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ALL OUT OK: The tenants in a four-unit block of flats in London Street escaped injury last night when fire broke out in one of the downstairs units, spreading to engulf and gut the unit above. The other two flats were badly damaged by smoke and heat. Up to 16 people lived there. Pictures by Rebecca Grunwell

FIRE GUTS KAITI UNITS

Up to 16 tenants left homeless

by Murray Robertson

TENANTS in a block of units in Kaiti were left with little more than the clothes on their backs when fire ripped through two of the units last night.

Fire and Emergency NZ sent four appliances to the property opposite the London St Fish Shop at around 7.35pm.

Clouds of black smoke billowed from the blazing building and could be seen from many parts of the city.

“As we pulled up outside the fire was just starting to break through the building structure in several places,” said Station

Officer Margaret Middleton-Echave, who led the first-in crew.

“Shortly after that the two units on the left-hand side of the four-unit building were totally involved in fire.”

SO Middleton-Echave said they had ascertained no one was inside any of the units by that stage.

“Everyone got out all right, thank God,” she said.

The crews adopted a defensive firefighting approach initially to protect the two units on the right-hand side of the building.

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From LA to Wainui

Three share a work space to connect with the world

by Jack Marshall

FOR most of human history, most people's jobs have tied them to their location.

But the advent of the internet and modern technology has diluted the connection between place and employment.

And then along came a global pandemic.

Thousands of kilometres from their usual workplaces, a Wainui-based trio exemplify the new era of remote working.

Gisborne-raised Darren Maynard and American partner Amy Matthew normally work in the film and TV industry in Los Angeles, while Darren's uncle David Strawbridge travels as a consultant all over the world.

"I'm lucky to be working on a TV show at the moment called Queen Sugar with Warner Brothers," says audio engineer Darren.

His CV suggests skill and experience also has plenty to do with that. It includes such movies as Joker, Birds of Prey and Clint Eastwood's The Mule.

Away from the heart of the industry in LA, he has had to improvise with things found in the garage when it has come to making the sound for the show.

"When you're working remotely you don't have all the resources so you have to go a little DIY."

"I've been doing some chilly bin recording with a water bottle and ice."

"Right now we can't work on the set because a lot of the stages are closed and they have very quiet environments and so you just have to be a little creative."

They work on American time but that does not make much difference as Los Angeles is 21 hours behind New Zealand.

"A large number of the staff working on the show are in different cities following the recording of the show from their computers and I'm able to give feedback via a video sharing device if they're using Zoom."

But to work online, especially when dealing with a lot of data, high-speed internet is needed and not all connections are equal.

Luckily Gisborne has some of the best internet in the world.

"Internet at my mum and dad's is fibre optic, which got put in a couple of years ago and is faster than at my house in Los Angeles," says Darren.

It has been the glue that has made his work almost seamless.

Amy, who also works in the creative industries, came with Darren on a holiday to Gisborne.

Once they got here they decided there was not a lot of reason to rush back, she said.

Amy had been working remotely in LA since March of last year so working from New Zealand was not much of a change.

Her employer is happy for her to be in New Zealand but she tries not to bring it up too much as most of her colleagues



GONE DIGITAL: Amy Matthew, Darren Maynard and David Strawbridge in their international office at Wainui. Picture by Paul Rickard

are still in the midst of the pandemic in the US.

"They are a little bit jealous but I try not to rub it in when I take calls from the porch on a sunny Gisborne day."

Darren's uncle David says the move to working online has saved him thousands of kilometres of travel.

His work as a consultant involves him visiting such places as Myanmar, Pakistan and Indonesia, helping establish libraries for an American organisation called Room to Read.

"Normally I would be in Pakistan right now helping to set up a workshop," he said.

The transition to working on the web has had mixed results because working with developing countries online has connection challenges.

He foresees some of his work online will carry on into the future but says being there in person is important.

"One of the things I've missed about working in Pakistan is how I can get a feel for the context."

"I can understand the schools and the teachers and the team I am working with."

"There is a personal touch I miss."



IN THE FIELD: Audio engineer and sound creator Darren Maynard catching sound for an American television show. Picture supplied

Wairoa Expo a one-stop shop for farmers

FARMING smarter is a focus of the 2021 East Coast Farming Expo which starts tomorrow in Wairoa.

The two-day gathering for sheep and beef producers is held annually at Wairoa Showgrounds and includes exhibits, outdoor demonstrations and seminars.

Local farmers and some from further afield will have the chance to check out the exhibits and technology firsthand, listen to world-class speakers, and have one-on-one conversations with industry innovators and leaders and others who can help them in their farming operations.

Expo event manager Sue Wilson has been keeping a close eye on Covid-19 developments which brought about one swift change.

"It was unfortunate well-respected dog trainer Lloyd Smith made the call not to travel north

because of the recent community cases, but we were really lucky to secure farm dog guru Allen Irwin," Sue says.

The Gisborne-based farmer is held in high regard as a trainer and triallist.

"How lucky are we to have such talent available right here in our own backyard?"

Ms Wilson and her team have endeavoured to open the Expo to more exhibitors than ever.

"There is something there for everyone — from dog kennels to cloud storage options, solar water pumps, nutrition experts, genetics, communication gurus and more."

"It really is a one-stop shop for farmers."

Internationally-recognised speakers for the 40-minute seminars are serial technology entrepreneur Melissa Clarke Reynolds, Dairy NZ board member Dr Jacqueline Rowarth, livestock

breeding specialist Aimee Charteris, Wools of NZ chairman James Parsons and New Zealand Roundtable for Sustainable Beef chairman Grant Bunting.

Mental and physical wellbeing is the focus of the two luncheons at which Farm Fit NZ's Kane-O Briscoe and Will to Live founder Elle Perriam will speak.

"Both luncheons are free to attend with a general admission ticket, but registrations are required for catering," Ms Wilson says.

Wednesday night's Bayleys Muster promises an informative discussion between Federated Farmers national president Andrew Hoggard, adjunct professor Jacqueline Rowarth, regenerative farmer Greg Hart, Holistic Agriculture managing director Robbie Hill and Climate Change Commission principal analyst Dr Philip Wiles.

"They will delve into regenerative agriculture — myth or moneymaker? Tickets are available online," Ms Wilson says.

"The genetics-focused B+LNZ workshop is expected to be well attended, helping farmers discover genetics fit for individual purpose, including basic principles of assessing genetic merit and how to use these to find the best animals to improve their own herd or flock performance."

"We like to say coming to the Expo is accessing the best without the massive roadie to the Waikato (Mystery Creek), and when I sit back and look at the list of who we have at the 2021 event, I am confident everyone will agree with the sentiment."

■ For more information and tickets go to www.eastcoastexpo.co.nz

LOOKING AHEAD



FOCUS ON THE LAND

- An independent review of the biosecurity response to Mycoplasma Bovis has been launched.
- Hindmarsh leads the hunt and Utting the head after going back to back at the Te Araroa dog trials.
- The AgriHQ report this week points to lower export volumes for lamb and beef in January.

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AOS deployed to firearms incident in Te Hapara

ARMED police cordoned off some streets in Te Hapara yesterday morning after a firearm was allegedly presented during a neighbourhood dispute.

Police were alerted to the situation at a Churchill Crescent property at around 10am and it was resolved about two hours later when a man was arrested.

"We set up cordons in several surrounding streets and deployed members of the Armed Offenders Squad to the area," a police spokesman said.

"Armed officers were sent there to ensure the safety of the community."

A 33-year-old man was arrested in the street at around midday.

"He was taken into custody without incident," the police spokesman said.

"There were no shots fired and no one was injured."

The arrested man faces a range of charges.

COLD LIGHT OF DAY: The fire-damaged units on London Street this morning. Two of the units were gutted while the other two suffered smoke and heat damage.

Picture by Paul Rickard



Chance for youth to 'make their voice heard' in Tairawhiti

BUDDING politicians are being sought for Gisborne District Council's youth council.

Candidates should be aged 16-24 and want to make a difference in Tairawhiti, a GDC Facebook statement said.

For those interested in the environment, local politics, social issues, "the Gisborne District Youth Council might be just the chance for them to make their voice heard", the statement said.

"We are kicking off the 2021 Youth Council in March and it's an awesome way for young people to get an eye in, a voice, and sometimes even a start in local government.

Aspiring candidates should go to www.gdc.govt.nz/join-the-youth-council/

Units 'uninhabitable' after fire

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"The fire had started to get into the section of the roof over the right-hand units but a fire wall down the middle of the building effectively saved them," said Senior Station Officer Ed Hindmarsh.

"It took us about an hour to get the fire under control."

Sergeant Scott Leighton from Gisborne police made sure everyone in the four units was accounted for.

"There were as many as 16 people living in there and thankfully no one was injured," he said.

The former Kainga Ora/Housing NZ building has been in private ownership for some years.

The blaze started at the rear of the

downstairs portion of the unit on the left-hand side of the complex.

The Gisborne Herald understands the tenants in that unit had gone out not long before the fire started.

"The alarm was raised initially by the tenant in the unit above who saw smoke coming up through the floorboards," Sgt Leighton said.

"The landlord's son, who lived in one of the units, grabbed a garden hose and tried to slow down the fire in the unit where it started, but it took hold."

SSO Hindmarsh said the two units primarily affected by the fire were gutted.

"The other two units were affected by the dense toxic smoke and heat."

Sergeant Leighton said all four units

were uninhabitable.

"That's the sad thing about it. At a time of housing shortage in the city you now have as many as 16 people who have nowhere to live and who have not got much more than the clothes on their backs."

Specialist fire investigator Derek Goodwin and police detectives began a scene examination this morning in an effort to establish the cause.

Fire crews were at the scene for five hours dampening down.

A crew from the Manutuke volunteer brigade was called into the city to provide cover while the city crews went about their work.

Police mounted a scene guard on the property overnight.

Rescues at Wainui, Kaiti

'I thought someone's going to die here': lifeguard

by Murray Robertson

A TEENAGE boy was "nearly gone" when a surfer rescued him from a powerful rip at the northern end of Makorori Beach on Saturday afternoon.

Riversun Wainui Surf Life Saving Club member Kelly Ryan had just come in from having a surf when he saw the boy and another lad in trouble at around 4pm.

"I'd been surfing in that exact spot for well over an hour. I was having a beer, actually, and watching the sea when I saw the boys caught in the rip.

"The surf was big, up to five feet, and the rip was really powerful.

"The boys were swimming straight out into it and I thought someone's going to die here."

One of the teenagers managed to get out of the rip and come ashore but his companion was caught in it and dragged about 150 metres offshore.

Mr Ryan, 47, grabbed his standup paddleboard and went out to him.

SURF Life Saving New Zealand Tairawhiti club development officer Sonia Keepa says with temperatures on the rise again two rescues here at the weekend are a timely reminder to stay within your depth and keep children within arm's reach.

"Things happen very quickly in the ocean,

"He was nearly gone when I got to him. All he could do was lie on my board on his back, he was that exhausted.

"He must have laid there for at least three minutes before he was ready to head back to the beach."

Mr Ryan said the boy had little energy left.

"I think if I had not responded when I did and arrived in time he would have begun to submerge."

On the way back to the beach a wave knocked both of them off the board.

"My daughter Jay, who is 15 and also a Wainui surf club member, had come out to back me up on a paddleboard and

especially when there is a bit of surf.

"Remember the 3R's for surviving rips — Raise your hand to alert others you need help; Relax to conserve your energy; Ride the rip until the current has lessened and you can safely swim to the side of the rip and make your way back to the beach."

between the two of us we got the boy back to the beach.

"We checked him out and kept an eye on him for a while until he recovered.

"When he felt better we released him into the care of his friends once we were sure he was OK."

Mr Ryan said when there was a big south swell, the rip at the northern end of Makorori Beach got really dangerous, and should be permanently signposted.

Mr Ryan won a Community Service Award at the Tairawhiti surf lifesaving awards last year for a rescue he did afterhours at Midway Beach in the summer of 2019-20.

■ THE power and speed of the ocean was underlined when an off-duty lifeguard was called into action at Kaiti Beach on Sunday night.

Wainui lifeguard Jess Bridson had just finished patrol that afternoon and she and her partner decided to take their little one to Kaiti Beach for a swim.

Shortly after they arrived and settled down on the sand, Ms Bridson said she saw a couple of young children playing in the water at waist depth.

"Within no more than 20 seconds they were swept off their feet by the big surf and dragged out of their depth," she said.

The children were carried about 20 to 30 metres off the beach.

"Their father, fully clothed, raced in and grabbed one of them and I grabbed the other one."

Both children were returned safely to shore.

"Their dad seemed quite shocked by what had happened, and they all left the beach soon after.

"It happened so fast."

FAMILY NOTICES

Deaths

Deaths

DYER, Paul William James. — On February 19, 2021, peacefully, after a courageous battle. Dearly loved husband of Christina. Treasured father of Matthew, and Sarah, and father-in-law of Dylan. Adored Poppa of Theo, and Poppy. Loved brother-in-law of Louise and Russell Snow.

'Forever in our hearts until we meet again.'

The funeral service will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Gisborne, at 11.30am, Wednesday 24th February. Followed by private cremation.

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www.evansfuneral.co.nz

MINTER, Sharon. — Passed away peacefully on Monday 22 February 2021, at the Wairoa Hospital, surrounded by her loving family.

Loved wife of Vic. Loved mother and mother-in-law of Travis and Shelley, and Clinton. Loved daughter of Ethne Labuschagne. Loved member of the Wairoa congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

A funeral service for Sharon will be held at the Wairoa Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses on Wednesday 24 February at 11am, followed by a private family cremation.

All messages and flowers to 64 Lahore Street, Wairoa 4108.

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In Memoriam

DAVIES, John
23.2.18

Dad/Pa, another year has passed but the memories remain strong. Forever missed, forever loved, forever in our hearts.

Moana, Wally mā
mokopuna mā

THOMPSON, Dylan Grant. — 4.12.1989 - 21.2.2021. Tragically taken away from us too soon, doing what he loved. Now you can ride forever. Miss you Babe. Loved husband of Jo Thompson. Son of Michelle and Mike Thompson, and grandson of Len and Shirley Thompson. Nephew of Anthony Jeffrey and Leanne Thompson.

A service for Dylan will be held at Evans Chapel, Ormond Road, at 2pm on Friday 26th February, followed by private cremation.

- Evans Funeral Services Ltd FDANZ
www.evansfuneral.co.nz

WILSON, Juliet. — On 22 February 2021, peacefully, at Gisborne Hospital. Loved wife of Willie. Loved mother of David, Manu, Brad, Larry, and the late Greg. Loved Nanny of all her mokopuna. "Absent from the body, present with the Lord."

A service will be held at 6pm this evening at Evans Chapel.

Juliet's funeral service will be held at Evans Chapel at 11am, on Wednesday 24 February, followed by interment at the Servicemen's Lawn, Taruheru Cemetery.

- Evans Funeral Services Ltd FDANZ
www.evansfuneral.co.nz

WAIMOTU, Wiremu Damien (Nox). — On February 21, 2021, peacefully, at home.

Loved son of Patricia and the late Rua. Loved partner, brother, uncle, grand-uncle, nephew, and cousin.

Nox will be lying at 24 Glasgow Crescent this evening.

His funeral service will be held at Glasgow Crescent at 11am on Thursday 25 February, followed by interment at Huria Cemetery, Hiruharama.

- Evans Funeral Services Ltd FDANZ
www.evansfuneral.co.nz



Garden competition back

LAST year's Lockdown Gardening Competition is back... minus the lockdown.

The launch of the 2021 competition is timed to coincide with Parks Week, which runs from March 6 to 14.

"The competition encourages people to engage with the outdoors and get among nature, and it was so popular last year we decided to run it again this year," GDC recreation and amenity adviser Lindsay Weaver said.

"We've keen to keep the competition running and have increased the number of categories people can enter."

Entries must be in by April 15, and can be sent via email, with photos attached, to parks@gdc.govt.nz.

"We're looking for entrants from schools as well this year, and we're expecting to see some more innovative garden ideas, along with photos of flowers and vegetables," Ms Weaver said.

A workshop with the Women's Native Tree Project, which is donating prizes, is planned.

PM awards for winners at work

by Jack Marshall

TWO Gisborne winners of the Prime Minister's Vocational Excellence Award are thriving in their work environment.

Charlotte Phillips and Stan Young were both surprised to be named winners of the award at their respective school prizegivings last year.

The award, launched in 2019, celebrates the achievements of secondary school students enrolled in vocational programmes and is aimed at raising the status of vocational education.

At the beginning of last year Charlotte Phillips approached Beauty Depot owner Juana Vincent and asked if she could do a Gateway work placement at the salon.

"Charlotte came to us last year through Girls' High to do work experience one day a week," Juana said.

At first, she was unsure about having a student join her team as the job is demanding.

But she took Charlotte on.

"She started off doing work experience but then she was so great we hired her as a part-time receptionist to help us out in the salon, and she's just blossomed since then."

Charlotte had no idea she was going to win the Prime Minister's Vocational Award last year, with her new employer and school staff secretly submitting the paperwork.

"It was really easy to write, because she's only 17, but has maturity well beyond her years and she's so eager to learn — she stands out," Juana said.

Juana then brought up the prospect of an apprenticeship and after Charlotte spoke with her parents and teachers, she decided to take



LOVING WHAT SHE DOES: Charlotte Phillips in the workplace doing what she does best.

Picture by Liam Clayton

the plunge.

The transition from school to work life is

big, Juana said — at school you get to hang out with friends all day, have all summer off school and few responsibilities.

"Then you start work and you have a boss expecting a lot from you."

None of which seems to have bothered Charlotte, who says the best part of the job so far is a constant sense of progress through her apprenticeship.

"I love moving forward with my training and my capabilities. It's a great feeling once you get something ticked off," she said.

"All through school I was that one kid who didn't know what I wanted to do. Everyone else had some idea and I had no clue. I guess I never realised it but I was always doing little beauty things at home.

"I spent so much time stressing about what I was going to do and then as soon as I got here I fell in love with it."

Stan Young was at Lytton High School but he has started a cadetship with Growing Future Farmers at Ruakaka Station in Tiniroto.

At the moment his work on the farm leans towards general tasks like drenching animals and different odd jobs, with complexity coming as he takes on more responsibility as the programme progresses.

He says the best part of the job has been spending time outdoors and working with animals. The worst has been blackberry spraying.

As with Charlotte the award was a surprise.

"I knew I was going to win something, but then all the smaller awards were given out and it was only the top awards left like dux."

Then his name was read out.

"It was a great feeling."

Teen alleges abuse by uncle during stay

A TEENAGER should have been loved and cared for by family members tasked with looking after her. Instead she was sexually abused, a prosecutor alleged yesterday in Gisborne District Court.

The abuse was frequent and serious, Crown prosecutor Michael Blaschke told a jury.

A man the girl referred to as an uncle went on trial yesterday after pleading not guilty to sexual violation by rape and nine charges of indecent assault.

He cannot be named due to automatic suppression that applies for complainants in sexual cases.

The defendant was in his 30s, the complainant 16, when the alleged offending is said to have happened about three years ago during most of five months that the girl was in her aunt and uncle's care.

His counsel Leighvi Maynard told the jury in an opening statement that while it was difficult not to feel immediately emotional hearing these types of allegations, there were two sides to this story.

Mr Maynard urged jurors to keep an open mind until they had heard all the evidence.

One of the indecency charges is for a single incident the complainant alleged was the man's first offence against her. He put his hands down her pants and rubbed her genitals, the complainant said. It ended when her stepfather arrived at the house to take her out for lunch.

Two other indecency charges and the rape allegation arise out of a single incident the complainant alleged was the

last time the man offended against her.

She reported the abuse within a week of that incident during an appointment with a counsellor she was already seeing for other matters. The counsellor involved police.

