



GUILTY

Farmer's \$17.4m GST fraud scam 'crude but effective'

MATAWAI farmer John Richard Bracken has been found guilty of New Zealand's biggest ever tax fraud — a scam that paid him \$17.4 million in GST refunds to which he was not entitled.

Justice Graham Lang delivered his reserved decision in the High Court at Gisborne yesterday, having presided earlier this month over Bracken's judge-alone trial, which ran to eight days.

The judge convicted Bracken, 54, on all 39 charges he faced of dishonestly using a document for a pecuniary advantage.

The Gisborne Herald understands the case is the largest tax fraud in New Zealand history, the next involving a comparatively mere \$3.5m.

Each of the charges related to GST returns for separate GST periods over four years between July 1, 2014, and July 31, 2018.

The offending was not related to his Matawai farming operation, which investigators found to be operating legitimately, but to a merchandising and exporting arm of BEL Bracken operated from out of town, mainly Auckland, selling timber and other items to the Pacific Islands.

Gisborne accountancy firm Bain and Sheppard unwittingly prepared BEL's GST returns with reference to falsified invoices submitted to them by Bracken to reflect banking transactions he manipulated to simulate false purchases and export sales.

Justice Lang said Bracken's scheme was "crude but effective".

The accountants did not detect any anomaly because the bank records matched the invoices provided to them for each period of taxable activity.

Furthermore, two verification checks by

the IRD, sparked automatically when BEL sought refunds for more than \$1 million, also failed to detect any wrongdoing, the judge said.

The banking transactions Bracken carried out were circular ones simulating payments for purchases that in reality never occurred.

The Crown described the transactions as a "money go round".

Bracken would withdraw cash or a bank cheque in his or BEL's name then rebank the money into the account so its balance effectively remained the same.

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In the earlier years, he made an effort to hide the circular nature of the transactions, often depositing more money than he withdrew. But in later years, he generally deposited the exact same amount.

The false invoices were created by two women in Auckland. One was a teller at an ANZ bank branch he frequented. The other claimed to be his lover. Her reporting of the invoices to the Serious Fraud Office led to Bracken's

undoing.

Some invoices were based on those he got from suppliers with which he legitimately dealt, including some who considered him a close friend. But many of the invoices were from companies with which he only ever made initial inquiries but which issued him pro forma (example) invoices.

The evidence was clear that "a very large number" of fake transactions were recorded in this way, Justice Lang said.

During the offence period, Bracken falsely claimed BEL purchased product totalling more than \$133m and that it exported virtually all of it — more than \$132m worth.

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IMPRISONMENT INEVITABLE: Matawai farmer John Bracken (pictured) was warned by a High Court judge when he first appeared on tax fraud charges that a prison term was inevitable if found guilty. Yesterday, another judge, Justice Graham Lang, reinforced that after delivering a guilty verdict in a reserved decision following an eight-day trial at which Bracken represented himself. Bracken will be sentenced on May 11.

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RIVERS IN THE SKY

ATMOSPHERIC RIVERS: An image from the Himawari-8 satellite in August of last year shows atmospheric rivers on either side of Australia and one hitting the North Island of New Zealand. Research has found that nine out of the 10 costliest floods in New Zealand coincided with the presence of atmospheric rivers. Picture supplied

by Matai O'Connor

NEW RESEARCH has found eight of Gisborne's heaviest rainfall events between 1980 and 2019 occurred at the same time an "atmospheric river" was present over New Zealand.

Learning how these atmospheric rivers work could help forecast heavy rain events, says Kimberly Reid, the lead author of a research paper released earlier this month.

An atmospheric river is a region of strong horizontal water motion in the atmosphere.

It is usually 2000km long and 1000km wide and transports 250 kilograms of water per metre, per second — the equivalent of two Amazon rivers.

At any time, there are six or seven present in the Earth's atmosphere.

Atmospheric rivers occur in the lower part of the atmosphere — one to two kilometres above the ground and the

water causes downfall.

When these systems hit a mountain, or a cold front, or something that causes rain to fall, they release a massive amount of water.

Research conducted and recorded by the Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Climate Extremes, in collaboration with researchers from National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA) and the University of Oxford has found that nine out of 10 of the costliest floods in New Zealand coincided with atmospheric rivers.

Ms Reid, a PHD student at the University of Melbourne, has been working on the research paper since the end of 2019.

"My Masters was on the northwest cloud band, which is an atmospheric river that starts in the Indian Ocean and goes all the way across the desert in Australia which made me look into atmospheric rivers generally in my PhD," she said.

"This led me to look at atmospheric rivers in this part of the world because it is so understudied.

