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FREEDOM OF THE CITY: With lowered flag, officers and crew of Royal New Zealand Navy vessel HMNZS Manawanui march past Mayor Rehette Stoltz in a ceremonial "charter parade" yesterday. In a tradition that arose from the medieval practice of granting respected citizens freedom from serfdom, the Mayor hands over the charter to Lieutenant Commander Andrew Mahoney (inset right). The charter is a symbolic gesture that represents handing over the keys to a military body, allowing it the freedom to parade through the city. In attendance at the ceremony were Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and her fiancé Clarke Gayford (inset left).

Pictures by Paul Rickard

Jailed for attack on tourist

THE 17-year-old youth who inflicted serious stab wounds to a French tourist — who requires further surgeries five months on — has been jailed for two years and one month.

Preston Taiapa, now aged 18, appeared in Gisborne District Court yesterday for sentencing on charges of wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm, attempted aggravated robbery and dangerous driving causing injury, all committed on the night of June 22 this year.

Judge Warren Cathcart said it was 8.30pm when Christophe Luc Francois Bretille, about to enter Jetts gym in Gladstone Road, agreed to a request by Taiapa to drive him home.

The 32-year-old Frenchman drove to a Belfast Crescent address where he was offered and accepted cannabis.

Taiapa asked him to drive on to Midway

Beach, and then "to the river mouth".

He felt uncomfortable about going to the remote location and turned around.

Taiapa asked him to drive to Dalton Street, on to Herschell Road and back to Belfast Crescent where Taiapa told him to "get out of my car".

The youth tried to stab the tourist who was able to drive away, but not before Taiapa was able to get back into the car and begin the stabbing and punching attack.

Taiapa grabbed the steering wheel of the vehicle, which was travelling at an estimated 70kmh.

The car crossed the centre line and crashed into a house in Ranfurly Street.

Taiapa ran back to Belfast Crescent and the Frenchman was taken to hospital.

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UNIQUE: Whakairo (carving) student Meka Mauriri with his mahi toi "Pou Tuere — Gone but never Forgotten".
Picture by Paul Rickard



DIFFERENT: Rauangi (mixed media) student Jody Tupara with her mahi toi "Oioi Te Wainuku, Oioi Te Wairangi".
Picture by Paul Rickard

Whakairo, rauangi, raranga

Art students adapt to meet Covid-19 challenge

by Matai O'Connor

THE three disciplines of whakairo (carving), raranga (weaving), and rauangi (mixed media) are on display at the Toimatapu exhibition at Te Wananga o Aotearoa Whirikoka Campus until December 4.

Taura (students) of the Toimatapu school have worked throughout the year to create the mahi toi (artwork).

The exhibition is open to the public and the works are available to buy.

To start their exhibition, a charity auction was held last week and all proceeds were donated to Hospice Tairāwhiti and the 28 Maori Battalion C Company Memorial House.

Whakairo tutor Tiopira Rauna says the exhibition shows the accomplishments of the taura who worked hard throughout a challenging year.

"They worked online, which meant in the middle of their studies they had to learn to adapt," Mr Rauna said.

"We have a saying, 'he haka koiri', which means you have to adapt to the environment in which you stand.

"No matter what challenges were being chucked our way we knew we needed to adapt and that is what the students did when they started working online."

All the carving work was done on

native rakau such as pre-fallen totara.

Rauangi tutor Johnny Moetara said the students went in with a passion for indigenous arts.

"A lot of our students found they didn't do well learning in front of a screen. They would rather be in a social atmosphere where they can bounce ideas off one another — where their creative energies flow.

"It takes the three disciplines to make something like this exhibition happen."

Raranga tutor Erin Rauna reiterated the different dynamics of online classes and working from home.

She created weaving videos she shared with the students.

The importance of teaching raranga for her was about "retaining culture and traditions and passing them on to others to keep alive".

Like the other tutors, she encouraged her students to include their tuakiritanga (identity) in their work.

"What makes your weaving different from that of others?"

Raranga student Amanda Rutherford used a mixture of native plants to create her mahi toi, which took about 40 hours of weaving.

"I wanted to explore and showcase the traditional weaving materials that have been used."



CREATIVE: Raranga (weaving) student Amanda Rutherford with one of the mahi toi she made for the exhibition "Tairāwhiti Aroha".
Picture by Paul Rickard

In her journey, she discovered how difficult it was to access materials as they were not as common as they once were.

Anyone wanting to enrol in these courses can call into the Whirikoka campus at 630 Childers Road or telephone 06 867 5960.

LOOKING AHEAD



ALL THE LATEST NEWS, INCLUDING:

- They're growing the Rolls Royce of avocados
- Connections, confidence and jobs from redeployment package seminar
- Stroke Tairāwhiti have a new home
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MONDAY

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Tourist rejected apologies from attacker

FROM PAGE 1

He suffered lacerations and stab wounds to his hands, and near his elbow, a broken jaw, broken teeth and broken nose.

Judge Cathcart said Mr Bretille was not able to work and could not support himself.

He was awaiting more surgery.

His car, which had been bought and modified to serve as his home at a cost of \$7500, was written off.

He had suffered total economic losses of \$22,000.

Crown prosecutor James Bridgman and defence counsel Adam Simperingham agreed a starting point for sentencing was five to six years imprisonment.

Mr Bridgman said aggravating factors included the use of a weapon, serious injuries being inflicted and the breach of trust, although the two men did not have a relationship previous to the stabbing incident.

Mitigating factors for sentencing discounts included Taiapa's youth and guilty plea.

Mr Simperingham said he wanted to acknowledge the severity of the attack by his client.

Taiapa had indicated remorse and apologised several times.

Mr Bretille rejected those apologies and Mr Simperingham said he offered no criticism of the tourist for that.

Taiapa, who had a mild intellectual disability and had a difficult upbringing, realised he was in danger of going to jail.

The issue was whether there were sufficient discounts to get to an end

IN HOSPITAL: Christophe Bretille recovering after the attack in June. He suffered stab wounds to his hands, a broken jaw, broken teeth and a broken nose.

File picture



FRENCH tourist Christophe Bretille was present at Gisborne District Court yesterday when his stabbing assailant was jailed, but left the court disappointed.

Preston Taiapa was jailed for two years and one month, but the Frenchman remains angry and very frightened, says Victim Support service co-ordinator Vicki Crosswell.

He had a lot of mixed emotions.

"It was a very serious assault on him."

He could not work and would have further surgery shortly.

"He was about to start employment when this

happened. He had been in Gisborne for a couple of weeks."

The incident happened on June 22.

"He would have liked to have received reparation because he is (financially) struggling.

"He has a lot of healing to go because he has further surgery booked on his hand and eye in 2021."

Ms Crosswell said Mr Bretille could not go home before his surgery.

He wanted to thank members of the community who had offered him immense help and support.

sentence of home detention (which requires a maximum sentence of two years imprisonment).

Judge Cathcart issued Taiapa with a third strike warning (which requires a person convicted of a third serious

violent, sexual or drugs offence to be sentenced to the maximum available sentence without parole, unless it would be "manifestly unjust") and said it indicated how serious Taiapa's offending was for the lead offence of wounding with intent.

It was an offence with a maximum sentence of 14 years imprisonment.

Judge Cathcart set a starting point for sentencing of six years imprisonment, less 18 months for an early guilty plea.

He said he was concerned about sentencing discounts being automatic and creating an imbalance with the severity of the offending.

The judge granted additional discounts comprising 12 months for Taiapa's youth, while taking into account the gravity of offending, four months for having no previous convictions, two months for expressions of remorse, six months for personal circumstances such as mental health difficulties, struggles with reading, spelling and maths, and a deprived upbringing of poverty, neglect and exposure to alcohol, drugs and gangs, four months for suffering from Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and Foetal Alcohol Syndrome, and one month for an incident with a family member while on bail.

Judge Cathcart imposed a sentence of two years and one month imprisonment, which included concurrent sentences for the two lesser offences.

Taiapa was disqualified from driving for 12 months.

No reparation was ordered as it was considered Taiapa did not have the means to pay.

Tractor comes to grinding halt on city bridge

A VEHICLE broke down at a critical point just off the Gladstone Road bridge yesterday afternoon, causing considerable traffic congestion in that area for about half an hour.

The small tractor crane came to a grinding halt right on the left hand bend in Gladstone Road coming off the bridge and leading into Customhouse Street.

"Around 3.30pm we got a call from someone saying their vehicle had broken down on Gladstone Road, outside the police station," a police spokesman said.

A police officer was put on point duty to direct traffic on to and off the bridge.

Traffic built up for some distance down Wainui Road, along Customhouse Street and also heading east on Gladstone Road.

"The caller had organised their own tow for the vehicle and the road was clear around 4pm," police said.

Heavy vehicle traffic, including log trucks, along with a steady stream of other vehicles, were directed along the main street during the emergency.

MURDER AT MOHAKA

Crown points to 'ready access' to illegal firearms

FATHER of five Michael Huata would not have been murdered if young men in this region did not have such ready access to unlawful firearms, the Crown solicitor for this region said yesterday.

Ben Arundel Lambert, 22, fatally wounded his long-time associate Mr Huata, 29, by shooting him in the face at close range on June 18, last year, at Mohaka.

Lambert was sentenced yesterday to life imprisonment with a minimum non-parole period of 10 years by Justice Robert Dobson in the High Court at Gisborne.

In submissions, Mr Steve Manning said the murder and a preceding incident in which someone fired a shot dangerously close to Lambert's foot, would not have occurred but for the ready, unlawful, access to firearms.

"On this coast, too many times we are in this courtroom as a result of young men having ready access to unlawful firearms ordinarily cut down — either a shotgun or .22 rifle.

"Sadly, this offender had access to such a firearm and chose to use it," Mr Manning said.

The sentence imposed also covered a charge of common assault and one of intentional damage (to a car) arising out of an incident, which sparked trouble two days before the murder.

Lambert and a relative of Mr Huata's, Hirini Rocky Taurima, 38, got into a brawl after Lambert accused Mr Taurima of stealing a tyre. Lambert assaulted Mr Taurima by punching him in the face and extensively damaged his car by taking an axe to its windows and jumping on it.

There was another incident between the pair the afternoon of the murder in which Mr Taurima fired a shot dangerously close to Lambert's foot and kicked Lambert in the face. (Taurima was later charged for that offending.)

That evening, as it was getting dark, Mr Taurima's household received a threat involving a firearm.

Concerned for three children there, Mr Huata drove from Wairoa to the house.

But soon after arriving he went across a paddock to ask neighbours for cigarettes and happened across Lambert who was hiding behind a vehicle no one recognised, holding a sawn-off gun, and watching Mr Taurima's house.

Lambert later told police he confronted Mr Huata and told him to get Mr Taurima.

Mr Huata ignored his threats to use the gun, and continued silently walking towards him.

Given the earlier incident with Mr Taurima, he was worried Mr Huata might be armed, Lambert said.

After shooting Mr Huata, Lambert fled in his car, abandoning it about 10kms away. He walked home for several hours across farmland, changed into fresh clothes he had taken, and threw the gun in a stream.

Mr Huata died in Wairoa Hospital a short time later.

Lambert handed himself in to police 11 days later but did not plead guilty until a scheduled jury trial in September last year.

The murder has caused tension between Mr Huata's whanau and Mr Lambert's whanau, which was evident from an increased police and security guard presence in court and from comments made by Mr Huata's relatives in some of the 14 victim impact statements, read to the court.

Lambert was once considered a member of their whanau, but now meant nothing to them, they said. He had not shown any remorse. They could not forgive him, they said.

Many mentioned the added pain of seeing Lambert, who was on bail all the months he delayed entering a plea, able to get on with his life — even getting married and "plastering it all over" social media, they said, while they were mourning the huge loss of their loved one — the central figure in their whanau — who was "decomposing under a pile of dirt".

Lambert's family could still visit him, touch, and converse with him, Mr Huata was in a grave. They had been given a life sentence with no parole, or second chances.

Mr Huata was a caring, protective, and

handsome man. He made friends easily and did not care what affiliations others had, relatives said. (He and Lambert were both members of Black Power.)

He had a natural ability with children and spent quality time with them.

Relatives said the horrendous image of the gunshot wound was etched in their minds. They were worried about children who saw it when they went with Mr Taurima to Mr Huata's aid.

Mr Manning said Mr Huata was a genuinely innocent victim who had nothing to do with events before the shooting. Lambert had options that did not involve pulling a trigger. Mr Huata made no threat to him, was not armed, and had not said anything to aggravate the situation. He could not be criticised for continuing to advance on a man who was standing on his (Mr Huata's) whanau's property holding a loaded, cut-down, shotgun.

Counsel Susan Hughes QC said Lambert acknowledged his getting married would have rubbed salt into the wounds for the Huata whanau. He pleaded guilty as soon as she was assigned as a more senior counsel.

Lambert was remorseful but his offers to attend restorative justice and to read his letter of apology in court were rejected by Mr Huata's family.

Lambert shot Mr Huata out of panic. He fled without getting Mr Huata help because he knew others nearby would promptly go to his aid, Ms Hughes said.

Justice Dobson noted Huata had no previous convictions for violence. Letters of support described him as a good young man diverted from that course by gang association and poor choices.

Mr Huata's whanau expressed anger at the 10-year minimum period of imprisonment (MPI) yelling it was "pathetic" and "he's gonna be out while he's still youthful".

Ten years is the shortest MPI for murder. In those considered particularly serious, the term must be no less than 17 years.

Counsels agreed on the term for Lambert.

FAMILY NOTICES

Deaths

BEATTIE, Marian Joyce (nee Matthews). — Passed peacefully, on Thursday, 26 November 2020. Beloved mother to Dwayne, Angeline and Lauren, and grandmother to Daniel and Rayan. Survived by sister Lenore (Australia). The funeral service will be held at Manga-papa Union Church, Atkinson Street, at 10am on Wednesday 2nd December followed by private cremation. - **Evans Funeral Services Ltd FDANZ** www.evansfuneral.co.nz

In Memoriam

GUDGEON, Jack Sydney
Five years since you found your freedom. Our diamond shines on. Sue, Kelsey, Tim, Nyla, Ava Sydney-Rose and Emily. Lima, Lacey and Louis. Dean and Gemma. Forever in our hearts.

We would like to acknowledge and extend heartfelt thanks to the following people: ABI Brain Injury Rehabilitation (Auckland). John Miller Law. Heath & Disability Commission, Advocate Margaret Price, O.P.R MH Ward Waikato Hospital, Manutuke Herbs, Health Care Rehabilitation Gisborne, Anne Dickinson and the amazing team: Sam Horsfall, Jodie Wylie, Rongo Wanoa, Margie Barbarich, Grant Marriot, Maraea Edwards, Te Aroha, Tracey Te Kani, Lyn Smith, Jed Christophers (late).

Bereavements

HUKI PERA WILSON
Sunrise 15.1.1966
Sunset 14.11.2020
We would like to take this time to thank all of the people who gave their time, koha and love during this time. To Uncle Johnny and Auntie Bridgie, thank you for all that you have done for us. Without your love, support and guidance, a difficult time would have been unbearable. To the Minister, the Kaikorero and the Kaimahi, we are forever grateful for the love you have shown us through your words and your actions. To the many people who gave koha, thank you for spreading the burden. Lastly, thank you to all those people who we have not had the time to thank personally. Please accept this as a personal acknowledgement of all that you have done for us.

Kaylee, Christina and Rylan



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17.8.1945 to 26.8.2015, 70 years
and James Richard Maxwell Snr
12.9.1940 to 20.8.2020, 79 years

Following the recent passing of Jim on 20 August 2020, we wish to thank family, friends, and the many well-wishers for the wonderful aroha, love, support and blessings shown to the family during that time. The family received an enormous amount of flowers, cards, messages and koha of support, which they are truly grateful for. Thank you to everyone for the love shown. Jim was cremated 22nd of August 2020 with Bonnie having been cremated 26th August 2015.

THE RETURN: This is an invitation to family and friends to come join with us for their return home, returning Bonnie and Jim to their turangawaewae of Gisborne and sharing with us their life followed by the interment of their ashes. A powhiri will be held on Sunday the 27th of December 2020, 10am at Te Poho o Rawiri Marae, Gisborne, Cnr of Ranfurly St & Queens Drive, Kaiti Hill, Gisborne, with all proceedings to follow. Monday 28th December 2020 the main service will be at Te Poho o Rawiri Marae, 10am, followed by a service at Taruheru Cemetery, Nelson Road, for the interment of their ashes and unveiling of the headstone, commencing at 11.30am. Please join us, we would love to see you there.

Loved Mother and Father of Brenda, Lesley and Mohs, Walter and Tui, James and Ellie. Loved and treasured Nanny and Paps of Cole, Tyler, Dylan and Kita, Tanna, Karly, Luther, Sterling-Wiremu, Khendall, Preston and Olivia.

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‘Fascinating, unique contest’

by Mark Peters

THE international part of the Gisborne International Music Competition (GIMC) might be patchy this year but few cities in the world are able to even stage such an event. “This year’s GIMC could be likened to the first-ever New Zealand championship for classical musicians,” says GIMC manager Mark La Roche. “It’s going to be a fascinating, unique and very special contest.” Violins and cellos dominate this year’s event followed by a sprinkling of woodwinds, and a brass section comprising one French horn and one trombone.

All the 40 musicians taking part in this year’s week-long competition are New Zealanders. Some have returned from overseas, and quarantine, to be part of the event. Among them are violinist Anna Lee, who trained in New York and has travelled worldwide taking part in competitions and performing in concerts. She has returned to New Zealand to be part of the GIMC, while cellist Jacky Siu is back home from England where he freelances for the London Symphony Orchestra. The competition is in the War Memorial Theatre. Admission is free for the first rounds from Monday to Wednesday, the semi-final on Friday and the final on Saturday which starts at 7pm.



MATAPUNA MUSICIANS: The Gisborne International Music Competition’s manager Mark La Roche (centre) is joined by Matapuna Training Centre students Frances Waititi and Paora Edwards in a ukulele-driven performance of a popular waiata. Picture by Paul Rickard

Out of the theatre

by Mark Peters

WHILE the week-long Gisborne International Music Competition (GIMC) is held in the War Memorial Theatre the event is also known for its community engagement programme. “We recognise recital in the theatre is not going to attract everyone so we love to take music out of the theatre as well,” says GIMC manager Mark La Roche. In the run-up to this year’s competition week, La Roche and the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra’s community engagement programme leader Cathy Irons ran a three-day creative music residency at Matapuna Training Centre that culminated in a concert yesterday. In previous years, the two have worked on percussion, composition, performance and dance with Cobham School, and Gisborne Girls’ High students. “We’re always looking for new groups that might not be mainstream to work with,” says La Roche. “Matapuna provided an opportunity to work with students at a different level.” Among student and tutor performances yesterday was the experiment that began with lyrics written for a piece about the environment. The words did not feature in the performance. Instead a drumming pattern was derived from the rhythm of the words and this was played by several students and La Roche on an array of upturned plastic tubs. In a momentary pause one musician blew a wooden, flute-like instrument before the percussion section took over again. “The kaupapa is, people live busy, noisy lives. If you stop for a moment you can hear the sounds of the earth,” said La Roche. A clear plastic ruler attached to a string functioned as a purerehua (bull-roarer) in one piece created during the residency, while in another work a student who tapped out a tune on the keyboard was accompanied by a tutor’s



SOAR: With huge support from her audience Matapuna student Riccarda Pohatu grows in confidence as she sings a piece composed as part of the Gisborne International Music Competition’s week-long residency. Picture by Paul Rickard

Beach safety ‘shopping list’ from surf lifesavers

SURF Life Saving New Zealand (SLSNZ) wants Kiwis to consider beach safety when they purchase those beach activity-based Christmas gifts over the next few weeks. SLSNZ has compiled a “shopping list” of common beach activity-themed gifts, along with tips for helping people enjoy their new hobby safely. Chief executive Paul Dalton said beach activity gear can make for a great Christmas gift. “But it’s important to keep your loved ones’ safety top of mind when making a purchase.” The lifeguards’ shopping list starts with Stand Up Paddleboards (SUPs). If you’re gifting someone a SUP, make sure it comes with a leash that’s right for the conditions. Make sure they’re set up with a lifejacket or PFD (personal flotation device). Sea kayak — does your loved one own a lifejacket or personal flotation device? If not, definitely include one as part of their gift.

Surfboard — Surfing New Zealand recommends lessons for first-time surfers, before choosing a board. Surfing lessons make a great gift. **Boogie board** — Is Santa getting the kids a boogie board for Christmas? Make sure he includes fins and an attached leash. A leash that’s attached to the boogie board means your child will have a flotation device if they get into difficulty in the water — and fins will give them extra kicking power so they can swim back to shore. **Inflatable pool toys** — this includes inflatable doughnuts, unicorns and flamingos, as well as old-fashioned inner tubes and lilos. But the key word here is “pool”. Every summer, volunteer surf lifeguards spend hours rescuing people who have been swept out to sea on inflatable pool toys. Even on the calmest of beaches, an off-shore breeze will sweep you out to sea very quickly.

Firefighters called to power line on road

FIREFIGHTERS were called to Stout Street near Pine Street on Thursday after reports a power line had fallen on to the road. The call came in around 1pm and Fire and Emergency NZ sent one crew to the

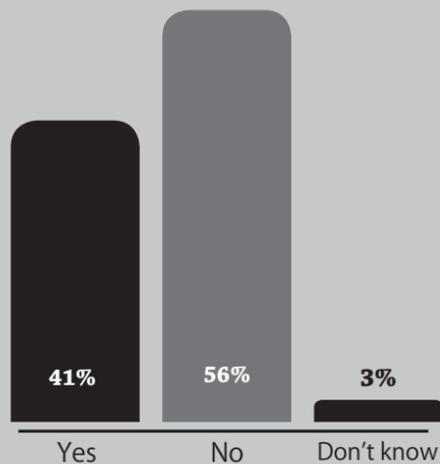
scene. “We stood by until Eastland Network faults staff arrived to make the necessary repairs,” a senior firefighter said. “The line was live.”

whistled melody, Irons on violin and La Roche on drums. At the end of the concert an emotional Dame Bronwen Holdsworth, a GIMC charitable trustee, thanked Matapuna’s student and tutor musicians for “the huge joy they bring”. On Wednesday a group of musicians from the competition will perform at Kiri Te Kanawa Retirement Village and on Thursday, at Elgin School.

ON THE WEB

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

Do you think the council should be introducing Maori wards?



Yes: 234; No: 323; Don't know: 18; Total: 575

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Do you support the Government declaring a climate emergency?

Online polls are not scientific and reflect the opinions of only those internet users who have chosen to participate. Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.

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ON THE STREET

“Do you think it is too early for Christmas decorations and songs?”



TA AKAI HOTU:
“No. It’s good to celebrate it early and sing Christmas songs.”



SHANNON LIGHT:
“No, not really, it’s about that time.”



MATT GODFREY:
“Yes. I guess it’s OK if it brings joy to the people, just not my cup of tea.”



RONGOMAI SMITH:
“Nah. It’s the season to be jolly. It’s been a tough year so why not celebrate early?”



NICK RICHARDSON:
“Yes. There’s no real reason — it’s just too much.”



KAY BARBARA:
“No. I’ve been listening to The Edge radio station in the mornings and it’s so cool to hear what the presenters favourite Christmas songs are.”



DENYS JEFFERY:
“Yes, it loses its mystique. Kids pull Christmas stuff out and pressure their parents.”



JOANNE HAMON:
“No. November is usually when the retail shops start. October is a bit cheeky.”



HEATHER JEFFERY:
“Yes, because I think Christmas is so commercialised and the real meaning has gone out the door. There should be nothing up until at least December, it puts too much pressure on people already doing it hard.”



ARNA ROSS:
“No. My Christmas tree has been up for two weeks. The kids are just too excited.”

‘No’ to Maori wards from webpoll voters

MORE than half of this week’s webpoll respondents said no to the question, “do you think the council should introduce Maori wards?”

Separatism, divisiveness, special privileges and racism were cited by the 323 voters (56 percent) who said no out of 575 respondents.

Another argument from several of those in the “no” camp was Maori share the opportunity with everyone else to be democratically elected to council.

“They are 50 percent of the population, they get a 50 percent say on who sits on the council,” said one respondent.

“Should we have female wards as well?”

“The problem is low voter participation among Maori,” said another.

“There appears to be evidence elsewhere that voter numbers have not increased where Maori wards have been introduced,” was another reader’s comment.

More than one person suggested the introduction of Maori wards was racist.

“I believe all councillors will have agreed to a Maori ward because if they don’t they will then be called racist. What a sad environment we now live in.”

One respondent considered the prospect an insult to Tairāwhiti’s Maori councillors.

“This implies they do not provide a voice for us now.”

Among the 41 percent (234 votes) in favour of Maori wards was the reader who asked “Why the hell not?”

“The difference between council in G-town is some haven’t lived on the Coast to really know what we want, and G-town councillors talking on our behalf. So, yes, bring in Maori wards. About time.”

“But make them hapu-based, and hapu-inclusive,” said another. “We need our tangata whenua communities at the decision-making table.”

Maori wards would be a true reflection of the population, “even though there are a few councillors who are Maori on the council”, said one person while in a similar vein another reader said tangata whenua are treaty partners, “so yes, they need to be represented within the councils”.

The “don’t knows” made up 3 percent (18 votes).

“It all depends on how it comes about and how is it to work. Will it be explained to the ratepayers?” was one of two comments from the don’t know camp.

“I don’t see why we have to have separate races,” was the other.

SAFETY FIRST: Jacob Gibson, Ngamahara Simpson-Kaa (Sonrise School) and Richard Singh (Siteworx Civil) at the safety awareness day at Sonrise Christian School.

Pictures by Liam Clayton



Potae Ave safety day for Sonrise

GISBORNE District Council and contractors Siteworx held a safety awareness day for students of Sonrise Christian School, as work started on the new road link between Potae Avenue and Nelson Road.

The open day provided students with fun and hands-on experience with the machinery that will be used during the \$1.8m project.

Sonrise Christian School deputy principal Andrew Russell said it was an exciting and educational experience for the children.

“Being able to get in the diggers and truck was the highlight of the day and the Siteworx team did an excellent job of keeping them engaged,” he said.

GDC Journeys capital manager Darren Cox said safety during school pickup and drop-off times was a priority.

“The objective of the open day was for the students to gain an understanding of the project, the type of work to be completed and what to look out for,” he said.

Phase one of the road link is the replacement of the Hapara Stream culvert, followed by road preparation works.

The new road will be built with two 3-metre-wide vehicle lanes with recessed parking bays, LED street lighting and



CURIOS MINDS: Keani Pikari, Hoani Munro, Erik Cresswell and Joanna Schokker (Sonrise School teacher aide) check out some of the infrastructure being installed at the Potae Ave-Nelson Road link road.

upgrades to drainage. The project is expected to be completed in April 2021 and will improve access and

traffic circulation in the Lytton West and Nelson Road area, especially around nearby schools.

Mosque attack evidence suppressed for 30 years

by Isaac Davison, NZ Herald

CHRISTCHURCH — Evidence given by ministers and public sector bosses to the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Christchurch terrorist attack will be suppressed for 30 years.

And an interview with the Australian-born terrorist will never be released out of concern it could inspire and assist further attacks.

The inquiry's report was provided to Internal Affairs Minister Jan Tinetti yesterday and will be publicly released on December 8, after first being shared with victims' families and political party leaders.

It will detail any failings by police, spies, and other government agencies in the lead-up and aftermath to the mosque shootings on March 15, 2019, in which 51 people were killed.

In a final minute issued yesterday, commissioners Sir William Young and Jacqui Caine said evidence and submissions by public sector chief executives and current and former ministers would be subject to non-publication orders for 30 years.

National security was cited as a reason for the suppressions. Full publication of the evidence could provide a "how-to manual for

future terrorists", the commissioners said. Those concerns would likely have "dissipated" in 30 years, they said.

They also said they wanted to protect the confidentiality of the people who spoke to the commission.

"We told them that our process was private and that we would not publish in our report what they told us without first going back to them.

"We did this with a view to encouraging candour, which we received."

Islamic Women's Council national co-ordinator Anjum Rahman said the suppressions raised concerns about accountability.

"If there are significant failings, the people at the top are responsible for that. I find it difficult that those people would continue in their roles.

