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## LET THE MUSIC PLAY

Among the 40 New Zealand musicians taking part in this year's Gisborne International Music Competition (GIMC) is Auckland-based freelance French horn performer and teacher Anita Austin. Accompanied by pianist Sarah Watkins, Austin performed yesterday as part of the event's first round. Restrictions around Covid 19 mean this year's GIMC features only New Zealand artists although some have returned from overseas, and quarantined, to participate. "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." The first rounds continue at the War Memorial Theatre today and tomorrow. The semifinal is on Friday and the final on Saturday. Admission is free. Picture by Paul Rickard



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# Building communities

## Housing projects 'just the tip of the iceberg for Gisborne'

by Matai O'Connor

CONSTRUCTION of Gisborne's first three-level, walk-in apartment block is set to start in the second quarter of 2021. Crown agency Kainga Ora has marked 675 to 683 Gladstone Road as a block of land where 22 homes will be built to help ease the housing crisis in the Gisborne. It will comprise 12 two-bedroom apartments on three levels, with 10 different-sized houses strategically dotted around the 5118 square-metre site — six three-bedroom houses, three four-bedroom houses and one six-bedroom house. Kainga Ora is also working on another housing project in the London/Tyndall streets area.

"There will be 16 units all up, built on the two sites we cleared of tenants about a year ago," Kainga Ora programme director Nick Seymour said. Other Kainga Ora projects include two two-bedroom houses and two three-bedroom houses in Munro Street, Elgin. And a three-bedroom house and four two-bedroom houses are to be built in Stout Street, Mangapapa. "The sites are both clear of tenants and ready for commencement of construction in early 2021," Mr Seymour said. Kainga Ora has been door-knocking in the Te Hapara area over the last week as the Gladstone Road build will affect tenants and neighbours. Eight homes will be removed and

22 built on the site. The eight houses will be offered to mana whenua or a private relocater, and deconstructed or demolished. "The houses are highly unlikely to be demolished as there are items that can be re-used," Mr Seymour said. "Existing tenants will be offered alternative homes in accordance with Tenancy Services processes, but working collaboratively with each tenant, ensuring whanau connections retain high priority." "The reason behind starting in the second quarter of 2021 is so we can socialise the scale of this build. "Three level walk-ins have not been built by Kainga Ora in many regions outside of metropolitan areas," Mr

Seymour said. The Gladstone Road project will face the roadside and entrances will be on the sides going into a community space. Two Gisborne companies will work on the projects. Mr Seymour cannot yet say who they are. "Our focus is that we aren't just building homes, we are building communities and creating opportunities. "A big part of it is to encourage local people to deal with local problems with local solutions. "We are trying to create a community rather than just a set of homes . . . ensuring the people we put in there gel, integrate and get to know each other and become a community on their own. CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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# TEN YEARS OF TAUAWHI

## Amazing effort 'but still more work to do'

by Matai O'Connor

TAUAWHI Men's Centre celebrated its 10th birthday on Sunday and to mark the milestone centre co-ordinator Tim Marshall was honoured for his leadership.

Mr Marshall was presented a tewhatewha (a long-handled Maori weapon shaped like an axe) carved by Simon Lardelli.

"It was very humbling to receive it but I do so on behalf of all those who have contributed to Tauawhi, including those who have passed on, and to my family who have supported me along the way," Mr Marshall said.

"When we started we didn't know if we would get past six months so to get to 10 years is pretty amazing.

"It was nice to see Tangi Hepi's wife and mokopuna at the event. He passed in 2013. He played a big part in Tauawhi's history so to see his whanau there was wonderful."

A man who Mr Hepi had a lot to do with at Tauawhi — Wiremu Witana — was named the 2020 Tauawhi Man of the Year.

Mr Witana started on his journey with Tauawhi in 2011.

He was one of Mr Hepi's first clients and remembers his "straight-up" approach, which reminded him of his own grandfather.

For the last four years, Mr Witana has been moving forward on a positive path. He has put drugs and gangs behind him and Oranga Tamariki has returned one of his children to his care.

Over the past 18 months he has been mentoring other men and is now employed full-time as a kaimahi (worker) for SafeMan SafeFamily with the Whanau Resilience Project.

Mr Witana acknowledged his mother and father when receiving the Man of the Year award.

"This (Tauawhi) is my brotherhood. It was a honour and a privilege to receive taonga korowai acknowledging the lifetime journey of change at the 10-year celebration of Tauawhi, and to have my parents present it to me, with the haka

from my Tauawhi whanau, was a special day I wont forget," Mr Witana said.

Among those to attend the celebration were Vic Tamati, Phil Paikea and Tricia Walsh — all of who are strong advocates against family violence — along with former parliamentary undersecretary on domestic and sexual violence, Green MP Jan Logie.

Tauawhi Men's Centre opened on the July 2 2010, to provide a "one-stop shop" specifically for men, who were often reluctant to ask for help. About 3000 men and their whanau have received help.

Tauawhi Trustee Ralph Walker, who attends every Wednesday meeting at Tauawhi, said it was unbelievable how far the centre had come.

"I'm addicted to Tauawhi. No Wednesday is ever the same as the last," Mr Walker said.

Ms Logie said Tauawhi had saved the lives of women, children and men, and restored love and kindness to families and whanau.

"I really love that as well as supporting individual men they're also really focused on how they can change the culture that supports men's violence.

"They're a wonderful example to other communities all around the country," Ms Logie said.

Mr Marshall said the celebration was also bit of a reset. "Vic's wife asked me what's the vision for the next 10 years.

"I said we got through the last 10 without much of a plan but I feel we have gone some way towards our vision of creating a community of caring men which will remain our focus for the next 10 years, alongside contributing to safe families.

"There is still more work to do." With the support of Presbyterian Support East Coast, a 10-year review booklet was released at the celebration and copies are available from the centre.

Thanks was given to Trust Tairawhiti and Te Wananga o Aotearoa for their support of the event.



**YOU ARE THE MAN:** Jenny Witana presents a korowai to son Wiremu who was named Tauawhi Man of the Year at the centre's 10-year celebrations. Picture by Ally Bell Carline



**HONOURED:** Vic Tamati (left) and Phil Paikea with Tim Marshall holding a tewhatewha — carved by Simon Lardelli — he received for his work in leading Tauawhi Men's Centre over its 10 years. Picture by Ally Bell Carline

## Eighty-five new homes to be delivered by early 2022

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"Kainga Ora has been providing information to the community, Gisborne District Council and Manaaki Tairawhiti to help socialise what we are going to do and what types of tenants it is for.

"By late 2021, early 2022, we would have delivered 85 new homes."

Mr Seymour said that did not seem like a lot "but it's only a drop in the ocean about what is coming subject to the Public Housing Plan being released

to us, which could be any time from the end of the year to early next year".

"This is just the tip of the iceberg for Gisborne. There's still a lot to do.

"New project briefs will be developed over the next months as we look to address the housing shortages across New Zealand, including Gisborne. So there is more to come on top of the current 85."

Mr Seymour said some homes were too big for some families so they might decide to downsize.

There are 484 on the waiting list. In June 2019 there were 235. Current housing stock in the region for the end of September was 1257, an increase of eight homes.

There were no plans for builds along the East Coast or in Wairoa.

To further boost housing stock, Mr Seymour said Kainga Ora would buy some houses locally from private developers over the next year to 18 months. "But we have to be careful and considerate before we buy anything off

developers in the region. We don't want to be fuelling the pricing for housing."

Mr Seymour paid tribute to Gisborne District Council as "a very forward-thinking council which has helped the process".

"They have been fantastic, they have been challenging us and they are responsive. That's something we don't often see."

An open night is to be held for the community to view design plans for the Gladstone Road project.

### LOOKING AHEAD



#### FOCUS ON THE LAND

- Moves well under way to get 60 overseas shearers into the country early next year.
- Gisborne-based forest and asset managers Aratu Forests Ltd appoint a new chief executive officer.
- The AgriHQ report for the week, and prices from today's cattle fair at Matawhero — 1000 head on offer.

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# Welcome boost to Operation Blue Santa

by Murray Robertson

THE Operation Blue Santa initiative to provide Christmas goodies to needy local families has received a \$12,155 injection from Bayleys Gisborne.

Gisborne police — in combination with Whangaia Nga Pa Harakeke, Countdown Gisborne and Te Aka Ora Charitable Trust — are running the community initiative for the second year running.

The Bayleys donation will provide 143 hampers of food stuffs and other Christmas fare.

It has been welcomed by Operation Blue Santa organisers.

“Our aim is to ensure that no deserving family will miss out,” said appeal organiser Constable Tracey Mann.

“The more people give, the more we can do, and that means more families getting blessed this holiday season with a laundry basket full of donated food.”

Bayleys company director Simon Bousfield said his team worked hard throughout October and November to ensure the positive activity in the property market resulted in more families receiving Christmas cheer.

“For every appraisal and listing completed by the team since October 1 and for each successful sale at our massive Bayleys Bids 4 Kids auction on November 27, a contribution was made to the Operation Blue Santa project.”

Constable Mann said they were still about 100 food baskets short of their target.

“Each basket costs about \$85 to fill.

“Anyone wishing to help us with their project can either contact myself at Gisborne police, or go to Countdown and the team there will help them. They can also contact Laura at the Te Aka Ora Charitable Trust — 868-7722.”



**A GRAND EFFORT:** Daryl Gowers had plenty of support on Sunday morning as he finished the last of his 1000 walks up Titirangi/Kaiti Hill in half the time he originally planned to take. On May 30, Daryl started the climbs with the view to completing 1000 over one year at an average of 2.75 a day. But the prolific fundraiser for Cancer Society Gisborne East Coast achieved the goal in just six months. In three years he has raised more than \$100,000 for the Cancer Society. Picture by Rebecca Grunwell

PROLIFIC fundraiser Daryl Gowers knocked off his 1000th climb of Titirangi/Kaiti Hill on Sunday morning — completing his mission in half the time he set himself.

And it was all for Cancer Society Gisborne East Coast.

The \$18,296 he raised from his 1000 climbs pushed his personal fundraising total for the Cancer Society to over \$100,000 over the

past three years. Cancer Society fundraising and events co-ordinator Becky Burgess said the amount raised was “truly exceptional”.

“We here at the Cancer Society feel truly honoured to have Daryl and are so proud of all his achievements. The world needs more like him.”

Ms Burgess said despite the wet weather on Sunday morning,

Daryl was joined by his two sisters, fellow walkers and Cancer Society staff for his 1000th walk.

“On the way up, some of our staff’s kids surprised him with water guns and thoroughly enjoyed making his last walk up the hill fun, matching Daryl’s fun-loving sense of humour.

“At the top we awarded Daryl with certificates of appreciation in recognition of the amazing

effort and dedication he went to undertaking this fundraiser for us, completing it within six months.

“This is an amazing achievement in itself, as he originally set himself a year to complete it.

At the top of the maunga, Daryl thanked everyone for their support and made special mention of the close friends and family who he was doing this for affected by cancer, and those they had lost.

# Home detention for crash that killed son

A RUATORIA mother whose unrestrained four-year old son died when she crashed her car following a family drinking session has been spared jail.

At the High Court in Gisborne, Meri Hoana Grace, 30, was sentenced on charges of driving while disqualified, driving with excess breath-alcohol causing injury, and driving with excess breath-alcohol causing death (of her four-year old son).

Crown prosecutor Clayton Walker said the Crown recognised the “tragic circumstances” of the case but said the purpose of sentencing in a case where a life had been lost should be weighted to denounce and deter similar behaviour.

Mr Walker submitted the defendant was driving while intoxicated and while the excess breath-alcohol reading taken was not high compared to others, she was still one quarter over the limit when tested several hours after leaving Ruatoria.

“She knew that she was drunk and admitted as much (when interviewed by police).”

Secondly, the defendant did not restrain her four-year-old son. That, combined with excess alcohol consumption, was an “inexcusable breach” of her legal duties as both a parent and a driver.

“Had she restrained her son he likely would have survived the crash.”

Mr Walker also submitted she

had been driving intoxicated on the road for an hour and 45 minutes before the accident.

She had also been disqualified from driving with excess breath-alcohol just three months earlier. The vehicle was unwarranted and unlicensed.

The results had a “devastating impact” on the defendant, the boy’s father and the whole whanau, he said.

Her actions were grossly irresponsible and her culpability was high.

For those reasons the Crown submitted a starting sentence point of five years prison should be taken.

The Crown also submitted discounts of 25 percent for guilty pleas, 20 percent for the remorse shown and the defendant’s actions to rehabilitate her behaviour should be taken into account.

Defence counsel Doug Rishworth argued for a lower starting point, pointing to other drink-driving cases involving deaths, where starting points of between two and three years had been used.

Mr Rishworth accepted aggravating factors — the defendant driving while disqualified and a lack of restraints.

He submitted a starting

point of three years, adding a sentence of home detention would meet sentencing principles of denouncing and deterring.

Home detention was not an easy sentence, he said.

The defendant had extensive whanau support in Ruatoria, where her parents and daughter resided, and it was vital she had that support around her.

She had demonstrated a level of remorse that “one can only imagine”.

Passing sentence Justice Robert Dobson said that on March 5, Grace had taken part in a drinking session with family in Ruatoria, before leaving and then later that evening deciding to drive

130 kilometres to Gisborne to see her former partner,

She placed her son in a booster seat in the back but with no seatbelt. Neither the defendant nor her aunt in the passenger seat had restraints as they had been chewed by a dog.

About 20 minutes from Gisborne it appeared from the police serious crash report she had fallen asleep. There had been no attempt to brake and the vehicle left the road, was launched into the air, where all three vehicle occupants were thrown from the car.

The car tumbled on to a bank

**‘Had she restrained her son he would likely have survived the crash’**

— Crown prosecutor

## Snatch and grab arrest

A MAN has appeared in court after an alleged handbag snatch and grab attempt in which an elderly woman was injured on Saturday.

Police say the incident happened near the Bright Street corner of Gladstone Road at around 12.30pm.

“As the man allegedly tried to grab the woman’s handbag, she managed to hold on to it, but fell to the ground in the process and suffered injuries to her head and hips,” police said.

She was transported and admitted to Gisborne Hospital for treatment, and has since been discharged.

A witness said a man “ran off down the street after the woman fell to the ground and a member of the public, a woman, chased him”.

“The man was caught by the police station when other members of the public joined in to help.”

The witness and others tended to the woman on the footpath until an ambulance arrived.

Police later arrested a 32-year-old man and he made an initial court appearance yesterday on a robbery charge.

Posts on social media suggested there had been other snatch and grab incidents involving elderly people in the city.

Police said there had been no information to suggest that was the case.

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



**KITTED OUT:** Gisborne harbourmaster Sonny Ali is all smiles now he has a proper boat for his work. Picture by Liam Clayton

Wipes block pipes again

GISBORNE District Council contractors yesterday cleared a wastewater pipe blockage near Potae Avenue, which turned out to be caused by wet wipes.

“Wet wipes clearly should not be flushed, and should be disposed of in your general household rubbish,” said senior wastewater operations engineer Phil Dodds.

“It’s a timely reminder that we only flush the 3Ps — paper, pee and poo.”

# Harbourmaster’s job just got a lot easier

GISBORNE’S harbourmaster Salvatore “Sonny” Ali is no longer the only harbourmaster in the country without a boat, after a new craft was officially launched in traditional nautical style yesterday.

The harbourmaster had previously relied on a jet-ski borrowed from the Bay of Plenty Regional Council.

The new craft will allow Mr

Ali to conduct patrols, enforce maritime rules and keep tabs on navigational hazards.

Councillors agreed in February to the \$200,000 purchase of a boat and trailer, subject to approving how much it would cost to run the vessel.

The running costs, calculated at \$8000 to \$9000 a year, were subsequently approved in a split decision in May.



**SMASHING GOOD JOB:** Mayor Rehette Stoltz launches Kaitiaki, the new boat for the harbourmaster, in traditional style by breaking a bottle of bubbly over the prow of the vessel. Picture by Liam Clayton

# ‘Best for our democracy’

## East Coast MP among those calling for change to ‘discriminatory’ law

by Alice Angeloni

THE law around Maori wards is “discriminatory”, says East Coast MP Kiri Allan, as activists petition the Government for an urgent change in legislation.

Campaigning organisation ActionStation and community group Te Ropu Tautoko Maori have collected more than 10,000 signatures calling for parliament to make the process of establishing Maori wards for district and regional councils the same as the process for establishing general wards.

Ms Allan, along with Green Party co-leader Marama Davidson and Maori Party co-leader Debbie Ngarewa-Packer, will be on the steps of Parliament at noon tomorrow as the petitions are delivered to MP Tamati Coffey.

“The law as it applies right now is discriminatory,” Ms Allan said.

She is referring to the polling requirement which means council decisions in favour of Maori wards can be overturned under the Local Electoral Act if 5 percent of voters demand a poll on the decision.

“For me, supporting these wards following the unanimous decision in Gisborne . . . there’s a resounding mandate by our communities on the East Coast to support wards like these. Our people are calling for it across the board,

Maori and Pakeha and all the rest,” Ms Allan said.

“This is about doing what’s best for our democracy, and our democracy says that if we get the right people around the table, better decisions will be made.

“I feel that it’s just an obligation I have to advocate for good law.”

Ms Allan said she was struck by Federated Farmers in Gisborne coming out in support of Maori wards.

“They know that when you work with the land and you work with the people, it’s easiest just to take the people with you, to make sure they’re at the table when we’re making decisions, because that’s how we get good outcomes.”

Local Government Minister Nanaia Mahuta has said addressing Maori representation arrangements is a priority for her over the next three years. Ms Allan said it was an issue the local government minister was looking at “immediately”.

She said the petitions being presented tomorrow were an “important signal” to the Government about where the community stood on Maori wards.

“That certainly does have an impact, it certainly does build a case, and these are things that we all take very seriously in our considerations as to whether or not we look at making changes to the law.”

There was a role for Government to play, it was part of the Labour Party’s manifesto and now it was about “getting to a good policy point”, Ms Allan said.

ActionStation director Laura O’Connell Rapira said the legislation change needed to happen “under urgency”.

“If we waited a year for this to change, then it’s very likely that lots of the Maori



**SUPPORT:** East Coast MP and Conservation Minister Kiri Allan will be among other MPs tomorrow presenting a petition at Parliament calling for changes to the law governing the establishment of Maori wards. File picture

wards that councils have voted in will get blocked,” she said.

“We’re essentially asking for Maori wards to be treated in the same way that general or rural wards are. At this stage it’s only Maori wards that can be challenged by a referendum initiated by citizens.

“We think that’s unfair, and it has been used historically to block Maori wards from being established, despite councils and councillors voting to establish them.

“The reason for delivering the petition now is to show Minister Mahuta that she has our full support. We’re also hoping

to show Cabinet that Nanaia has the support from the public to make it one of their top priorities as well.”

This year, eight councils around the country have voted in favour of establishing Maori seats in time for the next round of local body elections in 2022.

Lobby group Hobson’s Pledge published an update yesterday saying “even more Maori wards signature collectors” were needed to send the decisions to region-wide polls, following decisions by Gisborne District Council, along with Taupo, Ruapehu, and South Taranaki district councils, in favour of Maori wards.

The New Zealand Taxpayers’ Union also released a statement yesterday scolding Labour ministers for unveiling “surprise new ‘top priorities’ that were completely absent from the party’s election manifesto”.

Union spokesperson Louis Houlbrooke said Minister Mahuta seemed “intent on shutting out full participation on certain major decisions about local democracy”.

“She has no mandate for this,” he said. Gisborne district councillors voted unanimously on November 23 in favour of establishing Maori wards.

For Gisborne, which has a population of 53 percent Maori, if the current model of 13 councillors plus the mayor remained, it was proposed that five councillors would be elected from Maori wards, and eight would be elected from general wards.

If 5 percent of electors, or 1625 people, sign a petition in Gisborne, the council’s decision could be overturned and the proposal on Maori wards must be sent to a region-wide poll.

