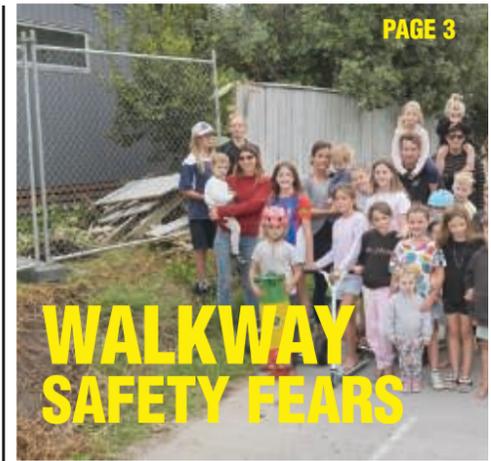


MAGIC MOMENT



Students pose with Silver Ferns star midcourter Sam Winders at the Meet and Move With Magic session at Gisborne Netball Centre yesterday as part of Well Wahine Week. Back row (from left) are Te Mahia Huriwai-Fox, Macy Collier, Pipi Hayne, Winders, Ocean Crosbie and Zoe Tata. Front are Chyla Paul and Aiziah Craft-Chemis. Winders is captain of the Waikato Bay of Plenty Magic team, who feature Australian international Caitlin Bassett, who was also in Gisborne for the Netball With Magic event on Thursday and Meet and Move With Magic yesterday morning. Winders and Bassett were involved in the recent Constellation Cup test series between the Ferns and the Australian Diamonds in Christchurch, the Ferns winning 3-1. Well Wahine Week, which has featured all sorts of activities for women to enjoy, has been hailed a success. **STORY ON PAGE 2**

Picture by Rebecca Grunwell



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'WE CAN DO BETTER'

Civil defence acknowledges areas to improve after quake response criticism

by Alice Angeloni

COMMUNICATION during last week's earthquake and tsunami threats could have been better, Tairawhiti authorities have acknowledged.

Tairawhiti's Civil Defence and Emergency manager Ben Green says the timeliness in which they communicated information to the public is an area that could be improved and he is confident it will be.

Coastal towns were evacuated as people took to high ground after a magnitude 7.1 quake struck 105km east of Te Araroa in the early hours of March 5.

This was followed a few hours later by magnitude 7.4 and 8.1 earthquakes in the Kermadecs after which tsunami warnings

were issued.

Tairawhiti's civil defence team fronted the community at a meeting in Tokomaru Bay this week and will do so again in Tolaga Bay and Gisborne next week.

"Clearly there are some things that we will own," Mr Green told The Gisborne Herald. "As an organisation we're running through our own debriefing process for that."

"And we're fronting that . . . we've got some internal stuff that we can do better with. I'm reasonably comfortable that they're procedural, not anything that's broken in

the sense that it can't be fixed."

"Communications" was the area that could be improved.

"I think timeliness for one part seems to be quite an aspect there and I think we could have done better with that."

Mr Green said part of the issue was contending with the "lag" from when the science could be communicated to the public.

The geography of Tairawhiti also posed a communication challenge.

"If you work in Auckland where you've got a very physically concentrated group of people, it's far easier to deal with

'...take your self-preservation as the first option. Accept that technology will sometimes fail in which case you take the best actions to save yourself and your family'

— Tairawhiti CDEM manager Ben Breen

getting direct messaging out there.

"The hour in the morning that these quakes happened (2.27am for the first quake) you're trying to get a message through at a time when people are probably in their deepest sleep mode."

"The key thing then is how we activate our civil defence regional networks," he said.

On the East Coast, the "long or strong get gone" message had stuck and the community understood what was required, but issues could arise where there was a reliance on technology, he said.

"The key thing is around the long strong message . . . take your self-preservation as the first option. Accept that technology sometimes will fail in which case you take the best actions to save yourself and your family."

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Left in the 'grey' not knowing if they should evacuate

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This comes after community criticism of local authorities about their communication following the earthquake.

People were critical after they received an emergency alert message at 5.20am advising them to stand down from a tsunami threat when they had not received an earlier alert.

Some said they were left in the "grey" not knowing if they should evacuate.

The council confirmed it issued five alerts and updates on Friday morning but the alerts issued by the National Emergency Management Agency went to

a smaller geographical area.

"This is because NEMA only sends such alerts to areas affected by a land threat, whereas the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group has a wider responsibility to inform communities what is happening and what action people need to take," a council spokesman said.

Issue was also taken with the civil defence team's communication on Facebook and the Gisborne District Council website.

A call was made for the return of a Facebook page dedicated to civil defence. Mr Green said these concerns had

been heard.

He had a number of focuses that had come out of the quakes, including providing community links groups up the Coast with resourcing and training and to partake in the debrief and the response of those groups.

Civil Defence Tairāwhiti is to hold a series of community events to debrief on the recent earthquakes and tsunami warnings, with information on how to be prepared for future emergency situations.

Council principal scientist Dr Murry Cave will provide a scientific understanding of the seismic activity,

with further analysis of what is happening in the Hikurangi subduction zone.

Civil Defence staff will discuss the response, key learnings and actions the community can take to be prepared for future earthquake scenarios.

A national review of the earthquakes and subsequent tsunami threat will take place next week.

COMMUNITY MEETING SCHEDULE —

- Monday, 5pm, Tolaga Bay Fire Station
- Tuesday, 6pm, War Memorial Theatre
- Further dates to be confirmed at Te Araroa, Ruatoria and Muriwai.

WE'LL BE BACK



HAVING A GO: There was a lot of fun and a lot of laughs learning lawn bowls at Poverty Bay Bowling Club as part of Well Wahine Week. Those who wanted to carry on with bowls were invited to the social event on Fridays for the rest of the month. These start at 5pm at Poverty Bay Bowling Club on Ormond Road. Picture supplied

Well Wahine Week proves a hit

THE wide variety of events and the number of Tairāwhiti women who took part means all signs point to Well Wahine Week happening again next year.

WWW wraps up tomorrow afternoon with drinks at the Rose Room (beside Lawson Field Theatre) between 3pm and 5pm.

Anyone who has attended events throughout the week can go along, have a drink and celebrate, with lots of spot prizes donated by businesses to give away.

The last couple of days of Well Wahine Week included famous netball players as special guests, a popular health talk at the Hormone Happy Hour, a well-supported bowls event, plus a "really fun" night run last night. Sport Gisborne Tairāwhiti (SGT)

active communities adviser Helayna Ruifrok said around 20 women took part in the run up Titirangi/Kaiti Hill, which started at 8.30pm.

"Everyone loved it," she said. The track was lit up by glow sticks, glow paint and there were marshals covered in fairy lights.

Every runner was provided with a head torch if they did not already have one.

"There's been a great variety of activities happening this week and we are seeing familiar faces who are going around doing a few of them."

Mrs Ruifrok said the idea for Well Wahine Week came from a group of Tairāwhiti women who formed off the back of Sport NZ's campaign which focused on women and girls in sport. All signs pointed to it happening

again next year because the events had been so popular, she said.

The Hormone Happy Hour Talk hosted by Functional Again Clinic on Ormond Road last night was standing room only.

Health practitioner Amanda Roe said they had to cap attendance at 25 women.

"It was way more popular than we could ever have imagined."

Mrs Roe said she hoped to catch up with more women at the closing ceremony tomorrow.

SGT communications adviser Tracey Harkess said the have-a-go lawn bowls at Poverty Bay Bowling Club had a great turnout of 18 wahine who had never played bowls before but quickly picked it up. The Netball with Magic event on



TIPS FROM THE TOP: Australian international and Waikato Bay of Plenty Magic netballer Caitlin Bassett watches Central School's Sophie Warren shoot at the Move With Magic session at Gisborne Netball Centre yesterday. Picture by Rebecca Grunwell

Thursday and Meet and Move With Magic yesterday morning at Gisborne Netball Centre featured Australian international Caitlin Bassett — who has joined the Waikato Bay of Plenty Magic team this year — and Silver Ferns midcourter Sam Winders. Shooter Bassett is one of the greats of the game, having played

100 tests for her country and been involved in two world cup victories and Commonwealth games glory, so to have her in Tairāwhiti was exciting for the young players.

Members of the Magic team helped the young wahine on the courts and also spoke about what Well Wahine Week meant to them.

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Gang member charged following alleged kidnapping

POLICE yesterday arrested a Mongrel Mob member and charged him with kidnapping in relation to an incident on State Highway 35 last month.

On February 25, a convoy of gang members had driven from Gisborne to Ruatoria and back, police say

On the return journey to Gisborne, one of the gang vehicles, a red-and-white-coloured Ford Fairlane broke down near the Loiseles turnoff.

It was towed to Gisborne by a white-coloured flat deck ute, and police still want information from anyone who noticed that happening.

“A 45-year-old Mongrel Mob member was arrested without incident in the city yesterday morning,” said Detective Sergeant Eric Hunter.

“He has been charged with kidnapping in relation to the incident and will make a court appearance on Monday,” he said.

Det Sgt Hunter said police were not in a position to release further details about the incident at this stage.

Anyone with information about the incident on February 25 can contact 105 or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



SAFETY IN NUMBERS: Sponge Bay/Wainui residents turned out in force to support Chloe Hicks, who is calling for a safety barrier between a stretch of highway out to Wairere Road and the walkway/cycleway that runs alongside it. Two recent crashes in which vehicles have crossed the walkway and hit residential fences, including the fence pictured, have increased fears the next one could result in tragedy. Picture by Liam Clayton

Fears for the lives of Wainui walkway users after another car crash

by Mark Peters

TWO cars have crashed off State Highway 35, over the Wainui walkway/cycleway and through residents' roadside fences within the space of six months, says Sponge Bay resident Chloe Hicks.

After a ute drove through the fence to her and husband Johnny's property on Wednesday morning, Mrs Hicks launched a petition on change.org for a barrier to be erected along that stretch of the highway.

Had she left the house 10 minutes earlier to go for her morning walk with her dog and newborn son the

ute might well have hit them, she says.

“I was pretty rattled, especially because it was around 9am and a lot of people were biking to work.

“There were kids biking and walking to school and to the bus stop. A lot of school children use the bike path.”

“The speed limit has been reduced to 60kmh but we are still seeing cars end up in fences at the Sponge Bay subdivision,” says the petition.

“It's just a matter of time before someone is seriously injured or killed from a car or logging truck.”

The Wainui Road walkway/cycleway is used by Gisborne commuters and children who walk to and from school, and adults who bike into work.

While she understands a medical event might have caused the Wednesday crash — and her heart goes out to the driver — Mrs

Hicks would like to see a roadside barrier erected to help prevent major injury or death.

“A lot of people don't adhere to the 60kmh limit. We still have people driving at 80kmh along there.

“In the two years we've lived in Sponge Bay there have been four, maybe five, crashes on that straight. It's not a 50kmh area around town. It's a state highway.

“I'm concerned for our community and people who use the bike path. My main thing is for NZTA to at least consider erecting a safety barrier.”

The change.org petition can be found via the shortcut [tinyurl.com/yvbkpzyz](https://www.change.org/p/nzta-erect-safety-barrier-wainui-road-walkway-cycleway)



On track for second jab

Aim to vaccinate '100 percent of our eligible people' before year's end

GISBORNE port workers and their household contacts will receive their second Covid-19 vaccine dose from next week as Hauora Tairāwhiti describes the vaccination programme as being “on track”.

“We have given 269 vaccines to date in Tairāwhiti. This includes the public health nurses who are giving the vaccinations,” said operations manager Sandi French.

“Border workers continue to join the programme which is great to see.

“We expect to finish giving Tairāwhiti border workers and the people they live with who have consented to having the vaccine their second dose of the vaccine by early April.”

Hauora Tairāwhiti did not answer a question about how many people have declined to be vaccinated.

The first dose of the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine was given to border workers and

household contacts in the district on February 27.

The vaccination plan is being rolled out in stages.

It will focus first on those most at risk from being exposed to Covid-19 in their workplace.

“This is so we can reduce the risks of future community cases and lockdowns,” said Ms French.

“The focus will then shift to protecting those most at risk of getting seriously ill if they get the virus.

“The second group are front-line healthcare workers who we expect to start vaccinating after Easter.

“The second group includes approximately 800 Hauora Tairāwhiti staff and people working for St John, lead maternity care midwives, general practice, pharmacy and front-line people in non-government organisations.

“We will be working hard to complete

the vaccination of this group by the end of May.”

Vaccination of vulnerable people, those most at risk of getting seriously sick from Covid-19, starts in May, followed by the rest of the population from the second half of 2021.

Hauora Tairāwhiti chief executive Jim Green said the aim was to work towards vaccinating “100 percent of our eligible people before the end of the year”.

(The Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine has been approved for people 16 years and older. People under the age of 16 are not included for now. There is limited data available for this age group as they were not part of the clinical trials, according to the Ministry of Health.)

Mr Green said an estimated 38,000 people were eligible in Tairāwhiti for the vaccine.

“It's a big job. The government announcement that everyone will be

getting the very effective Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine makes planning that much easier.”

More vaccinators were required, he said.

“Those who are already an authorised vaccinator must complete a Covid-19 module before they can start. We will be training more people and working with other health providers to ensure that everyone over 16 in Tairāwhiti has the opportunity to get vaccinated this year.

“I am asking everyone to get vaccinated. It is the best way to protect your whānau, their lives and their livelihoods.”

■ FOR trustworthy information about the roll-out of Covid-19 vaccinations go to the government Covid website [covid19.govt.nz](https://www.covid19.govt.nz)

For independent, factual information about Covid-19 vaccinations based on international and New Zealand scientific research go to [immune.org.nz](https://www.immune.org.nz)

FAMILY NOTICES

Bereavements

Deaths

POWELL, BEVERLEY JUNE

ADLAM, David William. — On 11th March 2021 passed away peacefully, in his 85th year. Loved father, Grandpa and friend of Glenice and Alan Whitley, Stan and Wendy (Tauranga), William (dec), Don and Robyne (Canada). Much loved grandpa of Aimee, Josh, Anna, Rachel, and Graham. Great-grandfather to Charlotte and Sophie. The family would like to thank the staff of Beetham Healthcare for their love and care of David. As per David's wishes a private cremation has been held.

The family of the late Beverley wish to sincerely thank everyone for their loving support, cards and flowers. Big thank you to Kiri Te Kanawa for the love and care you gave Mum. Thanks also to Stonehaven.

Please accept this as a personal acknowledgement

We the whanau of: MATEMOANA (MONTY) REEDY

Would like to acknowledge everyone who helped and supported us during our Mum's passing with aroha and koha.

Nga mihi Reedy whanau of Stout Street

JONES, Granville Colin. — On 12th March 2021 passed away peacefully, in his 82nd year. Dearly loved husband of Marion. Loved and respected father of Kathryn, Barbara and Shirley. Father-in-law to John Hunter, Grieg McGrannachan and John Little. Loved grandad of Callum, Natalie and Belinda; Sarah and Megan; Teah and Chloe.



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'ONE TAIRAWHITI, MANY CULTURES': Organised by Li Dan (left), Freddy Kuo and Akiko Nozure, the inaugural Tairawhiti Lantern Festival will be held next month across Marina and Kelvin parks. The festival is supported with funding from the Office of Ethnic Communities, Trust Tairawhiti and sponsorship from local businesses.

Picture by Liam Clayton



Festival to celebrate many cultures

by Mark Peters

"ONE Tairawhiti, many cultures" is the theme of a lantern festival to celebrate the diversity of people who have made this region their home.

The inaugural Tairawhiti Lantern Festival will light up the Marina and Kelvin parks on Sunday, April 18.

"We're promoting the various cultures in this region," says Tairawhiti Cultural Festival and Events Inc (TCFE) chairwoman Li Dan.

"We want to celebrate the diversity of cultures and we want to honour tangata whenua.

"Maori participation is a huge part of the festival. We have been in discussion with Gisborne District Council Maori cultural adviser Walton Walker.

"He's advised us and we are reaching out to local iwi to bless the celebration and welcome the various cultures."

Performances will include a taekwondo display, kapa haka, Bollywood dance, a Chinese lion dance, traditional Chinese musical instruments and Zumba.

Organisers are awaiting confirmation of other performers.

Several food vendors have also been confirmed so far including Bollywood, Yoko Sushi, Fusion and Just Thai.

"We want a variety of food from various cultures for people to taste," says TCFE vice-chairman Freddy Kuo.

Mayor Rehette Stoltz, East Coast MP and Cabinet Minister Kiri Allan, Race Relations Commissioner Meng Foon and district councillor Meredith Akuhata-Brown will speak.

The exhibition component of the festival will be held mainly in Kelvin Park.

Auckland-based NZ Multicultural Exchange and Experience Centre will provide free lanterns along with activities

such as origami and face-painting.

A special event for children, Me and my Whanau, will be held in the lead-up to the festival.

Two hundred paper lanterns will be made available for youngsters to take part in a lantern decoration contest.

The lanterns can be collected from the children's section at the HB Williams Memorial Library from Monday to Saturday next week.

The decorated lanterns will need to be delivered to the library or Tairawhiti Museum from March 29 to April 3.

People will be able to vote for their favourite designs from April 7 to 16 at the museum.

Lantern festival vouchers worth \$50 will be awarded to the creators of the top five designs and 10 festival vouchers worth \$10 each will go into the draw.

The prizegiving will be at the museum on Saturday, April 17, at 11am.

An early taste of autumn

A FICKLE February brought autumn weather to the Gisborne-East Coast region earlier than expected.

However, a milder March so far has turned the tables on what was a frigid February.

February is usually our hottest month, but not this year.

Analysis of the data in the National Weather Archive shows last month was one of the coldest Februaries of the past 30 years.

The mean daily temperature for last month was 18.3 degrees — almost a degree colder than the 30-year average of 19.1.

Since 1990, only four

Februaries have been cooler — 1993 with a chilly daily average of 16.9 degrees; 2002 at 17.3 degrees; 2012 at 17.8 degrees; and 2013 at 18.2.

The mean daily maximum was down at 23.8 degrees, even though there was a 31.3 degree day on the 21st.

Night-time was definitely colder with a mean daily minimum of 12.8 — 1.2 degrees cooler than the 14-degree 30-year average.

Since official MetService records started in 1937, the chilliest February was back in 1964 when the mean daily minimum was a cool 11.2 degrees.

The reason for last month's

autumn chill lies in the number of days the wind came from an easterly or southerly quarter.

The wind came from the east on nine days, from the south-east on eight days and from the south on seven days.

Gisborne had just two days last month when the wind came from the usual warm north-west direction.

Some heavy rain mid-month helped with crops, with the month totalling 68.2 millimetres — just shy of the 30-year average of 71.3mm.

February's sunshine quota was normal — 207.6 hours compared with the 30-year average of 200.7.

It contrasted with 2020 when February was the warmest since 1998 and rainfall was a meagre 33mm.

Back to the present, the weather has swung back to the north-westerly quarter and temperatures have risen.

The first 11 days of the month averaged a degree warmer during the daytime than the usual March figure.

The average daily maximum for those 11 days was almost 27 degrees, against the 30-year average of 22.6.

It has been warmer at night too, with the mean daily minimum at almost 12.9 degrees against the 30-year average of 12.5. — RH

Latest rainfall ends region's total fire ban

THE total fire ban that has covered the region since mid-late January ended last night and a restricted fire season came into force this morning.

Those who want to have a fire in the open can apply to Fire and Emergency NZ for a permit.

"Recent rain that saw around 50 millimetres fall across much of the region has meant a drop in the fire risk," said principal rural fire officer Ray Dever. "The Fire Weather Index has fallen to medium."

Mr Dever said the scrub fire risk was still up a bit but the grass and forestry fire risk had fallen.

"The public behaviour during the prohibited fire season was brilliant and we thank the community for the way they responded. We had a few minor issues but nothing major."

Anyone wanting a fire permit should go to the checkitsalright website to see if they need one.

"We will look at a return to an open fire season in early April."

State Highway 35 flood repairs under way

CONSTRUCTION work is being done to permanently repair two sites on State Highway 35 damaged by severe rain and floods last year.

Since the June/July 2020 rain events, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency has been working to prepare the sites for the repair work, including geotechnical investigations, detailed design and resource consent applications.

"Crews began work this week on a 100-metre section of State Highway 35 south of Ruatoria to repair damage to the road caused by slips during the rain event," said regional

transport systems manager Oliver Postings.

"Several slips occurred above and below the road, so some big repairs are needed.

"We'll be constructing two retaining walls at this site, both beneath the road, and resurfacing the pavement to get the road back up to two lanes," he said.

The work should take around eight weeks to complete.

"The second site undergoing repairs is beside the Hikuwai River, north of Tolaga Bay," Mr Postings said. "Work is expected to begin later

this month. The repairs at this site will also involve the construction of a retaining wall, followed by pavement repairs. This work is expected to take around five weeks to complete," he said.

"Both sites are currently down to one lane, with temporary traffic lights in place. These will remain while work at each site is under way and we may need to add stop/go traffic management at odd times during the construction periods."

Mr Postings said SH35 traversed unstable and highly-erodible terrain, vulnerable to failure, particularly

during high rainfall and storm weather events like that experienced last winter.

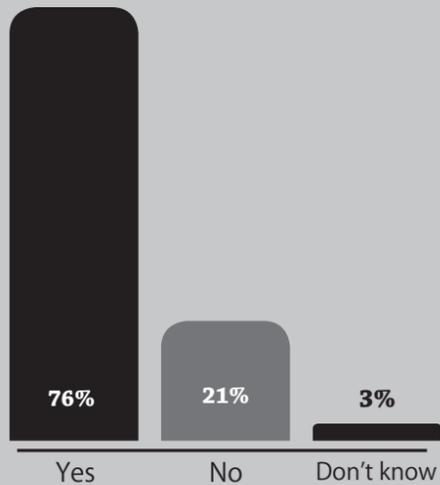
"In addition to the emergency works under way this month to repair the sites damaged in the June/July 2020 events, Waka Kotahi will also be undertaking emergency works at a separate section of State Highway 35 at Huia Hill, north of Hick's Bay.

"This site, which was also damaged by severe rain in June last year, is currently going through the design and consenting process, and it is hoped that construction can start in the coming months."

ON THE WEB

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

Do you think tsunami warning text alerts should have gone to all city and coastal residents in Tairāwhiti in the aftermath of the 2.27am earthquake on Friday?



Yes: 254; No: 70; Don't know: 11; Total: 335

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Are you concerned at all about what Rocket Lab is launching from its Mahia site?

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

VOTE ONLINE: www.gisborneherald.co.nz

ON THE STREET

“Do you have emergency supplies in case of a natural disaster?”



FREDDY KUO:
“My wife is a nurse so we’ve got bandages and lots of medical supplies.”



PETRA BOYACK:
“We sure do. We have packed up a fold-out trolley with everything, including gluten-free and diabetic options.”



SAVAAN BEARDSLEY:
“No, I haven’t. But I can hunt so can provide food that way.”



KIM TORREZ:
“I’m sorted with water, tins of food, first aid and spare batteries.”



TARA WHAANGA:
“We live out Whangara and everything is there, plus we feel pretty safe out there.”



ANDRE STEPHENS:
“Yes and no, sort of. We’ve got water but we’re not really prepared.”



HELAYNA RUIFROK:
“I used to. After the big earthquake in 2007 I had babies and was pregnant and we had one (a kit). Then we slowly ate through it all, then never replenished it. But I do feel we have enough in our cupboards for a week.”



HARLEY TE PAIRI:
“Nah, not really. We’ve just got our lockdown kai but not specifically earthquake and tsunami supplies.”



KIMI LEWIS:
“Yes. The recent earthquake prompted us to do an urgent bag of gluten-free food for our daughter that stays in the classroom with her. We put a lot of thought into it because we had to.”



IAN PROCTER:
“Sort of. Whatever happens to be available, and my house is up a hill. I keep the cupboards well stocked and could eat out of there for a week, and have a separate water tank.”

Majority say yes to blanket text alert after earthquake

THIS week’s web poll asked readers, if they thought tsunami warning text alerts should have gone to all city and coastal residents in Tairāwhiti in the aftermath of the 2.27am earthquake last Friday.

Of the 335 who voted, 76 percent (254 votes) said yes.

Just 70 people (21 percent) voted no, and three percent (11 votes) said they did not know.

One reader in support of the poll, said every Tairāwhiti resident should get an alert because people could re-send, or phone, the threat to loved ones who may have missed it or did not have cellphones.

Another in favour of a blanket text wanted to make sure both texts were received by everyone as well.

“It was odd getting an “all clear” text when there hadn’t been an “alert” text,” they said.

A reader who disagreed with the poll said only low lying areas needed to be alerted.

Another “No” voter suggested, “if they check the GDC website and the GNS website they can use that info to make an informed decision. Not social media.”

“I do not want to be alerted in the middle of the night or any time when I obviously don’t need the warning where I live,” said another voter who chose no.

GREAT WORK: Certificates of appreciation for the efforts of those involved in the inaugural Paddle 4 Life were presented to Minnie Campbell (second from left) representing Paikea Masters and Horouta Waka Hoe. Gisborne East Coast Cancer Society area manager Lianne Jenkins (left) Becky Burgess (fundraising and events co-ordinator, third left) and Te Rina Timutimu (supportive care coordinator) made the presentation.

Picture by Paul Rickard



Much appreciated: paddlers thanked

THE inaugural Paddle 4 Life fundraiser raised \$4616 for the Gisborne East Coast Cancer Society.

The paddle-a-thon was organised after Horouta Waka Hoe and Paikea Masters paddlers realised not all members could take part in the Relay for Life on March 20 and 21.

More than 34 teams and 180 individuals took part in the 12-hour-long paddle fundraiser held on February 27. The youngest paddler of the day was seven and the oldest, 89.

