Meeting of beneficial owners** will be held at **BDO Gisborne, on Saturday 28th November 2020, commencing at 10.30am.**
BUSINESS
1. Welcome.
2. Apologies.
3. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting held on 16th November 2020 and any matters arising.
4. Elections of Trustees - to fill 1 position, caused by the retirement by rotation of John Puha who being eligible offers himself for re-election and is automatically nominated.
5. **Note (1)** Nomination duly completed by nominator and candidate must be lodged at the Trust office, 1 Peel Street, Gisborne, no later than **10.30am Wednesday 25th November 2020.**
(2) Proxy forms and power of attorney must be lodged at the Trust office by **10.30am Thursday 26th November 2020.**
6. Chairperson's Report.
7. Presentation of Accounts & Reports for the year ended 30 June 2020.
8. Appointment of Auditor.
9. General Business.
Shareholders are welcome to join the meeting via ZOOM, you will need to register your email address with BDO Gisborne either by email to mbu@bdo.co.nz or phone 06 869 1400.
DARYL GOLDSMITH
Chairperson

Meetings

WAIOMATATINI MARAE
HUI
Saturday 28 November 2020
At the marae
10.30am
To appoint trustees
Discuss marae development plan

Meetings


TRADE AID TAIRAWHITI/ GISBORNE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Monday 30th November 2020
5.30pm at The Shop
AGENDA:
Reports
Nominations for Trust followed by Monthly Meeting
Anyone interested in Fair Trade warmly welcomed

Classifieds
Phone 869 0601
The Gisborne Herald

Public Notices

RIVER END CREATIONS
OPEN WEDNESDAY
25 November
 10am-4pm
 15 Peel St
 Treble Court

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.

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UNDER-TWO FULLY REGISTERED ECE TEACHER
 We are looking to appoint a dedicated and enthusiastic Teacher to work with our under-two tamariki. A teacher who is passionate, committed, and spirited, who has a sense of humour and fun would complement the current team.
 For more info, please email: ghcec@xtra.co.nz
 Attn: Jess Rutene - Job Vacancy

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Situations Vacant

FENCER REQUIRED
 To operate postdriver. Fencing experience required. Physically fit and reliable. Full Licence. Own vehicle to get to depot in town.
Ph 021 223 4411

Public Notices

NOTICE OF DECISION TO ESTABLISH ONE OR MORE MĀORI WARDS AND THE RIGHT TO DEMAND A POLL

Notice is given under section 19ZA of the Local Electoral Act 2001, that the Gisborne District Council has resolved to establish one or more Māori wards for the 2022 and 2025 triennial elections. The resolution was made at a Council meeting held on Monday 23 November 2020. Electors of the Gisborne District Council have a right to demand a poll at any time to countermand this resolution and to hold a poll on the question whether Council should be divided into one or more Māori wards. Should a valid demand for a poll be received by 21 February 2021 (effective 22 February 2021), a poll will be held by 21 May 2021 with the outcome applicable for the 2022 and 2025 triennial elections. Should a valid demand for a poll be received after 21 February 2021 (effective 22 February 2021), a poll will be held after 21 May 2021, with the outcome applicable for the 2025 and 2028 triennial elections. A valid demand must be: made in writing (hard copy); signed by at least 5 percent of eligible electors of the Gisborne District Council. This equates to 1,625 elector signatures; delivered to Gisborne District Council, 15 Fitzherbert Street, Gisborne by 5pm, Monday 22 February 2021 (for the outcome of the poll to apply to the 2022 and 2025 triennial elections of the Gisborne District Council). Every elector who signs a demand must also set out in it their full name and the address for which they are qualified as an elector of the Gisborne District Council.

Dated at Gisborne
 23 November 2020
 Nedine Thatcher Swann
 Chief Executive, Gisborne District Council

Meetings

RADIO NGATI POROU CHARITABLE TRUST
Annual General Meeting
 The Annual General Meeting for the Radio Ngati Porou Charitable Trust will be held at Radio Ngati Porou, Main Road, Ruatoria on **Sunday 6 December 2020 starting at 10am.**

- The Agenda will include:
1. Mihi and Karakia
 2. Apologies
 3. Minutes of last AGM held 8 December 2019
 - 3.1 Matters arising from the Minutes
 4. Presentation of Annual Report for year ended 30 June 2020
 - 4.1 Adoption of Annual Report
 5. Presentation of Audited Accounts for year ended 30 June 2020
 - 5.1 Adoption of Accounts
 6. Election of Officers
 - 6.1 Confirmation of two Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou Representatives
 - 6.12 Election of three Community Representatives
 7. General Business

Public Notices

MATAPAPA 2E2 APPLICATION FOR OCCUPATION ORDER
Saturday, December 5th 2020
 9.30am
 Wairuru Marae
 All beneficial Owners/Shareholders requested to attend
 Nga Mihi Ngapare Callaghan Dublin Whanau Trust
027 622 1151

Public Notices

The Sunrise Foundation
 Applications are open to apply for grants from the Hearing Assistance Fund.
Applications close on 29 November 2020
 For an application form and funding criteria visit www.sunrisefoundation.org.nz or call Glenda 06 867 7939

Public Notices

WAIROA DISTRICT ROAD CLOSURES
8AM MONDAY 18th JANUARY 2021 to 5PM THURSDAY 4th February 2021
 Pursuant to section 342(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1974, notice is hereby given that the Wairoa District Council, for the purpose of carrying out the replacement of the bridge deck on the Doughboy Bridge, Ruakituri Road RP 5.32:
 • Ruakituri Road RP 5.32. From 8am Monday 18th January 2021 to 5pm Thursday 4th February 2021. Detour via Erepiti Road/ Ohuka Road and State Highway 38 Any further queries can be directed to the Wairoa District Council on 06 838 7309
 K Tipuna
 INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

WAIROA District Council

Meetings



Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou is scheduled to be held as follows:
Date: Saturday, 28 November 2020
 Venue: Hinerupe Marae Te Ararua
 Kapu ti: 9.30am
 Start: 10am
AGENDA:

1. Karakia, mihi, apologies, opening statement
2. Approval of minutes for Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou AGM held 23 November 2019
3. Report on the operations of the Ngati Porou Group for the 2019/2020 Income Year
4. Presentation of Annual Report and audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the Ngati Porou Group for the 2019/2020 Income Year
5. Presentation of the Five Year Strategic Plan & progress of the Annual Plan of Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou
6. Appointment of Auditor for the 2020/2021 Income Year
7. General Business

Hakari will be provided at the conclusion of the hui.

Bus Transportation within the Ngati Porou rohe will be available from Gisborne to Hinerupe Marae return.

Please contact Rakai Papuni on 0800 676 768 or 06 867 9960 if you have bus enquiries.

Copies of the material to be presented to the AGM may be inspected at Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou Gisborne and Ruatoria offices and online at www.ngatiporou.com from Friday 30 October 2020.

Selwyn Parata
 CHAIRMAN

Meetings

THE PROPRIETORS OF ORETE II & OTHER BLOCKS INCORPORATED ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the AGM of Shareholders will be held at Maru-o-Hinemakaho Marae 28th November 2020

Registration & Cup of Tea **9am - 9.45am**
 Hui Commences **10am**

- Karakia / Mihimihi
- Apologies
- Previous Minutes 2019
- Chairperson Report
- Annual Accounts - Lisa Dodds, Accountant
- Confirmation of Auditor
- Reports - Farm Forest Tamatari Enterprises Ltd Te Ao Pururangi Ltd Te Ranginui Group Ltd Wai o Kaha JV Health & Safety
- Elections to the Committee of Management

Nominations are open for Election of Committee of Management Members. Due to rotation Rawiri Te Moana & Karen Te Kani are due to retire, they are both available for re-election

• Karakia Whakamutanga
 Nominations must be in writing and signed by both the Nominee and Nominator on the prescribed forms available from the Orete Office.

All Proxies must be signed by the Shareholder and witnessed.

Nominations and Proxies must be lodged with the Office via post to Orete II & Other Blocks Incorporated, 54 Orete Forest Road, RD3, OPOTIKI 3199 or, email to orete2@xtra.co.nz and be received no later than 4pm, Tuesday 24 November 2020

Shaneen Simpson-Almond - Chairperson

Situations Vacant

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To put your hat in the ring for this opportunity, please forward your CV and cover letter to:

Jane Smith, 64 Gladstone Road, Gisborne. jane.smith@gisborneherald.co.nz. Applications close at 5pm on Friday, 11 December, 2020.

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Situations Vacant



Beetham Healthcare are looking for a Maintenance Officer, this role is 20hrs/week over Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Our Maintenance Officer will enjoy working in an aged care setting and play a key role in ensuring our facility is both well-presented and well maintained, liaising with our staff to identify and resolve any building and equipment issues promptly. Managing relationships with external contractors and service providers whilst ensuring health and safety policies are complied with.

Experience or general knowledge of plumbing, carpentry or electrical systems would be an advantage.

Please submit your CV and cover letter to: Margaret@beetham.co.nz

Readers Bargains

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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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FARMING

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Recognising farming excellence

Kiwifruit orchard a worthy winner of Ahuwhenua Maori horticulture award

TE KAHA 15B Hineora Orchard has won the inaugural Ahuwhenua Trophy Excellence in Maori Horticulture Award 2020.

The announcement was made on Friday by the Governor General, Dame Patsy Reddy, at a special awards function in Rotorua.

Reddy presented the Ahuwhenua Trophy to Norm Carter, chairman of Hineora Orchard, while Ahuwhenua Trustees Willie Jackson, Damien O'Connor and Dave Samuels presented the replica trophy, as well as the winners' medal, certificate and cash prize to the trust.