## Mental health helpline introduces peer support

A FREE mental health peer support service is keen to support Maori with help from people “who speak their language and who come from their world”.

Callers will have the option of speaking to someone with lived experience of wairangi (mental distress) when they call 1737 Need to Talk?

The free peer support service is available by phone between 2pm and 10pm until the end of February 2021.

It is an addition to the phone and text support from trained counsellors already on offer 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

A spokeswoman for the National Telehealth Service said they were keen to establish the new service in Gisborne because of the high percentage of Maori.

“Maori are doing it particularly tough.

“We want them to know there is support out there from people who speak their language and who come from their world.”

The option to talk with a peer has been introduced to support people with Covid-related pressures and may be particularly useful for some

people over the upcoming holiday season when family and friends might be far away.

The 1737 Peer Support service was introduced to meet a need following the impact of Covid-19 on people’s lives, National Telehealth Service CEO Andrew Slater said.

“We are seeing people from all walks of life and of all ages experiencing — some for the first time — issues such as economic and employment distress, anxiety around the uncertainties of the changing Covid environment, alcohol and other drug issues and relationship challenges.

“Peer support — talking to someone who has been there — is another way of making sure we have care available for everyone, for issues that may be causing them concern,” said Mr Slater.

National Telehealth Service mental health clinical lead, psychiatrist Dr David Codyre said the new service was proving popular.

In August, 29 percent of 1737 callers elected to speak to a peer support worker during the service’s first month of operation.

## Meningococcal vaccine not just for kids

COMMENT by Dr Nikki Turner

WHEN adults wave their kids off to boarding school or university, it’s often with hopes and dreams on board — but it should also be with vaccines against meningococcal disease.

In New Zealand, there are five main types of meningococcal disease and about half of it is caused by Type B — the one most people have heard of which usually affects infants, young children and adolescents.

It has higher rates among Maori and Pasifika communities, and with infants living in low-income situations. It’s the one that, despite the best medical care, can see children losing limbs or dying.

As group B reached epidemic levels, vaccines were funded through a national campaign between 2004-2008. Over time the epidemic rates dropped and the vaccine was no longer used, but B disease remains in the community.

The rest of the disease burden is caused by four other types, A, C, Y and W. And in recent years, type W has increased its spread. That one is particularly worrying because it can be more difficult for doctors to diagnose and more lethal than the others.

Meningococcal is a frightening bacterial disease that leads to meningitis or blood poisoning (septicaemia).

The early disease can be mistaken for other illnesses such as flu but can progress rapidly and, within a few hours, lead to severe illness or death.

Early medical intervention with antibiotics is vital.

New Zealand has two types of vaccines that cover these strains of meningococcal but these are not on the national schedule because overall, the disease is rare across the community and the cost-to-benefit ratio is not considered high enough to publicly fund these vaccines for everyone.



Dr Nikki Turner

but it’s less likely that great numbers of their peer group are living together.

However, the availability of the vaccines for infants, children and young adults, or their funded status for specific groups, isn’t well known so I encourage everyone with infants, young children and adolescents (and their accompanying adults) to ask their GP about it next time they visit, or make a special appointment.

Any infant, child or young person who doesn’t fit the funding criteria can ask for the vaccine and pay privately, although they are not cheap, which sets up an equity issue within our community, especially when you consider that those at highest risk of meningococcal disease are least likely to be in a position to purchase the vaccine.

There’s a lot more that we could do as a country to manage this awful disease, but like many health conditions, it’s complicated.

While we can and should put more effort into community and health service awareness, and rapid access to antibiotics, that will never fully stop the disease.

Vaccines do have a place.

Overall, we need big picture change; a reduction in poverty, massive and urgent improvement to the housing stock, and improvement to nutrition, particularly in low-income, high-deprivation communities where poverty-driven issues like meningococcal disease, rheumatic fever, and bronchiectasis are creating life-long damage for (and sometimes killing) our kids.

Meningococcal is a frightening bacterial disease that leads to meningitis or blood poisoning.

However, there is funding for a small group of children with very high medical risk, and young people aged between 13 to 25 who are living in boarding school hostels, tertiary education halls of residence, military barracks, or prisons because transmission of the bacterium is increased between people living in close quarters.

The disease is no less dangerous for other children and young people,

# Taking action on FASD rates among Maori

## Goldsbury awarded \$260,000 grant to tackle ‘epidemic’

A UNIVERSITY of Otago researcher who works in Gisborne has been awarded a grant to undertake vital research on Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD).

Clinical neuropsychologist Sarah Goldsbury (Ngati Porou me Te Aitanga-a-Hauiti) has received a Clinical Research Training Fellowship worth \$260,000 from the Health Research Council (HRC) to carry out research on Maori whanau experiences of neuropsychological assessment for FASD.

FASD disproportionately affects Maori in epidemic proportions, Ms Goldsbury says.

She is one of eight University of Otago researchers carrying out Maori-specific research, who have received an HRC career development award.

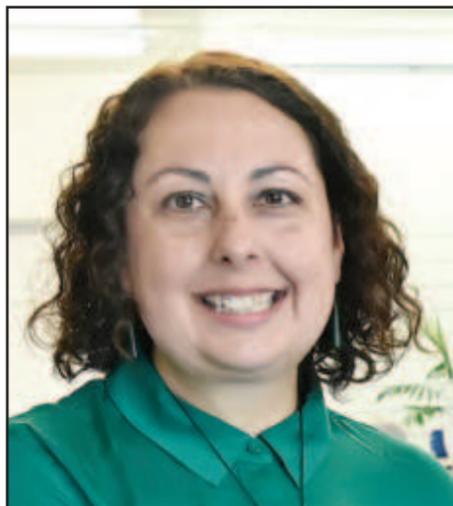
Ms Goldsbury is a working clinician based in Gisborne but travels throughout the country to carry out the neuropsychological component of FASD assessments for children and youth in temporary and permanent care and Youth Court.

She is also a member of the Tairāwhiti FASD Working Group.

She sees some of the tamariki and rangatahi with the highest and most complex presentations, and sadly, too many are Maori, Ms Goldsbury says.

“FASD is a complex disability that many do not understand.

“There is a clear lack of systemic supports in Aotearoa to identify and support those with FASD.



**UNDERSTANDING FASD:** Clinical neuropsychologist Sarah Goldsbury has received \$260,000 of funding from the Health Research Council. File picture

“I believe we have an epidemic of FASD in Aotearoa which is largely invisible to many professionals and whanau who do not recognise what they are seeing.

“And not only are we ignoring this, but we are inadvertently judging and punishing those who have FASD, and their whanau trying to support them on a daily basis.”

Those with FASD are at risk of issues such as secondary mental

**‘There is a clear lack of systemic supports in Aotearoa to identify and support those with FASD’**

— Clinical neuropsychologist Sarah Goldsbury

health problems, trouble with the law, inappropriate sexual behaviour, alcohol and drug use, and are some of the most vulnerable members of the community, Ms Goldsbury says.

The intentional dismantling of traditional Maori society has placed Maori at much greater risk for prenatal exposure and subsequent FASD — with recent research showing 80 percent of children presenting to one assessment centre were Maori.

Her research will actively seek to integrate a Maori world view in a traditionally Western assessment process, with an aim to be representative and inclusive of whanau Maori.

As a solo parent, she would never have been able to undertake the research, which will form her PhD, without the HRC grant, Ms Goldsbury says.

“While it is a busy life, to me it is important to try to be a role model to my boy,” she says.

“He is just finishing Year 9 at school and looking to the future, and I want him to see it is achievable and realistic to engage in tertiary education and to work towards a PhD, and that being prepared to work hard can get you places and make a difference in our community.

“I would never be able to go back to university and complete a PhD while paying the mortgage and putting food on the table without the support of this fellowship from the HRC, and I am very, very grateful and appreciative for this,” she says.

She is grateful to have been gifted the privilege of being supervised by Otago Professor Suzanne Pitama as part of the university’s Maori/Indigenous Health Institute.

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# GNS defiant over charges

## 'We stand by our people and our science'

by Leah Tebbutt and Kelly Makiha, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — Some families who lost loved ones in the Whakaari/White Island eruption have welcomed news of charges being laid over the tragedy.

However, one family believe their loved one would have been "hugely disappointed" by the prosecutions.

WorkSafe NZ has laid criminal charges against 10 organisations and three individuals following the eruption that claimed 22 lives on December 9 last year.

The prosecutions now pit government agencies against each other — and last night a defiant GNS Science said: "We stand by our people and our science." GNS, which monitors volcanic activity, had raised the alert level for White Island in the weeks leading up to the eruption.

WorkSafe chief executive Phil Parkes said the charges concluded the most extensive and complex investigation it had ever undertaken.

"This deeply tragic event was unexpected, but that does not mean it was unforeseeable," he said.

The investigation did not include the rescue and recovery operation — the focus was on the events leading up to the eruption.

"The victims — workers and visitors — all had a reasonable expectation that they could go to the island knowing that those organisations involved had done all they were required to do to look after their health and safety.

"But had they? That's the question WorkSafe was mandated to investigate." While Parkes wouldn't name those charged, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said two government agencies, GNS Science and the National Emergency Management Agency (Nema), were among the 10 organisations.

She said it was an independent decision taken by WorkSafe.

"We need this to be an independent process." Her message to the families affected was that all Kiwis' thoughts were with those who experienced loss or injury.

Mark Inman said the charges were not what his brother, tour guide Hayden Marshall-Inman, whose body was never



Tour guide Hayden Marshall-Inman

found, would have wished. His employer, White Island Tours, is one of the companies charged.

"He would be hugely disappointed in the fact that, potentially, some of his friends have been charged. They all did the best of their ability and ran a professional outfit at Whakaari/White Island and for him to find that out, he would be hugely disappointed," Inman told TVNZ.

But the charges have provided "some relief" to Meredith Dallow, whose twin, Gavin Dallow, died with his 15-year-old stepdaughter, Zoe Hosking. His wife, Lisa, 48, was critically injured, suffering burns to almost 60 percent of her body.

"I'm not surprised there have been charges laid and I'm actually quite pleased to be honest," said Meredith.

She was only guessing who had been charged at this stage, but the maximum fine of \$1.5 million for each group was "better than nothing".

"I'm glad the WorkSafe investigation went ahead and there is an outcome but it doesn't really put closure to things," she said from Adelaide.

She believed closure wouldn't come until the court cases and coronial inquest were over, but she was thankful the WorkSafe findings were released now rather than next week, around the anniversary of the eruption. "It does give us some relief, especially as we come close to the 12-month anniversary.

"It's been a pretty thorough investigation, so we're happy with the way the investigation has been done."

The three people charged as directors or individuals, who were required to exercise due diligence to ensure the company meets its health and safety obligations,



**CHARGES LAID:** WorkSafe has filed charges against 13 parties in relation to the Whakaari/White Island eruption that killed 22 people. The 10 organisations and three individuals were not named by WorkSafe but Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said two government agencies, GNS Science and the National Emergency Management Agency (Nema) were among the 10 organisations. File pictures



face maximum fines of \$300,000.

Gavin's father, Brian Dallow, says he can't understand why the three individuals can only be fined \$300,000 — if they were that neglectful to health and safety standards a jail sentence would be appropriate.

Steve Milbank, whose son Jake Milbank, 19, will need treatment for the rest of his life after suffering burns to 80 percent of his body, said news of the charges didn't reveal much.

WorkSafe wouldn't identify the 13 parties, saying they needed an opportunity to go before a judge to apply for name suppression.

Milbank said it would be a long time before details of why they were charged would be known and the report's release was only the first stage. "We're not going

to know anything for a while yet."

Volcanic Air pilot and director Tim Barrow said the company was not sure of the nature of the charges it was facing but once notified would take time to seek legal advice. White Island Tours is facing two charges of breaching the Health and Safety at Work Act but couldn't comment any further about them, given the legal process was ongoing.

Paul Quinn, chairman of Ngati Awa Holdings, which owns White Island Tours, said the iwi expressed its heartfelt condolences at the time to the families that lost loved ones in the eruption. "We continue to include them in our prayers. Similarly to the survivors, we continue to offer our love and support."

A court date is scheduled for December 15 at the Auckland District Court.

# Government moves to double paid sick leave

by Jason Walls, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — The Government will start the process of giving every Kiwi an extra five days of sick leave a year before Parliament adjourns for the summer break.

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said the move shows the Government is getting "down to business" when it comes to implementing its pre-election policies.

As well as the new sick leave rules, Ardern has revealed the Government will today introduce legislation to implement a new 39 percent top tax rate bill.

That is after she has moved a motion to declare a climate emergency — a motion highly likely to pass in the Labour and Greens-dominated House.

The Government also announced it will extend its debt hibernation scheme for small business.

But the focus of Ardern's weekly post-Cabinet media conference yesterday was mostly on the new sick leave legislation.

Although the new rules are backed by unions, business groups are not happy.

Retail NZ said the blanket increase to 10 sick leave days a year is "bad news" for those who work part-time.

And National's workplace relations spokesman Scott Simpson said more sick leave would "only make our economy crook".

"Doubling sick leave just piles more costs onto business at a time when they can least afford it, coming on top of minimum wage increases and the proposal for an extra public holiday," he said.

Workplace Relations Minister Michael Wood, who was with Ardern at yesterday's announcement, said New Zealand needed to "move past the tough-it-out culture" when it came to sick leave. "Covid-19 has shown how important it is to stay at home when people are sick," he said.

Doubling the amount of sick leave for workers was one of Labour's pre-election promises.

Wood confirmed that the legislation, which will be introduced before Christmas, would keep the current maximum entitlement of any unused sick leave at 20 days annually.

The announcement means the bill is expected to pass in mid-2021 and will go through the full select committee process so it's able to receive submissions.

This will not come as welcome news to the Greens, which has previously said it wants to see the bill passed under urgency before the end of the year.

More details on the scheme would be unveiled when it goes before the House.

Wood did say, however, that the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment has calculated that it would account for just 0.9 percent of New Zealand's total wage bill each year.

Retail NZ chief executive Greg Harford said doubling the amount of sick days for both full and part-time workers will

ultimately disadvantage those who want to work part-time.

He said many of those who work part-time often do so because of family commitments or because of study.

For employees who work one day a week, for example, a 10-day sick leave entitlement is equivalent to 20 percent of a working year.

"This is a significant cost to employers and ultimately will discourage businesses from offering part-time work to those who want it."

Meanwhile, the Government has also announced it will extend the business debt relief programme for another 10 months.

That scheme meant that Covid-19-hit businesses are able to hibernate their debt for a period of time so they can more easily recover.

Although New Zealand is recovering better than had been expected, Finance Minister Grant Robertson said some businesses need continued support to keep trading.

The scheme has been extended until October 31 next year.

**Retail NZ said the blanket increase to 10 sick leave days a year is 'bad news' for those who work part time.**

# Teen killer granted parole

by Anna Leask, NZ Herald

AUCKLAND — One of New Zealand's youngest murderers — who shot his caregiver in the back of the head as she sat doing a jigsaw puzzle at the kitchen table — has been granted parole after spending just eight years behind bars.

Earlier this year Jordan Nelson was refused an early release from prison with the Parole Board saying he was still an undue risk to the community.

But at a hearing last week the killer — now 21 — convinced them he could be released safely.

Nelson will be a free man on December 9 but will be subject to strict parole conditions for five years including electronic monitoring and a ban on owning or using any kind of firearm, explosive or ammunition.

He will be subject to a number of other conditions until mid-2030.

In April 2012 Nelson, then

13, murdered his caregiver, Rosemaree Kurth, at her home near New Plymouth in April 2012.

Kurth, 50, was the partner of Nelson's grandfather Kerry Lock and he had been living with the couple.

Lock was out tending to cattle on the rural property when Kurth was shot.

When he returned home he followed "bloody drag marks" into a spare bedroom and found Kurth's body on the floor.

Nelson was nowhere to be seen — he'd stolen money and a car and fled to Waitara where he was later arrested.

He later admitted shooting Kurth at close range — with a rifle he had hidden earlier — because he believed she was stopping him from visiting his mother.

The court later heard that it was not Kurth preventing the visit, it was Oranga Tamariki (then known as Child Youth

and Family).

Sentencing judge Justice Paul Heath said that in the light of Nelson's culpability and having regard to his age, brain development and personal circumstances it would be "manifestly unjust" to sentence him to life behind bars.

He said there would be no hope of release and a disincentive for him to undertake programmes if he was jailed indefinitely.

Instead, he sentenced Nelson to a finite term of 18 years imprisonment, with no minimum non-parole period.

In New Zealand a life sentence is just that — and even if the Parole Board grants a release from prison an offender can be recalled to prison to continue serving that time if they breach conditions.

Nelson was not sentenced to life though, so the board imposing conditions until April 2030 gives it the power to recall



**SENTENCE CUT SHORT:** Jordan Nelson was 13 when he murdered his caregiver Rosemaree Kurth. Picture supplied

him to jail if he reoffends or breaches.

Parole Board panel convenor Mary More revealed that this year Nelson had been participating in the release-to-work programme and saved enough money to purchase a car.

"He has privileges to drive himself to work in the orchards." "He has also obtained his

forklift licence and driver's licence."

Victims had made submissions to the board and those were discussed with Nelson in detail.

More said Nelson told the board he "has remorse" and wanted to write "apology letters" to the victims and see them in person for a restorative justice meeting.

# NZ 'dragging the chain'

## Australia pushing for two-way transtasman bubble

by Derek Cheng, NZ Herald

MELBOURNE — New Zealand could now open up quarantine-free travel with several Australian states, a leading epidemiologist in Melbourne says.

"It is safe for New Zealand to have quarantine-free arrivals from most of Australia," Professor Tony Blakely, a public health medicine specialist at Melbourne University, told The New Zealand Herald.

"In fact, it has moved beyond that and New Zealand is now dragging the chain, compared to many states in Australia allowing quarantine-free arrival of Kiwis."

But Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern made no apologies for having a lower tolerance for cases than Australia, nor was she satisfied about the threshold for shutting down inter-regional travel in Australia.

There were only eight cases in Australia in the past 24 hours, most of them imported quarantine cases, while "Covid hotspot" status is set to be lifted tomorrow in Victoria and New South Wales.

Blakely said Victoria and New South Wales had already met the elimination criteria of no community cases from an unknown source for 28 days, while Queensland, Tasmania, Western Australia, Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory had long

**BALL IN NZ'S COURT:** Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern made no apologies for the country's lower tolerance for cases. NZ Herald picture



achieved it.

As of tomorrow, all states and territories were allowing quarantine-free travel other than South Australia (WA has risk-based home quarantine rules).

"South Australia will — I strongly suspect — regain elimination status soon," Blakely said.

"States that have delayed (quarantine-free travel) have been playing politics, not science. New Zealand is now in that camp, in my view, and has no reason to not join a travel bubble with all states and territories in Australia other than SA, for now."

The bubble would not only provide an injection for tourism and the economy in general, but it would also free up about 40 percent of the beds in New Zealand managed isolation and quarantine facilities.

Blakely said any new mystery cases in the community would see a state or country drop out of the transtasman bubble until Covid is stamped out again.

But Ardern said there needed to be stricter rules around restricting travel from a "Covid hotspot" because of the risk of a Covid-carrier travelling to a Covid-free state and then flying to New Zealand.

# Warmer than average temps forecast for NZ

WELLINGTON — It's officially the first day of summer, and while Wellington continues to take a battering, warmer than average temperatures appear to be on the way.

Gales and rain continue to lash Wellington after severe weather over the weekend left 15 homes uninhabitable in Pлимerton and caused roads to be flooded and shut.

Niwa meteorologist Chris Brandolino told Morning Report warmer than average temperatures is forecast for all of New Zealand in its three-month outlook for summer.

Some cool spells will come through but that is not expected to define the season.

La Niña will drive more northeasterly winds than usual and trigger higher than usual ocean temperatures.

"The northeast wind is coming from the subtropics. Not only does that carry warmth, it carries moisture so we think as the summer season matures, as we get to the end of December, we're going to see an increase of these rainfall events that come from the north and northeast." — RNZ

# Man shot by police officer

WHANGAREI — A man has been shot by a police officer in an incident between Dargaville and Whangarei that has left a police dog with a firearms injury to the head.