The remaining indecency charges are all representative of multiple times the man allegedly touched her breasts, genitals or bottom — almost on a daily basis while she taking a bath or shower, sometimes while she was getting dressed in her bedroom, the complainant said in a police evidential DVD interview shown to the jury yesterday.

Sometimes he had also simulated sex by rubbing himself against her while clothed, the complainant said.

During the taped interview the complainant gave basic descriptions of the alleged indecencies.

When asked to elaborate on the rape allegation, she cried quietly. Several minutes silence followed before the interview was ended. The specialist interviewer was unable to raise any further conversation from the complainant, even on an unrelated topic.

After the DVD was played in evidence, the complainant, now 19, was questioned and cross-examined on aspects of it.

In response to questions from Mr Blaschke, she mostly reiterated her claims of three years earlier.

However, her answer when asked how often the offending in the shower happened was different from her previous claim it happened "almost daily".

She now said it had happened "once or twice".

In cross-examination, counsel Leighvi Maynard put it to the complainant she was content in her aunt and uncle's care until she started skipping school and lying about her whereabouts, which forced them to take a stricter approach with her.

She confirmed there was a time she went missing and police located her with a man more than double her age who she met online.

Mr Maynard put it to her that resulted in further disciplinary measures by her aunt and uncle, including her being grounded and her phone being taken away — things that upset her.

The complainant agreed but not with Mr Maynard's suggestion it meant she no longer wanted to live with the couple. That was "not necessarily" so, she said.

Mr Maynard put it to her the incidents she recalled as the first and last ones could not have happened as she was wrong about herself and the accused being alone at those times. Defence witnesses would confirm it.

The complainant refuted Mr Maynard's suggestion her aunt was home at the time of the first incident. The complainant said she could not remember other relatives turning up at that time, as was also claimed by the defence.

Asked if she accepted her uncle had stayed elsewhere the night of the last alleged incident, the complainant said, "I'm not sure".

She "sort of" remembered an arrangement being made by her uncle for someone else to stay that night with her.

Historic mass vaccination plan

THIS week in Auckland the biggest vaccination plan in New Zealand's history, to combat Covid-19, began. The New Zealand Herald's Emma Russell reported on what you need to know about the new jab.

When can you get the jab and who is first?

BORDER and managed isolation and quarantine (MIQ) workers will be the first to be vaccinated.

It's expected to take two to three weeks to vaccinate border workers including cleaners, nurses, security staff, customs and border officials, airline staff, hotel workers and all of their household contacts.

Vaccination of Gisborne border workers is due to start from March 1.

Healthcare, essential workers and those most at risk will follow in the second quarter of the year.

The remaining general public vaccinations are expected to begin in the second half of 2021.

Where will you be able to get the vaccine?

FOR front-line workers, vaccinations will mostly be taking place in their usual workplace such as MIQ facilities.

Dr Nikki Turner, director of the Immunisation Advisory Centre, said it is likely the general public would visit a specific vaccination site or clinic which each health board was working to set up in its region.

How many vaccine shots does each person need?

THE recommended dose is two jabs, 21 days apart. It's not yet known if people will need to get a new jab each year.

Where are the vaccines from?

NEW Zealand has pre-purchased four vaccines, from firms Pfizer and BioNTech; Janssen Pharmaceutica; Novavax; and AstraZeneca.

The first agreement was for 1.5 million doses from Pfizer and BioNTech.

This is enough vaccines for 750,000 people, with each person needing two doses about a month apart.

An in-principle agreement has been signed with Janssen Pharmaceutica to purchase up to five million vaccines — likely to be a single dose.

In December, the Government signed a further agreement with Novavax to purchase 10.72 million doses of its vaccines — enough for two doses for 5.36 million people — but this isn't expected until later this year.

The other deal signed in December would secure New Zealand 7.6 million doses of the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine — enough for 3.8 million people.

How effective are the jabs?

COMPANIES who make the vaccines

FIRST UP: A small group of vaccinators were given and received their first Covid-19 vaccinations last Friday as part of final preparations before the rollout of New Zealand's immunisation programme.

Ministry of Health picture



say they are between 90 to 95 percent effective.

Director general of health Ashley Bloomfield has said that level of effectiveness not only protected people from severe illness or death but also symptomatic illness.

"The ongoing trials and the ongoing monitoring of people who have been vaccinated will give us an idea of how long the immunity might last but all the studies that are being done suggest that especially once people get that second dose they do have a good response and immunity does last for at least some months."

How does the jab work?

THE Covid-19 vaccine doesn't contain any live viruses.

Instead, a virus that has been made inactive by special treatment is introduced into the body, allowing the immune system to learn how to fight live versions of it in the future.

The Oxford-AstraZeneca "viral vector" vaccine works slightly differently, by using a virus that has been genetically engineered so that it can't cause disease - but carries the instructions for our body to produce coronavirus proteins to safely generate an immune response.

The Novavax vaccine is a "protein" vaccine and uses only harmless fragments of the virus shells that mimic the Covid-19 virus, to safely generate an immune response.

The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is more sophisticated, and part of a new generation of shots called mRNA vaccines.

These teach our cells how to make a protein, or even just a piece of a protein, that triggers an immune response inside our body.

That immune response, which produces antibodies, is what protects us from getting infected if the real virus enters our body.

The Janssen vaccine, meanwhile, is a "recombinant vector vaccine" that uses a human adenovirus to express the virus spike protein in cells.

How do we know the vaccines are safe?

NONE of these vaccines use the live

virus that causes Covid-19 and they don't change or interact with our DNA in any way.

They also must comply with international standards and local requirements for quality, safety and efficacy before they can be approved by Medsafe and used in New Zealand.

Although Medsafe is streamlining its assessment processes and prioritising the evaluation of the vaccines over other medicines, they'll still have the same rigorous level of scrutiny that all medicines undergo.

New Zealand's place near the back of the global queue — largely because of our successful response wiping out local transmission — means regulators have more time to assess.

Will there be side effects?

YES, there are side effects. Some people will have none and a few will feel quite off colour for a day or two.

These effects are related to an immune response and experts say they could be seen as a positive sign of responding to the vaccine.

By and large, side effects are all fairly minor and don't last long. Being even a little bit sick with Covid lasts far longer.

As the Pfizer vaccine does not contain any live virus, people who have compromised immune systems aren't at risk of a live virus replicating. You cannot get Covid from these vaccines.

How much will it cost us?

THE Government has announced Covid-19 vaccinations will be free and voluntary for everyone in the country regardless of visa status.

Who can get the vaccine?

ANYONE in New Zealand can get a vaccine as long as they are older than 16. That means citizens, residents and workers on a visa, regardless of its status.

The Pfizer vaccine has not been approved for children and rangatahi under 16 years old because it wasn't trialled in that age group.

The Government said this decision could be reconsidered if more information became available.

Youngest mums, most babies

GISBORNE, along with Northland, has the highest fertility rate in the country at 2.3 births per woman in 2020, according to statistics released by Stats NZ.

Gisborne also recorded the youngest median age of mothers at the time of birth at 28.4 for births during 2017-19.

Stats NZ said the median age was lower than on average in a region such as Gisborne. Women from these regions were having children earlier in their reproductive lives. They therefore have the potential to have more children than women who start having children later in their reproductive lives.

Otago and Wellington had the lowest total

fertility rate at 1.4 and 1.5 respectively.

The median age of mothers from these areas at the time of giving birth was the highest in New Zealand, at 31.4 years for both regions.

As well, regions with large tertiary education providers, such as Otago and Wellington, have large numbers of young women who are within childbearing ages but generally not having babies while studying.

This often means that these regions are likely to have lower fertility rates than other regions.

There were 663 births in Gisborne last year compared to 675 in 2019 and 711 in 2018.

The 663 births was the second lowest number of Gisborne births in data provided by Stats NZ dating back to 2007.

New Zealand's total fertility rate in 2020 was down to 1.61 births per woman, its lowest recorded level, and well below the population replacement rate of 2.1.

This means that based on birth rates in 2020, New Zealand women would average 1.61 births over their lifetime.

"Fertility rates in New Zealand were relatively stable between 1980 and 2012, but have generally decreased since then," population estimates and projections manager Hamish Slack said.

How many people is the Government hoping to vaccinate?

IDEALLY, at least 90 percent of the population.

Dr Bloomfield has said 70 percent vaccination would be the minimum needed for herd immunity, depending on factors including vaccine efficacy.

However, polling suggests only about 70 percent of New Zealanders would be prepared to get vaccinated, and a further 20 percent — the "vaccine hesitant" — would get a jab if they were very sure it was safe.

The Government has promised alongside the vaccine rollout will be a large-scale public education campaign to ensure people are reliably informed.

Can the vaccines expire?

ONCE Covid vaccines are removed from ultra-cold freezers they need to be used within days or they will expire. Transporting the exact number of doses needed for frontline workers based in the regions will be crucial.

The vaccines must be stored at ultra-low temperatures, and will be kept in nine -80C freezers that can store more than 1.5 million doses in total.

Those will be in Auckland and the South Island.

The vaccines can be stored for up to five days in normal cold-chain fridges at temperatures from 2-8C, and up to two hours at room temperature prior to use. They will be administered across the country, in areas with borders or MIQ facilities.

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Govt faced with competing advice on mandatory masks

WELLINGTON — The Covid-19 Response Minister says the Government had to weigh up two competing strands of advice, before deciding to make masks mandatory on public transport.

After months of urging from public health experts, masks are now compulsory on all trains, buses and planes around the country, at Alert Levels 1 and 2.

The rules came into force overnight with some exceptions, such as school buses and for people with certain medical conditions.

Chris Hipkins told Morning Report the Government had to consider whether masks were better as a reactionary approach to an outbreak, or a precaution to stop potential outbreaks.

“We are always looking at how we can further reduce risk. Things that might not have been justified or that we might not have been fully confident with the basis for doing a couple of months ago, sometimes those things will change.”

Public health officials will be working with bus companies and those operating trains and ferries to make sure the public health

advice is reaching them, he said. “We will take a fairly light-handed approach initially because we want to give people that opportunity to comply.”

Cabinet yesterday discussed making QR code scanning mandatory, but the minister said he wasn't confident with where it all shaped up and will seek further advice.

“Compulsion brings a number of issues with it, including how do you enforce that and where does the burden lie.

“Does it lie with the individual, does it lie with the business, what do you do with people who don't have phones, who don't use phones regularly?”

“We have got to work through all of those things.”

Hipkins said he will be looking at all of the ways to increase the usage of QR codes.

“Vaccines work and that's why we're doing this,” Hipkins said. The ability to move on from the pandemic, he said, rests on the effectiveness of vaccines.

The minister said as of yesterday, about 400 people had been vaccinated. All 12,000 border workers were expected to



REDUCING RISK: After months of pressure from experts, the Government has made masks compulsory on public transport around the country, despite being in Alert Level 1. NZ Herald picture

have their first dose within the first two to three weeks of the campaign kicking off.

“We are getting more vaccines

coming through, so Pfizer have indicated that they will be shipping smaller batches to us regularly.”

It would be highly unlikely that someone would test positive for Covid-19 straight after having the vaccine, he said. — RNZ

Expert calls for border overhaul

by Amelia Wade, NZ Herald

AUCKLAND — As Auckland wakes united in Alert Level 1 with the rest of New Zealand, a leading epidemiologist is calling for a total overhaul of the country's border operation.

Nick Wilson, a professor at the University of Otago, wants the Government to build purpose-built facilities in military bases away from city centres to prevent further incursions.

He called the current border response “highly problematic”, which was putting the nation at risk.

“The failure rate is just so unsustainably high, with now 11 border failures since last August.”

Wilson even suggested the Government halt all returnees except for those with legitimate humanitarian needs “so we have time to get our act together at the border”.

He said at the very least the “tap should be turned down” until the border system could be reviewed and its safety assured.

Wilson's calls came just before Auckland moved back to Alert Level 1 at midnight, after a week of restrictions to contain and trace the Valentine's Day cluster.

Another family member of the

previously confirmed cases tested positive yesterday, but they were already in precautionary quarantine so it was deemed “very low” risk.

Eight people have tested positive from the outbreak, which is considered well-contained even though its source is still a mystery.

Cabinet also decided to continue mandating mask use on public transport and for Uber and taxi drivers nationwide, with exemptions for food services on flights and for children under 12.

Scientists who have long called for the rule hailed the move.

An aerosol chemist at the University of Auckland, Joel Rindelaub said public transport could be a high-risk setting because of limited ability to socially distance and said “it is a wise move to take a cautious approach”.

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said she hoped face coverings would “become a part of normal life”.

The order will continue to be reviewed as the vaccination programme — which

started with border workers at the weekend — is rolled out through the general population from the middle of the year.

Ardern poured cold water over the need for purpose-built quarantine facilities. In the year it would take to get New Zealand's “team of five million” immunised, evidence could emerge that vaccination reduced transmissibility, she said.

And that could change what was required at the border.

In the meantime, she said, building a purpose-built facility which could hold up to 6000 people was a “significant ask”, especially as some incursions were traced to returnees touching the same lift button.

“So not always has the facility been the problem, but the virus within it.”

More than 113,730 people have moved through the managed isolation system, with 11 outbreaks in the community in that time.

Wilson called it “crazy” to have the managed-isolation facilities in Auckland and wants purpose-built facilities in military bases where factors such as ventilation could be controlled.

Wilson suggested the Government halt all returnees except for those with legitimate humanitarian needs ‘so we have time to get our act together at the border’.

His call was supported by the National Party at the weekend.

He pointed to ventilation at the Pullman Hotel shifting from two hours a day to 24 hours when recent returnees later tested positive after leaving the facility.

“What's it like at the other hotels? I think the whole thing is highly problematic and we're risking the health of the team of five million.”

Wilson is set to meet with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment tomorrow and Covid-19 Response Minister Chris Hipkins on Thursday and will raise his concerns.

Hipkins has previously disagreed with Wilson and fellow epidemiologist Michael Baker calling the outbreaks “border failures” because he said it affected the morale of workers.

“My request is, really, let's be a bit supportive of our border workers. Let's not label their efforts as failures or their successes as ‘down to good luck’. It's actually down to hard work,” Hipkins said last Wednesday.

Wilson said refusing to call the outbreaks “border failures” was a “very clever communications skill”.

“It's just so clever, these deflections, because people will believe it. People like to blame people — they don't think about blaming the system when it's almost always a system problem. And it's just human nature to blame someone.”

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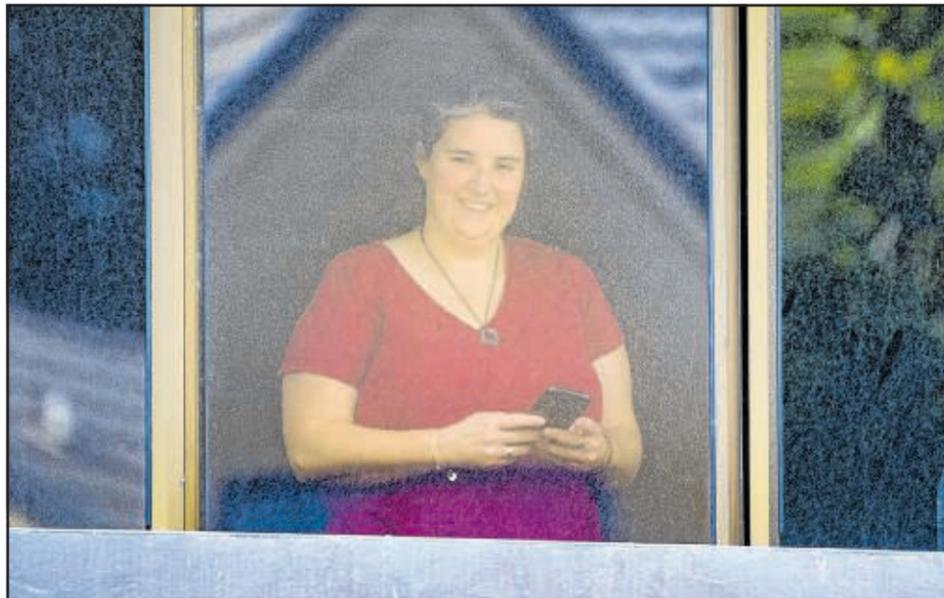
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DEFYING RULES: Australian woman Lucinda Baulch has been staying at the Grand Mercure MIQ facility in Wellington for the past 28 days after refusing to take a Covid-19 test. She is due to be released today. NZ Herald picture

Woman refuses virus test in MIQ

by Katie Harris, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — An Australian woman who is refusing to take a Covid-19 swab says she will finally leave MIQ in Wellington today — after 28 days.

Lucinda Baulch flew into New Zealand almost a month ago to drop off children she had been fostering to their new home in Aotearoa.

“I put my hand up saying I’ll take the children on the plane, I’ll stay with them during managed isolation.”

She claims that while she was in Australia, she was told by officials there she wouldn’t need to take a Covid-19 swab because she flew in from Australia, but once she arrived she was informed that this was not the case.

This is not the first time Baulch has challenged Covid-19 rules. Back in Australia she participated in an anti-lockdown protest.

“Ordinarily I would completely avoid being in quarantine and in this environment, (but) it was for the children. The whole reason I came was for the children.”

She said Child Protection in Australia organised the trip and paid for their vouchers.

“I did advise them that I was concerned about Covid testing and that wasn’t something I wanted to do.”

Baulch said she read the consent form for the swab which told her that the test was not harmful to health, but she believed there wasn’t enough information provided on it.

In a statement to The New Zealand Herald, the Ministry of Health said the nasal swab was considered the gold standard for the detection of Covid-19.

“Since June 8, 2020, testing has been required of everyone (other than babies) entering an isolation and quarantine facility on day three and day 12. This has also increased to a day 0/1 test for almost all returnees other than those from Australia, Antarctica and most of the Pacific Islands.”

A total of 1.6 million tests have been

taken in MIQ facilities.

The children Baulch was travelling with all returned negative Covid-19 swab results, and she didn’t see why, when she was only returning to Australia, that she needed to stay on.

“When they decided to keep me beyond 14 days I started to look down legal avenues so I have filed to the courts for a hearing.”

Her intention is to return directly to Australia, but she is now working out whether she needs to stay in New Zealand for the hearing.

She says she’s been told she will be able to leave today after 28 days — without a test — although the Herald has been unable to verify this with officials.

Back in Victoria, Baulch said she did a lot of “research” that brought up “a lot of concerns that were going on in that time”.

She told the Herald she looked up ways to get mask exemptions and participated in a “freedom event”.

Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment managed isolation deputy secretary Megan Main said she was aware of a person at the Wellington facility who has refused to take the Covid-19 test, but there is the Covid-19 Act which requires them to have the day 12 test.

“I think we have had a couple of instances where people have reached the 28 days, are asymptomatic and leave at that point.”

She said returnees are given a detailed information pack about the testing that people will be required to undertake.

When questioned about whether she was concerned about potential legal action from the woman, Main said Baulch is able to make her own choices about the path she takes.

The first group of border workers in Wellington received Covid-19 vaccinations today, with 37 staff getting the first roll-out in Wellington.

The Ministry has been approached for comment on whether she will be allowed to leave today.

Kiwi nun breaks lockdown rules in Ireland to attend exorcism

DUBLIN, Ireland — A New Zealand-born nun has been caught breaching Covid-19 restrictions in Ireland to attend an exorcism.

The Irish Examiner reports Sister Anne Marie was one of a pair of nuns who broke Covid guidelines to attend an exorcism of the Dáil before Christmas.

The two Cork-based sisters attended the exorcism in Dublin on December 8 at a time when inter-county travel was banned.

A video has appeared online which shows the exorcism and a subsequent Mass in Herbert Park, South Dublin.