Hineora Orchard is a Maori freehold land block

located in the Eastern Bay of Plenty township of Te Kaha, 65km east of Opotiki.

The orchard comprises 11.5 hectares, on which the trust runs a kiwifruit joint venture operation, a commercial packhouse facility housing the local kiwifruit spray company (in which the trust holds shares), and a four-bedroom home for accommodation at the block.

Prior to the trust's creation in 1970, the land was largely occupied by different whanau who farmed the block, maintaining a subsistence living by growing a range of fruit and vegetables for the local community.

Te Kaha 15B Hineora Orchard was a worthy winner of the trophy, chairman of the Ahuwhenua Trophy Management Committee Kingi Smiler said.

The trustees had shown great vision, persistence and resilience to establish their operation and had achieved impressive results, Smiler said.

Maori were significant players in the horticultural sector and "we must recognise their contribution to the New Zealand economy", Smiler said.

"I am proud. Maori should be proud and the whole country should acknowledge their efforts."

— NZ Herald



HORTICULTURE CHAMPION: Norm Carter, on behalf of Hineora Orchard, was presented the Ahuwhenua Trophy for Excellence in Maori Horticulture at a special awards function in Rotorua on Friday. Picture supplied

TOP STORES: More than 4200 sheep were yarded in the weekly sale at Matawhero on Friday, among them more than 3800 store lambs, and the best of them sold well. The first pen of store lambs (pictured) from Kia Ora Station at Ruatoria, 59 mixed-sex lambs, sold for \$106, just a dollar a head behind the top priced animals, some wether lambs from Hakurenga Inc. at Waipiro Bay that went for \$107. Picture by Trevor Brown

AgriHQ MARKET REPORT

Week beginning November 23

LAMB

There was very little movement in slaughter prices last week. Some smaller companies which were pushing for more supply with higher prices have backed off to the levels of other companies. Supply premiums are still in play for those with enough lambs to kill though.

Some companies are reporting improvements on lamb and mutton margins, which may go some way to stabilising processing prices prior to a surge in supply expected from around the start of December. Next week, there is expected to be some pull-back on lamb prices, led by one large processor.

Mutton prices are showing resistance though, and are not expected to slip in the near future. Overall, international markets seem receptive to New Zealand sheepmeat. Demand is slightly ahead of supply, but this has not triggered much upside in prices.

Lockdowns continue in the UK, but retail purchasing for legs is strong. Congestion in Chinese ports does not appear to have dampened Chinese demand for sheepmeat, and mutton in particular is trading in high volumes into China.

BEEF

The US imported beef market has been defying the odds lately. Despite good domestic supply, prices have been strengthening. There are a couple of drivers behind this rally. Firstly, supplies from New Zealand and Australia have been tight. Australia is rebuilding its cattle herds after a prolonged drought. While Kiwi exporters

are forward sold on production that hasn't quite kicked off yet.

Good pasture growth here and in Australia mean that farmers are not pressured into making early bookings for their cattle which also keeps supplies tight. Meanwhile, in the US a surge in Covid-19 cases over recent weeks has encouraged US buyers to build up larger inventories in case of interruptions to supply. This has boosted domestic lean meat prices which, in turn, supports imported prices. This is all positive and helps to mitigate unfavourable movements in the NZ dollar. With excited talk of a Covid-19 vaccine (next page), the NZD looks set to break the 70 US cents level.

WOOL

As with last month, AgriHQ can report strengthening wool values in North Island and South Island wool sales.

Since mid-September benchmark prices for coarse crossbred wool have lifted around 20 percent, although remain some way off what was being paid a year ago. The North Island market was strongest in very late-October when \$2.30/kg clean was common, but has eased 5-10c/kg since. A buoyant market in the South Island lifted the prices of mid-micron and merino fleeces, as well as crossbred options.

Merino and mid-micron fleeces lifted by 11-18 percent on the previous sale's prices. By the first sale of November, a 16 micron merino hogget fleece was fetching \$21.00/kg clean. The South Island strong wool indicator is very close to the North Island indicator, but is 87c/kg down on this time last year.

M.bovis latest from B+LNZ

THE Mycoplasma bovis (M.bovis) programme has advised of two new Active Confirmed properties in Canterbury, bringing the total to seven.

Beef and Lamb NZ reports one Mid Canterbury/Ashburton property is directly linked by animal movements to an infected property detected from the programme's August Bulk Tank Milk screening.

The second property, in the Canterbury/Selwyn district, was confirmed following a detect result from the September Bulk Tank Milk screening.

These newly confirmed properties demonstrate the programme's National Surveillance is working as it should — detecting possible cases and showing where to look to eliminate the infection.

A B+LNZ spokesman says it is important to note this is not an outbreak.

"The M.bovis programme is actively looking for those final pockets of infected properties and fully expected to find more over spring. It is a time there are more samples to test, animals are under stress from calving and 2018 heifers are entering the milking platform for the first time.

"Nor does it appear widespread. No additional farms in the Mid Canterbury/Ashburton district other than those three dairies originally detected in August were found in September or October Bulk Tank Milk screening, giving confidence this is an isolated cluster connected by animal movements."

He says this is why good NAIT (National Animal Identification and Tracing) records are so important for everyone.

"They help to trace infected animals faster

and stop the spread of the disease to other herds and other farms. Incomplete NAIT records make tracing infected cattle a difficult job."

The M.bovis programme's surveillance tools like the Bulk Tank Milk screening programme and beef sector surveillance have been developed to not only help find any remaining infection faster, but provides long-term confidence that New Zealand is free from the disease.

"The programme is working closely with all affected farmers, their staff and whanau to ensure things run as smoothly as possible, and that they are well-supported."

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WEDNESDAY—THURSDAY'S TELEVISION GUIDE

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5pm The Chase *TV*
A quiz show where contestants must stay one step ahead of The Chaser.

6pm 1 News At 6pm *TV*
The latest news, sport, and weather.

7pm Seven Sharp *TV*
Stories of the day from around New Zealand.

7.30 5 Gold Rings *TV*
Phillip Schofield hosts a quiz show in which two teams use gold rings on an interactive LED floor to answer pictorial questions.

8.20 LIVE Lotto
The Lotto draw.

8.25 5 Gold Rings *TV*
Continued.

8.30 Location, Location, Location *TV*
Phil and Kristie go to north Leeds in Yorkshire to help more people find the right home.

9.30 Coronation Street *PG TV*

10.30 1 News Tonight *TV*

11.05 Manifest *MC TV*
Grace's pregnancy complicates Ben's pursuit of a calling.

THURSDAY

12am Take Two *PG TV*
Sam and Eddie investigate the disappearance of a woman in a wheelchair.

1am Te Karere *TV*
News and current affairs from a Maori perspective.

1.25 Infomercials

5.35 Te Karere *TV*

6am Breakfast *TV*

9am The Ellen DeGeneres Show *TV*

10am Tipping Point *TV*
Bear worries about his son; Liv is pleasantly surprised; Mandy is evasive.

11am The Chase *TV*

Noon 1 News At Midday *TV*

12.30 Emmerdale *PG TV*

BRAVO

5.25 Keeping Up With The Kardashians *TV*

6.20 Million Dollar Listing Los Angeles *PG TV*

7.30 Hoarders *PG*

8.30 Reported Missing *M*

9.45 One Born Every Minute *UK M*

10.45 Snapped *M TV*

11.40 Killer Siblings *M TV*

THURSDAY

12.30 Infomercials

10am Judge Jerry *TV*

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

11.30 Snapped *M TV*

12.25 The People's Court *TV*

1.25 The Real Housewives Of Orange County *PG TV*

2.25 Vanderpump Rules *PG TV*

3.20 Southern Charm *PG TV*

4.20 Undercover Boss *TV*

5.15 Keeping Up With The Kardashians *PG TV*

TVNZ 2 © TVNZ 2020

5pm The Simpsons *TV*

5.30 The Big Bang Theory *PG TV*

6pm Neighbours *TV*

6.30 Home And Away *PG TV*

7pm Shortland Street *PG TV*
Love is blind for Maeve; Sophia takes a wrong turn; TK reacts to an angry confrontation.