I'm working with Dr Andrew King who was looking at extreme rainfall and flooding at a seasonal level. But before we can forecast we needed to know what was happening so we were doing the impact studies before the forecasting. We need to learn how they work before anything else.

"These forecasts would be helpful for emergency management and farmers. If they knew there could be a large rainfall event at this time, then they could prepare for it."

An interesting part of the research was the shape and location of atmospheric rivers, Ms Reid said.

"Typically, atmospheric rivers are thought of as long and horizontal but they can combine with low pressure systems, so they bend around and can end up over places on the East Coast.

"Atmospheric rivers are usually

associated with the West Coast so to see them over places like Gisborne, Christchurch and Dunedin was quite surprising."

The term atmospheric rivers was coined in the 1990s in the United States. An atmospheric river that goes from Hawaii to California was discovered and named the Pineapple Express.

Ms Reid did not know about atmospheric rivers until she started her Masters in atmospheric science in 2017.

"I had completed an undergrad and never came across these things. A lot of the research is concentrated in the US and a bit is in Europe. We are only just starting to delve into atmospheric rivers in the Southern Hemisphere.

"It's a cool area to be in because there hasn't been much research done so there is a lot to explore," she said.

■ People wanting to read the research paper can access it at tinyurl.com/9bryz9ej

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Women's evidence key to case: Justice

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New Zealand Customs records however, showed BEL had only ever exported goods totalling about \$478,000.

Using the invoices supported by the bank transactions, Bracken (through his accountants) could claim GST input tax credits (refunds) for products BEL never actually purchased. By purporting to have exported nearly all that product, he was not required to pay output tax because exported goods are subject to zero-rated GST.

Bracken was the scheme's architect, Justice Lang said. It was Bracken who arranged the creation of the invoices and Bracken who physically carried out the banking transactions. He did so in full knowledge of the effect of what he was doing.

Evidence at trial included an IRD investigator's analysis of bank statements and records, GST working papers and invoices — so many they filled nine large ring binders.

But key to the case was the evidence of the two women who generated the false invoices, Justice Lang said. He found them honest and reliable witnesses. He was in no doubt they were acting on Bracken's instructions.

Further telling was the evidence of

suppliers from whom Bracken ostensibly made more than \$133m worth of purchases.

Many of those suppliers who gave evidence during the judge-alone trial, said they had never met, let alone traded with Bracken.

Bracken (self-represented) "never really challenged the substance of the case", the judge said. His focus was on "peripheral issues that at the end of the day had little or nothing to do with this case".

Two of Bracken's three witnesses did not materially assist him because their evidence related to the activities in his work yard — legitimate business that the Crown always accepted Bracken carried out to some degree.

The judge also rejected defence witness Benjamin Te Pairi's claims the court had no jurisdiction to deal with the case.

The Te Ture Whenua Maori Act 1993 to which Mr Te Pairi referred, related to Maori land, not to the Crimes Act 1961 or to criminal law in New Zealand, Justice Lang said.

"This court does have jurisdiction over you as it has in relation to any person on Crimes Act charges," Justice Lang said.

The IRD claimed the fraud stretched to \$17.5m but the judge said he was not satisfied beyond reasonable doubt of all the allegations as some appeared

to have involved genuine suppliers, not interviewed by the IRD.

But in those instances where he found some allegations not proved, he was satisfied the Crown could point to other aspects of the tax return in question being false — hence his guilty verdicts on every charge.

Remanding Bracken in custody for sentence on May 11, the judge said, "I'm sorry it's come to this but you've been well aware for a long time now what the end result was likely to be if convicted".

Imprisonment was inevitable. Another High Court judge warned Bracken of that when he first appeared on the charges last June.

Bracken had also been urged by that judge to get legal counsel, Justice Lang said. He would ask Adam Simperingham, the lawyer appointed by the court as standby counsel for Bracken at trial, to prepare legal submissions as to sentence starting point.

Bracken could present any other information he wanted to support those submissions.

Numerous character references he had already submitted would be taken into account.

Having delivered his oral decision, the judge told Bracken's supporters he had made numerous copies of the lengthier



ON THE BENCH: Justice Graham Lang found Matawai farmer John Bracken guilty on all 39 charges of dishonestly using a document for a pecuniary advantage. NZ Herald picture

written version of it for immediate distribution to any interested parties.

Forfeiture proceedings are still pending in the Civil Court for \$13m worth of assets seized in a parallel police operation, including Bracken's Matawai farm valued at about \$7m.

Future-proofing port

Twin Berth eight-part project scheduled for July start

by Andrew Ashton

WITH Eastland Port having reached capacity for exports, plans for a multimillion-dollar berth expansion are "too important" not to support, Gisborne Chamber of Commerce members were told on Thursday.