"Also, for past ministers of the Crown who are included in that, there is no accountability for them unless the report itself contains sufficient evidence and submissions that recounts any failings, negligence or incompetence on their part."

Rahman said if the inquiry did not provide necessary accountability, a coroner's inquest could be required. She noted that would be a stressful process and could only occur at the request of victims.

A coroner's inquest would also allow exploration of aspects of the attack which the Royal Commission had ruled out, such

as the role of social media companies or recommendations for gun reforms.

The commissioners noted that some members of Muslim communities, academics and public sector

agencies wanted the inquiry's interview with terrorist Brenton Tarrant to be published.

"Some people are frustrated that, by his guilty pleas, the individual avoided a trial at which the reasons for the terrorist attack might have been explored," their minute said.

The transcript would be provided to the New Zealand Police and the New Zealand Security Intelligence Service to help them improve their knowledge of extreme right-wing and lone actor

terrorists, the commissioners said.

But it would not be publicly released because it included details about how he planned and prepared for the attack and could enable further attacks.

It also included acknowledgements by the terrorist about what he felt were "mistakes" in the way he carried out the terrorist attack — which could be read by potential terrorists as "advice".

Furthermore, his motives and "reasoning" could be used to provide a platform for the dissemination of his views.

A number of individuals involved in the inquiry would also have their identities suppressed, including the police officers who vetted Tarrant for his firearms licence and the people who provided references for him.

The report would be shared confidentially with families and victims before the public release.

"It is only right that they have the space and opportunity to privately reflect on the findings. We ask people to respect their privacy during this time," Tinetti said.

Party leaders would also receive the report before it was publicly released.

Tarrant was sentenced to life imprisonment without parole in August.

Full publication of the evidence could provide a 'how-to manual for future terrorists'.

Tax row as Govt looks at brightline

by Jason Walls, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — A senior Government minister has opened a tax row with National over the possible extension of the brightline test.

The test — introduced by National in a bid to dampen property speculation — means if someone sells a non-family home within five years they have to pay tax on it.

National has seized upon comments made by Revenue Minister David Parker yesterday morning when he defended the Government directing Treasury to look into extending the brightline test.

"We were clear: no capital gains tax, no wealth tax, we didn't say we wouldn't tinker with the details of existing taxes," he told the AM Show.

Parker was being challenged on the policy after senior National MP Simon Bridges accused Labour of breaking its pre-election promise of no new taxes this term.

"We're not promising a new tax. The only thing that is being considered is whether we should extend the period for the brightline test," he said.

Parker argued that the brightline test was not a capital gains tax — it was an "income tax".

But these comments appear to be at odds with comments Finance Minister Grant Robertson made before the election.

Speaking at the launch of Labour's tax policy in September, Robertson was clear about his party's plans on any further tax.

"Labour will not implement any new taxes, or make any further increase to income tax next term."

National's Shadow Treasurer, Andrew Bayly, said Parker's comments show Labour was already wobbling on its election promise not to alter income taxes this term.

A spokesperson for Parker said extending the brightline test was not a new tax: "National is getting ahead of itself because no decision has been made." Earlier this week, Robertson revealed he had asked the Treasury for advice on extending the brightline test.

Bubble-breaking guests and staff stretch rules

by Derek Cheng, NZ Herald

AUCKLAND — Guests, staff and security have been breaching the rules in managed isolation and quarantine (MIQ) facilities about once every 36 hours.

While most of the incidents are considered minor in nature, each breach poses an unnecessary risk of the virus spreading.

There have been 76 incidents of rule-breaking — such as unauthorised mixing and mingling or failing to wear PPE — in 27 of the 32 MIQ facilities across the country since the start of August, according to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. None involve the kind of staff-guest hook-ups that are thought to have sparked the Melbourne outbreak earlier this year that led to almost four months of harsh lockdown.

"Most bubble breaches are minor in nature, such as children from different family bubbles playing in a corridor, or a staff member moving into a space where a guest had been shortly before, such as a lift, not wearing a mask," an MIQ spokesperson said.

Two breaches were in quarantine facilities and 11 were in facilities that had a quarantine wing as well as an isolation wing.

Most of the incidents, 56, involved guests, but nine involved workers and three were by security guards.

It is unclear whether any resulted in a penalty, but the MIQ spokesperson said they were mainly met with an education approach and/or a warning.

The figure is set to climb higher with the latest breaches involving the Pakistan cricket team, which are not part of the tally as they are still being officially investigated.

Six players have tested positive despite testing negative before departing Pakistan. CCTV footage shows them leaving their rooms without masks, mingling and chatting in hallways, and passing items to each other.

And this week there have been further unconfirmed reports of unauthorised mixing and mingling.

"A friend of mine in quarantine in Auckland (who has just done his day 12 test) says they're able to freely mingle with the new arrivals . . . does that seem weird to anyone?" tweeted journalist Damien Christie on Thursday.

Overseas arrivals in MIQ are meant to be kept in separate cohorts to avoid



RULES AND RESTRICTIONS: Defence Force staff are helping run quarantine and managed isolation facilities. Rotorua Daily Post picture

mixing and mingling, which could see Covid-19 passed to a group who have already had a negative day-12 test and are on the verge of re-entering the community.

Otago University Professor Philip Hill was unsurprised by the number of breaches, saying it was a sign of normal human behaviour and the sheer volume of MIQ traffic — up to 7000 people every fortnight.

"You would expect, given the sheer volume of people coming through MIQ, that there would be some unauthorised mingling in MIQ." He added that the official number of MIQ breaches does not include any that elude the watchful eyes of staff or CCTV coverage.

MBIE did not reveal how many MIQ facilities have no CCTV coverage, citing security reasons.

"Most have some form of CCTV coverage but none has 100 percent coverage of every space such as corridors in the property," the spokesperson said.

"The major focus of having the cameras is securing the perimeter of each facility, and coverage of communal areas. More CCTV technology is being placed in the MIQs. We do not rely exclusively on CCTV images alone, as on-site staff are observing constantly in the facilities."

The latest breaches by Pakistani players follow similar behaviour from the West Indies cricket team — caught on CCTV sharing food and socialising in MIQ hallways — earlier this month.

It has prompted public health experts to call for stricter rules for visitors from Covid-19 hotspots.

"This is in addition to the eight border-control failures we've had since (the end of July), so we really need a major re-look at the system," Otago University Professor Nick Wilson told RNZ. "It's a system design problem. We shouldn't be relying on people being good."

He and public health colleagues at Otago University — in a blogpost called Time to stop dodging bullets? — have been pushing for a risk-based "traffic light" border system to reduce the number of infected arrivals.

The proposal includes pre-departure quarantine and testing for those coming from high-risk countries, which wouldn't stop Covid from coming into the country, but would add another protection layer.

Covid-19 Response Minister Chris Hipkins has said imposing pre-departure rules for returning Kiwis may affect their right to come home.

He has described New Zealand's MIQ system as as strong as it's ever been.

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Record numbers register for apprenticeships

CHRISTCHURCH — Polytechs are trying to make more space available as record numbers sign up for apprenticeships.

The number of people signing up for apprenticeships has doubled to 17,000 after the Government in June made them fees free for the next two-and-a-half years.

Taumaloto Tiatia has always wanted to be a plumber but feeling family pressure to enter a profession, he became an English language teacher instead.

“Being a Pacific Islander growing up in the traditional Samoan family in South Auckland, the pressure for us is to go to university, to get that paper on the wall to make mum and dad happy, even though it’s not what you wanted to do.”

At the age of 35, Tiatia was already considering a career change when Covid-19 hit.

With the supply of new migrants wanting to learn English suddenly drying up, his hand was forced, and there was nothing for it but to apply for a six-month pre-trades course at Ara in Christchurch.

Yesterday was his last day on the course and he was hoping his life experience and time as a teacher would

give him an advantage over others when looking for an employer to take him on as an apprentice.

He was also confident his mum and dad would still be happy with his new career choice.

“I think it’s that whole perception of if you go to university, you wear a tie, it’s that prestige, and so forth, but it’s actually not. If you’re talking about long-term security, you’ll get that within the trades.

“There’s good money that’s here. It’s more than just labouring, you know, picking up a shovel and drain laying, you’ve actually got to do a lot of maths.”

Lawrence Ford waited even longer than Tiatia before deciding on a career change, opting at the age of 49 to

switch from being a painter decorator to a plumber.

“During the lockdown, it gave us all an opportunity to think things through. And then I found out that the Government was going to have to do something to move people from different professions and retrain. It really helped.”

Lawrence already had an employer willing to take him on as an apprentice and believed the fact he was not fresh out

“After years of struggling to find enough suitable people to take on as apprentices, it was great to have more mature candidates coming through.”

—Mark Whitehead



BURSTING AT THE SEAMS: The number of people signing up for apprenticeships has doubled to 17,000. File picture

of school had helped.

Ara manager of Electrical and Plumbing trades Sean Flanagan said demand was stronger than ever from those looking to make a mid-life career change.

“Normally, we still have quite a few spaces leading up to Christmas and they would be filled around Christmas or just after. At this stage we are pretty full for next year. So we’re looking at ways that we can address those issues and take more students.”

Employers were also benefiting.

Up to 18,000 of them were being subsidised up to \$12,000 in year one and \$6000 in year two, if they took a chance on an apprentice.

Whitehead Plumbing owner Mark Whitehead said after years of struggling to find enough suitable people to take on as apprentices, it was great to have more mature candidates coming through.

“It’s the difference between night and day really. Someone that’s coming out of school, they don’t necessarily always have the same work attitude.

“They don’t have the same communication skills. They might not have the same ethics around working with other people. Whereas someone that’s been in the workforce, they have had those rough edges knocked off them and they tend to have a greater desire to move forward and learn faster.”

Of all the trades, plumbing was the one most committed to training New Zealanders ahead of simply bringing in overseas workers, mostly because overseas qualifications did not cut it here, he said.

He was flat out with work at the moment but was waiting to see how many jobs came his way next year before deciding how many apprentices he would take on. — RNZ

Gang funeral-goers ticketed

AUCKLAND — More than 200 tickets have been issued and three vehicles — with more likely to follow — have been impounded by police after a gang funeral procession sparked alarm and dozens of complaints this month.

Hundreds of Tribesmen gang members in cars, utes and on motorbikes, took part in the procession in Auckland on November 7. Video footage shot at a North Shore intersection showed people hanging out of windows and burnout smoke.

The procession was to honour Tribesmen gang member Merc Papa-Hugh Lei-Tama Maumasi-Rihari, who died while riding with other gang members on SH1 in Canterbury the weekend before. The 21-year-old died after his motorcycle and a car collided.

Police monitored the procession, including filming it and using the Eagle helicopter, on the day.

Yesterday afternoon they announced action was taken against some of those involved.

“Waitemata East Police have been making follow-up inquiries in response to complaints

from the community relating to dangerous driving behaviour across the North Shore (on November 7),” Waitemata East acting area commander Inspector Simon Walker said.

“The reports related to a very large gang funeral procession involving more than 100 motorcycles and 150 vehicles.”

Police received more than 40 complaints from the public in relation to dangerous driving activity, including vehicles being driven on the wrong side of the road, intersections being blocked, passengers sitting outside vehicle windows, dangerous overtaking, motorcyclists not wearing helmets and sustained loss of traction close to pedestrians, Walker said.

“Over the past few weeks, Waitemata police have been investigating these complaints and reviewing footage of this activity.

“As a result, more than 200 infringement notices have been issued to drivers involved in this gang procession.”

More than a dozen vehicles had also been identified as being involved in serious driving offences, he said. — NZ Herald

Samoa reports second positive Covid-19 case

APIA — Samoa has reported a second positive case of Covid-19 — a traveller from New Zealand. The case is a man in his 70s.

The information was released by Samoa’s director-general of health, Leausa Toleafoa Dr Take Naseri, at a media conference streamed online.

Naseri said the man was in isolation — as was his wife, who had tested negative for the virus.

The male patient had underlying health conditions, for which he took regular medication.

Other than that, Naseri said, the man was not showing visible symptoms of the virus.

— NZ Herald

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GISBORNE FINANCIAL SERVICES TEAM: From left are Paul Mullooly, James McIntosh, Abha Raj, Kourtney Shore, Jeremy Castles, Shelley Mullooly, Matt Pierard, Joni Engelbrecht, Lindy Neilson, Vicki Dobson and Nicki Baty. Picture by Paul Rickard

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Man charged with historical abuse at Dilworth School dies

by Chelsea Boyle, NZ Herald

AUCKLAND — One of the men charged after a police investigation into alleged historical sexual offending at Dilworth School has died.

The man — who still has name suppression — died on Thursday.

He had earlier been diagnosed with cancer.

A single charge against the man alleged that between the start of 1975 and the end of 1976 he had indecently assaulted a boy in Auckland.

In mid-September, Detective Senior Sergeant Geoff Baber announced seven men had been charged after

an investigation dubbed Operation Beverly that focused on allegations of historical abuse at the school.

Dilworth School was opened in 1906 with the aim of helping boys from disadvantaged families.

However, police alleged a number of serious offences occurred in four different decades, spanning from the 1970s to the 2000s.

Six of the men — including the deceased — denied the allegations against them. However, one man — former assistant principal Ian Wilson — was convicted after pleading guilty to two charges involving indecent acts.

He will be sentenced next year.



DIFFICULT DECISION: The World Animal Protection group said it was 'unforgivable' that elephants Anjalee (pictured) and Burma would be relocated from Auckland Zoo. NZ Herald picture

Zoo's repatriation is 'unforgivable'

by Eva Corlett, RNZ

AUCKLAND — An animal rights group is dismayed Auckland Zoo is relocating its two elephants — Burma and Anjalee — overseas, saying it will cause the animals distress.

The zoo attempted to start a breeding programme in 2011 but problems have meant both elephants will need to live with a family herd at another facility overseas.

The two female Asian elephants have become fixtures of the zoo — often sighted by those walking the neighbouring Western Springs Park.

Auckland Zoo director Kevin Buley said it was a hard decision to make but both elephants needed a family herd for their long-term wellbeing.

"Over the past five years, changing circumstances beyond our control mean that we are no longer in a position to give them the long-term future they need," Buley said.

Anjalee needed to have a baby soon to avoid long-term reproductive health troubles, which elephants face if they do not breed.

But the World Animal Protection group said it was "unforgivable" that the elephants had to embark on an overseas relocation that would be "stressful for both animals".

"This could have been avoided," its head of campaigning, Ben Pearson, said.

The group raised concerns with Auckland Council about problems with in-captivity breeding and the welfare of the animals 10 years ago, Pearson said.

"Our major concern was that we didn't want Auckland Zoo to breed a family of captive elephants.

"The idea they would breed a whole new generation in captivity is something we were totally opposed to," he said.

The success rate for breeding elephants in

captivity is poor, he said, and this situation underscores that fact.

"Our concerns were correct and well-placed at the time and it's a shame that Anjalee was brought down here in the first place."

Pearson said this wasn't a "told you so" moment but an occasion to reflect on how wild animals don't belong in captive environments, especially large animals such as elephants.

"Once you actually keep an animal in captivity, to the point where it can't be released into the wild, particularly when you breed them in captivity, you're faced with an impossible position — you can't release them into the wild but keeping them in captivity is a poor option as well."

He said the animals would have become habituated now to Auckland Zoo and its keepers, and being uplifted could cause them stress and confusion.

But Auckland Zoo stood by its decision to attempt the programme. It said it helped raise awareness of international elephant conservation efforts.

Three million people had interacted with the two elephants since 2015, and the zoo's internal research shows 1.5 million of those went on to take conservation action, Buley said.

"In my humble opinion, that's a pretty amazing success. We could in no way mark the programme as a failure, since we've had Anjalee with us."

But Pearson rejected the idea that conservation efforts can be boosted by seeing animals in captivity. He added that anyone can see and appreciate the wonder of wild animals through a good nature documentary.

Buley said the pair of elephants had "exceptionally happy" lives at the zoo, which made it difficult to send them overseas to ensure their long-term health.



All eyes on Santa parade

AUCKLAND — Santa will ride through Auckland streets as usual tomorrow, brushing aside coronavirus fears.

The city's annual Santa Parade is expected to draw crowds of more than 100,000 people.

Veteran parade organiser Pam Glaser, who is running her 32nd parade, says this year's event has drawn media interest from as far afield as China and Germany because it will be "one of the few Christmas parades internationally this year. They are delighted that there is some Christmas cheer."

She said QR codes would be stuck on lamp posts throughout the route.

Spectators have to wear masks if they travel on public transport, but will be free to take them off if

they choose to while they watch the parade.

However, Auckland University microbiologist Dr Siouxsie Wiles advised adults and teenagers to keep their masks on to "help reduce chances of transmission should somebody (infectious) be at the parade".

Glaser said Covid-19 had produced a surprise bonus for the parade — a giant helium-filled Peppa Pig from Canada. "It's been impossible for us to secure her previously because she has been in all the Thanksgiving parades. Now that they are not taking place, she's free to come to us for the first time," she said.

Seven Sharp presenter Hilary Barry will lead the parade, making her debut in the role of Grand Marshal. — NZME

'TIS THE SEASON: The Auckland Santa Parade is set to draw crowds of more than 100,000 people. NZ Herald picture

Visa system frustrating couples split by Covid

by Gill Bonnett, RNZ

AUCKLAND — New Zealand citizens and residents say the Government's solution to reuniting them with their overseas partners has led to unexpected, unfair and dangerous consequences.

Some are crying foul over a two-tier system allowing border exemptions to partners from richer visa-waiver countries.

Those left out of the exemptions say they are resorting to flying into Covid-19 danger zones to live, sort visas and return with their partners.

It has been an emotional rollercoaster for some couples, who were caught up in the saga of arranged marriages that culminated in a government decision to grant visitor visas to overseas partners.

A change in decision-making rules on partnership visas last year, and comments from then-coalition partner New Zealand First led to that decision, and a reassessment of up to 1300 refused visa applications.

Many couples were then given the chance to live together in New Zealand, with the partner on a visitor visa, and use that time to meet the requirements for a partnership visa.

It looked like a reprieve, and many couples thought they were reaching the end of their wait to be reunited — but it is partly that solution that has led to another year apart.

When the border closed, partners preparing to join their New Zealand-citizen or resident spouses only held visitor visas — which have since expired — and subsequent changes to allow exemptions for partnership visa holders have not helped them.

One man, who asked not to be identified, has been waiting two years for his wife to join him from India after their arranged marriage in December 2018.

His wife was finally granted a visitor visa in February but then the border closed. He decided to return to his home country and apply for her border exemption while he was there, but her visitor visa had expired by then — and his annual leave had also run out — so he could not await the necessary approvals.

It cost him \$6000 in flights and quarantine and he came back empty-handed.

"Somehow my employer let me go and did arrangements for me for four weeks so they were disappointed that she couldn't come with me. I've been back

home three times and was unsuccessful every time.

"So you end up spending all your savings and then you come back without any result."

Another New Zealand citizen, originally from India, said there was a 2000-strong Facebook group of affected couples and it was becoming more and more common for the New Zealand partner to go to the home country to fetch their spouse.

"Everyone is travelling back to India," he said. "That's the only option Immigration's leaving us."

"When you reach there you apply, wait for a couple of months until they are approved and travel together with your partner."

Those left out of the exemptions say they are resorting to flying into Covid-19 danger zones to live, sort visas and return with their partners.

"What a stupid thing. Why do you want to risk two lives, why do you want a New Zealander to travel back to India to fetch their partner and come back? What's the logic behind that?"

His wife had resigned from her job and sold her house in readiness for a flight in March but the border closed.

"Eventually her visa lapsed in October. At this moment, we've been living apart for 17 months. I'm alright here because I've got a job, but she had to lose everything, her job and her house."

No explanation had been given about why partners from Australia and visa-waiver countries had been allowed a border exemption, he said.

When his wife applied for a critical-purpose border exemption, it was refused because he would not be accompanying her and the refusal expressed doubts about their relationship — despite it having been recognised in the earlier visa approval.

"They are allowing the partner to travel by themselves from 60 visa-waiver countries, so if you're from the United States or the UK, your partner can travel alone. But if you're from India, which is not a visa-waiver country, or a few other Asian countries, the only option they give you is to go back and fetch your wife."

"There are so many stories on the

Facebook group. People have sold their houses and resigned from jobs, sold everything, gone back to India, and they are waiting three or four months for the visa to issue and they come back over here."

That risked not only health through Covid infections, but also homelessness and unemployment, he added.

Immigration lawyer Alastair McClymont said many people's hopes had already been raised and dashed twice following the arranged marriage saga last year.

"It was people from the South Asian countries in particular that were stuck because they tended to go back and find partners overseas because they were not living in India," he said.

"Their partner applied for a visa but they were not allowed to come in so the Government created a culturally-arranged marriage visa category. It was claimed that that solved the problem but that wasn't really the problem at all. It wasn't about arranged marriages, but that the couples were not living together after the marriage — because the sponsor returns to New Zealand. Those same people are also stuck over the travel exemptions."

RNZ asked Immigration Minister Kris Faafoi when those people would hear about exemptions and why partners from visa-waiver countries were being treated differently.

In a statement, he said Covid-19 had created huge disruptions, damage and risks.

"I feel for such families," he said. "But the Government must maintain the primary priority to keep the virus from spreading through our communities. Strict border controls, coupled with managed isolation, quarantining and testing systems are key to that and underpin immigration policy while Covid remains a clear and present global threat."

"Where we can, and it is deemed safe to do so, we are making adjustments to immigration settings. Easing rules around New Zealanders' partners and dependents from Australia and visa-waiver countries was one change which was considered manageable, as is the decision to allow in some normally resident temporary visa holders."

"We will continue to review settings but, at this time, I cannot give specific timeframes or settings where further changes might be made, such as with general visitor visas."

Locals keen to pick fruit ignored and rejected

DUNEDIN — Locals say they are having applications for fruit-picking jobs ignored or rejected, despite moves to allow more immigrant workers into the country.

It comes on the back of complaints from the industry there are not enough pickers.

Orchard owners and recruiters say the reason for the lack of response or failed applications may be an issue of timing, as summer fruits are only starting to be picked now.

The Government will allow up to 2000 seasonal workers to come to New Zealand from Pacific Island nations from January.

Orchardists with summer fruits say that influx of foreign workers is too little, too late, as some have already begun cherry picking.

Local people keen to work picking fruit say they have tried and failed.

A Dunedin woman, Justine, who was made redundant earlier in the year and wanted a cherry-picking job, said she applied at three orchards and was rejected or ignored.

"I just feel like they have got this preconception about Kiwis and their work ethic. They're saying they're desperate but they're not hiring Kiwis and they're trying to get people in that they can pay less."

Justine said she had given up looking for cherry-picking jobs and was looking in other sectors now. — ODT

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Mt Albert Grammar arsonists captured on security camera

AUCKLAND — The head of an Auckland secondary school says security footage has captured images of the arsonists behind a sinister attack on a hostel where boys were asleep.

It is understood accelerant was used to fuel the fire which broke out at the back of a Mt Albert Grammar School dormitory during a rainstorm on Wednesday.

Sleeping teenage boys and staff were forced to flee the burning building in the middle of the night after they were awoken by alarms and the smell of smoke.

The School House hostel was left uninhabitable after it was damaged in the late-night blaze, which police and fire investigators are treating as suspicious.

Security footage captured people on the school grounds near the dormitory just before the fire was lit. Police have been given the footage as part of their probe.

The school's board of trustees chairman Greg Moyle said the school surveillance equipment identified at least two people on the grounds, showing the arsonist was not working alone.

"We're hugely concerned someone could come from outside our school community on to our grounds and perpetrate this sort of act."

Yesterday he reserved high praise

for staff and pupils inside the burning building, saying thanks to the level-headed actions of those in the dormitory, a tragedy was averted.

"They acted incredibly professionally in how they dealt with the incident and as a board we are very appreciative of the staff there and proud of how the students reacted.

"This could have been horrific. As you can imagine, it's extremely concerning.

"We're lucky that it is a quiet time of the year and the boarding facility is not full. It could have been a lot more serious," he said.

"Anything with fire has huge potential for massive damage and loss of life. We take the safety of students very seriously and this is one case where the safety of students was threatened," headmaster Pat Drumm said.

He also praised staff and students for the way they handled the emergency, which had left the entire school community on edge.

Drumm said damage was limited to one part of the building, as the flames were stopped by fire-rated doors.

Moyle said conditions were appalling when the blaze broke out.

"It was raining. To light a fire in the rain would be incredibly difficult," he said.

Sleeping teenage boys and staff were forced to flee the burning building in the middle of the night.



SINISTER ATTACK: Mt Albert Grammar School is at the centre of a police probe after an arson attack on its boarding house. NZ Herald picture

The school had given police security footage showing at least two people near the hostels around midnight before a fire fanned into flames at the rear of the building.

Since the attack, security and surveillance had been stepped up and there was a heightened awareness of people on the grounds of the central Auckland school.

Drumm said counselling and support had been given to affected students, some of whom had exams the following morning.

He said parents of the 70 boarding

students in the hostel at the time the blaze broke out were contacted soon after the incident and staff were addressed when they arrived at school.

"We got together with the group in the early hours and made sure messages were sent to their families, and the director of School House also sent messages.

"You can imagine a family many kilometres away, and it was the lead on the news in the morning.

"I'm just grateful for the housemaster and the director who stepped up that evening and took the boys under their wings." — NZ Herald

Accusations of grandstanding

by Jo Moir, RNZ

WELLINGTON — In a highly unusual move, the Speaker has released correspondence between himself, the Clerk's office and Maori Party MPs over the row that blew up in Parliament.

Speaker of the House Trevor Mallard and the Maori Party are accusing each other of grandstanding after the Maori Party's two MPs walked out of the first session of the new Parliament on Thursday.

Co-leader Rawiri Waititi raised a point of order in te reo Maori when seeking to participate in a debate, but was overruled by Mallard.

He was given a brief opportunity to convince the Speaker to hear him out, telling the House "Kei te motini te pati Maori kia riro i a matou, 15 miniti ki nga kaiarahi o te pati Maori i roto i tenei wahanga whakautu korero", roughly translated as "to pass a motion so that the Maori Party leaders can have 15 minutes to speak in the Address in Reply".

But the Speaker cut him off, which prompted Waititi and co-leader Debbie Ngarewa-Packer to leave the chamber, in a dramatic start to the Maori Party's return to the halls of power.

Under the rules, party leaders with more than six MPs get 30 minutes to speak and smaller parties would only get the chance if time allowed before the House rises at 5pm.

However, because Waititi and Ngarewa-Packer are new MPs, if they spoke in the Address in Reply debate that would constitute their maiden speech and these were not scheduled until at least next week.

Waititi tried to secure a speaking slot based on a standing order that such decisions do not discriminate against a minority party.

The correspondence began last week when the Clerk of the Office emailed with details of the plan for Thursday's speeches, explaining why they would not get a guaranteed spot in the debate.

Waititi replied: "The only Party being banned from the Address in Reply debate is Te Paati Maori . . . all other four parties are Pakeha-led and dominated. These parties get 30 minutes speaking time, Maori get nothing."

He went on to say the exclusion of his party was "disturbing and absolutely contradictory to our understanding of our participation at Parliament".

"Our Maori people clearly expressed a view that their liberated, unapologetic voice should be heard, not suppressed. You would appreciate then how these rulings are offensive to us because they pursue an agenda of oppression of tangata whenua."

He went further, saying the decisions were being made before the Speaker had been elected



MISUNDERSTANDINGS: Speaker of the House Trevor Mallard and Maori Party co-leaders Debbie Ngarewa-Packer and Rawiri Waititi have accused each other of grandstanding after a walk-out. NZ Herald pictures

and were "decisions based, not on the will of the electors, but on the prejudice and racism of a previous order".

The email was signed off with an instruction that the Maori Party co-leaders could not "participate in any Parliamentary proceedings unless we are treated equally".

That led Mallard to weigh in, although at this point he was still not officially elected as Speaker.

He warned the Maori Party that if he was successful and the co-leaders planned not to participate in any Parliamentary proceedings, there would be consequences for that.

Specifically, Mallard pointed out: "If you chose not to participate and be sworn in then you will not be eligible to speak in Parliament or attend committees as a member.