7.30 Motorway Patrol *PG TV*

8pm Renters *PG TV*

8.30 Taskmaster NZ *16L TV*
Madeleine Sami uses the magical power of her mind; the teams get soup; Paul Williams leaves.

9.35 Paranormal Caught On Camera *TV*

10.35 Mad About You *PG TV*

11.10 2 Broke Girls *PG TV*

11.40 The Twilight Zone *PG TV*

THURSDAY

12.30 Marvel's Cloak And Dagger *M TV*

1.15 Shortland Street *PG TV*

1.40 Infomercials

2.45 2 Overnight

4.40 Emmerdale *PG TV*

5.05 Neighbours *TV*

5.30 Infomercials

6.30 Esme And Roy *TV*

6.50 Code Fun *TV*

7am New Looney Tunes *TV*

7.25 Ben 10 *TV*

7.50 Unikitty! *TV*

8.15 Puppy Dog Pals *TV*

8.40 Moon And Me *TV*

9am Infomercials

9.30 8 Simple Rules *TV*

10am Neighbours *TV*

10.30 Murphy Brown *PG TV*

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

Noon Come Dine With Me *TV*

1pm Judge Rinder *PG*

2pm The Middle *TV*

2.30 Home And Away *PG TV*

3pm Shortland Street *PG TV*

3.35 Power Rangers Beast Morphers *TV*

4pm Brain Busters *TV*

4.30 Friends *TV*

5pm The Simpsons *PG TV*

5.30 The Big Bang Theory *TV*

CHOICE

5pm Jamie Oliver Quick 'n' Easy

5.30 Mysteries At The Museum *PG*

6.30 Salvage Hunters

7.30 Forged In Fire *PG*

8.30 Alone: Million Dollar Challenge *PGCV*

10pm Hunting Aotearoa *PGCV*

10.30 Salvage Hunters

11.30 Mysteries At The Museum *PG*

THURSDAY

12.30 Nigella Bites

1am Jamie Oliver Quick 'n' Easy

1.30 Freedom Riders

2am Man v World

3am Great Blue Wild

4am Alone: Million Dollar Challenge *PGCV*

5.10 Mysteries At The Museum *PG*

6am The Great Interior Design Challenge

7am Nigella Bites

7.30 Jamie Oliver Quick 'n' Easy

8am Great Blue Wild

9am Escape To The Chateau

10am Freedom Riders

10.30 Mysteries At The Museum *PG*

11.30 Salvage Hunters

12.30 Forged In Fire *PG*

1.30 Alone: Million Dollar Challenge *PGCV*

3pm Storage Wars: New York

3.30 Into The Wild: India

4.30 Jamie And Jimmy's Food Fight Club

5.30 Mysteries At The Museum *PG*

THREE

5pm Millionaire Hot Seat *TV*

6pm NewsHub Live At 6pm

7pm The Project

7.30 The Block Australia *PG TV*
Shelley and Scotty call out a contestant for shifty behaviour; one of the Blockheads has a medical emergency.

8.40 9-1-1 *M TV*
A ride-share trip goes awry; a memorial service takes a turn for the worse; Marjan and the crew help Mateo to pass his written exams.

9.35 Hawaii Five-0 *M TV*
Adam investigates the murder of an undercover agent; Noelani is held hostage and made to operate at gunpoint on a criminal.

10.35 NewsHub Late

11.05 SVU *16 TV*

THURSDAY

12am Infomercials

6am The AM Show

9am The Café *PG*

10am Infomercials

11.35 Face The Truth *PG TV*

12.05 Vet On The Hill *TV*

1pm MOVIE Nanny
Lockdown *M* 2020 Thriller. A nanny wants to adopt, but must get her life together first, and finds a live-in nanny position that seems ideal, but is anything but. Karynn Elizabeth Moore, Austin Highsmith, Michael Milligan.

3pm Bondi Vet *TV*

4pm The Fishing Show Classics *PG TV*

4.30 NewsHub Live At 4:30pm

5pm Millionaire Hot Seat *TV*

PRIME

5pm Frasier *TV*

5.30 Prime News

6pm SkySpeed

6.30 Shipping Wars *PG TV*

7pm The Crowd Goes Wild

7.30 Man With A Plan *PG TV*

8.30 Weather Gone Viral *PG TV*
Extreme weather caught on camera as told by survivors, meteorologists, and severe-weather specialists.

9.30 Extreme Love Stories *16LSC TV*
Michele hopes to join the mile-high club with her frequent-flyer lover; despite criticism for their physical differences, Texie and Anastasia juggle their love with life on the road.

10.30 Pacific Brothers And Sisters

11.05 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert *PG*

THURSDAY

12.05 Closedown

6am Ben 10: Alien Force *TV*

6.25 Butterbean's Café *TV*

6.50 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles *TV*

7.15 Ben 10: Ultimate Alien *TV*

8.05 Nicky, Ricky, Dicky, And Dawn *TV*

8.30 Justice League: Unlimited *PGV TV*

9am A Place In The Sun *TV*

10am The Doctors *PG TV*

11am Hot Bench *PG*

11.30 Ice Road Truckers *MVL TV*

12.30 FBI *MV TV*

1.30 Married... With Children *PG TV*

2pm The Late Show With Stephen Colbert *PG TV*

3pm Wheel Of Fortune *TV*

3.30 Jeopardy *TV*

4pm American Pickers *PG*

5pm Frasier *TV*

5.30 Prime News

MAORI TV

5pm Pipi Ma

5.05 Takaro Tribe *TV*

5.20 Waiata Mai

5.30 Tamariki Haka

5.40 Te Nutube

5.50 Zoomoo

6pm Cube

6.10 Huritua

6.20 Paia

6.30 Te Ao Marama

7.30 Easy Eats *TV*

8pm The Casketeers

8.30 The New Zealanders

9.30 Toku Whare Kohanga Reo

10pm Ka Pai Living *MLC TV*

10.30 Senior Kapa Haka Regionals

11pm Nga Whetu O Te Kahu *TV*

11.30 Closedown

THURSDAY

6.30 Pipi Ma

6.35 Takaro Tribe *TV*

6.50 Waiata Mai

7am Te Ao Tapatahi

8am Tamariki Haka

8.10 Te Nutube

8.20 ZooMoo

8.30 Darwin + Newts *TV*

8.40 Purakau *TV*

8.50 Paia

9am Marae Kai Masters *TV*

10am Iwi Anthems *TV*

10.30 Whanau Living *TV*

11am Kuia

11.30 Kuia

Noon Wehi Na Upload *PG TV*

12.30 What's Up With The Tumoanans? *TV*

1pm He Piko He Taniwha *TV*

1.30 Ako *TV*

2pm Toku Reo *TV*

3pm Korero Mai *TV*

3.30 Toku Whare Kohanga Reo *TV*

4pm Fresh *PG TV*

4.30 Wiki Ha *TV*

5pm Pipi Ma

5.05 Takaro Tribe *TV*

5.20 Waiata Mai

5.30 Tamariki Haka

5.40 Te Nutube

5.50 ZooMoo



5 Gold Rings
8.25pm on TVNZ 1



Taskmaster NZ
8.30pm on TVNZ 2



The Block Australia
7.30pm on Three

RNZ NATIONAL

5pm Checkpoint
News and current affairs programme.

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

7.06 Nights With Bryan Crump.

10pm News At Ten
A roundup of today's news and sport.

10.15 Lately With Karyn Hay.

11.04 Inside Out With Nick Tipping.

THURSDAY

12.04 All Night Programme

5am First Up

6am Morning Report

9.06 Nine To Noon

10.45 The Reading

Noon Midday Report

1.06 Afternoons

4.06 The Panel

5pm Checkpoint

SKY SPORT 1

6pm Autumn Nations Cup (RPL) England v Ireland.

8pm Pacific Brothers

8.30 Mitre 10 Cup (HLS)
Semi-final Two: Auckland v Waikato.

9pm Mitre 10 Cup (HLS)

9.30 The Breakdown

10.30 Aotearoa Rugby Pod

11pm Mitre 10 Cup (RPL)
Semi-final Four: Tasman v Bay of Plenty.

THURSDAY

1am Super Rugby Unlocked (RPL) Sharks v Stormers.

3am Gallagher Premiership (HLS)

4am Black Ferns v New Zealand Barbarians (HLS)

4.30 Pacific Brothers

5am Tri-Nations (HLS)

5.30 Super Rugby Unlocked (HLS)

6am Guinness Pro14 (RPL)
Leinster v Cardiff Blues.

8am Pacific Brothers

8.30 The Breakdown

9.30 Rugby Nation

10.30 Gallagher Premiership (HLS)

11.30 Mitre 10 Cup (HLS)

Noon Aotearoa Rugby Pod

12.30 The Breakdown

1.30 Black Ferns v New Zealand Barbarians (HLS)

2pm Super Rugby Unlocked (RPL) Cheetahs v Griquas.

4pm Rugby Nation

5pm The Breakdown

SKY 5

5pm Wheel Of Fortune

5.30 Pawn Stars *PG*

6pm Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away *MVL*

7pm Border Security: Australia's Frontline *M*

7.30 NCIS: LA *MV*

8.30 CSI *MV*

9.30 Criminal Minds *16VS*

10.30 NCIS: LA *MV*

11.15 NCIS: LA *MV*

THURSDAY

12.05 Storage Wars *PGL*

12.30 Storage Wars *PGL*

12.55 Wheel Of Fortune

1.20 Jeopardy!

1.40 Border Security: Australia's Frontline *M*

2.05 Criminal Minds *16VS*

2.50 CSI *MV*

3.40 NCIS: LA *MV*

4.25 Lizard Lick Towing *PG*

4.50 NCIS: LA *MV*

5.35 The Simpsons *PG*

6am Jeopardy!

6.25 Wheel Of Fortune

6.45 The Simpsons *PG*

7.10 Storage Wars *PGL*

7.35 Storage Wars *PGL*

8am Border Security: Australia's Frontline *M*

8.25 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away *MVL*

9.15 Pawn Stars *PG*

9.40 NCIS: LA *MV*

10.25 NCIS: LA *MV*

11.10 Storage Wars *PGL*

11.35 Storage Wars *PGL*

Noon Jeopardy!

12.25 Wheel Of Fortune

12.50 CSI *MV*

1.40 Criminal Minds *16VS*

2.25 NCIS: LA *MV*

3.10 Storage Wars *PGL*

3.35 Storage Wars *PGL*

4pm The Simpsons *PG*

4.30 Jeopardy!

5pm Wheel Of Fortune

MOVIES PREMIERE

5.22 Birds Of Prey *16VLS* 2020 Action. Margot Robbie, Ewan McGregor.

7.07 All Nighter *16VLS* 2018 Comedy. When a woman goes missing, her workaholic father must work with her awkward former boyfriend to find her. JK Simmons, Emile Hirsch.