Speaking to about 60 people at the Chamber's BA5 (Business After 5) event, Eastland Port representatives gave a presentation of plans to build a second berth.

The twin berth facility will provide for two ships between 185 and 200 metres in length, including logging ships, produce vessels, wood chip ships, coastal container vessels and (sub-200m-long) cruise liners.

"The business case for this is accommodating the region's forestry exports and also future-proofing the port so we can facilitate container trade and get those other opportunities into the port," Eastland Port infrastructure manager Marty Bayley said.

"Right now we can't entertain other opportunities because we are tapped out, despite being the most efficient log exporting port in New Zealand.

"We're reaching the maximum volumes we're able to export with what we have."

Mr Bayley said the port's single log berth was already over 65 percent capacity and that sometimes equated to queues in the bay.

"Queued ships cost people money and that's not great for our region, and we need to address that."

Mr Bayley said the project included eight parts, to be completed in two stages. The first stage, Wharf 7, is due to start around July and take 18 months to complete.

In the short-term, economic modelling suggested the project would create over 100 direct jobs and put \$84 million in the pockets of local contractors, he said,

Long-term, it was forecast to support the creation of 3,000 new jobs across



EXPANSION VITAL: Having reached "the maximum volumes we're able to export with what we have", Eastland Port infrastructure manager Marty Bayley says the Twin Berth project is vital to the region's future. Herald file picture

horticulture, agriculture, forestry and other local industries, and add \$250m to the region's gross domestic product.

Mr Bayley said it was important people provided feedback through the resource consent process for the second stage of the project, which was expected to start mid-year.

"What we've come up with has been developed over a long time and is based on many years of engagement and consultation. It's what we believe is a really balanced approach and takes into consideration what the benefits to the region will be, and not just in terms

of export opportunities and the associated region-wide economic benefits.

"The plans also respect the integrity of historical and cultural sites around the port, and will support social, recreational and environmental initiatives."

Gisborne Chamber of Commerce executive board member Diane Taylor said the chamber was willing to lend its support to the project.

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— Eastland Port infrastructure manager Marty Bayley

Region 'could bear cost of rest of nation's carbon issues'

A MAJOR factor in the future of port exports will be how the Government sets regulations around the Emissions Trading Scheme.

Eastland Port chief operating officer Andrew Gaddum pointed this out at the Chamber of Commerce BA5 meeting on Thursday.

"It comes back to the log question and what happens. Are they going to come out or are they going to be turned into carbon?"

"We are reasonably confident, with current settings, that the stuff that's in the ground will come out. What we are not confident about is that if the Government doesn't get this right we could see wholesale planting of our region in exotic trees to suck up carbon that will never see the light of day in terms of going to the mill, port or anywhere.

"It is a huge risk for our region. What's going to happen is people are going to gravitate to the cheapest land and although we think our land prices and house prices are going through the roof, we are comparatively cheap compared with the rest of New Zealand.

"As a region, it would be us, Whanganui, Wairarapa and Northland that (could) bear the cost of the rest of the nation's carbon issue — and that would be devastating and somewhat frightening for our region.

"I hate to say it but we are already seeing good, productive farms being sold."

Mr Gaddum said it was important the Government did not just use a blanket approach to all of New Zealand when setting ETS targets.

FAMILY NOTICES

Deaths

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OGLE, Stephen Murray. — Died suddenly on the 23rd of March 2021, aged 48 years. Loved son of Niki and the Late Murray Ogle, and stepson to Geoff Joyce. Loved brother of Sarah and Shelley. Brother-in-law of James and Vegard. Uncle to Ada, Maya and Cato.

A funeral for Stephen will be held at Evans Chapel, Ormond Road on Tuesday 30th March at 1.30pm, followed by Private Cremation. In lieu of flowers, a donation to the SPCA, PO Box 2077, Gisborne 4040, would be appreciated.

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CARTER, Jonathan Wiremu (JC/Jon). — Passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by his whanau, on March 26, 2021. Loved son of Nevil Henry Carter (Ned) and Paora Kahu Carter (nee Northover) (both deceased). Loved partner of Rose Lockett. Cherished father of Philip and Tanya, and Jonelle and Rongo. Papa to Mia-Rose (deceased), Riley, Kaya, Roman, and River. Adored baby brother to his brothers and sisters.

JC will be laying at his home until his service which will be held in the Beth Shan Chapel, 157 Georges Drive, Napier, on Monday March 29 at 1.30pm. Messages to the Carter Family, C/o PO Box 439, Napier 4140.

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'Difficult and better'

Guest tenor relishes challenge of Mozart Requiem

by Mark Peters

FOR once, a shortage of funds seems to have worked in someone's favour.