"You will be aware that at the moment the Maori Party does not have a high enough proportion of the House to be entitled to calls on legislation. I hope we can convince another party or parties to give some of their entitlement."

The business committee met on Wednesday this week, a few days after these email exchanges.

At that meeting Labour offered the Maori Party a permanent speaking slot so it can participate in debates at Parliament.

MPs from across the House give 12 10-minute speeches when legislation is debated.

The calls are divided up based on the size of each party. Labour is given the most, while Act and the Greens are each given one slot.

Because of its size, the Maori Party does not meet the threshold to be given a speaking slot.

But, Labour has offered the minor party half of one of its calls — which would allow one of its MPs to speak for five minutes on any legislation at any stage.

It made the same offer to Act leader David Seymour at the start of the 2017 Parliamentary term, and the Maori Party has accepted the offer.

Following the walkout by the Maori Party from the House yesterday, the Clerk of the House wrote to the co-leaders explaining why they were unsuccessful in their efforts to move a motion during the debate.

He offered to provide them with advice and the correct wording to help with any future motions.

But that drew a reply from Waititi that the Speaker was not accepting of their wish to speak in the Maori language and should have requested a translation before making a ruling.

Neither the Maori Party nor the Speaker seem prepared to make any more compromises and Ngarewa-Packer has warned that the party simply started in the House yesterday as it means to carry on, challenging the way Parliament operates.

Mallard told Morning Report the Maori Party co-leaders were originally down to speak next Thursday, but he had rescheduled that to allow them to speak at 4.30pm on Thursday.

"I made some special arrangements for them to speak yesterday and they said they would only accept those special arrangements if they got to

speak twice and that doesn't happen," Mallard said yesterday.

"... lots of precedents for maiden speeches early, like every person who leads the Address of Reply only has one speech. David Seymour when he was a party leader and a maiden speaker . . . he got his 15 minutes after the other party leaders."

Mallard said if Waititi had chosen to speak yesterday it would have been considered a maiden speech.

"They would have had it right up the front, it would've been prime viewing for all the leaders."

However, Ngarewa-Packer said the Maori Party differs from other small parties since it has co-leaders and they had been hoping Waititi would be allowed to speak yesterday, while she was planning to speak when the bulk of the maiden speeches took place next week.

Mallard said he feels a certain level of frustration at the situation.

"Some of us spent hours replying to emails explaining to people what the situation was, I frankly didn't help my relationship with the Leader of the House in that I changed the schedule to have the ability for the Maori Party to speak yesterday — and then we had that performance in the House."

Mallard said he had given the call to National leader Judith Collins when Waititi rose to his feet to seek a point of order.

"You cannot move a motion in the Parliament by way of point of order in the middle of someone else's speech or while someone else has the floor — it's against the rules," Mallard said.

He did not provide an opportunity for Waititi's words to be translated from te reo Maori into English because it was clear to him that Waititi was moving a motion.

"Imagine the chaos if every time someone was having a speech it was interrupted by out of order points of order.

"From my point of view there's a very clear set of rules that were very carefully explained to the Maori Party and they chose to ignore them."

However, Ngarewa-Packer said she thought Mallard discriminated against the Maori Party MPs by cutting Waititi off without giving an opportunity for translation.

"If this was someone who was a member who was deaf and who rose to speak and sign, you know Mallard would have made sure he heard the point through an interpreter.

"He didn't hear the point through an interpreter and the last time I heard him speak te reo — he is not fluent. Now Mallard is the one grandstanding and making it so much more than it had to be."

— Radio NZ

EDITORIAL

This Government's poverty problem

Strong economy, major challenges

Te Tairāwhiti has shrugged off many of the economic impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic, with surging activity in some sectors post-lockdown seeing us lead the country as the only region to record growth in the year to September, of 2 percent, according to economic consultants Infometrics.

Commercial construction is the major contributor, with a doubling in the number of non-residential consents issued over the 12 months — thanks to Provincial Growth Fund investments, a number of private commercial builds such as at the new, fast-developing Aerodrome Business Park, and major capital projects under way for the council.

Consents for new houses over the 12 months were a low 86, although that will surely be stimulated by strong demand for housing and median prices up an astonishing 45.8 percent to \$560,000 in September, from a year ago.

Our horticulture sector hardly skipped a beat over lockdown and is seeing continued growth, particularly in gold kiwifruit and apples.

Tourism is also remarkably strong, with visitor spend in September up 20 percent on the same month last year. Combine this with an economic rebound and a housing crisis that has seen motel space allotted to emergency housing, and Gisborne city has seen at least 10 nights over the past two months where visitor accommodation was at full capacity.

All this activity, alongside homeowners with added confidence to loosen their wallets, is reflected in consumer spending in the retail sector being up 4.3 percent, compared to -2.7 percent nationally.

Strains in our “extremely busy” construction and trades sector were highlighted in a recent Chamber of Commerce survey. Asked “what is the top thing holding your company back?”, 76 percent of the 63 businesses taking part listed a lack of suitable or qualified staff.

Meeting this demand is critical for a housing crisis that requires a surge in building, and with a good pipeline of commercial construction projects ahead.

■ We also reported this week that our region is worst in New Zealand for the number of teenagers leaving school with no qualifications — at 19 percent, compared to the national average of 12 percent.

While a strong jobs market is thought to be contributing (although Covid impacts have also seen a 19.2 percent increase in people on the Job Seeker benefit), sadly the future career prospects for this large number of our young adults are dimmed considerably by not having NCEA Level 1 to their names.

by Kieran Madden

PRIME Minister Jacinda Ardern is sitting on a shiny mountain of political capital that would, as one editorial pointed out, make Disney's Scrooge McDuck jealous. The problem for Ardern and her Government, is that those arguing for a big spend to tackle child poverty are getting impatient. In their eyes, Ardern is more like Dickens' Ebenezer Scrooge.

Post-election hope was met with disappointment. More than 60 charitable organisations — from Salvation Army to Barnados, food banks to housing providers — wrote an open letter to Ardern and her Ministers of Finance and Social Development asking them to raise benefits before Christmas.

“Before the election, the Labour Party has consistently said there's more work to be done to lift families out of poverty,” the letter said, “you now have the mandate and opportunity to do so.”

Ardern's response? A firm no. She also said “this is not going to be an issue that can be resolved in one week, or one month or indeed one term.”

But what is she waiting for? Some groups



called her response “disconnected”, that it “reeks of privilege”, and yet another that the Government should be “ashamed of the blatant lack of compassion and action for those doing it the hardest”.

This is all made more poignant by the fact that Ardern chose to retain her role as Minister for Child Poverty Reduction, the issue that she said got her into politics in the first place. Here, success is laid out in the Child Poverty Reduction Act that the Labour-led Government passed in 2018 that outlines three- and 10-year targets.

Meeting the 2028 targets requires more than tinkering at the edges. Crucially, the way the income measures have been devised, the only way to meet them is a considerable spend on core benefits.

The Government's advisory group suggested raising benefits by as much as 47 percent, an extra \$5.2 billion every year. For context, \$13 billion was spent on wage subsidies this year.

Treasury modelling suggests that several of the income-based measures are close to meeting the 2021 targets, however the material hardship measures (things like regular meals, clothing and housing) have barely moved, and are only

expected to get worse as a result of Covid-19.

This captures the reality of poverty — that it is about more than income, and even if the Government goes big on redistribution, hardship will likely still remain. This is why multiple measures, and holistic responses, are important.

With Winston Peters and New Zealand First no longer there to “bah, humbug” Labour's progressive policies, Cabinet can no longer blame recalcitrant coalition partners.

Complicating matters, Ardern took revenue-raising policies off the table, ruling out both a capital gains tax and a wealth tax — not just for this term but for as long as she is Prime Minister. So this basically leaves more borrowing and debt.

Child Poverty will be an election-defining, touchstone issue this term. Ambitious targets will need ambitious policies. If the gap between the Governments' talk on this issue and their actions continues, they will be eaten up by a political chasm of their own making.

■ Keiran Madden is the research manager at Maxim Institute, an Auckland-based think tank whose work is oriented towards a conservative perspective on its issues of primary concern, which are education, tax and welfare policy.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, ONLINE COMMENTS

Eye is on 'debacles' for councillors

Re: Ka pai Gisborne District Council, November 24 editorial.

I'm not too worried about who is elected as much as I am worried about what they do. For example, the council building debacle, the recent toilet debacle, the Endeavour models debacle . . . this is without digging very deep.

PJ REED

No excuse now

Re: Climate emergency being recognised, November 27 editorial.

Well said, Editor. With New Zealand at last joining other nations already recognising the emergency, and the majority of our local governments already having done so, there is absolutely no excuse for our GDC councillors not to follow suit and honour the pledge the majority made prior to last year's local government elections. Again I ask councillors, please declare that climate emergency you promised our district.

BOB HUGHES

Impressive two-day show celebrates nature's beauty

Re: The Poverty Bay Horticultural Society Summer Show, November 7-8.

On arrival to te Tairāwhiti via Makaraka along Gladstone Road we were greeted by muted tones of yellows, creams, pinks and a wonderful show of standard white roses reminiscent of bridal bouquets, framed by colonial architecture and manicured lawns.

This reflected the pride and commitment of residents as they demonstrate their appreciation of environs. As we meandered through the quadrants of streets it was evident a fusion of cultural practices in the arts were on exhibit, dressing the walls, lining the main drag, protruding from the hillside as sentinent of the port, and expressing historical epistemologies on the walk and cycle ways.

The fragrant scent of the roses drew us near the enormity of the Showgrounds Park Event Centre. Poverty Bay Horticultural Society incumbent president Rene Babbington made her inaugural opening speech to welcome guests, judges and friends who had generously given of their time, talent, resources and a splendid array of rose and iris specimens alongside floral art displays in a range of themes, and floral Christmas boxes made by children.

I was in awe of the energy, the commitment, the pride and presentation of exhibits set in their cordoned sections for judging, prepared mostly by an experienced, mature group of women and gentlemen.

I urge the budding generation to get involved and work alongside the flowered participants, to have an awareness and appreciation of beauty in nature.

Come on Gisborne, get involved. Patronage can be improved vastly to make this two-day event more successful. Thank you to the PD group for providing your muscle and respect to assist in a worthy cause in your community.

I taught in Gisborne 28 years ago as a newly-trained teacher, before returning to the birthplace of my father in the Bay of Islands. I have tried to return and reconnect every couple of years with friends. My highlights always include a sunrise at Makorori, visits to the urupa of loved ones in outlying areas, catching up with creative friends, feasting on local produce and the catch-of-the-day, and admiring the arts of talented people — inhaling the vibrancy of colour and scents of te Tairāwhiti, which are uplifting for the soul. Thank you Gisborne.

MAHINARANGI KOPA
Kawakawa

On 'minority', monuments

Re: Entitled to support display, November 26 letter.

How are Maori a minority group when we make up 50 percent of this city's population?

ERUERA ARANO

Eruera, the writer did not declare that the minority group was Maori, they will have been referring to the fact only some people were opposed to an Endeavour model going up in Gisborne.

It seems that if you have an opinion that is not in line with Maori thinking these days, you are automatically “racist”.

KEN OVENDEN

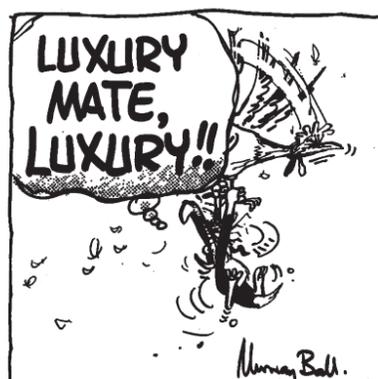
I think that if you have racist ideas you are a racist. The writer did not say Maori, you are right. Whether consciously or subconsciously they used the word “minority”, which in this situation can be interpreted to be Maori.

I am a proud Gisbornite also, of European descent, who does not think we need to celebrate the beginning of the oppression, degrading, and land theft that Cook's arrival set in motion. Should we remember? Yes. Should we celebrate and erect monuments to the glory of it? No.

TIM TAYLOR

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Trump flip-flops back to original election stance

Now says Biden has to 'prove' his 80m votes to get into White House

WASHINGTON, DC — Mere hours after finally conceding the election to Joe Biden if the democrat won the Electoral College vote, Donald Trump has now flipped back to his previous stance and refused to acknowledge he has lost.

Taking to Twitter, Trump said US president-elect Biden could now only get into the White House "if he can prove that his ridiculous '80,000,000 votes' were not fraudulently or illegally obtained".

"When you see what happened in Detroit, Atlanta, Philadelphia and Milwaukee — massive voter fraud — he's got a big, unsolvable problem," said Trump, who lost the election.

Twitter quickly flagged the tweet for containing "disputed" information.

President-elect Biden is currently projected to have received 306 electoral votes and a total of 80,026,721 public votes, while Trump received 232 electoral votes with a total of 73,890,295 public votes.

Despite the numbers and the lack of evidence of widespread voter fraud, Trump continues to make baseless accusations.

Biden will take his oath of office on January 20, in a public ceremony on the West Front of the US Capitol Building in Washington DC.

It is customary for the losing candidate to concede but it is not necessary that Trump does so in order for Biden to move into the White House.

Meanwhile, Trump's legal team has suffered yet another defeat in court as a federal appeals court in Philadelphia roundly rejected the campaign's latest effort to challenge the state's election results.



TWITTER COMMENTS CONTRADICT EARLIER COMMENTS: US President Donald Trump leaves after participating in a video teleconference call with members of the military on Thanksgiving, on Thursday (local time), at the White House in Washington, DC.

AP picture

Trump's lawyers vowed to appeal to the Supreme Court, despite the judges' assessment that the "campaign's claims have no merit".

"Free, fair elections are the lifeblood of our democracy. Charges of unfairness are serious. But calling an election unfair does not make it so. Charges require specific allegations and then proof. We have neither here," 3rd Circuit Judge Stephanos Bibas wrote for the three-judge panel.

The case had been argued last week in a lower court by Trump lawyer Rudy Giuliani, who insisted during five hours of oral arguments that the 2020 presidential election had been marred by widespread fraud in Pennsylvania.

However, Giuliani failed to

offer any tangible proof of that in court.

US District Judge Matthew Brann had said the campaign's error-filled complaint, "like Frankenstein's Monster, has been haphazardly stitched together" and denied Giuliani the right to amend it for a second time.

The 3rd US Circuit Court of Appeals called that decision justified.

The three judges on the panel were all appointed by Republican presidents, including Bibas, a former University of Pennsylvania law professor appointed by Trump.

Trump's sister, Judge Marianne Trump Barry, sat on the court for 20 years, retiring in 2019.

"Voters, not lawyers, choose the president. Ballots, not briefs, decide elections," Bibas said in the opinion, which also denied the campaign's request to stop the state from certifying its results, a demand he called "breathtaking".

In fact, Pennsylvania officials had certified their vote count on Monday for President-elect Joe Biden, who defeated Trump by more than 80,000 votes in that state.

Nationally, Biden and running mate Kamala Harris garnered nearly 80 million votes, a record in US presidential elections.

— The New Zealand Herald, additional reporting by AP

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GLOBAL BRIEFS

Black man's beating at hands of police 'shameful': Macron

PARIS — French President Emmanuel Macron says footage of three police officers beating up a Black music producer in Paris is "unacceptable" and "shameful".

He demanded quick proposals from the government aimed at rebuilding trust between police and citizens.

France should never "resign itself to violence" or "let hatred or racism prosper", he said.

The three officers identified in the video beating Michel Zecler have been suspended and are under investigation.

They were questioned in police custody on Friday (local time).

Interior Minister Gérald Darmanin has told French television that he will press for the officers' dismissal, saying they had "soiled the uniform of the republic".

The incident has led to fresh scrutiny of the security forces. — BBC story via RNZ

'Nations need to stay vigilant'

GENEVA — Even if countries record a fall in coronavirus cases, they need to stay vigilant, the World Health Organisation's (WHO's) technical lead for Covid-19 Maria Van Kerkhove says.

"What we don't want to see is situations where you are moving from lockdown to bringing (the virus) under control to another lockdown," she told a virtual briefing in Geneva.

Nearly 61 million people have been reported to be infected by the coronavirus globally and 1.4 million have died, according to a Reuters tally. "It is in our power to keep transmission low," she said.

"We have seen dozens of countries show us that it can be brought under control and kept under control."

It comes as UK health officials said the country's coronavirus outbreak may have stopped growing for the first time in three months. — AAP

Top Iranian scientist shot dead

ABSARD, Iran — An Iranian scientist named by Israel as the leader of the Islamic Republic's disbanded military nuclear programme has been killed in an ambush on the outskirts of Tehran, authorities say.

Iran's foreign minister alleged the killing of Mohsen Fakhriadeh bore "serious indications" of an Israeli role.

Israel, long suspected of killing several Iranian nuclear scientists a decade ago, declined to immediately comment.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu once told the public to "remember that name" when talking about Fakhriadeh.

Details about the slaying remained slim in the hours after the attack, which happened in Absard, a village just east of the capital that is a retreat for the Iranian elite.

Iranian state television said an old truck with explosives hidden under a load of wood blew up near a sedan carrying Fakhriadeh. — AAP

India struggles amid pandemic

NEW DELHI — India's economy contracted by 7.5 percent in the July-September quarter, following a record slump of 23.9 percent in the previous three months, pushing the country into a recession for the first time in its history.

The contraction occurred despite the government's lifting of a strict two-month lockdown imposed across the country in March after the outbreak of the pandemic.

A country enters a technical recession if its economy contracts for two successive quarters.

Data released yesterday by the National Statistical Office showed industry normalising faster than the service sector.

Manufacturing grew by 0.6 percent in July-September after shrinking by a massive 39 percent in the preceding quarter, the report said.

While the agriculture sector grew by 3.4 percent, trade and services contracted by 15.6 percent, it said. — AAP

NSW braces itself for heatwave

SYDNEY — NSW is bracing for a scorching heatwave this weekend, which will bring elevated bushfire risks not seen in the state since the devastation of last summer.

Temperatures were set to top 40 degrees across the west and in coastal areas.

The southwest was expected to experience the worst of the conditions today, before the sweltering weather moves through Sydney, the Hunter Region and north coast tomorrow. — AAP

China to place tariffs of up to 200pct on Oz wine

BEIJING — The Chinese government has announced it will place tariffs on all Australian wine imports from today, striking a blow to an industry worth A\$1.2 billion.

It follows the preliminary findings of a Chinese anti-dumping investigation into Australia's wine exports that found that dumping exists and causes Chinese winemakers "substantial harm".

China has accused Australian producers of selling wine for below the cost of production.

The investigation was not due to finish until next year, but China's Commerce Ministry announced that from today, importers of Australian wine entering China would need to pay temporary "anti-dumping security deposits".

The deposits, which effectively work like tariffs, would range from between 107 percent to more than 200 percent.

The move came after China's Commerce Ministry gave informal instructions to importers to suspend orders of wine and six other types of Australian exports

earlier this month.

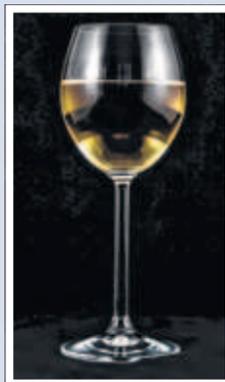
Shares in Treasury Wine Estates, one of Australia's largest exporters, plunged 11 percent yesterday as the news was confirmed.

The company initially paused trading and then confirmed it would be in a holding pattern until Tuesday.

Tony Battaglione from Australian Grape and Wine said the tariffs would make it incredibly difficult for Australian wine exporters.

"The Chinese market is a big market for us, but also some of our major competitors, particularly from Europe, are now given a tariff advantage of 100-200 percent which is going to make it very difficult to compete... it won't be good," he said.

Australia's Trade Minister Simon Birmingham said the tariffs delivered a "devastating blow"



to Australia's wine industry. "It will render unviable for many businesses their wine trade with China, and clearly we think it's unjustified — without evidence to back it up," he said.

"It's a tax on Chinese consumers, essentially, but by taxing the product at such enormous, impactful levels, it will likely see consumers turn away from

that, and that is what will have a devastating impact on Australian producers. That's why we think it is grossly, grossly unfair, unwarranted and unjustified."

Battaglione said there were hundreds of shipping containers of Australian wine building up at ports across China since an unofficial ban on imports came into effect earlier this month.

It is understood the wine delayed at customs will now be subject to

the tariffs.

"Very little product is going in," he said.

"We had a reduction in export approvals of 80 to 90 percent.

"What has gone in is sitting basically in customs, trying to go through increased testing and compliance procedures."

He said the industry was unaware of any wine that had cleared China's customs since the ban, and subsequently large numbers of wine exporters had withheld from shipping wine from Australia.

"I can't remember a year like this. This is the biggest single challenge we have ever faced in such an important market for us," Battaglione said.

"We need to be able get through this and work with both the Australian and Chinese governments to resolve this."

Agriculture Minister David Littleproud said the Australian government was in contact with Chinese authorities to try to work through the issue. — ABC/RNZ

'It was massive fraud, but I will leave': Trump

President says he will vacate White House if Electoral College seats Biden

WASHINGTON, DC — US President Donald Trump said on Thursday (local time) that he would leave the White House if the Electoral College formalises US President-Elect Joe Biden's victory — even as he insisted such a decision would be a “mistake” — as he spent his Thanksgiving renewing baseless claims that “massive fraud” and crooked officials in battleground states caused his election defeat.

“Certainly I will. But you know that,” Trump said on Thursday when asked whether he would vacate the building to allow for a peaceful transition of power in January.

However, Trump — taking questions for the first time since Election Day — insisted that “a lot of things” could happen between now and then that might alter the results.

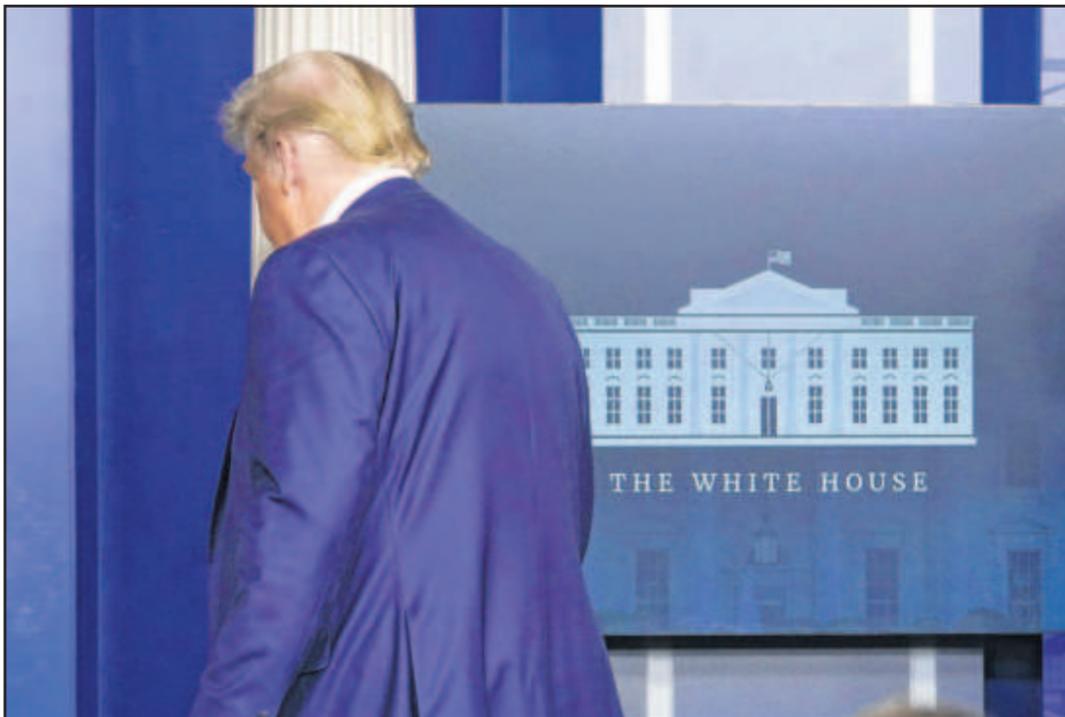
“This has a long way to go,” Trump said, even though he lost.

The fact that a sitting American president even had to address whether or not he would leave office after losing re-election underscores the extent to which Trump has smashed one convention after another over the past three weeks, and indeed over much of the past four years that he has been in office.

While there was no evidence of the kind of widespread fraud Trump has been alleging, he and his legal team have nonetheless been working hard to cast doubt on the integrity of the election and trying to overturn voters' will in an unprecedented breach of Democratic norms.

Trump spoke to reporters in the White House's ornate Diplomatic Reception Room after holding a teleconference with US military leaders stationed across the globe.

He thanked them for their service and jokingly warned them not to eat too much turkey, then changed the subject to the election after



WILL LEAVE THE BUILDING BY INAUGURATION DAY: The US president spent his Thanksgiving renewing his election-fraud claims, but he also said he was ready to leave the White House if the Electoral College formalised Joe Biden's victory. AP picture

ending the call. He repeated his grievances and angrily denounced officials in Georgia and Pennsylvania, two key swing states that helped give Biden the win.

Trump claimed, despite the results, that this might not be his last Thanksgiving at the White House. And he insisted there had been “massive fraud”, even though state officials and international observers have said no evidence of that exists and Trump's campaign has repeatedly failed in court.

Trump's administration has already given the green light for a formal transition to get under way. But Trump still decided to take issue with Biden moving forward.

“I think it's not right that he's trying to pick a Cabinet,” Trump said, even though

officials from both teams were already working together to get Biden's team up to speed.

And, as he refused to concede yet again, Trump announced that he would be travelling to Georgia to rally supporters ahead of two Senate run-off elections that would determine which party controlled the Senate.

Trump said the rally for Republican Senators David Perdue and Kelly Loeffler would likely be held on Saturday. The White House later clarified he had meant December 5.

One of the reasons Republicans have stood by Trump and his baseless claims of fraud has been to keep his loyal base energised ahead of those run-offs on January 5. But Trump, in his remarks, openly questioned whether that election would be fair in

a move that could dampen Republican turnout.

“I think you're dealing with a very fraudulent system. I'm very worried about that,” he said. “People are very disappointed that we were robbed.”

As for the Electoral College, Trump made clear that he was never likely to formally concede, even if he said he would leave the White House.

“It's gonna be a very hard thing to concede. Because we know there was massive fraud,” he said, while also noting that “time isn't on our side”.

“If they do,” vote against him, Trump added, “they will have made a mistake.”

Asked whether he would attend Biden's inauguration, Trump said he knew the answer but did not want to share it yet. — AP



SKY WATCHERS IN FOR TREAT: Jupiter (pictured) and Saturn will align in the night sky on December 21. They will come so close to each other that they will appear as if they are almost touching. The rendezvous (or ‘conjunction’ to use the more precise terminology) will be the closest the two planets have been in nearly 400 years.

Jupiter and Saturn to almost touch in close rendezvous

SKY watchers are in for a rare treat in December as Jupiter and Saturn come so close to each other they will almost look like a single shining planet in the sky.

Saturn has been trailing Jupiter across the night sky over the past few months.

The two planets will draw closer and closer over the next three weeks until they appear together at 13.33 UTC (Co-ordinated Universal Time) on December 21, which in NZ will be at about 2am on December 22.

This event, known as a grand conjunction, happens about once every 20 years.

But the closeness of the two planets is what makes this conjunction a very rare one.

With only about a 10th of a degree separating the two planets — that is a fifth of the width of the Moon — this is the closest they will have appeared in the sky to each other in nearly 400 years.

The last time it occurred was in 1623.

They would be so close together that you would be able to see them in one eyepiece of a telescope, said Andrew Jacob, curator at Sydney Observatory. “You'd be lucky to see this once in a lifetime,” he added.

The two planets will not appear this close to each other again until 2080.

While the planets look close to each other from Earth, in reality they are separated by vast distances as they orbit the Sun.

From Earth, we see the planets move from east to west across the sky along the same narrow band as the Moon and the Sun.

While it takes Saturn nearly 30 years to complete one orbit, Jupiter takes nearly 12 years, so that is why we see Jupiter lap Saturn every 20 years. Just how far apart they appear each time depends on how the tilt of the two planets' orbits line up.

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UK cuts foreign aid after worst recession in over 300 years

LONDON — The British government was facing fury after ditching its long-standing target for overseas aid in the wake of what it described as the deepest recession in over three centuries.