8.30 Judy *MLC* 2019 Drama. Judy Garland arrives in London to perform a series of sold-out shows and, while there, begins a whirlwind romance with a musician. Renee Zellweger, Jessie Buckley.

10.30 Long Shot *MLS* 2019 Comedy.

THURSDAY

12.35 Ashes In The Snow *MVLS* 2018 Drama.

2.15 Lying And Stealing *16LSC* 2019 Thriller.

3.55 Berlin, I Love You *MLS* 2019 Romance.

5.52 Birds Of Prey *16VLS* 2020 Action.

7.37 Judy *MLC* 2019 Drama.

9.32 Long Shot *MLS* 2019 Comedy.

11.37 Ashes In The Snow *MVLS* 2018 Drama.

1.20 Just Mercy *MC* 2019 Drama.

3.35 A Little Something For Your Birthday *MLS* 2017 Romantic Comedy.

5.10 Miss Fisher And The Crypt Of Tears *MV* 2020 Drama.

DISCOVERY

5.40 Aussie Gold Hunters *PG*

6.35 Aussie Lobster Men *PG*

7.30 Homestead Rescue *PG*
Quake on the Forty.

8.30 Deadliest Catch: Bloodline *PG* The Legacy Continues.

9.25 Outback Opal Hunters *PG*

10.15 Moonshiners *MLC* Busted by the Law.

11.05 Naked And Afraid *MLC*

11.55 How It's Made *PG*

THURSDAY

12.20 How Do They Do It? *PG*

12.45 Weather Top Tens *PG*

1.35 Gold Rush *PG*

2.25 Moonshiners *MLC*

3.15 Homestead Rescue *PG*

4.05 Expedition Unknown *PG*

4.55 Naked And Afraid *MLC*

5.45 Gold Rush *PG*

6.35 Fast N' Loud *PG*
Motorcycle Mayhem; Packing a Packard for Pebble 1/2.

7.30 Expedition Unknown *PG*

8.20 Homestead Rescue *PG*

9.10 Deadliest Catch: Bloodline *PG*

10am How Do They Do It? *PG*

10.25 How Do They Do It? *PG*

10.50 How It's Made *PG*

11.15 How It's Made *PG*

11.40 Aussie Gold Hunters *PG*

12.30 Swamp Murders *MVLS*

1.20 The 1980s: The Deadliest Decade *MVLS*

2.10 Top Gear

3pm Homestead Rescue *PG*

3.50 Gold Rush *PG*

4.45 Fast N' Loud *PG*

5.40 Aussie Gold Hunters *PG*

Karaka Million aspirations for Campbell pair

AUCKLAND — Cambridge trainer Andrew Campbell is looking towards the lucrative Karaka Million twilight meeting in January with a couple of his promising juveniles.

The Tivaci colt out of Sir Percy mare Salford Art, and the Highly Recommended colt out of O'Reilly mare Borntobeirish won their respective two-year-old 800m trial heats on the Cambridge Jockey Club's new synthetic track on Tuesday.

"I am rapt with the track. It was pretty even and every horse got its chance," Campbell said.

"It is so even and consistent. Everyone was thinking it was going to be a frontrunners bias, but they were coming from everywhere.

"Everyone that I have spoken to has been positive."

Campbell purchased the Tivaci colt out of Brighthill Farm's New Zealand Bloodstock Book 2 Yearling Sale draft for

\$24,000 earlier this year, while he paid \$5000 for the Highly Recommended colt out of Berkley Stud's draft.

Both juveniles have impressed Campbell from early on and he believes they are capable of qualifying for the \$1m DoubleTree On Hilton Karaka Million 2YO (1200m) at Ellerslie on January 23.

"They did everything right today so we will head to a race in the near future providing they pull up well," Campbell said.

"I like them both, but they are two different horses. The Tivaci colt didn't show a heap early on but he has just improved all the time and today he was pretty impressive.

"The other one ran a better time today and he's pretty tough, he never gives it away.

"Our main aim is trying to get them to the Karaka Million. If they are good enough they will go overseas at three." — NZ Racing Desk

Levin races at Otaki Thursday Jetbet 4 TAB Doubles 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Trebles 1-2-3, 4-5-6, 7-8-9 Quaddies 2-3-4-5, 6-7-8-9 Place6 4-9

1 Levin Tab & Sports Bar 12.16

\$27,500, rating 74 benchmark, 2100m

- 1 86s88 Jacksonstar (10) 60 74 C Johnson

Selections

- Race 1: WAISAKE, YOSSARIAN, SHAKESPEARE
- Race 2: SILKY RED FOX, BELARDO BOY, MARTINA DIVA
- Race 3: ROSE OF DELGATIE, PABLO ESK, ORLOV
- Race 4: OSAKA, MEILA REI, OUR HAIL MARY
- Race 5: SPIJKER, LA BELLARINA, PASSIONE
- Race 6: MASCARPONE, DEERFIELD, TAVI MAC
- Race 7: HIGH QUALITY, VERNANME, DOLCETTO
- Race 8: PUKE PARK, BASARWA, REAL SLIM TRADIE
- Race 9: HOROPITO, GLOBAL CURRENCY, JACKAROO

- 2 6s244 Bonny Ezra (8) 59.5 73 J Riddell
- 3 71125 Shakespeare (1) 59.5 73 L Allpress
- 4 14120 Yossarian (2) 58 70 H Schofer (a2)
- 5 56647 Mondorani (5) 57.5 69 S J Macnab (a1)
- 6 11800 Obrigado (13) 57.5 69 T Thornton
- 7 44133 Waisake (11) 57.5 69 T Harris
- 8 23512 Rokonove (12) 56.5 71 S Collett
- 9 94217 Botti (9) 56.5 67 R Elliot
- 10 70022 Rex Royale (7) 54.5 63
- 11 s5097 Lincoln Dreamer (3) 54 55
- 12 20090 Stormy Habit (4) 54 55 M K Hudson (a3)
- 13 4985 Sanlorenzo (6) 54 48 R J Bishop

2 Uzabuz & Coaches 12.51

\$22,500, 2yo sw+p, 1100m

- 1 3 Silky Red Fox (7) 57 51 J Riddell
- 2 Belardo Boy (9) 57 47 L Hemi
- 3 Dragon Biscuit (6) 57 47 S Collett
- 4 Medal (1) 57 47 M McNab

5 Callissident (3) 55 47 W Pinn (a3)

Helluvah Return (8) 55 47 S J Macnab (a1)

- 7 5 Martina Diva (2) 55 47 T Taiaroa (a3)
- 8 Mochatini (5) 55 47 L Allpress
- 9 Fonsalette (4) 55 45 M Cameron
- 10 Imperatriz (10) 55 45 D Johnson

3 Summerset On The Coast 1.26

\$10,000, maiden, 1400m

- 1 93s3 Rusty O'Ceirin (15) 58.5 52 R J Bishop
- 2 2298 The Villain (20) 58.5 52 M Cameron
- 3 003 Pablo Esk (3) 58.5 51 M McNab
- 4 3 Wononeohwon (19) 58.5 51 L Allpress
- 5 s8930 King Kaide (6) 58.5 50 S O'Malley (a3)
- 6 54 Mr Fabulous (18) 58.5 50 M K Hudson (a3)

- 7 25 He's A Doozy (4) 57 52 J Riddell
- 8 64 Orlov (2) 57 50 R Elliot
- 9 s4s22 Rose Of Delgatie (12) 56.5 54 S J Macnab (a1)

- 10 235s6 Colyton Sky (9) 56.5 52 S Collett
- 11 03487 Hermes (13) 56.5 49 C Johnson
- 12 Angelina Jay (1) 56.5 45 T Thornton
- 13 Nadeems Dream (5) 56.5 45 A Goindasamy (a1)

14 95 Gaelic Spirit (7) 55 47 L Hemi

- EMERGENCIES:
- 15 Fireban (14) 56.5 45
- 16 Lurid (10) 57 45
- 17 Tickford (16) 58.5 45
- 18 Going Steady (11) 55 45
- 19 8s Kusuda (17) 56.5 45
- 20 9 Zakhan (8) 57 45

4 Racing On Facebook Live 2.01

\$27,500, rating 74 benchmark, 1400m

- 1 00630 King Cougar (14) 61 76
- 2 39s84 Lincoln Raider (4) 60.5 75 J Riddell

3 90185 Mehrtens (13) 60.5 75 S Collett

70603 Platinum Rapper (15) 60 78 S O'Malley (a3)

- 5 94s51 Stand Tall (6) 60 74 A Goindasamy (a1)
- 6 55062 Rock Island Line (10) 59.5 73 W Pinn (a3)

- 7 s1s14 Osaka (12) 59 72 D Johnson
- 8 84971 Skarloey (16) 59 72 M Cameron
- 9 774s9 Handfull (2) 58 70 M K Hudson (a3)
- 10 314s5 Our Hail Mary (18) 57.5 73 H Schofer (a2)

- 11 48767 Boundtobehonored (20) 56.5 71 R Elliot
- 12 1s003 Magic Incanto (11) 56 70 R J Bishop
- 13 10302 Meila Rei (9) 55.5 69 S J Macnab (a1)
- 14 331s5 Not Santa (7) 55.5 69 C Johnson

EMERGENCIES:

- 15 3s533 Serena (17) 55 68 L Hemi
- 16 46s83 Mekelle (1) 55 68
- 17 32101 If You Dance (3) 56.5 67
- 18 3115s Aquila Star (19) 54.5 67
- 19 s3471 Fiano (5) 54.5 67 Ashvin Mudhoo (a4)
- 20 s41s5 Cabochon (8) 54.5 67 T J Bau