The pair have been fundraising in recent months after being ordered to leave their religious retreat. The Examiner reported they had raised more than \$127,000 in crowdfunding.

Mother Irene Gibson, of a group called the Carmelite Sisters of the Holy Face of Jesus, was ordered to vacate the compound at Corran South near the village of Leap in West Cork by next June.

That followed a 2019 conviction for breaching planning regulations in relation to the premises, which she set up as a religious retreat in 2016.

The Irish Times earlier reported Sister Anne Marie, formerly Hannah Loeman of Whanganui, professed her vows of obedience, chastity and poverty in May 2019 to become a Carmelite Nun of the Holy Face of Jesus.

“I arrived here from New Zealand in March 2017 and in September 2017 I received the habit as a novice and today I have made my first profession of vows for a period of three years,” Sister Anne Marie, told The Irish



NUN ON THE RUN: Sister Anne Marie was one of two nuns who broke lockdown restrictions to attend an exorcism before Christmas.

Picture supplied

Times in 2019.

“I chose the order because they are devoted to our Lady and reading about the life of St Teresa and praying and discerning the will of God.”

Living in a wooden hut, she admitted that adjusting to a life of silence and contemplation was difficult at first.

“We are a silent order but one hour every day, we have recreation and can speak. We pray in common in Latin but when we pray in private we have a choice of Latin or English, but we only attend traditional Latin rite masses,” she told the newspaper in 2019.

“After professing today’s vows, I am obliged to remain for three years and at the end of that period of time if I am sure that it is not God’s will, I am free to leave or to make final vows for life to live as a Carmelite nun.” — NZ Herald

Police continue murder probe

CHRISTCHURCH — Cordons are still up in central Christchurch where police are continuing a scene examination following the death of a man on Sunday.

Faiz Ali died after a violent incident at an Armagh Street property.

“The scene is extensive and we appreciate this has caused both a concern and an inconvenience for those living in this area.

“We would like to thank the local community for their continued understanding,” a police spokesperson said.

Police were initially called to the scene after reports of a serious assault and a hammer-wielding man seen “saturated” in blood.

A 38-year-old man has been charged with murder and appeared in the Christchurch District Court yesterday. — NZ Herald

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Whales stranded at Farewell Spit

GOLDEN BAY — A pod of pilot whales which was refloated from a remote beach at the top of the South Island has re-stranded in the same area.

More than 40 long-finned pilot whales were refloated on Monday from the base of Farewell Spit in Golden Bay.

A number have died but about 28 of the whales that returned to the beach are still alive, the Department of Conservation said.

A team of about 65 worked to keep the mammals cool and wet throughout the day yesterday.

DoC rangers, Project Jonah

marine mammal medics and other volunteers were working to refloat the whales at the high tide around 8am.

Rangers and about 50 volunteers started searching for the whales on the coast at first light this morning and the pod was found around 7am.

Farewell Spit has been a frequent site of whale strandings

The last mass pilot whale stranding on Farewell Spit was in February 2017 when an estimated 600-700 whales were beached.

About 250 died while the rest were refloated. — RNZ

MASS STRANDING: Project Jonah, DoC and volunteers were on the scene of the pilot whale stranding at Farewell Spit yesterday. Picture supplied

'I'm not parting with my kids'

Mum forced to choose between living in a car or splitting family up

by Katie Harris, NZ Herald

HAMILTON — A Hamilton woman says she was forced to choose between living in a car with four children in her care, or having them split between homes.

The woman, who does not want to be named, was told by officials they could not grant emergency housing for the "preference" of keeping everyone together.

"I'm not parting with my kids . . . I've said to them I'm not prepared to give up my children."

Instead of spreading her whanau between multiple homes with people she's not close with, the woman stayed in her car for about 10 days with her children and grandchildren.

During their stint in the car, the woman told The New Zealand Herald they parked up on the side of the road and beside beaches.

Prior to living in the car, she had been in the same rental for multiple years, however, the owner was selling so she had to move out.

After initially contacting The New

Zealand Herald when she was living in her car, the woman was finally offered emergency accommodation, but she's concerned other women may also find themselves in the same situation.

Before that was granted, in a recording reviewed by the Herald, a Ministry of Social Development worker can be heard explaining to the woman that when they look for emergency housing they need to make sure there are no other options for her or her children.

The worker told the woman it was about putting a roof over their heads and that they could not place people in emergency housing if they had other places they could go.

One of the workers told the woman that children often did better when they were separated and sent to family, than they would in a hotel.

Anglican Action chief executive and missionary Karen Morrison-Hume told the Herald while it may not be desirable

to have children living in emergency housing, it was worse to have them separated from caregivers.

"I don't think there's any question at all. We have to ask ourselves what's in the best interest of the children."

On the face of it, she said, the priority should be to maintain the relationship between the children and their carer by keeping them together.

Morrison-Hume suspected that on any given day they would hear a variation of this woman's story and said the issue highlights Aotearoa's housing crisis.

When asked whether they could provide social housing for the woman, the worker said they didn't have a social housing place for her, and said the waiting list for the scheme was about 15,000.

The worker then said that as long as she had a good rental record, the woman should be able to find somewhere else.

"They're not going, they're not leaving

'We have to ask ourselves what's in the best interest of the children'

— Karen Morrison-Hume

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FRUSTRATING:
The Government tried to get Tiwai Point aluminium smelter to clean up toxic waste at its Southland site but failed.
RNZ picture



'It's terrible'

Environment Minister slams Tiwai Point smelter's stockpiling of hazardous waste

BLUFF — The Government tried to get Tiwai Point aluminium smelter to clean up toxic waste at its Southland site but failed.

Environment Minister David Parker admitted this today in slamming New Zealand Aluminium Smelters, saying he was "incredibly frustrated" at the "uncooperative" company.

RNZ yesterday revealed the smelter at Bluff has stockpiled 106,000 tonnes of cyanide-laced hazardous waste less than 100 metres from a fast-eroding beach.

"I think it's terrible that a major corporate . . . have not to date been open as to the state of the site," Parker told Morning Report.

The Government intervened to get the smelter to delay its shutdown until late 2024.

"We tried," Parker said.

"In the end, that was an agreement between the smelter and (power company) Meridian, the Government wasn't involved.

"They wanted us to get involved in respect of (electricity) transmission pricing.

"We said: 'Well, we might be up for that if you promise to clean up the site and tell us the state of the site.

"They wouldn't. So that didn't advance."

New Zealand Aluminium Smelters has been approached for a comment.

The Government had no power to intervene directly, so had given \$300,000 to the regional council, which did have the power, under the Resource Management Act.

"They've got the power of entry onto the site. So I've asked them to go onto the site," the minister said.

"And I think they need to drill a few holes.

"I'm determined to get to the bottom of it."

Parker had put the Rio Tinto majority-owned smelter company on notice, he said.

The Environment Ministry said it had been engaging with the smelter since last September on how it would address its waste situation.

The tonnes of waste stockpiled by the beach at Tiwai Point — the residue of the lining inside the pots used to make aluminium, called spent cell liner waste, or SCL, or spent pot liner, SPL — are officially categorised as "hazardous waste", and some has been exported for

disposal.

Workers handling it can be exposed to fluorides, crystalline silica, fluoride and beryllium, according to the International aluminium industry guidelines on SCL.

WorkSafe to assess smelter's compliance

Workplace safety regulator WorkSafe said it would be assessing the smelter's compliance with the Hazardous Substances storage requirements.

Its last workplace assessment was in February 2015, before the new and stricter Health and Safety at Work laws came in in 2016.

"This assessment included the storage of SPL on-site and no actionable issues were identified during this assessment," WorkSafe said.

The smelter also had to comply when storing the waste with laws on hazardous substances, and with dangerous goods transport rules enforced by police.

The international SCL guidelines had no legal standing in New Zealand, WorkSafe said.

Invercargill City Council said, when updating its district plan, that planning approvals given to the smelter in the 1960s gave it "the right to operate virtually unconstrained by land-use conditions".

"The reality of this situation is reflected in the present zoning."

The city council sought a compromise between these rights, and the need to now address the land-use effects of the smelter's closure. It settled in the new district plan on encouraging the site's rehabilitation.

Toxic waste in Northland

And it was not alone, citing Sustainable Solvents in Northland.

"They brought all these solvents onto a site, they took the money to clean them up, they pocketed the money.

"And then they left behind this toxic waste site, which is a fire risk and we're having to spend a couple of million dollars . . . to clean up the site. I think it's not good enough."

The Whangarei District Council has said it was trying to recover the costs from the company, for testing and disposing of 4000 drums of chemicals.

— RNZ

Holidays Act overhaul planned, including earlier entitlements

WELLINGTON — Workers will be able to take leave for sickness or bereavement from their first day in the job under a planned revamp of the complicated Holidays Act.

Parents will also be paid at their full rate for holidays on returning from parental leave, removing a fish-hook which currently leaves them out of pocket.

The changes were recommended by a panel of union, business and government voices tasked with resolving the country's long-running payroll mess.

In a statement, Workplace Relations Minister Michael Wood said he would implement all of the proposals with legislation to be introduced early next year.

"The changes put forward by the Holidays Act Taskforce will make it easier to calculate entitlements and pay, giving employees and employers certainty and transparency.

"Business and union representatives reached consensus on these changes, and we are delivering on our election commitment to implement them."

The Government set up the taskforce in 2018 after repeated examples of staff being underpaid due to mistakes calculating holiday pay.

The committee reported in October 2019, but the Government has only just published the recommendations, along with its response.

The taskforce recommended a new calculation for how much staff should be paid while on annual leave.

In future, workers will be entitled to whichever sum is greater: the usual pay had they been at work, or an averaged amount calculated over either the last 13 or 52 weeks.

That will also apply for people who've returned from parental leave. Currently, new parents can receive close to nothing in holiday

pay on returning to work, as the payment is calculated on the previous twelve months.

In his report, taskforce chair Gordon Anderson said the changes would provide more certainty for both employers and employees.

"The proposals in this report will ensure that Government, unions, employers and, most importantly, employees, can have confidence that in the millions of instances each year when an employee requests and is granted leave by their employer, their leave balance and payment for that leave can and will be correctly calculated."

The recommendations will also see workers eligible for more leave from as early as day one on the job, axing the six month waiting period.

For example, workers will be eligible for one day's sick leave from their first day of employment, with an additional day per month until the full five days is reached.

Bereavement leave and family violence leave will also be available from day one.

Staff will also be

allowed to access bereavement leave under more circumstances, such as the deaths of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and those in cultural family groups, such as whangai relationships.

Employers will also be required to issue payslips so staff know what their used and remaining leave entitlements are.

Wood said independent payroll experts brought in by the task force found the proposed changes were able to be implemented.

"Officials have begun further detailed policy design work on these changes, and will involve a range of payroll experts to make sure we get it right," Wood said.

"I expect to introduce legislation in early 2022 and give businesses plenty of time to prepare for the changes." — RNZ

Freight costs rising as firms hit with shipping container return penalties

AUCKLAND — Calls are mounting for the Government to step in and lobby shipping lines over the rising cost of freight.

The Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders Federation (CBAFF) said firms are being charged "detention fees" for failing to return empty shipping containers on time, despite there being no room for them at storage facilities.

Typically, freight forwarders hire containers from shipping companies and are required to return them or 'dehire' them to a storage facility by an agreed time. However, surging consumer demand and delays at ports means there is a surplus of containers, with no available room for them to be dropped off.

"Some shipping lines, irrespective of a company's ability to dehire containers, are continuing to charge detention for businesses keeping their containers longer than they have been contracted for," CBAFF chief executive Rosemarie Dawson said.

She said in one instance, one of its members was invoiced more than \$8,000 in

detention fees and in most cases these costs will be passed onto consumers.

CBAFF was calling on the Ministry of Transport to lobby the shipping lines to place a six month moratorium on detention fees until the situation had eased, as it had done during last year's lockdowns.

"The shipping lines acknowledge these capacity issues will not be resolved for some months," says Dawson.

"So it is only reasonable that they provide that same flexibility, when containers simply can't be returned on time because there is no space at their own contracted depots."

Dawson said meetings with local representatives from the overseas shipping companies about the fees had stalled and was told a decision would need to come from the government.

RNZ approached one of the shipping lines, French company CMA CGM but they declined to comment, saying they were meeting with the Ministry of Transport and CBAFF next week. — RNZ

SHAREMARKET YESTERDAY

WELLINGTON — There was plenty of action involving the New Zealand sharemarket, but in the end it fell one percent, weighed down by mixed company results, rising wholesale interest rates and a strong NZ dollar.

The S&P/NZX 50 Index was down 122.39 points or 0.98 percent to 12,426.24 after reaching an intraday high of 12,588.38. There were 54 gainers and 90 decliners across the market on strong trading of 50.86 million shares worth \$191.55 million.

The yield on the New Zealand 10-Year Government Bond rose 13 basis points to 1.65 percent, and the NZ dollar strengthened during

the day against the American greenback, trading in a range of US72.84c to US73.39, after S&P upgraded New Zealand's credit rating.

Chorus fell 28c or 3.48 percent to \$7.77 after reporting a 2 percent drop in revenue to \$473m and a 23 percent decrease in profit to \$24m for the six months ending December.

Freightways shed 23c or 2.12 percent to \$10.63 despite producing a steady first half result. Its revenue rose 29 percent to \$410.3m, net profit fell 25 percent to \$21.96m and it is paying an interim dividend of 15.5c a share on April 1.

Fisher & Paykel Healthcare, which exports

medical devices around the world, tumbled on the day the NZ dollar rose sharply, falling \$1.08 or 3.28 percent to \$31.87.

Infratil was included in the FTSE Russell All-World Index at the expense of Ebos Group — based on market cap size — and they had quite different days. Infratil was unchanged at \$7.28, and Ebos fell \$1.10 or 3.78 percent to \$28.

Cancer diagnostic firm Pacific Edge and Skellerup Holdings will soon be added to the FTSE Global Small Cap Index. Skellerup surged 35c or 8.33 percent to \$4.55, and Pacific Edge rose 7c or 6.93 percent to \$1.08.

The travel stocks had a better day on the renewed hope of border reopenings as Covid cases fall and the vaccine takes hold. Auckland International Airport climbed 12c or 1.78 percent

to \$6.87, and Air New Zealand increased 3.5c or 2.30 percent to \$1.555. The a2 Milk Company increased 17c to \$11.34; Fonterra Shareholders' Fund rose 21c or 4.38 percent to \$5; and Comvita was up 8c or 2.47 percent to \$3.32.

Metro Performance Glass put out a lower earnings forecast, saying its operating earnings (ebit) for the year ending March will be \$16.5m-\$18m compared with \$21.8m for the previous year. Metro fell 2c or 4.49 percent to 42.5c. Asset Plus rose 1.5c or 4.29 percent to 36.5c after announcing it has sold its struggling Eastgate Shopping Centre in Christchurch to a private investor for \$43.5m.

Property for Industry was down 2c to \$2.86 after reporting a 36 percent fall in net profit for the 2020 financial year. — NZ Herald

EDITORIAL

All at Level 1, with more mask wearing

The latest Covid-19 outbreak is contained and Auckland is back with the rest of the country at Alert Level 1 as of today, although once again the source of the leak into the community, the 11th since August, remains a mystery.

Calls to make the alert level system more sophisticated — in line with growing knowledge of the virus that causes Covid-19 and the fact that new, more transmittable variants are now predominant among cases at the border — have been rejected by the Government.

Covid Response Minister Chris Hipkins told RNZ this morning that the simplicity of the system was a strength, as the public understood it. There was also scope to make changes such as the mandating of face masks on public transport at Alert Levels 1 and 2.

This important new step to mitigate risks has been introduced today nationwide, including for taxi and Uber drivers; with exemptions for children under 12, people with certain medical conditions and for food service on flights.

Cabinet yesterday considered making QR code scanning mandatory but decided to seek further advice, as there were a number of issues to work through. Hipkins said they would be looking at all ways to increase the use of QR codes.

Public health experts have said compulsion should start with mandatory scanning at potential “super-spreader” venues, such as bars and nightclubs.

There have also been repeated calls to “turn down the tap” of returnees from high-risk countries, something the Government doesn’t want to entertain. Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern has also poured cold water on the idea of purpose-built quarantine facilities for up to 6000 people outside our main cities, labelling it a “significant ask”.

The points have already been made that such facilities would be an insurance policy for future pandemics, and while expensive would cost a lot less than putting Auckland into more lockdowns.

Of course, the best mitigation for Covid-19 arrived in the country last week in a first instalment of vaccine vials, and what will become our biggest ever immunisation programme is under way for border, managed isolation and quarantine workers and their families.

Meanwhile, America today marks 500,000 deaths from Covid-19 — something our columnist ignores as the actual cause of constant tension and anxiety in the country, and which a former President mishandled at almost every turn.



Globalist oligarchy bent on revenge

by Patrick Cooper



IN 404 BCE, the Peloponnesian War finally drew to a close with the defeat of Athens by Sparta. Of the three options they had as to how to treat their defeated enemy, the Spartans chose to install a quisling government, called the Thirty Tyrants, members of the Athenian elite, who loathed their own democratic form of government and who immediately set about taking their revenge on their rivals, executing some and exiling others.

Academic and writer Lee Smith sees parallels between this conflict which took place in the Eastern Mediterranean over 2000 years ago and contemporary America. Substitute China for Sparta and the Biden administration for the Thirty Tyrants and the picture becomes clearer. China is fast overtaking the US economically and on its way to soon leading the world. Nobody would dispute that Biden is well disposed towards America's totalitarian rival in the Far East. How has this situation come about?

Smith pinpoints the exact moment when Wall Street, big tech and the multinational corporations transferred their loyalties from the Republicans to the Democrat Party. It was at the outset of the Obama administration.

They were globalists in their thinking and their commercial relations needed to be structured without considering the effects they might have on the society they lived in. Jobs and factories were off-shored to China and the good times rolled for them. LeBron James and Tim Cook, CEO of Apple, were raking in huge sums through the sale of their sneakers and iPhones. Chinese commercial power forced the removal of Taiwan patches from Tom Cruise's jacket in the sequel to Top Gun.

Meanwhile, China was flooding the American market with their goods (think Amazon). A tidal wave of Chinese money washed over education, with Stanford University, for example, receiving a grant of \$58 million. A Harvard University academic whose research had been taxpayer funded to the tune of \$15 million, was fired when he failed to declare the \$50,000 a month he was receiving from a Chinese Communist Party affiliate for recruiting scientific talent. Think tanks and research institutions like the Atlantic Council and the Centre for American Progress had their snouts in the trough too. The pay-off for China? Stolen intellectual property both from their penetration of American education and as a mandated preliminary to the establishment of factories in China.

Globalism has been a disaster for many American workers, with record unemployment in

the Rust Belt and record rates of drug addiction from the ensuing despair. The arrival of the Wuhan virus has given Democrat Governors the opportunity to really grind the racist “rubies” and Trump supporters they hate into the dust through their lockdowns. The Democrat Governor of New York sent sick people to care homes where the elderly residents rapidly succumbed to the virus in their thousands. Visionary Republican Governors like Ron DeSantis have kept businesses open and Floridians have been able to lead a relatively normal life.

To keep the lives of ordinary Americans in a constant state of tension and anxiety, Antifa was unleashed on the cities in the summer to create mayhem, loot and destroy buildings. These are classic communist tactics to undermine democracies.

A globalist oligarchy has finally been established in Washington which is friendly and compliant toward its new overlord. It is bent on exacting its revenge against its enemies, Trump's supporters, and against Trump himself by appointing a Special Counsel to investigate his term in office.

Does the study of the Peloponnesian War and its aftermath give us any pointers as to what the future may hold? The Thirty Tyrants, having killed 5 percent of the Athenian population, were overthrown within the year.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, ONLINE COMMENTS

Debates won Just don't read them

Re: Conversations needed, February 22 letter.