The tiny settlement of Tangawahine on the northern Kaipara Harbour in Northland was being shut down this morning as police raced to support colleagues who had confronted an armed individual.

Specialist firearms officers were being deployed although the person said to have fired on the police dog was also believed to have been shot twice. — NZ Herald

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# Police search home for clues

by Ben Leahy, NZ Herald

AUCKLAND — Police expect to be at an East Auckland home all week as they hunt for clues in the death of Elizabeth (Ying) Zhong.

A body — believed to be 55-year-old Zhong's — was found at the Sunnyhills property on Suzetta Place on Sunday with the cause of death initially treated as "unexplained".

Zhong was reported missing from her Sunnyhills home on Saturday morning. The Auckland businesswoman, who has multiple company directorships, was last seen on Friday afternoon.

Detective Inspector Shaun Vickers, of Counties Manukau CIB, said a post-mortem examination had been completed on the body found at the Sunnyhills property.

While police were yet to formally identify the body, they still believed it to be the body of Zhong, he said.

Police expected the scene examination to take "some time".

Vickers said police had made progress in the investigation. "We have received a number of calls with information since Saturday, which our inquiry team are assessing as part of the investigation," he said.

Officers had also door-knocked the surrounding area and been supported by helpful locals, he said.

Zhong had been looking forward to her life with a new partner, a friend told The New Zealand Herald.

A source told The Herald the body was uplifted on Sunday from a vehicle a few



**UNEXPLAINED DEATH:** Elizabeth Zhong's home in Sunnyhills is being checked by detectives and police forensic staff after her body was found in the boot of her car. NZ Herald picture

streets away from her \$2 million home.

Zhong had been a sponsor of projects and festivals — including the 2017 Asia Pacific Film festival.

Zhong came to New Zealand with her then husband and daughter in 1997. Her daughter now works for the Treasury in Wellington.

Her new partner is a property developer.

Her friend, who is also a business associate, described Zhong as a "smart businesswoman" who was respected by many in the film industry.

The Herald understands Zhong was also a close associate of the late Jihong Lu, and had been in talks with the controversial theatre promoter in the early stages about being part of the failed City of 100 Lovers production.

A team of investigators would now dive deeper into examining CCTV footage to try to track movements to and from the Sunnyhills property.

"Ms Zhong's family are understandably upset at what has occurred and we are continuing to support them in any way we can," Vickers said yesterday.

## Businesses ran into trouble in months leading up to death

AUCKLAND — Businesswoman Elizabeth (Ying) Zhong, who disappeared over the weekend with her body believed to have been found in the boot of her own car, appears to have run into commercial difficulties in the months leading up to her death.

Her Sunbow Group described itself online as running the Kennedy Point and Carrick vineyards, and the Digipost film production company — but all three entities have recently been sold or placed into receivership or liquidation.

On October 30 Andrew McKay and Andrew Bethell of BDO were appointed as receivers of Sunbow.

Digifilm described itself as a film studio leasing company, with Zhong as its sole director and wholly owned by Sunbow.

Parallel with the appointment of BDO, liquidators Jeffrey Meltzer and Michael Lamacraft were appointed to Sunbow and Digifilm.

Meltzer and Lamacraft's first report into the company said the firm had failed to pay a statutory demand and "it is understood that the company's only asset being land and builds were subject to mortgagee sale prior to liquidation".

The report said shareholders were owed \$2.8m in advances, and trade and other creditors were owed \$2.3m. — NZ Herald

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# Heartless thieves target church

by Vaimoana Tapaleao, NZ Herald



**COLD-HEARTED:** The mess left behind after thieves ransacked St Patrick's Cathedral on Broadway Avenue in Palmerston North. Picture supplied

PALMERSTON NORTH — Police are hunting Grinches who made off with more than \$1000 worth of Christmas hamper goodies from a cathedral.

The thieves targeted a food bank at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, or St Patrick's church, on Broadway Avenue in Palmerston North.

Up to \$1100 worth of groceries and special goodies donated by the public for Christmas hampers for the needy was taken from a small room.

A freezer was also emptied of all the meat intended for distribution.

"We are gutted," parish manager Steph Grantham told The New Zealand Herald.

"We feel gutted for our parishioners and the Catholic community who have donated . . . and especially for the people who need help the most."

The food bank is run by St Vincent de Paul.

Among the items stolen were more than a dozen Christmas hampers put together by pupils from St James Catholic School and who delivered the colourful packages last week after the

school put on a walkathon to help bring in donations.

Speakers used by the Cailin Traditional Irish Dancing School, which stores its sound system at the church, were also stolen.

Grantham said they believed the theft took place some time between 10pm on Saturday and 7am Sunday.

She said it appeared the thieves used a chair — put on top of a table and propped up against the wall divider — to remove louvres near the ceiling, to get into the locked room.

The door was found smashed. The church had started distributing hampers to families in the community who needed them the most.

But more people tended to come forward asking for help as Christmas neared, Grantham said.

"It's not only food that people need. Sometimes we get requests for nappies and petrol vouchers.

Senior Sergeant Darren Paki said Palmerston North police were keen to hear from anyone who saw anything suspicious in the area between Friday afternoon and Sunday morning.

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## Fiery escape

WHANGAREI — A Northland man who dashed through the fiery doorway of his house bus as it was engulfed in flames says he is lucky to be alive.

Police are investigating a suspicious fire that destroyed the house bus in Poroti on Saturday morning.

Richard Banks, who was woken up by the fire, said that as the large flames hovered around the only exit, he threw a blanket over his naked body and ran for his life.

Banks' house bus was parked near the cemetery where his mother was buried and he believes she was watching over him.

"She was definitely telling me to get up," he said. — NZ Herald

# Drama in Paihia as robbery ends in high-speed crash

by Adam Pearse and Peter de Graaf,  
Northern Advocate

PAIHIA — A brazen attempt by a couple to force a man to withdraw money from his Bay of Islands bank yesterday was foiled when alert bank staff triggered a silent alarm bringing armed police swarming to the scene.

A short time later, one alleged offender was arrested for unlawful possession of a firearm and kidnapping, while the other was left fighting for his life after a high-speed crash near Moerewa.

A 22-year-old man and a 35-year-old woman, believed to be partners, allegedly entered Paihia's ASB Bank branch with a third person on the corner of Selwyn and Williams roads shortly after 10.30am yesterday.

Paihia Dive employee Toby Johnston, who works next door to the bank, said he became curious when he heard shouting from the bank about 10.30am and went outside when he saw police cars fly past.

"There were police walking around everywhere with guns. I saw five or six police cars and about four police officers with guns. It's not what you expect at 10.30am on Monday in a small town," he said.

Northland Detective Senior Sergeant Kevan Verry said the pair allegedly attempted to extort money from the third person, before bank staff triggered the alarm which notified police. Verry said the pair didn't bring firearms with them into the bank.

The pair then allegedly fled and attempted to leave in separate cars, Verry said. The woman, from Paihia, was almost immediately caught by armed police and a police dog about 20m down Williams Road near Countdown in a grey Audi.

Verry, also the officer in charge of organised crime, said two loaded firearms were found.

Police did not initially locate the man, who was from Kaikohe, but he was later spotted in a white Holden Commodore heading towards Moerewa on State Highway 1 by a police vehicle heading south towards Kawakawa, which then monitored the vehicle but did not engage in a pursuit.

Soon after, the man — who was the sole occupant of the car — crashed at speed into a tree, snapping it off at the base, as well as smashing through several concrete posts in a fence bordering the Affco freezing works.

The man, with critical neck and spinal injuries, was flown to Whangarei Hospital where he was in a stable but serious condition as at 7pm yesterday and under police guard.

Verry said police were trying to establish the pair's motive but believed it to be an isolated incident, not one which indicated random attacks on businesses would ensue.

"We'd like to reassure the community that they are safe, we are following strong lines of inquiry, but anyone that has information or knows about what



**CRITICAL CONDITION:** An attempted robbery was thwarted after bank staff quickly alerted police. The alleged offenders fled the scene — one was caught 20m down the road and the other involved in a single-car crash. Northern Advocate picture

happened, please contact police on phone number 105 or via an online form at 105.police.govt.nz."

The man was charged with breach of bail but would likely face further charges today. The woman would appear in Kaikohe District Court today.

Far North police area commander Inspector Riki Whiu said the absence of seatbelt marks on the man's body, and

the fact he was found outside the vehicle, suggested he was unrestrained. Speed was thought to be a factor in the crash.

"For some unknown reason, the vehicle has veered off the road, gone out of control on the grass verge, gone through a fence and collided with trees," he said.

It is understood the man was a close associate of the Tribesmen Motorcycle gang.

## 'Grim' state of kids' health

### Dental disease, respiratory conditions, skin infections on the rise

by Jonathan Mitchell, RNZ

AUCKLAND — An attempt to capture the current health of children has highlighted a grim picture of rising dental disease, skin infections and breathing problems.

Cure Kids, who today release their first annual State of Child Health report, say hospitalisation rates are on the rise for under 15s and will only get worse unless action is taken.

Mother of four Stacey Kale has twin girls, Grace and Amelia, who were born premature with chronic lung disease.

Now three years old, they make regular trips to hospital and face the prospect of going into the ICU if they come into contact with anyone who is sick.

Stacey said the family home has been made dry and warm and she's urging others with sick kids to do the same.

Data collated from hospital admissions, the New Zealand Health Survey, and oral health bodies show child dental disease, respiratory conditions and skin infections

are all on the rise.

Rates of hospitalisation are highest among Maori and Pasifika children, as well as kids under five.

Cure Kids' chief executive Frances Bengé called it grim reading.

**About 40,000 New Zealand kids go to hospital every year with preventable illnesses.**

She said around 40,000 New Zealand kids go to hospital every year with preventable illnesses.

"Look, some of the barriers include the physical lack of access — distance, poor health understanding, poor living conditions and lack of nutrition," she said.

Fewer than 60 percent of children brush their teeth at least twice a day with fluoride toothpaste.

Around four in 10 of all Kiwi five-year-

olds suffer some form of tooth decay.

Bengé said without intervention, hospital visits for tooth decay would only get worse.

"There's really poor teeth-brushing practice and that's across all of New Zealand children. That's definitely something that education and health prioritisation and research into why our children are vulnerable to tooth decay can turn around," she said.

Respiratory conditions are the leading cause of acute admissions to hospital with parents fretting over common signs such as coughs and wheezing.

Director and clinical epidemiologist Dr Mavis Duncanson said a strong public health system should be able to promote and improve kids' health.

"There are serious issues that we do need to attend to in terms of enabling every child to live their best life and to enjoy the health that should be their right," she said.

Next year's research will focus on kids' mental health, obesity and nutrition.

## Measles drive stalls amid virus pandemic

by Rowan Quinn, RNZ

WELLINGTON — A campaign to vaccinate hundreds of thousands of young adults against the measles has barely made inroads, four months after its launch.

Only about 4000 have been immunised since the high-profile government campaign launch in July.

About 300,000 people aged between 15 and 30 needed to be immunised to help prevent another outbreak like the one that hit the country last year.

The head of the Immunisation Advisory Centre, Nikki Turner, said the gap left the country very vulnerable.

Measles was on the rise because many countries had turned their focus to Covid-19, she said.

"Measles is one plane trip, one boat away from New Zealand. While we've got borders under control at the moment we're OK, but it will be any moment now that we'll be seeing a measles case arrive back on the shores of New Zealand," she said.

The gap in the country's immunity is enough for an outbreak to squeeze through, as it did last year.

Then, nearly 2200 people were infected, most of them in Auckland — and a smaller group in Canterbury.

Canterbury DHB needed to vaccinate 35,000 people but had only reached about 600 so far.

The DHB's Child, Youth and Family manager Bridget Lester said it was tough trying to get the job done in the middle of a pandemic.

It had been difficult to get stretched GPs and pharmacies fully on board because they were so busy with the Covid response.

And there had been a lack of publicity material, with posters only going out around the region this week because they did not get the branding from the Ministry of Health until about a month ago, she said.

"It has been really frustrating to roll the programme out but we also have to acknowledge the environment we're in."

## Ihumatao dispute comes with significant price tag

by Jason Walls, NZ Herald

AUCKLAND — The Government has shelled out more than \$150,000 to consultants to provide advice regarding the Ihumatao land dispute, with some being paid up to \$325 an hour.

Despite the significant price tag, the public is still none the wiser as to what is happening when it comes to the disputed land, as the Government has stayed tight-lipped around any new developments.

Save Our Unique Landscape (SOUL) co-founder Pania Newton said the fee was eye-wateringly high and could have been avoided altogether if Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern had personally met with those affected at the Ihumatao site in Auckland.

National leader Judith Collins, however, said the Government should have never got involved in the dispute and taxpayers are now "picking up the tab".

Repeated attempts by The New Zealand Herald for information on the dispute — via the Official

Information Act — have been knocked back.

But recently released records show that the department which oversees the spending of the Prime Minister and her Cabinet spent \$155,000 on consultants, tasked with providing advice in regards to the Ihumatao situation.

Rimu Road Consulting Limited — run by former MBIE chief executive David Smol — was paid \$86,316 to "provide advice, information/liaison services related to Ihumatao".

That contract began on October 1 last year and ran until July 31 this year. The documents say the contract "may be extended".

The maximum hourly rate of the Rimu Road contract is listed at \$325 an hour.

Hingston Mill Limited, another consultancy firm, was paid \$68,174 to provide advisory and liaison services related to Ihumatao — its contract was also from November 1 last year but only ran until late April this year.

Despite the money paid to the consultants, Newton said neither she nor anyone at SOUL had

been approached by the Government-hired firms.

As of yet, the Government has made no decisions when it comes to Ihumatao.

Collins said there has been "deafening silence" from the Government since the start of the Ihumatao saga.

"The decision should have been an easy one for the Prime Minister. She had no right to get involved in this dispute in the first place. Now hard-working taxpayers are picking up the tab."

A spokesman for Ardern said: "The Government continues to focus on supporting a resolution that respects all parties including the Crown, mana whenua and Fletchers."

And a spokeswoman for DPMC said the contracted services "provided for liaison between the parties involved and advice to help identify a way forward at Ihumatao".

The contracts enabled the engagement of specialists at the most senior levels to work with Maori on these complex matters, the spokeswoman said.

# Wage subsidy critic widens court action

## Unilever to trial four-day week in NZ office

by Andrea Fox, NZ Herald

AUCKLAND — A private prosecution attempt against Alliance Group for returning only part of its \$34.3 million Covid-19 wage subsidy is being broadened to include all the big meat company's directors — and possibly a Government minister.

Self-styled professional campaigner Simon Lusk in September sought leave of the court to bring a private prosecution against the South Island meat company's non-executive directors for Alliance's "disgraceful" failure to completely repay the wage subsidy.

Lusk had been waiting for the farmer-owned company to declare its 2020-year financial results, announced last month, to provide further information to the court at Invercargill to bolster his case.

"My lawyer has forwarded additional information to the judge with the annual results showing an increase in revenue, not a fall in revenue of 30 percent.

"I have also instructed the lawyer to broaden the case to all Alliance directors."

Alliance — which, as an essential food-producing service, was permitted to keep operating during New Zealand's March-imposed Covid-19 lockdown in a year in which the export meat industry declared record sales — in September said it had repaid 50 percent of the wage subsidy claimed.

It has since paid back another \$4m — \$13m short of what it claimed.

Lusk's September court filing proposed prosecution of longer-term Alliance directors, chairman Murray Taggart, and independents Sarah Brown, Peter Schuyt and Graeme Milne.

He said since last month's annual result, he had extended his proposed prosecution to all Alliance directors. His sights were also now on the Beehive. The Minister of Social Development has had direct oversight of the Covid-19 wage subsidy scheme but it was shepherded in by the Minister of



Simon Lusk

Finance.

"My lawyer is currently working on which minister has failed in their ministerial obligations and which court would be appropriate to adjudicate on whether they have fulfilled their obligations. While I would prefer not to have to take this action I would prefer to work through back channels and have the minister solve the problem before it ends up in court."

Alliance announced an underlying profit of \$27.4m. Adjusted for one-off events, the annual profit result was \$7.5m before tax.

Revenue was a record \$1.8 billion for the year ending September 30.

Lusk said Alliance appeared not to fit the eligibility criteria for the wage subsidy.

"The wage subsidy was for companies that had an actual or projected fall in revenue of more than 30 per cent. They were an essential service that continued to operate during the lockdown.

"They either have had a fall in revenue of more than 30 percent in which case they are entitled to keep the entire amount — or they have not had a fall in revenue of more than 30 percent and they should pay back the entire amount. There is no criteria where you can pick and choose how much of the subsidy you keep.

"They may be able to justify doing so (part repayment), but they may not and it is important that an impartial referee (the court) adjudicates."

Alliance chairman Taggart has

said Lusk's court filing is "spurious and unfounded".

"Alliance Group predominantly processes sheep and the nature of our processing means we were more severely affected by the Covid-19 operating restrictions than other companies," he said.

He has said the company had been open and upfront about the wage subsidy.

"We have been in ongoing discussions with the Ministry of Social Development about the application of the subsidy and stated from the outset that we would return any funds not used to pay people. In line with that commitment, we have returned \$17m of the subsidy."

Alliance wasn't the only meat company to claim large wage subsidies.

The subsidy scheme paid around \$111m to meat companies, allowed to keep working in lockdown.

The largest meat company claimants were Silver Fern Farms, paid \$43.2m for 6161 employees, Alliance Group, which received \$34.3m for 4913 staff, and the Anzco group of companies which got \$17.3m for 2478 employees.

Silver Fern Farms repaid the subsidy in full in July.

Herald inquiries suggest the wage subsidy was claimed for around 13,500 of the meat industry's estimated 22,000 employees.

Several smaller meat companies also claimed the subsidy.

But some large industry players did not. They included Affco, Greenlea and Hellaby, which between them employ more than 6000 people.

The taxpayer-funded wage subsidy scheme, a response to Covid-impact job losses, has so far cost more than \$13 billion.

Lusk said his court action filing was with the judge and there was no indication of when the case would proceed.

"Unless Alliance pays back the subsidy in full the case will continue in the event that the judge refuses permission for the prosecution to proceed because I will immediately appeal."

by Tamsyn Parker, NZ Herald

AUCKLAND — Global consumer goods giant Unilever is to trial a four-day working week in its New Zealand arm ahead of a potential roll-out to its more than 165,000 workers.

Nick Bangs, chief executive of Unilever New Zealand, said from Monday its 81 staff would begin working four days a week while being paid for five - and no, that won't mean its workers will be doing 10-hour days.

"The whole premise is not to do 40 hours in four days."

Bangs said the business would not be shutting down as a whole for the fifth day but workers would be staggered and take either a whole day or two half days off a week.

"We want to work through it with each individual and say, 'What is going to work best for you to enable you to be at your best?'"

Part-time workers will have the same opportunity to work 80 per cent of their hours for 100 per cent pay.

Bangs said it would trial the change for 12 months — enough time to get through the "honeymoon phase".

"We have got very big business ambitions that don't go away at all. And we need to find a way of being able to juggle the obvious benefits that this brings from an employee wellbeing perspective but also fundamentally change the way we work."

Bangs said that meant its focus was changing output rather than number of hours worked and it will team up with the University of Technology in Sydney to get an independent measure of the impact on its productivity and staff wellbeing.

Bangs said the decision to try a four-day week was influenced by entrepreneur Andrew Barnes, who trialled the four-day working week in his Kiwi trustee business Perpetual Guardian in 2018, before going on to become a global promoter of it.

"He has had a huge influence on us. He talks about this as being a mechanism to get people to think, work and act differently."

Bangs said Unilever had several reasons for deciding to trial the change.

"This year has probably taught us that the way we worked in the past is really not going to



Nick Bangs

be fit for purpose for the way we work in the future. We were thrust into this new way of operating and I think we have all, and I have certainly, learned a lot this year about what is possible."