5 You've Got This Rosie 2.36

\$10,000, maiden, 1400m

- 1 s3240 Spikert (2) 58.5 52 J Riddell
- 2 430s6 Smart Remark (1) 58.5 51 Ashvin Mudhoo (a4)

- 3 4s Hold My Beer (8) 58.5 50 S O'Malley (a3)
- 4 Putorino (3) 58.5 45 M McNab
- 5 765 Renault (6) 57 47 W Pinn (a3)
- 6 4357s Platinum Bordeaux (15) 56.5 51 H Schofer (a2)

- 7 49636 Indy Fox (14) 56.5 50 C Johnson
- 8 Wheels (18) 56.5 47 M K Hudson (a3)
- 9 6 Orbit Jupiter (9) 56.5 46 J M Fillmore
- 10 Tramore (19) 56.5 45 L Hemi
- 11 434s2 Passione (11) 55 54 D Johnson
- 12 792 La Bellarina (7) 55 52 S J Macnab (a1)
- 13 7s3 Chica Bonita (16) 55 51 L Allpress

14 5 Scylla (20) 55 47 S Collett

EMERGENCIES:

- 15 Fireban (13) 56.5 45
- 16 Lurid (5) 57 45
- 17 Tickford (4) 58.5 45
- 18 Going Steady (10) 55 45
- 19 8s Kusuda (17) 56.5 45 A Goindasamy (a1)
- 20 9 Zakhan (12) 57 45 T Thornton

6 Courtesy Ford Levin Stakes 3.11

\$50,000, open handicap, 1200m

- 1 068s0 Endless Drama (6) 60 99 M McNab
- 2 11261 Tavi Mac (3) 60 99 T Harris
- 3 15114 Deerfield (9) 58.5 96 J Riddell
- 4 21131 Mascarpone (5) 55 89 R Elliot
- 5 80s81 Rock 'n' Affair (4) 53.5 90 L Allpress
- 6 312s2 Princess Rihanna (2) 53 87 L Hemi
- 7 18s67 What A Smasher (7) 53 83 T Thornton
- 8 06s30 Acting (8) 53 82 D Johnson
- 9 2s236 Burgundy Belle (10) 53 82 S Collett
- 10 5s0s7 Campari (1) 53 77 A Goindasamy (a)
- 11 4s324 Motivation (11) 53 74 C Johnson

7 Devan Plastics 3.46

\$32,500, open handicap, 1600m

- 1 61345 Dolcetto (3) 62 101 Ashvin Mudhoo (a4)
- 2 00s22 Beefeater (1) 57.5 92 M McNab
- 3 00036 Mauna Kea (5) 56 89 W Pinn (a3)
- 4 60s72 Vernanne (2) 55 87 D Johnson
- 5 s0093 Cutting Up Rough (8) 54 84 A Goindasamy (a1)

- 6 63s09 Aridity (4) 54 81 L Hemi
- 7 0s620 High Quality (7) 54 79 S Collett
- 8 73s01 Awesome AI (9) 54 78 C Johnson
- 9 97020 Pep Torque (6) 54 77 R J Bishop

8 Wellington Stakes (G3) 4.21

\$70,000, 3yo sw, 1600m

- 1 1 Basarwa (12) 56.5 63 M McNab

2 1 Puke Park (1) 56.5 63 S Collett

21 Real Slim Tradie (6) 56.5 63 R J Bishop

- 4 701 Run For Cover (4) 56.5 63 M Cameron
- 5 81063 Sir Beets (11) 56.5 62 J Riddell
- 6 — Milford SCRATCHED
- 7 84 Lowry (10) 56.5 50
- 8 12 Key (3) 54.5 64 D Johnson
- 9 721 White Lightning (7) 54.5 63 T Thornton
- 10 333s1 Yolo (5) 54.5 63 S J Macnab (a)
- 11 s6032 Kaluanui (8) 54.5 53 L Hemi
- 12 533 Zee Falls (9) 54.5 52 L Allpress
- 13 7347 Swing The Tide (2) 54.5 50 C Johnson

9 Christmas @ Races 18 Dec. 4.56

\$22,500, rating 65 benchmark*, 1600m

- 1 61 Global Currency (4) 59 63 M McNab
- 2 6s531 Horopito (3) 59 63 S J Macnab (a1)
- 3 9s51s Jackaroo (17) 59 63 R J Bishop
- 4 4516s Phelan Foxy (11) 58.5 62 L Hemi
- 5 8s9s7 Savanah Belle (19) 58 65 L Allpress
- 6 850s0 Shez Ekstra (13) 58 65 S O'Malley (a3)
- 7 06220 Livvy Lass (7) 57.5 64
- 8 123s4 Princess Ani (2) 57.5 64 J Riddell
- 9 55s20 Kellys Inspiration (15) 57 63 D Johnson
- 10 14s03 Carlingford Bay (12) 56.5 62 T Taiaroa (a3)

- 11 0s217 Cast In Bronze (6) 56.5 62 C Johnson
- 12 s7100 Far Site (18) 56.5 62 A Goindasamy (a1)
- 13 s2219 Jackano (16) 56.5 62 Ashvin Mudhoo (a4)

- 14 25s20 Nod (1) 56.5 62 S Collett

EMERGENCIES:

- 15 03s05 Tuppence (8) 56.5 62 R Elliot
- 16 346s0 Rukita (14) 56.5 62 H Schofer (a2)
- 17 21046 Mauna Loa (20) 58 61
- 18 s0s85 Power 'n' Passion (10) 56 61
- 19 179s0 Lincoln Flyer (9) 58 61
- 20 53072 Flying Surf (5) 55 59

Christchurch greys at Addington Thursday

Selections

- Race 1: GOLDSTAR ROYAL, ELITE BLUEBLOOD, CASH NO STASH
- Race 2: SNEAKY SNITCH, CRYSTAL CANDY, AZKADELLIA
- Race 3: KNOW MAJORITY, HOMEBUSH LIAM, GOLDSTAR WILLA
- Race 4: NASSOR, OPAWA DI, TAUNTING EYES
- Race 5: LA ROCHELLE, FAIRLY ABLE, MAX DANCER
- Race 6: KNOW TACTICS, AMURI LIV, STARR BLUEBLOOD
- Race 7: VON STRASS, STUDENT LOAN, MIGHTY MUSCLE
- Race 8: MAN OF LETTERS, JACKIE, AMURI MAGIC
- Race 9: ROCK ON JOHN, QUINCY BALE, OPAWA DEAL
- Race 10: TROUSSEAU, TAIERI TAYLEE, OPAWA BAILEY
- Race 11: ROMEO, OAKMONT, CALM INFERNO
- Race 12: EZRA BLUEBLOOD, SO FLOSSY, MITCHAM MAGIC

1 The Fitz Sports Bar Sprint 12.07

\$1450, C1, 295m

- 1 87523 Goldstar Royal 17.69 Riley Evans
- 2 74368 Chicago Head 17.40 John McInerney
- 3 61555 Goldstar Aria 17.51 Riley Evans
- 4 54551 Blazing Banjo 17.58 John McInerney
- 5 33758 Homebush Carl 17.45 John McInerney
- 6 75821 Elite Blueblood 17.45 John McInerney
- 7 8s525 Homebush Finn 17.21 John McInerney
- 8 23238 Cash No Stash 17.85 S & B Evans

EMERGENCIES:

- 9 68545 Bound Up 17.58 John McInerney
- 10 76476 Double Queenie 17.93 John McInerney

2 mayhounds.org.nz Rehoming 12.25

\$2035, C3, 295m

- 1 71427 Sneaky Snitch 17.18 Hart & Taylor
- 2 43768 Azkadellia 17.44 Rosemary Blackburn
- 3 74174 Crystal Candy 17.26 John McInerney
- 4 61624 Mega Dream 17.20 Lisa Waretini
- 5 78435 Amuri George 17.23 John McInerney
- 6 41543 Opa's Dream 17.36 Ray Casey
- 7 24366 Punters Last 17.19 Robin Wales
- 8 33571 Opal Hunter 17.49 John McInerney

EMERGENCIES:

- 9 65268 Hendrix Bale 17.32 Craig Roberts
- 10 17168 Opawa Rowdy 17.31 Robin Wales

3 christchurchgreyhounds.co.nz 12.42

\$1685, C2, 295m

- 1 44185 Cadillac Mack 17.43 John McInerney
- 2 36255 Sozin's Azure 17.39 John McInerney
- 3 32536 Goldstar Willa 17.39 Riley Evans
- 4 14642 Homebush Comet 17.44 John McInerney
- 5 34356 Homebush Liam 17.22 John McInerney
- 6 77773 Mitcham Ryder 17.36 John McInerney
- 7 87716 Homebush Jordie 17.50 John McInerney
- 8 28457 Know Majority 17.20 Garry Cleeve

EMERGENCIES:

- 9 34777 Goldstar Rebel 17.36 Riley Evans
- 10 67887 Tearaway Tara 17.33 Janine McCook

4 Murray & Hannah@Ray White 1.00

\$2390, C4, 295m

- 1 21852 Nassor 17.31 Bruce Dann
- 2 6656s Opawa Di 17.10 Robin Wales
- 3 72336 Lisa's Boy 17.24 Ray Casey
- 4 17355 Tremonti 17.28 Bruce Dann
- 5 31s23 Taunting Eyes 17.26 Jason Dunn
- 6 11313 Souffle Sue 17.19 John McInerney

Jetbet 3 TAB D. 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 T. 1-2-3, 4-5-6, 7-8-9, 10-11-12 Q. 2-3-4-5, 9-10-11-12 PL6 7-12