Lara, I really like reading your viewpoints and respect your broad knowledge of current topics of interest, but I do agree with Joanne about one or two ongoing debates. As far as I'm concerned, you have already won, and I don't even read these now.

D. ARTHUR

Only tapping

Bravery and courage? What rubbish. You are only tapping a few words out on a machine to express your opinion to the Gisborne public, Lara — any half-literate person can and sadly does do that.

Just let other people express their diverse opinions and give us all a break.

JOANNE STEWART

Phone books still in demand

Always nice to know that people like Dave are so competent in dealing with the digital age. Not everybody is so efficient. The vast majority of people still have use of a phone book. I invite Dave to come along with us for an hour or two while we are doing deliveries. Most customers who we meet face to face almost always ask for two phone books. We are hailed in the street for additional copies. Hundreds of

extra books are printed to meet the anticipated demand. I have depots in the city to provide a pick-up point. My team and I deliver more than 260,000 phone books all over the North Island and the story is repeated in every area. Phone books are not a total waste of resources yet, Dave!

GEORGE MacLACHLAN
(Contractor for delivery of phone books, central North Island)

Re: Try offline, February 19 letter.

Some of us enjoy reading the various exchanges in the opinion section. It seems others (Joanne in this piece, and Bob in his piece titled “Time out”) would deprive the rest of us of the ability to read and consider others' opinions.

Here is a wildly controversial thought: If you don't like reading contributions from various authors then simply don't read them. A revolutionary idea I know, but I'm sure Joanne and Bob could give it a try? Or as Lara says, start a topic of interest to you.

NATE

Dunga Classic running 35yrs

Hello, just wanting to clarify the situation regarding the claim that the Makorori Longboard Classic is the oldest longboard contest in the country, as I was in the committee that put together Christchurch's North Wai Boardriders Dunga Classic in 1986 — the first of now 35 annual longboard contests — just a mere decade before the first Makorori competition.

DARRYN CLYNE

Assistance invaluable

As a former patient having received excellent care in Chelsea, I read about the recent problems with the autoclaves at Hauora Tairāwhiti and the assistance requested from other DHBs. I noted that there was no comment as to whether Chelsea Hospital was able to assist, which would seem to have been the obvious first choice.

Perhaps management would enlighten the community, particularly as Chelsea

Make clear

Re: C'mon drivers, stay alert — February 20 letter.

I suggest signs should be posted informing drivers who has the right of way. On zebra crossings, pedestrians have the right of way and vehicles should not continue until the pedestrian has reached the roadside — or, in the case of Ormond Road-Ballance Street, the pedestrian island.

PJ REED

provides such an invaluable service.

JUST WONDERING

Footnote response from Hauora Tairāwhiti: Hauora Tairāwhiti has a long-standing agreement with Chelsea Hospital to assist one another. When Gisborne Hospital had problems with its boiler system earlier this month, Chelsea Hospital immediately responded. Their assistance was invaluable to ensure that urgent and emergency surgeries could continue to be carried out locally.

Port needs to be enlarged

Re: Push back, Feb 20 letter. Rex, Holland has done it successfully so why not our port? Long term it has to be a good thing. Maybe they could

add places for the kids to jump off and for people to fish from at the same time. Our port is simply too small.

DAVE

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Over 500,000 and counting

US approaches dark milestone of coronavirus deaths

BALTIMORE, Maryland — For weeks after Cindy Pollock began planting tiny flags across her yard — one for each of the more than 1800 Idahoans killed by Covid-19 — the toll was mostly a number. Until two women she had never met rang her doorbell in tears, seeking a place to mourn the husband and father they had just lost.

Then Pollock knew her tribute, however heartfelt, would never begin to convey the grief of a pandemic that has now claimed over 500,000 lives in the US and counting.

"I just wanted to hug them," she said. "Because that was all I could do."

After a year that has darkened doorways across the US, the pandemic is poised to surpass a milestone that once seemed unimaginable, a reminder of the virus's reach into all corners of the country and communities of every size and make-up.

"It's very hard for me to imagine an American who doesn't know someone who has died or have a family member who has died," said Ali Mokdad, a professor of health metrics at the University of Washington in Seattle. "We haven't really fully understood how bad it is, how devastating it is, for all of us."

Experts warn that over 100,000 more deaths are likely in the next few months, despite a massive campaign to vaccinate people. Meanwhile, the nation's trauma continues to accrue in a way unparalleled in recent American life, said Donna Schuurman of the Dougy Center for Grieving Children & Families in Portland, Oregon.

At other moments of epic loss, like the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Americans have pulled together to confront crisis and console survivors. But this time, the nation is deeply divided. Staggering numbers of families are dealing with death, serious illness and financial hardship. And many are left to cope in isolation, unable even to hold funerals.



HEARTBREAKING: Above, Chaplain Kristin Michealsen holds the hand of a deceased Covid-19 patient at Providence Holy Cross Medical Centre in the Mission Hills section of Los Angeles. Right, Cindy Pollock does maintenance on the construction flags in her front yard in Boise, Idaho, to pay respect to the lost lives.

The US death toll from Covid-19 has almost topped 500,000.

AP pictures



"In a way, we're all grieving," said Schuurman, who has counselled the families of those killed in terrorist attacks, natural disasters and school shootings.

In recent weeks, virus deaths have fallen from more than 4000 reported on some days in January to an average of fewer than 1900 per day.

Still, at almost half a million, the toll recorded by Johns Hopkins University is already greater than the population of Miami or Kansas City, Missouri. It is roughly equal to the number of Americans killed in World

War 2, the Korean War and the Vietnam War combined. It is akin to a 9/11 every day for nearly six months.

The toll, accounting for one in five deaths reported worldwide, has far exceeded early projections, which assumed that federal and state governments would marshal a comprehensive and sustained response and individual Americans would heed warnings.

Instead, a push to reopen the economy last spring and the refusal by many to maintain social-distancing and wear face

masks fuelled the spread.

The figures alone do not come close to capturing the heartbreak.

"I never once doubted that he was not going to make it . . . I so believed in him and my faith," said Nancy Espinoza, whose husband, Antonio, was hospitalised with Covid-19 last month.

The couple from Riverside County, California, had been together since high school. They pursued parallel nursing careers and started a family. Then, on January 25, Nancy was called to Antonio's bedside just before his

heart beat its last. He was 36 and left behind a 3-year-old son.

"Today it's us. And tomorrow it could be anybody," Nancy Espinoza said.

By late last autumn, 54 percent of Americans reported knowing someone who had died of Covid or had been hospitalised with it, according to a Pew Research Centre poll. The grieving was even more widespread among Black Americans, Hispanics and other minorities.

Deaths have nearly doubled since then, with the scourge spreading far beyond the Northeast and Northwest metropolitan areas slammed by the virus last spring and the Sun Belt cities hit hard last summer. In some places, the seriousness of the threat was slow to sink in.

For Anthony Hernandez, whose Emerson-Bartlett Memorial Chapel in Redlands, California, has been overwhelmed handling burial of Covid-19 victims, the most difficult conversations have been the ones without answers, as he sought to comfort mothers, fathers and children who lost loved ones.

His chapel, which arranges 25 to 30 services in an ordinary month, handled 80 in January. He had to explain to some families that they would need to wait weeks for a burial.

"At one point, every gurney, every dressing table, every embalming table had somebody on it," he said.

In Boise, Idaho, Pollock started the memorial in her yard last fall to counter what she saw as widespread denial of the threat. When deaths spiked in December, she was planting 25 to 30 new flags at a time. But her frustration has been eased somewhat by those who slow or stop to pay respect or to mourn.

"I think that is part of what I was wanting, to get people talking," she said. "Not just like, 'Look at how many flags are in the yard today compared to last month', but trying to help people who have lost loved ones talk to other people." — AP

Shops, haircuts return in April as UK cautiously lifts lockdown

LONDON — Children in England will return to class and people will be able to meet a friend outside for coffee in two weeks' time, Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced on Monday as he laid out a slow easing of one of Europe's strictest pandemic lockdowns.

But those longing for a haircut, a restaurant meal or a pint in a pub have almost two months to wait, and people won't be able to hug loved ones that they don't live with until May at the earliest.

Johnson said the Government's plan would move the country "cautiously but irreversibly" out of lockdown.

"We're setting out on what I hope is a one-way road to freedom," he told lawmakers in the House of Commons.

Britain has had Europe's deadliest coronavirus outbreak, with more than 120,000 deaths. Faced with a dominant virus variant that scientists say is both more transmissible and more deadly than the original virus, the country has spent much of the winter under a tight lockdown — the third since March 2020.

Bars, restaurants, gyms, schools, hair salons and non-essential shops are closed, people are urged not to travel out of their local area and foreign holidays are illegal.

That will begin to change, slowly, on March 8, when children go back to school and people are

allowed to meet one friend or relative for a chat or picnic outdoors. Three weeks later, people will be able to meet in small groups outdoors for sports or relaxation.

Under the Government plan, shops and hairdressers will reopen April 12. So will pubs and restaurants, though only outdoors.

Indoor venues such as theaters and cinemas, and indoor seating in bars and restaurants, are scheduled to open May 17, and limited crowds will be able to return to sports stadiums. It is also the earliest date Britons may be allowed foreign holidays.

The final stage of the plan, in which all legal limits on social contact are removed and nightclubs can reopen after 15 months of closure, is set for June 21.

The Government says the dates could all be postponed if infections rise.

The measures being announced apply to England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland all have slightly different lockdowns in place, with some children returning to class in Scotland and Wales on Monday.

Hopes for a return to normality rest largely on Britain's fast-moving inoculation program that has given more than 17.5 million people, a third of the country's adult population, the first of two doses of vaccine. The Government aims to give every adult a shot of vaccine by July 31.

Johnson said vaccines would help Britain put "a wretched year" behind it.

But the Government cautions that the return of the country's social and economic life will be slow. Johnson's Conservative Government was accused of reopening the country too quickly after the first lockdown in the spring and of rejecting scientific advice before a short "circuit-breaker" lockdown in the fall.

It does not want to make the same mistakes again, although Johnson is under pressure from some Conservative lawmakers and business owners, who argue that restrictions should be lifted quickly to revive the battered economy.

The Conservative Government — in normal times an opponent of lavish public spending — spent 280 billion pounds (\$393 billion) in 2020 to deal with the pandemic, including billions paying the salaries of almost 10 million furloughed workers.

British Chambers of Commerce Director General Adam Marshall welcomed the "clarity" about reopening dates, but said that "the future of thousands of firms and millions of jobs still hangs by a thread."

Johnson said the Government's annual budget statement on March 3 would contain new measures "to protect jobs and livelihoods across the UK."

The Government says further easing will

depend on vaccines proving effective at lowering hospitalisation and deaths, infection rates remaining low and no new virus variants emerging that throw the plans into disarray.

Two UK studies released on Monday showed that Covid-19 vaccination programmes are contributing to a sharp drop in illness and hospitalisation, boosting hopes that the shots will work as well in the real world as they have in carefully controlled studies.

Preliminary results from a study in Scotland found that the Pfizer vaccine reduced hospital admissions by up to 85 percent four weeks after the first dose, while the AstraZeneca shot cut admissions by up to 94 percent. In England, preliminary data from a study of health care workers showed that the Pfizer vaccine reduced the risk of catching Covid-19 by 70 percent after one dose, a figure that rose to 85 percent after the second. Scientists stressed that the results were preliminary.

Johnson said that even with vaccines, reopening society would inevitably lead to more infections and deaths.

He said there is "no credible route to a zero-Covid Britain, or indeed, a zero-Covid world".

But, he added, "we cannot persist indefinitely with restrictions that debilitate our economy, our physical and mental wellbeing and the life chances of our children." — AP



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Catastrophic failure

FAA demands inspection of all Boeing 777s after engine exhibited damage

DENVER — Federal aviation regulators are ordering United Airlines to step up inspections of all Boeing 777s equipped with the type of engine that suffered a catastrophic failure over Denver on Saturday. United says it is temporarily removing those aircraft from service.

The announcements come a day after United Airlines Flight 328 had to make an emergency landing at Denver International Airport after its right engine blew apart just after take-off. Pieces of the casing of the engine, a Pratt & Whitney PW4000, rained down on suburban neighbourhoods.

The plane with 231 passengers and 10 crew on board landed safely, and nobody aboard or on the ground was reported hurt, authorities said.

The Federal Aviation Administration

(FAA) Administrator Steve Dickson said in a statement on Sunday that based on an initial review of safety data, inspectors "concluded that the inspection interval should be stepped up for the hollow fan blades that are unique to this model of engine, used solely on Boeing 777 airplanes."

The National Transportation Safety Board said in a separate statement that two of the engine's fan blades were fractured and the remainder of the fan blades "exhibited damage". The NTSB did caution that it was too early to draw conclusions about how the incident happened.

Video posted on Twitter showed the engine fully engulfed in flames as the plane flew through the air. Freeze frames from different video taken by a passenger sitting slightly in front

of the engine and posted on Twitter appeared to show a broken fan blade in the engine.

United is the only US airline with the Pratt & Whitney PW4000 in its fleet, the FAA said. United says it currently has 24 of the 777s in service.

United says it will work closely with the FAA and the NTSB "to determine any additional steps that are needed to ensure these aircraft meet our rigorous safety standards and can return to service."

The NTSB said the cockpit voice recorder and flight data recorder were transported to its lab in Washington for the data to be downloaded and analysed. NTSB investigations can take up to a year or longer, although in major cases the agency generally releases some investigative material



RAINING DEBRIS: United Airlines Flight 328 made an emergency landing at Denver International Airport, after experiencing "a right-engine failure" shortly after takeoff. Federal regulators are investigating the cause of failure on the plane that rained debris on Denver suburbs. AP picture

midway through the process.

Airlines in Japan and South Korea also operate planes with the Pratt & Whitney engine. Japan Airlines and All Nippon Airways have decided to stop operating a combined 32 planes with that engine, according to Nikkei.

Nikkei reported that Japan's Ministry

of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism also ordered the planes out of service, and the ministry said an engine in the same PW4000 family suffered unspecified trouble on a JAL 777 flying to Haneda from Naha on December 4. It ordered stricter inspections in response. — AP

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'We must join the protest'

Myanmar protesters undeterred by military warnings of lethal force

YANGON, Myanmar — Protesters gathered in Myanmar's biggest city on Monday despite the ruling junta's threat to use lethal force against people who join a general strike against the military's takeover three weeks ago.

More than 1000 protesters gathered near the US Embassy in Yangon despite barriers blocking the way, but left to avoid a confrontation after 20 military trucks with riot police arrived nearby. Protests continued in other parts of the city, including next to Sule Pagoda, a traditional gathering point.

Factories, workplaces and shops were shuttered across the country on Monday in response to the call for a nationwide strike. The closings extended to the capital, Naypyitaw.

The junta had warned against a general strike in a public announcement on Sunday night on state television broadcaster MRTV.

"It is found that the protesters have raised their incitement towards riot and anarchy mob. Protesters are now inciting the people, especially emotional teenagers and youths, to a confrontation path where they will suffer the loss of life," the onscreen text said in English, replicating the spoken announcement in Burmese.

The junta's statement also blamed criminals for past protest violence, with the result that "the security force members had to fire back." Three protesters have been fatally shot.

Trucks cruised the streets of Yangon on Sunday night, blaring similar warnings.

The protest movement, which seeks to restore power to the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi and have her and other leaders released from detention, has embraced non-violence.

The nationwide strike was dubbed Five-Twos, for the five number twos in



GROWING UNREST: Anti-coup protesters fill roads as they gather near the Mandalay Railway Station, Myanmar on Monday. AP picture

the numeric form of Monday's date.

"I am joining the 22222 nationwide protest as a citizen of the country. We must join the protest this time without fail," said 42-year-old Zayar, who owns a bottled water business in the capital. "So I've closed down my factory and joined the demonstration."

Zin Mi Mi Aung, a 27-year-old saleswoman, also joined the strike.

"We don't want to be governed by the regime," she said, as people marched and chanted behind her. "We will fight against them until we win."

Thousands of people gathered in the capital's wide boulevards, many on motorbikes to allow swift movement in

the event of any police action.

Reports and photos of protests in at least a dozen cities and towns were posted on social media. Overhead views, some shot from drones, showed massive crowds in six cities appearing to number in the tens of thousands.

There were pictures of a particularly colourful event in Taunggyi, the capital of Shan State, where scores of small red hot-air balloons were set aloft. A bigger one was adorned with a drawing of the three-finger salute adopted by the anti-coup movement. The city is famous for its annual hot-air balloon festival.

In Pyinmana, a satellite town of Naypyitaw, police chased people through

the streets to arrest them. Reports on social media, including from worried family members, said police had arrested 200 people or more, mostly young people, and sent them to a military base. If confirmed, it would be the biggest mass arrest since the protests started.

The general strike was an extension of actions called by the Civil Disobedience Movement, a loosely organised group that has been encouraging civil servants and workers at state enterprises to walk off their jobs. Many transport workers and white collar workers have responded to the appeal.

On Saturday, a General Strike Committee was formed by more than two dozen groups to provide a more formal structure for the resistance movement and launch a "spring revolution."

The ominous signs of potential conflict drew attention outside Myanmar, with the US reiterating that it stood with the people of Myanmar, also called Burma.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken said on Twitter the US would take firm action "against those who perpetrate violence against the people of Burma as they demand the restoration of their democratically elected government."

"We call on the military to stop violence, release all those unjustly detained, cease attacks on journalists and activists, and respect the will of the people," State Department spokesman Ned Price said on Twitter.

On Sunday, crowds in Naypyitaw attended a funeral for the young woman who was the first person confirmed to have been killed in the protests, while demonstrators also mourned two other protesters who were shot dead on Saturday in Mandalay, the country's second-biggest city. Large crowds came out again on Monday in Mandalay. — AP

Angry youths rattle Spain in support of jailed rapper

BARCELONA, Spain — The imprisonment of a rap artist for his music and tweets praising terrorist violence and insulting the Spanish monarchy has set off a powder keg of pent-up rage this week in the southern European country.

The arrest of Pablo Hasel has brought thousands to the streets for different reasons.

Under the banner of freedom of expression, many Spaniards strongly object to putting an artist behind bars for his lyrics and social media remarks. They are clamouring for Spain's left-wing government to fulfill its promise and roll back the Public Security Law passed by the previous conservative administration that was used to prosecute Hasel and other artists.

Hasel's imprisonment to serve a nine-month sentence has also tapped into a well of frustration among Spain's youths, who have the highest unemployment rate in the European Union. Four in every 10 eligible workers under 25 years old are without a job.

"I think that what we are experiencing now with the cases of Pablo Hasel . . . and other rappers politically detained by this regime is a brutal attack against the freedom of speech," 26-year-old student Pablo Castilla said during a protest in Barcelona. "The protests are being brutally repressed by the

allegedly progressive national government and the Catalan government.

"They are attacking us youngsters because we are showing our anger."

For many, including older peaceful protesters, Hasel's case also represents what they perceive as a heavy-handed reaction by a state whose very structure is in need of deep reform. That's even when, in some of his public remarks, especially in messages sent out on Twitter, Hasel expressed radical ideas, talked about attacking politicians and defended the now-defunct Grapo and ETA, two armed organisations that killed over 1000 people in Spain.

Hasel's lyrics that strike at King Felipe VI and his father, King Emeritus Juan Carlos I, have connected with a growing public debate on the future of Spain's parliamentary monarchy. Unquestioned outside fringe circles of the Left until the past decade, the royal house has been plagued by financial scandal that has reached Juan Carlos himself. Many Spaniards were aghast when the former monarch left Spain for the United Arab Emirates amid a court investigation into his alleged fiscal improprieties.