Bangs said the company had been working on the idea for a couple of months but only told staff about the change last Wednesday.

"We've had every single response, from some people saying, 'This is not possible', to others saying, 'This is the best gift I've ever had'. So we are now in the process of working through individually and by team to work out how to make it work."

Bangs said he personally hoped to use his fifth day to spend more time with his young family.

"I have got three young kids who would love to see a lot more of me. I will be able to really put some energy and time into myself . . . and just recharge."

Barnes, who is currently in Britain, said it was humbling to see such a large company take up the idea and trial it in New Zealand.

He said the challenge for a large organisation was the temptation to overthink it but what it needed was staff to drive it through better ways of working.

Barnes said the four-day week could help improve mental health and the environment by reducing the need to commute.

One of his greatest disappointments was that the New Zealand Government, while it had made supportive statements, had yet to take the idea on board.

Barnes hoped that by seeing one of the largest companies in the world try it out the Government would also sit up and take action.

## Covid-19 deferred loans 'back to normal'

AUCKLAND — More than two-thirds of mortgage and personal loans that had principal and interest repayments deferred due to the impact of Covid-19 are now "back to normal", says the New Zealand Bankers' Association.

At the same time, nearly 40 percent of those loans that had reduced repayments

are now back on track.

In March, in consultation with the Government, the Reserve Bank and credit reporting agencies, all New Zealand retail banks offered loan deferrals for up to six months and reduced loan repayments to customers financially impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

In August, the option of deferring loan repayments was extended to March 31, 2021.

"As we near the end of this extraordinary year it's great to see that people who took up offers to defer or reduce their loan repayments are now getting back on track," said bankers' association chief executive Roger Beaumont. — NZ Herald

## SHAREMARKET YESTERDAY

WELLINGTON — The resilient New Zealand sharemarket has risen more than 5 percent in an impressive November after having another strong day of trading.

The S&P/NZX Index fell on just five days during the bullish month. The leading index closed out November with a gain of 128.69 points or 1.02 percent to a new high of 12,768.52.

The previous record was set on November 17 at 12,765.03.

Volume was the heaviest for the month, with 104.8 million shares worth an incredible \$536.46 million changing hands, led by market heavyweight Fisher & Paykel Healthcare. There were 66 gainers and 74 decliners.

Greg Smith, head of research for Fat

Prophets, said the optimism of new vaccines, the shift to the Biden Administration in the United States and the central banks playing ball with economic stimulus has fed through the markets, despite the rising Covid-19 cases and hospitalisation rates.

"The talk of a year-end Santa rally has come early in November. There is a risk of a market correction — the risk has been heightened with markets globally reaching record highs — but a pull-back would be in the order of 5 percent and 10 percent max," Smith said.

"Our economy is doing better than people expected . . . and the market will continue to be well supported."

Leading cap stocks Fisher & Paykel Healthcare, Mainfreight and Meridian drove the

market higher. Fisher & Paykel surged \$1.97 or 5.8 percent to \$35.92 on hefty trade worth \$91m; Mainfreight roared through the \$62 mark, rising \$1.89 or 3.12 percent to \$62.39; and the index's second largest capitalised stock Meridian increased 25c or 4.05 percent to \$6.43.

Contact Energy gained 16c or 2.09 percent to \$7.80; a2 Milk increased 8c to \$14.75 and kiwifruit grower and packer Seeka gained 18c or 4.59 percent to \$4.10.

QEX Logistics — which exports to China along with a2 Milk — said its daigou business was struggling and consumers now preferred to buy milk powder products within China.

QEX reported a 30 percent drop in revenue to \$19.38m for the six months ending September and its loss was \$5.8m, mainly because of the \$4.3m worth of products that went missing, presumed stolen, from its warehouse in Shanghai. Its share price fell 3.5c or 8.64

percent to 37c.

Synlait, 20 percent owned by a2, fell 13c to or 2.34 percent \$5.43. Kathmandu Holdings group chief executive Xavier Simonet is stepping down in six months for a new job in the Australian public service, and its share price fell 8c or 6.15 percent to \$1.22.

Heartland Group Holdings rose 4c or 2.84 percent to \$1.45 after telling shareholders at the annual meeting its net profit for the four months ending October was \$29.9m and heading for a full-year profit of \$83m to \$85m. Allied Farmers, which is backing upcoming listing NZ Rural Land Company, rose 9.2 or 13.37 percent to 78c.

Stride Property Group said its total annual dividend will be 9.91c a share and it is paying a second-quarter dividend of 1.9c a share on December 22.

Stride's share price was unchanged at \$2.22.

— NZ Herald

EDITORIAL

# We think and see things differently

## Honoured for his new life course

There were few dry eyes in the packed whareniui at Te Wananga o Aotearoa's Whirikoka campus when Wiremu Witana was honoured as the Tauawhi man of the year at the men's centre's 10-year celebration on Sunday, and his mother Jenny tied his korowai and embraced him in a long, tearful hongi.

Wiremu was a client in the early days of the centre and thought he had learned enough to manage his relationship safely, leaving to try to reunite with his partner. He ended up losing her and his seven children due to his violent behaviour.

Four years ago Wiremu tentatively joined Tauawhi's men's group, and found the support and mentorship he needed to help him chart a new life course for himself and his whanau. A daughter from his first relationship has been returned to his care and for the past 18 months he has been mentoring other men.

As stated in a booklet produced to mark the anniversary — *Ten Years of Tauawhi: Creating a Community of Caring Men — Wiremu's life experiences with drugs, gang culture, violence, prison and having his children placed in state care allow him to speak powerfully into the lives of other men who are struggling with these issues. He also knows the importance of helping men to express their emotions, having suppressed them himself for so long: "I'd get so wound up inside myself that I would just explode."*

"Since my whole journey of change I've never cried so much . . . a lot of those tears are tears of joy, are tears of just being thankful now for where I'm at on my journey."

Tauawhi, which means "to embrace", has gone from a staff of two to a team of 12 over the past decade. It has also changed from a "drop-in" support model where most clients were self-referrals or referred by whanau or friends, to having about two-thirds of referrals from justice agencies for non-violence programmes, and being a significant part of the service delivery within its parent body Presbyterian Support East Coast.

Over the past year Tauawhi had 372 clients enrol for services, 311 of them new enrolments.

The pou of Tauawhi, its key originator, the centre's co-ordinator and a leader in anti-violence efforts nationally, was also honoured on Sunday — unbeknown to Tim Marshall, MC Walter Walsh had a separate run sheet for the end of the event. Tim was presented with a tewhatewha, a long-handled weapon, and there was a series of video acknowledgements of his tireless passion for Tauawhi's work and for our community.

by Bob Hughes

PRIME Minister Jacinda Ardern will declare a climate emergency this week and The Gisborne Herald is running an online poll on whether we approve. I shouldn't be surprised that approval is running at a measly third of the vote, especially with our district councillors bucking the nationwide trend by refusing to declare one.

I also don't think it's too long a bow to draw a link with the 25 percent who voted for climate change denier-in-chief Trump against Biden in a Herald poll three weeks ago. Claiming climate change is a hoax and withdrawing from the Paris accord were Trump at his worst, yet he still netted 47 percent of presidential votes in the US.

Donald Trump has many hero worshippers here. Even prior to gaining the White House, his supporters were busying me on this page, and in the street, at community functions and elsewhere. Recently an adversary taunted me by producing his Trump "Make America Great Again" hat. But the biggest shock came while innocently attending a local church, to suffer a praising of Donald Trump as a man of God and saviour sent



to make America, and the world, great again.

In my September 2017 "Left and right wings, same bird" column, I quoted the Collins dictionary description of capitalism as an economics-focused political system. I mentioned that both America's Republican and Democrat parties considered leftism and socialism to be dirty words; that since the fall of the first Labour government in 1949, New Zealand's two main political parties had embraced capitalism (Labour to a lesser extent); and that the market economy is now the driving force here, with successive governments tinkering with social welfare policies until they are shadows of the originals.

Last year while in Waikato Hospital undergoing a vascular procedure I suffered a stroke, resulting in a visual disorder called homony hemianopia. I need to take more than a glance now to perceive all before me. Without care, I can miss the obvious and also, without realising it, can draw my own picture of what's missing by filling the gaps from my own imagination.

From the recovery-ward window after my operation, Hamilton was strangely different from the view I had seen from a similar perspective the day before. The bustling city and goings-on was within my scope of vision, but strangely I had to seek out the peaceful Hamilton lake and wildlife,

which were plain to see the day before.

Had a reverse aspect of the image presented itself, most likely I would have seen the lake and natural surroundings in clear view, and the city and goings-on outside my normal scope.

I know a hemi-visual defect isn't necessary for one-sided views and blind spots.

For example, several times since retirement I've been bowled off my push bike by motorists who claimed not to have seen me.

Also, it's quite clear to me that capitalist-style market economies push consumerism, and direct our minds to ignore the inconvenient and accept their one-sided views. This trend, in its extremity, could explain why after such an abysmal showing as president, Donald Trump should still net 47 percent of the American vote, and a 25 percent approval rating against Biden in your poll here.

I admit to being polarised myself over my concern for the plight of the planet, and the threat of civilisation collapse, extinction and all.

Honestly, though, it could be my visual hemi-defect that makes me try to see from the other side, to gain clarity.

Thanks again for your polls. This is my response to these two recent ones; hopefully it stimulates deeper thinking among readers.

## We live, we learn; that's all Hoping path continues

Re: Hope for this world and the next, Nov 30 letter.

Hi Mary, I acknowledge your entitlement to your beliefs. I admire any woman who stands in her own power and speaks her truth. I, however, do not believe in the same things. I am somewhat unsold on the idea of anything after life. I believe in living a full and compassionate life while

we are here, which is not long for any of us. No matter what our spiritual beliefs are, if we are good humans we will benefit regardless of which God we choose, or not. There should be no guilt or fear attached to the outcome of our lives. We live, we learn. I think that's all there is.

AIMEE MILNE

Kia ora, I would like to respond to the November 19 article on the "completion" of the Valley Road footpath. I contacted the council earlier in the year regarding safety concerns for pedestrians on Valley Rd. I was led to believe that the new footpath would extend to Campbell Rd, and was very excited about the prospect. Pedestrians cannot safely walk, cycle or run between Valley Rd and Campbell Rd as there is no footpath. This is particularly a problem in the winter when the verge is muddy, slippery, icy and with long grass.

I run along Valley Rd with my dog very regularly. Many times I have nearly been hit by vehicles and have also experienced motorists aggressively driving at me while swearing and gesturing. When I contacted the local police about driver behaviour I was informed that the responsibility was solely mine and it would be my fault if a vehicle killed my dog. The

police also suggested I drive elsewhere to run. I feel it is ridiculous that a pedestrian cannot exercise in their local streets safely.

I sincerely hope that the footpath will be extended to Campbell Rd. In the meantime, I contest the announcement that the footpath has been completed.

CHLOE LAWRENCE

## Maori wards not fair, just

So the council is overjoyed that they can now have Maori wards so Maori get equitable representation on the council.

That is not fair or just. It is not democratic.

Gisborne is a multi-cultural society. We now have citizens from over 40 different countries living here and each and every citizen has equal rights. Why should one group claim preference? Give that group preference and you immediately create divisions.

Since the 1970s every New Zealand government has worked with Maori to remedy, apologise

and make amends for wrongs of the past. The Treaty settlements are almost completed, so surely it is time now to forgive.

If Maori in Gisborne feel the need for more of them to be on council, all they have to do is put up candidates when elections come around and hope they get a majority vote to win. Just like all candidates do. Simple as that and democratic.

Remember, we are all one. Let's keep it that way. So please, can someone get a poll organised to overturn the council's decision.

NANCY WOODS

## Time for train excursions Not resolving our concerns

The latest DVD from New Zealand Railscene has footage from Labour Weekend 1996 with the steam train leaving Gisborne to Wairoa, going around Bartletts, Waikokopu and Blacks Beach, also approaching Nuhaka. The train had a stop in Wairoa for

a picnic lunch.

Can't do that any more.

The effort to get the line fixed has been going on for eight years. Come on KiwiRail, get your act together.

VINCENT MONTAPERTO  
Train Enthusiast

Re: Eye on public transport, roadng plans — Nov 30.

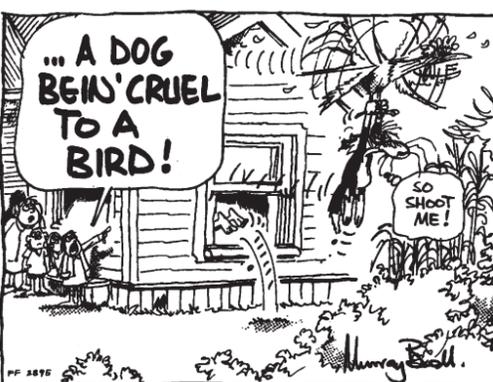
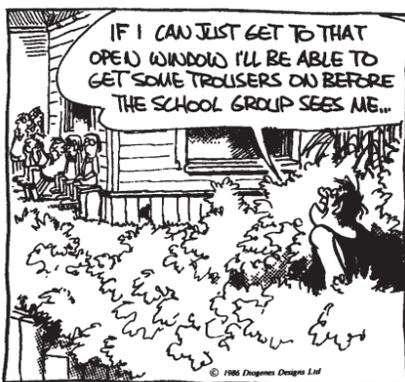
Andy, I find your opening line somewhat hypocritical given that for some time now some of us have raised safety concerns with Gisborne District Council, councillors and the harbourmaster, so please enlighten me as to how

this purpose-built vessel is going to resolve our concerns. While I am supportive of the harbourmaster needing a vessel here, I'm not so sure that the amount spent can really be justified — but I guess only time will tell.

CRAIG MILLER

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- Always include full name and contact details.
- If you use a nom de plume, there is a higher bar for acceptability.
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# Scientist killed remotely

## Iran says Israel used 'electronic devices' to shoot Fakhrizadeh

TEHRAN, Iran — A top Iranian security official on Monday accused Israel of using "electronic devices" to remotely kill a scientist who founded the Islamic Republic's military nuclear programme in the 2000s.

Ali Shamkhani, the secretary of the country's Supreme National Security Council, made the comment at the funeral for Mohsen Fakhrizadeh, where Iran's defence minister separately vowed to continue the man's work "with more speed and more power."

Israel, long suspected of killing Iranian nuclear scientists over the last decade, has repeatedly declined to comment on the attack.

Fakhrizadeh headed Iran's so-called AMAD programme, which Israel and the West have alleged was a military operation looking at the feasibility of building a nuclear weapon. The International Atomic Energy Agency says that "structured programme" ended in 2003. US intelligence agencies concurred with that assessment in a 2007 report.

Israel insists Iran still maintains the ambition of developing nuclear weapons, pointing to Tehran's ballistic missile programme and research into other technologies. Iran long has maintained that its nuclear programme is for peaceful purposes.

Shamkhani's remarks drastically change the story of Fakhrizadeh's killing, which took place on Friday. Authorities initially said a truck exploded and then gunmen opened fire on the scientist, killing him and a bodyguard. State TV even interviewed a man the night of the attack who described seeing gunmen open fire.

State TV's English-language broadcaster Press TV reported earlier on Monday that a weapon recovered from the scene of the attack bore "the logo and specifications of the Israeli military industry." State TV's Arabic-language channel, Al-Alam, claimed the weapons used were "controlled by satellite," a claim also made on Sunday by the semiofficial Fars news agency.

None of the outlets immediately offered evidence supporting their claims, which also give authorities a way to explain why no one was reportedly arrested at the scene.



**LAST RITES:** Military personnel carry the flag draped coffin of Mohsen Fakhrizadeh, a scientist who was killed on Friday, in a funeral ceremony in Tehran, Iran on Monday. Picture supplied by Iranian Defence Ministry via AP

"Unfortunately, the operation was a very complicated operation and was carried out by using electronic devices," Shamkhani told state TV. "No individual was present at the site."

Satellite control of weapons is nothing new. Armed, long-range drones, for instance, rely on satellite connections to be controlled by their remote pilots. Remote-controlled gun turrets also exist, but typically see their operator connected by a hard line to cut down on the delay in commands being relayed. Israel uses such hard-wired systems along the border with the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip.

While technically feasible, it wasn't immediately clear if such a system had been used before, said Jeremy Binnie, the Mideast editor of Jane's Defence Weekly.

"Could you set up a weapon with a camera which then has a feed that uses an open satellite communications line back to the controller?" Binnie said. "I can't see why that's not possible."

It also raised the question whether the truck that exploded during the attack detonated afterward to try to destroy a

satellite-controlled machine gun that was hidden inside the vehicle. Iranian officials did not immediately acknowledge that. It also would require someone on the ground to set up the weapon.

Shamkhani blamed the Iranian exile group Mujahedeen-e-Khalq as well for "having a role in this," without elaborating. The MEK, as the exile group is known, has been suspected of assisting Israeli operations in Iran in the past. Shahin Gobadi, an MEK spokesman, dismissed Shamkhani's remarks as "rage, rancor and lies" sparked by the group's earlier exposes over Iran's nuclear programme.

Monday's service for Fakhrizadeh took place at an outdoor portion of Iran's Defence Ministry in Tehran, with officials including Revolutionary Guard chief Gen. Hossein Salami, the Guard's Quds Force leader Gen. Esmail Ghaani, civilian nuclear programme chief Ali Akbar Sahebi and Intelligence Minister Mamoud Alavi. They sat apart from each other and wore masks due to the coronavirus pandemic as reciters melodically read parts of the

Quran and religious texts.

Defence Minister Gen. Amir Hatami gave a speech after kissing Fakhrizadeh's casket and putting his forehead against it. He said Fakhrizadeh's killing would make Iranians "more united, more determined."

"For the continuation of your path, we will continue with more speed and more power," Hatami said in comments aired live by state television.

Hatami also criticised countries that hadn't condemned Fakhrizadeh's killing and warned: "This will catch up with you someday."

Overnight, the United Arab Emirates, which just reached a normalisation deal with Israel, issued a statement condemning "the heinous assassination." The UAE, home to Abu Dhabi and Dubai, warned the killing "could further fuel conflict in the region."

Last year, the UAE found itself in the middle of an escalating series of incidents between Iran and the US. Though long suspicious of Iran's nuclear programme, the Emirates has said it wants to de-escalate the crisis. The UAE just started passenger air service to Israel and Israelis are expected to vacation in the country over Hanukkah in the coming days.

Bahrain, an island kingdom off Saudi Arabia in the Persian Gulf that also recently normalised relations with Israel, similarly condemned Fakhrizadeh's killing.

"In light of the current situation in the region, the kingdom of Bahrain calls on all parties to exercise maximum restraint to avoid new levels of instability," Bahrain's Foreign Affairs Ministry said.

Meanwhile, Israeli Foreign Ministry Director-General Alon Ushpiz has sent a cable to all Israeli diplomatic delegations around the globe urging diplomats to maintain "the highest level of readiness and awareness of any irregular activity" around missions and Jewish community centres.

Hebrew-language media in Israel reported that following the Fakhrizadeh's killing, the Foreign Ministry ordered security increased at certain Israeli diplomatic missions overseas. The ministry declined to comment on diplomatic security matters. — AP

## France to rewrite police security bill after protests

PARIS — Lawmakers from French President Emmanuel Macron's party will rewrite the most criticised article of a proposed security law, involving a measure aimed at banning the publication of images of police officers with intent to cause them harm.

The move comes after tens of thousands of protesters marched on Saturday in Paris and across the country to reject the draft law.

In an apparent effort to quell criticism, the head of Macron's party at the National Assembly, Christophe Castaner, said on Monday "there is a need to clarify the measure."

"We are going to propose a new, complete rewrite of the Article 24," he added.

Meanwhile, Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin refused to simply withdraw the controversial Article 24, saying that events haven't changed his position.

"I don't have a fetish for numbers . . . but I do have a fetish for protecting police and gendarmes," Darmanin said on Monday before a parliamentary commission.