In a statement to lawmakers, Treasury chief Rishi Sunak said the target to allocate 0.7 percent of national income to overseas aid would be cut to 0.5 percent. The move was expected to free up four billion pounds for the Conservative government to use elsewhere, money that critics said could be used to save tens of thousands of lives in the poorest parts of the world.

While expressing “great respect to those who have argued passionately to retain this target,” Sunak said “sticking rigidly” to it “is difficult to justify” to people at a time when the economy had been so battered by the coronavirus pandemic.

“At a time of unprecedented crisis, the Government must make tough choices,” he said.

Without giving a timetable, he said that the Government aimed to return to the target first laid out by the Labour government of Tony Blair in 2004. And he said that even with the new target, the UK would still be the second biggest aid spender among the Group of Seven leading industrial nations.

The decision went against the Government’s promise last year to maintain the aid target and it drew sharp criticism from across the political spectrum, including within Prime Minister Boris Johnson’s own Conservative Party.

Liz Sugg, a junior minister at the Foreign Office, quit in the wake of the decision, arguing that it “will diminish our power to influence other nations to do what is right”. She said it



DIFFICULT TIMES: The UK has made moves to cut its long-standing target for overseas aid. The move is expected to free up four billion pounds for the Conservative government to use elsewhere. AP picture

undermined Johnson’s efforts to promote a “Global Britain” in the wake of the country’s departure from the European Union earlier this year.

The UK was considered one of the world’s leaders in development issues so the cut was met with dismay from anti-poverty campaigners.

“Cutting the UK’s lifeline to the world’s poorest communities

amid a global pandemic will lead to tens of thousands of otherwise preventable deaths,” said Oxfam Chief Executive Danny Sriskandarajah.

Save the Children Chief Executive Kevin Watkins said the decision had “broken Britain’s reputation for leadership on the world stage” ahead of its hosting of the 2021 United Nations Climate

Change Conference.

In a sobering assessment that provided the backdrop to the cut, Sunak sought to balance ongoing support for the economy with a longer-term commitment to heal public finances after a stark deterioration.

“Our health emergency is not yet over and our economic emergency has only just begun,” he said. — AP

‘The truth is undeniable’

Judge finds six American oil executives guilty of corruption

CARACAS, Venezuela — Six American oil executives held for three years in Venezuela were found guilty of corruption charges by a judge on Thursday and immediately sentenced to prison, defence lawyers said, dashing hopes of a quick release that would send them home to their families in the United States.

Some relatives had been bracing for the disheartening outcome, which came on the evening of Thanksgiving. Defence attorney Jesus Loreto called the trial’s result “bad news” and said the verdict was based on little or no proof.

“They don’t have any evidence to hold these guys accountable for any wrongdoing,” Loreto said.

“They ought to be released.”

Attorney María Alejandra Poleo, who helped represent three of the men, said: “Of course, the defence will appeal the decision to the court.”

The so-called Citgo 6 are employees of Houston-based Citgo refining company, which is owned by Venezuela’s state oil company, PDVSA. They had been lured to Venezuela three years ago for a business meeting and were arrested on corruption charges.

Their arrest launched a purge by President Nicolás Maduro’s government of PDVSA at a time when relations between Caracas and Washington were crumbling.

Five of the men were sentenced to prison terms of eight years and 10 months, while one of them received a 13-year sentence. Loreto said the five men with lesser terms could be released on parole in a couple of years.

Relatives did not immediately comment, nor did Venezuelan officials.

One of the men, Tomeu Vadell, has said in a letter written in a Caracas jail and provided exclusively to The Associated Press that he had hopes for a fair trial so he could walk free with his name cleared and go home to his family in the United States.

Vadell said in the letter that it was especially painful to be separated during the Thanksgiving season from his wife, three adult children and a newborn grandson he has never held.

“Before living this tragedy, these

celebrations were very special times for our family,” Vadell wrote, saying he embraced the traditional American holiday after moving in 1999 from Caracas to Lake Charles, Louisiana, for a job with Citgo. “Now, they bring me a lot of sadness.”

It’s the first time Vadell, or any of the so-called Citgo 6, had spoken publicly since being arrested and charged with a purported big corruption scheme. He has been held at a feared Caracas jail called El Helicoide.

Despite his circumstances, Vadell had held out hope. “During the trial, the truth has proven undeniable,” Vadell said in the four-page handwritten letter.

“It proves that I am innocent.”

‘ This is the story of a good guy being held against his will for all the wrong reasons ’

— Defence attorney Jesus Loreto

Vadell, 61, and the five other Citgo executives were summoned to the headquarters of PDVSA for what they were told was a budget meeting on November 21, 2017. A corporate jet shuttled them to Caracas and they were told they would be home for Thanksgiving.

Instead, a cadre of military intelligence officers swarmed into the boardroom and hauled them off to jail.

Their trial started four months ago and closing arguments took place on Thursday. The judge immediately announced her verdict.

The men accused along with Vadell are Gustavo Cárdenas, Jorge Toledo, brothers Jose Luis Zambrano and Alirio Zambrano, all now US citizens. Jose Pereira, a permanent resident, received the longest sentence. They were also charged with embezzlement stemming from a never-executed proposal to refinance some US\$4 billion in Citgo bonds by offering a 50 percent stake in the company as collateral. Maduro at the time accused them of “treason”.

They all pleaded innocent.

The trial played out one day a week in a downtown Caracas court. Due to the pandemic, sessions were held in front of a bank of dormant elevators in a hallway, apparently to take advantage of air flowing through open windows.

News media and rights groups were denied access to the hearings. There was no response to a letter addressed to Judge Lorena Cornielles seeking permission for The Associated Press to observe.

The office of Venezuela’s chief prosecutor said prior to the verdict investigators found “serious evidence” that corroborated financial crimes potentially damaging to the state-run company.

“The Citgo case has developed normally during all the stages established by the Venezuelan criminal process,” the statement said.

Loreto said his client appeared to have been caught up in a “geopolitical conflict” of which he was not a part of. He said Vadell’s name never appeared on any of the documents prosecutors read into evidence. “There’s nothing that refers to Tomeu in any way — directly or indirectly,” the lawyer said. “This is the story of a good guy being held against his will for all the wrong reasons.”

Former New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson, who has negotiated the release of other Americans held by hostile governments, travelled to Caracas in July and met with Maduro.

He didn’t win their freedom, but days later two of them — Cárdenas and Toledo — were freed from jail and put on home detention. Two weeks later, the long-delayed trial began.

Richardson told AP that conversations with the Venezuelan government continue despite his meeting with Maduro being “a little stormy”. He said he believes there is an opening tied to President-elect Joe Biden and a desire by Maduro to improve relations with Washington.

“I think the Venezuelans have been straight with me, but more progress needs to be made,” Richardson said before the verdict. “My hope is to have something positive by Christmas.” — AP



Culled mink start to resurface after burial in Denmark

COPENHAGEN — Some of the thousands of mink culled to minimise the risk of them re-transmitting the coronavirus to humans have risen from their shallow graves in western Denmark after gases built up inside their bodies, Danish authorities said on Thursday.

“The gases cause the animals to expand and in the worst cases, the mink get pushed out of the ground,” Jannike Elmegaard of the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration said. He said it affected “a few hundred” animals.

The mink are buried in trenches that are 2.5 metres deep and three metres wide. A first layer of about one metre of dead mink are then covered with chalk before another layer of animals is laid, covered again with chalk and then with dirt, Elmegaard told The Associated Press.

But because the soil where they are buried is sandy, some have re-emerged. “We assume it is the mink that were in the upper layer that pop up,” he added calling it “a natural process”.

“Had the earth been more clayish, then it would have been heavier and the mink would not have resurfaced,” he told the AP. The animals who resurface are reburied elsewhere, and authorities guard the site to keep away foxes and birds.

Denmark culled thousands of mink in the northern part of the country after 11 people were sickened by a mutated version of the coronavirus that had been observed among the animals.

Earlier this month, the Social Democratic minority government got a majority in parliament to back its decision to cull all of Denmark’s roughly 15 million mink, including healthy ones outside the northern part of the country where infections have been found. The proposed law also bans mink farming until the end of 2021. — AP

Otago races at Cromwell Sunday

Selections
Race 1: POINT BREAK, CHITTER CHAT, EISENHOWER
Race 2: GALLANT BOY, REDFORD, FLYING SARDINE
Race 3: GOODANYA, HOMBRE, TRADITION
Race 4: HE'S GOT POWER, OUR SHAMAN, GELIBOLU
Race 5: FILL YA BOOTS, SPRING BLOSSOM, GLORY CHANCE
Race 6: MADAM DE SOIR, OCEANS AWAY, KILOWATT
Race 7: RAINMAN, SUPERSTITITION, LETSBRINGTON
Race 8: HENLEY, MILANO, TRICKLE TREAT

1 Speight's 12.15
\$10,000, maiden, 2030m
1 9s399 Danny Green (13) 58.5 52 B Murray
2 34352 Eisenhower (6) 58.5 54
3 82004 Mr Fahrenheit (9) 58.5 50
4 50366 Point Break (7) 58.5 49
5 84670 Last Try (1) 58.5 45 R Mudhoo (a2)
6 90508 Battlinaway (18) 58.5 45
7 0s880 Ophir Gold (10) 58.5 45
8 90746 Tappy's Lad (14) 57.49 C Johnson
9 800 Hay There (5) 57.46 T Jonker
10 75320 Turn Your Eyes (17) 56.5 52 T Comignaghi

2 Leith Liquor 12.50
\$32,500, open handicap, 1400m
1 061s1 Gallant Boy (5) 62.98 R Beeharry (a3)
2 s2890 Midnight Runner (1) 55.5 85 T Comignaghi
3 11138 Flying Sardine (2) 54.85 M Gestain (a4)
4 75205 Quintuple Twins (9) 54.80 C Johnson
5 04720 Tobilicious (4) 54.80
6 60s70 Xcuses Xcuses (3) 54.79 C Barnes
7 s6697 Hazelnut (6) 54.65
8 00307 Redford (8) 54.58
9 54s86 Viva La Blues (7) 54.57 B Murray

3 Dream Doors 1.25
\$10,000, maiden, 1400m
1 252s3 Hombre (1) 58.5 54 C Johnson
2 73802 Goodanya (13) 58.5 52
3 30s8s Speights (4) 58.5 49 J Lowry
4 04 Parawanui Lad (9) 58.5 50 A Balloo
5 559s0 Are There (5) 58.5 45
6 90700 Van Halen (6) 58.5 45 M Gestain (a4)
7 905 Tumeke (16) 57.47 T Comignaghi
8 2032 Wannabe 'n' Paris (3) 56.5 54
9 s6633 Nymphadora Tonks (14) 56.5 52

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

10 65391 Tradition (7) 56.5 50 K Asano (a1)
11 00506 Qiji Olympia (12) 56.5 47 R Cuneen
12 5860 Lily Of The Valley (2) 56.5 45 C Barnes
13 20087 It's Gucci (15) 56.5 45 T Moseley
14 0s000 Kentucky Cougar (10) 56.5 45
EMERGENCIES:
15 04004 Glory Chance (8) 56.5 50
16 95981 Anjarden (11) 56.5 47

4 Radio Central 2.00
\$27,500, rating 74 benchmark, 1400m
1 0s240 Zabab (1) 59.76 R Beeharry (a3)
2 53438 Final Savings (10) 59.72 C Johnson
3 80692 He's Got Power (5) 57.5 69 R Mudhoo (a2)
4 00540 I Am A Rock (4) 57.5 69 D Bothamley
5 s6890 Nopete (2) 57.5 69 G Jogoo
6 9s1s1 Our Shaman (8) 57.5 69 T Comignaghi
7 68541 Bluey's Chance (6) 57.68 A Balloo
8 1014s Gelibolu (7) 56.5 67 T Moseley
9 503s2 Cabernet (13) 56.70 C Barnes
10 3Ls07 Mamma Sans (9) 56.70 C Campbell (a1)
11 209s9 Miss Doherty (3) 55.68 B Murray
12 22190 Never Quiz (12) 54.5 67 (a3)
13 72309 Riverfalls (11) 54.60

5 Chief Building 2.35
\$22,500, rating 65 benchmark*, 1220m
1 881 Fill Ya Boots (5) 59.63 T Moseley
2 56448 Beeslaststing (12) 57.5 60 J Lowry
3 Ripa Ruby SCRATCHED
4 5s660 Louis Luck (1) 57.59 D Bothamley
5 8s002 Not Usual Litening (7) 57.59 T Comignaghi

6 s8800 Fastellie (9) 55.5 60 M Gestain (a4)
7 72309 Riverfalls (2) 55.5 60 C Johnson
8 894s0 The Likely Lad (10) 55.5 56 C Johnson
9 0s004 Ginny (3) 55.59
10 79633 Kitty Power (8) 55.59 R Mudhoo (a2)
11 0s031 Spring Blossom (6) 55.59 C Barnes
12 00s70 Epic Dreamer (11) 54.56 (a3)
13 04004 Glory Chance (4) 54.50

6 Ioveracing.nz Cromwell Cup 3.09
\$32,500, open handicap, 2030m
1 49547 Camino Rocoso (10) 62.92 C Johnson
2 096s3 Kilowatt (2) 58.5 85 K Asano (a1)
3 s9045 Sister Monica (8) 54.78 T Comignaghi
4 02103 Rosie Glow (6) 54.73 R Mudhoo (a2)
5 43536 Jewel Of Patch (3) 54.69 G Jogoo
6 75181 Madam De Soir (1) 54.69 C Campbell (a1)
7 19785 Midnite Kaos (7) 54.65 C Campbell (a1)
8 10893 Oceans Away (9) 54.65
9 09739 Green Dispatch (5) 54.63
10 74015 McGowan (4) 54.63
11 41740 Whero (11) 54.63

7 Fresh Choice Cromwell 3.44
\$22,500, rating 65 benchmark*, 2030m
1 85s08 Aulyn Star (14) 59.5 64 G Jogoo
2 00100 Charlie Brown (11) 58.5 62 R Cuneen
3 Hunter Villain SCRATCHED
4 04961 Rainman (12) 58.5 62 T Comignaghi
5 17967 Ruby Marie (6) 58.55
6 97s30 Red Major (7) 57.5 60 K Mudhoo
7 09s31 Superstition (1) 56.61 K Kwo (a2)
8 0s052 Letsbrington (16) 56.57 T Moseley
9 03440 Hot Tap (9) 55.5 60 C Johnson
10 06000 Betathedeviluno (10) 55.59

11 92845 Garment (17) 54.5 58 (a3)
12 78078 Secretaria (18) 54.5 57 R Beeharry (a3)
13 07300 Rumour Has It (8) 54.55 K Asano (a1)
14 90502 Shock And Awe (13) 54.55
EMERGENCIES:
15 67800 Francis Drake (4) 55.55
16 10893 Oceans Away (5) 60.65
17 74015 McGowan (3) 57.63
18 09739 Green Dispatch (2) 59.63
19 41740 Whero (15) 59.63

8 Etrusco At The Savoy 4.19
\$22,500, rating 65 benchmark*, 1400m
1 74s00 Selfie (1) 60.65 C Johnson
2 s0807 Solomon (2) 59.63 B Murray
3 8421 Henley (12) 58.5 62 (a3)
4 730s2 Milano (4) 58.5 62 G Jogoo
5 34104 Seriously (10) 58.5 62 R Cuneen
6 02444 Trickle Treat (18) 58.5 62 D Bothamley
7 Wardon Road SCRATCHED
8 0s030 Granite Ridge (11) 56.5 58 M Gestain (a4)
9 40165 Belindabella (7) 56.61 K Mudhoo
10 24s65 Opawa Dream (15) 56.61 T Comignaghi
11 06729 Ringadgingding (6) 56.61 R Mudhoo (a2)
12 622s0 Larippa (8) 55.5 60 C Barnes
13 Our Frankie SCRATCHED
14 90831 Shock Prospect (17) 55.59
EMERGENCIES:
15 77s93 Highly Unlikely (3) 56.5 58
16 04702 Noah (14) 55.55 T Moseley
17 00000 Pure Class (9) 54.55
18 72309 Riverfalls (13) 55.5 60
19 8s002 Not Usual Litening (5) 57.59

Auckland greys at Manakau Sunday

Selections
Race 1: FULL OF SECRETS, PRIDEFUL, MY BRO JET
Race 2: STAY RICH, HILLBILLY BREWED, WAITERIMU RIPPER
Race 3: MITCHAM GREG, RAILING RACCOON, TRUTH HURTS
Race 4: FORD MAN, PLATINUM SPIRIT, SADOWSKI
Race 5: BASELINE, REACT RESPOND, MARGAUX
Race 6: OPAWA DONAL, NEXUS, NIGHT ACE
Race 7: DANISH DELIGHT, ROD'S GIRL, THEA WHO
Race 8: SHERLOCK SQUASH, CALL ME LEO, BIGTIME CUTIE
Race 9: JINJA JAY, CANADIAN ACE, OUR HOTROD
Race 10: ISN'T SHE BLISS, PORTLAND ECKLUND, EXPRESS EMPORIUM

1 Follow Auckland GRC 12.25
\$1365, CO, 318m
1 6868s Xena Poppy n/wtd R & L Udy
2 75475 Loudwrd n/wtd R & L Udy
3 23624 My Bro Jet n/wtd Thayne Green
4 22522 Full Of Secrets n/wtd D R Laing
5 6 First Light n/wtd S O'Neill
6 66626 Pachinko n/wtd Linda Martin

2 Mayhounds Rehoming 12.45
\$1450, C1, 318m
1 38753 Bigtime Otis n/wtd R & N O'Regan
2 73651 Shot Of Class n/wtd Carol Morris
3 55734 Waiterimu Ripper 18.51 R & L Udy
4 48763 Hillbilly Brewed 18.81 Howard Scott
5 52734 All Day Long 18.99 Robert Roper
6 54844 Allegro Skye n/wtd R & N O'Regan
7 15484 Stay Rich 18.55 M & J Smith
8 46246 Gain Capital 18.53 T & L Craik
EMERGENCIES:
9 62457 Midnight Faith 18.71 Udy & Cottam
10 85748 Born Tasha n/wtd W & T Steele

3 Taipa Tavern Sprint 1.15
\$1450, C1, 318m
1 47275 Big Time Lenny n/wtd R & N O'Regan
2 31576 Just Nia 18.80 Marsha Black
3 76544 Tribal Conquest 18.80 R & L Udy
4 26412 Mitcham Greg 18.79 S O'Neill
5 14626 Railing Raccoon n/wtd Sean Codlin
6 46383 My Bro Bobby 18.80 M Prangley
7 23232 Truth Hurts n/wtd Carol Morris
8 54456 Monsoon Malabar 19.22 Udy & Cottam
EMERGENCIES:

Jetbet 9 TAB D. 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10 T. 1-2-3, 4-5-6, 8-9-10 Q. 2-3-4-5, 7-8-9-10 PL6 5-10

9 55656 Botany Sandy 18.53 Phil Green
10 86456 Attila's Arrow 18.66 Howard Scott

4 Sportsbowl Function Centre 1.43
\$1450, C1, 318m
1 37875 My Snuggles 18.93 Marsha Black
2 56778 Smash Out 18.94 R & L Udy
3 24572 Paris End n/wtd R & N O'Regan
4 51337 Sadowski 18.86 Linda Martin
5 18187 Hurry Flurry 18.87 Udy & Cottam
6 63356 Allegro Payton n/wtd R & N O'Regan
7 67622 Ford Man 18.68 R & L Udy
8 57833 Platinum Spirit 18.75 Robert Roper
EMERGENCIES:
9 86456 Attila's Arrow 18.66 Howard Scott
10 84567 Oma Rapeti n/wtd Carol Morris

5 Terminating Pick6 Stakes 2.08
\$2505, C1, 527m
1 73433 React Respond 30.77 R & L Udy
2 43157 Opawa Jade 31.34 W & T Steele
3 25457 Boyka 30.33 Glennis Farrell
4 s4111 Baseline n/wtd T & L Craik
5 31465 Ruby Express n/wtd Marsha Black
6 82272 Margaux n/wtd Phil Green
7 53624 My Kirsty 30.96 Udy & Cottam
8 71252 Max Volume 30.67 S O'Neill
EMERGENCIES:
9 36265 All Unite n/wtd Emma Potts
10 66378 Indi Shae n/wtd S O'Neill

6 Mt Wellington Tab Sprint 2.39
\$1685, C2, 318m
1 78844 Bigtime Bremner 18.68 R & N O'Regan
2 54163 It's Complicated 18.74 R & N O'Regan
3 73741 Opawa Donal 18.89 W & T Steele
4 78878 Botany Rifles 18.69 Phil Green
5 31125 Nexus 18.60 Glennis Farrell
6 64556 Jinja Might 18.59 Udy & Cottam
7 14435 Kuridran 18.49 Marsha Black
8 58s57 Night Ace 18.53 Greg Pomeroy

7 Carol's Tab Taipa Tavern 2.59
\$2860, C1/2, 527m
1 54856 Gao Gao 30.53 Glennis Farrell
2 12386 Get Me Home 30.88 Udy & Cottam
3 46314 Opawa Big 30.83 Glennis Farrell
4 53282 Thea Who 31.34 M Prangley
5 62235 Rod's Girl 30.80 Udy & Cottam
6 54534 Nana Molly 30.85 Udy & Cottam
7 71248 Big Time Dynasty 31.07 R & N O'Regan
8 71114 Danish Delight 30.52 T & L Craik
EMERGENCIES:
9 12545 Bobbie 30.93 W & T Steele
10 76767 Our Scarlett n/wtd Marsha Black

8 Hewlett Electrical Sprint 3.18
\$1685, C2, 318m
1 32857 It's A Laugh 18.62 Sam Lozell
2 111 Sherlock Squash 18.71 Udy & Cottam
3 51687 Flying Huey n/wtd Marsha Black

4 36177 Boot Camp Tiara n/wtd Lana Pearce
5 71543 Bigtime Cutie 18.99 R & N O'Regan
6 75475 Loudwrd n/wtd Glennis Farrell
7 46672 Medusa Who 18.68 M Prangley
8 75F21 Call Me Leo 18.49 Thayne Green

9 Pam Coutts Appreciation 3.35
\$4030, C3/4, 527m
1 52458 Spring Mechanic 30.70 R & L Udy
2 22122 Canadian Ace 30.54 W & T Steele
3 65124 Hit Zone 30.72 A J Christiansen
4 37151 Our Hotrod 30.84 Udy & Cottam
5 41423 Jinja Jay 30.48 W & T Steele
6 27177 Go Angel 30.70 Glennis Farrell
7 35866 Opawa Delight 30.52 T & L Craik
8 24155 Electric Shock 30.54 A J Christiansen

10 Qualified Pet Services 3.53
\$2390, C3/4, 318m
1 55252 Podium Phobia 18.53 T & L Craik
2 31472 Express Emporium 18.46 W & T Steele
3 36665 Electric Dancer 18.48 W & T Steele
4 6876s Cosmic Meteor 18.56 D R Laing
5 35418 Portland Ecklund n/wtd T & L Craik
6 41154 So Severe n/wtd Carol Morris
7 12238 Isn't She Bliss 18.58 Peter Henley
8 32634 Choo Choo 18.65 Glennis Farrell
EMERGENCIES:
9 41121 Danny Lang 18.54 A J Christiansen
10 43321 Beau Beau 18.81 Sam Lozell

New South Wales races at Coffs Harbour Sunday

Selections
Race 1: FU HA0, DIANA ROCKS, SPIRITUAL BOOM
Race 2: HEAD UP HIGH, ARLINGTON VALLEY, ITALIAN TUNE
Race 3: AT WITZ END, TAWFQI BOY, BUGALUGS
Race 4: PREDICTABLE MISS, EVERJUST, LA CRONICA
Race 5: FENERBACHE, ALT EFF FOUR, ATOMIC FEATHER
Race 6: STYLISH PATTERN, MOUNT HEIDI, ANTLIA
Race 7: GREAT MARLOW, HOLLYWOOD DREAMING, HOLIDAY IN DUBAI

1 Bob Chambers Pty Ltd 3.45
\$22,000, Maiden SW, 1000m
1 7s Blackwater Bronn h (7) 59.92 J Grisedale
2 2258s Fu Hao (5) 59.94 Ms J Worley

2 Mick Flick Horticulture 4.20
\$22,000, Class 1/Maiden SW, 2100m
1 46823 Arlington Valley (8) 59.84 Ms B Hodder
2 95584 Bartandthequeen w (4) 59.83 Shane Arnold
3 05323 Head Up High (6) 59.100 M Mc Guren
4 57915 Italian Tune wh (9) 59.87 R Spokes
5 Itsalkin SCRATCHED
6 07060 Say It Ain't So twh (7) 59.79
7 90000 Sea Storm h (2) 59.83 T Wolfgram
8 s7406 Ski Missile h (3) 59.87 A Chau
9 s3712 Sweet William (5) 59.90 B Looker
10 s0420 Redgum Rosie h (10) 55.94 J Grisedale

3 Paradox Media Handicap 4.55
\$22,000, Open, 1200m
1 1111s Upstart dw (6) 61.5 90 K Matheson
2 29366 Tawfiq Boy dw (9) 61.93 A Mallyon
3 Nothingforthe Press SCRATCHED
4 35123 At Witz End w (2) 58.5 89 Ms B Hodder

Jetbet 18 TAB doubles 3-4, 6-7 Trebles 2-3-4, 5-6-7 Quaddie 1-2-3-4, 4-5-6-7

5 11661 Bugalugs tdw (4) 57.100 B Looker
6 359s6 Dual Escape dw (5) 56.5 88 L Rolls
7 0s836 Dominant Crown tw (7) 55.93 M Mc Guren
8 15389 Aheadofhistime wh (10) 55.97 J Grisedale
9 11736 Campari Soda dw (3) 55.89 R Spokes
10 237s3 San Sierra dw (1) 55.96 Ms E Atkinson (a1.5)

4 Elmac Electrical Handicap 5.35
\$22,000, Class 2, 1600m
1 s0547 Rippa Eagle d (5) 60.96 Ms E Atkinson (a1.5)
2 98422 Predictable Miss dwb (8) 57.5 100 A Mallyon
3 7s680 Madame Bonser h (3) 57.92 J Grisedale
4 6s351 La Cronica w (4) 55.95 B Looker
5 8s91 Stella Reale (1) 55.95 M Mc Guren
6 65661 Crypto Fiorelli (7) 55.87 C Waddell (a3)
7 76533 Everjust wh (2) 55.91 L Rolls
8 99056 Raspberry Beret dh (10) 55.87 S Tracey
9 99810 Anatolian Charm tw (9) 55.95 R Spokes
10 12956 Lucky For Some (11) 55.88 Ms C Graham (a)
11 32156 Shy Boy (6) 55.88 N Masuda

5 Puntingbaron Handicap 6.20
\$22,000, Maiden, 1600m
1 0s63 Sense Of Expense (9) 59.89 N Masuda
2 4884 Full Of Flavour (12) 58.89 K Matheson
3 63582 Atomic Feather b (13) 56.92 M Mc Guren
4 54222 Fenerbache b (6) 56.92 Ms J Worley
5 64732 Alt Eff Four (7) 55.5 96 A Mallyon
6 06575 Chookster (3) 55.5 92 Shane Arnold
7 s4506 Collingwood h (11) 55.5 94 J Grisedale
8 s5707 Jet Pilot h (10) 55.5 90 Ms E Atkinson (a1.5)
9 05660 Long Tall Glasses (5) 55.5 88 B Looker
10 57524 Red Intuition (8) 55.5 100 Ms B Hodder
11 9s760 Sharp Wit (2) 55.5 90
12 69048 The Dreamer (4) 55.5 95 M Bennett
13 02959 The Last Warrior (1) 55.5 91 R Spokes

6 Park Beach Plumbing 7.02
\$22,000, Benchmark 66, 1400m
1 s7816 Stylish Pattern d (12) 60.98 R Spokes
2 0s699 Wewonya tdw (5) 59.5 92 Ms Z Cruickshank (a3)
3 1500s Hanna From Havana w (2) 59.90 A Mallyon
4 74s46 Antilia cw (4) 58.5 100 M Mc Guren
5 78313 Mount Heidi (h) 58.5 97 Ms J Worley
6 90779 Atlantic City d (9) 58.90 S Tracey