7 41251 Billy Ray 17.33 Norman Wanhalia

8 77157 Homebush Aimee 17.26 John McInerney

- EMERGENCIES:
- 9 54287 Mitcham Becky 17.22 Janine McCook
- 10 85188 Zadee Bale 17.32 Craig Roberts

5 Thursday Place Pick Stakes 1.17

\$3325, C2/3, 520m

- 1 42724 Max Dancer 29.94 J & D Fahey
- 2 37237 Dyna Xarvel 30.30 Craig Roberts
- 3 53124 Fairly Able 30.22 J & D Fahey
- 4 61488 Daria Bale 30.24 Craig Roberts
- 5 46235 Dyna Varsity 30.11 Craig Roberts
- 6 78584 Know Denying 30.24 Garry Cleeve
- 7 21112 La Rochelle 30.07 Jason Dunn
- 8 12527 Opawa Girls Get 30.16 J & D Fahey

EMERGENCY:

- 9 75467 Famous Lee 30.22 Riley Evans

6 Suck It Up Ltd Dash 1.35

\$1685, C2, 295m

- 1 22133 Know Tactics 17.40 Garry Cleeve
- 2 28467 Amuri Liv 17.16 John McInerney
- 3 74167 Starr Blueblood 17.28 John McInerney
- 4 84553 Mitcham Boulit 17.28 John McInerney
- 5 78771 Homebush Rapper 17.47 John McInerney
- 6 11226 Goldstar Halsey 17.28 Riley Evans
- 7 17863 My Bro Bobby 17.30 John McInerney
- 8 788s1 Homebush George 17.29 John McInerney

EMERGENCIES:

- 9 34777 Goldstar Rebel 17.36 Riley Evans
- 10 67887 Tearaway Tara 17.33 Janine McCook

7 Zambora Brockie @ Stud 1.52

\$4620, C2, distance, 645m

- 1 34544 Goldstar Sydney 37.97 S & B Evans

2 s2131 Von Strass 37.58 J & D Fahey

3 25116 Student Loan 38.15 J & D Fahey

- 4 34213 Goldstar Truman 37.81 Riley Evans
- 5 Vacant Box Five - n & a
- 6 12517 Mighty Muscle 37.92 J & D Fahey
- 7 57556 Goldstar Darwin n/wtd Riley Evans
- 8 11864 Goldstar Spook 37.93 Riley Evans

8 S. Anngow Drapes & Blinds 2.08

\$2035, C3, 295m

- 1 44353 Jackie 17.39 Lisa Waretini
- 2 68442 Amuri Magic 17.28 John McInerney
- 3 34662 Man Of Letters 17.19 Alison Lee
- 4 42515 Mulberry Rock 17.37 Ken Cassidy
- 5 42382 Mitcham Sam 17.28 John McInerney
- 6 25163 Tweet About It 17.25 Hart & Taylor
- 7 84826 Our Dazzel 17.00 Robin Wales
- 8 13566 Regal Jock 17.28 John McInerney

EMERGENCIES:

- 9 65268 Hendrix Bale 17.32 Craig Roberts
- 10 17168 Opawa Rowdy 17.31 Robin Wales

9 Christchurch Casino Stakes 2.24

\$4735, C4/5, 520m

- 1 34314 Opawa Deal 29.98 J & D Fahey
- 2 18866 Sailor Allen 30.07 Craig Roberts
- 3 12111 Rock On John 30.05 J & D Fahey
- 4 74541 Goldstar Yankee 30.22 Riley Evans
- 5 61267 Opawa Slick 30.17 J & D Fahey
- 6 21214 Quincy Bale 29.93 Craig Roberts
- 7 13355 Van Ev

Chelsea into quarterfinals

FOOTBALL

RENNES, France — Olivier Giroud came off the bench to score an injury-time header as Chelsea won 2-1 at Rennes to reach the knockout round of the Champions League today.

Giroud has hardly played for Chelsea in recent weeks and this was just his eighth appearance in a frustrating season. But the France veteran made the most of a rare outing with an opportunistic winner in the 91st minute.

Striker Sehrou Guirassy's 85th-minute and equally powerful header had given Rennes hope of pushing for a first-ever win in its Champions League debut season, as Chelsea conceded their first goal in Group E.

The visitors had taken early control through right winger Callum Hudson-Odoi's slick 22nd-minute goal.

Bruno Fernandes scored two early goals as Manchester United beat Istanbul Basaksehir 4-1 at Manchester to stay in control of their Champions League group.

Marcus Rashford, brought down for a penalty, converted to make it 3-0 in the 35th minute at an empty Old Trafford.

Deniz Turuc pulled a goal back from a free kick for the Turkish champions. Daniel James added a fourth in injury time for the hosts.

United, who opened group play by beating Paris Saint-Germain and Leipzig in successive weeks, moved on to nine points — three more than PSG and Leipzig. They also played today, with PSG winning 1-0 at home.

United are at home to PSG next week, with the two qualifying places from the group still up for grabs.

Group D leaders Liverpool host Atalanta tomorrow while Group C leaders Manchester City are away to Olympiacos. — AP

Pelicans sign Kiwi Adams

BASKETBALL

THE New Orleans Pelicans have confirmed the signing of Kiwi NBA star Steven Adams.

The NBA franchise announced the arrival of Adams who makes the move from the Oklahoma City Thunder where he has played since 2013.

"Please help us welcome the two newest members of the family! Steven Adams and Eric Bledsoe".

"Steven Adams and Eric Bledsoe are not only fiercely competitive and driven to succeed at the highest levels, they are proven winners with a team-first mentality," Pelicans executive vice-president of basketball operations David Griffin told NBA.com.

"As we continue to build toward the sustainable success our ownership demands and our fans so richly deserve, we are grateful

to be able to do so with such high-quality teammates and human beings."

The Kiwi centre has reportedly signed a two-year US\$35 million (NZ\$50 million) deal that will keep him under contract at the Pelicans until the end of the 2022-23 season.

On Saturday the 29-year-old was part of a large four-team trade involving the Denver Nuggets and Milwaukee Bucks that saw the Thunder deal him and bring in five new players and three draft picks. He had previously spent all seven seasons in the NBA with the Oklahoma City franchise.

The move was confirmed on Monday.

The contract is fully guaranteed and is set to tip Adams' career earnings to north of US\$140 million.

Adams initially had one year at US\$27 million (\$38 million) remaining on his contract which was absorbed by the Pelicans, but now

has two more years tacked as the Pelicans indicate the Kiwi centre is part of their future.

Within the trade included former New Zealand Breakers guard RJ Hampton, who was sent from New Orleans to Denver on the day of the NBA draft. Hampton was selected 24th just last week in the draft and will make his debut this coming season.

Adams joins the Pelicans after some strong seasons with the Thunder, averaging 12.9 points and 9.3 rebounds a game across the last three seasons.

His playoff experience will come in handy for a franchise beaming with talented youth and eyeing continual playoff runs in the future. Just once in his career has Adams not played in the NBA post-season. He also forgoes the chance to enter free agency in 2021 and choose where to play among teams who showed interest. — NZ Herald

'An all-time great'

Death of Dominici felt throughout France, world rugby

PARIS — The death of Christophe Dominici, the speedy and charismatic winger who lit up French rugby from the wing at the turn of the century, was keenly felt in the world of sport and beyond.

It even touched politics, with emotional-sounding Education Minister Jean-Michel Blanquer announcing Dominici's death at the National Assembly in Paris, prompting politicians to immediately stand and applaud the beloved former player.

Dominici died on Tuesday. He was 48.

England's World Cup-winning flyhalf Jonny Wilkinson, Ireland great Brian O'Driscoll and South Africa star winger Bryan Habana were among those who paid tribute to the try-scoring winger, whose electrifying pace and flair had fans on the edge of their seats and flustered opponents often chasing shadows.

His former club Stade Francais Paris announced his death today without giving further details.

"A rugby genius and companion without equal, he will leave a great void in our big family," the club said in a statement. "Our thoughts go to his family, his wife Loretta, and his daughters Chiara and Mia."

The French rugby league said clubs in the top two divisions would pay their respects to Dominici in their matches this weekend.

"His classic tries helped to build French flair," the LNR said, calling him "a great player who brought so much



'A RUGBY GENIUS AND COMPANION WITHOUT EQUAL': Just one of the tributes to France's Christophe Dominici, who has died aged 48. He is pictured celebrating a try against Georgia at the 2007 Rugby World Cup in France. AP picture

joy and talent to French rugby."

Dominici played 67 times for France over a decade to 2007 and scored 25 tries, among them one of the most storied in Rugby World Cup history.

During the 1999 semifinal

against favourites New Zealand at Twickenham, while chasing a box kick from halfback Fabien Galthie, Dominici caught the All Blacks by surprise when he perfectly judged the bounce, grabbed the ball with his right hand and tore

past two defenders to score between the posts. France won against the odds, 43-31.

Dominici also played in the France team who featured in an even bigger upset of New Zealand in the quarterfinals of the 2007 world cup, and won the Five Nations once and the Six Nations three times with Les Tricolores.

"He left his mark on a whole generation of rugby," the French Rugby Federation said.

"Today the rugby family has brutally lost a legend, an emblematic player."

Former teammate Frederic Michalak, who played in two World Cups with Dominici, spoke about the huge influence he had on young internationals breaking through.

"He was a bit like our big brother. He had a strong character while being sensitive at the same time," Michalak told sports daily L'Equipe.

"He was always there for us, reassuring us. I shared many good times with him."

"He was our engine in 2007, he was a leader of men," Michalak said.