Police on special operations "are not protected enough . . . We must

absolutely keep it."

For him, the controversial article isn't a hindrance to the media.

"Protecting the police and protecting the press are not in competition," said the interior minister, who is responsible for the measure. "There is no victory of one without the other."

In its current version, the article of the proposed law criminalises the publishing of images of police officers with the intent of harming their "physical or psychological integrity." Anyone found guilty could be sentenced to up to a year in jail and fined 45,000 euros (NZ\$76,500).

The bill, championed by Macron's party, was first voted on at the National Assembly last week. It is expected to be debated in the Senate early next year.

The government said the measure is needed to better protect police officers from online calls for violence.

Critics fear that if enacted, the law would impinge on freedom of information and media rights.

They also say that it could restrict the public from filming police in cases that could be considered abuse or police brutality. — AP

## Moderna seeks approval for vaccine in US, Europe

MODERNA will apply for US and European emergency authorisation for its Covid-19 vaccine today after full results from a late-stage study showed it was 94.1 percent effective with no serious safety concerns, the company said.

Moderna also reported that its vaccine's efficacy rate was consistent across age, race, ethnicity and gender demographics as well as having a 100 percent success rate in preventing severe cases of a disease that has killed nearly 1.5 million people.

The filing sets Moderna's product up to be the second vaccine likely to receive US emergency use authorisation this year following a shot developed by Pfizer and BioNTech which had a 95 percent efficacy rate.

"We believe that we have a vaccine that is very highly efficacious. We now have the data to prove it," Moderna Chief Medical Officer Tal Zaks said.

"We expect to be playing a major part in turning around this pandemic."

Of the 196 people who contracted Covid-19 out of over 30,000 volunteers, 185 had received a placebo and 11 got the vaccine. Moderna reported 30 severe cases, all in the placebo group, which means the vaccine was 100 percent effective against severe cases.

Moderna shares opened 13 percent higher at a record \$144 following the results and then

went on to hit a peak of \$150.14, or a gain of 668 percent so far this year.

"As the numbers of cases reported grows, confidence grows that this amazing protection will be maintained in a product that can be rolled out to protect the public," said Alexander Edwards, associate professor in biomedical technology at Britain's University of Reading.

In addition to filing its US application, Moderna said it would seek conditional approval from the European Medicines Agency, which is already reviewing its data, and would continue to talk with other regulators doing similar rolling reviews.

"Although we await the full details of these results in published form, we can now assume that this vaccine will be approved for use in December," said Gillies O'Bryan-Tear, chair of policy and communications at Britain's Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine.

He expected Britain's Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency to approve the vaccine within two weeks.

Pfizer has already applied for emergency use authorisation in the United States and Europe, putting it about a week ahead of Moderna.

Moderna said it was on track to have about 20 million doses of its vaccine ready to ship in the United States by the end of 2020, enough to inoculate 10 million people. — Reuters via RNZ

**RELOCATED TO A BETTER PLACE:** A view of the now empty makeshift migrant camp located at the Arguineguin port on the southwestern coast of the Gran Canaria island, Spain. AP picture



## Spain dismantles 'dock of shame'

ARGUINEGUIN — Spanish authorities have dismantled a makeshift camp for migrant processing that for over three months was known as the “dock of shame” for holding thousands of Africans in squalor after they arrived in the Canary Islands.

The Spanish government’s delegation in the Atlantic Ocean archipelago confirmed on Monday that all the 830 people held on Friday at the Arguineguin dock, on the southwestern coast of Gran Canaria Island, had been moved out by Sunday night to other facilities.

The last to leave were 27 migrants who have tested positive for coronavirus and were placed in isolation.

Assisted by Red Cross volunteers, most of the 14,000 migrants arriving since late August have spent time at the Arguineguin dock. In

November, nearly 2600 people slept, ate and were tested in the makeshift facility under police watch after arriving on maritime rescue boats.

The facility had been criticised by human rights organisations and Spain’s ombudsman for its poor conditions. Many migrants were left to sleep with just a blanket and no showers. Potential asylum-seekers had no proper access to legal advice and some people were held for much longer than the three days that the law allows.

All migrants have been relocated to makeshift military facilities with better infrastructure and hotels across Gran Canaria and other islands, Anselmo Pestana, the Spanish government delegate in the archipelago, told reporters on Monday.

The Spanish Atlantic Ocean archipelago off the west coast of Africa is better known for its beaches, volcanic landscapes and other natural wonders that in non-coronavirus times attracted millions of visitors from European countries.

Spain’s left-wing ruling government coalition, led by Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez, is trying to reactivate deportations to Morocco, where most of the migrants are coming from, and other Western African countries.

More than 20,000 people seeking a better life have arrived so far this year in the Spanish archipelago.

According to the International Organisation for Migration, at least 500 people have died while attempting to reach the islands that they see as a stepping stone into Europe. — AP



## Australia seeks China apology for ‘repugnant’ fake image post

CANBERRA — Australia has demanded China apologise for posting a fake picture on a government Twitter account that depicted an Australian soldier murdering an Afghan child.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison said Beijing should be “utterly ashamed” for sharing the “repugnant” image.

It comes amid escalating political tensions between the two countries.

The image referred to alleged war crimes by Australian soldiers — murders of Afghan civilians and prisoners.

Earlier this month, a report found “credible information” that 25 Australian soldiers were involved in the murders of 39 Afghan civilians and prisoners between 2009 and 2013.

The findings from the Australian Defence Force (ADF) inquiry sparked widespread condemnation, and are now being investigated by police.

### What exactly did China put online?

On Monday, Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Lijian Zhao posted a fabricated image which portrayed an Australian soldier with a bloody knife next to a child. The child is seen holding a lamb.

The image appears to be a reference to previously reported allegations that elite Australian soldiers used knives to murder two 14-year-old Afghan boys. The Australian Broadcasting Corporation reported the ADF report did not substantiate those allegations.

However, it did find “credible evidence” of unlawful killings and a “warrior culture” within elite units. The allegations included that junior soldiers were encouraged to shoot prisoners for their first kill.

Mr Zhao’s tweet said: “Shocked by murder of Afghan civilians & prisoners by Australian soldiers. We strongly condemn such acts, and call for holding them accountable.”

### How did Australia respond?

Australia has requested Twitter remove the post from its platform, describing it as “disinformation”. Mr Morrison described the post as “truly repugnant, deeply offensive, utterly outrageous”.

“The Chinese government should be totally ashamed of this post. It diminishes them in the world’s eyes,” he said. “It is a false image and terrible slur on our defence forces.”

He added that Australia had established a transparent process to investigate the alleged war crimes, as was expected of a “democratic, liberal” country.

Mr Morrison went on to acknowledge that there are “undoubtedly” tensions between the two nations, but said: “This is not how you deal with it.”

He warned Beijing that other countries around the world were watching its actions towards Australia. — BBC

# ‘Stop the madness’

## Tigray leader urges Ethiopia’s PM to withdraw troops

NAIROBI — The fugitive leader of Ethiopia’s defiant Tigray region on Monday called on Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed to “stop the madness” and withdraw troops from the region as he asserted that fighting continues “on every front” two days after Abiy declared victory.

Debretsion Gebremichael, in a phone interview with The Associated Press, said he remains near the Tigray capital, Mekele, which the Ethiopian army on Saturday said it now controlled. Far from accepting Abiy’s declaration of victory, the Tigray leader asserted that “we are sure we’ll win.”

He also accused the Ethiopian forces of carrying out a “genocidal campaign” against the Tigray people. With the Tigray region still cut off a month after the fighting began, no one knows how many people have been killed, and it’s difficult to verify the warring sides’ claims.

Each government regards the other as illegal after Abiy sidelined the once-dominant Tigray People’s Liberation Front after taking office in early 2018.

The fight is about self-determination of the region of around 6 million people, the Tigray leader said, and it “will continue until the invaders are out.” He asserted that his forces held an undetermined number of “captives” among the Ethiopian forces, including the pilot of a fighter jet that his side claims to have shot down over the weekend.



**HUMANITARIAN DISASTER:** Tigrayan men who fled the conflict in Ethiopia’s Tigray region, listen to a priest deliver a sermon during Sunday Mass, at a church near Umm Rakouba refugee camp in Qadarif, eastern Sudan. AP picture

The Tigray leader also asserted that his forces still have several missiles and “we can use them whenever we want,” though he rejected a question about striking at the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa, saying the primary aim is to “clear Tigray from the invaders.” He again accused Abiy of collaborating with neighbouring Eritrea in the offensive in Tigray, something the Ethiopian government has denied.

As for the idea of talks with the government, something Abiy has repeatedly rejected, the Tigray leader said that “depends on the content” and Ethiopian forces would first have to leave the region.

“Civilian casualties are so high,” he said, though denied having any estimate of the toll. He accused Ethiopian

forces of “looting wherever they go.”

“The suffering is greater and greater every day,” he said, calling it collective punishment against the Tigray people for their belief in their leaders.

The fighting has threatened to destabilise Ethiopia, the linchpin of the strategic Horn of Africa, and its neighbours.

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo spoke with Abiy on Monday — the first known time since the fighting began — and reiterated the “grave concern regarding ongoing hostilities and the risks the conflict poses,” a spokesman said. Pompeo also “called for a complete end to the fighting and constructive dialogue to resolve the crisis” and for humanitarian access and protection of civilians,

including refugees.

Hospitals and health centres in the Tigray region are running “dangerously low” on supplies to care for the wounded, the International Committee of the Red Cross has said. Food is also running low, the result of the region being cut off from outside aid.

Fears of a widespread humanitarian disaster are growing. The UN has been unable to access the Tigray region. Human rights groups and others worry about the atrocities that might emerge once transport and other links are restored.

Nearly one million people have been displaced, including about 44,000 who fled into Sudan. Camps in Tigray that are home to 96,000 Eritrean refugees have been in the line of fire.

“We need first and foremost access” to Tigray, UN refugee chief Filippo Grandi said on Sunday, adding that his UN colleagues in Addis Ababa are in discussions with the government. Abiy’s government has promised a “humanitarian corridor” managed by itself, but the UN has stressed the importance of neutrality.

The Ethiopian Human Rights Commission on Monday urged the government to quickly restore basic services and humanitarian aid access to the Tigray region and allow access to independent investigations into “grave human rights violations.”

It also expressed concern about profiling of ethnic Tigrayans. — AP

**'WORLD'S LONELIEST ELEPHANT' WELCOMED:**

The pachyderm dubbed the "world's loneliest elephant", after languishing alone for years in a Pakistani zoo, was greeted on his arrival in Cambodia on Monday by chanting Buddhist monks and was then sent on his way to a wildlife sanctuary. Like other travellers during these times, Kaavan needed to be tested for Covid-19 before his flight. Once his large metal crate was safely on board, Kaavan was provided with in-flight snacks — 200 kilograms of them — for the seven-hour journey. The 36-year-old, 4080-kilogram elephant received a warm welcome on arrival in Cambodia from officials, conservationists and the Buddhist monks, who chanted prayers for his harmony and prosperity. Kaavan, a 1985 gift from Sri Lanka to Pakistan, had been living in the Marghazar Zoo in Islamabad with his partner Saheli, who died in 2012. The zoo fell on hard times and conditions got so bad that a court in the Pakistani capital ordered the zoo closed in August. "Once Kaavan feels at home in a controlled setting, he will be released in a wildlife sanctuary, in Oddar Meanchey province, in the northern section of Cambodia, where some 600 Asian elephants live in peace and tranquility," said a statement from Neth Pheaktra, a spokesman for the Environment Ministry. "Pachyderms can live for many years and even at 36, we hope that he will contribute to the gene pool."

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# Trees bring cheer after a rough year

PORTLAND, Oregon — Ani Sirois, a respiratory nurse, has spent months caring for coronavirus patients at a Portland, Oregon, hospital, and she is unfortunately only getting busier as infections — and hospitalisations — surge before Christmas.

However, on a recent sunny day, Covid-19 seemed far away as she, her husband and their two-year-old daughter roamed a Christmas tree farm in search of the perfect evergreen for a holiday season unlike any other. The family was tree-shopping nearly a week before Thanksgiving and, for the first time, they were picking their own tree instead of buying a pre-cut one.

“It’s nice that home is a separate safe space away from the hospital, and whether we can have a

gathering with family or not this year, we’ll have our own little real Christmas tree with its purple lights. It is something small to look forward to,” she said.

The real Christmas tree industry, which has been battling increased interest in artificial trees in recent years, is glad to see that more Americans appear to be flocking to freshly-cut evergreens this year, seeking a bright spot amid the pandemic’s worsening toll.

It is only very early in the season, but both wholesale tree farmers and small cut-your-own lots are reporting strong demand, with many opening well before Thanksgiving. Businesses say they are seeing more people and earlier than ever. As demand surges, big box stores are seeking fresh trees up to a week

earlier than last year.

“We’ve never seen the demand like we’ve had this year,” said McKenzie Cook, who ships between 1.8 million and 2 million trees a year combined from McKenzie Farms in Oregon and Happy Holiday Christmas Trees in North Carolina.

There were a few reasons that seemed to be driving the uptick in interest in real Christmas trees this year. More Americans were staying at home for the holidays amid pandemic restrictions and were realising that for the first time in years — or maybe ever — they would be home to water a freshly-cut tree. And with holiday parades and festivals being cancelled, families were looking for a safe but special way to celebrate Christmas inside their own homes. — AP



**SEEKING RESPITE FROM COVID-19:** Ani Sirois places lights and decorations on the family’s Christmas tree with daughter Ida, 2, and husband, Chadwick, at their home in Portland. Ms Sirois, a respiratory nurse, and her family roamed a Christmas tree farm in search of the perfect evergreen this year, seeking some seasonal cheer amid the worsening pandemic in the US.

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# Strawberry Fields

Jett Wright gets into the berry spirit with help from Alice Kibble during Saturday's Hospice Tairawhiti Strawberry Festival fundraiser at Marina Park. Grey skies on the day did not deter people from attending the event, which included dancers in strawberry costumes, gymnasts in red and green, a variation on the egg and spoon race, as well as strawberries and cream or ice cream and cream sponge with strawberries. PM Jacinda Ardern was spotted among the crowds.

Picture by Paul Rickard



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## IN JAPANESE

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

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### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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## WORD-FIT

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

### 3 LETTERS

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- ORAL
- PACE
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- CONTEST
- MENTION
- REASONS
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- SCATTER
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### 5 LETTERS

- COMMA
- ESSAY
- EXTRA
- GERMS
- LUNGS
- PONDS
- RACED
- REEDS
- SPACE
- TENSE
- THOSE
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- 9 LETTERS
- CIGARETTE
- COLLECTOR
- DESPERATE
- EXERCISES

## TRIO

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

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# TUESDAY—WEDNESDAY'S TELEVISION GUIDE

## TVNZ 1 © TVNZ 2020

**5pm The Chase** *M*  
**6pm 1 News At 6pm** *M*  
**7pm Seven Sharp** *M*  
**7.30 Paramedics** *MLC* *M*  
 A car accident victim who has also been stabbed; a golfer feels sub-par; a dog that raises the alarm when its owner is thrown from her horse.  
**8.25 Paramedics** *MLC* *M*  
 Flight paramedic Ray joins a massive rescue mission in treacherous conditions near Victoria's Twelve Apostles; Amanda finds an admirer in a patient with a colourful past.  
**9.25 Coronation Street** *PG* *M*  
**10.25 1 News Tonight** *M*  
**10.55 Our Shirley Valentine Summer** *M* *M*  
 Lizzie Cundy is invited on a second date with neighbour Yannis; Aggie signs up to a dating app in her search for a potential partner.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**12am Te Radar's Chequered Past** *M* *M*  
 The daredevil feats of Charles Lorraine, New Zealand's first aeronaut, who performs gymnastic stunts while dangling from a parachute, and other Kiwis who risked life and limb.  
**12.30 There And Back** *M* *M*  
 Matt Gibb sets out to discover the real people and places behind the television moments that put New Zealand towns on the map.  
**1am Te Karere** *M*  
**1.25 Infomercials**  
**5.35 Te Karere** *M*  
**6am Breakfast** *M*  
**9am The Ellen DeGeneres Show** *M*  
**10am Tipping Point** *M* *M*  
**11am The Chase** *M* *M*  
**Noon 1 News At Midday** *M*  
**12.30 Emmerdale** *PG* *M*  
 Dawn panics, and makes a cruel move; Victoria finds a small parcel on her doorstep; Charity wonders why Vanessa is avoiding her calls.  
**1pm Coronation Street** *PG* *M*  
**2pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show** *M* *M*  
**3pm Tipping Point** *M* *M*  
**4pm Te Karere** *M*  
**4.30 Driving Test** *M* *M*  
**5pm The Chase** *M*

## BRAVO

**5.30 Keeping Up With The Kardashians** *PG* *M*  
**6.30 Million Dollar Listing NY** *M*  
**7.30 Songland** *PG*  
 Kelsea Ballerini goes to Songland to hear unknown songwriters pitch their original material to be her next hit song.  
**8.30 Marrying Millions** *M*  
**9.30 Killer Couples** *M*  
**10.30 Snapped** *PG* *M*  
**11.25 A Lie To Die For** *M* *M*  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**12.15 Infomercials**  
**10am Judge Jerry** *M*  
**10.30 How To Look Good Naked: UK** *PG* *M*  
**11.30 Snapped** *PG* *M*  
**12.30 The People's Court** *M*  
**1.30 The Real Housewives Of Orange County** *PG* *M*  
**2.30 Vanderpump Rules** *PG* *M*  
**3.30 Southern Charm** *PG* *M*  
**4.30 Undercover Boss** *M*  
**5.30 Keeping Up With The Kardashians** *PG* *M*

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**5pm The Simpsons** *PG* *M*  
**5.30 The Big Bang Theory** *M* *M*  
**6pm Neighbours** *M*  
**6.30 Home And Away** *PG* *M*  
**7pm Shortland Street** *PG* *M*  
 Harper and Drew face an uncertain future; Tillie doubles down; Prince's hand is forced.  
**7.30 Dog Almighty** *M*  
 The top five dogs must find their way through a giant maze filled with meaty distractions.  
**8.35 Young Sheldon** *M*  
**9.30 Late Night Big Breakfast** *16C* *M*  
**10pm Will And Grace** *M*  
**10.30 Two And A Half Men** *PG* *M*  
**11pm 2 Broke Girls** *PG* *M*  
**11.30 The Resident** *MC* *M*  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**12.30 Station 19** *M* *M*  
**1.15 Shortland Street** *PG* *M*  
**1.40 Infomercials**  
**2.45 2 Overnight**  
**4.40 Emmerdale** *PG* *M*  
**5.05 Neighbours** *M*  
**5.30 Infomercials**  
**6.30 Rescue Bots Academy** *M* *M*  
**6.50 Peppa Pig** *M*  
**6.55 Masha's Spooky Stories**  
**7am New Looney Tunes** *M*  
**7.25 Ben 10** *M*  
**7.50 Unikitty!** *M*  
**8.15 Puppy Dog Pals** *M*  
**8.40 Dorothy And The Wizard Of Oz** *M*  
**9am Religious Programming**  
**9.30 8 Simple Rules** *M* *M*  
**10am Neighbours** *M*  
**10.30 Murphy Brown** *PG* *M*  
**11am Kevin (Probably) Saves The World** *PG* *M*  
**Noon Selling Houses Australia** *M*  
**1pm Judge Rinder** *PG*  
**2pm The Middle** *M* *M*  
**2.30 Home And Away** *PG* *M*  
**3pm Shortland Street** *PG* *M*  
**3.35 Power Rangers Beast Morphers** *PG* *M*  
**4pm Brain Busters** *M*  
**4.30 Friends** *M*  
**5pm The Simpsons** *M*  
**5.30 The Big Bang Theory** *M*