As well as shouting its support for Hasel, a crowd that gathered

in Madrid on Saturday chanted "Where is the change? Where is the progress?" and "Juan Carlos de Borbón, womaniser and thief."

The debate has caused tensions inside Spain's left-wing coalition government. While Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez and his Socialist Party back the parliamentary monarchy Spain has had since the end of Francisco Franco's dictatorship in the 1970s, their minor partner, the upstart United We Can party, wants to get rid of the monarchy and has supported this week's protests for Hasel despite their violent turn.

In the rapper's home region of Catalonia, the unrest also comes after years of separatist politicians urging citizens to ignore or disobey court rulings unfavourable to their cause. Although this week's protests are missing widespread calls for Catalonia's independence or flags supporting secession of the industrial region, the head of public safety for Barcelona's town hall said that many of the most violent offenders were also heavily involved in the 2019 riots that followed the imprisonment of several separatist leaders.

"It is a varied, violent profile that we already are familiar with because it is very similar to those who played a large role in the incidents of October 2019, so we know the type," Barcelona town



WELL OF FRUSTRATION: Demonstrators march holding a banner reading "you have taught us that being peaceful is useless" during a protest condemning the arrest of rap artist Pablo Hasel in Barcelona, Spain. AP picture

council member Albert Batlle told Cadena SER radio.

Some leading pro-secessionist politicians have heavily criticised the handling of the protests by Catalan police, who made more than 35 arrests on Saturday night alone.

What started out as peaceful, if angry, protests by thousands in Barcelona and other nearby towns, degenerated into ugly incidents come nightfall, caused by a violent minority bent on destroying property and battling with police.

The Mossos d'Esquadra police said on Monday that 61 of the 75 people arrested in the Catalan capital since protests erupted on February 16 were 25 or younger, including 24 minors. Three out of four had Spanish nationality and 26 of them had previous run-ins with authorities for public

disorders or theft.

Within that splinter group of troublemakers, some are out to do some timely looting. Catalonia's regional interior minister, Miquel Sàmper, on Sunday told the regional TV3 broadcaster that what was "a protest over freedom of expression" had evolved to "acts of pure vandalism."

Police point to small groups who bash their way into sporting goods stores and other shops while law enforcement officers are engaged by the clashes and the clearing of barricades of burning trash containers and metal barriers strewn across streets. Police described what they called "pillaging" by "some people who take advantage of the disorder and cover provided by the large number of people". — AP

Child poverty decreasing but impacts not shared equally

by Keith Ng and Michael Neilson, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — Maori, Pasifika and households with disabled children are more than twice as likely to be experiencing poverty compared to Pakeha, the latest statistics show. The new poverty figures show that while the Government is on track to meet two out of three of its child poverty reduction targets, those gains are being unequally felt. The data released by Statistics NZ today show housing costs continuing to have a strong impact on the number of children living in poverty. The annual measure only takes into account the nine months to March 2020, and has surveyed 15,000 families rather than 20,000 as in previous years. This is because families were asked about their experiences in the 12 months prior to the survey, which was taken between July 2019 and March 2020. The data deliberately does not include April, May and June because the Ministry of Health did not want officials undertaking face-to-face interviews, given the Covid-19 risks. Given the lag period of the data, the numbers only take into account child poverty levels from

between July 2018 and March 2019.

This took into account the first year of the Government's \$5.5 billion Families Package, which came into effect in July 2018.

Over the two years since the Government introduced child poverty reduction targets, progress has been made across all measures.

For the 2019/2020 period, about one in seven New Zealand children (167,100) lived in households with less than 50 percent of the median disposable income before deducting household costs.

This was slightly down from one in six in the year to June 2018, but a slight increase from the year to June 2019.

Factoring in housing costs, 18.2 percent of New Zealand children — 208,400 or about one in five — lived in households with less than 50 percent of the median disposable household income — a reduction from 22.8 percent in June 2018.

Material hardship affected about one in nine children in the latest data, compared to about one in eight as of June 2018.

However, for Pasifika, one in four children were in households experiencing material hardship, and one in five for Maori.

This year's data also included households with disabled children for the first time.



Jacinda Ardern

It found they were twice as likely to live in households experiencing material hardship compared to households without.

Last year's Child Poverty report, based on the findings from 2018 to 2019, revealed the number of people facing material hardship had remained relatively stagnant.

At the time Ardern remained confident the Government would meet its child poverty targets. Last year's figures also found the cost of

housing to be a significant factor contributing to child poverty in New Zealand.

This year's figures come a week after the Salvation Army released its annual State of the Nation report, which showed in the last year there were 23,000 more children now living in benefit-dependent households.

Government emergency food grants have risen three-fold since 2017 and last year totalled 1.5 million. The Sallies distributed 113,000 food parcels themselves in 2020: nearly twice as many as the year before. Auckland City Mission, marae and other agencies that run foodbanks report similar stories.

The Sallies also reveal that rents have been rising steadily for years and the fastest growth is in the lowest quartile. That is, since 2015, the poorest quarter of New Zealanders who rent have faced the largest rent rises.

The Families Package, which was funded by cancelling the previous National government's planned tax cuts, will cost \$5.53 billion over five years.

The Government estimates that by 2020/21, when the package is fully rolled out, some 384,000 families with children will be better off by about \$75 a week. It is projected to lift the number of children living out of poverty by 64,000, or about 41 percent, by 2020.

Teacher deregistered after marrying ex-pupil

by Simon Collins, NZ Herald

AUCKLAND — A teacher has been deregistered after marrying a girl he taught at primary school who is 34 years younger than him.

The Teachers Disciplinary Tribunal has found that the teacher's behaviour over a period of years was "at the most extreme end" of serious misconduct and the only appropriate penalty was cancelling his teaching registration.

His name has been suppressed because he is now married to his former student and she has adopted his surname, so publishing his name would also identify her.

Both the teacher and his former student gave evidence that their relationship began after the former student turned 16, and that she was 20 when they married a few years ago.

The tribunal found that the former student began visiting the teacher in his role as her former primary school teacher, and not as an independent adult.

It highlighted the 34-year age gap between them and concluded that the teacher "embarked on a deliberate and consistent pattern of behaviour in pursuit of a vulnerable young woman".

The teacher taught the girl who is now his wife when she was in Years 7 and 8, when she was aged 11 to 13, at a primary school in what was described as a rural "village" in the North Island.

The girl's cousin, who was four years younger, gave evidence that the older girl — called "Student C" in the tribunal decision — sometimes stayed behind after class talking to the teacher, called the "respondent".

"Her evidence is that she saw their hands touching a few times and when she walked in there would be an awkward silence and they would look at her and shuffle apart," the tribunal said.

"She described the conversations she overheard between the respondent and Student C as "not normal". She heard them talking about what Student C wanted to do when she was older. When she walked in, the respondent would sometimes say, 'Student C, you can go now.'"

The young cousin said that at the end of the older girls Year 8 year, the teacher gave the older girl money and jewellery and also gave the young cousin \$5 and some earrings.

However, the teacher's lawyer pointed to inconsistencies between the young cousin's initial statement to investigators and what she later told the tribunal, and the tribunal found there was insufficient evidence to prove that the teacher engaged in any serious misconduct while his future wife was at his school.

The teacher told the tribunal that he immigrated to New Zealand with his wife but she later died. He said he had been in other relationships since her death.

There was disputed evidence about when the former student started visiting the teacher at her old primary school.

The primary school principal gave evidence that the former student and a male friend, also a former student of the school, continued to visit their former teacher well beyond the ages when other former students commonly visited their old teachers.

The tribunal highlighted the 34-year age gap between them and concluded the teacher 'embarked on a deliberate pattern of behaviour in pursuit of a vulnerable young woman'.

He said the former student who later married the teacher was "quiet and withdrawn, lacking in confidence with a limited number of friends". She needed in-class support.

The principal talked to the teacher about the need to observe "professional boundaries" when the former students visited.

The tribunal found that the sole reason the two former students visited the teacher was that he had been their teacher and "they thought he was a good teacher". The former student addressed him as "Mister" for some years.

The former student said she usually took a 10-to-15-minute bus ride home from college, did chores and then she and her friend visited the teacher.

"At a best guess this would have been close to 4pm at the earliest, many staff would have left for the day by this point, leaving the students and the respondent that much more vulnerable. This should have raised alarm bells very quickly for the respondent," the tribunal said.

The former student and her friend said they went to a movie with the teacher.

Her friend said they visited the teacher's house "at the beach" and "hung out".

Three photos taken showed the teacher with his arms around his former student and in one case with his hand on the student's inner thigh.

The former student's parents gave evidence that they found out about the relationship six months after their daughter had left college. She was then aged 18.

"Student C had told her parents that she was in (a North Island town) that weekend with three of her friends, but she had actually spent the weekend with the respondent," the tribunal said.

The former student agreed to meet her parents at a cafe in "the town" to discuss the relationship. She agreed to travel overseas, where her brother lived. Her parents "set her up with some money and a car".

However, the teacher followed her overseas and she returned to New Zealand. She stayed with her parents for about a week and then moved in with the teacher.

Her father said he went to the teacher's house a month later, took his daughter out for a walk and tried to drive away with her. He said the teacher tried to stop him and there was "a physical altercation" between them.

The father took his daughter to stay at a friend's house, but three days later she jumped out the window and hitch-hiked back.

The teacher and his former student eventually married. The former student described her wedding day and marriage as "the happiest time of her life".

"(The teacher) means the world to me. He treats me with total respect; he supports me in everything that I want to do and comforts me when I'm feeling low," she said.

But the tribunal found that the relationship was inherently unequal and that the former student was "totally dependent" on the teacher financially, socially and emotionally.

"Her role in the relationship is about fulfilling his needs and wants. The power imbalance now that they are married is as significant as it has always been," it said.

"His behaviour is about power and control, not partnership and reciprocity."

Govt not ruling out limits on nitrate fertiliser

WELLINGTON — The environment minister says New Zealand will continue to follow WHO guidelines on nitrate levels in the water, despite international research finding much lower levels could still cause cancer.

The first study into the country's nitrate in drinking water says one in six people could be drinking water polluted enough to cause colorectal cancer.

The research, overseen by Victoria and Otago Universities, calls for action from the horticulture and dairy industries.

The study used overseas research including a major Danish study that found a link with bowel cancer when levels were as low as 0.87mg/L of water.

The current safe level in New Zealand, as mandated by the World Health Organisation was 11mg/L of water.

Earlier in February, Otago University senior research fellow Dr Tim Chambers said New Zealand should take a precautionary approach and reduce the maximum level from 11.3mg/L to 1mg/L. But Environment Minister David Parker told Morning Report that WHO guidelines were being followed.

He acknowledged the Danish study and said more research needed to be done in Aotearoa.

"I'm sure it wouldn't be a shortage of money that would stop research being done but that's really for the Ministry of Health, whether they see it to be a priority in light of that Danish study."

He said with regard to the health of rivers, there was already a cap on synthetic nitrogen that could be applied to land.

Some people were previously applying 300kg per annum so a reduction to 190kg was significant but there were other measures needed too, he said.

"Industry are bringing forward new cultivars that are diuretic that cause smaller urine patches, therefore less nitrates are lost to the waterways because the grass can take them up."

Yesterday Victoria University ecologist Mike Joy said cow urine was one of the major contributors to increased nitrate levels.

On the back of the Danish study, Parker has asked the Health Ministry and the Director General of Health to "look into it".

He said Ministry for Primary Industries was doing research into regenerative farming which would be less reliant on fertilisers. — RNZ

Sound reinforces Auckland Cup credentials

MATAMATA — The Ballymore stables of Mike Moroney and Pam Gerard have plenty to look forward to over the Auckland Cup Carnival, following the performances of proven stayer Sound and progressive mare Tia d'Or on Saturday.

Eight-year-old entire Sound finished second in the Gr.2 Avondale Cup (2400m) behind Robusto, carrying topweight of 59kgs, cementing his \$3.50 favouritism for the Gr.1 Barfoot & Thompson Auckland Cup (3200m) on March 13.

"It was only his second run back after Mike (Moroney) gave him a race over 1800m in January at Caulfield," Gerard said.

"Troy (Harris, jockey) thought he had the outside horses covered, but didn't quite see the lightweight (Robusto) come up the inside, and he was giving her seven kilos. Troy was really happy, said the horse was out on his feet the last bit but it was still a huge run.

"He got a little bit galloped on in behind but he seems to be OK. It was a really good effort.

"He should be in the Auckland Cup for a long way. He had a good blow and we'll keep his fitness up. I thought in the birdcage he looked a little bit pretty, but we just have to get him to the next level."

Sound ran well for second in last year's Auckland Cup on a hit-and-run mission

from Moroney's Flemington stable, with the transtasman conditioners opting for a two-start New Zealand campaign this time around.

"With the Avondale Cup being a penalty-free race into the Auckland Cup it was the best option for him," Gerard said.

Sound will likely be on a plane to Sydney following the Auckland Cup, where races like the Gr.1 Tancred Stakes (2400m) and the Gr.1 Sydney Cup (3200m) are possible targets.

While Sound is a proven staying commodity, progressive Tavistock four-year-old Tia d'Or looks a stayer of the future after winning a Rating 65 2100m event at Ellerslie on Saturday under a controlled front-running Samantha

Collett ride.

"There is a Rating 74 2100m race back at Ellerslie that is worth \$50,000 and we will just look at stepping her through the grades," Gerard said.

"We will probably put her out for a spell after that and hopefully she will improve again. She is a big mare that has taken a bit of time, but she is from a very good family, being out of a Zabeel daughter of Giovana.

"Given the time, she is just getting better and better. She was quite green when she first started racing and she has taken a long time but she was always going to be worth the wait."

— Racing Desk

Invercargill harness at Invercargill Wednesday Jetbet 7 TAB Doubles 2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Trebles 2-3-4, 5-6-7 Quaddies 1-2-3-4, 4-5-6-7 Place6 2-7

Selections

Race 1: TEASE MY TARTAN, SUNDAY INVASION, WHANGAMATA

Race 2: THE NAENAE EXPRESS, BATTLE AXE, MARIE LONG

Race 3: BELLE'S BOY, MAGNETIC TERROR, ARLO MAGUIRE

Race 4: HANS IDEAL, HOLY HAVOC, BETTORS HIGHLIGHT

Race 5: FIREFOREFIDDLE, MATRIKA, OMAGGIO

Race 6: STEVE, GALLEONS FUTURE, SVELT

Race 7: BETTER GALLEON, JODY DIREEN, HURRICANE BANNER

1 Craig Heyrick At Harcourts Trot 3.29

\$7500, non-winners stand, 2200m

1	54238	Tease My Tartan	(Fr) 1	J Morrison (J)
2	6	Clover Jewel	(Fr) 2	M Hurrell (J)
3	08042	Sunday Invasion	(Fr) 3	
4	49095	Bill	(Fr) 4	B Norman
5	34500	Whangamata	(Fr) 5	
6	80759	The Power Broker	(Fr) 6	K McNaught (J)
7	s0009	Birch	(Fr) U1	
8	08487	Kiwi Heir	(Fr) U2	R McIlwrick

2 Thanks Franco Huntington 3.54

\$7500, non-winners 3yo+ mr40 to mr44, mobile, 2200m

1	64536	The Naenae Express	(Fr) 1	R Swain
2	00948	Heritage	(Fr) 2	M Williamson
3	70058	Shezdawn	(Fr) 3	
4	9844P	Sportscam	(Fr) 4	B Barclay
5	46859	Northview Peg	(Fr) 5	S Tomlinson (J)
6	50727	Noosa Beach	(Fr) 6	E Barron (J)
7	0494s	Battle Axe	(Fr) 7	R McIlwrick
8	09850	Franco Jordan	(Fr) 8	A Beck
9	00900	Ngaroma	(Fr) 21	A Armour
10	66727	Marie Long	(Fr) 22	M Hurrell (J)
11	07096	Sly Tricks	(Fr) 23	T Robertson
12	9P00s	Aztec King	(Fr) U1	J Morrison (J)

3 Zilco Products Pace 4.32

\$7500, non-winners 2yo+ mr45 to mr50, mobile, 2200m

1	7050	Cannon Of Gold	(Fr) 1	
2	086	Pure Art	(Fr) 2	S Tomlinson (J)
3	07000	Young George	(Fr) 3	S Otley

4 Terry Frisby Is Still Awesome 4.57

\$7500, r40-r47, mobile, 2200m

1	s7536	Bettors Highlight	(Fr) 1	
2	06796	I'm Watching You	(Fr) 2	
3	00895	Von Art	(Fr) 3	S Tomlinson (J)
4	61740	Jaffie J	(Fr) 4	J Morrison (J)
5	430s6	Fatherdantheroeoman	(Fr) 5	B Barclay
6	00770	Honour Scroll	(Fr) 6	
7	89834	Holy Havoc	(Fr) 7	M Williamson
8	9s607	Wifi Inga	(Fr) 8	A Armour
9	45417	Hans Ideal	(Fr) 21	K Tomlinson (J)
10	55038	Mighty George	(Fr) 22	E Barron (J)
11	s0090	Lincoln Skipper	(Fr) 23	R McIlwrick

5 Tich Scannell Looking For Love 5.28

\$7500, r48-r52,r53 w/c. mobile, 2200m

1	43081	Fireforefiddle	(Fr) 1	P Hunter
2	29261	Matrika	(Fr) 2	S Otley
3	2685s	Dream Of Glory	(Fr) 3	B Barclay
4	29958	Stratofortress	(Fr) 4	
5	6s970	Alexsjoy	(Fr) 5	
6	33070	Ripsnorter	(Fr) 6	M Hurrell (J)
7	84258	Fireball	(Fr) 7	C Ferguson
8	95198	Changearound	(Fr) 8	
9	04900	Tad Lincoln	(Fr) 21	T Robertson
10	0s610	Boarding Call	(Fr) 22	M Williamson
11	8P162	Omaggio	(Fr) U1	E Barron (J)

6 Hanley Formula Trot 5.58

\$7500, r40-r54 stand, 2200m

1	50700	The Peaky Blinder	(Fr) 1	
2	00680	Amabede	(Fr) 2	S Tomlinson (J)
3	03P50	Zoned Scarlett	(Fr) 3	S Otley
4	92880	Top Pocket Chance	(Fr) 4	
5	92170	Jannah Jaccka	(Fr) 5	B Barclay

7 Carpet Plus Willy's Flooring 6.29

\$8000, r53-r60,r61-r65 w/c. mobile, 2200m

1	40752	Better Galleon	(Fr) 1	M Hurrell (J)
2	87560	Shillelagh	(Fr) 2	
3	12695	Jody Direen	(Fr) 3	S Otley
4	88978	My Mate Ben	(Fr) 4	
5	07s24	Benio Ben	(Fr) 5	B Barclay
6	700s9	Whata Razzle Dazzle	(Fr) 6	
7	22017	Hurricane Banner	(Fr) 7	E Barron (J)
8	7s78s	Ay Boy	(Fr) 8	B McLellan
9	64417	Melton Mafia	(Fr) 21	J Campbell (J,C)
10	48319	Johnny Mac	(Fr) 22	T Dewe (J,C)