“It goes to show that you are never too young or too old to participate in waka ama,” said Minnie Campbell of Paikea Masters.

The Gisborne East Coast Cancer Society has presented certificates of appreciation for the paddlers’ efforts.

The certificate says, “in recognition of your outstanding fundraising efforts with the Paddle 4 Life 2021 and generously donating your proceeds to the Gisborne East Coast Cancer Society”.

‘Key event’ to recognise and celebrate forestry workforce

THE clock is ticking for the forestry industry in Tairāwhiti to get their nominations in for the 2021 Eastland Forestry Awards.

Entries close in just over two weeks.

“Nominations are coming in very slowly and we have just three weeks to finalise entries,” said Philip Hope, new chief executive for the Eastland Wood Council (EWC).

“The awards are a key event for the EWC because it’s an opportunity for the industry

to come together to recognise and celebrate excellence among the skilled workforce of our region.”

There will be 14 categories this year — Forestry and Establishment Excellence; Roving Civil Excellence; Harvesting Excellence; Cartage Excellence; Woman in Forestry Excellence; Logistics Excellence; Faller Mechanised or Manual Excellence; Crew of the Year; Outstanding Hands Management;

Environmental Initiative Management; Industry Support Services; Emerging Leader; Outstanding Innovation Excellence and the Good Deed Award.

“The purpose of these awards is also to attract skilled employees to the region as valued forest industry players,” Mr Hope said.

“Also to invest in and upskill the forestry workforce, to support and promote a professional standard of Safetree Contractor

and Worker Certification to our workforce and to advocate and support industry players with a focus on wellbeing and health.

Mr Hope said the awards also create a sustainable and challenging competition among the industry.

“It’s easy to nominate one of your peers, simply do it online at eastlandwood.co.nz/awards/nominations/

The awards dinner is on Friday, May 21.

Freedom for Auckland as city celebrates L1

AUCKLAND — Auckland businesses are rejoicing that their city will be restriction-free this weekend after the city of sails was moved into Alert Level 1 yesterday.

The decision, announced by Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, meant Alert Level 2 restrictions ended at midday yesterday.

That meant spectators were able to gather in larger groups to watch the America's Cup race yesterday afternoon.

But Ardern has come under fire from some businesses over the delay between Cabinet making the decision, and Ardern announcing what was happening.

Although she thanked Aucklanders for their sacrifices over the past two weeks — while the city was at Level 3 then 2 — Ardern said they need to “work hard to maintain the position we have all worked so hard for”.

Auckland Mayor Phil Goff was singing a similar tune.

He said Aucklanders need to temper celebrations with awareness of the rampant nature of the virus internationally.

He reiterated his calls for Aucklanders — with a particular focus on South Aucklanders — to get the vaccine as soon as possible. — NZ Herald



CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION: Huge crowds gathered at the Auckland Viaduct yesterday afternoon to watch the America's Cup race after Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announced the city would be moving out of Covid-19 Alert Level 2 and joining the rest of the country in Alert Level 1. NZ Herald picture

BRIEFS

Armed police close streets

AUCKLAND — A person has reportedly been seriously hurt in Auckland's west and a neighbour said they thought they heard two gunshots.

Police are yet to confirm how the person was injured, however.

They said the incident took place on Kirby Street in Glendene at about 7.19am today.

“Police and ambulance staff responded and located one person with serious injuries,” a police spokeswoman said.

“The circumstances of the incident aren't confirmed just yet and inquiries are still ongoing into determining then.”

A nearby resident said they were at home when they heard what they thought sounded like two gunshots and then a car speeding off.

Armed officers are at the scene along with four St John vehicles, and Kirby Street had been cordoned off, a photographer at the scene said.

— NZ Herald

Crash in Athenree Gorge

WAIHI — A truck and car have collided in a serious crash near coastal Waihi Beach in the Bay of Plenty.

Emergency teams were called to the crash site on State Highway 2 in Athenree Gorge at 6.37am today.

A police spokeswoman said they didn't have details on the injuries of those in the crash but would provide further information later.

“The road is closed and no diversions are currently in place,” police said.

“We strongly advise motorists to delay travel in the area or to expect delays.” — NZ Herald

One dead after collision

TAURANGA — One person has died following a single vehicle crash in Western Bay of Plenty overnight.

The crash was reported shortly before 2am today and happened on Work Road, Aongatete.

Inquiries into the circumstances of the crash are ongoing.

A Fire and Emergency NZ spokesman confirmed four trucks were sent to the scene at 1.42am.

They left the scene at 5.23am this morning.

A police spokesperson told the Bay of Plenty Times it was not known what time the crash happened and there was only one person in the car involved in the crash.

No road closures were in place. — BOP Times

Eruption victims rebuked

WHAKATANE — Victims of the White Island/Whakaari volcano eruption have been rebuked in court for allegedly trying to delay a lawsuit brought against them by the cruise line that took them to the island.

The volcano eruption on New Zealand's Whakaari/White Island on December 9, 2019, killed 22 people and left 25 others injured.

American couple Paul and Ivy Reed and Australian mother and daughter Marie and Stephanie Browitt have filed a lawsuit against cruise line Royal Caribbean in Florida.

But Royal Caribbean has taken action against both families in the Australian Federal Court, arguing the ticket terms and conditions meant they could only sue in NSW.

The Reeds argued they had not been properly served with court documents but Justice Angus Stewart suggested the application was “a bald-faced attempt at delaying the current proceedings”. — NZ Herald

Deceased woman named

AUCKLAND — The woman found dead at a Pukekohe property this week has been named as Toakase Finau, 29, from Mangere.

She was found dead by police officers conducting a bail check at a McNally Road property on Wednesday.

A man also found critically injured at the property remains in Middlemore Hospital. Police inquiries are continuing and they ask anyone with information to contact them. — RNZ

Murder involvement denied

WELLINGTON — A 35-year-old woman has appeared in the Wellington High Court in relation to Karori man Rau Tongia's murder.

She is charged with being party to his murder by driving the offender to commit the crime and is the sixth person charged in relation to the attack.

The woman has pleaded not guilty to the charge, and has filed an identity suppression order.

She has an extension on her interim name suppression until Justice Gerard van Bohemen releases his decision on the order next week.

— NZ Herald

Ramifications for MIQ staff who decline job

About 12,700 front-line workers have received vaccine — 21 refused

by Rachel Thomas, RNZ

AUCKLAND — Twenty-one front-line workers have refused the Covid-19 jab, three weeks into the vaccine roll-out programme.

The head of Managed Isolation and Quarantine (MIQ), Brigadier Jim Bliss, confirmed these figures following anecdotal reports over a week ago of staff refusing the job.

A total of 12,709 of the 15,200-strong workforce in MIQ facilities and at the border have, as of yesterday, received the vaccine.

Brigadier Bliss told RNZ that staff have a right to refuse the vaccine, but there are ramifications.

“We go through an education process and we also have a discussion with their employer about the next steps for them and that's a further conversation with the worker.”

He said all staff get educated on the vaccine but those who decline get extra information.

“We're strongly encouraging all of our workforce in MIQ and at the border to be vaccinated and if not, there has to be a conversation about whether that worker is redeployed in the organisation, or what the next steps are.”

“Hopefully we'll get them on-side and vaccinated as part of the workforce.”

He said if they continue to refuse, there will be discussions with the worker's employer over whether they can be redeployed elsewhere.

“As we continue through the vaccination process we will get greater understanding of what the full picture is around those who have chosen not to be immunised.”

He expected the number of vaccinated front-line staff to grow as workers return from leave or rotate through

GREAT START TO ROLL-OUT: As of yesterday, 12,709 front-line MIQ staffers have received the first of two Covid-19 vaccinations.

NZ Herald picture



shift patterns.

Despite the handful of refusals, the uptake is otherwise reassuring and front-line staff are doing the country a great service, he said.

“It's a great result so far.”

“Border and MIQ staff have now supported more than 120,000 people to safely cross the border to life in New Zealand, all while protecting our communities.”

“Every day they go to work and put themselves between us and this virus. It's thanks to them that we're all able to enjoy the freedoms and quality of life we currently do.”

The next step is giving staff their second and final dose as there must be a three-week standstill between shots.

Vaccinating the 50,000 family members or household contacts of front-line staff began in the past week and “uptake is strong so far”. Brigadier Bliss was unable to provide figures on how many household contacts had refused shots so far.

The Government is on track to have all

front-line staff who agree to the vaccine immunised by early April, Brigadier Bliss said.

Meanwhile, members of Auckland's Indian community want the Ministry of Health to better inform people about the possible side-effects of the Covid-19 vaccine.

Auckland Indian Association president Narendra Bhana, who has praised the Covid-19 messaging so far, said people want to know more before signing up for this next step in the response.

Some front-line workers in South Auckland, who are next in line for the job, are of Indian descent and still hold reservations about it, he said.

“The education about the vaccine is something the Ministry of Health needs to improve on, people are a little bit reserved because they're not sure about the side effects of the vaccine. It's a very (small) minority there but it still does need to be dealt with.”

Auckland has an Indian population of about 200,000, he said.

Parker vows to fight on

by Cherie Howie and Patrick McKendry, NZ Herald

AUCKLAND — Kiwi boxer Joseph Parker's future now lies in the court of public opinion after the former heavyweight champion was yesterday revealed to be the sports star police allege is linked to a major international drug importation and supply conspiracy.

Parker hasn't been charged in relation to the case — police said there wasn't enough evidence — and fought to keep his name secret at hearings in the High Court and Court of Appeal for two years.

Yesterday the Supreme Court ended Parker's bid for secrecy after ordering his name suppression to expire.

"This coming out is the worst-kept secret in boxing," said Mark Keddell, Junior Fa's manager, who dealt with Parker during the build-up to their February match in Auckland.

The most important thing now for Parker, who he described as "a really nice guy to deal with", was how he dealt with the fallout.

"He's now in the court of public opinion rather than the legal courts . . . it's a funny old game, boxing, because sometimes a bit of controversy like this can help with notoriety."

But reputation expert Chris Galloway, of Massey University, said the news was damaging.

Devoted boxing fans may not walk away, but others could "turn their support elsewhere", which could affect future marketing and sponsorship.

"(The news) doesn't take away from his competence in the ring, but it does make him less marketable."

The 29-year-old, who held the WBO heavyweight title from 2016 to 2018, wanted to keep his identity hidden after prosecutors named him during the High Court trial of Tevita Fangupo, Tevita Kulu and Toni Finau in 2019.

The three men were jailed for importing large amounts of methamphetamine, disguised in Nike shoes and clothing declared as gifts.

Despite not being charged, the Crown alleged Parker played a role in the importation of methamphetamine by transporting and changing currency.

Parker has strenuously denied the allegations, including under oath in the form of an affidavit.

"I have never been involved in the importation of class A drugs," Parker's affidavit reads.

"I have never changed or transported money for the defendants. I have never been involved in the purchase, supply or consumption of methamphetamine."

"Nor was I charged by the police in relation to the specific messages alleged to relate to me, after what appeared to be a thorough investigation."

There was support yesterday

for the father of three, including from the Middlemore Foundation, where Parker has been an ambassador for three years.

"We stand with Joseph," CEO Sandra Geange said, describing the boxer as an "incredible advocate" for the foundation.

"We have seen the positive impact he has made in South Auckland through our work in the community . . . we look forward to continuing our association with him for years to come."

Boxer David "the Brown Buttabean" Letele wrote on Facebook he was standing by "my friend".

"Joseph Parker is not a criminal. He hasn't been convicted of any crimes. He wasn't even charged."

National leader Judith Collins, who is Parker's aunt, also didn't want to comment, a spokesman said.

In a statement provided by his lawyer Michael Heron QC, Parker said he and his family had been placed in a "terrible position".

"Things have been said about me that are quite untrue; some of them have already been proven untrue, and I was given no chance to respond at the time they were made."

"It's caused a lot of stress and worry for myself and my family — and it just seems totally wrong."

"Having said that, I need to accept the decision and get on with my life. I have other fights to fight."

Questions have been raised about the police investigation, with a High Court justice declaring "doubt attaches" over how thorough officers' inquiries into Parker were.

The police had tried to interview Parker, but he exercised his right to silence. A search warrant was also obtained for his house but never executed.

Detective Inspector Scott Beard yesterday defended the investigation involving the Auckland City Organised Crime Unit, and said Parker's "status and profile" didn't influence the outcome.

"While police did find evidence that this sportsperson knew all of the men who were accused and subsequently convicted, police applied the Solicitor General's prosecution guidelines and found that there was insufficient evidence to commence a prosecution."

Heron said a senior officer had reiterated if there was reliable, credible evidence, they would have charged Parker.

"The evidence was admissible against the men on trial and their lawyers had a chance to offer a rebuttal. Mr Parker did not have that. The jury made no decisions about Mr Parker."

Parker was now getting on with his new regime, with a new trainer, after splitting — by mutual consent — with long-time trainer Kevin Barry last week.

SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS: Joseph Parker has been named as the sports star allegedly linked to an international drug syndicate, although he has not been charged.

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Ministry not recommending routine blood testing after Otago lead scare

DUNEDIN — The Ministry of Health does not believe surveillance blood testing is necessary in the wake of the East Otago drinking water scare.

On Wednesday night, residents of Waikouaiti, Karitane and Hawksbury Village were told it was unlikely their exposure to lead through contaminated drinking water had caused long-term health effects.

The East Otago communities were told five weeks ago the Dunedin City Council had first known about the contaminated drinking water in August following a spike in lead levels in a test performed in late July.

Intermittent spikes in the level of lead, the highest almost 40 times the acceptable level, meant a no drink notice was issued on February 2.

It remained in effect and could be so for months.

Since then, several investigations and reviews had been launched and a widespread blood testing campaign carried out.

More than 1500 blood tests carried out in the wake of the revelation showed the number of residents with higher blood-lead levels was not substantially different from what was expected nationally.

Children in the area did show slightly higher blood-lead levels than the national average, but there was not a large amount of data and it was unclear if children's blood-lead levels were higher than should be expected.

The scare did reveal how little was known about lead exposure among communities around New Zealand.

The Dunedin City Council only detected the lead fortuitously while testing for the water supply's corrosivity.

But a Ministry of Health spokesperson said the ministry had no plans to implement further blood-lead surveillance.

"The ministry regularly reviews its public health surveillance portfolio and makes

decisions on where available resources are best directed. At this stage, the ministry is not recommending that routine blood lead surveillance testing be carried out on New Zealand communities," the spokesperson said.

"Blood lead levels are already notifiable to public health when they exceed a certain threshold to ensure appropriate follow up. The ministry has just reviewed the notifiable level and on April 9, 2021 the level will be halved to 0.24 micromoles per litre. This is the level the community around Waikouaiti were assessed against.

"Periodic surveillance has been undertaken in the past, such as the biomonitoring survey carried out between 2014 and 2016. This has provided some useful comparison information for this situation. However, there are a number of limitations with this type of survey.

For example, young children are not routinely included."

A review into the health response in East Otago was under way and key ministry staff, other health staff and local stakeholders had been interviewed as a result, the spokesperson said.

"The review has been commissioned by, and will report back to the Director General of Health at the end of this month.

"It is important to remember that the review is just looking at the health response and not the response or activities undertaken by the water supplier. Recommendations will be shared with the Department of Internal Affairs and Taumata Arowai as they are responsible for building the new regulatory system.

"The ministry expects to report back to the Government on the preliminary findings and suggested actions next month."

An internal review of the Dunedin City Council's handling of the scare will then follow. — RNZ

The scare revealed how little was known about lead exposure among communities around New Zealand.



MOVING ON: Howard League driving programme participants Walter (left) and Jason (right) with their instructor Channon Dunn (centre). RNZ picture

'Never thought I would have that'

Programme helps ex-offenders get a driver's licence

by Liu Chen, RNZ

AUCKLAND — A free driving programme for ex-offenders has ambitions to teach those behind bars.

For now, the programme run by the charity Howard League helps people on the outside get a driver's licence — parolees, those on probation, or people on home detention and community service.

The organisation celebrated its success since it first started in 2014 in West Auckland yesterday, where they have helped 700 people.

Jason, who went through the Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Court, was one of those who gathered at the Waitakere Railside Community Corrections site yesterday.

He had been disqualified from driving many times and restarted his learner's licence with the Howard League a year ago — he received his full licence two weeks ago.

There were negative voices but I kept going, he said.

"They tell me that I can't do it or won't achieve it, but those aside, Channon (his instructor) had my back and showed me the ropes and I passed," he said.

"I can't listen to the thinking because it gets me nowhere. Today I've got my full licence and I never thought I would have that. That's so cool and I've got a lot of gratitude."

Another man, Walter, was in prison for a driving offence last year. When he was on parole, his parole officer put him in touch with the programme.

Now on his restricted licence, he says

it felt good to be able to drive to visit his grandchildren and he enjoyed his time with people from the charity.

"They understand me, whereas from my past I looked at the world like it hated me, but I feel good and I trust them," he said.

Channon Dunn, Jason and Walter's driving instructor, said it's been a privilege.

"It's truly a blessing to be helping in your own community. Now that I've been around a little while and I've seen people come and go, you sort of know what's happening in and around the low decile areas. Growing up in and around it, it's a blessing to be helping out people in our community," he said.

Howard League chief executive Mike Williams said New Zealand has a high rate of incarceration and to prevent people from offending and re-offending, employment is key, and 85 percent of all entry level jobs require a driving licence.

"A driver's licence, for a lot of people coming out of jail, is a real silver bullet in terms of getting them work, getting them back into a normal society and supporting their families," he said.

Williams was delighted with what his charity has achieved but he hoped more could be done in the future.

"We should be offering this on a broader scale and our ambition, for example, is to get drivers licensing going in jails. We don't think that people should leave jail without at least a learner's licence."

The New Zealand Howard League now runs 17 driving programmes across the North Island and one in Christchurch.

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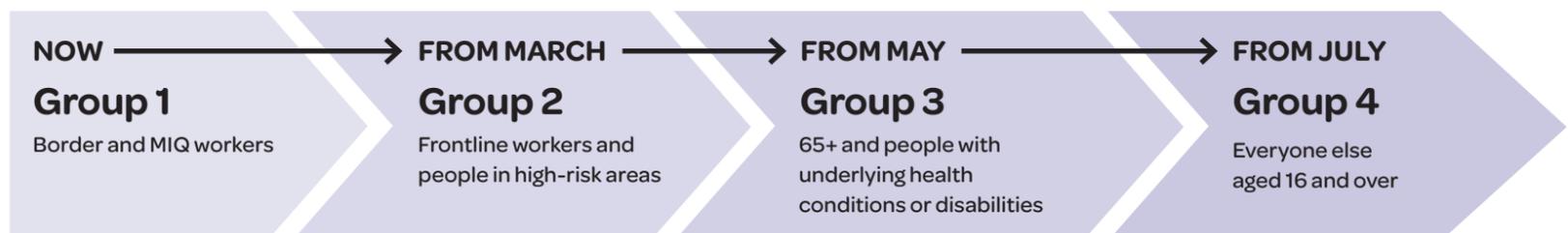
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Terror attack a 'wake-up call'

Decrease in racism but room for improvement

by Anan Zaki, RNZ

CHRISTCHURCH — Nearly two years on from the massacre at two Christchurch mosques, a sharp focus remains on Islamophobia in New Zealand.

While Muslims generally experienced widespread love and support in the immediate aftermath of the terror attack, others continued to receive hate.

Some Muslims say while their personal experiences of Islamophobia have been fewer since the attack, there is room for improvement.

Aya Al-Umari vividly recalls what happened 15 years ago.

She was studying at Victoria University in Wellington when her lecturer asked her where she was really from.

"I don't know why he asked me. At the time he just said that there was no way that I could pass his paper because it was too technical," she said.

Al-Umari, whose brother Hussein died in the Christchurch terror attack on March 15, 2019, ended up passing the course, despite her lecturer's doubts.

It is one of many examples of racism she and her late brother faced prior to the attack, which was especially bad following the September 11, 2001 attacks.

"That was the time when we experienced true Islamophobia. In school people knew that we were Muslims, (they were) bullying, even people saying, 'you



AYA AL-UMARI

come from the country where you kill people'," Al-Umari said.

But following the Christchurch attack, Al-Umari said there had been greater awareness about Islamophobia and racism.

"Any jokes previously about me being originally foreign, my religion or being Arab, they've all stopped because everybody is aware that this is not OK," Al-Umari said.

Although that does not mean Islamophobia has entirely gone away.

Three months ago, Al-Umari and her mother were subjected to vile abuse at a Farmers department store in Rangiora, thereby prompting an apology from



SHIFTING FOCUS: Despite the prevalence of Islamophobia decreasing since the March 15, 2019 attacks, there was still room for improvement. NZ Herald file pictures

Waimakariri Mayor Dan Gordon.

She said it was unfortunate that it had taken a terrorist attack to highlight the racism and discrimination in New Zealand.

"It is sad that it has ultimately meant that my brother and 50 others lost their lives. It really is (sad) but it has shed a lot of light on to something that we need to work on," Al-Umari said.

Muslim Association of Canterbury general secretary Ahmed Khan, who witnessed the Christchurch attack, said he too had noticed a decrease in racial abuse towards Muslims following the shootings.

He said before March 15, 2019, the abuse happened on a regular basis.

"Lots of people were staring and making racial comments . . . especially towards our elderly group because they wear traditional Afghan clothes," Khan said.

Despite the situation improving since the attacks, there was still room for improvement, he said.

Massey University sociologist professor Paul Spoonley said there were signs that people with anti-Islamic views were beginning to re-emerge, pointing to anecdotal evidence.

"We have seen some examples of that — the attack on one of the victim's sisters in a shop and more recently there was the police taking action because of threats made against the Christchurch mosques," he said.

He said the terror attack was a real wake-up call to New Zealand, but wonders how long the sympathy will last.

"If you look at the survey data prior to 2019, there was a group that was hostile to Muslims, but there was a much larger group that was simply disinterested. The mosque attacks changed all of that but as we move away, the empathy has tended to wane a little," he said.

Spoonley said when the history of the 21st century is re-written, the terror attack will be one of the key events that define New Zealand, both domestically and internationally.

Community comes together for memorial

CHRISTCHURCH — The We Are One national remembrance service two years after the March 15 terror attack in Christchurch will be held today.

The service starts at 3pm at Christchurch Arena and will be live-streamed.

The service was due to go ahead in March last year but was cancelled because of Covid-19.

The programme was put together with input from those most affected by the attacks, including survivors and victims' families. Speakers include Christchurch Mayor Lianne Dalziel, Governor-General Dame Patsy Reddy and Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern.

Christchurch Imams Alabi Lateef and Gamal Fouda will recite Muslim invocations before an address is read on behalf of the bereaved families.

Those who died in the attacks will be honoured in a portrait of remembrance on screen at the event. Their names will be read.

Temel Atacocugu — who was shot nine times — will speak on behalf of the injured while Faisal Sayed will speak for other victims.

Fifty-one people were killed and 40 injured when a gunman opened fire at the Al Noor and Linwood mosques on March 15, 2019.

The terrorist was jailed for life.



At Friday prayer yesterday, Fouda said those killed "were meant to be safe".

"We need to know that those shuhada left us but they did not die, they will not be forgotten," he said.

"Our country will never forget them.

"They are the ones who lost their souls to pave the path for love and kindness and to make us open our eyes to watch the far-right wing violent groups who are planning to plant fear in the hearts of the people of this nation.

"We should not give them this opportunity to break our nation into parts. We should stand strong against these hateful groups as one nation." — NZ Herald

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Stamping out bad behaviour

by Tamsyn Parker, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — Clare Bolingford is no stranger to banks behaving badly.

She saw it up close in her home country the United Kingdom leading up to the Global Financial Crisis and from a distance watched the nightmare tales coming out of Australia's Banking Royal Commission.

Now she has been charged with heading up a team to license and regulate New Zealand's banks and insurers at the Financial Markets Authority (FMA) to make sure our financial products are not ripping people off or being sold in an unfair way.

"You can have such a significant impact on somebody's life if their financial product lets them down or if they are not treated properly by their financial services provider.

"But I have also seen how amazing it is when people can be supported through difficult times if they have the right products that suit them."

Bolingford, who grew up in England's Cotswolds, has spent most of her career in London with the UK's Financial Conduct Authority (FCA).

Last year she emigrated to New Zealand with her Kiwi husband and two young children, landing in January, just a few months before the world went into a Covid-induced lockdown.

Unlike many at the FMA, Bolingford does not come from a legal background. She studied politics at Warwick University before moving to London with the hopes of getting a job in the civil service.

"I had always been quite keen on the public sector side of things, but I hadn't made it for that year through the fast-track. I just got pipped at the post. I didn't really have a plan B."

Instead she signed on with a couple of temping agencies looking for work.

"The first place they sent me for a three-month stint was the FSA (Financial Services Authority which has since split into the Prudential Regulatory Authority and the Financial Conduct Authority).

"I didn't even know what it was. They said: Can you get to Canary Wharf? And I was like 'of course I can'. I didn't even know where Canary Wharf was. I got on a bus and got there and the rest is history."

Bolingford got her first permanent job in the communications team before working her way up into a banking supervision role. Her last role there was head of cross-cutting policy and head of supervision for retail banking groups.

"The banking sector there is a lot bigger — you have got a lot more diversification in terms of what the banks do because pre-Brexit the UK was the centre of capital markets activity.

"You had the full suite of banking activity that you were supervising — that was fascinating for me because the cultures within those global firms were quite different depending on which bit you went into. It wasn't like there was one culture or one way of doing things. They are massive institutions."

But it was the culture which also saw many get into trouble through the 2008 Global Financial Crisis (GFC).