7 52s15 Kijito dw (11) 58.96 K Matheson
8 70142 Rioli w (7) 55.5 99 J Grisedale
9 9s866 Kidlat dw (1) 55.92 A Chau
10 s8984 Tycoon Rossa w (10) 55.89 Ms C Graham (a)
11 Jahe SCRATCHED
12 86245 Ila w (6) 55.89 T Wolfgram

7 AJ Civil Projects Handicap 7.35
\$22,000, Class 1, 1000m
1 Horowitz SCRATCHED
2 776s4 Courageous d (1) 60.5 100 Ms E Atkinson (a1.5)
3 A Million Dreams SCRATCHED
4 45213 Great Marlow b (2) 58.5 93 B Looker
5 2217s Hollywood Dreaming dw (9) 56.5 94 M Mc Guren
6 s3571 Holiday In Dubai w (11) 56.95
7 30521 Epic Player (5) 55.5 98 Ms C Graham (a)
8 Skilled Artist SCRATCHED
9 40s44 Krowned Express t (13) 55.96 R Spokes
10 1954 Super Slick d (6) 55.92 L Rolls
11 1440s Falandy dw (4) 55.91 Ms B Hodder
12 407s6 Game Set Match (3) 55.92 S Tracey
13 s8s42 Commander Bamm db (14) 55.92 M Bennett
14 38870 Qukes wh (10) 55.83 J Grisedale

NZ Metro harness at Addington Sunday

Selections
Race 1: RIPSORTER, LINTON SHARD, RAKE
Race 2: SHIFFTY, ANTEROS, MAUI
Race 3: FRANK THE TANK, DIAMOND EDITION, ROYAL JESTER
Race 4: MISS BEHAVIN, MEGAROCK, CAPTAIN CONFETTI
Race 5: BETSTARS BLUE JEAN, BOILOVER, REFLECTIONSOFMLIFE
Race 6: SQUARE DEALER, GOOD ON YA KIWI, JAFFA JOSH
Race 7: TAKE AFTER ME, TEQUILA SUNSET, SUNGAI'S LEGACY
Race 8: BETANCOURT, NOT OVER, MALDITO
Race 9: JEREMY WELLS, FLAMBOYANT, TERRIER

1 Box Seat 'Every Wednesday' 12.35
\$7500, 4yo+ r40-r53. mobile, 1980m
1 04079 Dainess Arizona (Fr) 1 R Sissons
2 74985 Dreaminsover (Fr) 2 C Wigg
3 60903 Auchtercairn (Fr) 3 B Willmott
4 s3656 Senorita Margarita (Fr) 4
5 0000s Russian Express (Fr) 5 A Geddes
6 78222 Jenabella (Fr) 6 A Fitzgerald
7 34724 Rake (Fr) 7 S Wigg
8 00s04 Linton Shard (Fr) 8 G Cook
9 21353 Ripsortter (Fr) 9 P Wallace
10 41208 Maurice (Fr) 10 N Munro
11 72576 Alexy (Fr) 11 C Negus
12 080s7 Nirvana Beach (Fr) 12 M Maynard
13 71400 Amies Army (Fr) 13 M McIntyre

2 Irt. Your Horse. Our Passion. 1.00
\$10,000, non-winners 3yo+, mobile, 1980m
1 67s59 Go Marg (Fr) 1 G Archer
2 Dudes Star SCRATCHED
3 Two Menny Muscles (Fr) 2 B Orange
4 00070 Sheza Mighty Monarch (Fr) 3 L O'Reilly
5 s8002 Maul (Fr) 4 D McCormick
6 3767 Shifty (Fr) 5 G Smith
7 90s96 Fast Wet N Windee (Fr) 6 P Wakelin
8 06028 Spot The Gamble (Fr) 7 C DeFilippi
9 6 Anteros (Fr) 8 S Tomlinson (J)
10 004 Silverlinings (Fr) 21 B Hope (J)
11 54370 Ellish Hall (Fr) 22 J Curtin
12 s80s9 Tuscan Sun (Fr) 23 H Clarke
13 P7969 Crown Range (Fr) U1 A Clark

3 Garrards Pace 1.30
\$8000, 4yo+ r40-r45. mobile, 1980m
1 5890s Donegal Carnbouy (Fr) 1 C Smith (J)
2 605s8 Get It On (Fr) 2 M Williamson
3 47064 Frank The Tank (Fr) 3 S Otley
4 0546s Diamond Edition (Fr) 4 J Morrison (J)
5 00590 Play Ball (Fr) 5 B Orange
6 60s90 Koromiko Eyre (Fr) 6 J Thomas
7 62487 Magical Ideal (Fr) 7 S O'Reilly (J)
8 s7s96 Royal Jester (Fr) 8 G O'Reilly
9 American Flyer SCRATCHED
10 05058 Cha Cha B (Fr) 21 C Thornley
11 90090 My Nikayla (Fr) 22 K Newman (J)
12 8s800 Myrcella (Fr) 23 J Cox

4 Watkins Flooring Xtra 1.55
\$8000, non-winners 3yo+ mr40 to mr46 stand, 2600m
1 s0427 Iron Woman (Fr) 1 K Tomlinson (J)

Jetbet 8 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

2 90sP5 Nadira Franco (Fr) 2 H Clarke
3 38985 Art Collector (Fr) 3 J Morrison (J)
4 0P094 Emma's Boy (Fr) 4 C Thornley
5 00sP0 Pocket Rocknroll (Fr) 5 B Orange
6 83220 Megarock (Fr) 6 G O'Reilly
7 66280 Captain Confetti (Fr) 7 S Otley
8 69230 Miss Behavin (Fr) 8 K Butt
9 002s6 It's A Laugh (Fr) 9 J Cox
10 87285 Mark Dunnnett (Fr) 10
11 42856 Tyke (Fr) 11 L O'Reilly
12 0780 Westar Lad (Fr) 12 B Hope (J)
13 838s6 Corey Bee (Fr) 13 C DeFilippi

5 Dawe Contracting Pace 2.20
\$8000, 4yo+ r46-r49. mobile, 1980m
1 21809 Smooth Debate (Fr) 1 R Close
2 10488 Refine (Fr) 2 C Thornley
3 s7102 Betstars Blue Jean (Fr) 3 L O'Reilly
4 Brother John SCRATCHED
5 79030 Touche (Fr) 4 T Williams
6 Delightful Gmp SCRATCHED
7 87512 Boilover (Fr) 5 S Otley
8 70070 Art Courage (Fr) 6 J Curtin
9 18722 Reflectionsofmylife (Fr) 7 T Chmiel
10 s6504 Vesnina (Fr) 21 J Dunn
11 00POP Chase The Hat Trick (Fr) U1 R Holmes

6 NZB Standardbred 2.50
\$8000, 6yo+ r45-r59. mobile, 1980m
1 9s006 Little Rain (Fr) 1 SCRATCHED
2 Dismar SCRATCHED
3 79090 Absolut Russian (Fr) 2 S Iremonger (J)
4 050s5 Jaffa Josh (Fr) 3 P Borcoskie
5 6s590 Go Davey (Fr) 4 (J)
6 1056P Glacier Coaster (Fr) 5

7 39537 Good On Ya Kiwi (Fr) 6 R Holmes
8 07800 Overarm (Fr) 7 T Chmiel
9 69677 Shillelagh (Fr) 8 B Orange
10 80056 Be Mine Tonight (Fr) 21 J Dunn
11 58449 Razcal Alley (Fr) 22 S Otley
12 60700 Hes Fast And Furious (Fr) 23 M Williamson
13 41203 Square Dealer (Fr) 24 T Williams
14 s7700 Lilac Star (Fr) 25 S O'Reilly (J)

7 Breckon Farms Trot 3.26
\$8000, 4yo+ r40-r49 stand, 2600m
1 50954 Tehoro Dazzle (Fr) 1 R Holmes
2 68657 Listen Easy (Em1) (Fr) 2 B Orange
3 000s0 Look Both Ways (Fr) 3 T Chmiel
4 91246 Rachmaninov (Fr) 4 T Grant
5 87725 Tequila Sunset (Fr) 5 K Cameron
6 70099 Sungait's Legacy (Fr) 6 D McCormick
7 26844 Take After Me (Fr) 7 R Houghton
8 45377 Foreigner (Fr) 8 G Hunt
9 83497 Smudgee (Fr) 9 P Borcoskie
10 00408 Tres Magnifique (Fr) 10 S Iremonger (J)
11 00962 Dd's Super Stuart (Fr) 11 J Markham
12 32602 Jerry Garcia (Fr) 12 L O'Reilly
13 06950 Gotta Ticket (Fr) 13 M Williamson
14 20066 Mega Pixels (Fr) 14 J Dunn
15 86509 Kowhai Sundown (Fr) U1 S Otley
16 00507 Majestic Rose (Fr) U2 L Dobbs
17 89080 Faith No More (Fr) U3 L McKay (J)

8 Woodlands Stud Pace 4.01
\$8000, non-winners 3yo+ mr40 to mr46. mobile, 1980m
1 000s0 Conquistador (Fr) 1 K Newman (J)
2 25667 Le Tissier (Fr) 2 R Holmes

3 000s2 Not Over (Fr) 3 R Close
4 97905 Maldito (Fr) 4 G O'Reilly
5 77333 Betancourt (Fr) 5 S Otley
6 40686 Silent Shadow (Fr) 6 L O'Reilly
7 33097 Midnight In Memphis (Em2) (Fr) 7 J Cox
8 s0082 Rocknroll Mama (Fr) 8 J Dunn
9 07340 Rosies Terror (Fr) 9 J Morrison (J)
10 72753 Mahia (Fr) 21 M Jones
11 00sP0 Pocket Rocknroll (Em1) (Fr) 22
12 0076 Magic Sign (Fr) 23 B Orange
13 000s96 Shadow Aversos (Fr) 24 A Muggford (J)
14 000s0 Lucy P (Fr) 25 G Archer
15 05636 Kerala Star (Fr) 26 J Curtin
16 67760 Bombolla (Fr) U1 M Williamson

9 Stonewall Stud Pace 4.36
\$8000, 4yo+ r40-r49 stand, 2000m
1 05898 Pocket Call (Fr) 1 L Dobbs
2 Brother John SCRATCHED
3 46536 Flamboyant (Fr) 2 B Laughton (J)
4 05861 Jeremy Wells (

Fleas, Fleas, Fleas!

by Bas Van Luijk
Head veterinarian at
East Coast Farm Vets



With warmer days upon us, we see insect life springing into action. One of those insects which start to build up in numbers around this time of year is fleas.

Fleas are a common parasite encountered by working dogs and household pets alike.

Adult fleas feed on the blood of the animal, causing irritation and pain, and can lead to Flea Allergy Dermatitis in sensitive animals.

Fleas have four life stages - eggs, larvae, pupae and the adult flea; the live adult fleas that you see on your dog only make up approx 5% of the flea population.

- Some other interesting flea facts”
- A single flea can consume up to 10 times their body weight in blood in just 24 hours, biting an animal up to 400 times a day.
- The female fleas start producing eggs approximately 36-48 hours after commencing feeding and can lay up to 50 eggs per day. These eggs drop off the dog into the environment and lay dormant, ready and waiting to hatch with the warmer weather.
- Adult fleas can jump 150 times the length of their bodies!
- After landing on a new “host”, it takes only 60 seconds for a flea to start feeding.

Treating working dogs for fleas is unfortunately not always high on a farmer's priority list. However, they underestimate the impact fleas can have on their working dog team.

There's not only the nuisance of a constant itch but a poor coat is often seen as a result of biting and scratching and a restless night's sleep. This results in a lot of energy expended by the animal and often a lacklustre day's work to follow.

People often don't realise how much condition is lost on a dog due to their constant “battle” with fleas when there is poor flea control. This also impacts the amount of feed given to dogs. The more energy used, the more feed is required.

Ever seen an overweight dog with serious flea issues?

Treating dogs before the flea population seriously starts to build up (around this time of the year) with a good flea control product will prevent a lot of problems down the road. Putting the dogs out under the trees or the woolshed for the day while you spray out the kennels also ensures you're getting maximum coverage from your flea protection.

One of the more recent products for flea control is a chewable oral tablet. It has the advantage that it's not affected by the dogs jumping in a water trough or river. With the tablet working for 3 months it has a huge impact on preventing the normal summer build-up of the flea population.

Talk to your vet today about an effective flea control programme for your working dog team.



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Prices ease for primes

by Trevor Brown

A SMALLER sale took place at Matawhero yesterday, with just 1596 sheep in total and prices for the 274 prime sheep eased, probably due to less procurement pressure from meat processors.

Prices also eased slightly on the best of the store lambs, but improved from last week on the smaller lambs.

Amberley Farm Ltd sold 12 very heavy prime ewes for \$167.

M.W and A.M Flood at Kanakanaia topped the store lamb section; \$106.50 was paid for 31 bright, Polled Dorset X ewe lambs.

Nolan Timmins at Ngatapa received the best price of \$111 for 20 sheep in the store

ewe section.

M.W and A.M Flood also sold 100 store ewes for \$93.

Best prices —

Prime ewes: Amberley Farm Ltd, 12, \$167; Homebush Station Ltd, 32, \$160; K.J and R.E Fisher, 21, \$142, 26, \$124; Kimberley Briant, 1, \$135; N Timmins, 4, \$129, 3, \$124; Panikau Station, 15, \$114.

Store male lambs: Raroa Station (Tolaga Bay), 31, \$105.50, 45, \$80, 35, \$60.50; M.W and A.M Flood, 65, \$104.50, 79, \$94, 66, \$69; Holdsworth-Paringahau (Te Karaka), 249, \$92; Kerley Agriculture Ltd (Kanakanaia), 144, \$90.

Store ewe lambs: M.W and A.M Flood, 31, \$106.50, 99, \$92.50, 102, \$70; Kerley Agriculture Ltd, 164, \$89.50.

Sell-out ram sale

by Murray Robertson

THERE was a total clearance in the first of the ram auctions for the season at Matawhero yesterday and two of the 35 rams on offer sold for \$1600, including the first of the Charollais breed sold at the saleyards.

The Lofflers from Piritaha Station at Ngatapa put up their Charollais and they sold well.

“They are a reasonably new breed to this country, and come with some great attributes that add value to a terminal breeding programme,” the vendors said.

The top-priced Piritaha ram was matched in price at \$1600 by one of the South Suffolks put up by Matthew Swann from Waihua Station in the Wairoa district.

“There was a total clearance across the sale and it was great to get it,” said auctioneer Chris Hurlstone from PGG Wrightson.

“Well done the breeders and well done the buyers.

“Everything sold for \$500 or better.”

The ram auction season continues next Friday with the line-up from Mangahauhou Hampshires.

FIRST TIMERS: The Charollais sheep breed made its debut at the Matawhero saleyards yesterday, and Piritaha Station at Ngatapa sold the lot, with a top price of \$1600. The combined sale was a sell-out, with all 35 of the rams from several studs going to new homes.

Picture by Trevor Brown



Exploring benefits of pasture-raised meat

NEW Zealanders will be invited to take part in a major research programme to assess the health and wellbeing benefits of eating pasture-raised beef and lamb, compared to grain-finished beef and plant-based alternatives.

Approximately 100 people will be monitored in two groundbreaking clinical studies, led by researchers from AgResearch, the Riddet Institute and the University of Auckland.

The projects will assess the physical effects on the body from eating the different foods for up to 10 weeks, as well as psychological elements, such as satisfaction, sleep and stress levels.

The research team includes meat scientists, agricultural academics, dietitians, behavioural experts and social scientists.

Sirma Karapeeva, Meat Industry Association chief executive, said she was excited by the programme of research being undertaken by Meat Industry Association's Innovation arm.

She said much of the global research on the health, nutritional and environmental aspects of red meat was based on intensive grain-finished farming systems.

“However, New Zealand specialises in free-range livestock farming that is naturally pasture-raised, antibiotic-free and hormone-free.

“We know there are myths and misinformation about the production and benefits of eating red meat, so we have turned to research to help bring balance to what consumers are hearing,” she said.

“Nutritionists tell us moderate

amounts of red meat can be an important part of a well-balanced diet, and this research aims to build on the substantial credible evidence that underpins this advice.”

Ms Karapeeva said this was a backlash, in part, against broken food systems, such as factory farming and “big food”.

“There is a growing consumer desire for better quality food produced from natural systems, which supports a strong future for ‘real’ red meat as produced in New Zealand.

“Research shows there is untapped global demand for natural beef and lamb raised on grass pastures and consumers are prepared to pay a premium for it.

“New Zealand farmers have a compelling story to tell about our natural farming systems and a strong point of difference from many of our international competitors.”

She said the red meat sector was working hard to ensure that story was heard by consumers around the world.

The initial stages of the programme are led by AgResearch and the Riddet Institute.

AgResearch will develop nutritional profiles and the Riddet Institute will undertake lab-based (or “in vitro”) digestive analysis of the products.

Results from these two studies will provide baseline data about pasture-raised beef and lamb and its consumption in comparison to other foods.

University of Auckland researchers will then oversee the final two stages,

investigating the short-term and long-term wellbeing and health benefits of red meat consumption.

The highlight of the programme, a sustained clinical study, will see members of 40 households on a managed flexitarian dietary regime over 10 weeks.

The participants will be monitored over the course of the study and changes in health status, behaviours and attitudes and perceptual wellbeing recorded.

Senior scientist Dr Emma Bermingham of AgResearch said they will carry out an advanced analysis of red meat, looking at its unique components, such as bioactive lipids and minerals, that make red meat such a nutritious form of protein when included as part of a balanced diet.

Doctors Mike Boland and Lovedeep Kaur, senior scientists at the Riddet Institute, will demonstrate how the human digestive system responds to the differing food compositions to release the nutritious proteins and lipids for the body to use.

“We will examine how well these three contrasting foods are digested, using gastric simulation techniques,” Dr Boland said.

Dr Andrea Braakhuis, academic director and research dietitian at The University of Auckland, and her team will examine how the beneficial lipids and nutrients from a single meal are absorbed and utilised by the body, before moving to the longer 10-week study where health and wellbeing benefits of red meat as a part of a balanced diet will be the focus for the researchers.



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Spirulina farming gets big boost

SPIRULINA farming could form the backbone of a new primary industries sector worth more than \$100 million a year — with the help of significant investment by the Sustainable Food & Fibre Futures (SFF Futures) Fund.

The Ministry for Primary Industries' (MPI) SFF Futures Fund and NZ Algae Innovations Ltd are co-investing more than half a million dollars to assess the viability of larger scale production of spirulina.

Spirulina is generally cultivated in ponds or natural lakes, harvested, and dried. NZ Algae Innovations Ltd currently operates the only spirulina farm in New Zealand, under the Tahī Spirulina brand. The farm is located

in Himatangi, Manawatu, and has a 400 square metre area dedicated to growing spirulina in purpose-built shallow ponds.

The two-year project involves scaling production to test new growing and processing systems. It is also researching the benefits and opportunities of growing spirulina to support the next steps towards full commercial-scale production.

"We recognise that spirulina is grown around the world and there are far larger overseas producers than us at the moment. Our challenge is to find that sustainable point of difference that would make our spirulina a uniquely New Zealand product," says Justin Hall, director of

NZ Algae Innovations Ltd.

"We want to understand what consumers are looking for, and whether taking spirulina in powder or capsule form is working for them.

"Our research so far has included looking at how to incorporate spirulina into a range of added-value food products.

"We have already been experimenting with creating whole-dried spirulina sprinkles, which taste nutty — a bit like nori (dried seaweed), with the intent of attracting new consumers," he said.

The project aims to establish a new business model so modular production units can be replicated in potential growing regions across New Zealand.



SPIRULINA HARVEST: NZ Algae Innovations Ltd and MPI are investigating the viability of large-scale spirulina production in New Zealand. RNZ picture

China outshines world gloom

by Richard Rennie

AS THE rest of the world wrestles with surging Covid-19 cases and plummeting economic growth data, China appears to be functioning in a different universe, at least over the second half of 2020.

After enduring the initial and major outbreak at Wuhan at the start of the year, the Chinese government's ultra-strict lockdown and control measures are paying dividends for the country.

Latest data from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) indicates China stands alone as the only country that can expect to experience positive economic growth this year. While the predicted growth figure of two percent is well back on the usual 8-10 percent a year, it eclipses anything any other country is experiencing.

IMF's predictions for other countries makes for grim reading, with their economic growth figures on the scrap heap. Australia is predicted to be down 6.3 percent, United States nine percent, New Zealand 12 percent, Italy 12 percent and the United Kingdom a massive 20 percent.

Even more remarkable for China has been the V-shaped surge out of the six percent negative growth experienced in the first quarter, bouncing back to third-quarter growth of 4.9 percent.

These figures mean China is now the largest contributor to global economic growth, accounting for about 28 percent and putting it ahead of the United States for the first time. The recent Singles Day retail celebration highlighted just how strong the rebound is.

The November 11 splurge saw consumers celebrate their relative freedom by laying down an eye-watering US\$56 billion of expenditure at online purchasing retailer Alibaba, breaking last year's record.

Ironically, this success has been



POSITIVE GROWTH: China looks set to grow economically this financial year, despite being hit hard by Covid-19. The domestic consumer market has taken off, with products like New Zealand kiwifruit and honey in hot demand. Picture supplied

attributed to the global pandemic.

Consumers are unable to travel abroad, an activity becoming more popular with the burgeoning middle classes, and something that has accounted for Chinese tourists quickly forming New Zealand's second largest market after Australia, accounting for 400,000 tourists a year prior to Covid travel bans.

That lack of tourism spending has Chinese consumers focusing on spending at home, on food, household goods and some domestic travel. Chinese media has reported consumer splurges on high-value food items including the likes of hairy crabs given as gifts selling for US\$400 for a box of eight, wrapped in special gift boxes.

For New Zealand, despite the loss of tourism, our primary sector is enjoying the benefits of this "stay at home" behaviour.

While dining-out expenditure has

dropped off by 40 percent, in-home food expenditure is up 15 percent and this includes online purchases of all food types.

Food delivery has surged 65 percent as restaurants have migrated online, and Alibaba reports a lift of 34 percent in sales, driven largely by online food purchases.

An increasing awareness of food's health-giving properties, and a desire to boost immunity to disease has been a benefit for the likes of New Zealand SunGold kiwifruit and Manuka honey, often viewed as a medicinal food product by consumers and experiencing a double-digit surge in demand.

Already popular prior to Covid, SunGold kiwifruit are benefiting from not only their high nutritional value, but the natural benefit of having a protective skin in a retail environment where consumers are hyper-sensitive to

contamination risks.

The health-giving value of milk, boosted by a concerted government-led effort to increase dairy consumption for health's sake, is also helping to embed a level of certainty and stability into the dairy product market.

Consumers have gained an appetite for many dairy products unheard of, or untasted, in the West as processors manage to combine milk products into multiple savoury and sweet products.

Further reinforcing New Zealand's position as a quality food supplier is a growing demand for red meat among middle-class consumers.

As pork supplies have plummeted by as much as 40 percent thanks to African Swine Fever, beef sales are surging as consumers search for a protein replacement, and the price gap between traditionally cheaper pork versus beef has diminished.

Underpinning New Zealand's favourable primary products is the free-trade agreement, which helped give this country's exporters a "first mover" advantage. Personal trading relationships and links were forged early, and their strength has proven invaluable since Covid ended face-to-face contact.

The positive news in a very unstable and uncertain global market is playing out well for the primary sector.

Duncan Ross, Bayleys' national director rural, says the rural real estate market is reflecting the recognition that this country's primary sector is more than holding its own, with strong buyer interest this spring in a wide range of properties across the pastoral and horticultural spectrum.

"Whether it is wine from Marlborough, milk from the Waikato or cherries from Otago, there is an appreciation among buyers that the engine room of our economy lies in the provinces, and Covid's impact has only reinforced that."

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2013 HONDA FIT SHUTTLE
1.5 litre, auto, very economical, great boot space, very nice looking car



WAS ~~\$9990~~
NOW \$8640 + ORC

NO DEPOSIT \$57.64
*Weekly

2014 SUBARU EXIGA
2.5 litre, auto, 7 seater, STI styling, nice looking, family wagon



WAS ~~\$13,945~~
NOW \$10,950

NO DEPOSIT \$66.72
*Weekly

2015 TOYOTA AQUA
1.5 litre, Hybrid, auto, 2.7 litres per 100kms, very economical car



WAS ~~\$12,985~~
NOW \$11,450

NO DEPOSIT \$69.22
*Weekly

TOYOTA HIACE
2.7 litre, auto, 10 seater, value for money, people mover



WAS ~~\$19,990~~
NOW \$18,440

NO DEPOSIT \$106.67
*Weekly

2008 MAZDA MPV
2.3 litre, turbo, auto, very sharp looking, 8 seater van



WAS ~~\$10,985~~
NOW \$9240 + ORC

NO DEPOSIT \$60.64
*Weekly

2009 NISSAN X-TRAIL
2 litre, auto, 4WD, good ground clearance, ideal SUV for the coast



WAS ~~\$13,985~~
NOW \$11,850

NO DEPOSIT \$71.23
*Weekly

2011 MAZDA AXELA SPORT
2 litre, auto, sporty little hatch, great value



WAS ~~\$13,985~~
NOW \$11,450

NO DEPOSIT \$69.22
*Weekly

2015 FORD RANGER XLT
3.2 litre, auto, diesel turbo, 4WD, canopy, towbar, tuf-deck, great looking ute



WAS ~~\$34,990~~
NOW \$33,840

NO DEPOSIT \$184.25
*Weekly

2016 ISUZU D-MAX
3 litre, auto, turbo diesel, 4WD, good kms, very sturdy workhorse



WAS ~~\$36,990~~
NOW \$35,180

NO DEPOSIT \$190.96
*Weekly

2016 MAZDA BT50
3.2 litre, manual, diesel, turbo, canopy, tuf-deck, towbar, alloys



WAS ~~\$32,990~~
NOW \$30,990

NO DEPOSIT \$169.99
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NOW \$15,178

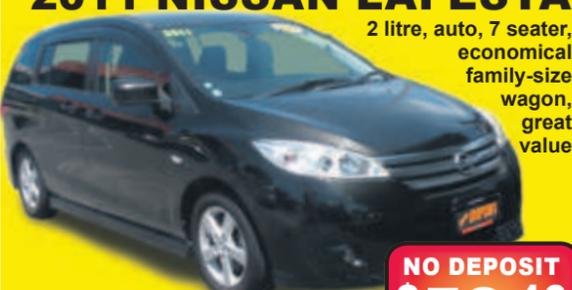
NO DEPOSIT \$87.88
*Weekly



2015 HOLDEN CAPTIVA
2.2 litre, diesel turbo, 7 seater, very nice family-size vehicle

WAS ~~\$16,990~~
NOW \$15,427

NO DEPOSIT \$89.12
*Weekly



2011 NISSAN LAFESTA
2 litre, auto, 7 seater, economical family-size wagon, great value

WAS ~~\$8990~~
NOW \$7745⁺ ORC

NO DEPOSIT \$53.16
*Weekly



2015 MAZDA PREMACY
2 litre, auto, economical, 7 seater family-size wagon, economy motoring

WAS ~~\$12,985~~
NOW \$10,850

NO DEPOSIT \$66.22
*Weekly



2008 SUZUKI SWIFT
1.3 litre, auto, low 89,000kms, economical, very popular vehicle

WAS ~~\$8985~~
NOW \$7665⁺ ORC

NO DEPOSIT \$52.76
*Weekly



2015 SUBARU LEVORG
2 litre, turbo, AWD, very sporty late model wagon, great drive

WAS ~~\$23,985~~
NOW \$19,950

NO DEPOSIT \$111.75
*Weekly



2015 MAZDA ATENZA SPORT
2 litre, auto, economical, late model, Bluetooth, alloys, tints, very sharp vehicle

WAS ~~\$20,990~~
NOW \$18,750

NO DEPOSIT \$105.75
*Weekly



2010 TOYOTA MARK X
2.4 litre, auto, 7 seater, family-size vehicle, great buying

WAS ~~\$8990~~
NOW \$7213⁺ ORC

NO DEPOSIT \$50.50
*Weekly



2015 TOYOTA COROLLA FIELDER
1.5 litre, auto, Hybrid, great fuel economy, at 3 litre per 100kms

WAS ~~\$14,985~~
NOW \$13,250

NO DEPOSIT \$78.23
*Weekly



2008 NISSAN NAVARA
2.5 litre turbo diesel, 4WD, manual, great value ute

WAS ~~\$18,990~~
NOW \$16,625

NO DEPOSIT \$97.62
*Weekly



2019 HOLDEN COLORADO LTZ
2.8 litre, turbo diesel, 4WD, auto, low 9000kms, great looking ute, balance new car warranty

WAS ~~\$45,990~~
NOW \$44,550

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Meetings



HOROUTA SPORTS CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
 To be held at 574 Wainui Rd Kaiti, Gisborne
Sunday 6th December 2020
 at 3pm
Contact: Stephen McCabe 021 253 1979
 All past and present members welcome

Meetings

NOTICE OF NEXT PARIHIMANIHI MARAE - HUIA HAPŪ
 Ngā Uri o Ngāti Wāhia, me Ngāti Kōhuru
SPECIAL MEETING
 DATE: Saturday 19th December 2020
 VENUE: Parihimanihi Marae, Waihirere
 TIME: 10am
AGENDA:
 1. Mihi/Karakia
 2. Apologies
 3. FOCUS OF HUI: Future Plans for the Marae
 4. Karakia Whakakapi

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
 No reira e te iwi, nau mai, haere mai. Our AGM will be live-streamed so check out our FB page for the link. If you require any further information please contact Waipare on 06 864 8020, ext 2.