That Wellington-based tenor LJ Crichton trained in classical voice, rather than commercial music, has also worked out for the classical music-loving public. On Sunday, Crichton joins the combined Gisborne Choral Society and Hastings Choral Society's Mighty Mozart concert at St Andrew's Church for a performance of Mozart's Requiem and other works.

While much of the Requiem is choral, Crichton also performs in the work's three quartets.

"I've performed a few Requiems but not the Mozart," he says.

"Mozart's Requiem is difficult and better. It has been the most enjoyable to learn. The theme of the musical composition makes a lot more sense because every single piece ties together. Other Requiems seem like multiple pieces in one work."

The opportunity to audition for training in commercial music came while Crichton was part of the newly formed Project Prima Volta (PPV) programme which supports up to 30 Hawke's Bay teenager singers.

Through PPV Crichton studied opera when he was still at Hastings Boys' High School, with the organisation's co-founder Anna Pierard, and Jose Aparicio, music director for the Hawke's Bay Orchestra and Napier Civic Choir Hawke's Bay.

"Jose told us every time they saw us we had the potential. They reminded us every day but we hadn't sung a single note of opera yet. At the time I'd been singing barbershop, pop and gospel.

"We kind of got workshopped. We had no idea how a production team operates or about etiquette in the workspace. It took us

a bit of time to figure out there wasn't time for us to chat among ourselves during rehearsal.

"As 13 and 14 year olds that didn't make a lot of sense to us. It was a slow process."

Along with learning to discipline themselves the youngsters were taught by top singers from around the world.

"I didn't realise how big a deal it was because of how casual Jose and Anna were about it. We thought everyone in New Zealand had this sort of thing available to them. Only when we got to university we realised it was special on global scale," says Crichton.

"In the first year we had an alto from France, a bass from Korea, and a baritone from Wales. They had the most interesting voices.

"They organised to take all the students who wanted to audition for the New Zealand School of Music's opera course to Wellington. Many students wanted to audition for New Zealand School of Music's classical voice course at Victoria University. I wanted to study commercial music at Massey but couldn't afford to get to auditions so I got on the PPV van to Wellington."

He auditioned at Victoria University and had planned to carry on to audition at Massey — except Victoria granted him a scholarship and so Crichton was on his way to classical voice stardom.

Luckily, he loved opera anyway.

"You read the stories of these works written hundreds of years ago and realise how relevant they are to youth today," he says.

Crichton's Samoan parents initially struggled to see how their boy could make a living in opera.

"In Samoa, performance isn't something you pay for. It wasn't a career because everyone did it," says the young tenor.



THE TENOR: Wellington-based tenor LJ Crichton at Kaiti Beach this morning after he arrived in town to join the Gisborne Choral Society and Hastings Choral Society for their performance of Mozart's Requiem and other works.

Picture by Liam Clayton

"That I wanted to be an opera singer was the most abstract idea for them."

Either of his parents could have been strong performers, he says. His father is a "really talented comedian" and his mother an excellent actress/singer, but their priority was to support the family.

"They both worked in factories all their lives. They would have liked me to find a career in anything that wasn't full-on labour.

"I had sung gospel and pop music in church bands but when I started talking about a career in singing, it wasn't something they supported

at first. That changed when I started singing at the craziest places — for the Silver Ferns, and a Labour Party conference. My parents realised it wasn't a dream or a goal that was so far away any more.

"Now I'd love to come back at some time and direct a show and perform with my entire family."

■ **GISBORNE Choral Society and Hastings Choral Society join forces to perform Mozart's Requiem, and other works by the Austrian maestro, at St Andrew's Church tomorrow at 1pm. Entry is \$20, \$5 for students.**

CORRECTION

PETER Heron is the permanent principal of Ngata Memorial College since the start of this year, and the roll at the school is now 100. An article in yesterday's paper said Mr Heron was still the acting principal, and that the roll was 82.

Mahanga water work could cost residents \$19,000 each

by Alice Angeloni

THE cost of a small coastal community's vote to keep its contaminated water supply open will not be known until sweeping water reforms by central government come into force later this year.

But an early estimate by Wairoa District Council suggests the 63 Mahanga residents connected to the public supply could be looking at about \$19,000 each to bring it up to standard.

It comes after two referendums on the subject in four years in which the council warned Mahanga people the upgrades could cost \$1.2 million.

Under the current scenario, Mahanga ratepayers connected to the supply will carry that cost in the form of an annual rate charge of the capital share, along with the existing annual water charge.

The latest referendum in February resulted in 60 percent, or 31 people, voting

in favour of keeping the supply open and 21 voting to close it.