"Culturally a lot of the seeds of the GFC were sown in poor behaviour and certainly in the aftermath. Under pressure people and organisations can behave worse than they would do in normal circumstances and certainly that is what we saw there. So we saw even more poor conduct coming out as firms were struggling to survive."



She remembers one particular product which saw the regulator go head to head with the sector in a legal battle.

"Probably the worst mis-selling I saw was around payment protection insurance which is a bit like credit card repayment insurance.

"When we first started talking to the banks it was a big cash cow for them and so when we first started speaking to them and saying 'we think there is mis-selling here' they were very quick to say 'nothing to see here'."

When the regulator clamped down the banks took it to a judicial review.

"They were fighting us all the way and actually ended up spending far more money fighting it rather than saying: 'okay you think there is a problem here, what can we do to see whether we can resolve it and get the right product out to the right people rather than in a blanket way selling it to everybody'."

Bolingford says one of the many core drivers of misconduct is that firms produce a product to sell — rather than producing a product for a need that people have.

"And if they are not careful about how they sell it and making sure the people who buy it are suitable . . . this is where some poor conduct is coming in. We don't see that so much in New Zealand, it is more the control areas not picking up on these issues."

That was the case with a recent finding against the ANZ in which the bank was fined \$280,000 by the High Court for misleading hundreds of customers over credit card insurance policy breaches "hiding in plain view".

The bank charged customers for credit card repayment insurance (CCRI) which offered no cover or benefit and issued duplicate policies between April 2014 and November 2019.

The breaches dated back to 1998 but were only reported to the FMA by the ANZ in June 2019.

Bolingford says at the moment the FMA is only able to intervene where firms have been deceptive or misleading in their conduct.

"However, we would like to be much more

proactive and make sure that we can intervene and indeed the firms themselves can have the right practices in place before something wrong occurs in the first place."

A new law that enables this is part way through Parliament. The Financial Markets (Conduct of Institutions) Amendment Bill had its first reading in February last year and has been to the select committee, but is still waiting to go through its second and third readings.

Bolingford is hopeful of it being passed into law this year, but is not sitting on her laurels in the meantime.

"We are trying to get as ready as we can be. We are already starting to think about our licensing approach and what that could look like. Although we haven't got final legislation we have probably got enough to be working with and then we will tweak it if necessary."

The legislation is part of the Government's response to conduct and culture reviews carried out by the FMA and the Reserve Bank on New Zealand banks and life insurers in 2019 in the wake of Australia's Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry.

The 2018 Royal Commission revealed cases of irresponsible lending, sales of inappropriate products, fees charged for advice not given and even fees being charged to dead people. It also found evidence of information being concealed from the regulators, and failures to rectify problems which have dragged on for years.

Kiwis looked across the ditch in worry given New Zealand's four major banks are Australian-owned as are many of our major insurers and financial services companies, prompting some to call for our own Royal Commission.

Bolingford, who watched it unfold from the UK, says her biggest take-out was the scale of the systematic misconduct.

"It is quite shocking when you see it all laid out and . . . when you look at the firms and see the leadership team at the head of them, some of the decisions that were being made — you

could see how that could spread through an organisation in a way that is very negative and results in some really bad outcomes.

"To have it right across the system in the way it was in Australia was quite shocking as well. We have a lot of firms in the UK that come from mutuals . . . there were problems, but it wasn't quite as endemic and it seemed almost like misconduct had become industry practice (in Australia) because everybody's doing it, we want to make money — it becomes acceptable which was why it was right to call it out."

The regulatory reviews of New Zealand's banks and insurers did not find widespread issues, but still plenty of room for improvement.

"What we found is there were weaknesses. And when there could have been issues the banks and insurers may not have been able to pick them up in time to actually deal with them and put things right."

The banks and life insurers were given time to come up with action plans to remedy issues identified and Bolingford says some are still working through putting those in place.

"Conduct is not a fast thing to get right. It is a continual process. One of the things we are keen to make sure of is firms don't think once my action plan is done, I'm finished because they won't be ready for the new regime if they think that is going to be enough.

"It is about embedding and continually reviewing that the outcomes are right for the customer."

Bolingford says in the UK conduct regulation has been in place for some time and banks have got used to following a more principles-based approach.

"Even though we might have disagreed from time to time about the nature of it — it is the spirit of the rules rather than the rules themselves that they are focusing on. And it is only when something goes wrong that you need to lean on the law."

Bolingford says the big difference in New Zealand is banks and insurers want to talk about the law straight away with her.

"It is quite legalistic — they are like 'show me where it says that' — they want it to be prescriptive and exacting.

"The UK banks have been used to a principles-based regime and regulator for a lot longer. The debate was different as a result of that. You could go in and say: 'well yes you are legally allowed to sell this product, but it's a really bad product for customers because you can't really explain it'."

"And they would say 'fair enough, we can see we need to do something about that'. Whereas here sometimes, and less the banks, but it is almost if you can legally do it then . . . why shouldn't we."

"There needs to be a bit of a mindset change with this new regime."

So far Bolingford's focus has been engaging with the industry to help build trust and get them used to the approach.

"When they have a new area they get nervous and scared about what is coming and with a lot of lawyers their mind turns to enforcement first rather than what we want them to focus on, which is getting the controls and processes in place that is going to be of more value to the customer."

"Engaging with industry is a really important part of saying we want to set this up right and we want to deal with the pain points.

"We ultimately want to achieve the same outcome which is better business for you, better outcomes for the customer."

SHAREMARKET YESTERDAY

WELLINGTON — The milestone on Wall Street, with the Dow Jones index breaking through the 32,000 points mark for the first time, failed to ignite or excite the New Zealand sharemarket which simply drifted on steady trading.

The Dow Jones was up nearly 1.5 percent to a new all-time high after the US\$1.9 trillion (NZ\$2.63tn) economic stimulus package was passed by Congress.

But the S&P/NZX 50 Index meandered along, finishing up 20.58 points to 12,272.48, after reaching an intraday low of 12,221.37 and high of 12,323.25.

There were 77 gainers and 64 decliners over the whole market on volume of 51.15 million share transactions worth \$177.68 million.

Greg Smith, head of research with Fat

Prophets, said the local market took the eagerly awaited US stimulus plan with a pinch of salt.

"Maybe the fiscal package was already priced in. Of more concern is whether the Reserve Bank of New Zealand will react to the latest house price increases to ensure the housing market doesn't overheat. The latest housing statistics is yet more positive economic data that is having an effect on personal wealth."

For the year to February, house prices rose 21.5 percent nationally, the number of sales increased 10.3 percent above the previous 12 months, and the median period to sell fell from 29 to 26 days. Prices in February climbed 3.7 percent nationally.

On the back of this, the property stocks had a confident day as the US 10-Year Treasury bond

yield fell further to 1.52 percent. Investore rose 3c to \$2.07; Stride Property was also up 3c to \$2.14; Argosy gained 2.5c or 1.74 percent to \$1.465; and Kiwi Property was up 3.5c to \$1.18.

One of the day's biggest movers was Air New Zealand, climbing 5.5c to \$1.70, no doubt pumped by the Australian government's A\$1.2 billion (\$1.28bn) tourism-support package, which includes half-priced, subsidised domestic airfares and loans to small tour companies.

Smith said the tourism sector here has been largely forgotten — it has not had any dedicated, specific support, yet the New Zealand government could do something similar to the Australians. And Air New Zealand has a capital raising just around the corner.

Skellerup Holdings climbed 13c to \$4.38; Freightways neared the \$11 mark by gaining 7.5c to \$10.90; Port of Tauranga picked up 7c to \$7.69; Fletcher Building increased 8c to \$6.83;

Delegat Group was up 30c or 2.05 percent to \$14.91; and Sanford collected 11c or 2.38 percent to \$4.74.

Retirement village operators Ryman Healthcare increased 21c to \$15.65; and Summerset Group Holdings gained 12c to \$12.87.

Market leader Fisher and Paykel Healthcare fell 17c to \$28.95 after reaching an intraday high of \$29.40; a2 Milk slipped 15c to \$9.55; Chorus decreased 16.5c or 2.06 percent to \$7.83; and Hallenstein Glasson was down 16c or 2.23 to \$7.01.

The energy stocks had a mixed day. Contact Energy's \$75m retail bond offer was over-subscribed and its share price edged ahead 2c to \$7.09. Meridian gained 19c or 3.46 percent to \$5.68. But Mercury fell 18.2c or 3 percent to \$5.88; and Genesis was down 6.5c to \$3.835.

— The New Zealand Herald

SHAREMARKET

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

MONDAY-TO-FRIDAY OFFICIAL MARKET STATISTICS



TOP 10 TURNOVER	
Share name	Shares
Sky Network	22,082,200
Spark NZ	18,520,900
AuckAirport	14,748,400
Kiwi Prop	13,240,500
Meridian Energy	10,875,900
Smartshr NZ Prp	10,000,800
Contact Energy	9,796,100
Air NZ	9,115,300
New Talisman	8,391,800
Fletcher Building	6,299,400

TOP 10 VALUE	
Share name	Dollars (000)
Fisrh&Paykl Health	118,301,700
AuckAirport	106,437,000
Spark NZ	84,769,000
Contact Energy	68,237,900
Meridian Energy	59,389,000
Fletcher Building	42,027,500
a2 Milk	35,916,100
Infratil	26,095,900
Ryman Health	24,357,500
Chorus	23,200,700

BIGGEST 10 RISES	
Share name	Percentage
Savor Ltd	22.2222
Air NZ	12.381
VTL Group	10.8108
Third Age Health	9.5652
Vista Group	8.8235
Meridian Energy	8.6629
Fletcher Building	8.1164
Synlait Milk Ltd (NS)	8.0692
GenesisEgy	7.7778
Contact Energy	7.3025

BIGGEST 10 FALLS	
Share name	Percentage
MarWineEst	25.8065
NZ Refining Co	11.7021
MHM Automation Limited	7.5758
My Food Bag	7.4713
a2 Milk	6.8115
Scott Tech	5.8296
Michael Hill	5.4795
NZ Oil & Gas	5.2083
Foley Wines	4.8913
Scales Corp	4.4843

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SMALLCAP ▲
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NZX All ▲
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 +162.38 +1.215%

New Zealand

	Last Price	Weekly Move	52-week High	52-week Low	NTA	Dividend CPS	Yld%	P/E Ratio
A-C								
Accordant Group Ltd	1.35	-0.01	1.60	.91	-0.36	.14	-	9.12
AFT Pharm	4.35	-0.04	5.65	3.09	-0.01	.03	-	108.92
Air NZ	1.77	+0.19	1.96	.80	.97	-.55	-	-
AlliedFarms	.51	-0.02	.82	.42	.37	.05	3.27	9.72
AMP	1.54	+0.01	2.10	1.14	1.13	.05	7.00	28.04
ANZ	30.53	-0.37	31.70	14.50	21.67	1.36	2.35	22.38
ArborGen	.17	-0.00	.19	.12	.13	.01	-	13.16
Argosy	1.48	-0.01	1.60	.74	1.41	.05	3.39	29.06
Arvida	1.73	+0.06	1.86	.88	1.32	.07	3.06	23.76
Asset Plus Ltd	.34	-0.00	.51	.29	.51	-0.03	5.06	-
AuckAirport	7.55	+0.41	8.25	4.26	4.53	.05	-	141.15
Auckland Real Estate Trust	.79	-	-	.126	-	-	-	-
Aus Found	7.90	+0.28	8.27	4.90	7.04	.15	3.28	50.48
Bankers Inv	2.18	+0.08	2.20	1.41	2.08	.09	1.94	23.81
Barramundi	.97	+0.01	1.00	.44	.76	.15	5.92	6.41
BLIS Tech	.05	-0.00	.09	.04	.00	.00	-	34.21
Briscoe Grp	5.53	-0.09	5.91	2.35	1.07	.28	3.77	19.72
Burger Fuel	.39	-0.01	.61	.24	.16	.00	-	66.18
Cannasouth	.53	+0.01	1.48	.35	1.1	-0.03	-	-
Carbon Fund	1.35	-0.02	1.56	.90	1.35	-.15	-	-
Cavalier Corp	.36	+0.01	.44	.16	.40	-0.23	-	-
CDL Inv	1.03	+0.01	1.09	.66	.92	.10	4.72	9.58
Chatham Rock	.12	-0.01	.25	.08	.16	-0.01	-	-
Chorus	7.84	-0.25	9.39	5.54	1.41	.10	4.25	76.5
City of Lond Inv	7.25	+0.23	8.05	5.65	7.08	-1.07	5.16	-
Colonial Motor	9.01	-0.08	9.16	4.98	6.96	.81	4.93	11.11
Comvita	3.23	-0.05	4.63	1.54	2.43	.10	-	30.09
Contact Energy	7.20	+0.49	11.16	4.54	2.89	.20	6.44	35.95
Cooks Glob Fds	.04	-0.00	.06	.03	-0.00	-0.00	-	-
D-F								
Delegat Group	14.97	+0.27	15.82	6.39	4.14	.72	1.58	20.6
EBOS Group	28.60	+0.38	30.00	18.42	-0.79	1.13	3.17	25.16
Enprise Group	1.10	+0.02	1.20	.58	.17	.11	3.64	9.95
EROAD Ltd	3.98	+0.06	5.47	1.80	.62	.03	-	126.89
EvolveEduc	1.37	+0.05	1.50	.40	-0.06	.05	-	25.31
Fisrh&Paykl Health	29.14	+0.59	37.89	21.10	1.87	.68	1.50	42.76
Fletcher Building	7.06	+0.53	7.06	3.05	3.00	-.19	1.70	-
Foley Wines	1.75	-0.09	2.13	1.35	1.38	.10	2.38	17.01
Fonterra	4.99	-0.16	5.15	3.41	2.77	.42	1.00	11.73
Fonterra Shrhlds Unts	4.99	-0.15	5.15	3.41	3.82	.10	1.00	-
Foreign & Colonial	14.90	+0.37	15.68	10.10	16.37	1.77	1.53	8.39
Freightways	10.79	-0.10	11.20	4.50	-0.88	.24	2.00	43.78
G-L								
General Capital Ltd	.05	-0.00	.12	.05	.03	.00	-	64.98
GenesisEgy	3.88	+0.28	4.00	1.99	1.45	.08	5.81	44.94
Gentrack Grp	1.51	-	2.00	.76	-0.01	-.32	-	-
GE0	.08	-	.10	.02	-0.00	-0.01	-	-
GFNZ Grp Ltd Ord	.54	+0.02	.57	.34	.34	.06	5.09	7.9
Goodman Prop Tst	2.20	-0.01	2.52	1.84	1.82	.15	3.00	14.26
Green Cross Health	1.08	+0.01	1.24	.99	-0.03	.10	-	10.08
Hallenstein Glasson	7.10	-0.18	7.85	1.80	1.45	.46	7.63	15.25
Harmony Corp Limited	2.26	-0.03	3.75	2.25	.76	-	-	-
Heartland Grp Holding	1.84	-0.01	1.96	.89	1.12	.13	4.91	14.03
Hendrsn Far East	6.63	+0.03	7.29	5.55	6.00	-0.70	6.86	-
ikeGPS Grp	.96	-0.01	1.23	.48	.16	-0.06	-	22.98
Infratil	7.20	+0.01	7.90	3.00	3.27	.31	2.99	22.98
Investore	2.05	-0.03	2.29	1.35	1.93	.33	4.31	6.1
JPMorg GlobGrth	8.00	+0.20	8.75	4.99	7.66	1.06	3.18	74.9
Just Life Group	.92	-0.02	1.11	.36	.03	.33	3.32	2.61
Kathmandu	1.30	+0.08	1.62	.48	.14	.01	-	77.37
Kingfish	1.90	+0.01	2.13	1.05	1.78	.28	7.40	6.64
Kiwi Prop	1.23	+0.05	1.33	.74	1.29	-0.10	2.48	-
M-O								
Mainfreight	68.50	+0.49	70.00	24.00	7.02	1.71	1.30	39.87
Marlin Global	1.28	-0.02	1.32	.69	1.15	.23	6.57	5.54
Marsden Mari	6.26	+0.06	6.65	5.34	3.36	.15	3.55	39.57
MarWineEst	.46	-0.16	.65	.17	.05	.00	-	742.79
Me Today	.07	+0.00	.16	.06	.01	-	-	-
Mercury NZ	6.00	-	7.60	3.59	2.65	.18	3.75	32.18
Meridian Energy	5.77	+0.46	9.94	3.61	1.87	.08	4.33	69.75
Metro Perf Glass	.36	+0.01	.46	.15	.13	-.42	-	-
MHM Automation Limited	.61	-0.05	.75	.15	-0.01	.01	-	46.49
Michael Hill	.69	-0.04	.82	.23	.45	.04	3.26	14.66
Millennm&Coptm	2.24	-	2.47	1.72	4.70	.43	4.65	5.14
My Food Bag	1.61	-0.13	1.76	1.57	-	-	-	-
Napier Port	3.45	-0.02	3.90	2.51	1.73	.11	2.01	31.33
New Talisman	.00	-	.00	.00	.00	-0.00	-	-
NZ Automotive	1.24	-0.02	1.30	1.20	.10	-	-	-
NZ King Salmn	1.47	+0.02	2.04	1.29	1.04	-0.05	-	-
NZ Oil & Gas	.45	-0.02	.75	.43	.60	-0.20	-	-
NZ Refining Co	.41	-0.05	1.11	.41	1.74	-.63	-	-
NZ Rural Land Company	1.13	-	1.31	1.08	1.20	-	-	-
NZME Ltd	.86	+0.03	.93	.17	-0.09	.07	-	11.62
NZX Limited	1.93	-0.03	2.19	.92	-0.01	.06	4.39	30.42
OceaniaHlth	1.41	-0.04	1.60	.38	1.02	-0.00	1.77	-
P-S								
Pacific Edge	1.02	-	1.26	.06	.04	-0.02	-	-
PaySauce	.30	+0.00	.64	.26	.01	-0.01	-	-
PGG Wrightson	3.25	+0.13	3.65	1.55	2.03	.17	5.13	18.69
Plexure	.93	+0.05	1.59	.37	.04	-0.03	-	-
PLP Fund	1.08	-	1.15	1.02	1.06	.08	6.56	13.14
Port of Tauranga	7.71	+0.11	8.14	4.90	1.71	.13	2.23	57.55
Precinct Prop	1.58	-0.03	1.83	1.44	1.53	.11	4.28	13.89
Promisia Healthcare Ltd	.00	+0.00	.00	.00	.00	-	-	-

	Last Price	Weekly Move	52-week High	52-week Low	NTA	Dividend CPS	Yld%	P/E Ratio
Prop For Ind								
PushpayHld	2.82	-0.03	3.01	1.60	2.20	.22	3.45	12.42
QEX	1.83	+0.04	2.42	.59	-0.03	.03	-	57.98
Radius	.28	-	.87	.19	.13	-0.09	-	-
Rakon	1.01	-0.01	1.82	1.00	-	-	.57	-
Rakon	.87	+0.05	.96	.15	.40	.03	-	27.38
RestaurantBrands	12.70	+0.34	13.05	6.47	-0.26	.24	-	51.21
Rua Bio	.44	+0.01	.75	.43	.18	-	-	-
Ryman Health	15.79	+0.57	16.02	6.61	4.81	.57	1.36	27.33
Sanford	4.73	+0.04	7.38	4.30	1.24	.23	1.47	19.72
Savor Ltd	.22	+0.04	.25	.09	.16	-0.02	-	-
Scales Corp	4.26	-0.20	5.35	3.30	2.33	.14	6.19	28.75
Serko Ltd	2.10	-0.13	2.41	.81	.20	-0.22	-	-
Seeka Kiwifruit	4.82	+0.04	5.04	3.40	5.20	.47	9.80	10.22
Serko Ltd	5.70	+0.01	5.95	.87	.34	-0.20	-	-
Skellerup	4.40	-	4.65	1.37	.65	.18	3.80	23.52
Sky Network	.18	+0.01	.25	.10	.05	-0.09	-	-
SKYCITYEnt	3.32	+0.14	3.36	1.14	1.20	-0.01	-	-
Smartpay	.87	-0.03	1.11	.24	-0.07	-0.06	-	-
Smartshr APAC	2.26	+0.03	2.36	1.65	2.27	-0.06	1.05	-
Smartshr ASX Units	2.89	+0.03	2.94	2.49	2.86	-	1.03	-
Smartshr AU 20	4.13	+0.03	4.22	2.65	4.08	-.51	3.07	-
Smartshr AU Div	1.60	+0.01	1.69	1.05	1.58	-.37	5.28	-
Smartshr AU Fin	7.39	+0.06	7.50	4.17	7.34	-1.67	1.95	-
Smartshr AU Mid	8.42	+0.22	8.74	4.32	8.30	-1.38	1.21	-
Smartshr AU Prp	1.42	+0.01	1.53	.91	1.41	-0.47	3.08	-
Smartshr AU Res	5.79	+0.01	6.02	3.23	5.68	-1.23	3.50	-
Smartshr Auto	4.06	+0.08	4.49	2.35	3.99	-.33	-	-
Smartshr Emr	1.50	+0.04	1.58	1.02	1.46	-0.08	.82	-
Smartshr Emr Equ	2.47	-0.00	2.65	1.73	2.43	-.27	-	-
Smartshr EU	1.76	+0.04	1.77	1.24	1.76	-0.07	.33	-
Smartshr EU Equ	2.50	+0.08	2.52	1.87	2.49	-0.30	-	-
Smartshr Glo Agr	1.31	-0.00	1.40	1.29	1.31	.00	2.03	210.48
Smartshr Glo Bond	3.33	-	3.38	3.04	3.33	.06	1.64	50.81
Smartshr Glo Equ	2.41	+0.06	2.44	1.72	2.38	-0.20	-	-
Smartshr Health	3.36	+0.06	3.84	2.05	3.32	.13	-	24.83
Smartshr JP Equ	2.11	+0.00	2.24	1.60	2.11	-0.01	-	-
Smartshr NZ Bond	3.08	+0.00	3.18	3				

Afghanistan: Same sell-out, different day

by Gwynne Dyer

IN a letter to Afghan President Ashraf Ghani last weekend, US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken insisted that Ghani agree to share power with the Taliban insurgents in a transitional government, to be followed at some point by some sort of election. Understandably, the Afghan leader views this as a shotgun marriage in which the Taliban will hold the shotgun.

Too bad, but the Biden administration has inherited Donald Trump's deal with the Taliban to pull all US troops out of Afghanistan by May 1, and it has no intention of changing that. The "good guys" lost, Joe Biden has promised no more "forever wars", and Ashraf Ghani will just have to suck it up.

Here's Secretary Blinken's letter to Ghani: "I must also make clear to you, Mr President, that as our policy process continues in Washington, the United States has not ruled out any option. We are considering the full withdrawal of our forces by May 1st, as we consider other options.

"Even with the continuation of financial assistance from the United States to your forces after an American military withdrawal, I am concerned the security situation will worsen and that the Taliban could make rapid territorial gains." Blinken concluded by expressing the hope that Ghani "understands the urgency of my tone regarding the collective work outlined".

It's uncannily like the letter President Richard Nixon wrote to South Vietnamese president Nguyen Van Thieu on 17 December 1972 — just before he signed the peace agreement with North Vietnam that gave the US a face-saving "decent interval" (two years after American troops left) before Hanoi collected its winnings by conquering South Vietnam:

"Over the last two months . . . I have kept you scrupulously informed of the progress of the negotiations. This is my final effort to point out to you the necessity for joint action and to convey my irrevocable intention to proceed, preferably with your cooperation but, if necessary, alone.

"The time has come for us to present a united front in negotiating with our enemies, and you must decide now whether you desire to continue to work together or whether you want me to seek a settlement with the enemy which serves US interests alone," Nixon wrote.

The United States is abandoning Afghanistan, just like it abandoned South Vietnam almost 50 years ago. And it's demanding that the local puppet ruler gives it political cover for its withdrawal and takes the blame for its final defeat, again. And the poor mugs went along with it, because what choice did they have?

This is not to suggest that the United States should keep its last 2500 troops in Afghanistan, let alone reinforce them again. It would have been better if American forces had left within a few years of the 2001 invasion. It would have been even better if they had never invaded at all.

One of the most quoted axioms of military history, right up there with "Don't march on Moscow", is "Never invade Afghanistan". The three greatest empires of the past century, British, Russian and American, have all tried and failed. Afghanistan is always easy to conquer, because it is poor and disunited. It is impossible to stay there very long, because Afghans hate being invaded and every adult man is armed.

The Taliban never had a "foreign policy"; they were exclusively interested in "reforming" their own country according to their extreme Islamist ideology. Their leader gave shelter to Osama bin Laden's crew because he had the same ideology, but there is no evidence that the Taliban knew he was planning the 9/11 attacks.

Washington's best course would have been to try to bribe enough mid-level Taliban leaders to hand bin Laden & Co over. (You can't buy religious fanatics, but you can sometimes rent them.) Failing that, go in fast, grab the al-Qaeda bunch, and get out again. And if you must invade, quickly find a friendly strongman, put him in power, and leave.

Instead the US and its equally befuddled Nato allies stayed and stayed, finding an ever-changing array of reasons (some of them well-meaning) for chasing an ever-receding victory.

And now it's down to this: buy some short-term political cover, and get the hell out. It will be ugly afterwards, but too late to change that.



Insights for conventional thinkers

by Gavin Maclean

THANK you for your thoughtful if incomplete response to my plea for degrowth. You seemed shocked, which would explain some oversights. I did not show "disregard for economic and employment impacts," but made them the chief topic. I did not suggest a "giant, politically-engineered global recession," but rather a piecemeal, evolving, people-driven recession, which could be politically enabled when governments actually have the brains to consider it. I did not question the capacity of human ingenuity and technological advances to "help" address the climate crisis; only their capacity to meet it totally. I did not challenge the capitalist system as such, but its overblown form in neoclassical economics, which has of course produced accelerating degradation and inequality in recent decades.