TE RAWHEORO MARAE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Thursday 17th December 2020
 9am
 Te Rawheoro Marae Uawa
BRIEF AGENDA:
 • Mihi/Karakia
 • Apologies
 • Previous AGM Minutes
 • Matters Arising
 • Financial Accounts
 • Election of Replacement Trustees
 • General Business
 • Karakia Whakakapi

RUA-O-HINETU 21 TRUST
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday 12 December 2020
 10.30pm
 The Stewarts Residence Tuaraki Road Manutuke
AGENDA
 1. Mihimihi/Karakia
 2. Apologies
 3. Confirm Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held 17 November 2018
 4. Election - for three positions caused by retirement by rotation of Erana Peka, George Whenuakura Nepia and Graham Nepia who offer themselves for re-election
 5. Chairperson's Report
 6. 2019 Audited Financial Report
 7. Dividend Distribution
 8. General Business
 All enquiries should be directed to the Trust Administrator, Ph 027 675 1653 or by email ruaohinetustrust@yahoo.com

RONGOPAI MARAE TRUSTEES
AGM
Sunday 13th December, 2pm
 Cosmopolitan Club
AGENDA:
 Karakia/Mihi
 Apologies
 Minutes previous AGM
 Matters Arising
 Financial Overview
 Chairperson's Report
 Election
 (1) Chairperson
 (2) Vice Chairperson
 Rejuvenation Report
 General Business
 Tom Witana
 Treasurer/Trustee
GISBORNE PIRATES RFC
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
6.30pm, Tuesday 1 December 2020
 Pirates Rugby Clubrooms
 15 Anzac St, Gisborne
 All current and intending members, nau mai haere mai!
 Matters for General Business can be sent to:
gisborne.pirates@gmail.com
 by 5pm on Monday 30 November

trade aid
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

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

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 Erepiiti Road/ Ohuka Road and State Highway 38
 Any further queries can be directed to the Wairoa District Council on 06 838 7309
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Public Notices

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are collecting gifts under our Christmas tree for The Salvation Army.

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

Public Notices

HAUITI MARAE TRUSTEES
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Date: Sunday 6 December
 10am at the Marae
AGENDA:
 Karakia/mihi
 Apologies
 Chairman's Report
 Minutes of the last AGM
 Matters Arising
 Correspondence
 Financial Report
 Appointment of Auditor
 General Business
 Maui Tangohau
 Chairman

Public Notices

Jubilee Celebration of the Consecration of Saint Mary Star of the Sea
 Thursday, December 3rd at 6.00pm
 Followed by a Pot-luck meal in the Parish Centre

Public Notices

Be blessed this Christmas - Meri Kirihimete

Situations Vacant

FORESTRY WORKERS WANTED
 Thinning to waste positions available for experienced persons that can run a crew onsite and administrate health and safety compliance.
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CAPTAIN Marvel doll, as new cond, \$10, pet/ smoke-free home. Ph 027 772 4810.
CAT, 6yr old female, neutered, beautiful colouring, loving home needed urgently. Ph 021 0200 9321.
LEATHER La-z-Boy chair, good order, arms worn, free. Ph 868 6387.
LUXE buttoned velvet queen headboard, free-standing to the floor. Neutral deer antler colour, \$350 Ph 027 772 4810.
MAHOGANY square coffee table 75x75 \$80, mahogany oblong coffee table 100x50 \$60, mahogany nest tables largest 50x36 \$60, excell cond 027 3922 084.

Situations Vacant

SEMI-retired Carpenter to help construct 2 cabins indoors. All tools supplied. Transport provided. Ph 0274 452 782.
FORESTRY workers wtd. Must be avail for spraying, thinning & leading to next year's planting season. Permanent positions avail. Ph/txt Mahe, 027 690 2021.
MCDONALD'S Gisborne is now hiring Baristas. Freshers are welcome. Negotiable pay for experienced Baristas. Flexible shifts. Apply at <https://careers.mcdonalds.com/new-zealand/jobs?keywords=gisborne> or simply email with CV at pjgoel9@gmail.com

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Work Wanted

ELECTRICIAN. All works certified. 10% off hourly rate. Paul, 0226 783 024.

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Situations Vacant



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We have two new positions available within our team.

CULTIVATION SUPERVISOR - MEDICINAL CANNABIS RUATOREA - FULLTIME

Based at our brand new cultivation facility in Ruatorea, the Cultivation Supervisor will oversee and assist in daily operations related to cannabis cultivation. You will be part of a close-knit team that work systematically to produce the highest quality product for our customers.

ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT GISBORNE - FULLTIME

An integral part of the business, the Administration Assistant is responsible for providing outstanding administrative support across all departments. Your highly organised approach and excellent attention to detail will be key to your success in this role. You will be the ultimate multi-tasker, have a friendly, upbeat personality and a solution-focused mindset.

For further information, or to apply, please visit Seek.co.nz

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Situations Vacant



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Permanent & Seasonal Staff Wanted

LeaderBrand is seeking experienced, reliable and motivated staff to fill various permanent and seasonal roles in our Squash Packhouse and Inwards/Outwards areas of the business in the following roles:

- Forklift Operators
- Graders
- Packers
- QC's
- Tally Clerk
- Dispatch Clerk
- Bin Builders
- Coolstore work

**TO APPLY CONTACT THE BELOW
(06) 867-6231 (between 8am-5pm)
GeoffG@leaderbrand.co.nz
346 Lytton Road, Gisborne**

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- Hiab Hire

For any enquiries, please call or email:

**Brooke Richards 027 238 6432
brookekurucontracting.co.nz**

Situations Vacant

GENERAL MANAGER SEAFOOD GROUP

Holdco Limited seeks to appoint a General Manager, Ngati Porou Seafood Group to its management team. The General Manager role has a number of functions and responsibilities.

The GM Ngati Porou Seafoods Group reports to the Chief Executive of Holdco Limited, a subsidiary of Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou, and works regularly with boards of directors, business and operational managers and other client organisations and stakeholders.

The successful candidate will have:

- A sound leadership and executive management skills
- A strong customer focus and a proven ability to foster and maintain good relationships with stakeholders
- A demonstrated commitment to Iwi, Maori development and kaupapa Maori
- Business Management qualification with at least 5 years commercial experience

The position is based in Gisborne.

For a job description and further information visit our website: www.ngatiporou.com or contact Georgina Johnson on 06 867 9960. To apply for this vacancy, applications can be sent to Georgina Johnson, Human Resources Advisor via email at careers@tronp.org.nz

Applications close 4pm, Thursday 3rd December 2020.

Situations Vacant

The Gisborne Herald Co Ltd

Advertising Accounts Manager

- Combination role of advertising sales and relationship management for the daily newspaper
- Based in Gisborne.

The Gisborne Herald is one of the few independent daily newspapers in New Zealand. We are committed to profiling events that lift awareness in our community and promote visitors to our coastal piece of New Zealand. We are on the lookout for an advertising whiz to build and foster long term business relationships through the delivery of specialist solutions and superior customer service. This is a varied role with a combination of sales, relationship management and advertising administration responsibilities that contribute to the effective and efficient operation of The Gisborne Herald.

You will be responsible for:

- Proactively promoting, selling and booking Gisborne Herald publications and services as the first-choice advertising solution for all prospective customers by diagnosing business needs, presenting and recommending solutions that are creative and innovative with a focus on maximising sales revenue;
- Establishing and maintaining long-term profitable business relationships with clients who further the goodwill of the Company.
- Accepting, coordinating, and processing advertising and feature inquiries efficiently;
- Assist with Gisborne Herald special projects as and when required by making positive and constructive contributions to deliver the project aims and outcomes.

The successful candidate will have the following:

- Previous experience in a similar role.
- Effective communication skills, both verbal and written.
- The ability to work both in a team and autonomously.

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.

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

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Readers Bargains

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TATTERSFIELD Slumberpedic single bed base & mattress, 2 valances & mattress protector, excell cond \$200. Ph 027 756 5809.

Readers Bargains

TOBOGGAN and knee tow. Tow behind boat for water fun \$20 each. Ph 868 5294.

TV, 45" Philips, good cond, \$200. Ph 0272 752 691.

Readers Bargains

WATER Lily Swarovski silver crystal candlestick holder, with box & candle, \$400 ono. Samsung phone dual layer cover, Galaxy J3 Pro (2017), \$10. China, Belle Fiore, excell cond, serving bowls, round, oval soup/cereal bowls, saucers, egg cups, jugs - 6", 4", 3" gravy boat with dish, 14" platters, triple dish - plates, dinner, luncheon, b&b, breakfast cups & saucers, teacups & saucers, everything from \$5 ea. Ph 022 391 8511.

Readers Bargains

WEEDEATER, Stihl FSA 56 11 mths old cost \$387, battery & motor excell, selling due to upgrade \$200. Ph 868 5294.

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FARMING

Livestock



Matawhero Cattle Sale, Gisborne Tuesday 1st December 2020, 11am

Comprising Approx 815 Cattle:

- 35 MA Cows & Calves @ foot Cap Stk
- 15 MA Cows & Calves @ foot
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- 50 2yr Bulls
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East Coast Region

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Mangatarata Station is a large working farm located in the East Coast Region of New Zealand. On offer is up to 899ha (subject to survey) of farm land with a full complement of farm infrastructure, including 6-stand woolshed, modern covered yards, satellite yards, dam and reticulated water systems, stables, and various other farm outbuildings. Accommodation includes workers' cottages, shearers' quarters and the renovated homestead, set on a large section with expansive views to Mt Hikurangi and Tokomaru Bay.

- Deadline Offers:**
Thursday 17 December 2020 at 4pm (NZDT)
- Wyatt Johnston +64 27 8151 303
 - Chan Singh +64 27 767 7113
 - Jeremy Keating +64 21 461 210
- + Up to 899ha* subject to survey
 - + 765ha* effective, carrying approximately 7,270 stock units
 - + Renovated 5-bedroom 1920s homestead
 - + 6-stand woolshed, modern covered yards, satellite yards (3), dam and reticulated water systems
 - + Available as entire farm, home block only or northern runoff only

*Approximately

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BARE FARM LAND (GRAZING BLOCK) FOR ACQUISITION

Corner Back Ormond Road and Hansen Road, Gisborne Offers Closing 12.00pm, 11th December 2020

The following bare farm land is available for acquisition and offers are sought from potential purchasers: 19.7837 hectares of flat to rolling land situated at the corner of Back Ormond Road and Hansen Road, Gisborne, approximately 5km to Gisborne City Centre.

Legal description lot 2, Deposited plan 424055, contained in record of title 493431.

Being residential zoned land, it has good housing development potential (currently running dry stock).

Email enquiries to the owner:
backormond2020@gmail.com

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Sunday, November 29, 2020					
Auction	127 Iranui Road	Reap the rewards	11.00 – 11.30am	Bayleys	
Auction	149A Ballance Street	A golden triangle location	11.00 – 11.30am	Bayleys	
Auction	5A Gardner Place	Handy position	12.00 – 12.30pm	Bayleys	
Auction	66 Anzac Street	Wow, lots on offer here!	12.00 – 12.30pm	Bayleys	
Auction	387 Palmerston Road	Feels like Ponsonby	1.00 – 1.30pm	Bayleys	
Auction	11 Dominion Road	There's no place like home	1.00 – 1.30pm	Bayleys	
Auction	30 Hamilton Drive	Hamilton Drive is humming	2.00 – 2.30pm	Bayleys	
Auction	34 Norman Road	A diamond in the rough	2.00 – 2.30pm	Bayleys	
Auction	3 Wellington Street	Home sweet home	2.00 – 2.30pm	Bayleys	
Auction	4 Elsthorpe Avenue	An Urban Oasis	11.00 – 11.30am	Bronwyn Kay Agency	
Auction	483 Nelson Road	Back Again!	12.00 – 12.30pm	Bronwyn Kay Agency	
Auction	42 Ida Road	Feels brand new	11.00 – 11.30am	Property Brokers	
Auction	7 Hospital Road	A real hummer on Hospital Road	12.00 – 12.30pm	Property Brokers	
Auction	2 King Street	Her time has come	12.00 – 12.30pm	Property Brokers	
Auction	14 Kara Street	Bring your tool belt and paint brush!	12.00 – 12.30pm	Property Brokers	
Auction	160 Fox Street	Fabulous living on Fox	12.30 – 1.00pm	Property Brokers	
Auction	575 Nelson Road	Very Accommodating	1.00 – 1.45pm	Property Brokers	
Auction	5 Sievwright Lane	Prettier than a picture with potential	1.00 – 1.30pm	Property Brokers	
Auction	210 Stout Street	Make me grand again...	1.00 – 1.30pm	Property Brokers	
Auction	10 Cobham Place	4 beds on Cobham	1.00 – 1.30pm	Property Brokers	
Auction	24 Diana Avenue	Best of both worlds	2.00 – 2.30pm	Property Brokers	
Auction	2/10 Rutene Road	Wee treasure	2.30 – 3.00pm	Property Brokers	
Auction	7 Mangapapa Road	Mangapapa sanctuary	12.00 – 12.30pm	Property Brokers	
By Negotiation	122 Rutene Road	Close to Town	12.00 – 12.30pm	Harcourts	
Deadline Sale	64 Atkinson Street	Renovator Opportunity	1.00 – 1.30pm	Harcourts	
Deadline Sale	1328 Lavenham Road	Country Living	1.00 – 1.30pm	Harcourts	
Deadline Sale	64 Graham Road	Family paradise on 1/4 acre section	3.00 – 3.30pm	Harcourts	
Tender	42 Whitmore Rd, Ormond	Family Oasis @ Ormond	11.00 – 11.30am	TRACY Real Estate	
Tender	19 Parau Street	Potential & Subdivision	12.00 – 12.30pm	TRACY Real Estate	
Tender	149 Riverside Road	Dream It – Come Live It	1.00 – 1.30pm	TRACY Real Estate	
Tender	11A Kelvin Street	A Breeze to Maintain	1.00 – 1.30pm	TRACY Real Estate	
Tender	18 Kingsley Street	A Winner in Whataupoko	2.00 – 2.30pm	TRACY Real Estate	

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CHRISTIAN COMMENT

Rites of passage are moments which happen at various stages of our lives. Some are more geared towards a future season, while others are more retrospective.

I seem to be at the stage of attending more funerals than weddings or baby showers, and I often ponder the legacy of the person whose life we are celebrating.

A funeral never mentions the amount of money a person has amassed during their lifetime; rather, it is all about the kind of person they were, and how their life is perceived by those who have met them along the way.

The Bible makes it very clear. "A good name is more desirable than great riches" (Proverbs 22:1).

Is death a rite of passage that we can look forward to? I believe it is. The older and frailer we become, it is comforting to know that we can look forward to being in a place where all pain and sorrow will be "wiped away" and we will be re-united with those whom we love.

We only have to acknowledge a Lord who has been watching over us all our lives, and has offered us a safe passage to eternity, through the life and death of His son, Jesus. This is a free gift; we just have to step forward and accept it. It is never too late to ask. There are no atheists in foxholes, as the saying goes.

Doesn't that make death something to look forward to - not something to be feared?

Diane McLean



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NZ records biggest annual trade surplus in 28 years

WELLINGTON — New Zealand has posted its biggest annual trade surplus in 28 years as Covid led to a sharp fall in imports.

Official numbers show a surplus of \$2.2 billion for the year ended October, the biggest since July 1992.

The surplus was driven by a 10 percent slump in imports during the period, notably in fuel and cars.

“Imports are down in part because of restrictions on international and domestic travel imposed in March to slow the spread of the pandemic,” Stats NZ trade Manager Alisdair Allen said. “That can be seen in the big

drops in annual imports of things like turbojets, fuel, and cars.”

Exports edged higher on the back of increased earnings from dairy and fruit.

Allen said imports were starting to increase again as international restrictions eased and supply chains got back into action, with \$400m worth of vehicles imported in October.

Exports were getting back to a normal seasonal pattern and would start to ramp up again as agricultural production gets into full swing.

For the month of October, there was a deficit of \$501m, just under

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half the size of the deficit recorded last year. However, the effect of the pandemic was notable in an increase in sales of breathing apparatus and the export of planes and aircraft parts, which reflected planes being sent overseas for long term storage.

“All up, international trade has proved remarkably resilient, and that’s been a boon for a small exporting economy like New Zealand. And there are signs the recovery is strengthening,” ASB economist Nat Keall said.

He said shipping delays, shortages of containers, and other transport disruption was a factor constraining imports, but he expected that, over time, the big surplus would disappear.

“We still expect the merchandise trade balance to move back to deficit as the pandemic recedes from view and the global economic recovery strengthens.” — RNZ

Genesis Energy reviews whether to keep Kupe oil and gas field

AUCKLAND — Genesis Energy is reviewing whether it should keep its investment in the Kupe oil and gas field.

The power company owns 46 percent of the field, which lies 30km off the Taranaki coast.

It said the field had “attractive” cash flow and a strong growth outlook, and its operators were looking at further development, including drilling an additional well and further exploration.

“This changes the risk and opportunity profile of the asset for Genesis. Accordingly, the Board now considers it an appropriate time to review Genesis’ ongoing ownership of its 46 percent interest in Kupe,” Genesis said in a statement to the stock exchange. — RNZ

‘RBNZ keen to introduce debt-to-income ratios’

WELLINGTON — Reserve Bank of New Zealand (RBNZ) Governor Adrian Orr says the RBNZ wants to introduce debt-to-income ratios in New Zealand.

It comes in the wake of a letter from Finance Minister Grant Robertson to the RBNZ suggesting a change to the rules under which it operates, to take heed of the impact of any monetary policy on house prices.

Robertson wants New Zealand’s central bank to become more involved in checking the skyrocketing price of housing in New Zealand.

Earlier in November, the RBNZ announced a reintroduction of Loan-to-Value ratios (LVRs) next year to reduce the growth of low-deposit home loans.

They were removed in May to encourage home buying and lending.

RBNZ would consult on the changes next month.

Orr told Morning Report yesterday that the level of LVRs would be consulted on.

“We’ve announced what we

will be talking to the banks about. We have not physically put the ratios in yet but the good news is the banks have moved in advance anyway.

“Part of that consultation was (agreeing) that, yes, we can consider the levels that we need to manage the financial risk posed.”

Asked if LVRs needed to be higher to curb property

speculation, Orr said: “Well, I think it’s important to understand the reason why we consider LVRs. It is really about making sure there is not excess leverage or excess debt borrowing

in the housing market, because that is where households — be they owner-occupiers or investors — can find themselves in trouble.

“More importantly, if banks are doing a lot of it, it becomes a very concentrated part of a bank loan book, and that means if unemployment (rates) rose or interest rates increased and people cannot service that debt, it becomes the banks’ problem and they have too much riding

on it.

“So, we are saying to the banks, if you cannot control your own portfolio we will put these constraints in there and you can blame us for not lending to people rather than your own appetite.”

He said tougher LVRs would make people pause to consider, but it was not obvious that they would impact the marginal price of housing.

“There’s still plenty of people in the market, plenty of people who can meet those hurdle rates — those deposit rates (of higher LVRs).

“Our purpose is financial stability, we are not here to control relative prices.”

Debt-to-income ratios

Orr said the RBNZ wanted to introduce debt-to-income ratios.

A debt-to-income ratio means that the amount you can borrow is proportionally related to your income.

The bank was “dusting off the research” on the ratios, Orr said.

“Yes, would be the simple answer, if we are trying to have effective tools that can head off excessive borrowing then a debt to income ratio is one of those.

“They are relatively common internationally and they are used to head off people — for example, with interest rates so low, servicing a loan is easier, that is the purpose of a low interest rate.

“But that means the stock of debt being taken on becomes a risk because for example, if you don’t have a job it doesn’t matter what the interest rate level is, you can’t service a loan and it becomes bad debt and that becomes a non-performing loan for the financial institutions and so on and so forth.

“So these (debt-to-income ratios) put a limit to it.”

There were “benefits and costs” to the tools the RBNZ could employ, . . . they were what had to be discussed, Orr said.

He said if the RBNZ had to put housing above other issues during the Covid-19 pandemic, unemployment would be higher.

“Really what is being talked about is there’s the high-level objectives, inflation and employment.

“If house prices were put in the high level objective . . . then we would be trying to achieve three targets with the one stone.

“For example, we would be having to raise interest rates

‘There is no free lunch. There are trade-offs’

—RBNZ Governor Adrian Orr



Reserve Bank of New Zealand (RBNZ) governor Adrian Orr.

RNZ picture by Dom Thomas

to lower house prices which would mean — all other things unchanged — higher than other exchange rates, higher than otherwise interest rates, lower employment and lower inflation.

“There is no free lunch. There are trade-offs.”

Grant Robertson’s letter

Orr described Robertson’s letter as “very open”.

“Really, what it is saying is can you assist in a whole of government effort to think about affordable houses . . . it has been very clear in the letter that our objectives do not change, our operation remains independent and they want advice.

“We remain completely focused on stable inflation and maximising stable employment.”

— RNZ

SHAREMARKET YESTERDAY

WELLINGTON — Most stocks traded in a narrow price range — except for the rebounding leader Fisher and Paykel Healthcare — in a quiet close to the New Zealand sharemarket for the week.

The S&P/NZX 50 Index edged ahead 37.81 points or 0.3 percent to 12,639.83 on steady trading of 87.23 million shares worth \$158.41 million. There were 50 gainers and 86 decliners across whole market of 183 stocks.

“With the United States markets closed for Thanksgiving, there were no major leads and we had a pretty quiet, aimless day with modest movements and modest volumes,” said Matt Goodson, managing director of Salt Funds Management.

Fisher and Paykel Healthcare rebounded strongly, rising 1.46 or 4.49 percent to \$33.95 on trade worth \$23.8m. A Covid beneficiary, it has been shuffling between \$33 and \$37 over

the past four months.

Goodson said Fisher & Paykel put out a very good result this week which was expected and it has had a massive advance from \$21 a share during the first half of the year.

“There are a range of views out there about Fisher & Paykel. People are considering different scenarios and trying to understand whether its high valuation is justified. We will have to wait and see,” he said.

Auckland International Airport was down 14.5c to \$7.655, a2 Milk fell 5c to \$14.67, Spark lost 5c to \$4.65, Freightways declined 18c or 1.9 percent to \$9.30, Mercury Energy slipped 5c to \$6, and Fletcher Building was down 8c to \$5.73.

Online travel provider Serko decreased 9c to \$5.41, Z Energy was down 6c or 1.83 percent to \$3.22, and new listing Harmony decreased 6c to \$3.43.

The few movers among the larger cap stocks

were Meridian Energy up 6c to \$6.18, Chorus climbing 17c or 2.06 percent to \$8.42, and Sanford gaining 13c or 2.57 percent to \$5.19.

Air New Zealand, hit hard by the Covid crisis, continued to surprise, this time rising 5c, or 2.76 percent to \$1.86. The airline put out its latest statistics, showing its passenger numbers in October fell 50.6 percent to 690,000, compared with 1.39m in the same month last year.

But Air NZ told the market it had been awarded four months of additional cargo flights under the Government’s International Air Freight Capacity scheme, and it still expects to make a loss in FY21. Cargo now contributed to nearly half of the current monthly revenue.

“Maybe there’s a bit of sentiment there rather than a hard-nosed analysis of its business — with the Covid vaccines rolling out,” said Goodson.

“Air NZ is burning through tens of millions of dollars every month, and you need to take a very good view of the timing and size of the bounce back in air travel.”

Genesis Energy increased 2c to \$3.285 after saying it was reviewing its 46 percent involvement with the Kupe oil and gas field off the coast of Taranaki.

The Kupe joint venture is considering drilling an additional well and Genesis said this changes the risk and opportunity profile.

The review would be completed by mid next year. “Kupe has been a high cash generator for Genesis but it has a finite life, and Genesis wouldn’t be doing a review if it wasn’t looking to sell at an acceptable price,” said Goodson.

Argosy Property, which reported a solid half-year result this week, rose 4c or 2.74 percent to an all-time high of \$1.50 after receiving two broker upgrades.

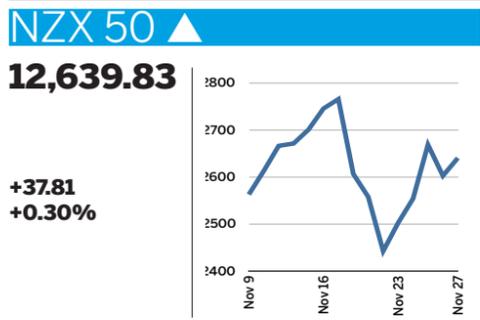
Goodson said Argosy has a mix of industrial, office and retail property and compared with latest valuations its industrial component is a little bit behind.