Property owners said they were happy with the "status quo" and while most had their own drinking water tanks, they used the public supply to run toilets, washing machines and as a backup when their own tanks ran dry.

The water supply has a permanent boil notice in place and has returned results for E.coli, arsenic and sulphide. The water is treated with chlorine.

As a result of the referendum, the council will undertake \$75,000 worth of immediate improvement work on the supply, subject to approval from the Department of Internal Affairs.

At a council meeting on Tuesday, staff said a "large part" of the next step was waiting until the nationwide drinking water regulations were finalised by the central government Three Waters Reform Programme.

The immediate improvement work, funded through the Three Waters \$11 million stimulus package, will include an additional concrete water tank,

upgrading the chlorination dosing system, electrical controls and new monitoring systems.

An information report that came before councillors said the work would reduce risk and help ensure the ongoing safety of the water source.

The improvement components could be repurposed when the new Mahanga water treatment plant upgrade "eventually" occurs, the report said.

Mayor Craig Little said a lot of people had been telling them that the community was against keeping the water supply open but that was incorrect.

"The people have voted so we just need to get on with the business and know that 41 percent that didn't vote for it will not be happy."

Mahanga bach owner Larry Foster, who is also a Gisborne district councillor, said the result of the referendum was the outcome he was seeking.

"Like most residents, I have water tanks for my household use. I use the Mahanga water supply through my two toilets and washing machine.

"It is also backup if my water tanks ever get low, which is not often. I boil the water before using. The status quo has always worked for most."

Interim chief executive Kitea Tipuna said the council would continue to work "as much as possible" with the community to keep it informed.

"I think there is some confusion and some potential misinformation, and we have just got to be very clear around the work programmes that council has set. It's quite difficult to deviate from those plans, given the resources."

Property owner Jeff Bradburn, who spends about six months a year in Mahanga, said he was pleased the water supply would not be cut off but this was "only the beginning" of finding a long-term solution.

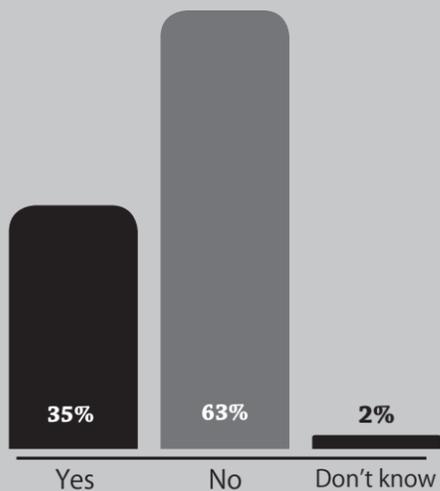
Water contamination in Havelock North in 2016, in which four people died and 4000 became sick, along with changes in water policy, legislation and increasing costs, meant the drinking water environment had "significantly changed", the council said.



ON THE WEB

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

Do you think taxpayer money should be used to ensure the next America's Cup is held in NZ?



Yes: 118; No: 210; Don't know: 7; Total: 335

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Do you support the Government's housing package announced this week?

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

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ON THE STREET

“What will be your lasting memory from the first year of Covid?”



TONY BOWMAN:
“To see how insane the property market has become, with house prices rising so much in the past year.”



SUE SLIGO:
“For me it was the generosity of staff and my friends at Ryman Healthcare.”



MIKE COWLES:
“No cars on the road during lockdown. You don't see that very often.”



MARIE GALLAGHER AND BRAITH (4):
“We loved the lockdown last year. We live on a farm. But it was hard to get groceries.”



GRAHAM SAMUEL:
“I will remember the difficulties with work. In the forests we never knew when we would be going back to work.”



ERINA BROWN:
“The peace that came with it during lockdown. No cars, no people, just peace.”



ALLISON BOWMAN
“I actually think it's the way people have come together and supported each other.”



ALASDAIR MCINTOSH:
“I will be remembering how lightly we got off with the virus compared to so many other countries.”



FANE GALLAGHER:
“The restrictions on where we couldn't go for sport. That's the only thing we didn't enjoy.”



DARRYL MONTEITH:
“Mine will be the amazing community we live in, and during lockdown I finally got some time to work on music.”

Resounding no to taxpayer funding for America's Cup

THE no's had it in no uncertain terms in this week's web poll question: “should taxpayer money should be used to ensure the next America's Cup is held in New Zealand”.

A total 335 votes were lodged and of that number, 210 (63 percent) were against it.

There were 118 people (35 percent) in favour while 2 percent (7 votes) were undecided.

“No. It would be immoral when people are living in cars in this country,” said one respondent.

“We could build some houses with the money instead,” said another.