There are major insights to which the conventional thinker needs exposure. They do not fit easily into a brief column, but here goes:

One is the concept of a gift economy, or koha economy, beautifully expounded by Charles Eisenstein in his book Sacred Economics. We need that concept to grasp the possibility of moving smoothly to a partial gift economy, which has more



informal work and trade, and less formal, than the present. This liberates human creativity, mental health, community action, and much more.

Another is, in contrast, the insight of damaging formal employment, and its extent: what David Graeber called bullshit jobs, and I called waste jobs — wasteful, alienating, stressful, toxic or exploiting. Graeber's estimate, on a narrower definition, was 50 percent; mine would exceed that.

Thirdly there is the practicality of a universal basic income, advocated by economists and commentators of all political shades, but feared by those in power partly because the public is not used to the idea and partly because they are in power. There have been many trials of it, showing no scary outcomes, but being of short duration and local extent they do not show how an entire economy could evolve. Yet the radical-looking policy is actually evidence-based: it worked for thousands of years, admittedly in a non-monetary way, when citizens were supported by their communities instead of being separated into rich, starving, and in-between, as at present.

Your response to my column was incomplete in overlooking many points: the once-respectable concept of contraction and convergence; the economy as the driver of inequality; the idea that the economy is overblown, with

the implication that in proper degree it can serve well; the good lessons from the lockdowns, and the main cause of the suffering they produced, which was the continuing debts to creditors and landlords, and the compensating of businesses in proportion to unequal wages instead of all people equally (Biden has seen through that it seems); and the inadequate current strategy of the Climate Change Commission.

The gradualist strategy is precarious, depending on projections that may not be accurate and marginal targets that could at any time prove inadequate. It could lose its slight lead over atmospheric carbon content for a number of reasons. Responses to contingencies of storms, fires, earthquakes, pandemics, and breakdowns political, financial and technical, all generally involve acute energy and pollution costs. These "Black Swan" events are individually unpredictable, but we do know that some combination of them is inevitable.

By contrast, the strategy of contraction provides some leeway, by getting "ahead of the curve" and creating a crucial time interval (perhaps a decade) for social and economic adaptation, and also creates an enormous think-tank, through the increased freedom of the people who choose less formal employment, to find creative solutions of local or even general value.

Critical race theory racist on its face

by Patrick Cooper

COCA-Cola have introduced "sensitivity" training for their employees. White members of their workforce are asked: "Try to be less white." In order to achieve this Coca-Cola suggests their being "less oppressive", "less arrogant", "less certain", "less ignorant" but, instead, "listen" and "believe". Listen to what? Believe what? Arrogant how? Oppressive how? "Be less certain" of what? How can any white person be any less white than they already are?

The underlying hatred of whites that permeates critical race theory, the nonsense emanating from the Progressive Left that lies behind Coca-Cola's strictures outlined above, must never be acknowledged. Whites are conscripted against their will into a movement for "justice" in which they are the enemy. Hence the scenes of whites kneeling in the streets like performing seals, acknowledging the god BLM. The hatred is couched in a pretentious, fashionable language — "white supremacy", "systemic racism" — concepts with no fixed meaning that whites are expected to adopt to



prove that they are in good standing with the social justice warriors.

How has this come about? Marx's theory envisaged capitalism's overthrow by a proletariat (industrial working class) rising up against their bourgeois overlords, the factory owners. But there was a problem with countries that hadn't sufficiently industrialised. Along came the Italian Marxist, Gramsci, who argued that the focus shouldn't be on economic revolution but instead on taking control of institutions that shape culture. That way a counterculture could be created to subvert the established order.

This is what has happened in America and many other countries. Education has been taken over by the cultural Marxists so that schoolchildren are as familiar with discussing critical race theory concepts as they are with Pythagoras' Theorem. Hollywood is awash with white people desperate to show off their social justice credentials. The media pump out Progressive Leftist propaganda daily.

It was a black law professor at Harvard, Derrick Bell, who came up with the tenets of critical race theory, arguing that everything should be seen through the lens of race — arts, institutions, law, everything. People can choose to accept or reject anything based on whether they believe it is

racist or not.

Can you see where this is going? Because the founders (Jefferson, et al), the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution are tainted with the stain of racism, they are illegitimate. For the Marxist, that is the signal for them to transform the entire country. Biden has just passed a law legitimising the illegitimate changes to electoral law enacted in the swing states prior to the 2020 presidential election.

The Left in America has cast such a pall of fear over whites that these people are desperate to prove their "woke" credentials. They obviously voted in large numbers for the geriatric incumbent of the Oval office whose watchword is "equity". "Equity" doesn't mean "equality", as is evidenced by parents of public school children in New York being told to become "white traitors" by actively dismantling "whiteness" and by the cancelling of a programme for gifted kids in Boston because it was "too white".

Critical Race Theory is racist on its face but nobody dares say it for fear of the backlash. It is pernicious hogwash because it condemns one section of the population to permanent damnation because of the colour of their skin and, however hard they try to atone for their imagined sins, they can never succeed.

Our condition: a 'eureka' moment

by Clive Bibby

IT must be clear to readers that I struggle at times to understand the real reasons why people react to certain situations the way they do.

I am quite prepared to acknowledge my own limited abilities to see through the deceit and fraudulent posturing that seems to bedevil much of what we have grown up believing is essential to our existence as an orderly society — trust in the law and peaceful coexistence with one another.

I become frustrated when society itself seems to have abandoned the traditional hallmarks of nationhood, based on equal opportunities and concern for the genuinely disadvantaged. Instead we seem hell-bent on destroying everything that our forebears fought and died for, that has survived the test of time simply because it had been proved to work.

No more are we all subject to the same law that used to bind us together. We appear fixated with passing disingenuous



legislation that will ensure we are separated based on the origin of our birth and even that privileged position will be available only to a select few. "We are all born equal but some are more equal than others!"

Although I have recently joined the ranks of this country's senior citizens with the attendant baggage of declining health and limited physical capabilities, I continue to resist the possibility that my mind is failing in similar fashion. It will undoubtedly happen but, thankfully, not yet.

I try to compensate, as others of my age do, with constant attention to the world around me and the responsibilities we all have to ensure our time as kaitiaki is not wasted on frivolous activity. There is much we can and should be doing.

I suspect that my personal "eureka moment" is not a sudden realisation about a single subject but more one based on a lifetime of experiences, especially those dealing with my fellow human beings. Consequently, my understanding is a multifaceted realisation that humanity is probably doomed to fail due

as much as anything to self-inflicted wounds and a preponderance for woke crusades.

And before the editor and his doctrinal believers choke on their muesli, I hasten to add that I am not talking about climate change or those other threats to our existence — the responsibility for which has, I believe, been unjustifiably laid at the feet of human activity.

I refer to our inability as a species to recognise the dark side of our own nature — particularly in our dealings with and responsibilities for each other.

How can we expect to deal with the evil regimes of China, Russia, Iran and all the other rogue states that are intent on doing us harm from a basis of strength (which is the only thing they respect) when we, as a sovereign nation, appear intent on following this racist path of self-destruction that is manifest in a government drunk on power.

If we don't change, our condition becomes terminal.

We must return our own house to order before we can do anything about helping others to do the same with theirs.

EDITORIAL

Making progress, albeit slowly

Assessing risks and responses

Acknowledgement from Tairāwhiti Civil Defence and Emergency that its communication after the 7.1 magnitude earthquake off Te Araroa last Friday should have been better is a first step towards processes we can rely on for future events. There is a clear desire to resolve issues as they work through a debriefing and meet with affected communities.

The community closest to the quake was a shining example of good communication, as its chief fire officer Dick Cook describes in the Weekender today. Soon after the 2.27am shake-up, he and his team were driving around the township and its outskirts with their lights and siren on and using the intercom to ensure everyone knew the threat and was evacuating up Hospital Hill.

Several correspondents have described their own early-morning assessment that there was no tsunami threat from what was then estimated to be a 7.3M quake, because it was not strong enough.

They won't have factored in the low but very real additional tsunami risk people in our coastal areas face from the massive sediment build-ups offshore from our major rivers, which The Herald first reported on a decade ago and District Council principal scientist Dr Murry Cave outlined in an article on Thursday.

While the low vertical and horizontal accelerations of the 7.1M quake last Friday meant such an event was unlikely to have been triggered, Dr Cave noted the best-known example of a large sediment slump generating a tsunami was the 7.0M Sandaun earthquake in Papua New Guinea in 1998.

That quake was 30km deep, 25km from the coast and lasted 19 seconds; the tsunami of three waves of up to 4m that smashed into a 30km coastal strip 10-25 minutes later killed about 2700 people and injured thousands more. The second wave was the largest and most destructive; it rose to a height of 10-15m as it crossed the shoreline.

This tragedy in Sandaun province raised awareness among scientists of the potential for smaller earthquakes to trigger large tsunami if they cause undersea landslides.

Dr Cave also said there was strong evidence of a very large collapse of the sediment shelf offshore of the Waiapu rivermouth about 155,000 years ago, which would probably have caused a tsunami.

GNS Science and international partners have done a lot of research on the Hikurangi subduction zone off our coast in recent years, and Dr Cave said the detailed results of this work would be very useful in assessing the risks this "sediment wedge" poses.

by Ron Taylor



RE: Issues of interpretation, beliefs — March 11 column.

It seems a common theme now to treat human beings as some sort of logical machine. In my experience we are mammals and subject to all the emotional baggage that comes with that. I certainly don't want to become some sort of logical Dr Spock.

Is there racism? Yes there is. I have an unpopular theory, in that I think racism is completely natural. This does not mean I support the evil outcomes of racism with which history is abundantly dotted. It also means that we can do better. I feel everyone is a prisoner of their own generation, in that we cling to the systems we were raised in.

The evil 5 percent of ratepayers forcing a poll against Maori wards: get it right, 5 percent of ratepayers could demand a poll of ratepayers. The whole body of ratepayers would then have a choice.

If sections of the ratepayer base, of any ethnicity, choose not to vote for whatever reason,

that is their choice. Inaction is a choice and I feel the opportunity to vote could not be made easier.

Strongly ingrained institutional racism: this is probably true — we are not perfect and I think we are making progress, albeit slowly.

Strapped for speaking te reo: I was strapped for being left-handed — go figure — it doesn't happen now.

Names changed because too hard to pronounce: does it happen now? It's called progress. I sometimes get called Talyer — c'est la vie.

Land confiscated and desecrated: true — the history of the world shows this — human behaviour. This doesn't make it right. You can't make an omelette back into eggs.

I have been reading about the American Civil War and the shocking treatment of slaves. Abraham Lincoln is on record as saying that slaves should be free, but that they should not get the vote as they were not up to it as a racial group, from an intellectual point of view. How sad is that through a 2021 lens.

You suggest that Pakeha as a group are clinging on to power. I personally do not have a sense of this. I certainly don't have a sense of superiority to Maori. Let's look at other human

groupings. Jewish people, Muslim people, people from other cultures. I think any reasonable person would bend over backwards to not offend other people's religious beliefs or cultural constructs. Live and let live.

I reiterate, we are not perfect. Eric Berne wrote that we are composed of three people — adult, parent and child. This resonates with me — what we learnt as a child from our parents, what we learnt as an adult and those parts which we still think about, from a child's perspective.

If you feel reminded you are a second-rate citizen, I am sorry. However, how you see the world is up to the individual. You can be positive, or carry baggage. We all do to some extent. Being perfect is not achievable in real terms.

Many tauiwi grew up in a world where material things were in short supply. My parents lived through two world wars and the depression.

What we did get, is a belief in the success of hard work and application.

Take a hundred people of mixed religions and races and some will do well, some will sit in the middle and some will not be so successful.

Human beings, not machines. Life is, after all, a massive lottery in terms of attitudes, abilities and opportunities. Get used to it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, ONLINE COMMENTS

Tracks into the forests?

Re: Let's march, March 12 letter.

Let's march for what? May Ruby, I don't know where you live but obviously it has to be on the main road.

Like everyone else on the Coast, we have to put up with these logging trucks too.

I honestly don't know what you expect to get out of your meeting unless you can put a plan in place for the train tracks to go into the forests, to every skid site — they move

too. Hahaha. Or maybe you have a better idea on how to pull the logs out of the forest and have them transported to the port.

We, the wives of these logging truck drivers, support our husbands who get out of bed early and work hard all day to meet our daily needs.

Please stop picking on our hard-working men and women who drive these trucks.

BERNIE KAA

On delayed compliance

Re: Build now, comply later — March 12 story.

"Mrs Thatcher Swann said it wasn't about undermining." "We need to be clear that the council has traditionally delayed the progress towards meeting its consent compliance," she said.

How worried should ratepayers be about this statement?

The Inner Harbour parking barrelled on despite GDC knowing it was contra to the

District Plan. I challenged that on a number of occasions, when I posted it on GDC Facebook the CEO shut me down to get that removed from scrutiny.

There was a retaining seawall issue at Wainui that was reported earlier, I wonder if it has been "traditional"; just how many projects have the consent compliance delayed? Can we please have a list?

P. MILLAR

Awesome Spirit of NZ a larger ship

Re: Positive response to picker plea, March 12 story. This is so awesome. Kanohi te kanohi always shines.

KAREN CLARKE

Just saying

Re: Imagine . . . March 12 letter.

Hmmm . . . Imagine that Pyongyang retaliates and sends a rocket (armed with whatever people use to blow others to smithereens these days) to Mahia . . .

Kim Jong-un is not the only trigger-happy leader either, just saying.

LARA MEYER

A small correction for the article Sailing away on Spirit adventure (March 12th). The ship STS Spirit of Adventure (top sail schooner) was decommissioned in 1997 and was the first, and smaller, ship used by the Spirit of Adventure Trust. The STS Spirit of New Zealand is a much larger vessel and is a steel-hulled three-masted barquentine, not a schooner. Nevertheless, the fabulous experience remains the same.

I congratulate the Tolaga Bay Area School for encompassing and fostering involvement in maritime adventures — they'll have a ball!

M. GRAHAM

A good, honest old-timer

It was pleasing to read Estelle Beder's comments in our Gisborne Herald. Wow, what a nice man her father Noel Beder was — a country buyer based in Palmerston North.

When I first met him, I had just started in the wool trade at the age of 19. I had spent time at Bradford University learning about wool, then it was over to our mill in Roubaix Northern France for six months and back to New Zealand. My boss, Bernard Degraeve, took me around to meet the troops scattered over the North Island.

First up was Mr Beder. He made us welcome and we bought a lot of wool direct from him. Our main purchases, though, were following

the auctions where the bulk of farmers' wool is sold, in Wellington, Whanganui, Auckland and Napier for the North Island. Down south, we travelled overnight to Picton by ferry with a car on board to Christchurch, Timaru, Dunedin and Invercargill.

An interesting event we had with Mr Beder was we got a report back from France that one of the bales of wool that arrived at our mill had a whole lot of filled beer bottles tucked away in the middle of the bale. The sorters wanted to say thank you.

Those were the days, when honesty was everything.

ALAIN JORION

It's called hyper-inflation . . .

Re: Covid response funds only figures — not even on paper, March 10 letter.

Just look at Venezuela, Germany (pre-WW2) and

Zimbabwe to see what "printing" money as though there is no consequence does.

JOHN

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Cuomo defiant as calls for his resignation grow

ALBANY, NY — Facing unprecedented political isolation, a defiant New York Governor Andrew Cuomo insisted on Friday (local time) that he would not step down in the wake of sexual-harassment allegations and condemned the sprawling coalition of Democrats calling for his resignation as “reckless and dangerous”.

The third-term Democratic governor, who has been a leading critic of former President Donald Trump’s pandemic response, evoked the Republican in defending himself against “cancel culture”.

“I’m not going to resign,” Cuomo said during an afternoon phone call with reporters. “I did not do what has been alleged. Period.”

He added: “People know the difference between playing politics, bowing to cancel culture and the truth.”

The embattled governor’s comments came on the day his party in New York and beyond turned sharply against him following allegations of harassment as well as sweeping criticism of Cuomo for the scandal over New York’s nursing home, Covid-19 death data.

Cuomo said earlier this year New York had excluded thousands of residents from its nursing home death toll to avoid “double counting” deaths.

Cuomo’s growing list of detractors now covers virtually every region in the



GROWING LIST OF DETRACTORS: This compilation of pictures (above right) shows New York’s US Representatives, top row from left, Jerrold Nadler, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Elise Stefanik, and Jamaal Bowman. In the bottom row, from left, are: Antonio Delgado; Carolyn Maloney; and Mondaire Jones. Multiple members of New York’s congressional delegation on Friday (local time), called on Governor Andrew Cuomo (above left) to resign in the wake of mounting allegations of sexual harassment and an allegation of groping, as well as scrutiny over his administration’s reporting of Covid deaths in nursing homes. AP file pictures

state and the political power centres of New York City and Washington, DC.

A majority of Democrats in the state legislature and 21 of the state’s 27 US House members have called for him to step down.

The escalating political crisis jeopardises Cuomo’s 2022 re-election chances in an overwhelmingly Democratic state, and threatens to cast a cloud over President Joe

Biden’s early days in office. Republicans across the country have seized on the scandal to try to distract from Biden’s recent success with the pandemic and challenge his party’s well-established advantage with female voters.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, a New York Democrat, declined to comment on Friday about Cuomo’s crisis, but stood alongside Biden in a Rose

Garden ceremony celebrating the passage of the Democrat-backed US\$1.9tn pandemic relief bill.

Hours earlier, White House press secretary Jen Psaki declined to say whether Biden believed Cuomo should resign.

She did say, however, that every woman who has come forth about harassment by the New York governor “deserves to have her voice heard”.

— AP

GLOBAL BRIEFS

Thousands gather in Myanmar for vigil despite night curfew

YANGON — Thousands of people have gathered in Yangon to attend a vigil despite a night-time curfew and the growing threat of violence from security forces as protests continue against the military coup.

People came to the Hedlan district of Yangon, many holding candles, according to The Irrawaddy newspaper and other local media.

Others carried posters demanding the release of de facto leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

Rallies were also held in many other parts of the country after dark in gatherings that were peaceful at the outset.

The Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM), which is organising resistance in the country, tweeted, “People are now gathering in Hledan, Yangon despite pressure of heavy crackdown and violence.”

“We are demonstrating incredible resilience and courage in the face of barbaric brutality and extreme violence. Please do your job, international community!” the CDL said. — AAP

Quad leaders vow vaccine unity

NEW DELHI — Leaders of the United States, India, Australia and Japan have agreed to pool financing, manufacturing and distribution capacity to send 1 billion coronavirus vaccines across Asia by the end of 2022, India’s foreign secretary says.

The so-called “Quad” group of four countries want to expand global vaccinations and counter China’s growing vaccination diplomacy in Southeast Asia and around the world.

India is the world’s biggest vaccine maker.

The collaboration was “most pressing and valuable”, foreign secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla told a news conference in India’s capital New Delhi after the four-way virtual summit.

“The four countries have agreed to a plan to pool their financial resources, manufacturing capabilities and capacities, and logistical strengths so as to ramp up the manufacturing and distribution of the Covid-19 vaccines in the Indo-Pacific region,” he said. — AAP

Ebola linked to 2014 survivor

GENEVA — A top official at the World Health Organisation (WHO) says that a genetic analysis of the ongoing Ebola outbreak in Guinea suggests it might have been sparked by a survivor of the devastating west Africa epidemic that ended five years ago.

At a press briefing in Geneva, WHO emergencies chief Mike Ryan described the results of the genetic sequencing of the virus in Guinea as “quite remarkable”.

Scientists posted their results on a virology website on Friday (local time), concluding that the current Ebola virus outbreak in Guinea is extremely similar to the virus that sparked the widespread west Africa outbreak that began in 2014.

“More studies are going to be needed,” Ryan said.

However, he added that based on the available genetic-sequencing data, the current outbreak was unlikely to be linked to an animal — which is how nearly all previous Ebola epidemics have begun.

A second WHO official at the same briefing, however, said it was too early to draw conclusions on the source of the outbreak, which was the West African country’s first since the 2013-2016 epidemic that spread in the region and killed thousands. — AAP, Reuters

Victoria a euthanasia trailblazer

MELBOURNE — As more Australian states consider legalising euthanasia, the nation’s legislative trailblazer — Victoria — has reported that more than 170 people ended their lives in 2020 with the help of the state’s assisted-dying scheme.

The latest report from Victoria’s Voluntary Assisted Dying Review Board confirmed 174 deaths under the scheme between January 1 and December 31 of last year.

The majority took the approved medication themselves, and 31 people had a dose administered by a medical practitioner.

Since the state’s voluntary assisted-dying laws came into effect in June 2019, there have been 224 deaths.

A total of 465 permit applications have been made in the past 18 months, with only 60 being refused.

A number of applications, however, were withdrawn because the applicant died before obtaining a permit. Only two people changed their minds. — AAP

Mass abduction at yet another Nigerian school

LAGOS, Nigeria — Gunmen have attacked a school in northwestern Nigeria and kidnapped 39 students, just weeks after a similar mass abduction in the region, authorities said on Friday (local time).

The latest kidnapping took place late on Thursday night at the Federal College of Forestry Mechanisation, Afaka, in the Igabi local government area of Kaduna state, police said.

“The number of missing students is now confirmed to be 39, comprising 23 females and 16 males,” said Samuel Aruwan, Commissioner for Kaduna State Ministry of Internal Security and Home Affairs, in a statement.

Several school staff were also kidnapped, he added.

Aruwan said the attack was carried out by a large group of “armed bandits”, and added that the military intercepted the attack and were able to at least take 180 staff and students to safety.

An unspecified number of the rescued students were injured and were now receiving medical attention at a military facility. Security forces “are conducting an operation to track the missing students”, Aruwan said.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres strongly condemned the mass abduction and called for “the immediate, unconditional release of those students that remain in captivity,” UN spokesman Stephane Dujarric said.

The UN chief urged authorities to ensure that schools “remain a safe space for children to learn without fear”. — AP

Biden moves to ease strain of child border crossings

BALTIMORE — The Biden administration hopes to relieve the strain of thousands of unaccompanied children coming to the southern border by ending a Trump-era order that discouraged potential family sponsors from coming forward to care for them.

The 2018 policy called on Health and Human Services to share information about family sponsors with immigration authorities, a move that discouraged parents and other relatives from stepping forward out of fear they would be deported.

A senior administration official said on Friday (local time) that the Department of Health and Human Services was not a law-enforcement agency and that the goal of Friday’s announcement was to encourage family members and other sponsors to step forward.

It came as US authorities saw a 60 percent increase in children crossing the southwest border alone between January and February, to more than



US President Joe Biden

9400.

Much of the policy has already been chipped away at through lawsuits and other directives, but administration officials say its full repeal sends a more forceful message.

Government-funded facilities have been constrained because the coronavirus has limited how many beds are available, while the number of children crossing the border has overwhelmed the processing system.

Officials say children are staying an average of 37 days at Health and Human Services-sponsored

facilities.

The move is another step to repeal the policies of former President Donald Trump which discouraged people from seeking refuge in the US after it became the world’s most popular destination for asylum-seekers in 2017.

Most notably, the Biden administration is unwinding a policy that made asylum-seekers wait in Mexico for court hearings in the United States. About 1000 people with active cases have been admitted to the US to await the outcome of their claims, with 25,000 or so eligible to come in the coming months.

Earlier this week, the administration announced it was resuming a programme that Trump ended that makes it easier for Central American children to join their parents in the US.

Under the Central American minors policy, children can apply for legal status in the United States in their own countries instead of making the dangerous journey to the US border with Mexico.

— AP

Commercial options

by TOM LANE
Rural Real Estate Agent



For those farmers or horticulturists looking to diversify their investments or scale back their farming business interests, the option of owning a commercial property may fit the next phase of your off-farm investment.

The right property with a proven tenant, providing a regular income stream not reliant on the commodity cycle, is now a solid choice for many farmers. In addition, you retain control of your investment, much like your farm.

On first look, commercial real estate can present as complicated and risky with significant overheads. Typically, this could not be further from the truth. With the right knowledge and support, investing in commercial property can generate competitive investment returns, relative to risk.

As farmers, understanding of commercial investment property often comes down to a connection with somebody you can trust. Even more so when the location is out of the district, adding further weight to getting good advice at the start of the process, not the end.

Commercial yields will vary depending on:

- Location
- Market conditions
- Lease term
- Tenants' financial strength

Getting the right capital growth/yield mix is a balancing act. Commercial property yields (cash returns) in provincial New Zealand compare very favourably with historic farming cashflows, particularly for those now actively seeking income, compared to a historical reliance on long-term capital gain.

There is a more in-depth article on commercial investment in our latest rural outlook magazine, which is in rural letter boxes from the 17th of March. If you do not receive a copy get in touch and I can get one to you. This showcase magazine has over 50 rural properties for sale from Farms, Horticulture and Lifestyle across the breadth of the country.

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PRICES DOWN: Around 900 cattle changed hands on Tuesday in the monthly cattle fair at the Matawhero saleyards, and prices were down for the heavier cattle compared to the February sale. A shortage of grass and a shortage of processing space in the meat works was the likely reason. Holmdale Farm at Manutuke received the top dollar of \$1700 for six rising 2.5-year steers. This pen of Holmdale Farm stock, their first of the sale, sold for \$1390.

Picture by Trevor Brown

MPI joins in the big job hunt

THE Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) is supporting NZ Kiwifruit Growers Inc (NZKGI) to get New Zealanders involved in this season's kiwifruit harvest.