Fellow property stocks Goodman Trust gained 2.5c to \$2.41, while Stride fell 5c or 2.20 percent to \$2.22. — The New Zealand Herald

SHAREMARKET

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

MONDAY-TO-FRIDAY OFFICIAL MARKET STATISTICS



TOP 10 TURNOVER	
Share name	Shares
New Talisman	32,746,200
Promisia	23,920,000
Spark NZ	14,870,500
Sky Network	13,439,000
Air NZ	13,159,000
Fletcher Building	12,338,800
Meridian Energy	10,638,000
Contact Energy	10,427,500
Kathmandu	9,454,700
Pacific Edge	8,849,700

TOP 10 VALUE	
Share name	Dollars (000)
Fishr&Paykl Health	176,902,100
Contact Energy	80,515,500
Fletcher Building	70,209,100
Spark NZ	68,658,500
Ryman Health	65,518,500
Meridian Energy	64,968,200
AuckAirport	60,597,300
a2 Milk	55,298,900
Air NZ	24,301,500
Mercury NZ	21,840,700

BIGGEST 10 RISES	
Share name	Percentage
Cannasouth	15.7895
Smartpay	12.1212
Millennm&Cophtrn	11.7073
Just Life Group	11.2676
Rua Bio	9.6154
Turners Auto	9.4697
Air NZ	9.0909
Barramundi	8.7912
TIL Logist	8.4211
Briscoe Grp	7.7482

BIGGEST 10 FALLS	
Share name	Percentage
Metro Perf Glass	10.3448
Foley Wines	7.5377
Harmony Corp Limited	7.2973
PaySauce	5.7143
Stride	3.8961
Arvida	3.8889
AFT Pharm	3.8384
Kiwi Prop	3.5294
Serko Ltd	3.3929
NZ Refining Co	3.3898

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SMALLCAP ▼
76,933.54
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New Zealand

	Last Price	Weekly Move	52-week High	52-week Low	NTA	Dividend CPS	Yld%	P/E Ratio
A-C								
Abano	5.03	+0.05	5.40	1.15	-4.77	-1.85	-	-
Accordant Group Ltd	1.38	+0.03	2.05	.91	-3.36	.14	-	9.33
AFT Pharm	4.76	-0.19	5.65	3.09	-0.01	.03	-	119.19
Air NZ	1.86	+0.15	3.05	.80	1.01	-0.40	-	-
AlliedFarmrs	.75	+0.04	.79	.46	.30	.06	3.70	11.78
AMP	1.80	-0.01	2.15	1.14	1.34	.00	5.99	202.42
ANZ	24.06	+0.49	28.45	14.50	21.67	1.36	2.98	17.63
ArborGen	.13	-0.00	.20	.12	.13	.01	-	9.95
Argosy	1.50	+0.03	1.52	.74	1.41	.05	4.70	29.35
Arvida	1.73	-0.07	2.00	.88	1.32	.07	3.32	23.76
AscensionCap	.00	-	.65	.29	.51	-	8.10	-
Asset Plus Ltd	.33	-	.65	.29	.51	-	8.10	-
AuckAirport	7.65	-0.02	9.21	4.29	4.51	.15	49.99	-
Aus Found	7.65	+0.05	7.87	4.90	6.39	.21	3.35	35.96
Aust Food	.00	-	.00	.00	.00	-	-	-
Bankers Inv	20.41	+1.11	21.05	14.10	20.22	1.18	2.08	17.15
Barramundi	.99	+0.08	1.00	.44	.79	.06	5.63	15.34
Blackwell	.01	-0.00	.09	.00	.00	-	-	-
BLIS Tech	.08	-	.09	.04	.00	-	46.39	-
Briscoe Grp	4.45	+0.32	4.49	2.35	1.07	.28	2.81	15.87
Burger Fuel	.43	+0.00	.61	.24	.16	.00	-	72.97
Cannasouth	.66	+0.09	1.48	.35	.13	-0.02	-	-
Carbon Fund	1.28	-0.01	1.29	.90	1.27	-	-	-
Cavalier Corp	.36	-0.01	.44	.16	.47	-	-	-
CDL Inv	.89	+0.01	.95	.66	.86	.11	5.46	7.58
Chatham Rock	.09	-0.00	.25	.08	.19	-0.05	-	-
Chorus	8.42	-0.14	9.39	5.54	1.39	.11	3.96	71.4
City of Lond Inv	6.90	-	9.10	5.65	6.75	-1.14	5.47	-
Colonial Motor	8.80	+0.25	9.00	4.98	6.92	.66	5.05	13.18
Comvita	3.23	+0.07	4.63	1.54	2.39	-	-	-
Contact Energy	7.64	-0.08	8.26	4.54	3.08	.17	6.38	43.71
Cooks Glob Fds	.04	+0.00	.06	.04	-0.01	-0.00	-	-
D-F								
Delegat Group	15.50	+0.55	15.82	6.39	3.95	.63	1.52	24.45
EBOS Group	25.08	+0.08	27.04	18.42	-1.17	1.07	3.39	23.39
Enprise Group	.92	+0.01	1.20	.58	.15	.10	2.17	8.64
EROD Ltd	4.61	+0.21	4.65	1.80	.62	.03	-	146.97
EvoEduc	.17	+0.02	.18	.05	-0.02	-0.00	-	-
Fishr&Paykl Health	33.95	+1.29	37.89	21.00	1.87	.68	1.13	49.82
Fletcher Building	5.73	+0.31	5.88	3.05	2.87	-2.3	-	-
Foley Wines	1.84	-0.15	2.13	1.35	1.37	.10	2.26	17.48
Fonterra	4.42	-0.01	4.72	3.41	2.77	.42	1.13	10.39
Fonterra Strhlds Unts	4.43	-0.01	4.72	3.41	3.82	-	-	-
Foreign & Colonial	14.26	-0.33	15.90	10.10	15.48	2.39	1.61	5.96
Freightways	9.30	+0.16	9.60	4.50	-1.10	.30	2.24	30.99
G-L								
General Capital Ltd	.06	+0.00	.12	.05	.03	.00	-	74.89
GenesisEq	3.28	+0.13	3.34	1.99	1.65	.04	6.86	73.42
GenesisGrp	1.50	+0.09	4.18	.76	-0.01	-0.32	2.78	-
GEO	.06	-0.00	.12	.02	-0.01	-0.02	-	-
GFNZ Grp Ltd Ord	.43	+0.01	.56	.34	-0.33	.04	6.32	9.29
Good Spirits Ltd	.07	-0.00	.15	.04	-0.67	-1.1	-	-
Goodman Prop Tst	2.41	-0.00	2.52	1.84	1.82	.15	3.05	15.62
Green Cross Health	1.03	+0.01	1.39	.99	-0.03	.10	4.72	9.61
Hallenstein Glasson	6.90	+0.43	7.01	1.80	1.45	.46	7.85	14.82
Harmony Corp Limited	3.43	-0.27	3.75	3.33	-	-	-	-
Heartland Grp Holding	1.41	+0.02	1.93	.89	1.05	.12	6.90	11.3
Hendrsn Far East	6.34	-0.01	7.35	5.55	5.97	-0.70	7.23	-
IkeGPS Grp	1.20	+0.02	1.21	.48	.16	-0.06	-	-
Infratil	5.79	+0.19	5.86	3.00	3.27	.31	3.67	18.48
Investore	2.20	-0.05	2.29	1.35	1.93	.33	4.06	6.55
JPMorg GlobGrth	7.40	-0.24	7.64	4.99	7.14	.37	3.49	19.82
Just Life Group	.79	+0.08	.92	.36	.04	.03	3.87	23.77
Kathmandu	1.30	-0.03	2.54	.48	1.4	.01	-	77.37
Kingfish	1.95	+0.01	2.04	1.05	1.83	.28	6.84	6.81
Kiwi Prop	1.23	-0.04	1.59	.74	1.29	-1.0	3.51	-
M-O								
Mainfreight	60.50	+2.00	61.50	24.00	7.02	1.71	1.35	35.22
Marlin Global	1.29	+0.04	1.31	.69	1.11	.15	6.23	8.5
Marsden Mari	5.85	+0.15	7.19	5.34	3.32	.16	3.80	36.17
MarWineEst	.21	-0.00	.26	.17	.06	-	-	6307.44
Me Today	.07	+0.00	.16	.06	.01	-	-	-
Mercury NZ	6.00	+0.20	6.05	3.59	2.69	.15	3.66	39.49
Meridian Energy	6.18	+0.29	6.45	3.61	1.85	.06	4.04	89.99
Metro Perf Glass	.39	-0.04	.46	.15	1.13	-0.42	-	-
MHM Automation Limited	.53	-	.56	.15	-0.01	.01	-	36.83
Michael Hill	.56	-	.76	.23	.35	.00	2.74	114.02
Millennm&Cophtrn	2.29	+0.24	2.82	1.72	4.44	.56	4.55	4.03
Moa Ord Shrs	.23	+0.00	.30	.09	.16	-0.02	-	-
Napier Port	3.60	+0.07	4.28	2.51	1.73	.11	.96	32.69
New Talisman	.00	-0.00	.00	.00	.00	-	-	-
NZ King Salmn	1.68	-0.02	2.30	1.29	.96	.12	1.65	12.96
NZ Oil & Gas	.71	+0.01	.74	.43	.84	-0.00	-	-
NZ Refining Co	.57	-0.02	2.00	.54	1.71	-0.57	-	-
NZME Ltd	.74	-0.01	.77	.17	-0.17	-0.82	-	-
NZX Limited	1.86	+0.04	1.92	.92	-0.01	.06	4.55	29.7
OceaniaHlth	1.30	-	1.49	.38	.95	-0.02	2.69	-
P-S								
Pacific Edge	.69	-0.02	.80	.06	.04	-0.02	-	-
PaySauce	.33	-0.02	1.31	.33	.01	-0.01	-	-
PGG Wrightson	2.97	-	3.01	1.55	1.68	.09	4.21	32.42
Plexure	1.21	-0.15	1.59	.37	.04	-0.03	-	-
PLP Fund	1.06	-	1.15	1.01	1.05	.08	6.01	12.84
Port of Tauranga	7.26	+0.11	8.14	4.90	1.70	.13	2.37	54.85

	Last Price	Weekly Move	52-week High	52-week Low	NTA	Dividend CPS	Yld%	P/E Ratio
Precinct Prop	1.74	-0.04	1.95	1.44	1.44	.02	4.00	65.13
Promisia	.00	-	.00	.00	.00	-	-	-
Prop For Ind	2.91	-0.02	3.01	1.60	2.04	-0.29	3.40	9.99
PushpayHld	7.15	-0.04	9.68	2.36	-1.15	.12	-	56.65
QEX	.40	+0.01	.87	.19	.22	.02	-	18.19
Rakon	.40	+0.02	.41	.15	.40	.03	-	12.74
RestaurantBrands	12.19	-0.01	14.13	6.47	.19	.17	-	70.72
Rua Bio	.57	+0.05	.75	.52	-	-	-	-
Ryman Health	15.00	-0.13	17.20	6.61	4.81	.57	1.61	25.97
Sanford	5.19	+0.28	8.20	4.81	1.24	.23	5.08	21.63
Scales Corp	4.84	+0.02	5.35	3.30	2.33	.18	5.45	26.63
Scott Tech	1.75	+0.02	2.38	.81	.20	-0.22	-	-
Seeka Kiwifruit	3.92	-0.05	4.74	3.40	5.13	.41	3.54	9.39
Serko Ltd	5.41	-0.19	5.80	.87	.34	-0.20	-	-
Skellerup	3.17	+0.01	3.23	1.37	.65	.14	4.90	21.24
Sky Network	.16	+0.00	.45	.10	.02	-0.18	-	-
SKYCItyEnt	3.10	+0.04	4.15	1.14	1.06	.35	4.48	8.83
Smartpay	.74	+0.08	.76	.24	-0.07	-0.06	-	-
Smartshr APAC	2.16	+0.00	2.22	1.65	2.18	-0.06	1.53	-
Smartshr ASX Units	2.73	-0.01	2.80	2.49	2.76	-	1.09	-
Smartshr AU 20	3.80	+0.02	4.21	2.65	3.81	-0.51	4.81	-
Smartshr AU Div	1.53	+0.02	1.76	1.05	1.54	-0.37	6.80	-
Smartshr AU Fin	6.57	+0.08	7.75	4.17	6.61	-1.67	3.99	-
Smartshr AU Mid	8.11	-0.09	8.64	4.32	8.13	-1.38	1.66	-
Smartshr AU Prp	1.46	-0.00	1.75	.91	1.46	-0.47	3.83	-
Smartshr AU Res	5.04	+0.18	5.44	3.23	5.07	-1.23	5.08	-
Smartshr Auto	3.87	+0.07	3.91	2.35	3.83	-0.33	-	-
Smartshr Emr	1.38	+0.00	1.44	1.02	1.38	-0.08	2.21	-
Smartshr Emr Equ	2.31	+0.03	2.34	1.73	2.29	-0.27	-	-
Smartshr EU	1.66	+0.00	1.86	1.24	1.67	-0.07	2.44	-
Smartshr EU Equ	2.40	+0.01	2.63	1.87	2.38	-0.30	-	-
Smartshr Glo Agr	1.35	-0.00	1.40	1.29	1.36	.00	1.98	215.43
Smartshr Glo Bond	3.36	-0.00	3.37	3.04	3.37	.06	1.67	51.28
Smartshr Glo Equ	2.29	+0.02	2.36	1.72	2.27	-0.20	-	-
Smartshr Health	3.21	-0.00	3.37	2.05	3.18	.13	-	23.69
Smartshr JP Equ	2.10	+0.03	2.12	1.60	2.07	-0.01	-	-
Smartshr NZ Bond	3.14	-0.02	3.18	3.00	3.15	.06	2.59	48.62
Smartshr NZ								

Brilliant Bairstow powers England to T20 triumph

CRICKET

CAPE TOWN — England's Jonny Bairstow bludgeoned a brilliant unbeaten 86 from 48 balls as the tourists chased down 180 to beat South Africa by five wickets with four balls to spare in the first Twenty20 International at Newlands.

Sent into bat, South Africa posted a respectable 6-179 in their 20 overs in Friday's contest, before claiming early wickets to have England in trouble in their reply.

But Bairstow, batting in an unfamiliar No.4 position, led the fightback as he sat deep in his crease and smashed nine fours and four sixes with the kind of exquisite timing few other batsmen found on the day.

The win would be pleasing for captain Eoin Morgan, who said this week he did not know his best XI in the shortest format, but could already have had some questions answered ahead of the second fixture in the three-match series in Paarl on Sunday.

South Africa's innings were anchored by the experienced Faf du Plessis (58 from 40 balls), who was especially brutal on Tom Curran (1-55), smashing the

England seamer for 24 runs in his second over, which contributed to the bowler's most expensive figures in international Twenty20 cricket.

Brother Sam Curran (3-28) exacted some family revenge when he had Du Plessis caught on the boundary by Chris Jordan and was the pick of the visitors' attack with his career-best figures, clever change of pace and ability to surprise with the short ball on a slow wicket.

Quinton de Kock (30 from 23 balls) and Rassie van der Dussen (37 from 28 balls) also provided useful runs for the home side.

England were in early trouble in their reply, losing Jason Roy (0) second ball to George Linde as South Africa took pace off the ball at the start of the innings.

When Jos Buttler (7) and Dawid Malan (19) fell, the visitors had slumped to 3-34 in the sixth over.

But Bairstow and Ben Stokes (37 from 27 balls) rallied, putting on 85 in 8.4 overs for the fourth wicket to drag England back into the contest.

England still needed 51 from the final four overs, but when Beuran Hendricks conceded 28 runs in his last over, the game swung heavily in their favour.

— PA

Bridge results

CONGRATULATIONS to Kay Crosby and Joy Marden for a score of 73 percent on Thursday night.

MONDAY, November 23 — Sean Shivnan Pharmacy Championship Pairs 10 (Howell movement): Vicki Taylor, John Hudson 60.58; Diana Styche, Joy Marden 60.33; Anne Roberts, Raewynne Cook 59.75; Brent Turnbull, Yvonne Waide 56.83.

WEDNESDAY, November 25 — Bayleys Real Estate Championship Pairs 10 (Howell movement): Joy Marden, Diana Styche 61.90; Rosemary Rowell, Jean Turnbull 60.42; Robin Bennett, Jean Bennett 58.57; Trish Corson, Glenys Evans 51.90.

THURSDAY, November 26 — Vicki Coley Property Brokers Junior Championship Pairs 10

North/South
Kay Crosby, Joy Marden 73.00
Avinash Rane, Sally Knight 58.50

East/West
Raewynne Cook, Anne Roberts 65.00
Lois Grose, Brent Turnbull 58.50

FRIDAY, November 27 — Stenersen Kain Pairs 3

North/South
Caroline Kirkpatrick, Diana Styche 60.83
Delwyn Arthur, Vicki Taylor 56.25

East/West
Jesse Graham, Avinash Rane 60.42
Jean Bennett, Robin Bennett 54.07

Rooney ready to quit playing if made manager

FOOTBALL

DERBY — Wayne Rooney says he is ready to end his distinguished career as a player if he is installed as Derby County's full-time manager by the club's prospective new owners.

Rooney will take sole charge of the Championship club for Saturday's home game against Wycombe, having been part of an interim coaching quartet of Liam Rosenior, Shay Given and Justin Walker. The Rams sacked Phillip

Cocu earlier this month after they had won only one of their first 11 games. They had since lost their last two matches.

"We're focussing on the game tomorrow, that's what we're looking at and, beyond that, I'll speak to (new director of football) Steve McClaren and the new owners once that is finalised," Rooney said.

A consortium, headed by Sheikh Khaled bin Zayed Al Nahyan, was expected to complete its takeover of the club in the next few days. — PA

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HARD

SUDOKU

SUDOKU is a logic puzzle made up of 81 squares on a 9x9 grid.

To solve the puzzle, each row, column and 3x3 grid within the larger grid must end up containing each number from 1 to 9, and each number can only appear once in a row, column or box.

A sudoku grid has a single unique solution, which can be reached without using guesswork.

SOLUTION IN NEXT PUBLICATION.

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THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

Monday, November 30, 2020

by Eugenia Last

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:

Kaley Cuoco, 35; Elisha Cuthbert, 38; Ben Stiller, 55; Billy Idol, 65.

Happy Birthday:

Revisit what's taken place, and start making adjustments that will help you get back on track or change your direction to suit your lifestyle and needs. Focus on what's important to you and the people you know you can trust. Personal improvements will motivate you to set higher goals. Believe in yourself, not someone else. Your numbers are 8, 15, 23, 26, 32, 38, 44.

ARIES (March 21-April 19):

Size up your financial situation, and make plans that will help you improve your life. A change of pace will allow you to spend more time learning about or pursuing something that can turn into a financial game changer. 4 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20):

An unexpected change will push you in a healthier direction. Spending more time with someone who is active or inspires you to exercise and eat properly will lead to friendship. A unique offer may entice you, but buying into the hype isn't favored. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

Do all you can for a cause you believe in, and you'll meet people who share your concerns. Working alongside others will lead to opportunities and a partnership that is energetic and full of surprises. Make honesty and integrity priorities. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22):

Hidden matters will make it necessary to slow down, listen carefully, and let your intuition help you decide what's valid. When in doubt, do your own thing, work alone and bring about positive personal change. Romance is featured. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):

Accept the inevitable, and turn any negative into a positive. Channel your energy into doing something that will make a difference, and reach out to people who share your concerns. Take the initiative to be original and to be a leader. 4 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

Keep your emotions in check and your mind on your goals. Be smart, and counter any difficulties someone throws your way with well-thought-out ideas. Strive for perfection, and put a stop to uncertainty. Speak up, and be forthright. 2 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):

Be observant and stick to your plan. Don't let the changes others make confuse you. Choose to spend time with people who are active, engaging and who encourage you to take care of what and who is important to you. 5 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

Emotional spending will be your downfall. Don't let anyone pressure you into purchasing something you don't need. A personal change will help stabilize your life and your relationships with people who share your concerns. Romance is on the rise. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

Put more initiative into how you live, who you associate with, and the comforts and conveniences that energize you. What you accomplish today will be impressive; you will gain the respect of people who matter to you. Share your thoughts and feelings. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

Avoid pushy people and situations. Don't battle over something trivial. Take the high road, do what's right and best for you and those you love, and let others do as they please. Control your reactions, and redirect your energy into something worthwhile. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

Stop trying to please people who take but give nothing in return. Choose your friends wisely and concentrate on how you live and the goals you set. Walk away from situations where pressure is applied and motives are questionable. 5 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):

Tunnel vision will help you avoid getting drawn into a destabilizing emotional situation. You have much to gain if you turn your thoughts into something tangible that will encourage prosperity, better health and a chance to do something worthwhile. 2 stars

Birthday Baby:

You are energetic, wise and focused. You are sensitive and giving.

STAR RATINGS

FIVE STARS: Nothing can stop you now. Go for the gold.
FOUR STARS: You can pretty much do as you please. It's a good time to start new projects.
THREE STARS: If you focus your efforts, you will reach your goals.
TWO STARS: You can accomplish a lot, but don't rely on others for help.
ONE STAR: It's best to avoid conflicts. Work behind the scenes or read a good book.

DOUBLE CROSSWORD

No 11,157

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SOLUTIONS TO PUZZLE 11,156

QUICK
Across: 1 Strip; 4 Gnarled; 8 Aviator; 9 Jests; 10 Ibe; 11 Delusion; 13 Idol; 14 Snug; 16 Adjacent; 17 Mere; 20 Tired; 21 Inexact; 22 Residue; 23 Spend.
Down: 1 Station-master; 2 Raise; 3 Pity; 4 Garret; 5 Adjourns; 6 Lasting; 7 Disinterested; 12 Conceded; 13 Injures; 15 Unwise; 18 Erase; 19 Less.

Quick Crossword answers also fit the large grid

QUICK CLUES

- ACROSS**
7. Powerless (6)
8. Chasten (6)
10. Earn (7)
11. Hackneyed (5)
12. Memo (4)
13. Moment (5)
17. Conjecture (5)
18. Wound-mark (4)
22. Foe (5)
23. Blend (7)
24. Crowd (6)
25. Rare (6)

- DOWN**
1. Worldly (7)
2. Untruth (7)
3. Coquette (5)
4. Rightness (7)
5. Stiff (5)
6. Termagant (5)
9. Tedious (9)
14. Lighthearted (7)
15. Obtain (7)
16. Sycophant (7)
19. Mooring (5)
20. Long (5)
21. Precise (5)

CRYPTIC CLUES

- ACROSS**
7. Cow-catcher (6)
8. Make a choice in this election (6)
10. A conviction arrived at without proof? (7)
11. Outdated permit to go East (5)
12. Prepare to put out with the turn of the tide (4)
13. Fight to protect one's property? (5)
17. Mention a price (5)
18. Spirit used in experiments (4)
22. If all plants were this, there would be no great variety (5)
23. Reputation for enjoying poor health? (3-4)
24. With a new clue I'd find the mathematician (6)
25. High jinks with a saucy flavour? (6)

- DOWN**
1. Role man has created as a social worker (7)
2. It's plain I repair in the right way (7)
3. A trio breaks up a relationship (5)
4. Honour a relation (7)
5. It may be perfect (5)
6. Choice example (5)
9. Still in some doubt and not to be depended on (9)
14. Loud and biased form of amusement (7)
15. Slackened and became loose in a rush (7)
16. Grant permission to break silence (7)
19. I had been in front, but became lazy (5)
20. A striking similarity (5)
21. Negotiate a loan for fishing tackle? (5)

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Gisborne Club Darts Association results

INDIVIDUAL HIGHLIGHTS from Tuesday

180s: Matt Reedy (Cossy Done & Dusted); Kayne Arahanga 2, Tyson Eyles (2NZ Kings); Marcus Leach, Toby Ratapu (RSA Men of Mayhem); Tristan Reeves (RSA Outlaws); Pete Archbold (Roseland Dilligaf).

Highest start (180): Kayne Arahanga (2NZ Kings); Tristan Reeves (RSA Outlaws).

Highest finish (146): Toby Ratapu (RSA Men of Mayhem).

Most tons (27): Matt Reedy (Cossy Done & Dusted).

TEAM RESULTS

(P = pairs won. S = singles won. T = total tons)
A Grade

Cossy Done & Dusted 5 2NZ Kings 16: Matt Reedy (P2 S0 T27) 180, 140 (5), 135 (2), 121 (3), 100 (16); S Hohipa (P2 S0 T12) 160, 140 (3), 128, 120, 100 (6); J Love (P0 S1 T17) 140 (2), 135, 125, 121, 105, 100 (11); M Reedy (P0 S1 T10) 140, 121, 110, 100 (7); J Reedy (P1 S0 T12) 140st, 140 (2), 125, 105, 100 (7); B Leach (P1 S0 T14) 177, 140, 139, 130, 125, 116f, 100 (8). C Kiri (P2 S2 T16) 140, 134, 125, 121 (2), 100 (11); J Kiri (P2 S2 T12) 140 (2), 138, 100 (9); I Eyles (P3 S1 T20) 140st, 140, 132, 125, 123, 121, 119, 105, 100 (12); H Eyles (P3 S1 T17) 140 (3), 125, 121, 101f, 100 (11); T Eyles (P1 S2 T9) 180, 144f, 140st, 140, 135, 134, 115, 100 (2); K Arahanga (P1 S2 T17) 180st, 180, 140st, 140

(4), 135, 100 (9).

2NZ Tao TCL 0 RSA Men of Mayhem 21: P Waihi-Aspalter (P0 S0 T3) 101, 100 (2); C McKean (P0 S0 T1) 140; A Tangira (P0 S0 T6) 160, 140, 115, 100 (3); C Mihaka (P0 S0 T2) 100 (2); K Namana (P0 S0 T3) 135, 100 (2); B Pokai-Giddens (P0 S0 T8) 160, 140 (2), 121, 117, 100 (3). J Griffiths (P3 S2 T23) 140 (8), 135st, 125st, 123, 100st, 100 (11); L Tamihana (P3 S2 T14) 140, 120, 105, 100 (11); M Leach (P3 S2 T14) 180, 140 (2), 100 (11); E Tamihana (P3 S2 T15) 140st, 140 (3), 135, 125 (3), 123, 121 (2), 100st (2), 100 (2); B Campbell (P3 S2 T5) 138, 121, 102, 100 (2); T Ratapu (P3 S2 T17) 180, 146f, 140 (2), 135, 127, 123, 112f, 106f, 100 (8).

RSA Outlaws 8 Roseland Say My Name 13: D Reeves (P1 S1 T3) 140, 125, 100; M Reeves (P1 S0 T10) 145, 140 (3) 125, 108, 100 (4); R Mason (P1 S1 T14) 140 (2), 138, 135 (2), 123, 121st, 100st, 100 (6); T Reeves (P1 S1 T8) 180st, 140, 135, 125, 100 (4); S Reeves (P1 S2 T11) 140 (2), 125st, 121, 100 (7); E Reeves (P1 S0 T5) 140 (2), 135, 100 (2). T Duncan (P3 S2 T20) 140st, 140 (3), 132, 125st, 123, 105, 100 (12); C Lewis (P3 S1 T6) 140, 122, 101, 100 (3); W Whaitiri (P0 S2 T5) 140, 125, 102, 100st, 100; D Nepe (P0 S0 T5) 140, 132, 121, 100 (2); Tui Duncan (P3 S1 T10) 140st, 140, 119, 111, 100f, 100 (5); W Lewis (P3S1 T11) 140st, 140, 125 (2), 118, 100 (6).

2NZ Rebels 13 Roseland Dilligaf 8: J Noanoa (P3 S2 T12) 140, 138, 125, 122, 121, 120, 119, 100

(5); G Vautuua (P3 S2 T8) 140 (2), 135, 111, 100 (3); L Kaa (P2 S1 T8) 121, 116, 105, 100 (5); J Matete (P2 S0 T3) 125, 115, 100; G Poi (P1 S1 T8) 140, 103f, 100 (6); C Reiri (P1 S1 T10) 140 (3), 135, 134, 121, 100 (4). P Archbold (P1 S1 T16) 180, 140st, 100f, 100 (13); R Pomana (P1 S0 T2) 118, 100; N Monika (P1 S1 T8) 140, 100 (7); A Cross (P1 S2 T11) 132, 121, 100 (9); M McDonald (P1 S1 T4) 125, 100 (3); Ash (P1 S0 T2) 125, 100.

Cossy Spandangles 4 Roseland 17: Mikey Evans (P1 S1 T14); Pete Ellingham (P1 S0 T2); Sean Gooch (P1 S1 T11); Matty Morrell (P1 S0 T2); Rendall McDonald (P0 S0 T10); Ike Te Aho Rangī (P0 S0 T1); Wayne Morrell (P3 S1 T15); Kevin Morrell (P3 S2 T11); Mike Jones (P2 S2 T17); Steve Lascelles (P2 S1 T4); John Collier (P2 S2 T14); Fred Moreland (P2 S2 T7).

B Grade

RSA (1) 0 Cossy Double Seekers 15 (by default).

2NZ Wahine Purotu 12 Cossy PHL (2) 3: L Wynyard (P2 S1 T6) 138, 100 (5); S Brown (P2 S1 T1) 101; A Kaa (P2 S1 T3) 140st, 116, 100; H Namana (P2 S1 T1) 126; TK Kaio (P3 S1 T13) 180, 140, 121, 100st (4), 100 (6); H Haapu (P3 S0 T6) 136, 126, 125, 122st, 100st, 100. S Nisbett (P2 S0 T2) 140, 100st; P McRoberts (P2 S0 T5) 121, 100f, 100 (3); A Wildbore (P0 S0 T1) 119; L Vette (P0 S0 T4) 140, 134, 125, 117; K Farmer (P0 S0 T0); J Witika (P0 S1 T2) 140st, 135.

RSA Stallions 3 2NZ Vikings 12: K Tamihere (P1 S0 T5) 121, 100st, 100 (3); K Unuwai (P1 S0 T1) 100st; E Brown (P0 S1 T5) 100st (2), 100 (3); A Higham (P0 S0 T10) 101; Jandy (P0 S0 T0); C Beattie (P0 S0 T6) 140, 100 (5). A Pohio (P3 S1 T8) 140, 138, 131, 100st (5); J Waikawa-Nepe (P3 S1 T3) 125, 100 (2); A Kaiwai (P2 S0 T6) 139, 125, 121, 100st, 100 (2); T Irwin (P2 S0 T1) 100; T Campbell-Ratapu (P3 S1 T7) 140, 100 (6); M Hawea (P3 S1 T8) 140st, 140, 125st, 125 (2), 100 (3).