“So much has been spent on it for the last few years for the enjoyment of the rich boys” was the comment from another “no” voter.

Other comments from the naysayers included —

• “This latest cup race cost the country \$110 million and who benefits from it? There are other more important scenarios this amount of money could have gone to like the homeless, kai-less etc.”

• “No. I've heard over and over again that the overall economic benefits to New Zealand outweigh the initial costs (to infrastructure etc) involved in hosting the Cup.”

• “But it still costs a hell of a lot initially to host it. The money has to come from somewhere and does it really benefit our economy as a whole?”

• “Surely there are more pressing concerns in NZ that our hard-earned taxpayer dollars can be put towards?”

• “The America's Cup is of no relevance to the many impoverished and marginalised people of Aotearoa.”

• “The money is better spent to fight crime.”

• “No. Use politicians' wages, see how they like it.”

• “I don't really think that the super rich need any of my tax money to play their games. If I want to play badminton, I buy my boots, pay my own club subscription and make my own way to the courts. No one has to give me a handout. But what I sincerely believe is that the New Zealand Government should pay for all children to play whatever sport they want, whether it is netball, soccer, rugby, horse riding, waka ama, judo, yachting or archery. Kids need the best start possible.”

• “New Zealanders will support the America's Cup team wherever the challenge is based. They don't need my money. I just don't believe it is worth it.”

Those in favour had their say too.

• “Yes. The tourist dollars returned more than cover any taxpayer investment.”

• “A no-brainer. Look at the money and employment it brings, plus the prestige to this country.”

• “It is the only way to make sure that the best people are on the boat to race.”

• “Yes. It brings in more money than it costs.”

• “The Cup gives great enjoyment and there is a positive attitude throughout New Zealand.”

• “If you watched it like I did you will know why it needs to stay here.”

And from one of the don't knows: “It really depends on whether the world is opened up to travellers. It is overseas visitors who bring the tourism money into the country. Without them it's just us taxpayers paying out.”

Retirements flag need for more volunteer JPs

by Sophie Rishworth

THE retirement in Tairāwhiti of two long-serving Justices of the Peace has highlighted an organisation that needs some new members.

Trevor Parker, 82, and Carrick Brown 88, recently retired from their JP roles.

Trevor spent 36 years in the role and Carrick 46 years as a JP in Auckland before moving to Gisborne in 2019.

It is a voluntary role in an association that wants to be more inclusive with age and ethnicity.

The Gisborne Justices of the Peace Association has a new president since November, Kerry Kururangi, and a new registrar, Robyne McKeague.

There are 90 members in this region, which covers the area from Kotemaori to Potaka and inland to Matawai.

As the new president, Kerry wears a JP chain gifted to the association by Trevor.

Thirty-seven years ago Trevor became a JP. It was November 4, 1983, and things were done a bit differently back then.

Trevor did a course on search warrants so he could sign them for police, on top of his day job as a funeral director.

He remembers the biggest operation he ever worked on was a cannabis operation.

Trevor and a police officer sat in the family's funeral parlour offices in Ormond Road in direct walkie talkie contact with the cops.

Every time the police got to a new spot to search, they would ring the address through, and a search warrant would be signed.

From Raupunga and Mohaka to Gisborne and up the Coast to Te Araroa, over 100 search warrants were issued that day.

Trevor is a past president of the JP Association and a life member.

“There was satisfaction in what we did,” he said. “We never got paid, didn't expect it, but bot the



COMMUNITY GOOD: Trevor Parker was honoured for his long service as a Justice of the Peace at a celebration this month. There to support him were his family (from left in front) daughters Lynne Ralph and Raewyn Dods, with sons David and Ian (also JPs) in the back row beside Mayor Rehette Stoltz and Gisborne Justice of the Peace Association president Kerry Kururangi. Picture supplied

satisfaction of doing something for the community.

“I also had a good family who were right behind me.”

Sons Ian and David are both JPs.

To become a Justice of the Peace go to your local MP's office, where nomination forms and further information is available.

Nominations for JPs are only accepted from the Member of Parliament for the electorate where the nominee resides.

To be nominated, you must be a good community person and have letters of support from two community groups you volunteer for.

Kerry says it is important to be technically savvy these days as well.

Trevor said JPs were one of the oldest organisations in the world and used to run the towns.

In Gisborne they witness signatures, mostly for legal purposes, and judicial JPs also spend a couple of hours a month in court.

Carrick remembers the busy time of being a JP — people coming to his home to get documents signed, or having to pop to Queen Street in

Auckland to sign something.

He saw the role as a way of helping others. It was on top of his job as an art lecturer, councillor and deputy mayor for the Newmarket Borough Council.

“It was an honour,” he said.