As part of its "Opportunity Grows Here" attraction campaign, MPI is helping the industry in its efforts to attract thousands of people into seasonal harvest and post-harvest roles.

"From working out in the orchard to the packhouse to the office, people with a wide range of skills are welcome, and there's flexibility in the hours for those who want to work part-time or weekends only," says MPI's director investment skills and performance Cheyne Gillooly.

"There is a diverse range of careers on offer, so we're hoping people who may have not previously considered a job in the sector will give it a go," Mr Gillooly says.

Throughout the kiwifruit harvest, MPI's Opportunity Grows Here campaign will use online media, radio, print publications as well

as billboards to spread the word that there is a wide range of seasonal roles available.

Jobs are based primarily in the Bay of Plenty, but also across Hawke's Bay, Poverty Bay, Auckland, Northland, Tasman, and South Waikato.

The picking season runs from March until June, with the peak starting mid-to-end April.

NZKGI chief executive Nikki Johnson said they were thrilled to have the support of MPI. "They are creating some excellent initiatives to get out the messages around kiwifruit work opportunities to those seeking employment."

To apply for kiwifruit roles, visit Work the Seasons or Kiwifruit Jobs NZ on Facebook.

■ The Help the Harvest get-together in Gisborne on Thursday evening was very successful, with more than 70 people steered into horticulture work, picking the apples and kiwifruit primarily.

That number is expected to grow as other people get drawn into the local hort workforce.



Rain boosts lamb demand

MORE buyers turned out for yesterday's weekly sheep sale at the Matawhero saleyards and prices paid rose accordingly.

The recent rain has boosted growth of newly sown grass, grapes are being harvested, all creating a seasonal demand for store lambs to fatten.

There were 2250 sheep sent for sale and bidding was brisk.

Oriwha Station P/S at Whakarau sold 12 prime ewes for \$186 and five prime lambs for \$146.

B Farrell (Hexton) sold four prime lambs for \$150.

Store Wiltshire ewe lambs were again in demand, with Arakihi Station at Tolaga Bay being paid \$138 for their top cut of 38.

Te Wera Station sold 37 store mixed-aged ewes for \$140. Other store ewes sold down to \$88.

Best prices —
Prime ewes: Oriwha Station P/S, 12, \$186, 5, \$130; Te Wera Station, 22, \$173; T.A Creswell Family Trust, 9, \$130; Kaitoto Station (Tikitiki), 11, \$126, 8, \$121.

Prime lambs: B Farrell, 4, \$150, 4, \$145; Oriwha Station P/S, 5, \$146, 3, \$125; Kaitoto Station, 10, \$130.

Store male lambs: Arakihi Station, 18, \$107, 11, \$75, 15, \$70.50; Bill Fisher (Otoko), 54, \$101;



BETTER PRICES: The weekly sale at Matawhero yesterday attracted better prices than last week. These 38 Wiltshire store ewe lambs from Arakihi Station at Tolaga Bay sold for \$138.

Picture by Trevor Brown

C.N.A and J.M Marr (Te Wera), 46, \$98, 458, \$97.50, 83, \$83; Kaitoto Station, 41, \$97, 29, \$80, 9, \$68; Te Wera Station, 112, \$93.50.

Store ewe lambs: Arakihi Station, 38, \$138, 54, \$100, 32, \$70; Bill Fisher, 59, \$97.50, 9, \$70.50; C.N.A and J.M Marr, 69, \$94, 437, \$84, 198, \$71.20; Te Wera Station, 124, \$85, 34, \$80.

Importance of health and safety

COMMENT by Andrew Thomas,
Treadwell Gordon

HEALTH and safety on farms is not a new issue, but it is always worth reminding those in the sector of their responsibilities and the penalties for non-compliance.

Recently, a family farming company was prosecuted for failing to ensure its side-by-side vehicle was safe at the time of use. Unfortunately, the prosecution followed a death on the farm.

The family were hosting a Willing Workers on Organic Farms worker, otherwise known as a WOOFer. The worker was a passenger in the side-by-side when the driver lost control and the vehicle fell 13 metres down the hillside.

She was not wearing a seatbelt and was ejected from the vehicle and crushed when it landed on top of her. The worker died from her injuries.

At the time of the incident, the door had been removed from the side-by-side.

In addition, the seatbelt warning system had been disabled and one seatbelt was broken.

The company was prosecuted and fined \$275,000 and a reparation payment of \$110,000 to the victim's family was ordered.

The Judge disagreed with the prosecution and the defence and held the victim's family, who were overseas, were victims under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 (HSWA).

Under the HSWA, it is not possible to obtain an insurance policy for fines under the Act. However, insurance policies can include cover for reparation payments and costs of defence.

As a result, the farm company had to pay \$275,000 from their own funds. If they had public liability insurance, their reparation payment (payment to victim) and costs of defence could potentially have been covered by insurance.

As is commonly appreciated by those in the farming sector, a Person Conducting Business Undertakings' (ie a farmer's) obligations under the HSWA are extensive. Most of these obligations are what is known as "strict liability" offences.

That means there is no requirement to show intent — for example, if you modified a piece of farming equipment that resulted in it becoming unsafe, and the modification then contributed to an accident, then you are liable, irrespective of your intentions.

In this case, the farm company was prosecuted for failing to meet these duties:

- Ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that the fixtures, fittings, or plant are without risks to the health and safety of any person.

By altering the safety features on the side-by-side, it was found to have breached this duty.

- If a person breaches that duty and that failure exposes any individual to a risk of death or serious injury or serious illness.

By altering the safety features, it exposed an individual to serious injury. Note there was no requirement for that person to be an employee.

Many in the rural industry will be used to having casual staff or backpackers stay on their farms. It is a way for backpackers to see parts of New Zealand off the tourist trail, and for farmers to have additional staff during busy periods.

Even though casual, such workers will be afforded protection under our health and safety law, and the same rules and regulations apply to them as others working "in the workplace".

In addition, all farmers need to be mindful of any modifications they make to farm equipment to ensure they do not compromise the safety of that equipment with the potential to put lives at risk.

— Whanganui Chronicle



FRUITFUL YIELD: The kiwifruit harvest is now in full swing around the district. Everything points to a record year nationally and locally. The Gisborne crop was worth around \$57 million last season, as the kiwifruit industry grows fast here. The first fruit picked in the country came off a block at Kaiaponi Farms just over a week ago. Below, Della Wharehinga and her son James Dean were pictured at work, so too was Rua Aranui, left.

Pictures by Liam Clayton



WET WEATHER CEASES HARVEST: The heavy rain over the past few days brought a halt to the grain maize harvest over the weekend.

Picture by Liam Clayton

Halt to maize harvest

THE rain over the past couple of days has brought a halt to the grain maize harvest but both Corson Grain and Glencore Grain expect to get back into it on Monday.

The rain has apparently soaked in well, and has not caused significant soil issues in the paddocks.

Corsons yesterday halted their

harvest for the weekend, but Glencore had not been harvesting in the past couple of days anyway.

Glencore began their harvest last week in the Ormond area while Corson Grain started harvesting on Monday.

Between them they will harvest about 30,000 tonnes this season, between now and early June.

FarmIQ adds value to compliance

by Richard Rennie

THE demands on farmers to become more compliant have grown significantly in only five short years, with expectations from the public, processors and government all requiring greater accountability for how resources of land, water and people are managed.

Regardless of what government is running New Zealand, it is more likely than not that the regulations proposed or in place around water and land management are not going to change significantly.

New Zealand's need to stake its reputation as a food producer delivering high quality, sustainable products requires regulatory effort to deliver on that promise.

As the demands around compliance have grown, the ability to capture data that proves a farmer is compliant in areas of environmental management, health and safety and ultimately greenhouse gas emissions has never

been greater.

Smartphones, apps, sensors and wireless connectivity mean the modern farm is a rich vein of data. However, the challenge is to harvest this data and turn it into auditable, functional proof of compliance.

The ultimate solution to data overload is for New Zealand agriculture to have a common platform for collecting, analysing and presenting all this data in a form proving farmers are compliant, and it also adds more profit to their business operation.

For this reason, FarmIQ stands out as the strongest candidate for a national farm-reporting platform, delivering analysis, compliance, and quality assurance.

The platform puts the farmer at the

centre of their business's data flow, with data for each farm input and resource all linking up. This is unlike many systems where connections tend to be an "up-down" vertical relationship, siloing other farm inputs.

FarmIQ's functionality include its capability to generate compliant reports such as Farm Environment Plans (FEP), which will be compulsory for all farms by 2025.

FarmIQ's comprehensive FEP template links digital maps, paddock diaries, fertiliser, and stock

history among other inputs into an easy to follow, useful and compliant FEP format.

Some major players in the pastoral sector are already on board with FarmIQ to help with compliance requirements, including LandCorp (Pamu) and Synlait.

For Synlait, FarmIQ provides a means to validate the company's Lead with Pride certification system.

It provides Synlait's farmers with valuable farm management information, and a fully auditable trail proving they are leading the way in all aspects of environmental, health, safety, and animal welfare management.

The reports are accessible and easily adjusted to account for the dynamic nature of farm systems.

As more farmers use FarmIQ, more "whole of catchment" data can be combined to give clear feedback on the effectiveness of on-farm solutions in achieving what the regulations are requiring of farm businesses, rather than trying to compare based on small, selective field trials.

FarmIQ is the needle to thread farm data and technology together to deliver farmers not only proof of compliance and provenance, but usable information on their business's ability to respond to sustainability standards.

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Conflict grows between US, allies over vaccines

WASHINGTON, DC — US President Joe Biden's administration is stockpiling tens of millions of doses of a Covid-19 vaccine whose authorisation in the US remains uncertain, frustrating US allies who say those doses should be used now to save lives overseas.

The stand-off is part of a growing global debate over who should have access to hundreds of millions of doses of vaccine that pharmaceutical companies are churning out in the US. Besides generating ill will, Biden's insistence on an excess supply for America is potentially creating new openings for geopolitical rivals, Russia and China.

A two-dose vaccine from AstraZeneca has received emergency clearance from the European Union and the World Health Organisation, but not from the US.

America's partners are now prodding Biden to release his supply, noting that the administration has lined up enough doses of three already-authorized vaccines to cover every American adult by the end of May — and the entire US population by the end of July.

AstraZeneca says that the US-produced vaccines are "owned" by the US

government and that sending them overseas would require White House approval.

"We understand other governments may have reached out to the US government about donation of AstraZeneca doses, and we've asked the US government to give thoughtful consideration to these requests," Gonzalo Viña, a spokesman for AstraZeneca, said in a statement.

Even though the 27-nation European Union is eager to relaunch a more fruitful trans-Atlantic relationship after the bruising Trump presidency, the vaccine issue is proving to be a thorny topic, with some in Europe seeing it as a continuation of former President Donald Trump's "America First" focus.

EU member states' ambassadors discussed the challenge this week.

The German government said on Friday that it had been in contact with US officials about vaccine supplies but stressed that the European Commission had the lead when it came to procuring shots for member states.

Biden and European Commission President, Ursula von der Leyen, have directed representatives to discuss



GLOBAL SUPPLY-CHAIN DEBATES: A healthcare worker administers a dose of the AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine to a woman at the Brussels Expo centre on Thursday (local time). The US has been stockpiling tens of millions of doses of the vaccine, frustrating its allies, who say those doses should be used to save lives overseas now. AP picture

supply chains in the vaccine production.

"Hopefully, we will be in a position on both sides of the Atlantic to ensure that sufficient quantities of vaccine doses are distributed out in line with the schedule so as to complete the vaccination campaigns," EU commission chief spokesman Eric Mamer said.

Well over 10 million doses of AstraZeneca's vaccine are stockpiled in the US for use there.

"We want to be oversupplied and overprepared," White

House press secretary Jen Psaki said on Friday, so Americans can still be swiftly vaccinated in the event of unforeseen issues with the existing production timeline.

Asked about its stockpiling of vaccines, White House Covid coordinator Jeff Zients said, "We have a small inventory of AstraZeneca so, if approved, we can get that inventory out to the American people as quickly as possible."

He said the US was following the same procedure it used for the already-authorized vaccines. — AP

No reason to stop using AstraZeneca jab — WHO

GENEVA — Countries should not stop using AstraZeneca's Covid-19 vaccine over fears it causes blood clots as there is no indication that this is true, the World Health Organisation (WHO) says.

Bulgaria, Denmark and Norway are among the countries that have paused its use.

However, on Friday (local time), a WHO spokeswoman said there was no link between the jab and an increased risk of developing a clot.

Margaret Harris said it was an "excellent vaccine" and should continue to be used.

Around 5 million Europeans have already received the AstraZeneca jab.

There have been about 30 cases in Europe of "thromboembolic events" — or developing blood clots — after the vaccine was administered. There were also reports that a 50-year-old man had died in Italy after developing deep vein thrombosis.

The WHO was investigating the reports, as it did with any safety questions, Harris said.

But no causal relationship had been established between the shot and the health problems reported, she said.

On Friday, AstraZeneca said the recorded number of blood clots in vaccinated people was "significantly lower than would be expected among the general population".

"An analysis of our safety data of more than 10 million records has shown no evidence of an increased risk of pulmonary embolism or deep vein thrombosis," a spokesperson said. — BBC story via RNZ

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HUGELY ADDICTIVE: OxyContin tablets contain oxycodone hydrochloride. Oxycodone belongs to a group of medicines called opioid analgesics. OxyContin is therefore a chemical cousin of heroin, and when it does not last, patients can experience excruciating symptoms of withdrawal.

AP picture

Purdue offer boosted to US\$4.3bn

STAMFORD, CT — Members of the Sackler family who own Purdue Pharma LP have offered roughly US\$4.3 billion (NZD\$5.9bn) to resolve sprawling opioid litigation, up from US\$3bn initially proposed in settlement discussions underway in the OxyContin maker's bankruptcy proceedings, four people familiar with the matter said.

Sackler family members are now willing to contribute US\$4.275bn to help settle about 3000 lawsuits brought by US communities seeking to hold them and Purdue responsible for damage wrought by the opioid epidemic, the sources said.

Purdue and representatives for the Sacklers declined to comment or did not immediately respond to requests.

Details of a far-reaching settlement could be outlined in a Purdue reorganisation plan, due to be filed in a US bankruptcy court next week.

Purdue filed for bankruptcy in 2019, facing on onslaught of opioid litigation.

In November, the Stamford, Connecticut-based company pleaded guilty to three felonies arising from its marketing of prescription opioid painkillers.

A previous proposed settlement that Purdue values at more than US\$10bn guaranteed US\$3bn from the Sacklers over seven years, with additional funds from family members contingent on sales of other international businesses they own.

That offer as a practical matter decreased to US\$2.775bn after the Sacklers agreed to pay US\$225m to settle a Justice Department civil probe.

Under the terms of the latest proposal, the Sacklers could still use proceeds from sales of those businesses to cover the higher US\$4.275bn payout, but would need to make good on it regardless.

It was not clear how long the Sacklers would take to pay the proposed higher amount, but it would likely be years, the sources said.

Settlement negotiations are ongoing and no final agreement, including on how much the Sacklers will pay, has yet been reached among the family members, Purdue and US communities suing over the opioid crisis said.

Elsewhere in the settlement negotiations, some litigants have been pushing for Purdue to explore a sale in lieu of a current proposal to dissolve itself and shift assets to a public benefit company or similar entity run on behalf of plaintiffs and no longer controlled by the Sacklers, two people familiar with the matter said.

Attorneys general from two dozen states and from Washington, DC, have opposed that plan because the new entity would continue selling OxyContin, which they view as improperly entangling them with the addictive painkiller.

Purdue in November admitted to defrauding US officials and paying illegal kickbacks to both doctors and an electronic healthcare records vendor.

That fraud was part of widespread criminal misconduct that facilitated improper opioid prescriptions.

The company agreed to pay US\$8.3bn overall in criminal and civil penalties to resolve US Justice Department probes, most of which would go unpaid.

A US\$3.54bn criminal penalty and a US\$2.8bn civil penalty are set to be considered, alongside trillions of dollars in unsecured claims as part of Purdue's bankruptcy proceedings.

Purdue agreed to pay US\$225m toward a US\$2bn criminal forfeiture, with the Justice Department forgoing the rest if the company's bankruptcy reorganisation creates a public benefit company or similar entity steering the remaining US\$1.775bn to US communities for combating the opioid crisis.

Sackler family members have not been criminally charged.

The Sacklers agreed to pay US\$225m to resolve allegations they caused false claims for OxyContin to be made to government healthcare programs such as Medicare.

They have denied the allegations. The opioid epidemic has claimed the lives of roughly 450,000 people across the US since 1999 due to overdoses from prescription painkillers and illegal drugs, such as heroin and fentanyl, according to the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention.

Purdue's bankruptcy filing halted litigation against the company and its Sackler family owners.

Since then, the company has been working toward proposing a reorganisation plan that would serve as a blueprint for settling the thousands of outstanding lawsuits.

Purdue's proposal to resolve cases in a deal it values at more than US\$10bn is largely contingent on future donations of overdose reversal and addiction treatment medications the company has under development.

How much the Sacklers will contribute has long been a key sticking point in negotiations among family members, Purdue and plaintiffs. Many states rejected their initial US\$3bn offer as too low.

In December, two Sackler family members offered apologies when testifying before a congressional panel over the role OxyContin played in the opioid crisis.

The family members, both of whom previously served on Purdue's board, insisted they were assured by management that the company was meeting regulatory and legal requirements as the opioid crisis unfolded.

— Reuters story via RNZ

Missing woman's remains found; case stirs up grief, anger in UK

LONDON — A body found in woodland in Kent has been formally identified as that of Sarah Everard, as it emerged that the man arrested on suspicion of her kidnap and murder was the subject of two allegations of indecent exposure days before she disappeared.

The suspected abduction and murder of the young London woman as she walked home has dismayed Britain and also revived a painful question: why are women too often not safe on the streets?

The fate of Sarah Everard is all the more shocking because the suspect arrested on suspicion of killing her is a UK police officer, whose job was protecting top politicians and diplomats.

Everard, a 33-year-old marketing executive, set out on the 50-minute walk home from a friend's house in south London at about 9pm on March 3.

She did not arrive.

On Friday (local time), police confirmed that a body found hidden in woodland, 80 kilometres southeast of the city, was hers.

London police arrested a member of the force's Parliamentary and Diplomatic Protection Command on Tuesday as a suspect in the case. The officer in his 40s, whose name has not been released, is being held on suspicion of kidnapping and murder but has not yet been charged.

In a statement issued on Thursday, Everard's family said "our beautiful daughter Sarah was taken from us and we are appealing for any information that will help to solve this terrible crime."

"I know that the public feel hurt and angry about what has happened, and those are sentiments I share personally," said Metropolitan Police Assistant Commissioner Nick Ephgrave.

Everard's disappearance and killing has caused a nationwide outcry, with thousands appealing on social media for information to help find her.

Women also then began sharing experiences of being threatened or attacked — or simply facing the everyday fear of violence when walking alone.

"When she went missing, any woman who has ever walked home alone at night felt that grim, instinctive sense of recognition," columnist Gaby Hinsliff wrote in *The Guardian*.

"Footsteps on a dark street. Keys gripped between your fingers. There but for the grace of God."

Organisers of a planned vigil in Everard's memory planned to go to



Sarah Everard.

Picture via AP

court on Friday after police said they could not gather because of coronavirus restrictions. Britain is now in lockdown and all mass assemblies are banned.

The Reclaim These Streets organisers want to hold a socially-distanced gathering on Saturday on Clapham Common, an open space on the route of Everard's walk home.

Anna Birley, one of the organisers, said "safety has been a priority from the get-go".

"It would be ironic to organise a vigil to think about women's safety in public spaces without also thinking about the health and safety aspects (of the vigil itself)," she said.

The police force said in a statement it was "in discussion with the organisers about this event in light of the current Covid regulations".

The case has raised tough questions for the police. Britain's police watchdog is investigating how the police force handled a complaint of indecent exposure against the same suspect, three days before Everard disappeared.

The Independent Office of Police Conduct is also investigating how the suspect sustained a head injury while he was in custody. The police force says he was found injured in his cell and taken to a hospital for treatment before being returned to a police station.

— Metropolitan Police picture via AP

Minneapolis to pay US\$27m to settle Floyd family lawsuit

MINNEAPOLIS — The city of Minneapolis on Friday (local time) agreed to pay US\$27 million to settle a civil lawsuit from George Floyd's family over the Black man's death in police custody, even as jury selection continued in a former officer's murder trial.

The Minneapolis City Council emerged from a closed session to announce the record settlement, which includes US\$500,000 for the neighbourhood where Floyd was arrested.

Floyd family attorney Ben Crump called a news conference for 1pm that was to include family members.

Crump, in a prepared statement, said it was the largest pretrial civil rights settlement ever, and "sends a powerful message that Black lives do matter and police brutality against people of colour must end".

Floyd was declared dead on May 25 after Derek Chauvin, a former officer who is white, pressed his knee against his neck for about nine minutes.

"I hope that today will centre the voices of the family and anything that they would like to share," Council President Lisa Bender said.

"But, I do want to — on behalf of the entire City Council — offer my deepest condolences to the family of George Floyd, his friends and all of



George Floyd.

File picture

our community who are mourning his loss."

Floyd's family filed the federal civil rights lawsuit in July against the city, Chauvin and three other fired officers charged in his death.

It alleged the officers had violated Floyd's rights when they restrained him, and that the city allowed a culture of excessive force, racism and impunity to flourish in its police force.

In 2019, Minneapolis agreed to pay US\$20m to the family of Justine Ruszczyk Damond, an unarmed woman who was shot by an officer

after she called 911 to report hearing a possible crime happening behind her home.

The federal lawsuit sought unspecified compensatory and special damages in an amount to be determined by a jury. It also sought a receiver to be appointed to ensure that the city properly trains and supervises officers in the future.

Meanwhile, another potential juror in the trial over Floyd's death was dismissed on Friday after she acknowledged having a negative view of the defendant.

The goal in any jury selection is to whittle the pool of potential jurors to a group that can fairly assess the charges against a defendant. — AP

Gender sees top netballer sidelined

by Anna Leask, NZ Herald

MARLBOROUGH — A teenager named netballer of the year for his region in 2020 has been told he cannot play in the club competition this season — because he is a boy.

Haze Tepuia, 16, of Marlborough, has been a member of the premier team for the past two seasons and has taken out a number of top awards.

But this year he's been told he cannot play in the "female competition" effectively because of his gender.

Netball NZ rules state males can play the sport "without discrimination" until they are 12.

Some clubs may allow boys to keep playing until they are older — but when they reach the specific age limit set they must apply for a "dispensation" to play in "female competitions".

Then the club committee determines whether to approve that dispensation. In Marlborough boys must apply for a dispensation from the age of 15.

While he was fine last year, for this season Haze has been told that "the majority of the Marlborough netball clubs did not support a dispensation".

"He's angry, he's frustrated, he's sad . . . there is no boys team, he's got nowhere to go," his mother Ange Tepuia told The New Zealand Herald.

"Haze is a trained umpire, he volunteers for all the club things and they're happy to have him do all that — but they won't let him play.

"They basically say that

when you're 16 you end up fitter, stronger and taller than the girls so there is a disadvantage.

"If he played for a losing club, would this even be a question? No, it wouldn't."

Haze was devastated to hear the news.

"People say to me, it's not personal — but it is. "People haven't stopped to understand and consider how this all affects me"

The teenager is also a member of the Nelson men's team, the Christchurch mixed under 23s and the New Zealand men's under 20s.

Playing for a premier club team allowed him to keep up his game time for the higher teams.

Haze drives himself to Christchurch once a fortnight to train with his mixed team — along with working part-time and going to school.

There are no men-only competitions in the Marlborough region at this stage so Haze has no other option if he wants any time on the court.

"We are working with our colleagues at Nelson Netball to develop a Top of the South mixed-grade competition which Haze and any other players would be able to compete in," Marlborough Netball chairwoman Beth Tester said.

Ange Tepuia questioned what her son was supposed to do in the meantime.

"He loves netball.

"Boys are being encouraged to play netball so they should be allowed to play as long as they are at school without having to apply for



'DISPENSATION' NEEDED: Haze Tepuia is not allowed to play netball this year for his club side because he is a boy.

Picture supplied

dispensation.

"You think they would want to embrace this and encourage it . . . but obviously some of the women have complained."

Netball NZ head of community Ruth Stanley said the organisation advocated for inclusiveness across the country.

The rule about boys playing without discrimination until 12 was in line with the Human Rights Act.

After that it promised to "continue to include males in netball". Some centres provide social or men's competitions to cater for this need.

"Each netball centre manages, through their regulations, the male offering dependent on the size of

their community and the demand."

Stanley said Netball NZ "strive to promote equity across netball".

"We acknowledge it will take time to grow participation numbers to a level where full male competitions can be offered, particularly in some of our smaller centres and regions.

"To try to provide opportunities for male participation during this transitional phase Marlborough and Nelson are working on offering a mixed competition to be held in Nelson."

Tepuia said that was not good enough.

"You can do all your training, but playing and game time and training are totally different things."

Trouble brewing over compostable coffee cup imports

CHRISTCHURCH — The importer of a compostable coffee cup says it has spent two years trying to get Christchurch City Council approval.

The plastic-free cup, sold by Christchurch company Ashbec, was the first of its kind to hit New Zealand shores in 2019.

Several South Island councils have accepted their use at events but Christchurch says it still needs more documentation.

Food truck operator Dennis McGrath is keen to use the cups and said an "endless" number of forms had already been filled in and efforts to be sustainable were being paralysed by bureaucracy.

The Timaru-based vendor takes his truck, The Food Den, all over the South Island.