Wanganui greys at Hatrick Wednesday

Selections

Race 1: TIGER CHURN, IDOL REIGN, GOTCHA MAX

Race 2: ALLEGRO SMOOCH, SWEENEY TODD, UNCLE ALBERT

Race 3: BIG TIME REBEL, TRUTH HURTS, WIFI ROBYN

Race 4: BIGTIME LUNA, OPAWA JODY, BIG TIME JUDA

Race 5: BIG TIME BRYNN, UNO ME NOW, BIG TIME RITA

Race 6: BUTTER CHURN, SO SEVERE, DANNY LANG

Race 7: OPAWA BUD, BIG TIME NALA, BAILEY AND CREAM

Race 8: BIG TIME DIOR, BIGTIME MACI, FROZEN PARADISE

Race 9: STRIKE IT RICH, GO BLUE, WIFI SOPHIE

Race 10: MY BENTLEY, GURU'S CHOICE, MILO TONIGHT

Race 11: TESTING TIME, DOTTIE BELL, THREE OF HEARTS

Race 12: THRILLING MILLIE, MIAMI, JOHNY MOWHAWK

2 Aon CPF Insurance 12.25

\$3450, CO, 520m

1	657	Big Time Ari	n/wtd	Lisa Cole
2	44462	Uncle Albert	n/wtd	Mark Goodier
3	323	Allegro Smooch	n/wtd	Lisa Cole
4	6255	Allegro Ruby	n/wtd	Lisa Cole
5	75525	Daddy Donny	n/wtd	A J Christiansen
6	66344	Sweeney Todd	n/wtd	Mark Goodier
7	47656	Bobby Dazzler	n/wtd	Mark Goodier
8	483s6	Frosty Paradise	n/wtd	M S Clark

3 Laser Plumbing 12.42

\$1745, C2, 305m

1	46247	Clansman Douglas	18.16	Brian Goldsack
2	42572	Mother's Touch	17.69	J & D Bell
3	32811	Big Time Rebel	17.54	Lisa Cole
4	23153	Truth Hurts	17.86	Carol Morris
5	37388	Elite Bubble	18.01	A L Frost
6	64554	Ahuroa Princess	17.97	Robert Murray
7	72251	Wifi Robyn	17.78	G & S Fredrickson
8	66178	Idol Ziggy	17.67	Marcie Flipp

Jetbet 3 TAB D. 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 T. 1-2-3, 4-5-6, 7-8-9, 10-11-12 Q. 2-3-4-5, 9-10-11-12 PL6 7-12

1 Welcome To Hatrick 12.07

\$1425, CO, 305m

1	35427	Idol Reign	n/wtd	Marcie Flipp
2	283	Gotcha Max	n/wtd	Kellie Gommans
3	87848	Hardcore Patches	n/wtd	Agent & Williams
4	65446	Kina Magic	n/wtd	A L Frost
5	26F36	Allegro Moses	n/wtd	Lisa Cole
6	25745	Bluey	n/wtd	John McArthur
7	44252	Tiger Churn	n/wtd	Glen Hodgson
8	54274	Waiting Game	n/wtd	Kellie Gommans

EMERGENCIES:

9	88656	Loudred	n/wtd	J & D Bell
10	77775	Hardcore Brute	n/wtd	Agent & Williams

4 Adept Accountants 1.00

\$1745, C2, 305m

1	24134	Opawa Jody	18.03	Marcie Flipp
2	17544	Big Time Beat	17.73	D P Symes
3	13778	Hurricane Ai	17.85	Carol Morris
4	74354	Big Time Juda	17.96	Lisa Cole
5	6638s	Justin Lincoln	n/wtd	G Thompson
6	s1821	Bigtime Luna	17.78	S J Phillips
7	2s883	Poppy Rocket	17.96	M S Clark
8	3787s	Idol Fancy Pants	17.77	Marcie Flipp

EMERGENCY:

9 37884 Dino The Fox 17.74 Kellie Gommans

5 Kernow Construction 1.17

\$2565, C1, 520m

1	73173	Big Time Rita	30.68	Lisa Cole
2	23142	Big Time Brynn	n/wtd	Lisa Cole
3	34148	Derry Blues	31.31	Peter Clark
4	67575	Wifi Inga	30.64	G & S Fredrickson
5	6	Vacant Box Five	n & a	
6	211	Uno Me Now	n/wtd	A J Christiansen
7	27446	Big Time Yonkers	n/wtd	Lisa Cole
8	25371	Big Time Hautu	n/wtd	Lisa Cole

8 32565 Goldstar McQueen n/wtd Sammy Stone

EMERGENCIES:

9 35777 Double What 17.79 J & D Bell

10 76877 Homebush Mandy 17.95 Sue Gommans

8 Book Your Function @ Hatrick 2.11

\$2565, C1, 520m

1	574s7	Frozen Paradise	n/wtd	M S Clark
2	66566	Bigtime Ava	30.70	Peter Clark
3	12273	Big Time Dior	n/wtd	Lisa Cole
4	58677	Rose And Crown	30.32	Mark Goodier
5	6	Vacant Box Five	n & a	
6	35873	Bigtime Maci	30.53	Susie Kite
7	65676	Big Time Kobe	30.63	Lisa Cole
8	21862	Big Time Ted	n/wtd	Lisa Cole

5 65222 Gurr's Choice 17.76 Agent & Williams

6 55566 Impressive Mood n/wtd Sue Gommans

7 57176 Big Time Melody 17.93 Lisa Cole

8 54363 Elle 18.15 John McArthur

EMERGENCIES:

9 35777 Double What 17.79 J & D Bell

10 77776 Allegro Lincoln 17.92 Agent & Williams

11 Presidents Dash 3.07

\$1510, C1, 305m

1	83411	Testing Time	17.89	John McArthur
2	34655	Bigtime Sam	17.80	G & S Fredrickson
3	87625	Three Of Hearts	18.36	Bill Hodgson
4	64438	AI's Witch	18.19	Lana Pearce
5	35725	Impressive Gift	n/wtd	Sue Gommans
6	82683	Opawa Violet	n/wtd	Nathan Udy
7	2s536	Sahara Dream	17.91	Marcie Flipp
8	87482	Dottie Bell	18.01	Leanne Bell

EMERGENCIES:

9 35777 Double What 17.79 J & D Bell

10 77776 Allegro Lincoln 17.92 Agent & Williams

Southland greys at Invercargill Wednesday

Selections

Race 1: MITCHAM DAWN, SCARDINY, MITCHAM GINNY

Race 2: M'LADY SADIE, YOUNG ROMEO, DARK AND DUSTY

Race 3: MITCHAM IVAN, ADOBE FLINTSTONE, MIKIL

Race 4: NOTORIOUS HEIST, OPAWA SANDRIDGE, SHERMO BALE

Race 5: UPSTART CROW, LIGHTFOOT LUNA, BARTHOLOMEW CUB

Race 6: OPAWA BAILEY, TUCKER, SONJA

Race 7: BEST BALL, ZIPPING BOSTON, FOND OF YOU

Race 8: ZIPPING MARLIN, CURVE CRUSHER, AMURI EARLY

Race 9: LEONARD BALE, KNOW KEEPER, SOUTHERN KING

Race 10: GRITTY, OVENS ANGLER, THUNDER HALLOWS

Race 11: SPICE SPICE BABY, FIREBALL FUDGE, BUSTER'S BROTHER

2 Mark Turner Painter 11.41

\$1510, C1, 390m

1	77322	M'lady Sadie	n/wtd	Ashley Bradshaw
2	33321	Young Romeo	23.20	Richard Breen
3	66771	Homebush Archie	n/wtd	John McInerney
4	22544	Homebush Macho	n/wtd	John McInerney
5	176	Dark And Dusty	n/wtd	Matt Roberts
6	22174	Danny Ha Ha	n/wtd	Brett Conner
7	82368	Crushington	n/wtd	John McInerney
8	76167	Donalbain	n/wtd	John McInerney

EMERGENCIES:

9 37762 Homebush Roxy n/wtd John McInerney

10 55576 Tiggerlong Pat n/wtd Daniel Roberts

3 Happy Birthday Jean Anderson 11.59

\$1510, C1, 390m

1	82757	Whitman	n/wtd	John McInerney
2	1	Mitcham Ivan	n/wtd	Ashley Bradshaw
3	75542	Mikil	n/wtd	D J MacMillan
4	82583	Homebush Poppy	n/wtd	John McInerney
5	32122	Adobe Flintstone	n/wtd	Matt Roberts
6	84422	Elite Blueblood	23.10	John McInerney
7	35323	Know Smokey	n/wtd	Garry Cleeve
8	65444	Homebush Cool	n/wtd	John McInerney

EMERGENCIES:

9 62686 Opawa Stubborn n/wtd John McInerney

10 66684 Homebush Jordie 22.98 John McInerney

5 76734 Usain Bale n/wtd Craig Roberts

6 33F26 Notorious Heist n/wtd Ashley Bradshaw

7 37565 Impressive High 26.91 John McInerney

8 F4615 Opawa Sandridge n/wtd Robin Wales

EMERGENCIES:

9 56763 Baldrick n/wtd John McInerney

10 64677 Toby's Choice 26.50 Brett Conner

5 Sgrc NZ Bred Series Final 12.33

\$3005, SPECA, final, 457m

1	45631	Mayhem Made	n/wtd	Ashley Bradshaw
2	74551	Bartholomew Cub	26.52	Bronwyn Eade
3	13515	Upstart Crow	26.19	Ashley Bradshaw
4	26726	Know Ego	n/wtd	Garry Cleeve
5	25472	Know Ratio	n/wtd	Garry Cleeve
6	44345	Vignoon	n/wtd	John Allen
7	57432	Lightfoot Luna	26.54	Ashley Bradshaw
8	86443	Tides End	n/wtd	John Allen

EMERGENCIES:

9 85456 Adobe Rubble n/wtd Matt Roberts

10 41256 Kipjo n/wtd John Allen

7 Gore Town & Country Club 1.08

\$3385, C3, 457m

1	21653	Volcanic Whisper	26.12	John Allen
2	83318	Silhouette Jet	26.41	John Allen
3	31836	Regal Valiant	26.08	Richard Breen
4	54243	Opawa Cutie	n/wtd	Robin Wales
5	12162	Best Ball	n/wtd	Daniel Lane
6	88284	Trev's Rocket	26.49	Brett Conner
7	7563s	Zipping Boston	n/wtd	Craig Roberts
8	42426	Fond Of You	26.52	Ashley Bradshaw

EMERGENCIES:

9 18674 Sailor Allen n/wtd Craig Roberts

10 58568 Kiwi Beach n/wtd Daniel Lane

8 Oreti Beach Run 1.26

\$2565, C1, 457m

1	41256	Kipjo	n/wtd	John Allen
2	11372	Curve Crusher	n/wtd	Ashley Bradshaw
3	76816	Zipping Marlin	n/wtd	Daniel Roberts
4	85456	Adobe Rubble	n/wtd	Matt Roberts
5	53233	Amuri Early	n/wtd	John McInerney
6	87555	Bound Up	n/wtd	John McInerney
7	1F576	Amuri Josie	n/wtd	John McInerney
8	64553	Know Pick	n/wtd	Garry Cleeve

EMERGENCIES:

9 57288 Homebush Dream n/wtd John McInerney

10 16688 Material Meg n/wtd Brett Conner

5 74712 Tiggerlong Demon n/wtd Daniel Roberts

6 32811 Penalty Drop 26.08 Daniel Lane

7 24333 Gary n/wtd Daniel Lane

8 62537 Oster Bale 26.23 Craig Roberts

EMERGENCIES:

9 28438 Know State 25.89 Garry Cleeve

10 38666 Opawa Jaws 26.33 Robin Wales

10 Southland & Otago Photo Finish 2.02

\$2920, C2, 457m

1	33728	C'mon Benny Boy	26.42	John Guthrie
2	54122	Ovens Angler	n/wtd	Daniel Lane
3	5633F	Know Account	26.44	Garry Cleeve



kidzonly

CYBER-ART: Hazel Mooney and Ayrton Paton are among the children taking part in an eight-week series of workshops to learn new tools and techniques with the vision of “painting” their own utopia at Tonui Collab’s digital art workshops. Aspiring young artists are being given the opportunity to experiment with different techniques and collaborate and learn from their peers before finishing the term with an art exhibition.

Picture by Paul Rickard

HATS OFF

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.

B T P A N A M A N I K S N O O C H
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 N N H E L M E T E R T I M F A U Y
 N G Z E F D W R Q S I L K R B B Z
 E A P R B Y E A F A B F B E S E S
 T L I D N L Y E R E E O A U S H R
 U L L V W O H O R T O R B T L C E
 C O L O B C L E G S S F O Q O O T
 A N B W J I T S H K T V E A O L S
 U I O R A W H P I A E A Q D W C E
 B C X S E A J N T P F Y L H O M J
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| BEARSKIN | COONSKIN | JESTER'S | SOMBRERO |
| BERET | COWBOY | KEPI | STOVEPIPE |
| BOATER | CROWN | MITRE | STRAW |
| BONNET | DEERSTALKER | PANAMA | SUN |
| BOWLER | DUNCE'S | PAPER | TARBOOSH |
| BUSBY | FEDORA | PILLBOX | TEN-GALLON |
| CAP | FELT | PORKPIE | TOP |
| CAUBEEN | FEZ | SAILOR | TOQUE |
| CHAPEAU | HELMET | SCONCE | TRILBY |
| CHEF'S | HOMBERG | SHAKO | WOOL |

SUDOKU

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

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	5	2			
			3	2	
		5			6
		1			

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WORD-FIT

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

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| 2 LETTERS | 4 LETTERS | 6 LETTERS |
| AS | ALSO | ADULTS |
| BY | HATE | BAMBOO |
| HE | HOUR | 7 LETTERS |
| US | OMIT | DIAMOND |
| | PART | GREATLY |
| 3 LETTERS | PEEP | 8 LETTERS |
| DIE | PIPE | EVERYONE |
| DUE | PUSH | HARDSHIP |
| EYE | RAGE | 9 LETTERS |
| GYM | ROLL | ADVANTAGE |
| ILL | SHOP | ELABORATE |
| MEN | TEAS | PROTECTED |
| ONE | TOSS | |
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| PEA | | |
| RAM | 5 LETTERS | |
| SEA | LAUGH | |
| TUG | PLATE | |
| TWO | RHYME | |
| YOU | THEME | |

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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

TRIO SOLUTION
NEA

TRIO

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

SU ___
 C ___
 IMP ___
 R ___ EM

TUESDAY—WEDNESDAY'S TELEVISION GUIDE

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5.05 The Chase
A quiz show where contestants must stay one step ahead of The Chaser.
6pm 1 News At 6pm
The latest news, sport, and weather.
7pm Seven Sharp
Stories of the day from around New Zealand.
7.30 Dog Squad Puppy School
Training cranks up for police hopeful Blue; Biosecurity's Luigi, Luna and their Uncle Klaus leave home.
8pm Dog Squad
Biosecurity's Iko goes bananas over an airport find; police team Luke and Skudder hit the trail after a disappearing speeder.
8.30 Lap Of Luxury
Explore luxury lodges, including the South Island's The Lindis, Cape Kidnappers's The Farm and Northland's The Landing.
9pm Border Security
9.30 Coronation Street
10.30 1 News Tonight
11pm Sunday
WEDNESDAY
12.05 The Hard Stuff With Nigel Latta
Parents are trying to deal with the new technological world that their teenagers are living in and how that technology impacts teenagers?
1.05 Te Karere
1.30 Infomercials
5.35 Te Karere
News and current affairs from a Maori perspective.
6am Breakfast
9am The Ellen DeGeneres Show
10am Tipping Point
11am The Chase
Noon 1 News At Midday
12.30 Emmerdale
Liv is in danger; Vinny panics; Jamie warns Will.
1pm Coronation Street
2pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3pm Tipping Point
4pm Te Karere
4.30 Eat, Shop, Save
5.05 The Chase

BRAVO

5.30 Face Off
6.30 Million Dollar Listing
7.30 Botched
Dr Nassif steps into the surgical ring to help a boxer's crushed nose.
8.30 The Real Housewives Of Salt Lake City
9.30 Killer Couples
10.30 Snapped
11.25 An Unexpected Killer
WEDNESDAY
12.15 Infomercials
10am Don't Be Tardy
10.30 Million Dollar Listing
11.30 Snapped
12.30 The People's Court
1.30 The Real Housewives Of Orange County
2.30 Vanderpump Rules
3.30 Hoarders
4.30 Catfish
5.25 Face Off

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5pm The Simpsons
5.30 The Big Bang Theory
6pm Neighbours
6.30 Home And Away
7pm Shortland Street
Harper is blind to a cold war; Marty's heart skips a beat; Tess cannot escape her past.
7.30 The Bachelorette NZ
Home visits continue and it is now time for the remaining suitors to shine; the bachelors gear up for Lexie's biggest decision yet.
8.30 Have You Been Paying Attention?
8.35 People Like Pus
Following work at a specialist clinic where top dermatologists treat a range of conditions.
10.35 2 Broke Girls
WEDNESDAY
12.30 Claws
1.20 Shortland Street
1.45 Infomercials
2.50 2 Overnight
4.15 The Middle
4.35 Neighbours
5am Infomercials
6am Les Mills Born To Move
6.30 In The Night Garden
7am Ranger Rob
7.25 Monchhichi Tribe
7.50 Miraculous: Tales Of Ladybug And Cat Noir
8.15 MyaGo
8.20 The Wiggles' World
8.30 Sesame Street
8.55 Infomercials
9.25 Religious Programming
9.55 Neighbours
10.25 American Housewife
10.55 The Bachelorette NZ
11.55 The 100k Drop
1pm Judge Rinder
2pm The Middle
2.30 Home And Away
3pm Shortland Street
3.30 Bizaardvark
4pm The Worst Witch
4.30 Friends
5pm The Simpsons
5.30 The Big Bang Theory

CHOICE

5.30 Mysteries At The Museum
6.30 Wheeler Dealers
7.30 Ugly House To Lovely House
8.30 Property Brothers: Forever Home
9.30 Building The Dream
10.30 Wheeler Dealers
11.30 Mysteries At The Museum
WEDNESDAY
12.30 Hairy Bikers Chocolate Challenge
1.30 Rachel Khoo: My Swedish Kitchen
2am The Day The Rock Star Died
3am Survival Of The Species With Ben Fogle
4am Building The Dream
5am Mysteries At The Museum
6am Restoration Home
7am Hairy Bikers Chocolate Challenge
8am Survival Of The Species With Ben Fogle
9am The Great Interior Design Challenge
10am Rachel Khoo: My Swedish Kitchen
10.30 Mysteries At The Museum
11.30 Wheeler Dealers
12.30 Ugly House To Lovely House
1.30 Building The Dream
2.30 Property Brothers: Forever Home
3.30 Coyote Peterson: Brave The Wild
4pm Coyote Peterson: Brave The Wild
4.30 Forever Summer With Nigella
5pm Jamie's Quick And Easy Food
5.30 Mysteries At The Museum

THREE

5pm Millionaire Hot Seat
6pm NewsHub Live At 6pm
7pm The Project
7.30 Hole Moley Australia
Australia's most skilled and passionate golfers come from across the land to take on the most epic mini golf course ever created.
9pm NCIS
In the 400th episode of NCIS, flashbacks reveal the murder case that first introduced young Gibbs to NCIS and to Ducky.
9.55 NewsHub Late
10.25 Rapid Response
A man is found comatose in the back seat of a car; a drink driver crashes into a family on their way to the airport; the team are called to a bar where a patron is in need of medical assistance.
10.55 Deadly Dates
11.55 Infomercials
WEDNESDAY
6am The AM Show
9am Infomercials
10.25 Zumbo's Just Desserts
11.30 NewsHub Live At 11:30am
Noon Bondi Vet
1pm Eve Of Abduction
Rob Derringer, Sarah Lind.
2.55 Ninja Warrior UK
4pm Travels With The Bondi Vet
4.30 NewsHub Live At 4:30pm
5pm Millionaire Hot Seat