You had to be a good communicator, and Carrick enjoyed meeting all the different people he helped.

He is still a member of the Auckland JP Association which arranged for the celebration of his retirement in Gisborne.

As well as the two recently-retired members, this year will also see long service awards handed out, recognising 30, 40 and 50 years of contribution.

“One of the best parts of being the president is being able to give back and celebrate when our JPs do retire, and listening to their korero about their experiences and how the role had changed a bit,” said Kerry.

“It's just a lovely moment in the hectic world, where you can be part of an association like this and celebrate their mahi (work).”

Spies closely watching Covid-19 impact on extremism

by David Fisher, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — Our security intelligence service is monitoring extremist content and conspiracy theories prompted by the first year of the pandemic to gauge whether New Zealanders are becoming radicalised through it and — if so — capable of “acts of terrorism”.

The statement from NZ Security Intelligence Service Rebecca Kitteridge came in response to Weekend Herald questions about activists converging, seemingly drawn together by the Government’s response to Covid-19.

That includes conspiracy theories that paint the pandemic as a hoax by world governments with a view to controlling populations.

Kitteridge said there had been a growth over the past year in the popularity of “some extremist ideologies and conspiracy theories, particularly those connected to racial identity and political motivations”.

“This is likely due to an increase in grievances driven by Covid-19 and its economic and social impacts in different countries, ongoing global racial tensions, and the proliferation of online extremist rhetoric and sub-cultures, which are in some cases merging with or co-opting mainstream ideas or concerns.”

Kitteridge said clear freedom of speech issues were at play, and emphasised that a declared willingness to commit violent acts did not necessarily mean those espousing such views had the capability to do so.

She said the NZSIS worked to identify groups and individuals with extremist views, then assessed the intent and capability to carry out violent, terrorist acts. The assessment could see the NZSIS continue or expand “security investigations” or work with police to reduce the risk.

The law limited the types of investigation the NZSIS could run and it needed additional authorisation as it stepped up its capabilities, including

ministerial and other sign-off.

The Weekend Herald asked Kitteridge about online disinformation and misinformation, including groups with views out of step with our public health response to Covid-19 and individuals whose rhetoric implied violence.

She said: “New Zealanders have the legal right to freedom of speech. This includes the expression of views that most New Zealanders would find offensive.

“In the online world it is not uncommon for people to espouse extreme views and ideologies and speak casually in favour of violence. This often takes place using anonymised identities and in online sub-culture forums or discussion groups.

“It is important to note that holding and expressing extreme views or expressing support for violence do not necessarily mean that those individuals have the intent or capability to actually commit an act of violence.”

Kitteridge said online trends seen across the world would inevitably affect

New Zealanders, although most did not engage with or become influenced by it. That included extreme forms of “politics, racial identity and supremacist beliefs, extreme interpretations of different faiths, and different conspiracy theories”.

Covid-19 had seen people spend more time at home online, meaning there was “more production and consumption of online material, including extremist content”.

“These people may believe in multiple ideological subsets or conspiracy theories and view issues in their own life or country through this lens.

“While many of the extreme views and conspiracy theories are not inherently violent, they can lead some people ‘down a rabbit hole’ towards more extreme material or violent views online.

“Where individuals follow these pathways and engage with extreme material and views without modifying influences, over time some can become radicalised. This is a security challenge around the world.”

‘It’s very disappointing’

Government working towards May Cook Islands travel bubble

AUCKLAND — Cook Islands businesses are disappointed over travel bubble vagueness, and while PM Mark Brown is “very confident” of a May start date, he says it’s a requirement for the economy’s survival into next year.

New Zealand and Cook Islands Prime Ministers Jacinda Ardern and Mark Brown met at Auckland War Memorial Museum and jointly announced plans for a Cooks vaccination campaign and an aid package of \$20 million to support Cook Islands government services, but no firm date for a two-way quarantine-free travel bubble.

Ardern said there had been significant work done, and the countries were “working in earnest towards a May commencement” for a travel bubble.

“The Director General of Health has also advised that beginning vaccination will add to the safe opening of quarantine-free travel,” she said.

Brown told RNZ’s Checkpoint the delegation had come with the aim of firming up a date for the bubble and — despite any reticence from New Zealand officials — he was happy with progress so far and confident of opening up in May.

“We’ve made a joint commitment with New Zealand that we will be looking at May”, he said. “It’s a requirement for our economy now to be able to survive into the next year.”

Brown said he could understand New Zealand’s sentiments in terms of wanting to protect Cook Islanders - particularly in light of the recent measles epidemic in Samoa — but it was time to get back to business.

He said without a bubble by the end of the year, private sector tourism operators — many of whom invested millions of dollars into their product — stood a real risk of losing their investments due to lack of income.