2NZ Wahine Toa 9 2NZ (3) 6: T Kiri (P2 S1 T3) 140, 100 (2); S Barbarich (P2 S1 T2) 104, 100; D Barbarich (P1 S1 T3) 120, 101, 100; M Renata (P1 S0 T2) 130, 100; T Aspalter (P2 S0 T2) 100 (2); N Fraider (P2 S1 T1) 123. L Cook (P2 S0 T7) 138, 121st, 120, 117, 100 (3); Richard (P2 S0 T4) 120, 100 (3); E Thomas (P1 S0 T1) 100; O Pohio (P1 S1 T2) 125, 100; H Pewhairangi (P1 S1 T0); M Pewhairangi (P1 S0 T1) 116.

RSA xFMO 9 2NZ Tao Valkyries 6: N Reeves (P2 S1 T8) 140st, 140, 100st (2), 100 (4); A Leach (P2 S0 T3) 140, 105, 100; C Waikawa (P2 S1 T3) 125st, 100 (2); K Waikawa (P2 S1 T0); B Reeves (P1 S0 T6) 140 (2), 120, 105, 100 (2); V Ngauu (P1 S1 T3) 140, 119, 100. A Campbell-Ratapu (P3 S0 T3) 140, 100 (2); J Campbell-Ratapu (P3 S1 T5) 125, 100 (4); S Eyles (P1 S0 T4) 101, 100st, 100 (2); K Hawea (P1 S0 T4) 125, 115, 100 (2); S Lewis (P0 S1 T1) 100; M Waihape (P0 S0 T0).

Byes: Cossy Corys 6 Shooters, 2NZ MMXX.

Tyson-Jones bout proves drawcard

BOXING

LOS ANGELES — Although derided by many as being just a circus act featuring two washed up 50-somethings, Mike Tyson and Roy Jones Jr will simply get into the ring in Los Angeles tomorrow and try to wind the clock back to their glory days.

The controversial exhibition bout between two great former champions has been met with plenty of understandable criticism, but record pre-fight pay-per-view sales have been reported as the contest cannot help but intrigue even the sceptics.

Former world heavyweight champion Tyson, 54, who has not boxed professionally for 15 years, has shed an impressive six stones (38 kilograms) for a scheduled eight-round contest on Thanksgiving Day at the Staples Centre.

Jones Jr's comeback has raised fewer eyebrows. He was still boxing in 2018 and won his last four fights, although his stoppage of Jeff Lacy in 2008 was his last notable success.

The 51-year-old is a former world champion at four different weights — middleweight, super-middleweight, light-heavyweight and heavyweight.

Jones Jr is considered one of the best pound-for-pound boxers in history and is the only man to start his professional career at light-middleweight and go on to win a heavyweight title.

Tyson's legacy as "the baddest man on the planet" has been somewhat diminished down the years, but his place in the pantheon is assured after he became, at 20, the youngest boxer to win a world heavyweight title with his destruction of Trevor Berbick in 1986.

Tomorrow's meeting between the two has, of course, divided opinion. Those fight fans who will applaud Tyson and Jones Jr into the ring will claim the contest is still full of interest.

But the bout is an exhibition. It will not be scored and no knockdowns will be permitted, leading to claims from many observers, including fight promoter Frank Warren, that it is a meaningless sparring session between two past-it warriors.

The undercard suggests it is more showbusiness than proper boxing as it features YouTuber Jake Paul's bout with former NBA star Nate Robinson. Rappers Lil Wayne and Wiz Khalifa are among those scheduled to perform between bouts. — PA

Past few days 'difficult' for Man City's Aguero

FOOTBALL

MANCHESTER — Manchester City boss Pep Guardiola says striker Sergio Aguero has found the past few days difficult following the death of Diego Maradona.

City's record goalscorer was once married to Maradona's daughter Giannina, who is the mother of his son Benjamin.

Argentina forward Aguero also played under Maradona during his time as manager of the national team, which included the 2010 World Cup campaign.

Aguero appeared as a late substitute in City's Champions League win against Olympiacos on Wednesday.

It was just hours before kick-off in Greece that news broke that Maradona, hero of Argentina's 1986 World Cup win, had died.

Guardiola said: "The impact on the day of the game against Olympiacos was hard, especially for his son.

"Of course it was tough, that's normal. He knew Maradona quite well and, for his son, he was his grandfather. It is a sad situation, unfortunately, for his family but he's OK."

Aguero is easing his way back into action after knee and hamstring injuries. His 12-minute run-out in Piraeus was his first appearance in a month.

Guardiola is confident Aguero will get back to his best but is wary of rushing the 32-year-old, who still needs to build up his match fitness.

"He's going to give us good moments this season," said Guardiola, whose side host Burnley in the Premier League tomorrow.

"He is still not in his best condition but we cannot forget how long his injury was. Then he came back and was injured again.

"In the middle of the season he is a guy who needs to be so sharp to score goals in the box but we don't have doubts."

Aguero is now in the final year of his contract at the Etihad Stadium but Guardiola insists there is no pressure on the player to make a decision over his future.

"He is a guy who deserves, with the club, fair talks to do what is the best for him, for the club, for everyone."

"I have been lucky to play and manage with incredible football players and he's one of them. I've never found a big star like him." — PA

Maradona buried after chaotic public mourning

FOOTBALL

BUENOS AIRES — Football superstar Diego Maradona was buried on Thursday (local time) in a private ceremony attended by only two dozen people — a stark contrast to earlier in the day when tens of thousands of weeping fans filed past his coffin for hours in an observance that mixed head-of-state-like honours with the chaos of a rowdy stadium.

Only family members and close friends were permitted at Jardin Bella Vista cemetery for the final religious ceremony and burial of Maradona next to the graves of his parents, Dalma and Diego.

Fans waving Argentine flags had gathered along roads as Maradona's funeral car drove by under heavy security. Many tried to touch the vehicle whenever it was stopped by traffic.

The earlier viewing at the Argentine presidential mansion was halted 12 hours after it started, as Maradona's family farewelled the body of the Argentine icon taken away for burial, frustrating many who were waiting to pay their respects and causing new tensions at the gates of the cemetery.

Fans, some draped in the national flag, sang football anthems as they formed a line that stretched more than 20 blocks from the Plaza de Mayo, where Argentines gathered to celebrate the Maradona-led triumph in the 1986 World Cup.

But with the time for viewing the coffin at the presidential palace drawing short, police moved to cut off the back end of the crowd, enraging fans who hurled rocks and other objects at officers, who responded with rubber bullets.

The crowd overwhelmed organisers and the violence resulted in injuries and arrests, which led Maradona's family to end the public visitation. The casket was placed in a car that carried the former footballer's name on a paperboard by the window.

Desperate to say goodbye, Maradona's fans climbed on the fences of the presidential mansion as if they were in a football stadium, while firefighters worked to clear the ground.

"Diego is not dead, Diego lives in the people," people chanted as the coffin was taken to a cemetery outside Buenos Aires.

Hundreds of fans blocked entry to the cemetery before the arrival of Maradona's casket, dancing and chanting as police moved in to open a way.

Maradona died on Wednesday of a heart attack in a house outside Buenos Aires where he had been recovering from a brain operation on November 3.

While the viewing bore the hallmarks of a state funeral, with Maradona's casket laid out in the presidential palace, the atmosphere often was that of a football stadium — chanting, singing, pushing and the occasional whiff of alcohol.

Fans wept and blew kisses as they passed the wooden coffin, which was draped with the Argentine flag and shirts bearing his famed No.10 from the national team and the Boca Juniors club.

Open visitation began after a few hours of privacy for family and close friends. The first to bid farewell were his daughters and close family members. His former wife, Claudia Villafane, came with Maradona's daughters Dalma and Gianinna. Later came Veronica Ojeda, also an ex-wife, with their son, Dieguito Fernando.

Jana Maradona, whom the player recognised as his daughter only a few years ago, also attended.

Then came former teammates of the 1986 World Cup-winning squad, including Oscar Ruggeri. Other Argentine footballers, such as Boca Juniors' Carlos Tevez, also attended.

A tearful President Alberto Fernandez appeared at midday and placed on the casket a jersey from the Argentinos Juniors team, where Maradona started his career in 1976.

Maradona's football genius, personal struggles and plain-spoken personality resonated deeply with Argentines.

Many deeply sympathised with the struggles of a man who rose from poverty to fame and wealth and fell into abuse of drug, drink and food. He remained idolised in the soccer-mad nation as the "Pibe de Oro" or "Golden Boy". — AP

Owens set to referee landmark 100th test

RUGBY

PARIS — Nigel Owens says that rugby union saved his life while looking forward to setting a new landmark as the world's top referee this weekend.

The Welshman will become the first official to referee 100 Tests when he oversees France versus Italy in the Autumn Nations Cup on Saturday in Paris and will do so as one of the most popular and respected faces in the sport.

His story has a backdrop of resilience too, having come out in the wake of

attempting to take his own life.

"I spent about nine to 10 years of my life pretending to be someone I wasn't and that nearly cost me my life," he told World Rugby's Between the Lines podcast.

"From that day on, when I had that second chance, I've always said to myself, 'Just be yourself'."

"I'd like to think that I have contributed something to the game over the years and if I have, then I am really glad, because believe me, I owe more to rugby and the people in the sport, than

rugby will ever owe to me.

"If it wasn't for the great sport rugby is, I wouldn't be able to be who I am today. Rugby saved my life."

Owens, who turns 50 next year, added that he never expected to reach the numbers he has with the whistle.

"When you do referee, you don't really think about milestones. When I got my 71st cap, I became the most capped referee — I overtook Jonathan Kaplan.

"It wasn't something I was chasing, but something you become aware of and

something you become very proud of," he said.

"It is very similar now with this 100. If I was to tell you I don't really care about numbers, and if any referee was to tell you that, I don't think they are being very honest with you because it is something special, something you can look back at.

"With the excellent quality of referees that are about now, very young ones as well, I think there'll be quite a few of them in the years to come reaching the 100-cap milestone." — PA

All Blacks anxious as Pumas play for Diego

RUGBY by Darren Walton and Murray Wenzel, AAP

SYDNEY — The All Blacks can't bear to think about a rare third straight defeat as the Pumas look to "do it for Diego" in Saturday night's Tri Nations crunch match in Newcastle.

Coveted silverware is on the line at McDonald Jones Stadium and New Zealand captain Sam Cane wasn't beating about the bush when describing the mood in camp following back-to-back losses to Australia and Argentina.

"The last two games . . . the feeling is just horrible. There'd be nothing worse than feeling that again heading into the summer," Cane said ahead of the All Blacks' last test of 2020.

"The pressure that we're under as a team, we're using that in a really positive way to drive us.

"There is a slightly different mood. There's been a bit of edge, a wee bit of almost grumpiness throughout the week.

"The guys from the leadership group are making sure things are spot on. It's sort of like we're going in there to do a job and hopefully come up with a result."

The All Blacks haven't endured three consecutive defeats this century, not since 1998 in fact.

If they do again, the Pumas will be in the box seat to claim their most significant trophy ever entering the final match of the tournament against the Wallabies on Saturday week.

On the flip side, the All Blacks can secure the Tri Nations with a bonus-point victory — by outscoring the Pumas by three tries or more.

"Everyone in the squad is hurting but a lot of us that went out and played (in the historic loss to Argentina), get the opportunity to right some wrongs, put some pride back in the jersey. It's good for us so let's take it," Cane said on Friday.

A win for the unbeaten Pumas would leave the South Americans needing only a bonus point, from a loss of seven points or less to the Wallabies, to claim the trophy.

And Cane has no doubt the passionate and inspired underdogs will be extra motivated following the death this week of Argentine legend Diego Maradona.

"He's one of the all-time greats, if not the greatest. He was the footballer of the century I've been told," Cane said.

"Knowing the Argentinian people, he's viewed as a God-like figure over there. It's always sad when a great sportsman or woman passes away, so I'm sure it'll be a bit of a driving factor for them."

The Wallabies will be watching the game with interest.

With all three teams tied on six competition points, the preferred result for the Wallabies on Saturday night would be a draw.

In the event of that unlikely scenario, the next-best outcome for Australian fans is a tight contest without any bonus points accrued by either the All Blacks or



SCORES AGAIN: All Black Captain Sam Cane crosses the line to score a try during the second Australia vs New Zealand Bledisloe Cup Rugby test match played at Eden Park in Auckland, New Zealand on the 18th October 2020. NZ Herald file picture

Pumas.

That would leave the Wallabies, the tournament outsiders because of their

poor points differential, needing "only" a bonus-point win over the Pumas in Sydney to secure the title.

Lockie Ferguson the game-changer Guts and glory

CRICKET by Dylan Cleaver, New Zealand Herald

Twenty20 cricket is a game of shifting trends and strategies, but it's comforting to know there is an old-fashioned "tactic" that remains the ultimate game-changer: pace like fire.

Last night saw a prime example of that art as New Zealand won a game in which they spent the majority of the time shuttling effortlessly between trouble and calamity.

Chasing 181 to win in a reduced 16 overs, New Zealand won with five wickets and four balls to spare, James Neesham starring with a 24-ball unbeaten 48.

Even with that relatively comfortable margin, there was an element of how-the-heck-did-that-happen?

After being inserted, the West Indies had taken advantage of greasy conditions and poorly calibrated bowling radars to streak away to 55-0 after three overs.

Enter Lockie Ferguson. By the time he'd finished his third over the West Indies were 81-5 and he had 3-8 — and that tells only a fraction of the story.

Ferguson was fast. The light rain seemed to make the drop-

in wicket skid rather than hold up and the West Indies had no answer.

He uprooted Andre Fletcher's stumps, nicked off Shimron Hetmyer for a duck and was a tad fortunate to have Nicholas Pooran leg before to a full toss.

In between the Hetmyer and Pooran dismissals, captain Tim Southee returned to the crease and had Brandon King and Rovman Powell caught on the third man and fine leg boundaries respectively. Just like that, the guts of the order was gone and only skipper Kieron Pollard stood in the way of a rout (and not a bad bloke to stand in the way of anything, but more on that later).

Even that doesn't really tell you the visceral effect Ferguson had on proceedings. Twenty20 is a batsman's game, right? Not when you're getting pinned on the chest by a guy running in and regularly hitting 150-plus clicks.

The new season, the Spark Sport era, the Devon Conway era perhaps, got off to a faltering, frustrating start as squalls sent the players in three times during the first innings.

Southee, the skipper, started and missed most of his targets before they were chased off

after four legitimate deliveries.

They were back after 20 minutes, but gone again after T20I debutant Kyle Jamieson's first over.

It won't be one the tall right-arter will tell his grandchildren about, having leaked 18 runs including two sixes, but it was mild punishment compared to what was about to befall Hamish Bennett when they returned.

His first ball was a single. The next was five wides when he was done no favours by wicketkeeper Tim Seifert. A four and a single followed before it all went haywire. Slipping in his delivery stride, Bennett ended up prone sideways across the pitch and the ball at extra cover.

Confidence shaken, the next went into the upper deck of the West Stand — insult added to ignominy. A single followed before two no-balls, the second of which was also hit for four. The final ball also went to the boundary: 29 runs in 10 minutes of brutal theatre.

Ferguson's intervention followed before Pollard and Fabian Allen combined for an 84-run partnership that combined common sense with the odd nonsensical Eden Park six.

Ferguson returned to get Allen, then Keemo Paul for a duck with a truly terrifying delivery he gloved after initially looking to evade.

At the other end stood Pollard. With his size and backlift, Eden Park can't contain his mishits let alone balls that find the middle. Plenty found the middle.

The unfortunate Bennett was handed the last over; Pollard top-edged a six then snotted one into the next suburb. Bennett followed with a beamer, his second, and was removed. Neesham was given the task of completing the over, which he almost managed, though they were still looking for the penultimate delivery in Epsom as Pollard walked off with an unbeaten 75 off 37.

What, are you NOT entertained?

New Zealand's chase faltered in the first over as Guptill nicked off to Sheldon Cottrell. It stumbled further as Seifert struggled to 17 off 12.

Glenn Phillips provided a run-rate boost and a moment of painful levity as he popped his knee out while hitting a six, screamed in pain, popped it back in and hit the next for six. His 22 off seven balls could never be called boring.

CRICKET

Black Caps batsman Glenn Phillips may not have seemed to have played a large role in his side's series-opening T20 victory over the West Indies, but the guts and glory showed in his brief innings certainly had an impact. Coming to the crease with the Black Caps' chase of 180 faltering at 34-2 after almost four overs, Phillips shifted the innings into another gear, and almost severely injured himself in the process.

Facing cunning left-arm spinner Fabian Allen, Phillips calmly defended the first delivery of his innings before launching the ball over deep backward square for six. Two balls later Phillips again took full toll of Allen's offering with the ball — this time walking down the pitch to send it into the stands over long on — but let out a mighty scream in the process and fell to the ground.

Black Caps physiotherapist Tommy Simsek then raced onto the ground to tend to Phillips who, it turns out, had dislocated his knee during his charge down the wicket. Fortunately, in an act of true grit, Phillips managed to pop the knee back into place himself and all Simsek needed to do was apply some strapping to boost the confidence in his charge.

The treatment worked. The very next delivery saw Phillips stay deep in his crease and swing Allen high over deep midwicket for his third six in four deliveries.

Phillips added a four past short fine leg to complete the 22-run Allen over and the Black Caps chase was, all of a sudden, back on track. Despite Phillips losing his wicket in the following over, his impact was lasting as he showed fellow master-blaster Jimmy Neesham (48 from 24 balls) the way as he led his side on to the five-wicket victory.

The Black Caps can also breath a sigh of relief that the sudden injury doesn't seem serious, the side indicating in a tweet that the star batsman's knee should be fine for the rest of the T20 series.

— NZ Herald

Fun5 organisers look to future

BEACH NETBALL by Jack Malcolm

ORGANISERS of Fun5 Beach Netball are hopeful the league will become an annual feature after the success of their inaugural season.

The social league was designed by Gisborne Netball Centre's Youth Activation Group (YAG) for all skill types and experience levels.

The group had a blank slate to design a competition they wanted and had the final call on how things would run.

The final product, Fun5, was a combination of responses from a survey they conducted on what local youth wanted to see in the league, and their own input.

The end product was a social beach league with 10 mixed-gender teams.

Games were three 10-minute periods of five-a-side played with "half-court" rules. Both teams play on a single hoop, and the defender must advance the ball to halfway after a turnover before they can score points. Attackers can also choose to go for extra points if they shoot from behind a three-point line.

The added element of a soft playing surface meant it wasn't uncommon to see sprawling dives for wayward passes and dropped balls.

Turanga Health was also on hand for the final week of the league to provide free and healthy kai to the

hungry netballers.

Games were played in high spirits and a friendly environment that appealed to Gisborne Girls' High School Year 11 student Amy Adcock.

She had never played netball before, and joined the league after trying it out when the YAG was promoting the league during school lunchtimes.

"I would do it again; other people should try it," she said.

Gisborne Netball Centre youth development officer Monique McLeod said she was proud of the effort the YAG had put in to make the league a reality.

"Regular meetings, community consultation, lots of brainstorming and decision-making . . . they got some real hands-on experience with regard to what goes into putting on an event and working as a team."

She said 100 percent of responses in their feedback survey said they would take part in Fun5 again.

"Talking to youth over the past couple of weeks, it's become evident that everyone has enjoyed the beach format and meeting new people.

"It was awesome to see players of all levels of experience come and give it a go."

The YAG is part of a wider national programme run by Sport New Zealand and Netball New Zealand to get more secondary school students interested in netball.



PLEASED WITH THE RESULT: Fun5 Beach Netball organisers hope the competition can become an annual feature. They are, back (from left): Alani McLeod, Dipasha Narayan, Fariha Fatema, Samara McLeod, Lily Bremner and Jacqueline Te Kani-Nankivell. Front: Rihari Campbell-Collier and Caitlyn Huhu.

Picture by Jack Malcolm

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MIDNIGHT TONIGHT

GISBORNE TIDE MOVEMENT

Sunday Nov 29		Monday Nov 30	
am	pm	am	pm
Hicks Bay	H 6:48am 6:58pm L 12:34am 12:54pm	Hicks Bay	H 7:31am 7:40pm L 1:15am 1:36pm
Waipiro Bay	H 6:35am 6:45pm L 12:09am 12:29pm	Waipiro Bay	H 7:18am 7:27pm L 12:50am 1:11pm
Tolaga Bay	H 6:23am 6:33pm L 12:17pm	Tolaga Bay	H 7:06am 7:15pm L 12:38am 12:59pm
Gisborne	H 6:08am 6:19pm L 12:13pm	Gisborne	H 6:52am 7:03pm L 12:36am 12:58pm
Wairoa	H 5:45am 6:03pm L 11:57am	Wairoa	H 6:29am 6:47pm L 12:16am 12:41pm

SUN-MOON-MAORI FISHING GUIDE

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Rise 5:38 am Set 8:15 pm	Rise 5:38 am Set 8:16 pm
Set 4:53 am Rise 7:02 pm	Set 5:23 am Rise 8:02 pm
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NZ SITUATION

A deep low and associated fronts approach the South Island from the west late Sunday, moving northeastwards across the country on Monday. A ridge moves in from the southwest on Tuesday.

NZ TOMORROW

Auckland	rain	21
Hamilton	rain	21
Tauranga	rain	21
Rotorua	rain	18
Taupo	rain	18
Napier	cloudy	24
New Plymouth	rain	20
Palmerston North	rain	19
Wellington	showers	18
Christchurch	clearing	20
Queenstown	fine	20
Dunedin	fine	18

GISBORNE SUN PROTECTION ALERT

8:50 AM - 5:00 PM PROTECTION REQUIRED

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Data provided by NIWA

WORLD TOMORROW

Adelaide	fine	14	24
Amsterdam	fine	1	4
Bangkok	showers	24	31
Beijing	cloudy	-4	6
Berlin	cloudy	1	4
Brisbane	fine	19	31
Buenos Aires	fine	19	31
Cairo	showers	13	22
Canberra	windy	21	28
Cape Town	fine	16	24
Delhi	fog	7	24
Frankfurt	cloudy	2	6
Geneva	cloudy	4	7
Hong Kong	fine	17	23
London	rain	6	9
Los Angeles	fine	8	23
Melbourne	showers	15	20
Moscow	rain	-1	1
New York	fine	5	11
Paris	fine	1	7
Perth	fine	13	25
Singapore	thunder	23	33
Stockholm	rain	1	2
Suva	thunder	23	30
Sydney	fine	25	39
Tokyo	cloudy	8	13
Toronto	fine	0	9

GISBORNE CITY

TOMORROW	MONDAY	TUESDAY
morning min 9 Increasing cloud, rain developing then clearing evening. NW.	morning min 12 High cloud. Rain for a time. Gusty northwesterlies.	morning min 13 Showers developing with a strong southerly change.

GISBORNE REGION

TOMORROW	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Increasing cloud, with scattered rain developing in the evening, clearing in the morning, strong in exposed places.	High cloud with scattered rain for a time. Gusty northwesterlies.	Showers developing with a strong southerly change, possibly gale about the coast.	Cloud and isolated showers clearing to fine. Southerlies dying out, then northerlies developing later.

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Making her mark

Kayley Knight creating a stir with bat and ball

CRICKET by Ben O'Brien-Leaf

KAYLEY Knight loves cricket. The 17-year-old pace bowler's Northern Spirit dream came true last Saturday, with her debut in the Hallyburton Johnstone Shield.

Kayley made her first-class debut in Game 1 of last weekend's 50-over double-header against the Wellington Blaze at the Basin Reserve.

First-up, she shared the new ball with Lauren Heaps in a two-wicket win, and in Game 2 took the new cherry with Lucy Boucher in an eight-wicket win to the Spirit. She bowled six good overs for 25 runs, with two maidens, on debut and five overs for 28 runs in Game 2. She has yet to pick up a first-class wicket but has her captain, White Fern Felicity Leydon-Davis, enthused.

"Kayley's an exciting young seam bowler with good pace, and has an outstanding bouncer," the Spirit skipper said.

"She's had some great performances pre-season and really impressed; her determination and work ethic are assets and she's an amazing young cricketer with a very bright future ahead of her."

Knight missed the first call she got from Spirit head coach Jo Broadbent the previous Sunday night (her cellphone had been on "silent" at the time) but family having gathered for the news, she took a second call at 8.37pm.

Five minutes later she was able to tell her brother Jarred, 15, dad Alan, and mum and former Spirit off-spinner Mel that she'd been selected for the Round 1 and Round 2 50-over matches.

Such was ND's dominance at the Basin (they beat the Blaze by two wickets with 44 balls remaining in Game 1, chased down the home team's 214-9 with 69 balls to spare in Game 2) that Knight — at No.11 — didn't get a hit.

But Kayley Knight can bat. She put up her highest ever score of 87 not out last year, having carried her bat from No.1 for Gisborne Girls' High School in a 52-run win against the High School Old Boys Pups.

A Northern Districts under-15 representative who attended her first secondary schools' tournament with Poverty Bay while a Year 7 student at Campion College in 2015, two years later she was a member of the Gisborne Girls' High first 11 that made the ND regional final of the Venus Cup in her Year 9. In 2019, she was Most Valuable Player of the Maddie Ashworth-led Bay team which won the secondary schools' title.

Kayley is not just the fifth Poverty Bay cricketer to have made the Spirit after Kerry-Anne Tomlinson, Jordy Hardacre, Mel

Knight and Tayla Hollis. She's won local age-group doubles titles in badminton with longtime cricket teammate ND u15, u19 and ND A representative Rubi Perano.

And Kayley — like her goalkeeping mum and dad — turns out for the Gisborne United football club on the wing or in midfield. She is a former Gisborne and Central Federation age-group player and qualified Level 1 football referee who controls youth football and women's football, in addition to acting as an assistant referee during men's local club games.

Former Australian test cricketer Jo Broadbent is, like Leydon-Davis, a fan of Kayley as a bowler.

"Kayley doesn't just hit the deck hard around off-stump, she's very consistent, resilient, coachable and mature around the group," said Broadbent.

"She's got some talent with the bat — she'll work her way up the order — and she's versatile in the field, has safe catching hands and a good throwing arm."

Kayley is one of the hardest-working cricketers on the local scene, training for six to seven hours a week and playing three times a week. She has just received a two-year sponsorship deal with Loft Cricket.

Kayley's passion for the game has been inherited from her parents.

"My hero's always been my mum. She's a great coach and the biggest reason I'm where I am today," Kayley said.

"When she played for the Spirit, I aspired to be like her — I'd steal her kit and wear it myself."

"Dad's always supported and encouraged me and former Poverty Bay community cricket co-ordinator Dave McDonald, in the early days, helped me greatly with the technical side of my game."

I like the tactical side of things as much as the game itself — thinking ahead, of what an opponent might do next.

Cricket gives a great reward when all goes well, nothing beats the feeling of bowling a great ball to take the top of off-stump after you've executed everything perfectly, bowling a tight over to assist your team to a win, taking a screamer of a catch, as a fieldsman throwing yourself around on the boundary or hitting the winning runs in a nail-biter.

I love everything about cricket — when I finish school at the end of next year, I want to take a break, save money and then hopefully go overseas for cricket during our winter (Covid-19 pending) or stay in NZ, continue to play at domestic level and develop ideas for a future career.

"At this stage, I don't intend to go to university. I'm not 100 percent sure of what I'll do next



A DREAM COME TRUE: Kayley Knight realised a dream when she played for the Northern Spirit. Picture by Paul Rickard

but I do know that — whatever it is — cricket will be involved."

Today Kayley will turn out alongside Mum for Horouta against Ngatapa in Senior B club cricket — the 30-over Hope Cup — and tomorrow she'll turn out

for the Sonic against the Power and the Galaxy in two Northern Premier League T20 games at Fergusson Park in Tauranga.

Broadbent wants the young opening bowler to use variations such as slower balls, mixed in with

her accuracy and wicked bumper, in those NPL games.

The Spirit's second double-header is against the Canterbury Magicians at Whangarei's International ground, Cobham Oval, next weekend.