At club level, Dominici won five French championships in a glittering 11-year spell with Stade Francais, having started his career with hometown club Toulon.

World Rugby called him "an all-time great of the game".

"For me he represented all of the good things about rugby," Habana said. "He had so much energy and was so positive whenever we had a conversation. Rugby has lost a legend." — AP

Leawere-Walker in Maori squad for Pasifika clash

RUGBY

NGATI Porou-Fijian lock Isaia Walker-Leawere has been named in a 24-strong Maori All Blacks squad to prepare for a one-off match against Moana Pasifika at FMG Stadium Waikato in Hamilton.

Hawke's Bay and Highlanders hooker Ash Dixon will captain the side against Moana Pasifika on December 5.

Clayton McMillan is head coach, assisted by Highlanders head coach Tony Brown and Roger Randle.

The squad has an injection of youth around a core of experience, including Dixon and former All Black Liam Messam, 36, who will appear for the Maori All Blacks for the first time since 2017.

The squad also features Whetu Douglas and Sean Wainui, both of who affiliate to Ngati Porou.

One player will be added to the squad in coming days.

"It's an exciting group and the eight new caps bring some genuine excitement and energy to the squad," McMillan said.

Softball draws

DRAWS for Tairāwhiti softball games at Waikikiriri Park —

Men, SATURDAY

1pm: D1, Raptors v Uawa.

Junior grades, SATURDAY

Junior Sox (Year 9-10), 11am: D1, GGHS v Apitihanga; D2, Lytton v GBHS Black.

Emerging Sox (Y7-8), 8.30am: D1, Ilminster Tahī v Nga Kura o Te Akau; D2, Waikikiriri v Tolaga Chargers.

11am: D3, Kaiti Rangatira v Ilminster Rua.

Rookie Sox (Y5-6), Division 1, 8.30am: D3, Uawa Kaupoi v Kaiti Kiwa; D4, Te Wharau Spartans v Te Wharau Pitchers; D6, Mangapapa White v Waikikiriri.

Young Sox T-ball (Y3-4), Division 1, 9.45am: D2, Mangapapa Green v Tolaga Tigers; D3, Te Wharau Batters v Kaiti Paoa.

Bye: Koastie Kidz.

Division 2, 11am: D4, Wainui v Nga Kura o Te Akau; D5, Te Wharau Warriors v Te Hapara; D6, Waikikiriri v Te Karaka.

Pipi Sox T-ball (Y1-2), Division 1, 9.45am: D4, Waikikiriri v Mangapapa Blue; D6, Te Hapara v Te Wharau Steelers.

Division 2, 9.45am: D7, Mangapapa Red v St Mary's; D8, Te Karaka v Kaiti Maia.

Finals for all grades next week, SATURDAY, December 5, followed by prize-giving.

New Zealander elected independent chair of ICC

CRICKET

AUCKLAND-BASED commercial lawyer Greg Barclay has landed one of the biggest, most politically-charged jobs in sport — the independent chair of the International Cricket Council.

In an arcane voting process, Barclay had to "win" 11 of the 16 votes available from the

12 full ICC member countries, three members representing the associate member countries, and independent female director Indra Nooyi.

Barclay, director of New Zealand Cricket since 2012, fills the role vacated by India's Shashank Manohar in July.

The position had been held in interim by Khwaja, a former

president of Singapore Cricket.

There will be no honeymoon period for Barclay.

The pandemic has ravaged the coffers of the global sporting complex and cricket has not been immune.

"It sounds glib but optimising cricket outcomes in the men's and women's games has to be the number one priority at the

moment," Barclay said.

"We're in a difficult situation with the pandemic and playing cricket has to be front of mind."

The International Cricket Council can be a cultural minefield but Barclay welcomes that challenge and says he looks forward to aligning the board in a functional way for all member countries. — NZ Herald

Around the Greens

Club bowls news

Poverty Bay

THE team of Barrie Denham (skip), Dawson Owen (director) and Otto Louw (lead) won Poverty Bay Bowling Club's Beetham Lifestyle Village Triples single-entry tournament.

They were the only team with three wins and six points. Teams played three games of 90 minutes or 10 ends.

All the Gisborne clubs were represented in the entry of 42 players. The later starting time of 10.30am seemed to be popular.

Second place, with five points, went to the team of Val McGreevy (s), Ngawai Turipa (d) and Joy McFarlane (l).

Four of the remaining teams had two wins and four points so third place was decided on ends won. That went to Rod Young (s), Trish Leach (d) and Terry Casey (l), who won 18 ends.

Terry Casey was the oldest player in the tournament and tournament controller Jeff Davis pronounced him player of the day.

Terry had forgotten he was playing so was picked up at the last minute. He arrived without his bowls so had to play with borrowed bowls, which is not easy. Despite this, he was in amazing form.

The tournament was sponsored by Beetham Lifestyle Village and prizes were presented by Beetham Village sales and marketing manager and village assistant manager Graham Wake.



TRIPLES WINNERS: Sponsor's representative Graham Wake (left) with the winners of Poverty Bay Bowling Club's single-entry triples tournament (from second left) Otto Louw, Dawson Owen and skip Barrie Denham.

Picture by Norma Miller

Women key to victory

BOWLS by Starweed

OUTSTANDING results from the women were key to Gisborne-East Coast's Challenge Trophy victory over Hawke's Bay in inter-centre bowls at the weekend.

It was only the second time this century that Gisborne-East Coast had won this annual inter-centre fixture.

It was played this year on the Gisborne Bowling Club greens.

Each centre team comprised 10 men and 10 women. From Saturday lunchtime, they played two rounds.

The local bowlers started well, winning six games out of the 10 played in the first round. Both men and woman won three disciplines each.

However, the second round was disastrous for the men. They lost both pairs and both triples. The women were up to the task, though, winning all of theirs.

Sunday was a little more even. Gisborne-East Coast managed to win five out of the 10 games in the morning round. This gave the team 32 match points out of 56, which meant Hawke's Bay needed to win eight out of the 10 games left in the last round to retain the Challenge Trophy.

There's no denying the visitors' efforts but it was a big ask. They managed to win six games, two short of what they

needed. For the second time this century, Gisborne-East Coast team had pulled off a significant victory.

The GEC women won 13 of the 18 matches they played. The men won seven.

I will say, though, that in most years one of the genders does better than their counterparts.

Of the women, Dayvinia Mills won all her disciplines which — even though there were only four rounds — is never an easy feat against strong opposition.

All the women put their hands up to their selector for the next inter-centre fixture next year, as all played a part in the tournament success.

Lucy Shanks proved her worth in the team. She came in for Paige Richter, who pulled out late last week. Shanks led in the fours, pairs and triples. She was steady up front and set up heads time after time for her teammates.

Tanya Harrison won both her singles, Sharon Olsen also managed three, and in fact all the women managed to win three out of the four disciplines played.

The men had a different result. Adam McIlroy won both his singles, and Robin Jefferson won a couple of pairs. They were the best of the men's efforts.

The rest managed either one win or none at all. I was told that even though he had just one win, Charlie Ure played very well.

Our ring-in had a struggle over the weekend and failed to record a win but I don't put this result down to him; rather, the selector. It was always going to be a big ask, as every Wednesday for months the team had been practising here.

I hold our guest team member in high regard as a player of the sport but to expect a man to show up on the day and play in the fours, where the players either don't know him or don't know his game play, is not wise.

If anything, he should have been put in the singles to give the other players a chance to get to know him . . . he represented Hawke's Bay in the singles discipline for years.

I realise Steve Goldsbury was unavailable, recovering from knee surgery, but some very good players weren't even considered or asked if by chance they could play. You won't know unless you ask.

It was also good to see former Gisbornite Dwayne Cameron, now living in and representing Hawke's Bay, back on Gisborne greens.

Two-time national winner and New Zealand rep Cameron showed how he has progressed over the years he has been involved with bowls.

He and his team didn't disappoint. They were steady, they were strong, they were better . . . but so were our women.

Men's health Movember match focus

CRICKET by Jack Malcolm

ORGANISERS of the Movember Charity Cricket game say they reached their fundraising goals on Sunday.

They wanted to raise at least \$3000 for the cause of men's health awareness, and while the final totals have yet to be tallied, they believe they made it.

"We're at \$2200 on the (Movember) page, \$650 from player registrations and about \$600 from eftpos. So it's safe to say, we hit the \$3000 target," said organiser Tyler Phelps.

He said they were just waiting on the final tally from eftpos transactions to know the exact amount raised.

The match was played in high spirits, even though rain fell for much of the afternoon, he said.

"People were generous with donations." Someone paid \$50 for a beer then said, "Give the rest to players' beers".

"It went really well, bar the weather and a couple of lightning strikes in the background, but we played through," Phelps said.

"Everyone helped pack up. All in all, it was a great day with a bunch of people coming down to support."

Qatar to host World Cup prep

FOOTBALL

BERLIN — Qatar will host a 22-team Arab Cup in December 2021 as preparation for football's 2022 World Cup, FIFA president Gianni Infantino said today.

With the Confederations Cup seemingly canned to provide room for FIFA's expanded Club World Cup, the Arab Cup gives Qatar a chance for a World Cup

dress rehearsal exactly a year before the 2022 event.

"Through football, this tournament will unite over 450 million people from across the region, and we are confident that the FIFA Arab Cup will help to build excitement across the region as we edge ever nearer to hosting the first FIFA World Cup in the Middle East and Arab world in 2022," Infantino said in a statement.

Qatar's World Cup stadiums will be used between December 1 and 18 — the day of the World Cup final a year later.