## CHOICE

**5.30 Mysteries At The Museum** *PGC*  
**6.30 Salvage Hunters**  
**7.30 George Clarke's Old House New Home**  
**8.30 Property Brothers: Forever Home**  
**9.30 Amazing Spaces: Shed Of The Year**  
**10.30 Salvage Hunters**  
**11.30 Mysteries At The Museum** *PGC*  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**12.30 Choccywoccydoodah**  
**1.30 The Day The Rock Star Died** *PGC*  
**2am Britain's Ancient Tracks With Tony Robinson**  
**3am Inside The Vets**  
**4am Amazing Spaces: Shed Of The Year**  
**5am Mysteries At The Museum** *PGC*  
**6am The Great Interior Design Challenge**  
**7am Choccywoccydoodah**  
**8am Inside The Vets**  
**9am Escape To The Chateau DIY**  
**10am The Day The Rock Star Died** *PGC*  
**10.30 Mysteries At The Museum** *PGC*  
**11.30 Salvage Hunters**  
**12.30 George Clarke's Old House New Home**  
**1.30 Amazing Spaces: Shed Of The Year**  
**2.30 Property Brothers: Forever Home**  
**3.30 Great Blue Wild**  
**4.30 Nigella Bites**  
**5pm Jamie Oliver: Quick And Easy**  
**5.30 Mysteries At The Museum** *PGC*

## THREE

**5pm Millionaire Hot Seat** *M*  
**6pm NewsHub Live At 6pm** *M*  
**7pm The Project**  
**7.30 The Block Australia** *PG* *M*  
 The Block is full of razzamatazz as Shelly and Scotty become game-show hosts in the agent challenge, Block It In.  
**8.40 MOVIE Bad Neighbours** *16* *M* *M*  
 2014 Comedy.  
 A couple are living the American dream, complete with a baby and a house in the suburbs, until a frat house moves in next door. Seth Rogen, Zac Efron, Rose Byrne.  
**10.45 NewsHub Late**  
**11.15 NCIS: Los Angeles** *M* *M*  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**12.15 Infomercials**  
**6am The AM Show** *M*  
**9am The Café** *PG*  
**10am Infomercials**  
**11.35 Face The Truth** *PG* *M*  
**12.05 Flipping Vegas**  
**1pm MOVIE Secrets In The Snow** *M* *M*  
 2020 Thriller.  
 A young woman goes with her new boyfriend to meet his family, and is drawn into the mystery of his elder brother's death, and begins to wonder what really happened to him. Aubrey Reynolds, Travis Caldwell, Liz Fenning.  
**3pm Bondi Vet** *M*  
**4pm The Fishing Show Classics** *PG* *M*  
**4.30 NewsHub Live At 4:30pm**  
**5pm Millionaire Hot Seat** *M*

## PRIME

**5pm Frasier** *M*  
**5.30 Prime News**  
**6pm American Restoration** *M*  
**6.30 Shipping Wars** *PGL*  
**7pm The Crowd Goes Wild**  
**7.30 Life Cycles** *PGC*  
 A look at the different ways in which animals sustain themselves throughout their lives.  
**8.35 Salvation** *MV*  
**9.35 Fear The Walking Dead** *18VLC*  
 Charlie makes a friend; Strand, Wendell, and Sarah's rescue mission hits a snag; Alicia, Luciana, and Morgan must fulfil their mission.  
**10.35 The Breakdown**  
**11.45 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert** *PG*  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**12.45 Closedown**  
**6am Ben 10: Alien Force** *M*  
**6.25 Butterbean's Café** *M*  
**6.50 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles** *M*  
**7.15 Ben 10: Ultimate Alien** *M*  
**8.05 Nicky, Ricky, Dicky, And Dawn**  
**8.30 Justice League: Unlimited** *PGV* *M*  
**9am A Place In The Sun** *M*  
**10am The Doctors** *PGC* *M*  
**11am Hot Bench** *PG*  
**11.30 Ice Road Truckers** *MVL*  
**12.30 FBI** *MV* *M*  
**1.30 Married... With Children** *PG* *M*  
**2pm The Late Show With Stephen Colbert** *PG* *M*  
**3pm Wheel Of Fortune** *M*  
**3.30 Jeopardy!**  
**4pm American Pickers** *PGL*  
**5pm Frasier** *M*  
**5.30 Prime News**

## MAORI TV

**5pm Pipi Ma**  
**5.05 Takaro Tribe** *M*  
**5.20 Waiata Mai**  
**5.30 Tamariki Haka**  
**5.40 Te Nutube**  
**5.50 Zoomoo**  
**6pm Darwin + Newts** *M*  
**6.10 Purakau** *M*  
**6.20 Paia**  
**6.30 Te Ao Marama**  
**7.30 Marae Kai Masters** *M*  
**8pm Billy T James** *PGC* *M*  
**8.30 Intake** *M* *M*  
**9pm Piri's Tiki Tour** *PGC* *M*  
**9.30 Hunt With Me** *M* *M*  
**10pm Hunting Aotearoa** *MLC* *M*  
**10.30 Te Po Mekemeke**  
**11pm Whawhai**  
**11.30 Closedown**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**6.30 Pipi Ma**  
**6.35 Takaro Tribe** *M*  
**6.50 Waiata Mai**  
**7am Te Ao Tapatahi**  
**8am Tamariki Haka**  
**8.10 Te Nutube**  
**8.20 Zoomoo**  
**8.30 Cube**  
**8.40 Huritua**  
**8.50 Paia**  
**9am Marae Kai Masters** *M*  
**10am Whare Puoro**  
**10.30 Whanau Living** *M*  
**11am Matangi Rau** *M*  
**Noon Billy T James** *PGC*  
**12.30 Ride Or Die**  
**1pm Tohunga** *M*  
**1.30 Ako** *M*  
**2pm Toku Reo** *M*  
**3pm Korero Mai**  
**3.30 Toku Whare Kohanga Reo** *M*  
**4pm Fresh** *PG* *M*  
**4.30 Miharo**  
**5pm Pipi Ma**  
**5.10 Takaro Tribe**  
**5.20 Waiata Mai**  
**5.30 Tamariki Haka**  
**5.40 Te Nutube**  
**5.50 Zoomoo**



Late Night Big Breakfast  
9.30pm on TVNZ 2



Bad Neighbours  
8.40pm on Three



Life Cycles  
7.30pm on Prime

## RNZ NATIONAL

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

## PAY TV

### SKY SPORT 1

**5.30 Mitre 10 Cup** (RPL)  
 Premiership Final: Auckland v Tasman.  
**8pm Aotearoa Rugby Pod**  
**8.30 The Breakdown**  
**10pm French Top 14 Highlights Show**  
**10.30 Playmakers**  
**11pm Tri-Nations** (HLS)  
 Argentina v All Blacks.  
**11.30 Mitre 10 Cup** (HLS)  
 Premiership Final: Auckland v Tasman.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**12am Aotearoa Rugby Pod**  
**12.30 Gallagher**  
 Premiership (RPL)  
 Newcastle v Sale.  
**2.30 The Breakdown**  
**4am Tri-Nations** (RPL)  
 Argentina v All Blacks.  
**6am Tri-Nations** (HLS)  
**6.30 Mitre 10 Cup** (HLS)  
**7am Aotearoa Rugby Pod**  
**7.30 The Breakdown**  
**8.30 French Top 14 Highlights Show**  
**9am Playmakers**  
**9.30 Guinness Pro14** (RPL)  
 Benetton v Dragons.  
**11.30 Aotearoa Rugby Pod**  
**Noon Autumn Nations Cup** (HLS)  
**12.30 Autumn Nations Cup** (HLS)  
**1pm Autumn Nations Cup** (HLS)  
**1.30 Tri-Nations** (RPL)  
 Argentina v All Blacks.  
**3.30 The Breakdown**  
**5pm Aotearoa Rugby Pod**  
**5.30 Guinness Pro14** (RPL)  
 Edinburgh v Ulster.

### SKY 5

**5.05 Wheel Of Fortune**  
**5.30 Pawn Stars** *PG*  
**6pm Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away** *MVL*  
**7pm Border Security: Australia's Frontline** *M*  
**7.30 NCIS: LA** *MV*  
**8.30 Extreme Salvage Squad** *ML*  
**9.30 The Cops** *MV*  
**10.30 NCIS: LA** *MV*  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**12.05 Storage Wars** *PGL*  
**12.55 Wheel Of Fortune**  
**1.20 Jeopardy!**  
**1.40 Border Security: Australia's Frontline** *M*  
**2.05 The Cops** *MV*  
**2.50 Extreme Salvage Squad** *ML*  
**3.40 NCIS: LA** *MV*  
**4.25 Pawn Stars** *PG*  
**4.50 NCIS: LA** *MV*  
**5.35 The Simpsons** *PG*  
**6am Jeopardy!**  
**6.25 Wheel Of Fortune**  
**6.45 The Simpsons** *PG*  
**7.10 Storage Wars** *PGL*  
**8am Border Security: Australia's Frontline** *M*  
**8.25 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away** *MVL*  
**9.15 Pawn Stars** *PG*  
**9.40 NCIS: LA** *MV*  
**11.10 Storage Wars** *PGL*  
**Noon Jeopardy!**  
**12.25 Wheel Of Fortune**  
**12.50 Extreme Salvage Squad** *ML*  
**1.40 The Cops** *MV*  
**2.30 NCIS: LA** *MV*  
**3.20 Storage Wars** *PGL*  
**4.10 The Simpsons** *PG*  
**4.40 Jeopardy!**  
**5.05 Wheel Of Fortune**  
**5.30 Pawn Stars** *PG*

### MOVIES PREMIERE

**6.20 Shazam!** *MV* 2019 Action.  
 Zachary Levi, Mark Strong.  
**8.30 Five Feet Apart** *ML* 2019 Drama.  
 Two teenagers with life-threatening illnesses meet in a hospital and fall in love, but restrictions dictate they must keep five feet apart. Haley Lu Richardson, Cole Sprouse.  
**10.30 Official Secrets** *16VLSL* 2019 Drama.  
 Keira Knightley, Matthew Goode.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**12.20 Welcome To Acapulco** *16VLC* 2019 Action.  
 Michael Kingsbaker, William Baldwin.  
**1.50 All Nighter** *16VLSL* 2018 Comedy.  
 JK Simmons, Emile Hirsch.  
**3.15 Child's Play** *16VL* 2019 Horror.  
 Aubrey Plaza, Mark Hamill.  
**4.45 The Lighthouse** *16VLSL* 2019 Drama.  
 Robert Pattinson, Willem Dafoe.  
**6.31 Shazam!** *MV* 2019 Action.  
**8.39 Five Feet Apart** *ML* 2019 Drama.  
**10.31 Official Secrets** *16VLSL* 2019 Drama.  
**12.21 Welcome To Acapulco** *16VLC* 2019 Action.  
**1.51 The Poison Rose** *MVL* 2019 Thriller.  
**3.26 Crypto** *16VLS* 2019 Thriller.  
**5.11 The Rhythm Section** *16VLSL* 2020 Action.

### DISCOVERY

**5.40 Jaws Awakens** *PG*  
**6.35 Air Jaws: Ultimate Breach** *PG*  
**7.30 Extinct Or Alive: Land Of The Lost Sharks** *PG*  
**8.30 Lair Of The Great White** *PG*  
**9.25 Sharks Of Ghost Island** *PG*  
**10.15 Monster Under The Bridge** *PG*  
**11.05 Shark Lockdown** *PG*  
**11.55 Expedition Unknown: Megalodon** *PG*  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**12.45 Nuclear Shark**  
**1.35 Josh Gates Tonight** *PG*  
**2.25 Extinct Or Alive: Land Of The Lost Sharks** *PG*  
**3.15 Lair Of The Great White** *PG*  
**4.05 Sharks Of Ghost Island** *PG*  
**4.55 Expedition Unknown: Megalodon** *PG*  
**5.45 Nuclear Shark** *PG*  
**6.35 Josh Gates Tonight** *PG*  
**7.30 Monster Under The Bridge** *PG*  
**8.20 Sharks Of Ghost Island** *PG*  
**9.10 Lair Of The Great White** *PG*  
**10am Extinct Or Alive: Land Of The Lost Sharks** *PG*  
**10.50 Nuclear Shark** *PG*  
**11.40 Expedition Unknown: Megalodon** *PG*  
**12.30 Shark Lockdown** *PG*  
**1.20 Wicked Sharks** *PG*  
**2.10 Adam Devine's Secret Shark Lair** *PG*  
**3pm Abandoned Waters** *PG*  
**3.50 Lair Of The Great White** *PG*  
**4.45 Great White Double Trouble** *PG*  
**5.40 Shark Lockdown** *PG*

## NOTICE BOARD

### Entertainment

#### ODEON 5

Phone 867 3339

**SIX60: TILL THE LIGHTS GO OUT (M)**  
TUE-WED 1.20pm, 3.40pm, 6pm, 8.15pm  
**LET HIM GO (M)**  
TUE 4pm, 6pm  
WED 11.15am, 3.50pm, 8.30pm  
**THE COMEBACK TRAIL (M)** TUE 3.40pm, 6.10pm  
WED 11am, 3.40pm, 8.20pm  
**HAPPIEST SEASON (M)**  
TUE 1.50pm, 8.30pm  
WED 11.15am, 1.40pm, 6.20pm, 8.30pm  
**DAVID BYRNE'S AMERICAN UTOPIA (TBC)** TUE 6.20pm  
WED 1.40pm  
**FATMAN(R13)**  
TUE 1.40pm, 3.50pm, 8.30pm. WED 11am, 3.50pm, 6pm  
**MADE IN ITALY (M)**  
TUE 1.30pm, 8.20pm  
WED 1.30pm, 6.10pm  
**THE SECRETS WE KEEP (R16)** TUE-WED 6.10pm  
**RAMS (PG)**  
TUE-WED 11am, 3.40pm, 8.20pm  
**HONEST THIEF (M)**  
TUE-WED 1.30pm  
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### Raffle Results

**STROKE TAIRAWHITI**  
OPEN DAY RAFFLE

Winner: No. 85  
Annabel Parkes  
Thank you for your support.

### Meetings

**PROPRIETORS OF NUHITI Q**  
2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at **Arohaina Centre, 396 Aberdeen Road, Gisborne, on Saturday 5th December 2020, at 10am.**

Full agenda can be picked up at BDO Gisborne Limited Office.

D A Larsen  
CHAIRPERSON

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### Readers Bargains

**CAT**, 6yr old female, neutered, beautiful colouring, loving home needed urgently. Ph 021 0200 9321.

**HIGHCHAIR** vgc \$30, ladies plus size tops & skirts \$5 each, modern shoes \$4 pair, h/hld goods, Bone China, dishes, ornaments, kitchenware from \$5, bathroom fan \$10, ceiling fan \$20, light fittings from \$5. Ph 868 9476.

**ILMINISTER** uniform, T-shirts size 14 x2, \$10ea, sports top size 14, \$10, Jacket with hood \$25, socks \$2, excell cond worn one term. Ph 0274 946 979.

**QUEEN** mattress, clean, \$60. Ph 868 9922.

### Readers Bargains

**OLD** golf set, 11 clubs & bag, \$35. Push lawnmower \$40. Ph 867 2701.

**TV**, 45" Philips, good cond, \$200. Ph 0272 752 691.

**TV/DVD** small with remotes \$20 for both, variety womens bags, \$5 each; gumboots size 7 \$5, 2 board games \$20 for both, Braids and Bows book of instructions \$10; 2 Path Wellness books \$5 for both, Nike shoes size 8 \$20 ono, 3 shearing singlets, sizes lge, med x2. 1 jacket, lge, the lot for \$40, Auto air vent for car \$5, Bambillow pillows \$50 each. 1 double bedspread and 1 single bedspread for \$15 for both; All items in good condition. Ph 06 281 0036.

**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, soups bowls with 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.

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- Price must be included
- Total price of items must not exceed \$1000
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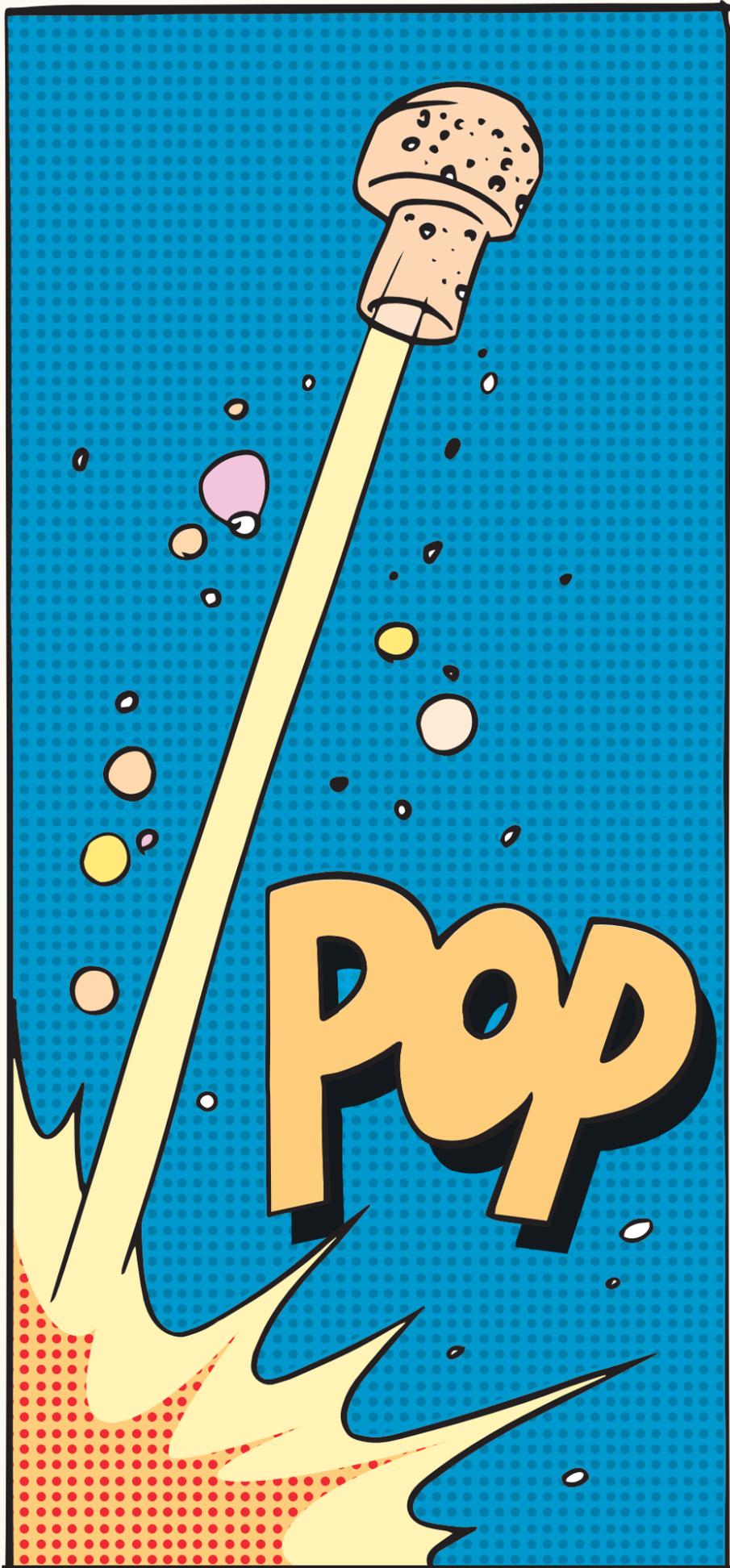
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- Combination role of advertising sales and relationship management for the daily newspaper
- Based in Gisborne.

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### 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.

**Meetings**

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

**Annual General Meeting Agenda:**

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

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Te Iwi o Rakaipaaka Chairperson

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**A MOMENT FOR THEM:** It was all about the tamariki at the A Moment For Them event held at Te Wananga o Aotearoa's Whirikoka campus. Kids up to 10 years of age got to enjoy all sorts of fun activities. Left, Izyah Mill eyes chocolate treats on the horizontal bungee. Above, Teao Andzue and Thayer Collier are let loose in a bouncy castle, Right, Henry Wallingford gets a cold shower courtesy of an accurate throw on the dunk bucket.



**UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH THE HMNZS MANAWANUI:** Lotti and Elsie Jones, left, were among the members of the public who took advantage of the open day on board the HMNZS Manawanui at Eastland Port. It was the Royal New Zealand Navy hydrographic ship's first visit to her ceremonial home port during which crew received a charter to the city.



**ON THE BRIDGE:** Jethro, Debs and Anica Hancock got to check out the advanced technology on the HMNZS Manawanui's bridge

**HOW IT WORKS:** Ordinary seaman combat specialist Thomas Wynne-Jones, and leading seaman combat specialist Victoria Clements explain the workings of the HMNZS Manawanui's machine guns to Brad and David Bacon at an open day.



**THAT TICKLES:** Jonathan Roberts gets a facial transformation through the artistic skills of face-painter Bronwyn Ngatai-Horton at the Strawberry Festival.



**WHAT'S THE VIEW LIKE UP THERE?:** Atena Wong-Petrella heads up on a cherry picker operated by Advanced Tree Solutions apprentice Jerrica Larby.



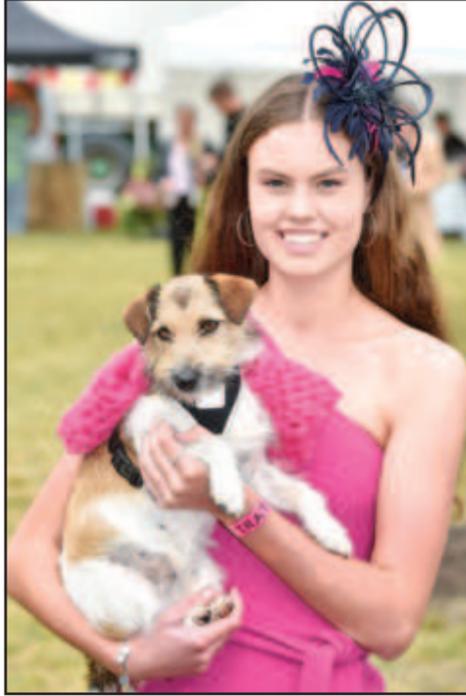
**HANGING OUT:** Five-year-old Waiariki Spooner and Advanced Tree Solutions lead arborist Jono Wright give the thumbs up at the Strawberry Festival fundraiser for Hospice Tairāwhiti at Marina Park. As well as scoffing strawberries and ice cream, there were plenty of other activities to enjoy.

**Pictures by Paul Rickard**

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**WHEN'S OUR TURN?:** Phil Croy might want to keep a tight leash on his dogs Finn and Fergus as they check out the action at the Terrier Race Against Time breast cancer fundraiser at Showgrounds Park. Phil was among the many who got into the pink theme.



**YOU'RE GOING TO NEED A BIGGER HANDBAG:** Kimberly McMillan, wearing a gorgeous outfit and fascinator, enjoys a cuddle with a friend's dog named Bailey, who was a little too big to pop in the handbag in Paris Hilton style at the Terrier Race Against Time fundraiser.



**BOARDWALK RUNWAY:** Models wearing Sheryl May-designed outfits — in collaboration with headwear designer Sheryl Edwards and beauty therapist Sophie Wirepa — walk the "runway", in this case Oneroa walkway, in a unique fundraising fashion show. Around 100 people enjoyed the event which made over \$2300 for St John Ambulance. The beachfront setting could be a first for a fashion show.



**SEEIN' RED:** These two outfits pack a visual punch at the Boardwalk Fashion Show held on Oneroa walkway and cycleway.



**HARD WORK:** Right, Isabel Hillman (left) and Ambi Pavier battle their way through the glorious mud — one of the obstacles on the Te Wharau mud run course.



**CREATURES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON:** Wiremu Thompson Cooper (left) and Josh Leighton emerge from a mudpit at Te Wharau School's popular mud run.



**PTOOEY!** Zantarus Rua ejects a mouthful of muddy water on the slippery slide. Right, Chelsea Warren appears to be enjoying her crawl through the mud in clothes destined for the washing machine.

**Pictures by Paul Rickard and Rebecca Grunwell**

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# Premier League striker signs with Phoenix

FOOTBALL by Anna Harrington, AAP

MELBOURNE — Wellington Phoenix have signed former Brighton striker and Israel international Tomer Hemed as a marquee player for the upcoming A-League season.

Hemed, 33, joins the Phoenix after stints in the Israeli Pro League, La Liga, the Championship and the Premier League.

He scored 28 goals across his first two Championship seasons at Brighton, helping them secure promotion to the Premier League in 2016-17 before scoring two goals in 26 EPL games in 2017-18.

Hemed later went on loan at Queens Park Rangers before joining Charlton last season.

“When the opportunity (with the

Phoenix) came up, we thought it was the best move for me as a player and for my family too,” Hemed said.

“I’ve heard great things about the club and I know they had a special season last season.”

Hemed has scored 17 goals in 37 appearances for Israel since 2011.

“Tomer is a highly skilled player with a pedigree as a goal scorer and creator,” coach Ufuk Talay said.

“It’s no secret the club was looking to improve its frontline with an experienced visa player, and Tomer provides what we think we need to improve on last season, someone who can convert our chances on goal and distribute to others.”

Hemed is currently in hotel quarantine and will later join the Phoenix at their hub in Wollongong.

# Another Fittipaldi set to race in F1

MOTORSPORT

SAKHIR, Bahrain — Romain Grosjean has been ruled out of the second Formula One race in Bahrain and will be replaced by Pietro Fittipaldi, a grandson of former F1 champion Emerson Fittipaldi, the Haas team said on Monday.

Grosjean was hospitalised with burns on the back of both hands after his car collided with a barrier in the Bahrain Grand Prix on Sunday and burst into flames.

Haas said it anticipated Grosjean would be discharged today. His injuries mean he can’t compete in the Sakhir Grand Prix on Sunday, the second race in Bahrain, which will use a shorter outer loop at the same venue.

“After it was decided that the best thing for Romain was to skip at least one race, the choice to put Pietro in the car was pretty easy,” Haas team principal Guenther Steiner said.

“Pietro will drive the VF-20 and he’s familiar with us, having been around the team for the past two seasons as a test and reserve driver. It’s the right thing to do and

it’s obviously a good opportunity for him.”

When Fittipaldi makes his debut, it will mark the third generation of his family to race in F1. Emerson Fittipaldi and his brother Wilson raced in the 1970s and 1980s, and Wilson’s son Christian Fittipaldi drove for three seasons in the early 1990s.

Pietro Fittipaldi took part in six IndyCar races in 2018 and last raced in the Asian Formula Three championship in February. The 24-year-old Brazilian driver had a strong junior record and has experimented with different series in recent years.

“Obviously, it’s not an ideal set of circumstances to get my first opportunity to compete in Formula One, but I’m extremely grateful to (team owner) Gene Haas and Guenther Steiner for their faith in putting me behind the wheel this weekend,” Fittipaldi said.

“I’ve been with the team a lot this season, both trackside and working on simulator sessions, so I’m familiar with the team’s operating procedures on a grand prix weekend.”

Emerson Fittipaldi was champion in 1972 for Lotus and in 1974 for McLaren. — AP

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MEDIUM

## SUDOKU

SUDOKU is a logic puzzle made up of 81 squares on a 9x9 grid.

To solve the puzzle, each row, column and 3x3 grid within the larger grid must end up containing each number from 1 to 9, and each number can only appear once in a row, column or box.

A sudoku grid has a single unique solution, which can be reached without using guesswork.

SOLUTION IN NEXT PUBLICATION.

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## THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

by Eugenia Last

### CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:

Aaron Rodgers, 37; Britney Spears, 39; Monica Seles, 47; Rena Sofer, 52.

### Happy Birthday:

Carefully choose who you associate with. Align yourself with people who feel as passionate as you do about your beliefs and goals. Look for alternative ways to protect against illness and injury. Be part of the solution, not the problem, and you will accomplish what you set out to do. Adjustments at home will encourage better relationships with loved ones. Your numbers are 7, 12, 22, 29, 34, 38, 45.

### ARIES (March 21-April 19):

Address pending issues, and proceed with your plans. Initiate a move or lifestyle change. Pool your funds with someone you love, and you will reach a common goal. Speak up and close the gap between uncertainty and positive change. 2 stars

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20):

The changes you make may not line up with what others want. Don't be afraid to go it alone if you can't convince others to get involved in your plans. Once you get things up and running, support will come your way. 4 stars

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

Balance and integrity will matter when dealing with partnerships. Speak the truth, and you will avoid a misunderstanding. A promise someone makes is likely to be broken. Have a backup plan in place when dealing with others. 3 stars

### CANCER (June 21-July 22):

Be creative, innovative and willing to do things differently, and accomplishments will follow. Reach out to someone from your past who can influence your life or inspire you to resurrect an old idea you still want to pursue. 3 stars

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):

How you deal with others will determine how much you accomplish. Channel energy into work, and challenge yourself to go above and beyond the call of duty to reach your goal. Action will lead to positive results. 3 stars

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

Be careful how you handle the people with whom you live or work. Emotions will be close to the surface and cause an untimely turn of events if someone is upset. Listen, and make changes based on facts. 4 stars

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):

Aim to make progress. Refuse to let uncertainty take over or allow someone to push you down a questionable path. Less talk and more action will help you reach your goal. An unexpected financial, health or legal matter will take you by surprise. 2 stars

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

A change to where or how you live looks inviting. Consider how you can use your skills to improve your position. Get involved in a conversation with someone heading down a similar path. A joint venture is encouraged. 5 stars

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

Take charge of what's going on around you. If you give in to someone's persuasive tactics, you will lose sight of what matters to you. Stay strong, be safe and do what's best for you. Home improvements are favored. 3 stars

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

Change begins with you. Size up your situation at work and home, and consider how you can improve your life and relationships. Concentrate on diet, fitness and maintaining good health, and it will lead to a unique opportunity. 3 stars

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

Speak up and take action. A chance to improve your position or status looks promising. Check out job opportunities and educational pursuits that will encourage a better lifestyle. Don't take a risk with your health or physical well-being. Fact-checking will make a difference. 3 stars

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):

Take care of matters personally. Someone will lead you down the wrong path if you are insecure or think someone knows more than you. Do your research, and follow what feels right. A commitment will improve your life. 5 stars

### Birthdays Baby:

You are persistent, entertaining and competitive. You are convincing and charismatic.

### 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 11,159

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### CRYPTIC CLUES

#### ACROSS

- Brown bread? (5)
- There's no let-up for the rich (7)
- Insect swallows fruit for nourishment (7)
- Not seeing a window-screen (5)
- Might Florence Nightingale re-appear holding it? (6-4)
- Nominally it forms a loose attachment (3-2,5)
- One way to score (5)
- Solid lumps of dripping (7)
- It's nicer as a poison (7)
- Play time (5)

#### DOWN

- Tear things to pieces - and put them in order again (10)
- Monastic practice (5)
- Eyesore constructed during last year (4)
- He can carry drink (6)
- But he's an odd sort to get tanned (8)
- Point wrongly claimed (7)
- Cause of dejection in weathermen? (10)
- Inclination to write a song (8)
- He may bridge the gap (7)
- A portion for each (6)
- A bad time to sell wild plums (5)
- Jot down the first nine letters (4)

### SOLUTIONS TO PUZZLE 11,158

#### QUICK

Across: 1 Performer; 8 Ode; 9 Crestfallen; 11 Incense; 12 Aroma; 13 Chance; 15 Remiss; 17 Later; 18 Pitfall; 20 Evasiveness; 22 Tun; 23 Notoriety.

Down: 2 Err; 3 Often; 4 Moaned; 5 Release; 6 Consolidate; 7 Rehearsal; 10 Enchantment; 11 Inculcate; 14 Certain; 16 Sprint; 19 Their; 21 Set.

#### CRYPTIC

Across: 1 Abandoned; 8 Urn; 9 Use your wits; 11 Artiste; 12 Tacit; 13 Mating; 15 Breech; 17 Brave; 18 Aroused; 20 Enlightened; 22 Ten; 23 Sketchily.

Down: 2 Bus; 3 Dross; 4 Nurses; 5 Drifter; 6 Music lesson; 7 Unmatched; 10 Estate agent; 11 Army boots; 14 Needles; 16 Tangle; 19 Optic; 21 Eel.

Quick Crossword answers also fit the large grid

### QUICK CLUES

#### ACROSS

- Desire (5)
- Invigorate (7)
- Attain (7)
- Eat away (5)
- Hindrance (10)
- Disguise (10)
- Memorise (5)
- Help (7)
- Refinement (7)
- Wrong (5)

#### DOWN

- Oppressive (10)
- Hidden store (5)
- In former times (4)
- Gentle wind (6)
- Oblation (8)
- Win back (7)
- Undertaking (10)
- Sad (8)
- Friendly (7)
- Hearken (6)
- Droll (5)
- Pack (4)

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# Marshall considering Hull's big offer

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### RUGBY LEAGUE

KIWIS veteran Benji Marshall has a remarkable late-career chance to become the highest-paid player in the European Super League. The Daily Telegraph reports Marshall, who turns 36 in February, will make a decision over the next week, after receiving an offer from Hull FC said to be worth about \$750,000 for 2021. Hull's new coach is Brett

Hodgson, Marshall's old Wests Tigers teammate. Marshall, who has had 28 test appearances spread over 15 years, played 324 NRL games in a career that has included a failed stint with the Auckland-based Blues rugby team. Having been let go by the Tigers, he was offered NRL lifelines by North Queensland and Cronulla, but they made low offers of about \$150,000 a season. The Canterbury

Bulldogs are reported to be still interested in Marshall if their recruitment programme falls a certain way. But the big money on offer from Hull, who finished sixth in the 2020 Super League, might be hard for Marshall to turn down. If he accepts, the Telegraph reported he would match Warrington's Gareth Widdop, who is England's highest-paid player. The New Zealand-raised Marshall is one of league's

greatest players, and his freestyle attacking game was at the heart of the Tigers' surprise 2005 NRL triumph. He admitted being disappointed at finding out through the media he would not be offered a contract by the Tigers for 2021. "I've been in this position before and I feel like I've still got a lot to offer in playing and I've still got a few things I want to do," he said in September. — NZ Herald

### Marine v Mourinho in FA Cup

LONDON — English Premier League leaders Tottenham were drawn to play eighth-tier Marine in the third round of the FA Cup in the biggest mismatch in the history of the world's oldest football competition. It is already being labelled "Marine v Mourinho", with Tottenham manager Jose Mourinho set to take his team to Merseyside for a match against opponents whose league is on hold because of the national lockdown. Marine play in the Northern Premier League North West and are in the FA Cup third round for just the second time after they scored a winner in the last minute of extra time yesterday (NZ time). With Tottenham top of the Premier League under Mourinho after 10 games, it will be the biggest gap between two clubs in the third round of the FA Cup, a competition first played in 1871. The part-timers of Chorley, one of three other non-league teams who will be in a round where the clubs from the Premier League and second-tier Championship enter, were drawn against Derby County — a side being managed temporarily by former England and Manchester United striker Wayne Rooney. Chorley have never made it this far in the competition. Stockport, who play in the fifth tier, were drawn at home to West Ham. The matches will be played from January 8 to 11. Arsenal will start the defence of their title with a home match against fellow Premier League team Newcastle. Liverpool travel to Aston Villa in another match between top-flight clubs. — AP

### ND junior cricket results

RESULTS from Day 1 of the Northern Districts boys' junior secondary schools representative cricket tournament at the Harry Barker Reserve yesterday —

**T20 matches**  
**Round 1, Pool 1**  
 HAMILTON 161-6 (E Schreuder 74; W Jacobsen 2-19) defeated ND INVITATION TEAM 129-3 (S Heath 60 not out, A Green 41).  
 BAY OF PLENTY COASTLANDS 160-4 (U Kumar 30, E Chamberlain 30) def COUNTIES-MANUKAU 125-8 (O Taylor 28no, F Farrell 24, L Scrimgeour 3-18, J Riley 3-31).  
**Pool 2**  
 WAIKATO VALLEY 149-4 (F Morey 51; Z Forster 2-25, L Agnew 2-38) def BAY OF PLENTY LAKELANDS 90-8 (E Staddon 20; R Harvey 2-13, B Bell 2-19).  
 NORTHLAND 89-3 (R Krige 29no) def POVERTY BAY 88-6 (S Wilson 31; R Syers 2-9, R Krige 2-11).  
**Round 2, Pool 1**  
 HAMILTON 69-8 (A Reeves 28; L Keaney 3-8, L Murray 2-13) def BAY OF PLENTY LAKELANDS 52-1 (E Chamberlain 25no) on Duckworth-Lewis calculation.  
 Counties-Manukau v ND Invitation Team: match abandoned.  
**Pool 2**  
 NORTHLAND 33-0 (M Robinson 15no, S Illerbrun 10no) def BAY OF PLENTY COASTLANDS (T Yetsenga 48; R Krige 3-19, R Syers 2-13) on Duckworth-Lewis calculation.  
 WAIKATO VALLEY 60-1 (X Bell 18no, R Harvey 10no) def POVERTY BAY 59 (B Bell 3-9, C O'Leary 2-4, D Sproul 2-13).

### Breakers delay departure

AUCKLAND — The New Zealand Breakers should have been boarding a plane for Australia today, but the Auckland-based basketball club has made a last minute change in plans. The Breakers have delayed their departure for the Australian National Basketball League season by nearly two weeks to coincide with the release of their American imports from quarantine across the Tasman. Players and most of the club's performance staff will now head across on December 13 and will be based in Melbourne. Imports Colton Iverson and Lamar Patterson get out of quarantine in Australia on the day the Auckland-based players arrive and a shortened full squad pre-season will begin the following day.

**TACKLE ATTEMPT:** Fulham's Harrison Reed (left) tries to tackle Leicester City's James Justin during an English Premier League football match at the King Power Stadium in Leicester today. Fulham beat fourth-placed Leicester 2-1 to move out of the relegation zone.

Picture by Tim Keeton/Pool via AP



# Fulham win to escape relegation zone

### FOOTBALL by Nate Williams, DPA

LONDON — Fulham are out of the Premier League relegation zone after a 2-1 win at fourth-placed Leicester City.

Ademola Lookman slotted in the opener on 30 minutes shortly before Ivan Cavaleiro converted a penalty that was given when Bobby Decordova-Reid was fouled by Leicester's Christian Fuchs. Leicester midfielder Harvey Barnes fired into

the top corner with five minutes left, but the hosts could not add an equaliser. Scott Parker's Fulham now sit outside the drop zone, 17th with seven points, while Leicester's tally of 18 keeps them one point behind third-placed Chelsea.

# FA urged to allow use of concussion substitutes

### FOOTBALL

A SICKENING clash of heads between Wolverhampton Wanderers' Raul Jimenez and Arsenal defender David Luiz that left the Mexican striker with a fractured skull has prompted calls for clubs to be able to make "concussion substitutions". Jimenez was knocked unconscious after an accidental collision with Brazilian Luiz, who rather surprisingly played on until halftime with blood seeping through a head bandage. Jimenez, 29, needed oxygen on the pitch and was taken to hospital for scans, eventually undergoing surgery for the skull fracture. Luiz was substituted at halftime. While Arsenal insisted they followed Football Association protocols for head injuries in allowing 33-year-old Luiz to play on, the situation raised questions

about whether enough was being done to safeguard players' welfare. The FA is considering fast-tracking a trial of concussion substitutions in the FA Cup as early as December. Liverpool boss Juergen Klopp says he would support such a move. "I know we have concussion protocols and I'm pretty sure Arsenal did that," Klopp said on Monday when asked about concussion substitutes. "I'm not sure any rule would help in that moment because the player can play on. But, yes, it makes sense that we can do things like this." Former England captain Alan Shearer, who recently hosted a documentary about possible links between a career heading a football and dementia, said a change was long overdue. "Football needs to get real, it needs to wake up, it needs to get serious. Not next

year, next month, now. It's not acceptable, it has been going too far too long," he told the BBC. "They're on about trialling concussion substitutes. What is there to trial? It's been going on for years. It's not acceptable." Manchester City's Brazil goalkeeper Ederson, who suffered a head injury while playing against Liverpool in 2017, said such situations required special attention. "When there is a blow to the head there should be a substitution, whether the player can continue or not. You could be feeling OK, but after you could feel the consequences." FA rules state that if there is any suspicion of a player having sustained a concussion, the player must be removed from the field of play, and not allowed to return. — AAP

# Low to remain Germany coach through Euros

### FOOTBALL

JOACHIM Low will remain as Germany coach through next year's Euros after the country's football federation said a 6-0 loss to Spain this month was not held against him. Germany suffered their worst defeat in a competitive game as Spain ran riot in their Nations League clash in Seville.