Two years ago, he wanted to use new compostable products, which are free of polylactic acid, also known as PLA, at events.

Councils across the South Island welcomed the move, except Christchurch.

Ever since, McGrath said it had been a constant battle with the city council despite the product being approved by Christchurch's own composting plant Living Earth.

"This has specifically been the problem that we have had for years. The council have always been the hold-up and then they said it was Living Earth," he said.

"Now we have Living Earth on board and they have approved the product for composting, and they will accept it. And we're back to the council who haven't got around to it."

McGrath said other councils, such as Timaru, Queenstown Lakes and Southland have had no issues about the PLA-free, compostable products.

Christchurch City Council declined an interview request.

In a statement, it said Ashbec's products were in the approval process but the council was waiting for more documentation.

The council stressed it was not concerned by the product or material in it.

However, Ashbec general manager Chris Thomson said everything had been handed over repeatedly and he was getting tired of the bureaucracy.

"They have asked for documentation that proves that the product can actually be accepted into composting, which we have done," he said.

McGrath said businesses like his were trying to respond to Christchurch's pleas for better sustainability, but incidents like these were hampering their effort. — RNZ

Student army may solve shortage

Councillor looks to teens to save struggling sector

by Thomas Airey, Hawke's Bay Today

HASTINGS — If Jacinda Ardern can't solve Hawke's Bay's labour shortage, perhaps the region's students can.

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern didn't announce any major new salves for the industry during a visit to Havelock North on Thursday, as growers across the region continue to struggle to find enough workers to pick a bumper 2021 crop.

But an idea from Hastings District councillor Malcolm Dixon to engage a student army during the school holidays is starting to gain traction.

Ardern was at Askerne Estate Winery for a Food and Fibre Leaders meeting, accompanied by Minister of Agriculture Damien O'Connor.

When asked what more the Government could do to

help with the seasonal worker shortage over the remaining months of the harvest season, Ardern said it would continue to support the industry in its "extraordinary efforts" to stop any crop being wasted.

"The fact that we have taken the approach we have to Covid has had some benefit to the sector as well, even if one of the by-products has been labour shortages."

Ardern said the 2000 RSE (Recognised Seasonal Employer) workers her government brought into the country filled a significant proportion of New Zealand's managed isolation and quarantine facilities at the border, showing recognition of the shortage as an issue.

The Prime Minister acknowledged that Ministry of Social Development incentives to make relocating for seasonal work easier — lump sum payments and accommodation



benefits — have not prompted many people to move because the short-term nature of the work makes it hard to leave family and existing accommodation situations behind.

She also acknowledged the challenges of ensuring the workforce do not all end up with the bigger corporate growers, but said there had been co-operation and collaboration across the industry too.

Mr Yummy apple grower and owner Paul Paynter said this

week that Hawke's Bay is in need of thousands more pickers for what would be a "difficult" harvest season.

"We are not going to get all the crop in. I'm concerned about how the numbers stack up."

Councillor Dixon said they are set to get help from Hawke's Bay secondary school students.

The Hastings councillor said he was inspired by the tertiary and secondary school students of Christchurch rallying to form the Student Volunteer Army after the Canterbury earthquake

in 2011.

"I thought 'gee whiz, the horticulture industry here is in strife'. It's nowhere as big as Christchurch was, but we could do something similar here if everyone helped out wherever they could."

Discussions with the horticulture industry and secondary school principals were held about what students over 16 years old could do to support growers with their labour outside of school hours.

"Some of them may well end up with two or three hours in a packhouse after school . . . a number of them may end up picking at the weekends in particular," Dixon said, adding that work is set to ramp up in the school holidays at the end of April.

He said at \$20 an hour, the work would be good money for students going on to university or polytechnics, plus it would give them a foot in the door of the apple industry.

"As long as everyone's prepared to be flexible, and I'm sure they will be, it has got great potential for all concerned."

Probabeel's chances get boost after vet's review

MELBOURNE — Probabeel's chances of winning the richest race by a New Zealand-trained racehorse have improved without her doing a thing.

Her key rival and favourite for today's A\$5 million All-Star Mile at The Valley in Melbourne is under a darkening cloud heading into the race later today.

Arcadia Queen had originally tightened to favouritism for the mammoth mile after drawing a better barrier (five) than Probabeel (10) during the week but problems started to emerge when Arcadia Queen was found to be one out of five

horses lame at a veterinary examination on Thursday, the problem caused by casting a shoe.

That worsened to two out of five during a second inspection yesterday and Arcadia Queen will have to pass a third examination this morning to be allowed to start.

To further emphasise the extent of the concern in her camp, trainer Grant Williams has had front bar plates (shoes) applied to the mare, which not only is a bad sign, but her peak performances in the past have been when not wearing the front bar plates.

The market has already reacted to the news,

and even if she is allowed to start, Arcadia Queen looks set to continue to drift and could even lose favouritism for the race.

Probabeel would be her natural replacement at the head of the market but she could go on her own rollercoaster throughout today's meeting.

The Matamata mare would be ideally suited by the rain forecast for Melbourne not falling until after the race but the Victorian Met Service is predicting rain, possibly heavy, mid-afternoon.

With The Valley starting the day, firm showers won't be an issue for Probabeel, but heavy rain like that which ruined her chances in the Cox

Plate in October could be telling.

So first her arch rival's morning examination before the scratchings deadline and then the weather could determine whether Probabeel wins the richest prize by a New Zealand racehorse and one of the richest won by a New Zealand athlete, human or equine.

The Jamie Richards-trained Probabeel is undefeated this year, having won the Bellmaine Stakes (1200m) first-up before winning last month's Group 1 Futurity Stakes (1400m), which sealed her place among the world's best in 2021.

• The All-Star Mile is run at 6.40pm.

Wyndham races at Gore Sunday Jetbet 6 TAB Doubles 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 Trebles 2-3-4, 6-7-8 Quaddies 1-2-3-4, 5-6-7-8 Place6 3-8

Selections

- Race 1: VAGUE, NEVETS, RAISE YA CARDS
- Race 2: HE'S GOT POWER, EASY HABIT, FLYING SARDINE
- Race 3: THE ACE, BENNY LINCOLN, AGAINST ALL ODDS
- Race 4: SLINKY LINKY, LILY OF THE VALLEY, IRISH ENVY
- Race 5: TAPDOG, YING RESOLUTE, MASTER LINCOLN
- Race 6: KILOWATT, NOPELE, RIVIERA ROCK
- Race 7: NOAH, JOHNNIE REDMOND, NON BLONDE
- Race 8: KITTY POWER, DECEPTO VISUS, HE'S MI BROTHER

1 Herberts Transport 12.15

- \$10,000, maiden, 2000m
- 1 50680 Ajay Lincoln (8) 58.5 45 C Johnson
- 2 070s7 Man Oh Man (11) 58.5 45 R Beeharry (a3)
- 3 s7970 Pete The Driver (6) 58 45 S D Khetoo (a4)
- 4 s0285 Raise Ya Cards (4) 56.5 53 C Campbell (a1)
- 5 44208 Vague (2) 56.5 50 J Fawcett
- 6 s0465 Nevets (1) 56.5 49 T Moseley

2 Caldwell Con Fireside Cup 12.50

- \$15,000, open handicap, 1355m
- 1 4048s Irish Excuse (2) 62 89 J Fawcett
- 2 16525 Flying Sardine (4) 59.5 88
- 3 42141 He's Got Power (1) 58 81 S D Khetoo (a4)
- 4 98547 Waimate Bill (5) 54.5 74 G Jogoo
- 5 51872 Easy Habit (3) 54 73 C Campbell (a1)
- 6 39246 Jim's Gift (6) 54 72 K Kwo (a2)

3 Gore Elite Plumbing 1.25

- \$10,000, maiden, 1355m
- 1 24832 Benny Lincoln (8) 58.5 54 C Johnson
- 2 254s0 Against All Odds (3) 58.5 53 G Jogoo
- 3 34036 The Ace (13) 58.5 53 J Lowry
- 4 0s057 Gas Monkey (4) 58.5 48 S D Khetoo (a4)
- 5 09s5 Harvey Darvey (7) 58.5 47 D Bothamley
- 6 09s5 Bruce (2) 58.5 45 C Campbell (a1)
- 7 0s0 Darci Vno (9) 58.5 45 K Kwo (a2)
- 8 97787 Marmaduke (11) 58.5 45 K Chowdhury (a1)
- 9 Red Right Hand (6) 58 45 L Callaway

4 NZB Ins. Pearl Series Race 2.00

- \$10,000, maiden f&m, 1200m
- 1 s3024 Slinky Linky (7) 57.5 52 T Jonker
- 2 86045 Lily Of The Valley (10) 57.5 50 M Gestain (a4)
- 3 Harleen Quinzel (8) 57.5 47 C Johnson
- 4 40665 Ruby Royale (1) 57.5 47 C Campbell (a1)
- 5 Emily Rose (9) 57.5 45 G Jogoo
- 6 207s7 Mabilis (4) 57.5 45 R Beeharry (a3)
- 7 70s96 Miss Harley Quinn (3) 57.5 45 T Moseley
- 8 8000 Sacred Kitty (2) 57.5 45 K Kwo (a2)
- 9 849 Irish Envy (11) 57 49 K Mudhoo
- 10 06 Rosy Clark (6) 57 46 C Barnes
- 11 Ebony Magic (5) 57 45 L Callaway

5 Pine Bush Cup 2.35

- \$10,000, rating 65&jumps benchmark*, 2000m
- 1 24446 Ying Resolute (7) 59.5 64 R Mudhoo (a2)
- 2 90715 Tapdog (3) 59 63 T Moseley
- 3 09871 Sutherland (9) 58.5 62 K Mudhoo
- 4 52270 Ruby Marie (8) 57 63 K Chowdhury (a1)

6 Wyndham Cup 3.10

- \$25,000, open handicap, 2000m
- 1 36157 Kilowatt (6) 62 87 S D Khetoo (a4)
- 2 59388 Wild Jack (9) 61.5 86 C Johnson
- 3 752P5 Riviera Rock (7) 59.5 82 K Mudhoo
- 4 49389 Dr Velocious (3) 58 79 T Moseley
- 5 12535 Nopele (5) 57.5 78 K Chowdhury (a1)
- 6 41100 Hot Tap (1) 54 69 R Mudhoo (a2)
- 7 10168 Super Tap (4) 54 67 J Fawcett
- 8 40938 Beam Me Up Scotty (8) 54 64 C Barnes
- 9 93993 He Ain't Heavy (2) 54 64 G Jogoo

7 Macaulay Motors 3.47

- \$10,000, rating 65 benchmark*, 1355m
- 1 0490s Ringbolt (4) 59 63 K Mudhoo

8 Les Frisby Contracting 4.22

- \$10,000, rating 65 benchmark*, 1355m
- 1 10855 He's Mi Brother (1) 60 65 G Jogoo
- 2 8427s Field Of Fire (6) 59 63 D Bothamley
- 3 86961 Beeslasting (7) 58.5 62 J Lowry
- 4 72250 Mother Goose (11) 57.5 64 K Mudhoo
- 5 31570 Grand Express (4) 57.5 60 C Campbell (a1)
- 6 2606s Fulltothebrim (3) 57 59 L Callaway
- 7 70604 Deceptio Visus (2) 56.5 58 K Kwo (a2)
- 8 77562 Glenhope (9) 56.5 58 J Fawcett
- 9 23363 Kitty Power (5) 56 61 S D Khetoo (a4)
- 10 54380 Love To Dream (8) 55.5 60 C Barnes
- 11 50069 Blew By You (12) 54.5 58 T Jonker
- 12 30057 Iffida (10) 54 55 R Beeharry (a3)

Auckland greys at Manukau Sunday Jetbet 9 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

Selections

- Race 1: LUCY MIRKO, THRILLING BREEZE, RAPINOE
- Race 2: THRILLING WATSON, THRILLING OTIS, THRILLING MAPLE
- Race 3: YOU'RE GORGEOUS, COOLIBAH KID, NEXUS
- Race 4: NICK'S BLUNDER, TIDES RISING, IT'S COMPLICATED
- Race 5: FEDERER, CHIPPER'S CHOICE, MITCHAM GREG
- Race 6: MIRKO, CALF KING, OPAWA GONZO
- Race 7: PRIDEFUL, SMASH OUT, BOOT CAMP TIARA
- Race 8: THRILLING MILO, REACT RESPOND, BIGTIME ALFIE
- Race 9: PORTLAND ECKLUND, MONSOON MALABAR, NOISE MAKER
- Race 10: THRILLING HAZARD, PORTLAND DREAM, ALL UNITE
- Race 11: EXPRESS EMPORIUM, WILD KWI, CALL ME LEO
- Race 12: HILLBILLY BREWED, FORD MAN, PACEMAKER

1 Follow Auckland GRC 1.10

- \$1425, CO, 318m
- 1 63438 First Light n/wtd S O'Neill
- 2 44s4 Big Time Cruise n/wtd M Prangley
- 3 Knuckles Nugget n/wtd Hayley Mullane
- 4 58736 Pachinko n/wtd Linda Martin
- 5 23721 Thrilling Breeze n/wtd Emma Potts
- 6 66373 Rapinoe n/wtd Marsha Black
- 7 68 Trevor n/wtd R & L Udy
- 8 261 Lucy Mirko 18.62 T & L Craik
- EMERGENCY:
- 9 88 Maybe Megan n/wtd R & L Udy

2 Jo's Wholesale Stakes 1.35

- \$3450, CO, 527m
- 1 47656 Xena Poppy n/wtd R & L Udy
- 2 444 Thrilling Otis n/wtd Karen Walsh
- 3 38658 Let Em Talk n/wtd S O'Neill
- 4 Chinese Byrns n/wtd Howard Scott
- 5 Vacant Box Five - n & a
- 6 1 Thrilling Watson n/wtd Karen Walsh
- 7 54525 My Bro Jet n/wtd Thayne Green
- 8 2536 Thrilling Maple n/wtd Karen Walsh

3 Mayhounds Rehoming Group 1.55

- \$1510, C1, 318m
- 1 13675 Full Of Secrets 18.87 D R Laing
- 2 42314 Coolibah Kid n/wtd Udy & Cottam
- 3 78633 Hardcore Kobe n/wtd Jim Black
- 4 1s861 You're Gorgeous 18.72 T & L Craik
- 5 64856 Tribal Conquest 18.80 R & L Udy
- 6 54426 Samantha 19.04 Bob Bond
- 7 34542 Nexus 18.60 Glennis Farrell
- 8 27484 Bigtime Bremner 18.68 R & N O'Regan

4 Mps Fencing Sprint 2.21

- \$1510, C1, 318m
- 1 7131 Nick's Blunder 18.60 Phil Green
- 2 23644 Hurry Flurry 18.87 Udy & Cottam
- 3 4378s How's The Enemy n/wtd Robert Roper
- 4 65283 It's Complicated 18.68 R & N O'Regan
- 5 75676 Sadowski 18.86 Linda Martin
- 6 43413 Tides Rising n/wtd Thayne Green
- 7 63776 Portland Art 18.47 T & L Craik
- 8 36455 Waiterimu Ripper 18.51 R & L Udy

5 Auckland Cup Heats 21/3 2.40

- \$1510, C1, 318m
- 1 23443 Mitcham Greg 18.67 S O'Neill
- 2 23552 Federer 18.43 T & L Craik
- 3 74224 All Day Long 18.99 Robert Roper
- 4 77132 My Mate Speight 18.81 Udy & Cottam
- 5 84543 Audrette 18.45 Bob Bond
- 6 41876 Bigtime Tank 18.75 R & N O'Regan
- 7 78577 Sir Yens 18.82 K T Herbert
- 8 1211 Chipper's Choice 18.64 Phil Green

6 Pump & Engineering Serv. 3.01

- \$2565, C1, 527m
- 1 22765 Happy Medium 30.69 R & N O'Regan
- 2 75636 Master Brady 31.05 Sean Codlin
- 3 33211 Calf King n/wtd Phil Green
- 4 65442 Opawa Gonzo 30.86 Glennis Farrell
- 5 67F44 Smash Zone n/wtd R & L Udy
- 6 55584 Thea Who 31.34 M Prangley
- 7 57222 Opawa Jade 31.34 W & T Steele
- 8 23341 Mirko 30.98 T & L Craik

7 Terminating Pick6 Sprint 3.26

- \$1745, C2, 318m
- 1 57271 Paddy Fast 18.76 M & J Smith
- 2 63613 Big Time Lenny 18.70 R & N O'Regan
- 3 74363 Always Dreaming 18.55 Glennis Farrell
- 4 26758 Our Hotrod 18.64 Udy & Cottam
- 5 53321 Prideful 18.61 T & L Craik
- 6 48724 Just Nia 18.67 Marsha Black
- 7 25155 Smash Out 18.90 R & L Udy
- 8 16445 Boot Camp Tiara 18.59 R & L Udy
- EMERGENCIES:

8 Carol's Tab Taipa Tavern 3.42

- \$2565, C1, 527m
- 1 68663 React Respond 30.77 R & L Udy
- 2 56656 Bobbie 30.93 W & T Steele
- 3 45227 Margaux 30.92 Phil Green
- 4 73467 Bad Bro Bad 30.72 Sean Codlin
- 5 38523 Bigtime Alfie n/wtd R & N O'Regan
- 6 45355 Opawa Nemo 30.96 W & T Steele
- 7 26121 Thrilling Milo 31.00 Emma Potts
- 8 28687 Award Winner 30.97 Thayne Green

9 Hewlett Electrical Sprint 4.05

- \$2095, C3, 318m
- 1 31456 Medusa Who 18.59 M Prangley
- 2 35133 Noise Maker 18.70 Phil Green
- 3 6388s Allegro Ella n/wtd R & N O'Regan
- 4 58551 Portland Ecklund 18.27 T & L Craik
- 5 45626 Rod's Girl 18.70 Udy & Cottam
- 6 77337 Belmonts 18.54 R & N O'Regan
- 7 41615 Monsoon Malabar 19.22 Udy & Cottam
- 8 12274 Portland Berry 18.40 T & L Craik
- EMERGENCY:
- 9 52667 Fernando Charm 18.49 Thayne Green

10 Mt Wellington Tab Stakes 4.29

- \$3385, C2/3, 527m
- 1 66175 Get Me Home 30.72 Udy & Cottam
- 2 64138 Max Volume 30.66 S O'Neill
- 3 61115 Romantic Dancer 30.62 I S O'Neill
- 4 11371 Portland Dream 30.34 T & L Craik
- 5 56242 All Unite n/wtd Phil Green

11 Qualified Pet Services 4.49

- \$2920, C4/5, 318m
- 1 271s7 Portland Blonde 18.38 T & L Craik
- 2 25616 Danish Delight 18.39 T & L Craik
- 3 14327 Sports Mode 18.37 Peter Ferguson
- 4 63146 Call Me Leo 18.48 Thayne Green
- 5 25415 Prerogative 18.65 Udy & Cottam
- 6 25332 Express Emporium 18.46 W & T Steele
- 7 52533 Wild Kiwi 18.24 Udy & Cottam
- 8 22145 Franky The Jett 18.43 Emma Potts
- EMERGENCIES:
- 9 13176 Opawa Donal 18.71 W & T Steele
- 10 56354 Sherlock Squash 18.65 Udy & Cottam

12 Sportsbowl Function Centre 5.09

- \$1745, C2, 318m
- 1 47681 Hillbilly Brewed 18.75 Howard Scott
- 2 66415 Nana Molly 18.50 Udy & Cottam
- 3 27516 Ruby Express 18.79 Marsha Black
- 4 52543 Pacemaker 18.51 S O'Neill
- 5 75187 Bigtime Otis 19.11 R & N O'Regan
- 6 43547 Baseline 18.69 T & L Craik
- 7 34262 Ford Man 18.68 R & L Udy
- 8 26885 Paris End 18.74 R & N O'Regan
- EMERGENCIES:
- 9 65487 Stay Rich 18.55 M & J Smith
- 10 44476 Bigtime Cutie 18.70 R & N O'Regan

Christchurch greys at Addington Monday 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

Selections

- Race 1: FIDGETY FEET, KAY'S LAST, OPAL HUNTER
- Race 2: TAIERI MELLAY, CRAB APPLE, EPIC QUEEN
- Race 3: ATOM DOLL, BORN KATIE, SIR CLIVE
- Race 4: AMURI SMOKE, CUPID'S DAY, BORN TRIXIE
- Race 5: MITCHAM DAWN, HOMEBUSH YAZMIN, BEAUDEN JOHN
- Race 6: ONESIE, OPAWA HARPER, MY GIOVANNI
- Race 7: DYNA TREVOR, JACKIE, SCARDINY
- Race 8: OPAWA LYNDASAY, HOMEBUSH BARCLAY, BEAU VIEW WINNIE
- Race 9: OPAWA OLIVER, MULL OF KINTYRE, SPRING ARMOUR
- Race 10: TIGGERLONG PAT, AUTO SPEED, ROSE THORN
- Race 11: MITCHAM IVAN, BILLY BUDD, OPAWA PINK
- Race 12: DRAGSTER DORY, HOMEBUSH COOL, NIPPA ENOUGH

1 The Fitz Sports Bar Sprint 12.07

- \$1510, C1, 295m
- 1 45842 Opal Hunter 17.49 John McInerney
- 2 35673 Fidgety Feet 17.21 Janine McCook
- 3 32521 Kay's Last 17.54 Robin Wales
- 4 72777 Whitman 17.67 John McInerney
- 5 36156 Adobe Girl n/wtd Daniel Roberts
- 6 54547 Just Peaches 17.78 Howard Anderson
- 7 82842 Homebush Jewel 17.47 John McInerney
- 8 46522 Gorilla's Smile 17.59 Allan Joyce
- EMERGENCIES:
- 9 65867 Amuri Josie 17.58 John McInerney
- 10 23788 Homebush Roxy n/wtd John McInerney

2 greyhoundauctions.co.nz 12.25

- \$3450, CO, 520m
- 1 32383 Captain Tim n/wtd Sharon Hindson
- 2 Crab Apple n/wtd Lisa Waretini
- 3 35435 Epic Queen n/wtd Janine McCook
- 4 74457 Homebush Brave n/wtd John McInerney
- 5 65 Epic Merlot n/wtd Janine McCook
- 6 8878 Private Ryan n/wtd Howard Anderson
- 7 s5524 Taieri Mellay n/wtd Ray Casey
- 8 88s82 Miss Cairo n/wtd John McInerney

3 Clarkson's Sign Studio 12.42

- \$1425, CO, 295m
- 1 7s Born Katie n/wtd Robin Wales
- 2 66564 Silky Skylar n/wtd John McInerney
- 3 85557 Adobe Betty n/wtd Daniel Roberts
- 4 67685 Homebush Tanya n/wtd John McInerney
- 5 52573 Amuri Burn n/wtd John McInerney
- 6 3 Atom Doll n/wtd Michael Dempsey
- 7 88s44 Citizen Zagreb n/wtd John McInerney
- 8 536 Sir Clive n/wtd Richard Breen
- EMERGENCIES:
- 9 78767 Homebush Mason n/wtd John McInerney
- 10 8888s Homebush Maple n/wtd John McInerney

4 Springston Hotel Dash 1.00

- \$1510, C1, 295m
- 1 57423 Cupid's Day n/wtd Richard Breen
- 2 63677 Homebush Fury n/wtd John McInerney
- 3 86853 Stanwyck 17.70 Allan Joyce
- 4 63211 Born Trixie 17.76 Robin Wales
- 5 43487 Homebush Rieko 17.58 John McInerney
- 6 76855 Donalbain 17.46 John McInerney
- 7 63477 Ohoka Lacey 17.24 Lisa Waretini
- 8 57223 Amuri Smoke 17.42 John McInerney
- EMERGENCIES:

5 mayhounds.org.nz 1.17

- \$1425, CO, 295m
- 1 66775 Adobe Pebbles n/wtd Daniel Roberts
- 2 77765 Edison n/wtd John McInerney
- 3 25346 Homebush Yazmin n/wtd John McInerney
- 4 63673 Homebush Zena n/wtd John McInerney
- 5 44878 Miss Janet n/wtd John McInerney
- 6 24222 Mitcham Dawn n/wtd Ashley Bradshaw
- 7 68774 My Merit n/wtd Allan Joyce
- 8 7 Beauden John n/wtd Daniel Roberts
- EMERGENCIES:
- 9 78767 Homebush Mason n/wtd John McInerney
- 10 88888 Spring Judy n/wtd Robin Wales

6 Zambora Brockie @ Stud 1.35

- \$2565, C1, 520m
- 1 26685 Flurries 30.70 Janine McCook
- 2 4213 Onesie 30.40 Lisa Waretini
- 3 s7566 Replica Rango 30.47 Bob Pringle
- 4 68557 Jinja Toni 30.73 Allan Joyce
- 5 63285 Baldrick 30.55 John McInerney
- 6 66656 Opawa Harper 30.51 Robin Wales
- 7 26743 Uncle Frank n/wtd Howard Anderson
- 8 45536 My Giovanni 30.57 Robin Wales
- EMERGENCY:
- 9 78788 Ohoka Kate n/wtd Lisa Waretini

7 Islington Tavern Sprint 1.53

- \$1510, C1, 295m
- 1 4754F Homebush Macho 17.50 John McInerney
- 2 66258 Blazing Banjo 17.58 John McInerney
- 3 88777 Jackie 17.39 Lisa Waretini
- 4 172 Scardiny n/wtd Richard Breen
- 5 42232 Dyna Trevor 17.38 Howard Anderson

8 Amber Cleaning Services 2.11

- \$2565, C1, 520m
- 1 58777 Ohoka Megan 30.63 Lisa Waretini
- 2 52282 Opawa Lyndsay 30.81 Robin Wales
- 3 35365 Othello Adobe n/wtd Daniel Roberts
- 4 54734 Beau View Winnie 30.75 J M Lane
- 5 88877 Sefton Jill 30.73 Robin Wales
- 6 25661 Licky Balboa 30.97 Paul & Blake Scott
- 7 68822 Homebush Barclay 31.30 John McInerney
- 8 68874 Rieko 30.57 Alan Botherway
- EMERGENCY:
- 9 78788 Ohoka Kate n/wtd Lisa Waretini

9 Flair Stakes 2.31

- \$2565, C1, 520m
- 1 12628 Opawa Oliver 30.50 Robin Wales
- 2 67427 Mull Of Kintyre 30.61 Sharon Hindson
- 3 87886 Homebush Carter 30.83 John McInerney
- 4 72856 Opawa Mason 30.29 Robin Wales
- 5 46568 King Kong Blonde n/wtd Allan Joyce
- 6 36746 Impressive High n/wtd John McInerney
- 7 67582 Nighthawk Fancy 30.38 Matt Roberts
- 8 28652 Spring Armour 30.60 Janine McCook
- EMERGENCY:
- 9 78788 Ohoka Kate n/wtd Lisa Waretini

10 Garrard's Horse And Hound 2.49

- \$1510, C1, 295m
- 1 23276 Cosmic Marty 17.60 John McInerney
- 2 76453 Tiggerlong Pat 17.27 Daniel Roberts

Legend: T – Won at track. C – Won at this distance on this course. D – Won at this distance on another course. M – Won in slow or heavy going. B – Beaten favourite at last start. H – Trained on track. N – Won at night. S – Spell of three months. F – Fell. P – Pulled up. L – Lost rider. TV – Featured on Trackside TV.