The 22 participating nations are Algeria, Bahrain, Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

The 16 teams that take part in the final

stage will be split into four groups, with the top two from each qualifying for the quarterfinals.

"Qatar looks forward to welcoming 22 Arab national teams and their fans, and giving them the opportunity to be one of the select teams that will experience what Qatar has prepared to host the FIFA World Cup," Qatari football association president, Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Bin Ahmed Al Thani, said. — DPA

Deep-end lessons for newbies

GOLF by Chris Taewa

WELCOME to the big league. Poverty Bay-East Coast debutants Reef Pohatu and Dwayne Russell are on a learning curve at the men's national interprovincial golf tournament in Auckland, and their education started at the deep end yesterday.

PBEC lost 4-1 to Waikato and 5-0 to defending champions Auckland on Day 1 of the matchplay tournament on the Whitford Park course.

Their only individual point came from Auckland-based No.4 David Solomann, a member of Whitford Park and Waikohu golf clubs.

Solomann is an experienced player for PBEC at masters level and is the vice-president of Auckland Golf. He, Pohatu and Russell were making their national interprovincial debuts.

In the morning round, Solomann defeated Waikato's Logan Madden 5 and 4, while No.3 Pohatu was soundly beaten 7 and 5 by Sam Vincent and No.5 Russell lost 4 and 3 to Ben Slaven.

PBEC No.1 Hukanui Brown lost 6 and 5 to Charlie Smail and No.2 William Brown fell 4 and 3 to Jordan Woodall.

In the afternoon, Hukanui Brown lost 1-down to Jared Edwards, William Brown 3 and 1 to Jimmy Zheng, Pohatu 4 and 3 to Johnny Tynan, Solomann 5 and 4 to Jaeseung Na and Russell 5 and 4 to Joshua Leitch.

Russell was originally team reserve but was promoted to No.5 after Thomas Donovan withdrew for personal reasons.



AWKWARD STANCE: Hukanui Brown plays out of a bunker during the Poverty Bay-East Coast Open on the Awapuni Links course. Brown is playing No.1 for Poverty Bay-East Coast at the national interprovincial tournament on Auckland's Whitford Park course this week. His two losses on Day 1 included a 1-down result yesterday afternoon against defending champions Auckland. Picture by Paul Rickard

Former professional rugby player Russell said he was only a couple over in his morning round but a poor front nine in the afternoon put him well behind and he "couldn't peg it back".

Rotorua Boys' High student Pohatu knew he would face a formidable challenge but rather than be daunted by it, he is trying to embrace it.

In reaction to yesterday's defeats, the 17-year-old said: "I found out what I need to improve on tomorrow."

PBEC team manager Dave Keown praised Pohatu for his efforts against Auckland.

"He lost the second hole but stayed 1-down through to the turn and hung in for a long time."

Russell was "green" but took a lot from yesterday's experience, Keown said. "He needs to play his own game and not be influenced by what his opposition is doing . . . stick with his game plan."

Keown said that with PBEC playing no interprovincial quadrangulars these days, PBEC players — particularly the newbies — went in on the back foot compared with most, if not all, of their opposition.

"They have to learn it here. There's nowhere else to learn it."

"It's a totally different atmosphere. "We're playing some class acts . . . but they can foot it with these guys. It's just a matter of not being overwhelmed."

William Brown, playing in his 12th consecutive national interprovincial at just 27 years of age, described his play yesterday as "not too bad".

He was a little unlucky against Auckland, losing his ball in trees on his 17th hole.

"He (Zheng) started par, birdie, birdie, so I was an early 3-down and it pretty much stayed that way for the remainder of the game."

Hukanui Brown, at the top of the order, was a little disappointed with his play but felt he would "only get better".

He was well beaten in the morning but in Round 2 fought back from 3-down to square the match before losing on the last.

Solomann immediately showed his value to the side, playing what he described as "solid" golf in his victory.

Play was delayed for over an hour in the afternoon because of heavy rain.

PBEC were to face Wellington this morning and North Harbour this afternoon.

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WEATHER FOR TOMORROW

25 Nov, 2020

NZ SITUATION
A low continues to cross northern New Zealand tomorrow, moving away to the east by the end of the day as a front approaches the lower South Island. The front moves north across the country on Friday and into Saturday with a strong southwest change.

MIDNIGHT TONIGHT

NOON TOMORROW

GISBORNE TIDE MOVEMENT

Thursday Nov 26		Friday Nov 27	
am	pm	am	pm
Hicks Bay	H 4:21am 4:41pm L 10:29am 11:02pm	Hicks Bay	H 5:14am 5:29pm L 11:22am 11:49pm
Waipiro Bay	H 4:08am 4:28pm L 10:04am 10:37pm	Waipiro Bay	H 5:01am 5:16pm L 10:57am 11:24pm
Tolaga Bay	H 3:56am 4:16pm L 9:52am 10:25pm	Tolaga Bay	H 4:49am 5:04pm L 10:45am 11:12pm
GISBORNE	H 3:38am 4:01pm L 9:46am 10:18pm	GISBORNE	H 4:31am 4:49pm L 10:38am 11:06pm
Wairoa	H 3:20am 3:44pm L 9:32am 9:59pm	Wairoa	H 4:10am 4:32pm L 10:23am 10:46pm

SUN-MOON-MAORI FISHING GUIDE

Sun		Moon	
Rise 5:39 am	Set 8:12 pm	Rise 5:39 am	Set 8:13 pm
Best at 9:48 am	10:08 pm	Best at 10:28 am	10:49 pm

GISBORNE READINGS

Taken at the Airport, for the 24 hours to 9am, Wednesday 25 Nov 2020

SUNSHINE hours	5.0
To date for November	194.1
Average for November	215.0
To date this year	2159.1
To date last year	2309.4

WIND km/h
Max gust on Tue 24 Nov E 31

RAINFALL mm
24 hours to 9am, Wed 25 Nov 10.6

To date for November	86.6
Average for November	63.0
To date this year	817.2
To date last year	709.0

EVAPOTRANSPIRATION mm
Daily average for past week 4.3

TEMPERATURE °C
Maximum 18.9
Minimum 11.7
Grass minimum 11.3

BAROMETRIC PRESSURE
At 9am 25 Nov (hPa) 1012.3
At 9am 25 Nov (inches) 29.89

WORLD TOMORROW

Adelaide	fine	17	33
Amsterdam	drizzle	6	10
Bangkok	showers	24	32
Beijing	cloudy	-4	4
Berlin	cloudy	1	8
Brisbane	fine	19	29
Buenos Aires	fine	18	27
Cairo	showers	15	21
Canberra	showers	11	30
Cape Town	showers	13	21
Delhi	drizzle	9	25
Frankfurt	cloudy	1	6
Geneva	cloudy	2	8
Hong Kong	fine	22	27
London	showers	2	9
Los Angeles	fine	9	20
Melbourne	fine	16	21
Moscow	rain	-3	1
New York	rain	11	16
Paris	fine	3	10
Perth	fine	15	27
Singapore	thunder	24	33
Stockholm	showers	6	8
Suva	thunder	23	29
Sydney	fine	16	28
Tokyo	fine	10	17
Toronto	showers	5	7

GISBORNE CITY

TOMORROW	morning min 15 max 25	FRIDAY	morning min 15 max 26	SATURDAY	morning min 12 max 18
Mostly cloudy. Northwesterlies.		Fine. Light winds.		Morning showers with fresh SW, then clearing with easing winds.	

GISBORNE REGION

Mostly cloudy. Northwesterlies.	Fine. Light northwesterlies.	Morning showers with a strong southwesterly, then clearing with easing winds.	Fine spells, but late scattered rain. Northwesterlies developing.
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GISBORNE SUN PROTECTION ALERT

8:50 AM - 4:55 PM PROTECTION REQUIRED Even on cloudy days Data provided by NIWA

TODAY IN HISTORY

1994 - In contrast to the wet and windy conditions experienced over much of central New Zealand during the month, very dry conditions prevailed in most northern and eastern places. Hawke's Bay rainfalls have been below average each month since June of 1994. Gisborne's rainfall occurred on just two days (the 1st and 6th).

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Steven Adams in big-money move from Oklahoma City Thunder to New Orleans Pelicans

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OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

Holmes a contender in fifteens and sevens

RUGBY by Jack Malcolm

WHEN Renee Holmes had to return home from Japan in the midst of a pandemic, she didn't know how much her life would change.

For many, Covid-19 has brought a difficult time of uncertainty, but Holmes has made the most of it and earned her first cap for the Black Ferns.

The Gisborne-raised sports star said she had a split focus on sevens and rugby before starting her Farah Palmer Cup season for Waikato.

She had just returned home from Japan where she was preparing to play a second season of sevens professionally and was excited to be playing rugby in New Zealand again, albeit unexpectedly.

A stellar season thrust her into the discussion for Black Fern selection, but she never thought it would happen so soon.

Last Saturday in Nelson she ran on to the pitch wearing No.15 on her black jersey and played the full 80 minutes.

Every step of the way Holmes has talked about how fortunate she was, with no expectations of making it any further than she already had.

That humility and her desire to soak up as much knowledge as she could helped her rise quickly through the ranks and into a starting place with the Black Ferns.

Holmes had spoken in the past about juggling her sevens and rugby, saying it was a tough balance.

She is still walking that tightrope, having been selected to play in the upcoming Red Bull Ignite7 tournament, where she won the MVP (most valuable player) award last year.

What is certain is that this sporting prodigy has shown she has all the makings of success.

REALISATION OF A DREAM:
Renee Holmes sets off on a run for the Black Ferns against the Barbarians.
Picture by Kane Hames