A stunned Low was at a loss to explain the capitulation, which scuppered hopes of qualification for the semifinals. Germany's team director Oliver Bierhoff said at the time that one game would not change their minds about Low's credentials and that sentiment was echoed by the members of the presidential committee who met Low on Monday. "The executive committee agreed that

what counts is the high-quality work of the coaching staff, the intact relationship between the team and the coach and a clear concept for the previous and future procedures," the DFB said in a statement. "The defeat of the national team against Spain was also discussed in the conversation with the national coach and in the following telephone conference of the DFB presidium.

"A single game cannot and must not be a yardstick for the general performance of the national team and national coach." The DFB added that Low had met its goals of qualifying for the Euros, maintaining Germany's status in League A of the Nations League and ensuring the national team would be in the first pot for the World Cup 2022 qualifying draw. — AAP

# Warner races to prove fitness

CRICKET by Scott Bailey, AAP

SYDNEY — David Warner has avoided surgery on his injured groin, but is now racing the clock to play in the first Test of the summer.

Warner went down in Sunday night's one-day international series-clinching win with scans confirming a strain that will keep him out of the remaining white-ball matches.

He has been replaced in the Twenty20 squad by D'Arcy Short, but has just 18 days to prove his fitness for the first Test in Adelaide.

Cricket Australia also confirmed Pat Cummins would sit out the last ODI on Wednesday and three T20s in a bid to preserve his fitness for the Tests.

"Pat and Davie are critical to our plans for the Test series," coach Justin Langer said.

"Davie will work through his injury rehab and in Pat's case it is important all of our players are managed well to keep them mentally and physically fit.

"The priority for both is being fully prepared for one of the biggest and most important home test series we have played in recent years."

While CA won't put a time frame on Warner's rehabilitation, the opener looked in immense discomfort as he left the SCG on Sunday.

The team's former doctor Peter Brukner claimed on SEN on Monday he expected Warner would miss at least four weeks.

Given his game is built around quick footwork and hard running between the wickets, any issue with his groin would be of concern to Australia.

Australia could now open with Matt Wade or shift Alex Carey to the top of the



□ Australia's David Warner, centre, is assisted by teammates Pat Cummins, left, and Josh Hazlewood after injuring himself while fielding during the one day international cricket match between India and Australia at the Sydney Cricket Ground in Sydney on Sunday. AP picture

order for Wednesday's final ODI.

But the bigger issue is the Test team.

While Joe Burns appears likely to hold his spot ahead of the in-form Will Pucovski at the top of the order, both could open if Warner is out.

That would hand Pucovski his debut against a pink ball in Adelaide, while Burns hit just 57 runs at 11.4 to start the Sheffield Shield for Queensland.

There is, however, a belief from teammates he can step up into the senior opening role if Warner is unavailable.

"Joe is averaging 40 in Test cricket, so he is certainly established," Marnus Labuschagne said.

"He has four Test hundreds, he is a very good player.

"Although he hasn't scored the runs

in Shield cricket he'd have liked, he got 99 against Pakistan last summer and negotiated through that new-ball period almost every time.

"He's not far away from some very big scores."

Meanwhile India can see a positive if Warner is injured.

Australia desperately missed him at the top of the order during his ban two seasons ago when India last toured, before he hit 786 runs at 131 last summer.

"I don't know how bad his injury is, but it'd be nice if he gets injured for a long time," batsman KL Rahul quipped.

"I wouldn't wish that for any cricketer. But he's one of their main batsmen, so if he's injured for a long time it'd be good

## Match called off, NZ win series 2-0

CRICKET

MT MAUNGANUI — Rain washed out the third Twenty20 cricket international between New Zealand and the West Indies yesterday, leaving the hosts with a winning 2-0 lead in the three-match series.

Only 2.2 overs were possible before heavy rain forced the players from the field at Bay Oval.

The rain set in and umpires called off the match at 9.20pm.

The West Indies, sent in after losing the toss, were 25-1 with Kyle Mayers not out 5 and Andre Fletcher on 4.

Brandon King was out for 11, caught by Jimmy Neesham from the bowling of Lockie Ferguson.

The abandonment was a particular blow for all-rounder Mitchell Santner, who was named to captain New Zealand for the first time and who bowled for the opening over.

Santner took over from Tim Southee who, with Ross Taylor and Kyle Jamieson, was released to join the New Zealand test squad.

The first of two tests between New Zealand and the West Indies begins in Hamilton on Thursday. — AP

# ICC boss eyes Test Championship

CRICKET by Rory Dollard, PA

LONDON — The World Test Championship is under threat of being discontinued after its inaugural edition with the International Cricket Council's new chair Greg Barclay questioning whether the model is "fit for purpose".

New Zealander Barclay was elected to the role last week after being voted in ahead of the acting incumbent Imran Khwaja and is planning to lead a review of a global calendar that has been heavily disrupted by Covid-19.

And it appears the Test league table, an innovation which only officially began with the 2019 Ashes and is due to culminate in a Lord's final between the top two nations next summer, is at risk.

Brought in after years of discussion to

lend context to the bilateral series, the idea has had a bumpy start due to the uneven nature of international schedules and mass cancellations in the pandemic forcing a change to the points system. Australia holds the top position as it stands, with England third.

"Covid has probably highlighted some of the shortcomings we have got with the World Test Championship," Barclay said.

"From an idealistic point of view it probably had a lot of merit, but I do just query in a practical sense whether it's actually achieved what it was intended to do.

"Let's get through the next little bit, do what we can, taking into account Covid and the ability to reallocate points, or whatever, but my personal view is once we've done that we're probably back to

the drawing board.

"I'm just not quite sure it's entirely fit for purpose and perhaps has achieved what we might have hoped it would when it was first conceptualised four or five years ago.

"Like everything it's kind of up for grabs and we'll have a look at it."

Barclay has no intention of compromising the primacy of the format, but with fixture congestion a major issue along with the commercial viability of five-day cricket in several territories, he sees the need for pragmatism.

"We've got to look at it in the context of the calendar. Simply putting more cricket in there for the sake of putting more cricket on, makes the situation worse," he said.

"If we accept test cricket is the bit that

makes the game of cricket different and special and has its legacy and heritage, I'm at an age where I'm still a purist, but I probably accept it's not paying the bills anymore.

"Things need to change, but I'd love to see it (as a format) kept exactly where it is. The fact is (fewer and fewer) countries are able to afford to play it, very few countries can actually make it work from a financial point of view. If we are going to retain it and, I fervently hope we will, we need to have another look at it."

Barclay also vowed to be a champion of women's cricket, which suffers a greater internal divide between the haves and have-nots than the men's game internationally and has been noticeably slower to get back up and running in the pandemic.

## Big future for Wallabies' centres, says O'Connor

RUGBY by Melissa Woods, AAP

MELBOURNE — James O'Connor has lauded an "almost magnetic" understanding between young centres Jordan Petaia and Hunter Paisami as the Wallabies prepare for their final Test of the year, against Argentina in Sydney on Saturday night.

The veteran playmaker, who is set to return from injury, said he took Paisami aside after his Wallabies squad selection and told him of the potential he saw in his pairing with Petaia.

While 20-year-old Petaia was already earmarked as an emerging superstar, Paisami, 22, has been one of the finds of 2020 after making his Super Rugby debut with Queensland and going on to play in four of five Tests so far.

O'Connor has watched their development close up at the Reds and predicted a long and successful centre partnership.

"I actually had this conversation with Hunter at the start of the campaign as the best element of what he and Jordie bring is that they complement each other," O'Connor said on Monday.

"They can play up and down straight, they can get into wide channels, they can both hit and one of the other big things is that they have a pretty good understanding of each other.

"For me as a 10, they make my job really easy . . . these guys have their own ideas and they're finding each other on the field more often than not.

"They're gravitating towards each other, almost magnetic."

## Smith twins leave Super Rugby for Venice Beach

SUPER RUGBY, Murray Wenzel, AAP

BRISBANE — The United States has emerged as the latest threat on Australia's Super Rugby stocks after Queensland Reds identical twins Ruan and JP Smith's exit to play in Los Angeles next year.

The forwards will play for the Venice Beach-based LA Giltinis in their inaugural season from March next year in what will be the competition's fourth instalment.

The USA Rugby-sanctioned competition has swollen to 13 teams split between two conferences, defying the governing body's claim for bankruptcy earlier this year and significant behind-the-scenes dramas for a host of clubs after their third season was cut short by COVID-19.

The Giltinis are named after a yet-to-be released cocktail and owned by Australian Adam Gilchrist — a gym tycoon, not the cricketer — who also owns the Austin Gilronis.

The competition has already lured former Wallabies great Chris Latham, to coach Utah, while Stephen Hoiles is an assistant coach at LA and Drew Mitchell (New York) was poised to come out of retirement before the delay.

Springbok Tendai Mtawarira (Washington DC), All Black Ma'a Nonu (San Diego), France's Mathieu Bastareaud (New York) have all featured while Matt Giteau and Adam Ashley-Cooper have been linked to the LA club run by former Wallabies hooker Adam Freier.

But the signing of the 30-year-old Smith twins shows there is interest among active, established Super Rugby players too.

And AAP understands more could follow them in a move that would put the privately owned United States competition alongside Europe and Japan as suitors for Australia's best talent.

Ruan said playing in the USA was a "bucket-list thing" while his brother JP said "playing with a new club in one of the sporting capitals of the world has massive appeal".

# Bayern keen to rest key players

FOOTBALL by Tales Azzoni, AP

MADRID — Atletico Madrid need to rebound. Bayern Munich are just looking to get some rest.

Atletico will catch a break in the Champions League tomorrow by hosting a Bayern squad who have already qualified and will leave out some of their top players for the Group A match.

The defending champions, who won their first four matches and have already guaranteed first place in the group, will make the trip to Madrid without striker Robert Lewandowski, goalkeeper Manuel Neuer and midfielder Leon Goretzka.

“They are important players,” Bayern coach Hansi Flick said.

“Goretzka and Lewandowski have been injured, and if they are not at 100 percent, it’s better to leave them home.”

Bayern have struggled with fatigue and injuries in a packed schedule since they won the Champions League title in August.

Midfielder Corentin Tolisso also won’t travel because of a minor injury, and Alphonso Davies and Joshua Kimmich still haven’t recovered from their ailments.

Reserve goalkeeper Alexander Nübel will be making his European debut for Bayern after playing mostly in cup matches until now.

“He has made a good impression and has shown his quality in training,” said Flick, whose team routed Atletico 4-0 at home in their first group match.

The game at the Wanda Metropolitan



**KEY TRIO GET A REST:** Robert Lewandowski is one of three key players being rested as Bayern Munich take on Atletico Madrid in Champions League action tomorrow. AP picture

Stadium means little to Bayern but could be decisive for Atletico, who are only two points in front of third-placed Lokomotiv Moscow. A win could be enough if the Russian team are held by Salzburg, but a draw or a loss against Bayern could leave Atletico depending on other results in the last round.

Lokomotiv host last-placed Salzburg in the other group match tomorrow.

Atletico beat Salzburg to rebound from the loss to Bayern in Germany but are coming off two consecutive draws against Lokomotiv.

“It’s still Bayern Munich, it’s a great team regardless of who plays,” Atletico

captain Jorge “Koke” Resurrección said. “Sometimes players who don’t get many minutes will be extra motivated to show what they can do. We will need to play a nearly perfect match to defeat them.”

The team coached by Diego Simeone are in good form in the Spanish league, having won six in a row to stay a point behind leaders Real Sociedad with two games in hand. Simeone still doesn’t know if he will be able to count on striker Luis Suárez, who recently tested positive for the coronavirus while on Uruguay duty.

“This virus is strange,” Simeone said.

“Maybe tomorrow he will test negative and can be available to play. He has been practising and wants to help his team. But we’ll have to wait and see what happens.”

Atletico, who eliminated Liverpool in the round of 16 last season, have only one loss in their last 28 European games at home — to Chelsea in the group stage of the 2017-18 season. The Spanish team are unbeaten at home in 20 matches in all competitions, since losing to Barcelona 1-0 in the Spanish league a year ago.

Bayern’s only loss in their last 25 European matches was in the 2018-19 season, 3-1 at home against Liverpool in the round of 16.

The German powerhouse team are unbeaten in 15 away games in European competitions — one game shy of Manchester United’s competition record. The German team have won 10 straight away matches in Europe.

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### WEATHER FOR TOMORROW

1 Dec, 2020

### MIDNIGHT TONIGHT

### NOON TOMORROW

### GISBORNE TIDE MOVEMENT

Wednesday Dec 2			Thursday Dec 3		
am	3	pm	am	3	pm
Hicks Bay	H 8:52am	9:01pm	Hicks Bay	H 9:32am	9:42pm
Waipiro Bay	H 8:39am	8:48pm	Waipiro Bay	H 9:19am	9:29pm
Tolaga Bay	L 2:09am	2:33pm	Tolaga Bay	L 2:48am	3:14pm
Gisborne	H 8:27am	8:36pm	Gisborne	H 9:07am	9:17pm
Wairoa	L 1:57am	2:21pm	Wairoa	L 2:36am	3:02pm
	H 8:14am	8:27pm		H 8:55am	9:09pm
	L 1:58am	2:23pm		L 2:38am	3:05pm
	H 7:51am	8:13pm		H 8:32am	8:56pm
	L 1:41am	2:07pm		L 2:22am	2:50pm

### SUN-MOON-MAORI FISHING GUIDE

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Rise 5:37 am Set 8:18 pm	Rise 5:37 am Set 8:19 pm
Set 6:38 am Rise 10:00 pm	Set 7:26 am Rise 10:54 pm
Best at 1:51 am 2:17 pm	Best at 2:43 am 3:10 pm

### NZ SITUATION

A front moves up the South Island on Wednesday, while a ridge covers the North Island. The front crosses the North Island early Thursday followed by southwesterlies through to Friday. On Saturday, another front moves onto the far south.

### NZ TOMORROW

Auckland	fine	22
Hamilton	fine	22
Tauranga	fine	21
Rotorua	fine	22
Taupo	fine	21
Napier	fine	18
New Plymouth	fine	18
Palmerston North	fine	20
Wellington	fine	15
Christchurch	fine	23
Queenstown	showers	21
Dunedin	showers	23

### GISBORNE READINGS

Taken at the Airport, for the 24 hours to 9am, Tuesday 1 Dec 2020

<b>SUNSHINE</b> hours	5.1
Total for November	231.1
Average for November	215.0
To date this year	2196.1
To date last year	2368.9
<b>WIND</b> km/h	
Max gust on Mon 30 Nov	NW 37
<b>RAINFALL</b> mm	
24 hours to 9am, Tue 1 Dec	11.2
Total for November	110.0
Average for November	63.0
To date this year	840.6
To date last year	709.0
<b>EVAPOTRANSPIRATION</b> mm	
Daily average for past week	3.6
<b>TEMPERATURE</b> °C	
Maximum	20.5
Minimum	12.8
Grass minimum	9.7
<b>BAROMETRIC PRESSURE</b>	
At 9am 1 Dec (hPa)	1002.4
At 9am 1 Dec (inches)	29.60

### WORLD TOMORROW

Adelaide	fine	12 21
Amsterdam	cloudy	2 7
Bangkok	cloudy	23 30
Beijing	cloudy	-4 4
Berlin	cloudy	-1 3
Brisbane	fine	23 34
Buenos Aires	showers	20 30
Cairo	fine	13 21
Canberra	fine	12 25
Cape Town	fine	14 22
Delhi	fog	8 27
Frankfurt	cloudy	2 5
Geneva	rain	0 4
Hong Kong	fine	18 24
London	rain	2 8
Los Angeles	fine	10 23
Melbourne	fine	12 19
Moscow	snow	-2 -1
New York	fine	3 7
Paris	showers	6 9
Perth	fine	12 26
Singapore	thunder	24 33
Stockholm	snow	0 4
Suva	showers	24 30
Sydney	fine	20 24
Tokyo	cloudy	7 12
Toronto	snow	1 2

### GISBORNE CITY

TOMORROW	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
morning min 10 max 19	morning min 14 max 25	morning min 10 max 24
Fine spells but the chance of an early shower. S abating, N by afternoon.	Fine spells. NW change S in the evening, dying out at night.	Mainly fine. Northwesterlies developing.

### GISBORNE REGION

TOMORROW	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated morning showers, mainly about the ranges. Increasing afternoon fine spells. S dying out with N by the afternoon.	Isolated showers developing as northwesterlies change southerly in the evening, dying out at night.	Mainly fine. Northerlies developing, turning westerly late.

### GISBORNE SUN PROTECTION ALERT

8:50 AM - 5:05 PM PROTECTION REQUIRED

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Data provided by NIWA

### SATURDAY

High cloud. Northwesterlies.

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# Corrin qualifies again

## Set to line up in Australian elite ironwoman series

**SURF LIFESAVING**  
by Murray Robertson

GISBORNE surf lifeguard Olivia Corrin has qualified for the prestigious Nutri-Grain Ironwoman competition for the second year in a row.

The 20-year-old finished in the top eight in the elimination event held at Kingscliff in northern New South Wales at the weekend.

Corrin came through the first round of eliminations on Saturday in the top 20. The top eight in Sunday's second round qualified for the main event.

She finished sixth, 15th and third in Sunday's three "iron" races to finish eighth on points.

Corrin was the top qualifier last year — her first year in the Nutri-Grain competition.

"I'm stoked to get through to the Nutri-Grain again, especially with the high quality of young surf athletes who raced in the trials at the weekend," Corrin said.

"I knew I had to go out hard to get into the top eight, and luckily it was a top eight this year, because last year only the top six in the qualifiers made it through."

She said she was pleased with how she raced.

The three "irons" on Sunday comprised a board, ski and swim sprint event lasting about 10 minutes, another course lasting 15 minutes, and then a long course lasting 25 minutes.

"I took a lot of confidence out of the last race, where I finished third, knowing I could back up and go so well."

Corrin competes for Dawson Building Midway in New Zealand and for Northcliffe on the Gold Coast.

She returned to Queensland in June to resume training after the Covid-19 lockdown in New Zealand.

"It means I haven't seen my mum and dad (Dave and Suzanne) for five months now, and that's the longest I have been away from home.

"It's difficult not having them there to comfort me.

"I know they want to get over here to see me as soon as the borders open again, which I am really looking forward to."

Corrin finished 19th out of the 20-plus contestants in the women's Nutri-Grain event last summer.

"My goal this summer is to work hard and improve.

"My aim is to make the top 10 to 12 this summer and thereby automatically qualify for next year's competition."

Close to 100 athletes in the men's and women's events battled it out across six races over the two days of qualifying last weekend.

The first two rounds of the Nutri-Grain will be at Kingscliff in NSW on December 19 and 20.

Rounds 3 and 4 will be on January 16 and 17 at North Cronulla, NSW.

Rounds 5 and 6, the final, will be on February 13 and 14 at Kurrawa in Queensland.

All rounds of the series will be broadcast live on Channel 9 in Australia.

A total of \$200,000 will be on offer for the athletes — \$100,000 for the men and \$100,000 for the women — across the series.



**QUALIFIED:** Olivia Corrin in the surf at Kingscliff, northern New South Wales, on her way to qualification for the Nutri-Grain Ironwoman competition. Pictures supplied