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 Holy Communion

Matawhero Historic Church

No Service

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May the Holy Spirit clarify our hearts and minds to really grasp these truths and live by them.

Fr. Daniel O'Leary
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CHRISTIAN COMMENT

The Promise of Paradise

A friend of mine died some time ago. Twice when I had asked him he said God wouldn't want to have anything to do with him as he had done so many things that God didn't like. He would not believe me when I said the opposite is true. God is our heavenly father and we all know that good fathers love their children, even when they do bad. God has enough dirt on all of us to bury us. But he wants to rescue us and restore us. Perhaps before my friend died he secretly said to Jesus "I want to be with you, please forgive me and take me to you". If he did, he will be with God in heaven in eternal life. For God ... gave his ... Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. Jn 3.16.

We are eternal in God's eyes; that is, in our deepest reality. (C. S. Lewis, Letters to Malcolm). It's mighty hard to work out what eternal life is, what does it mean? Can I really believe that after I die there is another world, a perfect world, I go to if I trust in Jesus? Sure is. The man dying on a cross next to Jesus cried out "Remember me Jesus, when you come as King!" Jesus said to him "I promise you that today you will be in Paradise with me". A promise is a promise. But we must forget all the blasts of criticism around us and trust in Jesus completely.

Alan Radcliffe
 For Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship



NOTICE BOARD

Entertainment

ODEON 5
Phone 867 3339

JUDAS AND THE BLACK MESSIAH (R13)
SAT 3.20pm, 8.25pm
SUN 10.45am, 3.20pm
MON 3.20pm

BLACKBIRD (M)
SAT, SUN, MON 1.10pm, 6pm

THE DISSIDENT (M)
SAT 1.10pm, 6pm
SUN, MON 1.10pm, 3.40pm

COUSINS (PG) SAT
1.30pm, 3.40pm,
6.10pm, 8.20pm
SUN 11.10am, 1.30pm,
3.40pm, 6.10pm
MON 1.30pm, 3.40pm,
6.10pm

CHAOS WALKING (M)
SAT 1.20pm, 3.40pm,
8.30pm
SUN 10.45am, 1.20pm,
6.10pm
MON 1.20pm, 6.10pm

RAYA & THE LAST DRAGON (PG)
SAT, SUN 10.45am,
3.40pm. MON 3.40pm

TRASH 2 DASH (PG)
SAT 1.10pm, 8.20pm
SUN, MON 1.10pm

THE LITTLE THINGS (M)
SAT 3.30pm, 8.20pm
SUN, MON 3.30pm

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MON 6.10pm

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New Ritz Music Club
Meet and greet
-10am - SUNDAY, 14 March
183 Gladstone Road
Elliot's Travel

Meetings

Notice of Meeting

The next Te Tapuwae o Rongokako Marine Reserve Committee meeting will be held at **5.30pm on Wednesday, 17 March 2021** at:
Department of Conservation Office,
63 Carnarvon Street,
Gisborne

Interested members of the public are welcome to attend.

Jacqueline Blake
Chairperson
Enquiries to:
Department of Conservation
Ph: 869 0460

Meetings

KAITOTO STATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
10 April 2021
10am - 2pm
He Rau Aroha (Opposite Gisborne Library)
26 Peel Street
Gisborne

AGENDA

- Present Annual Reports
- Confirm 5 COM reps through the expired term of:
Rawson Wright, Tim Reedy, Tui Takarangi, Beau Beach and Sam Murphy who are deemed nominated for re-election.
- General Business

Annual Report is sent to Shareholders with known contacts.

Full Agenda is available on Whanau Facebook page.

Proxy and Nomination forms are available:

- Online at Maori Inc Constitution Regulations 1994
- On Whanau Facebook page or from Returning Officer

Forms must be filled out correctly and returned to Timoti Maru, Returning Officer, 269 Tapueroa Rd, Ruatoria 4083 or Emailed to jtandtkcontractors@gmail.com

Forms to be received no later than 3 clear days before the date of the AGM.

Meetings

TE AWAPUNI MOANA TRUST APPLICATION FOR DONATIONS

PURPOSE
To describe the Trust's policy in relation to the expenditure of Trust funds towards charitable, community and sporting events. To ensure that donations are made in a consistent manner.

POLICY
Te Awapuni Moana Trust policy is developed to ensure that requests for grants are dealt with fairly and consistently.

The Trustees will consider an annual donation fund prior to each year's Annual General Meeting. The Trustees will endeavour to distribute up to 30% of the Trust's annual surplus for the year. This distribution will relate to the year following the financial result.

For a copy of the Donation Policy please direct all enquiries to:

BDO Gisborne Ltd
PO Box 169 or
1 Peel Street
Gisborne
mbu@bdo.co.nz
Phone (06) 869 1400

Applications closes 31 March 2021.

S Pohatu
Chairperson of Te Awapuni Moana Trust

Meetings

NOTICE TO HUI:
Calling all shareholders of
TOKOMARU B8 & B9E4B2B

AGENDA:
Partition the whenua
Occupy the whenua

Hui Date:
Saturday the 27th March 2021

Tuatini Marae
Tokomaru Akau, 11am

Contact:
Miriama Le Comte
0221 286 093

Tenders

Marina berth available for tender

This marina berth licence is available for tender on a four year fixed term.

- Berth 39 on pier 3 20m x 5.9m

All berths have access to electricity, water and waste disposal facilities, as well as security gates and CCTV coverage of entry and exit points.

Email marina@eastland.nz for more information and tender documents.

Tender deadline 19th March 2021 at 4pm.



Work Wanted

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

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Situations Vacant

RELIEVING TEACHING PRINCIPAL - Te Kura o Waikaremoana

We are a great little kura, currently with 24 students. Our principal is leaving us at the end of the term to take up a new position.

We are looking for a relieving teaching principal (0.3 release) for our Auraki (English medium) class from the start of Term 2, 2021, while we undertake a principal appointment.

If you are interested in this position please contact: Hine Anderson, LSM on 027 480 4929 or email hineanderson@xtra.co.nz by Monday 22 March 2021.

Situations Vacant

MATAURA SCHOOL RELIEVER NEEDED
24th May - 16th December

This is to teach in a Year 4-8 bilingual class of 19 students. 61% of our school population identify as Māori. This is a maternity leave position. We are offering subsidised accommodation - approximately \$120 for a 3 bedroom house!

We would love to attract a teacher who speaks enough Te Reo Māori to support these 19 students whose whanau have chosen for them to learn bilingually.

Phone Susan Dennison (tumuaki) if you would like more information or if you just want to say yes! 027 203 8507 or email: principal@mataura.school.nz

Situations Vacant



Integrated Foods Group is a well-established vertically integrated agribusiness with a large scale farming base in the Gisborne region and a boutique lamb processing and sales operation in Napier. Our product offerings span the domestic and international markets. We are seeking a bright, friendly and capable new team member to join our Gisborne based HQ. Working alongside a close knit Administration and Finance team, a large part of your day includes Accounts payable processing, reporting and analysis. You will champion our electronic accounts payable systems and work collaboratively with internal partners to continuously improve accounts processes and systems across the Group. Your organisation skills and ability to prioritise will enable you to manage the many demands of this role. This is small hardworking team, so your ability to interact, communicate and willingness to help across the team is essential. To be successful you will have accounts payable experience, strong Microsoft office skills, and knowledge of computerised financial management systems (XERO). Your attention to detail and commitment to getting it right first time, will be valuable. This is a great opportunity to be involved in an international agribusiness with exciting growth prospects. For further information and to apply please email or contact Michelle McLeely m.mcleely@iflgroup.co (06) 869 1330.

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The Group Manager, People & Development at Haurora Tairāwhiti requires an efficient and effective Personal Assistant who will provide high level administrative support to the activities of the People & Development team.

The ideal person for this role will:

- have strong experience in providing excellent administrative support
- have strong communication skills
- have great networking skills
- have an advanced knowledge of the Microsoft Office suite of applications (Project Management desirable) and
- be a confident hui (meeting) organizer and minute secretary.

Does this sound like you? Are you a natural multi-tasker and "doer" who will fly through their responsibilities within the hours allocated to the role?

Previous experience as a PA is desirable but not essential.

For more information and to apply - please visit our careers page on www.hauroratairawhiti.org.nz

Applications close: Thursday, 25 March 2021.

Apply online www.hauroratairawhiti.org.nz



The District Health Board of Gisborne/Tairāwhiti

Situations Vacant



Livestock Representative

GISBORNE

We have an exciting opportunity for a sales-driven Livestock Rep to join our Gisborne team.

You will be part of a strong, supportive team and focus on servicing sheep and cattle clients, managing both existing loyal clients and new business.

For more information on this opportunity, please contact Jamie Hayward on 027 434 7586.

Apply now or to find out more: <https://careers.pggwrightson.co.nz/search> and enter reference number 16892GBH.

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Situations Vacant

SPOTTER, Machine Operator, Breaker Out required for Gisborne-based crew. Must have all modules and be able to move backline for Hauler. Top rates. Please call Ray on 027 6313 209.

Situations Vacant

DELIVERY person with reliable vehicle wtd for early morning newspaper delivery for Sat & Sun 2½ to 3 hrs per day plus fuel allowance. For further details ph 021 1227615.

Situations Vacant

WANTED on-call babysitter, Wed, Thurs, Fri, 9am-5pm. Ph 021 261 7956.

Situations Vacant



LYTTON HIGH SCHOOL
SCIENCE & FOOD TECHNOLOGY TECHNICIAN

Lytton High School seeks an enthusiastic and motivated technician to undertake duties in support of the teachers in the Science and Food Technology faculties. The successful applicant will be responsible for ordering and preparing materials/resources for the faculties and will also provide in-class support during practical lessons when experiments and cooking are taking place.

Laboratory skills are preferred but not necessary. Experience in the hospitality industry would also be valuable.

This is a permanent part-time, term time only position for 25 hours per week with the potential to extend this to 30 hours if funding allows.

Please request the required application form and send your covering letter, a copy of your CV and the contact details of 2 referees either by email sue@lyttonhigh.net or post to the Principal, Lytton High School, PO Box 635, Gisborne 4040.

Applications close 1pm, Friday 26th March 2021.

Marama Henwood
Acting Principal

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

Situations Vacant



LYTTON HIGH SCHOOL
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT - TEEN WHARE WHAI HUA - TEEN PARENT UNIT

Lytton High School seeks an enthusiastic person to assist and support the teacher in charge with general administration duties for the day-to-day running of the Teen Parent Unit at Lytton High School. This position is cover for maternity leave from Monday 3rd May to Friday 15th October 2021, it is a fixed term, part-time, term time only position, for 30 hours per week.

Please request the required Application form and send your covering letter, a copy of your CV and the contact details of 2 referees either by email sue@lyttonhigh.net or post to the Principal, Lytton High School, PO Box 635, Gisborne 4040.

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Electrician Wanted

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- Guaranteed 40-hour working week plus occasional over-time
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If you hold a current NZ Electrical Practising Licence, a full NZ driver's licence, have electrical and mechanical experience along with advanced troubleshooting and problem-solving skills, and enjoy exceeding customer expectations we would love to hear from you.

For more information or to apply for this role please contact the HR team at hr@eclgroup.co.nz or call 021 276 6562.

Situations Vacant

FIRSTLIGHT FROZEN

FULLTIME DRIVING POSITION

We are a leading Food Distribution Business in the Eastland area.

We require a Driver that is/has:

- HT Licences 2 and 4 (Class 2 only may apply).
- Works well in a team environment.
- Tidy appearance and personal hygiene.
- Can work long hours if required.
- Physically fit (lifting of product is required).
- Some Saturday work is required.

If you have these attributes and want to be part of a progressive business that pays well, with staff buying privileges, please drop in CV to:

Firstlight Frozen Ltd
169 Stanley Road
Gisborne

Closes Monday 22nd
March 2021

Situations Vacant



DIVISION / PROJECT MANAGER

Due to staff retirement, we have a vacancy for a Mechanical Engineering Manager.

You will be responsible for the development and management of projects and staff across a diverse customer base. Reporting to the General Manager, you will be a key member of the management team in providing an innovative and high quality "Total Engineering Service".

The responsibilities of the Divisional Manager include:

- Customer relationship management.
- Identifying and obtaining projects.
- Project / job planning and cost control.
- Team development, training, and leadership.
- Management reporting.
- Develop and manage quality systems, such as Health and Safety.
- Contribute to the strategic direction of the business.

We are seeking a motivated and experienced person who has:

- Strong metal fabrication trade experience.
- Proven skills in customer development and management.
- A track record of team leadership, integrity and high-quality management systems.
- Proven ability to achieve operational, cost, and quality objectives within timeframes.
- Experience in project management and reporting, and computer literacy would be paramount.

An attractive remuneration package, including the provision of a vehicle and relocation assistance is available for the successful applicant with the required skills and experience.

This position provides an excellent opportunity for a motivated person who wishes to take the next step in their career to enhance their skills and experience. Applications close 15th April 2021.

Gisborne Engineering Limited
46 Parkinson St, Awapuni, Gisborne 4010
Ph: 06 869 0157 ex 204 Fax: 06 869 0158
Email: admin@giseng.co.nz

Situations Vacant



Vegetation Project Manager

Eastland Network is the electricity lines company for Gisborne, Wairoa, and the East Coast.

We are currently looking for a Vegetation Project Manager to join our team.

This role plays a vital role in keeping the lights on across the region. You'll be working with approved contractors, the public, and staff members to manage the vegetation that poses a risk to our overhead network assets.

Eastland Network offers excellent conditions of employment and competitive remuneration.

Come work for an organisation that really values its people.

To apply and for more information, please visit Eastland.nz/Careers

Employment Opportunities

Gisborne District Council is working together with our communities to make our people proud. Tairāwhiti is the first place to see the light and we're dedicated to making our region the first choice for people and lifestyle, environment, economy and culture.

We are currently recruiting for a variety of career opportunities and seeking applications for the following vacancies:

- Funding and Contracts Advisor
- Senior Communications Advisor & Communications Advisor – Community Engagement
- Environmental Technical Officer
- Building Services Officer
- Senior Policy Advisor – Climate Change Focus
- Policy Advisor
- Senior Land Transport Planner
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- Health and Safety Advisor

Please visit our website for further information:
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PRODUCTION WORKERS

FULLTIME PERMANENT POSITIONS

Juken New Zealand Ltd have vacancies for Production Workers at our Gisborne Mill. Training is provided and PPE supplied.

Successful applicants will have reliable transport to get to and from site and be able to work shifts / some Saturdays.

Skills:

- General work experience
- Physically fit
- Literate

Key responsibilities:

- Lifting, sorting, stacking
- Health and Safety conscious

Apply now! Email: gisborne.hr@jnl.co.nz

Applicants must have NZ residency or a valid NZ work permit and meet our drug and alcohol free workplace conditions.

EMPLOYMENT

Farm Vacancies

WANTED: Fencer general for sheep & beef farm, 1/2hr from Gisborne. Ph 867 0361 evenings.

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Fruit and Produce

EATING GRAPES

READY now. 154 Tucker Road. Open 8.30am-5.30pm, 7 days.

NASHI

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Readers Bargains

CARPET, underlay, houselot \$50. Ph 022 089 7532.

NUTRI Ninja 2-in-1 baking set, unused, with blender used, with manuals, \$70 ono. Breville microwave, large, \$30; Zip cordless kettle + 2 bases, \$25. Bedside drawers, 4 tier, white, \$15. Genuine enquiries only. Ph 863 1976.

Readers Bargains

MORRISON Supercut lawnmower, very good going order, petrol can, new bottle of oil, \$100. 2 large Cockatiel cages, \$10 & \$20. 40" TV, near new, \$100. Quilt set, king single, unused, \$25. Splashback, 600 x 750mm, silver, still in box \$50. Ph 868 6924, 027 390 1707.

SET of 5 blue & white "Windsor" cups & saucers, as new cond, \$15. Ph 027 813 4022.

FARMING

Livestock

Wairoa Cattle Sale Thursday 25th March 2021, 11am

PGG Wrightson will offer a top yarding of beef cattle including opening tallies of approx 1210 Cattle. **Consisting of:**

350 R3yr Strs
560 R2yr Strs
300 R2yr Hftrs

A/c Rangimoe Station
300 R3yr Ang & Ang/Here Strs
40 R2yr Ang & Ang/Hfd Hftrs (x Waimaha & Marewa Stns)

A/c Papuni Station
200 R2yr Ang & Ang/Hfd Strs
30 R2yr Ang & Ang/Hfd Hftrs

A/c Kouhauroa Station
100 R2yr Ang & Ang/Hfd Strs
80 R2yr Ang & Ang/Here Hftrs

A/c Karamu Ltd
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70 R2yr Sth Dev/Ang/Hfd Hftrs

A/c Roscommon
40 R2yr Ang Strs
Grand opportunity to purchase exceptionally well bred lines of hill country station bred cattle.

Upcoming Sale Wairoa Weaner Sale Thursday 8th April 2021, 11am

Enquiries to:
Ian Risetto 0274 449 347
06 838 8604
Mason Birrell 0274 967 253
06 838 7091
Jamie Hayward 0274 347 586

FARMING

Livestock

WAIROA CLEARING SALE

A/c Wairoa Waikaremoana Maori Trust Board
Saturday 20th March 2021, 11am
30 Marine Parade Wairoa

The following vehicles listed have been kept regularly serviced to a high standard and will be sold inclusive of GST.

- 2009 Ford Transit 12 seater Van
- 2008 Toyota Hiace 12 seater Van
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- 2014 Ford Kuga
- 2014 Ford Focus
- 2013 Ford Focus
- 2012 Ford Focus

All other items are sold exclusive of GST.

- 2010 Yamaha Big Bear 4 wheeler
- Long tandem trailer
- Trailer
- Big aluminum ladder
- Safe and safety grills
- 8x Spinning wheels
- 7x Heavy duty sewing machines
- Roll top desk + var other desks
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- Oak dresser + others
- 2x electronic white boards
- Various steel storage/filing cabinets
- Asstd office desks/ chairs
- 4x office stations/dividers
- Other office furniture/equip + sundry items

All items are sold as is. Prices are plus GST (unless otherwise stated). All intending purchasers must register at the office before bidding. Strictly Cash, Eftpos or PGG Wrightson account. No cheques will be accepted. Items to be taken on the day.

Enquiries:
Mason Birrell 027 496 7253

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ASIAN lady, professional massage, good service, in/out calls. Ph 022 473 2904.

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Situations Vacant



WHAREKURA-PANGARAU (Ffte 0.5 Part-time, Fixed-Term)

Timata ā te wāhanga 2 ki te mutunga tau. E whai ake nei i ngā pukenga pangarau mo ngā tau 9 - 12 me tōna mōhio anō ki ngā pepa NCEA. Piri mai kia a mātou mēna ko koe tēnā, e kaingākau ana ki te reo Māori me ōna tikanga ki Te Tairāwhiti.

Tonoa ki tonoa@horoutawananga.school.nz . Ka kati 5pm, Rāmere 19 Mache 2021.

Cars Wanted

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Advertisements received by 8am Monday to Friday, will appear for three days, beginning on the publishing day following receipt.

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- Items must be used
- Price must be included
- Total price of items must not exceed \$1000
- Contact details must be included in advertisement
- Commercial advertisements will not be accepted

Name: Phone:

Details:

The Gisborne Herald

Phone: 869 0601 • Fax: 869 0644
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New Zealand Post

BE ESSENTIAL – BE A COURIER CONTRACTOR WITH NEW ZEALAND POST IN GISBORNE

Be your own boss. Be Essential. Be a Courier contractor for Parcels with New Zealand Post. RIGHT NOW, New Zealand Post is seeking expressions of interest to deliver Parcels for our customers in GISBORNE.

We have an exciting business opportunity available in Gisborne – we are looking for a Contractor with a strong commercial focus to manage delivery services over five (5) Courier Rounds in Gisborne. The indicative contract earnings are approx. \$500,000 + GST from which you would need to meet all business costs such as employment of drivers, management by you to oversee the services, and debt servicing of business asset purchases.

We are flexible and willing to work with any parties in smaller pieces of delivery work.

As a contractor delivering NZ Post services, our delivery contractors are essential workers. You will play an integral part in delivering excellent service to our valued customers.

Becoming a contractor for New Zealand Post means being your own boss. We pay per transaction and other services performed (eg pick ups, deliveries, box clearances) by your team. The contract provides for a minimum guaranteed amount of earnings (irrespective of work available) but volumes can vary. All the operational and marketing stuff is taken care of so you can focus on delivering what our customers care about! With the most extensive delivery network in the country, you'll be proud to represent an ambitious and innovative industry leader.

The contract is a 6-day operation, so for this contract offer we expect that to total approximately **300 Hours per week**.

This is a brilliant opportunity to drive your own business and represent an iconic New Zealand brand with a long history and a bright future. As the face of our brand, you'll need to be customer focused, well presented and committed to driving a successful business, and be able and willing to be out delivering yourself to oversee and understand how your drivers are doing. You'll need to answer YES to the following:

- * Permanent New Zealand Resident or Citizen
- * Full, clean New Zealand driver's licence
- * Ability to finance the purchase of sufficient vehicles, uniforms and equipment for the parcel of work you contract for
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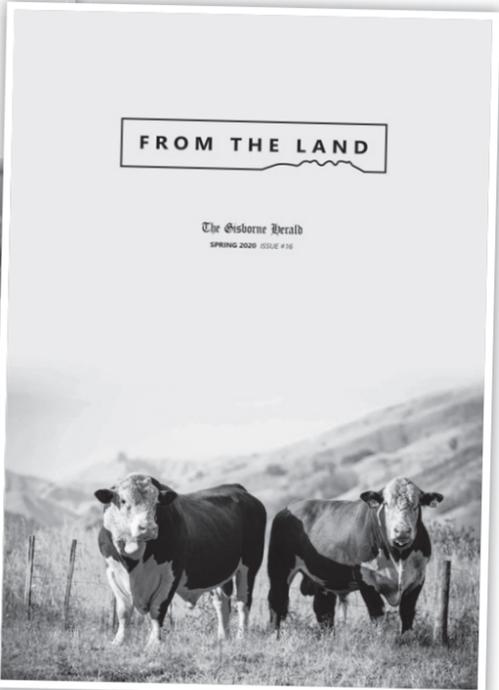
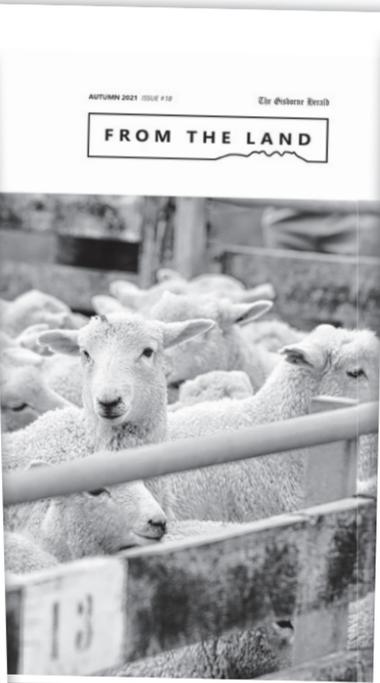
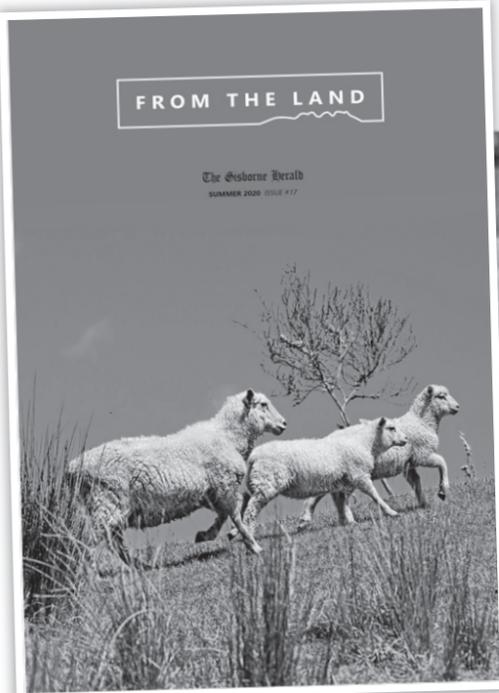


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England hammer India in T20

CRICKET

AHMEDABAD — England's bowlers, led by Jofra Archer, were impressive before opener Jason Roy's explosive 49 helped secure the tourists a comprehensive eight-wicket victory over India in the first Twenty20 International.