PRIME

5pm Everybody Loves Raymond
5.30 Prime News
6pm Pawn Stars
6.30 Shipping Wars
7pm The Crowd Goes Wild
7.30 The Great British Bake Off
The bakers make chocolate Florentines, macaroons and 3D biscuit sculptures.
8.55 FBI MV
9.55 FBI: Most Wanted
A single mother goes on a deadly rampage at a public defender's office, taking justice into her own hands after her son is given a harsh sentence for a petty crime.
10.50 The Breakdown
WEDNESDAY
12am The Late Show With Stephen Colbert
1am Closedown
6am Jeopardy
6.25 Ready Set Dance
6.30 Top Wing
6.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
7.20 The Powerpuff Girls
7.45 Henry Danger
8.10 Game Shakers
8.35 Double Dare
9.05 A Place In The Sun: Winter Sun
10am The Doctors
11am Hot Bench
11.30 Death In Paradise
12.40 Bull
1.30 Married With Children
2pm The Late Show With Stephen Colbert
3pm Judge Judy
3.30 Jeopardy
4pm American Pickers
5pm Everybody Loves Raymond
5.30 Prime News

MAORI TV

5pm Pipi Ma
5.05 Takaro Tribe
5.20 Waiata Mai
5.30 Tamariki Haka
5.40 Te Nutube
5.50 ZooMoo
6pm Darwin And Newts
6.10 Purakau
6.20 Paia
6.30 Te Ao Marama
7.30 Merchants Of The Wild
8pm Billy T James
8.30 Matau Bros Gone Fishing
9pm Toa Hunter Gatherer
9.30 Hunting With Tui
10pm Wild Kai Legends
10.30 Waka AMA Championships
11pm Whawhai
11.30 Closedown
WEDNESDAY
6.30 Pipi Ma
6.35 Takaro Tribe
6.50 Waiata Mai
7am Te Ao Tapatahi
8am Ahorangi Next Generation
8.30 Pukana
9am Hangi Pit Masters
9.30 Opaki
10am Iwi Anthems
10.30 Whanau Living
11am Nga Tangata Taumata Rau Aotearoa
Noon Wehi Na Upload
12.30 Finding Aroha
1pm Nga Pari Karangaranga O Te Motu
1.30 Ako
2pm Toku Reo
3pm Korero Mai
3.30 Pukana
4.30 Miharo
5pm Pipi Ma
5.05 Takaro Tribe
5.20 Waiata Mai
5.30 Tamariki Haka
5.40 Potae Pai
5.50 ZooMoo



Dog Squad Puppy School 7.30pm on TVNZ 1



Have You Been Paying Attention? 8.30pm on TVNZ 2



NCIS 9pm on Three

RNZ NATIONAL

5pm Checkpoint
News and current affairs programme.
6.30 Trending Now
Programme highlighting the RNZ stories people are sharing online.
7.06 Nights With Bryan Crump.
10pm News At Ten
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 Middy Report
1.06 Afternoons
3.45 The Panel
5pm Checkpoint

PAY TV

SKY SPORT 1

5.30 The Conversation
6pm Carlos Spencer Flashback Game (RPL) Super 12: Blues v Hurricanes.
8pm The Conversation
8.30 Aotearoa Rugby Pod
9pm Greats Of Super Rugby
10pm The Breakdown
11pm Aotearoa Rugby Pod
11.30 Carlos Spencer Flashback Game (RPL) Super 12: Blues v Hurricanes.
WEDNESDAY
1.30 Chiefs Greatest Games (RPL) 2019 Super Rugby: Chiefs v Crusaders.
3.30 Aotearoa Rugby Pod
4am Gallagher Premiership (RPL) Bath v Gloucester.
6am Japan Top League (RPL) Wild Knights v Black Paws.
8am Aotearoa Rugby Pod
8.30 Greats Of Super Rugby
9.30 The Breakdown
10.30 Gallagher Premiership (RPL) Tigers v Wasps.
12.30 Gallagher Premiership (RPL) Exeter v Northampton.
2.30 French Top 14 Highlights Show
3pm The Breakdown
4pm Aotearoa Rugby Pod
4.30 Gallagher Premiership Highlights
5.30 The Conversation

SKY 5

5.05 Wheel Of Fortune
5.30 Pawn Stars
6pm Highway Thru Hell
7pm The Force
7.30 CSI: Miami
8.30 Trucking Hell
9.30 Outback Truckers
10.30 The Force
11.20 Criminal Minds
WEDNESDAY
12.05 The Loggers
12.30 The Loggers
12.55 Wheel Of Fortune
1.20 Jeopardy!
1.40 The Force
2.05 Outback Truckers
2.50 Trucking Hell
3.40 The Force
4.30 Pawn Stars
4.50 CSI: Miami
5.35 The Simpsons
6am Jeopardy!
6.25 Wheel Of Fortune
6.55 The Simpsons
7.25 The Loggers
7.55 The Force
8.25 Highway Thru Hell
9.15 Pawn Stars
9.40 CSI: Miami
10.25 The Force
11.15 The Loggers
11.45 Jeopardy!
12.15 Wheel Of Fortune
12.45 Trucking Hell
1.40 Outback Truckers
2.30 CSI: Miami
3.30 The Loggers
4pm The Simpsons
4.30 Jeopardy!
5pm Wheel Of Fortune
5.30 Pawn Stars

MOVIES PREMIERE

5.45 It Chapter Two
Horror. James McAvoy, Jay Ryan.
8.30 Master Cheng
2019 Comedy. Hoping to reconnect with an old friend, a Chinese chef travels to a remote Finnish village where he agrees to work in the café. English subtitles. Chu Pak Hong, Anna-Maija Tuokko.
10.33 Bad Boys For Life
2020 Action. Will Smith, Martin Lawrence.
WEDNESDAY
12.33 Cats
2019 Musical. James Corden, Taylor Swift.
2.23 Berlin, I Love You
2019 Romance. Keira Knightley, Helen Mirren.
4.20 It Chapter Two
Horror. James McAvoy, Jay Ryan.
7.05 Master Cheng
2019 Comedy. Chu Pak Hong, Anna-Maija Tuokko.
9am Bad Boys For Life
2020 Action. Will Smith, Martin Lawrence.
11am Cats
2019 Musical. James Corden, Taylor Swift.
12.50 The Courier
16VL 2019 Action. Olga Kurylenko, Gary Oldman.
2.30 Death And Life Of John F Donovan
16LS 2018 Drama. Kit Harington, Natalie Portman.
4.30 Just Getting Started
MVLSC 2017 Comedy.

DISCOVERY

5.40 Aussie Salvage Squad
6.35 Aussie Gold Hunters
7.30 Outback Opal Hunters
8.30 What On Earth?
9.25 Lost Secrets
10.15 Dodgeball Thunderdome
11.05 Naked And Afraid
11.55 How It's Made
WEDNESDAY
12.20 How Do They Do It?
12.45 Ripley's Believe It Or Not!
1.35 Deadliest Catch
2.25 Bering Sea Gold
3.15 Gold Rush: White Water
4.05 Ripley's Believe It Or Not!
4.55 Naked And Afraid
5.45 Deadliest Catch
6.35 How Do They Do It?
7am How It's Made
7.30 House Hunters Renovation
8.20 House Hunters International
9.10 Top Gear
10am Fast N' Loud
10.50 What On Earth?
11.40 Lost Secrets
12.30 House Hunters Renovation
1.20 House Hunters International
2.10 Aussie Salvage Squad
3pm Gold Rush: White Water
3.50 Deadliest Catch
4.45 Fast N' Loud
5.40 Aussie Salvage Squad

NOTICE BOARD

Entertainment

ODEON 5
Phone 867 3339

THE LITTLE THINGS (M)
TUE, WED 11.10am, 1.05pm, 3.50pm, 5.40pm, 8.20pm
NEVER TOO LATE (M)
TUE, WED 11.10am, 1.30pm, 6.30pm
SYNCHRONIC (R13)
TUE 3.35pm, 8.20pm
WED 3.35pm
HIGH GROUND (R16)
TUE, WED 11am, 1.15pm, 8.20pm
SHADOW IN THE CLOUD (R13) TUE, WED 3.45pm, 8.40pm
THE MARKSMAN (R13)
TUE, WED 1.50pm, 6.10pm, 8.30pm
SUMMERLAND (PG)
TUE, WED 11am, 6.10pm
PROMISING YOUNG WOMAN (R18) TUE, WED 1.15pm, 5.50pm
THE DRY (M)
TUE 3.35pm
WED 3.35pm, 8.20pm
THE CROODS: A NEW AGE (PG) TUE, WED 11am, 3.50pm

Times may vary subject to late changes
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Work Wanted

ASAP Tree Work. Removal, chipping & stump grinding. Ph 0274 485 188.

MESSY GARDEN?? "Let us do it for you." Ph 027 659 2915.

LOST & FOUND

Found

SET of keys found last evening approx. 19.20 on road at roundabout between Gladstone Rd (Makaraka end) and Lytton Rd. With tag so easily identifiable by owner. Handed into Police.

Public Notices

MANGAHAUNI NO. 3 MEETING OF OWNERS

Saturday 3rd April 2021

Please call Agnes for time and venue details as these are yet to be confirmed.

Ph 021 814 590
Nga mihi Agnes Rewi

Situations Vacant

SILVICULTURE workers wanted. Pruning & planting. Must be fit. Drug free. Beach Bend Rd Ltd. 027 879 5412.

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	Votes Received
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AGAINST the closure of the Māhanga Water Supply	31 (59.61%)
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Under the Local Government Act 2002, where a water service is to be closed, a binding referendum must be held with electors in the water supply area. A threshold of 75% of votes cast is required for the water service to close.

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Gooch all class in end-of-meeting feature

KARTING by Rockin' Robin

SHANAN Gooch showed why he is one of the best dirt karters in Gisborne when he won Eastland Kart Club's end-of-meeting feature race on Sunday.

Driving his Rotax, Gooch had to work hard to pass young Vinzent MacGregor, who came home second, and third-placed Spring Thomson in his KT100.

The club's sixth points meeting of the season was held in hot conditions at the Aerodrome Road track.

Gooch also had two wins and a third placing in the Rotax-proclass combined races.

In the rookies' class, Nixon Gooch won all three of his races, while his cousin Conrad Gooch had three second placings.

In the women's class, Sharyn Rogers, Crystal Callaghan and Aimee Whiteman had wins.

Tessa Irvine, Callaghan and Whiteman had second placings, while Rogers (two) and Lyn Lyle had third placings.

In the young guns class, Ella Nicholson Brodie Gooch and Vinzent MacGregor had wins.

Brodie Gooch had two second placings and Hamish Worsnop had one.

Ben Adcock, MacGregor and Nicholson had third placings.

In the KT heavies class, Wayvern Vause had a great day with two wins and a second placing, while Dion Lund picked up a win and two thirds, and Buck Rogers had two seconds and a third.

The Rotax and proclass drivers raced together. Shanán Gooch (two) and Paul Farmer took the wins.

Farmer also had two seconds, while Harley Davies had one.

Davies also had a third placing, as did Cole Rosie and Shanán Gooch.

Conor White had two good wins in the KT lights.

Daniel Taylor had a win, a second and a third. Toby White and Jake Callaghan

each had a second placing, and Spring Thomson had two thirds.

The junior KT's had a new star — Hayley de la Haye. She raced really well to pick up two wins and a third.

Koby Gooch had two seconds and a third, and also tipped his kart on to its side early in the day. He was not hurt.

Luca Vita had a win, a second and a third.

Harley Davies was seen twice during the day on top of other karts in an action-packed meeting.

He went half the straight with half of his vehicle on another kart — he must be saving petrol.



JUNIOR WOMEN: The Gisborne-East Coast team who played Hawke's Bay junior women are pictured with Don Oates at the back. In the middle are (from left): Lyn Trueman, Kandyce Bevan, Holli Elkington, Diane Oates, Joy McFarlane, Kathryn Flaugere and Lucy Shanks. Front: Paige Richter, Joan Gledhill and Libby Clay.



JUNIOR MEN: The Gisborne-East Coast team who played Hawke's Bay junior men are (from left): Arthur Hawes, Vern Withey, Tim Sherriff, Leighton Shanks, Ray Young, William Murray, Geoff Pinn, Andrew Ball and Peter Clay. The points were even, 20-all, at the end of play but Hawke's Bay won by virtue of a better differential. Pictures supplied

Intercentre teams separated only by differentials

BOWLS by Crackerjack

GISBORNE-East Coast junior men and women lost their annual Waitangi Day intercentre bowls fixture against Hawke's Bay, but the scorers had to go to differentials to separate the teams.

Both teams had 20 points at the end of play but Hawke's Bay had the better differential and it won them the fixture.

This was the second successive year Hawke's Bay had won this fixture. On this occasion it was played on the Wairoa Bowling Club greens.

This year the centres agreed to include junior players with eight years of playing experience or less.

The Gisborne-East Coast women's team comprised Diane Oates, Libby Clay and Joy McFarlane of the Gisborne Bowling Club; Holli Elkington of the Tolaga Bay club; Lucy Shanks and Paige Richter of Kahutia; and Kandyce Bevan, Kathryn Flaugere and Joan Gledhill (reserve) of Poverty Bay. Selector/manager was Lyn Trueman.

The men's team comprised Tim Sherriff, Geoff Pinn and Peter Clay of the Gisborne club; Vern Withey of Wairoa; Andrew Ball

of Poverty Bay; and William Murray, Ray Young and Leighton Shanks of Kahutia. Selector/manager was Arthur Hawes.

In the women's singles, Richter (the youngest player in the team) and Shanks — both of whom have substantial experience in the sport — played some brilliant bowls. They led comfortably throughout their games.

Shanks won her game 25-16 and Richter won hers 25-7, which really helped the women's team differential. These two then skipped the women's teams in fours in the second round, again winning both games.

Shanks was the only bowler in the Gisborne-East Coast junior women's team to win all of her games on the day.

In the men's pairs, skip Sherriff and third-year bowler and clubmate Pinn played well together. They beat their Hawke's Bay counterparts 25-14.

Another great pair to watch in the men's team were Withey (skip) and Young, who played superbly well together to win their game 20-14.

Hawke's Bay's plus-11 differential was the deciding factor. Gisborne-East Coast's differential was minus-11.

UK 'road map' announced

LONDON — Fans will not be able to return to Premier League stadiums and other sporting venues in England until May 17 at the earliest, the British government says.

But up to 10,000 spectators could be allowed back for the final days of the Premier League season and for European Championship games.

The news formed part of Prime Minister Boris Johnson's "road map" for the easing of lockdown restrictions to limit the spread of coronavirus, which was announced on Monday afternoon.

With the exception of any approved trial events, the news rules out the possibility of fans attending all but the final round of Premier League games in the 2020-21 season.

But it does leave open the possibility of spectators returning to events over the summer, such as Euro 2020, Wimbledon and cricket internationals, depending on whether the conditions for easing restrictions have been met by May 17.

Outdoor events will be capped at 50 percent capacity or 4000, whichever is lower, and for indoor events this will be 50 percent capacity or 1000, whichever is lower.

The road map includes special provision for

large, outdoor, seated venues where crowds can be safely distributed, allowing up to 10,000 people or 25 percent of total seated capacity, whichever is lower.

Pilots will also run to examine how such events can take place without the need for social distancing using other mitigations such as testing, the government said.

The road map set out the lifting of restrictions in four steps. At each one, the success of the vaccine rollout, vaccine efficacy, the presence of variants and infection rates will be measured before deciding whether to take the next step.

Johnson said there would be a minimum five-week gap between each step.

In the second part of step one — not before March 29 — organised outdoor sports can return, and outdoor sports facilities such as tennis and basketball courts can reopen.

At step two, from April 12 at the earliest, use of indoor leisure facilities such as gyms for individuals or household groups will be possible.

Alongside the partial reopening of sports venues at step three, organised indoor adult sport will be possible. — PA

Covid outbreak in France team grows to 10 players

RUGBY

FIVE more France rugby players — including captain Charles Ollivon — have tested positive for Covid-19, bringing the number of infected players to 10.

The outbreak throws doubt on France's Six Nations game against Scotland on Sunday but the clash is still expected to go ahead, unless there is a further surge in positive cases.

The French Rugby Federation said on Monday that Ollivon, Cyril Baille, Peato Mauvaka, Romain Taofifenua and Brice Dulin had returned positive tests on Sunday. Two members of staff are also thought to have contracted the virus.

Five other players along with coach Fabien Galthie and three other staff members tested positive last week.

French government rules issued last week state that anyone testing positive

must self-isolate for 10 days.

The players who tested positive have been replaced in the 31-man squad which is due to return to training on Wednesday, the FFR said.

Six Nations officials said over the weekend they were confident the game against Scotland in Paris would go ahead.

At the tournament launch last month they said they would seek space in the calendar for postponements rather than cancellations in the case of Covid-19 impact.

France lead the standings with two wins from two games, ahead of Wales on points difference, as they seek to lift the Six Nations title for the first time since 2010.

Such is the depth of the squad that they should still be able to put out a strong side in Paris, where they have not lost to the Scots for 22 years. — AAP

Three in row against rivals

CRICKET by Ben O'Brien-Leaf

VICTORY over High School Old Boys by five wickets is like nectar to OBR.

The Senior B club cricket competition leaders made it three wins in a row against their traditional rivals on Saturday.

Two weeks out from the Hope Cup semifinals, unbeaten Rawhiti Legal Old Boys Rugby lead the competition with 36 points. Following them are Civil Project Solutions Ngatapa Green Caps on 27, Bollywood High School Old Boys Presidents and Siteworx Horouta on 18, Champion College on 9 and Gisborne Boys' High School (2) on 0.

OBR beat HSOB by 27 runs in Round 2, the difference in the rematch on December 12 was two runs.

On Saturday, three seasoned seam bowlers played decisive roles in the outcome.

Presidents wicketkeeper-captain Ollie Needham won the toss on the Harry Barker Reserve's smallest ground, the practice wicket, but were restricted to 149-9 in 30 overs.

OBR spearhead Lloyd van Zyl (2-22), the bustling Amit Vyas (1-25) and left-arm George Reynolds (1-16) all denied the HSOB batsmen width in their six-over spells.

The trio conceded only six boundaries in 18 overs.

Opener Needham found the fence seven times in his 50 off 67 balls but No.6 Anil Kumar and Yegan Lanka — 10th man to bat and not out — were Presidents' next best with 16.

Although HSOB missed a class strokemaker in Glen Udall — on premier duty — OBR, too, were without their regular skipper, the very capable Craig Christophers.

At this level, one innings of note, such as Needham's hard-fought knock and even, later in the match, the unbeaten 41 scored by OBR's MVP (most valuable player), second-drop Mana Taumaunu, is no guarantee of success.

Taumaunu came out with OBR at 62-3 after 8.4 overs (game-day captain, No.3 Jannie Jacobs, having fallen for 27), and shared a great stand of 72 with Matt Henwood (33 from No.5).

HSOB paceman Mahmood Ghaznavi (0-24 off three overs) can startle top-order batsmen with his great ability to swing the ball, yet left-hander Peter Stewart opened the batting for OBR and hit him for three fours in the second over of the OBR innings, which cost 15. Two overs later, Ghaznavi's new-ball partner Billy Stackhouse (1-20 off three overs) went for 16, Jacobs taking heavy toll with three boundaries.

Kumar (1-25) and Lanka (1-29) both bowled six overs, while Nathan Quimpo (1-14 off two) and Matt Jefferd (1-2 off one) were the other HSOB wicket-takers.

The Henwood-Taumaunu partnership dealt with the bad ball in muscular fashion. Nick Armour bowled his first three overs for only seven runs. That his fourth over, the 22nd, cost 11 is a testament to the watchfulness as much as the target-sense of the OBR batsmen: the first three balls of the over were dot-balls, the fifth went for four, the last for six.

The HSOB total of 149 was a mid-range



FOCUS ON TECHNIQUE: Kelan Bryant practises the pull shot in the nets at Harry Barker Reserve. Bryant hit 55 runs off 53 balls for Gisborne Boys' High School (2) against Horouta on Saturday. Horouta won by 25 runs. File picture by Paul Rickard

score and they tried hard to defend it.

Jacobs said: "Our fielding was of a high standard. Mana ran out HSOB first-drop Jeff Chambers for seven. Still, 150 is a tricky target. Chasing, we lost three wickets in the first 10 overs but after Matt Jefferd held a great catch at deep mid-wicket to dismiss Matt Henwood, Mana stuck to his guns and got us home."

"It was nice also to have two dedicated umpires, in Jason Trowill and James Raroa, who were very consistent."

HSOB MVP Needham was happy with the effort from HSOB in all three facets of play, against a team who have won 12 games straight.

"OBR's bowlers were economical," Needham said.

"That was an up-and-down contest. We were in the hunt, but their fourth-wicket partnership was the winning of it. Mana and Matt batted without risk to take the game away from us."

MEL Knight has good reason to be pleased. Before Saturday's match between her Horouta crew and Gisborne Boys' High School (2), the captain of The Waka made it known that she wanted players who hadn't made runs lately to contribute in Round 12.

Her 72 not out off 85 balls from No.3, and club stalwart and second-drop Greg Taylor's 34 saw Horouta through to a winning score of 154-5.

GBHS reached 129-9 in 30 overs.

Knight chose to bat first on a wicket, Harry Barker No.4, that assisted those who put the ball on the spot.

Swing bowlers Daniel Watts (2-11 off five overs), Noah Torrance-Cribb (1-33

off six) and Bekko Page (none for 11 off three) held The Waka to 32-3 after 10 overs.

GBHS captain Dylan Foster took no wickets for 32 runs off six overs but bowled his good leg-breaks as well as he has all season.

On debut, left-arm orthodox spinner Riker Rolls (2-33) bowled six overs. Rolls, 13, kept the ball up to the bat while operating around the wicket and is an excellent prospect. He bowled Taylor and Grace Kuil with the second and third balls of the 26th over.

The willingness of Taylor and Knight to dig in during the course of a 104-run partnership for the third wicket was just what Horouta needed at the time.

In the GBHS innings, three bowlers shone for The Waka — left-arm orthodox spinner Clarence Campbell (3-17), seamer Piumal Madasanka (3-24) and Northern Districts under-19 representative Grace Levy (2-11).

Campbell's curve and loop and Madasanka's line notwithstanding, Levy was Horouta's best. It was her outswing and magnificent change of pace that flummoxed opener Watts (7) and Lukas Fry (18 off 35, seventh man in). Levy bowled both with a superb slower ball.

For Boys' High, the batting highlight of the game was MVP Kelan Bryant's innings of 55 off 53 balls, with six fours, from No.3. It was 14-year-old Bryant's second half-century this season. He scored 62 from No.5 against Ngatapa before Christmas.

He is tall, a natural timer of the ball able to clear the rope. His 26-run stand for the fourth wicket with No.5 George

Gillies (2 off 23) and 25-run partnership with Fry for the sixth wicket saw the score advance from 33 to 59 and from 67 to 92. Fry and Page at No.8 put on 33 as a pair, the total moving from 92 to 125.

Fry, 15, has yet to make a 50 in senior club cricket, but he — like Bryant — has overcome injury this season to return in good form and make an impact. Left-arm speedster Fry took 2-10 off three overs in the previous weekend's David and Goliath showdown with OBR.

Of the game, Horouta MVP Knight said: "We had to work to post a total in the second half of our innings and were on top in the first 10 overs of the Boys' High innings. Run-rate pressure probably played a part in GBHS losing wickets to Clarrie and Grace Levy."

Dylan Foster knows that his team have only once this season (against Ngatapa in Round 4) come closer to victory than they did at the weekend.

"We've definitely improved," he said.

"The game could have gone either way, as we restricted Horouta to a score that was chasable. Kelan played a fabulous innings, Lukas was good too, but we need more than one batsman to make a real contribution."

VARIETY is the spice of life and the secret of Ngatapa's success with the ball.

Just as competition leaders OBR have the slippery van Zyl, skilful left-armer Reynolds and whippy Vyas, the Ngatapa Green Caps have youngster Ryan West, a hulking leftie of their own in Will Faulks and off-spinner Grant Walsh, who — once upon a time — bowled as good an outswinger as any of the above.

He still employs it to great effect as a wicket-taking delivery, and the Patutahi-based team have other weapons besides, such as captain and sometime seamer Mike Gibson, who made a superb 58 from No.5 at the expense of HSOB the Saturday before their latest win against Champion College.

The Caps beat a Champion team without their player-coach Mark Naden by seven wickets on Harry Barker No.3, Champion skipper Liam Spring having won the toss and chosen to bat.

Campion, who in previous encounters with Ngatapa this season had made 109 and 183, would be disappointed to be all out for 59 in 24.2 overs, but that speaks to the quality and depth of the Green Caps' bowling attack.

Faulks took 4-8 off five overs, MVP West grabbed 3-6 off four and Walsh 2-6 off 5.2.

Year 9 student and Champion MVP Reuben Swanepoel, who scored 242 runs (average 121, high score an unbeaten 70, from No.1) for his Poverty Bay age-group side in January, led Champion's scorers with 15, batting at No.8.

Spring faced the first ball of the match and made 12 as the college's only other batsman to score in double figures.

Ngatapa reached 63-3 in 9.4 overs to win the game, Gibson (18no off 13, from No.5) and keeper-craftsman Simon Wilson (5no) batting together when the bell tolled.

First-change swing bowler Hamish Swann (2-16 off three overs) and Rhys Grogan (1-24 off two), who took the new ball, both showed skill and heart.

Contenders return to Champions League action

FOOTBALL

BERLIN — Bayern Munich's form in the Champions League is formidable as they prepare for their round of 16 first-leg clash at Lazio, in stark contrast to a recent domestic wobble which has opened up the Bundesliga title race.

Hansi Flick's men have taken just one point from their past two outings before visiting Rome while at the same time stuttering La Liga leaders Atletico Madrid host Chelsea — though in Bucharest due to coronavirus travel restrictions in Spain.

Budapest is a home-away-from-home for a

German side for the same reason on Wednesday as Borussia Monchengladach host high-flying Manchester City while record European champions Real Madrid visit Atalanta.

Despite their recent domestic struggles, Bayern are nearly two years unbeaten in the Champions League, winning 16 and drawing once since losing to Liverpool in the 2019 round of 16 second leg.

"I think we go in as favourites but they have to be taken seriously with their class forwards," goalkeeper captain Manuel Neuer said of Lazio.

"We know how dangerous Ciro Immobile is." Meanwhile, Atletico have picked up just five points

from their past four league games but have been boosted by the return of key players, after their unavailability due to Covid-19 cases.

January loan acquisition Moussa Dembele made his debut at the weekend, while Mario Hermoso, Joao Felix and Thomas Lemar have all recovered.

Chelsea are fifth in the Premier League but unbeaten under new coach Thomas Tuchel and looking to improve on four consecutive last 16 eliminations.

City are in top form as they charge towards the Premier League title — unbeaten in their past 25 games across all competitions, winning 22.

Real are waiting on the fitness of striker Karim Benzema and are definitely without captain Sergio Ramos, Eden Hazard, Dani Carvajal, Eder Militao, Marcelo, Federico Valverde, Rodrygo Goes and Alvaro Odriozola.

"It's not easy but we have to get on with it," coach Zinedine Zidane, who led Real to the past three of their 13 European titles, said.

Atalanta are again in the knockout stage of the elite competition, reaching the quarter-finals in their debut last season.

City and Real have their home legs on March 16 with Bayern and Chelsea hosting a day later. — DPA

Spithill prepares for 'All Blacks'

SAILING

JIMMY Spithill admits Luna Rossa have a lot of work to do before being able to compete with Team New Zealand in the America's Cup match — a daunting task he equates to facing the All Blacks in a Rugby World Cup final.

The Luna Rossa co-helmsman was relatively understated in his celebrations following the Italian syndicate's 7-1 demolition of Ineos Team UK last Sunday, perhaps looking ahead to the toughest challenge of his America's Cup campaign in the shape of defenders Team New Zealand.

Spithill was pleased with the progress made by his team — from middling challengers early in the Prada Cup round robin to a near-sweep in the final — but says they're still behind the defenders.

"No doubt going through real racing, I think we've taken a good step forward. But it's not enough," Spithill told NZME.

"We've really got to utilise this time now before the match to try to bridge that gap. Because those guys (Team NZ), in my mind, are ahead at the moment.

"I think the whole package is very, very good. I think we've got a great package at the bottom end for the wind conditions, but we need to improve in the middle and upper end of the ranges."

To do that, Spithill says he will be enlisting all the help he can get from his friends among the fallen challengers.

"We spoke to the American guys

after racing them in the semifinals. I'll definitely be touching base with Ben (Ainslie) and Giles (Scott). We've got a lot of friends in Ineos Team UK; a lot of guys who worked with Oracle in the last couple of campaigns. We'll be looking for knowledge and ways to grow stronger from here from amongst all the challengers."

When asked how he's going to wind up New Zealanders — as he did when Oracle came from behind to beat Team NZ in 2013 — Spithill laughed it off and simply spoke about the "privilege" of being able to challenge the Kiwis on home soil.

"I think they seem to do a really good job of that themselves," he said.

"I'm just really honoured to get a shot at the best team in the world. To be able to race Team New Zealand on home waters, it's a lot like a rugby player getting to go on the rugby field against the All Blacks at Eden Park at a Rugby World Cup final. What an incredible privilege that is."

Spithill also made sure to pay tribute to his co-helmsman and partner in crime Francesco Bruni, who showed significantly more emotion after clinching the Prada Cup.

"I'm so proud of 'Ceco'... what an incredible journey he's had," Spithill said.

"I know that Sicilian blood, that energy has just been bubbling there waiting. Man he's just done an amazing job. An incredible series he's raced. I

was really pumped that we could get it done."

The two-time America's Cup winner also praised the unique culture of the team, something he hopes will help them shock the world against the Kiwis next month.

"The Italian culture is really amazing. It's a really big family type of culture: very passionate, very emotional, a lot of energy and very hard workers.

"One thing we've really worked on a lot is composure — just trying to sort of regulate, whether it's been a good day or a bad day, we're just trying to learn as much as we can.

"I've been so impressed with the team from where we've come from.

"We've developed a fantastic culture in the team. It's something now we've got to put in to play over this next week or two." — NZME



SIGN OF THINGS TO COME: Emirates Team New Zealand sail their AC75 Te Rehutai, alongside Luna Rossa on the Waitemata Harbour on the first day of practice racing in December. The teams face off in the America's Cup match from March 6 to 15. Emirates Team New Zealand picture

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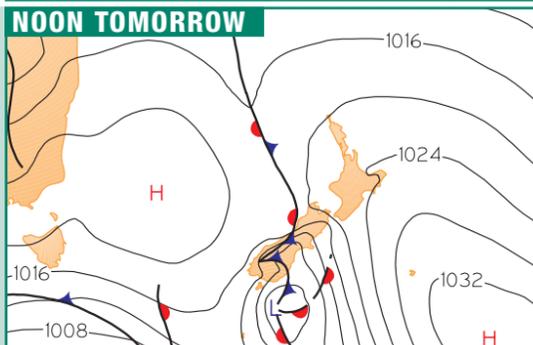
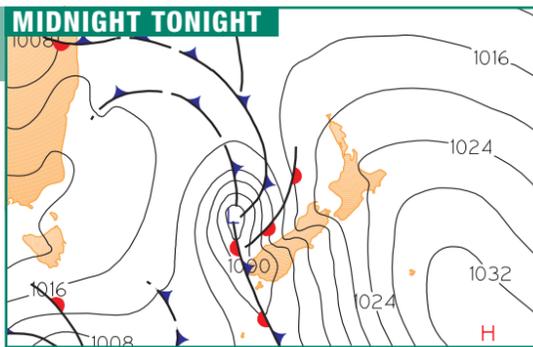
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Hicks Bay	H 4:51am 5:04pm L 10:59am 11:22pm	Hicks Bay	H 5:46am 6:01pm L 11:54am
Waipiro Bay	H 4:38am 4:51pm L 10:34am 10:57pm	Waipiro Bay	H 5:33am 5:48pm L 11:29am 11:50pm
Tolaga Bay	H 4:26am 4:39pm L 10:22am 10:45pm	Tolaga Bay	H 5:21am 5:36pm L 11:17am 11:38pm
Gisborne	H 4:07am 4:21pm L 10:16am 10:38pm	Gisborne	H 4:57am 5:13pm L 11:06am 11:29pm
Wairoa	H 3:45am 4:08pm L 10:02am 10:20pm	Wairoa	H 4:34am 4:58pm L 10:51am 11:10pm

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Rise 6:46 am Set 7:56 pm	Rise 6:47 am Set 7:54 pm
Set 2:44 am Rise 6:10 pm	Set 3:45 am Rise 6:55 pm
Best at 10:28 am 10:55 pm	Best at 11:23 am 11:50 pm

NZ SITUATION

A ridge persists over the North Island tomorrow while a low and associated front from the Tasman Sea move over the South Island, then weaken as they sink southwards on Thursday.

NZ TOMORROW

Auckland	drizzle	25
Hamilton	cloudy	26
Tauranga	drizzle	24
Rotorua	drizzle	21
Taupo	showers	23
Napier	fine	25
New Plymouth	fine	22
Palmerston North	fine	26
Wellington	fine	21
Christchurch	showers	31
Queenstown	windy	25
Dunedin	showers	26

GISBORNE READINGS

Taken at the Airport, for the 24 hours to 9am, Tuesday 23 Feb 2021

SUNSHINE hours	12.8
To date for February	174.1
Average for February	199.0
To date this year	470.1
To date last year	510.9
WIND km/h	
Max gust on Mon 22 Feb	E 24
RAINFALL mm	
24 hours to 9am, Tue 23 Feb	0.0
To date for February	68.2
Average for February	74.0
To date this year	116.0
To date last year	56.6
EVAPOTRANSPIRATION mm	
Daily average for past week	3.5
TEMPERATURE °C	
Maximum	29.5
Minimum	12.0
Grass minimum	8.0
BAROMETRIC PRESSURE	
At 9am 23 Feb (hPa)	1025.7
At 9am 23 Feb (inches)	30.29

WORLD TOMORROW

Adelaide	fine	12 23
Amsterdam	fine	10 17
Bangkok	fine	24 32
Beijing	cloudy	-3 7
Berlin	fine	8 19
Brisbane	showers	22 28
Buenos Aires	fine	17 30
Cairo	fine	11 21
Canberra	fine	7 22
Cape Town	fine	18 23
Delhi	fine	13 32
Frankfurt	fine	6 18
Geneva	cloudy	2 13
Hong Kong	fine	19 23
London	cloudy	7 15
Los Angeles	fine	11 24
Melbourne	fine	11 21
Moscow	snow	-22 -9
New York	fine	2 9
Paris	fine	9 17
Perth	fine	19 32
Singapore	fine	24 34
Stockholm	rain	7 10
Suva	showers	24 31
Sydney	showers	18 25
Tokyo	cloudy	2 11
Toronto	rain	-1 3

GISBORNE SUN PROTECTION ALERT

9:30 AM - 5:05 PM PROTECTION REQUIRED

Whatever your skin colour

Data provided by NIWA

TODAY IN HISTORY

2004 – Flooding which caused around \$100 million damage in the lower North Island was described as the worst natural disaster since the 1931 Napier earthquake. Others compared it to Cyclone Bola in 1988. More than 140 homes were declared uninhabitable, around 1000 animals perished, and another 20,000 rescued.

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SATURDAY

Cloudy with a few showers. Southerlies.

GISBORNE CITY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
TOMORROW	morning min	morning min	max	morning min	max
Fine. Northeast breezes.	15	14	26	13	22
		Cloudy periods. Southeasterlies developing.		Mostly cloudy, with a few showers. Southeasterlies.	

GISBORNE REGION		SATURDAY	
Fine for most, but cloudy with occasional drizzle north of Tolaga Bay. Northeasterlies.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeasterlies tending southeast.	Mostly cloudy. A few showers, mainly inland. Southeasterlies.	Cloudy with a few showers. Southerlies.



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AUDACIOUS SHOT: New Zealand's Devon Conway plays a reverse sweep shot during the first T20 cricket international against Australia, played at Hagley Oval in Christchurch last night.

Picture by John Davidson/Photosport via AP

Conway mainstay for NZ

CRICKET by Dylan Cleaver, NZ Herald

THE longer Devon Conway is held out of all three formats for New Zealand, the longer Gary Stead and company are hurting their cause.

While that might be an unconventionally sweeping and subjective way to start a match report, it can be objectively stated that the 29-year-old with 18 first-class centuries and three 50s in his first five T20I innings was the levee that stood between the Black Caps and a dramatic top-order collapse last night.

More than that, it was the key contribution to a comprehensive 53-run win.

His 99 not out off 59 balls propelled New Zealand to 184-5 in the first T20I against Australia at Hagley Oval, a match held on the 10th anniversary of the Christchurch earthquake.

It was more than enough after Australia were reduced to 19-4 thanks to brilliant new-ball spells by Tim Southee and Trent Boult, then 99-8 when the

superb Ish Sodhi (4-28) accounted for the dangerous Mitchell Marsh (45) and Ashton Agar (23) in the space of three balls.

Conway, needing 12 from the final three balls of the innings to score a deserved century, slogged Kane Richardson for six over cow corner, worked him to boundary along the ground and then was desperately unlucky to miss three figures when he creamed a ball straight to the cover sweeper.

In case you were wondering, there was no chance he could have returned for two.

His last five professional T20 innings have returned 99 not out, 93 not out in the Super Smash final, 91 not out, 69 not out and 50 – a staggering return in the most fickle of formats.

There was no sense that anything special was in the works after Australia won the toss and inserted the hosts.

Martin Guptill did nothing to assuage fears that his loss of form has moved from temporary to something more terminal. He watched two deliveries from Daniel Sams pass harmlessly between

off stump and the wide line when he was served up a genuine half-volley right in the four-through-covers slot.

A Guptill in any sort of form pumps this through the off side, holds the pose for a second longer than needed, then scratches out his guard again. This version of Guptill is a touch late on it, skews it straight to Ashton Agar in the gully and walks off with one of those wry grins that scream, "What is going on?"

If the under-fire opener was seeking comfort he could reflect on a pleasant streak of 69 innings without a duck in T20Is, stretching back to 2010 when he was part of a top four all dismissed for ducks by Pakistan's new-ball attack.

Tim Seifert, who followed a strong international T20 campaign with some dubious form for Northern Districts, failed to fire also, scratching just a single before being bowled by IPL millionaire Jhye Richardson.

A rotten start turned to putrid when Williamson, whose form cannot be queried, bottom edged a nothing ball to be caught behind.

At 19-3 after four overs, the game was spiralling out of control for the home side and you could have struck a line through it if Sams had held his position on the boundary and caught a Conway flick that landed just over the rope.

As it was, Conway found a willing partner in Glenn Phillips (30 off 20). The pair had put on 184 together against the West Indies earlier in the T20 season. This partnership was 110 runs shy of that record, but it was critical to getting the Black Caps back in the match.

A 47-run partnership with James Neesham (26 off 15) and an unbroken stand of 44 with Mitchell Santner (7 off 5) off just 19 balls provided New Zealand with a total to defend.

Australia's reply mirrored that of New Zealand's, with quick wickets falling in the power play.

Captain Aaron Finch was the first to go, debutant Josh Philippe quickly followed, as did Matthew Wade and Glenn Maxwell.

The visitors needed a Conway; he wasn't available.