Electing to field, England captain Eoin Morgan and his men denied India a strong start on Friday and eventually restricted them to a below-par 124-7 despite Shreyas Iyer's defiant 67.

Roy then smashed three sixes and four fours in his 32-ball blitz as England wrapped up victory with 4.3 overs to spare with Dawid Malan, who made 24 not out, sealing the win with a six.

The tourists, who were beaten 3-1 in the recent test series, looked much more at home again in the white-ball format, stifling the home team's vaunted batting line-up with disciplined bowling backed up by sharp fielding.

India were reeling at 22-3 after the six powerplay overs, with Rishabh Pant

contributing 16 of those runs.

Among the early wickets to tumble was home captain Virat Kohli, who fell for a duck trying to hit Adil Rashid over the ring on the off side.

Test hero Pant made 21, hitting a six off Jofra Archer (3-23) with a cheeky reverse-scoop before Ben Stokes dismissed him.

Archer removed the big-hitting Hardik Pandya to deny India a late assault and the hosts barely went above run-a-ball in their 20 overs despite Iyer's fluent 50.

Roy and Jos Buttler effectively killed

off the contest with their 72-run opening partnership.

Yuzvendra Chahal dismissed Buttler for 28 and Washington Sundar denied Roy his 50 but Jonny Bairstow, who made 26 not out, and Malan completed the win for the tourists.

The series assumes more importance for both teams as India will host the Twenty20 World Cup in October-November.

Ahmedabad hosts all five matches in the series with the second match scheduled for Sunday. — AAP

Hype means nothing says Titans captain

RUGBY LEAGUE

GOLD COAST — For all the hype in the build-up to their 2021 NRL season, Gold Coast captain Kevin Proctor says he and his Titans teammates have achieved nothing yet.

The Titans head into today's season-opener against the Warriors in Gosford buzzing following a five-game winning run at the back end of last season and the addition of big-name recruits David Fifita and Tino Fa'asuamaleaui.

While many expect Gold Coast to end a five-year wait to play finals this year, Proctor says those predictions mean little once the on-field action gets under way.

"Everyone's just in a good mood and wants to be here; there's an awesome vibe around the club but we haven't really done anything yet so it's all just excitement," Proctor said.

"I suppose it's warranted with the new signings we've got and how well we finished last year but we haven't really done anything yet so hopefully we'll kick it off with a good performance against the Warriors."

Fifita and Fa'asuamaleaui will both make their Titans debuts against the Warriors with coach Justin Holbrook confirming yesterday his team would line up as announced.

Exciting young fullback AJ Brimson will don the No.1 jersey after missing out on the last two matches of Queensland's State of Origin win in 2020 with a foot injury while Patrick Herbert has been named at centre against his former club.

Meanwhile, the Warriors received a boost on the eve of their season opener, with Tohu Harris inking a three-year extension to keep him at the club until the end of 2024.

Harris will form a key part of the Warriors' leadership under new coach Nathan Brown, particularly with Roger Tuivasa-Sheck's move to rugby union next year.



STAY EXTENDED: Tohu Harris has signed a three-year extension to his contract, which will keep him at the Warriors until the end of 2024. NZ Herald file picture

It comes as they stare down the barrel of at least the first half of 2021 being spent in Australia with every likelihood that stay could be extended.

In Brisbane last night, the Broncos conceded 24 consecutive points against Parramatta and endured a horror injury toll in an NRL coaching debut that quickly veered from dream to nightmare for Kevin Walters.

Last season's wooden spooners led 16-0 at halftime but were run down by the Eels to lose 24-16 as they played the last 22 minutes with just one healthy man on the bench.

Matt Lodge (hamstring), Xavier Coates (neck, HIA) and John Asiata (shoulder) were all casualties, the latter pair both immediately sent to hospital for scans.

Coates twisted his neck as he flamboyantly dived to score his second try and create the 16-point advantage, with all three first-half tries

created in part by an impressive Anthony Milford.

But with Lodge, who missed a bulk of last season with a knee injury, already icing his leg on the sideline and Asiata joining him with what appeared to be nerve damage after an innocuous collision, the Eels rallied.

Reed Mahoney was too quick out of dummy half, catching a slow Brisbane defence napping as he scored before Blake Ferguson played on from what the Broncos thought was a knock-on, chipping infield for Clint Gutherson to score.

Broncos back Herbie Farnworth then dropped an intercept and Ferguson made him pay, blasting his way over in the corner before Mitchell Moses put them ahead with his kick.

The final 20 minutes were gut-busting for both sides, with players cramping and gasping for air in backplay as the game opened up drastically.

Junior Paulo then crashed through an exhausted Brisbane defence to score and seal the deal in the final moments. — AAP

Super Rugby Aotearoa game previews

CRUSADERS V CHIEFS
Match details: TODAY, 7.05pm, Orangetheory Stadium, Christchurch.
Referee: James Doleman.
Played: 38.
Won: Crusaders 23, Chiefs 15.
Last match: Crusaders 32 Chiefs 19 (August 1, 2020).

Watch: Sky Sport (NZ) Rugby Pass.
Tackle machines: While they are dynamite on attack, perhaps the key strength of the Crusaders is their watertight defence. Although Sky Super Rugby Aotearoa is just two rounds deep, the Crusaders occupy six places in the top 10 for most tackles made. Openside flanker Tom Christie sits at the top of the ladder with 32 tackles from two matches while Ethan Blackadder has made the most tackles (20) of any player yet to miss an attempt. There's no doubting this statistic won't be lost on the Chiefs coaching group, but with game breakers like Damian McKenzie, Etene Nanai-Seturo, Brad Weber and Anton Lienert-Brown in their ranks, the Chiefs bring plenty of firepower to unsettle the reigning champions.

BLUES V HIGHLANDERS
Match details: TOMORROW, 3:35pm, Eden Park.
Referee: Mike Fraser.
Played: 35.
Won: Blues 19, Highlanders 16.
Last match: Blues 32 Highlanders 21 (Dunedin, August 2, 2020).

Watch: Sky Sport 1.
Tight history: Since the beginning of Super Rugby in 1996 only three games separate the Blues and the Highlanders, the Blues having won 19 matches and the Highlanders 16. Their most recent encounter at Eden Park last season was a humdinger and we no doubt will see a similar match tomorrow afternoon. The Blues got off to a flying start, but the Highlanders clawed their way back in the second half and only just fell short, 27-24, in a brilliantly tight encounter. And while in their last match the Blues won slightly more convincingly in Dunedin, the Highlanders are looking sharp, and it promises to be just as tight as their head-to-head results.

Turanganui a Kiwa Darts Association results

TWO new teams added to the interest around the start of the Brezz'n Club and Association winter darts league this week.

In addition, the weekly competition night has shifted from Tuesday to Thursday.

A great turnout and plenty of laughter and banter across the oche were features of the first night of the new season's competition.

Only nine teams were confirmed as starters but a 10th — The Waihape Whanau — came along to see what the atmosphere was like.

By the end of the night, mum Jennifer had spoken to the organisers and the family team were in next week's draw.

The club looks ahead to a great year with plenty of 180 starts and big finishes.

Covid-19 is still on people's minds, and members are glad to be able to play the game they love.

Two new teams — Whanau Magic and The Waihape Whanau — are extended a warm welcome, as are all new, old and returning players.

Grading-round results — INDIVIDUAL HIGHLIGHTS

180s: John White 2 (Whanau Magic); Tahuna Irwin 2 (Falcons); Errol Tamihana 2, Willie Edwards, Tracey Te Kira (Potz) (Tigers); Te Kotahi Kaio, Ihaka Kaio-Wynyard (Kidz n Him'z); Mihi Awatere (Ruahine Tah).
Highest start (180): John White (Whanau Magic); Tahuna Irwin (Falcons); Willie Edwards, Tracey Te Kira (Potz) (Tigers).

Highest finish, men (126): Sam Kirikino (Falcons)
Highest finish, women (119): Riria Awatere-Kohunui (Ruahine Tah).

Most tons, men (30): Tahuna Irwin (Falcons).
Most tons, women (16): Mihi Awatere (Ruahine Tah).

TEAM RESULTS

Whanau Magic 15 Ruahine Rua 6: J White 180st, 180, 140st (2), 132st, 125st, 125 (2), 123, 121st, 100st, 100f, 100 (17); K Waikawa 174, 123, 122, 112, 100 (3); J Waikawa 140 (2), 135 (2), 125, 115, 101, 100st, 100 (4); H Ratapu 140 (2), 125, 119, 100 (8); J Smith 122, 107, 100st, 100 (2); C Te Moni 117, 112st, 112, 100; W Heurea 140, 132, 125 (2), 124, 100 (5); B Awatere 148, 140, 135, 129, 128, 115, 106.

Falcons 20 Hummingbirds 1: T Irwin 180st, 180, 140st (3), 140 (6), 124, 115, 100st, 100f, 100 (15); J Brown 124, 100 (2); P Tom 159, 140, 137, 135, 116, 100 (4); S Kirikino 140, 137, 133, 126f, 121 (2), 119f, 111, 107, 100 (9); E Kirikino 120st, 100 (2); C Woods 125, 100; M Kaio 100st, 100 (2).

Kidz n Him'z 21 Knights 0: Te Kotahi Kaio 180, 140st (3), 140 (2), 136, 134, 129, 123, 121st, 121, 105, 100st (3), 100 (11); T Reeves 140 (3), 134 (2), 121, 101, 100st (3), 100 (7); I Kaio-Wynyard 180, 140 (7), 138, 133, 125, 121, 107, 100st, 100 (7); C Kaio 140st (2), 140 (2), 134, 121 (2), 120, 115, 100st (2), 100 (6); T Hindmarsh 121, 120 (2), 100 (8); V Mackey 129, 121 (2), 120, 100 (2); L Edwards 140, 125, 121, 103, 100; B Edwards 138, 111, 100.

Tigers 17 Ruahine Tah 4: T Te Kira (Potz) 180st, 140 (3), 134, 129, 121 (2), 101f, 101, 100st (3), 100 (12); S Henry 140, 137, 125, 116st, 100 (8); W Edwards 180st, 140 (2), 129, 121, 100st (3), 100 (12); E Tamihana 180 (2), 100st (2), 100 (9), S Tupene 140, 125, 116st, 115, 100st (2), 100 (7); R Awatere-Kohunui 120 (2), 119f, 111, 105, 100 (2), 100st, 100 (2); R Te Kira 101, 100st 100 (10); M Awatere 180, 140 (2), 129, 121, 100st, 100 (9).
Bye: Ruahine Toru.

We've a match on our hands

Light winds keeping things tight on the water

SAILING by Steve McMorran, AP

THE 36th match for the America's Cup remains just that — a match.

Defender Team New Zealand and Italian challenger Luna Rossa won one race each on the second day of racing yesterday at Auckland to be tied at 2-2 in the best-of-13 race series.

America's Cup matches, over 170 years, haven't typically been close but this contest seems likely to remain so as long as the wind stays light and starts remain hugely influential.

Luna Rossa won the start in the first race yesterday and took the race by 37 seconds; Team New Zealand took the start in the second race and won by 63 seconds.

All four races in the series so far have been won by the team with the advantage of port entry at the start. From that position, the teams have been able to take a controlling position off the start line, create an early lead and defend it.

The wind fluctuated between eight and 10 knots on the race course yesterday but there were no significant shifts that could allow the trailing boat to overtake. Without a passing lane, the team behind had to go searching for a boost and that often played into the hands of the leader.

Luna Rossa sailed a flawless first race and extended on the upwind legs to win decisively. Team New Zealand gained a slight advantage off the line in the second race and looked much stronger with their nose in front.

They were helped by a major blunder by the Italians near the end of the third leg when Luna Rossa almost sat down after a poorly executed gybe. New Zealand's nine-second lead at the top mark turned into 34 seconds at the bottom and extended at every subsequent mark.

One thing is evident so far. Neither boat has a significant speed advantage in the light winds and as long as those conditions continue — as they are expected to do so over the weekend — the starts and the early lead are likely to be decisive.

"In this light air, the gas of the lead boat is such a big impact," Luna Rossa co-helmsman Jimmy Spithill said.

"I'm still not convinced it's just the entry that's doing it.

"We've just got to go back and have a bit of a look at it. It's the first time in a long time we've had these two boats together in the lighter range and again, both boats proved they could win races."

Luna Rossa had the favoured port entry to the start box in the first race and used it well. Team New Zealand started at the pin end with Luna Rossa above it to windward as the boats crossed the line

side by side.

The Italians took the Kiwis out to the left boundary in a drag race, edging ahead on the starboard tack just enough to tack on Team New Zealand's lee bow. It was a risky move but was pulled off superbly and it decided the race.

"It's very, very hard because the situation can change in two or three seconds," Luna Rossa co-helmsman Francesco Bruni said.

"From being strong to being weak is a split of a second.

"If you hang in there and hang too much, then it's a big loss."

Luna Rossa won from the move and defended their lead superbly to round the first mark 10 seconds ahead. Although New Zealand looked quick downwind, the Italians extended their lead to 13 seconds at the second gate.

They then sailed a perfect second upwind leg to lead by 27 seconds at the third gate, putting the result beyond doubt. Team New Zealand gained on the next downwind but Luna Rossa stretched upwind to lead by 38 seconds at the final gate.

"I think we just sailed a clean race," Bruni said.

"We had our plan and we executed well at the start."

New Zealand took advantage of the port entry in the second race to gain a stronger position before the start. Luna Rossa got too close to New Zealand's race boat Te Rehutai in the pre-start tussle and New Zealand crossed the line faster.

Unable to live on New Zealand's hip, Luna Rossa had to tack away. When the boats approached on the first tack, the New Zealanders still held the advantage and were able to tack on top of the Italians.

At the first gate, New Zealand led by only nine seconds and the boats split. New Zealand gained on the first downwind but Luna Rossa's error came when they were slow to get a board down gybing near the mark and lost speed.

"That was a good race for us," Team New Zealand flight manager Blair Tuke said.

"We got off the start line just a little bit better than the race before and just managed to get the jump on them before the boundary.

"I think our boat was going really well even in the first race when we just couldn't manage to get clear and get much fresh air. It means a lot when you don't have the wind shadows and you're free to look up the course and pick the shifts."

Two more races are scheduled for today and each ensuing day until a winner of the world's oldest sporting trophy is determined.



LITTLE ROOM TO MANOEUVRE: Italy's Luna Rossa (left) and Team New Zealand compete at close quarters in Race 4 of the America's Cup on Auckland's Waitemata Harbour yesterday. Picture by Chris Cameron/Photosport via AP

Sadowski-Synnott stuns rivals

Federer's first event back a 'stepping stone'

SNOWBOARDING

NEW ZEALAND snowboarding phenomenon Zoi Sadowski-Synnott has stunned her rivals to claim the gold medal at the Slopestyle World Championship after a stumbling start to the competition.

Along with the gold medal, Sadowski-Synnott has become the first person to defend an FIS Snowboard World Championship title and it came at the last possible moment for the 24-year-old.

Sadowski-Synnott came into the finals as the top qualifier but struggled to land clean runs on her first two attempts; with stumbles on the top rail and first jump.

However, with stomped landings on her switchback 900 and backside 1080 it was clear a podium run was ready and waiting if she could link it all together on the third and final attempt.

And that's exactly what happened as she jumped from dead last into the top spot on the last run of the competition.

Sadowski-Synnott signalled that she was setting up for a high score with a technical rail run at the top of the course before lacing together a stylish switchback 900, frontside 720 and backside double 1080 on the jumps for a score of 85.95.

"I knew if I landed my run I had a good chance of taking the top spot," she said.

"It was all up to me. I knew I could do those tricks, I was just trying to get it done so I could defend the title."

Double Olympic gold medallist Jamie Anderson (USA) came in second with a score of 81.10, while Australia's Tess Coody rounded out the podium in third place.

Also among the top eight competitors in the women's snowboard slopestyle finals was 18-year-old Queenstown rider Cool Wakushima, making her World Championships debut and with only one World Cup start to her name.

Wakushima, despite finishing last of the finalists, put together a promising performance, increasing her score on each of her three runs. — NZ Herald

TENNIS

DOHA — Roger Federer's hopes of winning a fourth title in Qatar have been dashed after his quarterfinal exit but the Swiss said his first event after two knee surgeries was just a "stepping stone" as he targeted full fitness for the grasscourt season.

Federer took the opening set against Nikoloz Basilashvili on Thursday before the Georgian fought back from a match point down in the final set to win 3-6 6-1 7-5, ending the 39-year-old's challenge in his first event in 14 months.

"I'm actually happy that I

was able to play back-to-back three-set matches against top players. That's an important step forward to me," Federer, who beat Dan Evans in the last 16, told reporters.

"I'm not 100 percent yet. I can feel it, I can see it. From that standpoint, (what's) important is to be 100 percent by the grasscourt season. I'm still building up.

"So this is a stepping stone. I'm actually happy how I felt today on court overall.

"I think I was able to play how I wanted to play, so I think that's always a great sign and a great feeling to have." — AAP



HUSTLE AND BUSTLE: Rob Telfer (right) tussles with Hawke's Bay player Jonny Coddington in the Poverty Bay Open polo tournament in January. Telfer was in the Poverty Bay team who won the Mackenzie Salver at the Savile Cup tournament last weekend. Gisborne Herald file picture by Paul Rickard

Bay win division at Savile Cup

POLO by Jack Malcolm

POVERTY Bay won the Mackenzie Salver at the Savile Cup polo tournament in Christchurch last weekend.

The team of Chloe Wheelans, Scott McNeil, Rob Telfer and Lottie Lamcraft beat Hawke's Bay Red in the final 6.5-5.

Hawke's Bay were favourites to win and went into the final chukka three goals up, but Poverty Bay brought it back in the last stanza to win by one goal, Telfer said.

"It was a good result. Our team hadn't played together as a team until we got down there.

"A lot of people were a bit surprised. We definitely weren't the favourites."

McNeil also won the fair play award for the division.

Poverty Bay sent two teams to the competition with the A team of Jess McNeil, Burne McNeil, Cody Clark and Neville Clark relegated to the handicap division after their pool stage and being beaten in their final game 4-1.

Telfer said it took two days each way for the convoy of three trucks to transport the two teams' horses.

Nevertheless, it was rewarding to come away with the hardware after a hard-fought competition.



Drivers keyed up for champs

KARTING by Rockin' Robin

FORMER district council gardener Lyn Lyle (pictured in Kart 15) doesn't slow down to smell the roses when she's racing... not that they have any at the Eastland Kart Club dirt track.

Lyle, 69, is in her first season of racing and will compete in the women's class in the club championships tomorrow.

This is the event that drivers most want to win.

They will compete over three heats and every driver will get a front, a middle and a back start during the day.

After the three heats, the driver in each class with the most points is the winner of that class.

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WEATHER FOR TOMORROW

13 Mar, 2021

FRONTS
 warm (red line with triangles)
 cold (blue line with triangles)
 stationary (red and blue line with triangles)
 occluded (red and blue line with triangles)

WIND km/h
 less than 30 (light blue arrow)
 30 to 59 (orange arrow)
 60 or more (red arrow)

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NOON TODAY

MIDNIGHT TONIGHT

GISBORNE TIDE MOVEMENT

Sunday Mar 14		Monday Mar 15	
am	pm	am	pm
3	6	3	6
9	noon	9	noon
3	6	3	6
9	pm	9	pm

Hicks Bay	H 8:19am 8:39pm	Hicks Bay	H 9:02am 9:21pm
Waipiro Bay	H 8:06am 8:26pm	Waipiro Bay	H 8:49am 9:08pm
Tolaga Bay	H 7:54am 8:14pm	Tolaga Bay	H 8:37am 8:56pm
Gisborne	H 7:39am 8:00pm	Gisborne	H 8:25am 8:45pm
Wairoa	H 7:17am 7:39pm	Wairoa	H 8:04am 8:25pm

NZ SITUATION

A ridge over the South Island spreads over most of New Zealand during Saturday and Sunday. A low lies just to the north of the North Island, weakening during Sunday and Monday. A front approaches Fiordland late Sunday, then moves across the South Island on Monday and the North Island on Tuesday.

NZ TOMORROW

Auckland	fine	25
Hamilton	fine	25
Tauranga	showers	24
Rotorua	showers	22
Taupo	fine	23
Napier	fine	23
New Plymouth	fine	23
Palmerston North	fine	25
Wellington	fine	20
Christchurch	fine	26
Queenstown	fine	22
Dunedin	fine	23

GISBORNE SUN PROTECTION ALERT

9:55 AM - 4:35 PM PROTECTION REQUIRED
Even on cloudy days
Data provided by NIWA

WEDNESDAY

Mostly cloudy. Southerlies.

GISBORNE CITY

TOMORROW morning min 15 max 23 Cloudy with a few showers, some fine breaks from afternoon. NE.	MONDAY morning min 13 max 24 Partly cloudy with a shower or two. Northeasterlies.	TUESDAY morning min 13 max 26 Fine with NW. A late rain with a fresh S change.
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GISBORNE REGION

Cloudy with a few showers, but some fine breaks from afternoon. Northeasterlies.	Mostly cloudy with scattered rain, clearing by evening. Northeasterlies.	Fine with northwesterlies, then late rain with a fresh southerly change.
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SUNSHINE hours

On Thursday, 11 Mar -
 To date for March -
 Average for March 179.0
 To date this year -
 To date last year 617.6

WIND km/h

Max gust to 5pm, Fri 12 Mar SW 44

RAINFALL mm

24 hours to 9am, Fri 12 Mar -
 To date for March -
 Average for March 102.0
 To date this year -
 To date last year 83.6

EVAPOTRANSPIRATION mm

Daily average for past week 3.5

TEMPERATURE °C

Maximum to 5pm 18.8
 Minimum 13.9
 Grass minimum -

BAROMETRIC PRESSURE

At 5pm 12 Mar (hPa) 1024.2
 At 5pm 12 Mar (inches) 30.24

WORLD TOMORROW

Adelaide	fine	12	19
Amsterdam	rain	4	9
Bangkok	fine	26	33
Beijing	cloudy	7	14
Berlin	showers	3	8
Brisbane	fine	21	31
Buenos Aires	fine	19	28
Cairo	fine	12	26
Canberra	rain	11	18
Cape Town	cloudy	18	22
Delhi	fog	16	34
Frankfurt	showers	3	8
Geneva	rain	2	8
Hong Kong	fine	19	23
London	showers	6	10
Los Angeles	fine	9	18
Melbourne	fine	12	17
Moscow	rain	-1	5
New York	fine	3	9
Paris	cloudy	5	11
Perth	fine	14	29
Singapore	thunder	24	33
Stockholm	rain	-4	3
Suva	thunder	24	31
Sydney	rain	19	25
Tokyo	cloudy	8	19
Toronto	fine	-2	4

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Ryan invites bowlers to The Wearin' of the Green

THE MAN FROM TIPPERARY: Marty Ryan is keen to welcome bowlers from all clubs to Kahutia Bowling Club's Saint Patrick's Day tournament, The Wearin' of the Green. The winners will be presented with the Robert and Ethel Jenkins Memorial Cup, and every bowler will be treated to a helping of Marty's Irish Stew. Picture by Paul Rickard

BOWLS by John Gillies

MARTY Ryan has always worn his heart on his sleeve.

A splash of colour on his clothing will serve the same purpose on Wednesday, when he welcomes entrants in Kahutia Bowling Club's Saint Patrick's Day tournament, The Wearin' of the Green.

Ryan hails from County Tipperary in Ireland and although he was just a lad when he came to New Zealand with his family in the 1960s, he speaks with an easily recognisable brogue.

When he found himself on the Kahutia

Bowling Club committee, he put his mind to the perennial question of how to keep people in love with their sport.

"Simple," he thought. "We'll have a Saint Patrick's Day bowling tournament. I don't know of another one, and we'll invite bowlers from all the other clubs."

He's hoping players from Wairoa, Te Karaka and Tolaga Bay join the city clubs Gisborne, Poverty Bay and Kahutia.

A cup formerly contested by members of the Riverside Women's Bowling Club has been repurposed for use as the trophy for the new tournament.

The Robert and Ethel Jenkins Memorial

Cup will be presented to the winners. It commemorates the maternal grandparents of Trevor Jukes, a non-playing supporter and sponsor of the Kahutia club.

Robert Jenkins was a long-time member of Kahutia until his death in 1947. He held the positions of treasurer and auditor and was a popular player.

His wife Ethel was the first president of the former Riverside club, when a band of keen female bowlers and their husbands turned a small piece of council land into a popular bowling club.

Their daughter Elizabeth, wife of Arthur Jukes, and Trevor's wife Carol bought the

trophy and it was contested at Riverside as the Ethel Jenkins Memorial Cup. Carol Jukes skipped the last team to win it.

When Riverside wound up, the cup went to Kahutia, and now will be contested in a rotational triples tournament in which everyone has a go at being skip.

The \$10 entry fee includes a helping of Marty's Irish Stew and plenty of "craic" (fun). Play starts at 10am and prizegiving is expected to be about 4pm.

Ryan, who captained Gisborne City, was player-coach of Thistle and coached a City-Thistle composite team, needs to remember just one thing: no football boots on the green.

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