“That’s a far greater issue than just a balance sheet problem because there’s a far greater structural problem with the economy that we need to address in the first step,” he said.

‘We’re sort of still guessing what exactly New Zealand needs’

Indeed, Cook Islands Chamber of Commerce president Fletcher Melvin said he was disappointed, and New Zealand needed to start treating the Cook Islanders like adults.

“If they said May . . . and they put a date on it, we would accept that. But this idea that it ‘could be’ May just means that it’s probably not (going to happen

ANOTHER DELAY: PM Jacinda Ardern said there had been significant work done, and the countries were “working in earnest towards a May commencement” for a travel bubble.

File picture



then), if history is anything to go by. So that’s just what we’re gonna walk away with thinking.”

“They need to treat us like adults and yeah, tell us exactly what they require and let’s get down to doing that.”

Melvin said some hard questions needed answering about New Zealand’s lack of commitment to opening up to the Cook Islands.

“I don’t think anybody could have walked away from that news conference with any firm answers, always vague and there’s never really any commitment.

“We all thought we had ticked all the boxes to this stage so — I don’t know. We’re sort of still guessing what exactly New Zealand needs from us. Something concrete for once so we can all try and reach those goals, whatever they are.”

He said New Zealand needed to explain exactly what needed to be done, the things New Zealand may perceive had not been covered — in equipment, training, protocols, or capacity.

“For goodness sakes tell us what it is, exactly what it is, and then let’s send some money and get this fixed so we can get back to getting our economy back on its feet.

He said the vagueness from New Zealand was just depressing.

“All our worst case scenarios are playing out. People are leaving the country. Companies are deciding that they can’t stay open much longer. Every day we lose a million dollars in revenue.”

A one-way travel bubble between Rarotonga and New Zealand has been in place since the end of January allowing quarantine-free travel from the Cook Islands to New Zealand.

At least 300 Cook Islanders have arrived in New Zealand to look for work since the one-way travel arrangement came into effect and residents are travelling to New Zealand for medical

treatments they cannot access at home. Melvin believed New Zealand was being too paternalistic.

“In the past I would be hesitant to criticise the New Zealand Government, I mean they’ve done just a great job with looking after themselves, looking after New Zealand, but yes, I think they are.”

The aid money was helpful, but just not enough.

“We’re talking about potentially \$40m and I believe that New Zealand has committed \$20m and that’s just for the functioning of government, so how does the private sector continue.

“That kind of money is not going to service all the private sector debt that’s mounting.”

“I think it’s very disappointing.”

More documentation needed from Cook Islands — Brown

Brown said he was “very confident” of a May start date, however.

“As I made clear in my discussions with officials and with the Prime Minister, we are ready now. There are a few little details that we do need to iron out but as a country our health preparedness is at a state where we are ready to be open for business.”

Those details included documentation of processes in the event of an outbreak in New Zealand, he said.

“Any outbreak would occur in New Zealand first and that’s where we would shut down passenger travel. That’s been the case for the last year — and in particular the last three months,” he said.

“Our response plan, which we have in practice been acting on over the last three months — we have had two-way quarantine-free travel although restricted only to Cook Islanders and work permit holders . . . in response to the February outbreak we acted

appropriately, suspended passengers’ travel, sought assurance that there was no community transmission and then we resumed again.”

“With the two-way bubble opening up for Cook Islanders and work permit holders — including doctors, members of the judiciary — we’ve now commenced that travel — that is occurring now, although to a restricted population . . . and I guess this is the basis of our argument why we’re ready for an opening in May — we have in fact been operating.

“We’re confident in the measures we have, we’d now like to extend that two-way bubble to the wider holidaying New Zealand public.”

He said the May timeline would give everybody a bit of time to gear up.

“For accomodators, for airlines, and for customers who may be wanting to look at a holiday in the Cook Islands.”

He said even a comparatively limited number of visitors would make a big difference.

“The holidays are important, but for us any sort of commencement of visitor arrivals are going to make a great deal of difference. The numbers required from our perspective are not large, but they certainly do make a huge difference in terms of visitors coming through.

“We’re talking two or three flights a week that are full, that could be up to 600 or 700 people a week coming in. Now, in the context of New Zealand’s domestic tourism that’s just a fraction, but they make a big difference to us.”

Vaccines

Brown said the country was ready to rollout immunisations now, and could within vaccinate the entire eligible population in two weeks.

“We entered the Covax agreement for the supply of vaccines as part of New Zealand’s supply for the vaccine so our avenue for supply of the vaccine is through New Zealand,” he said.

“We are in fact ready to roll out the vaccinations as soon as the vaccines are available to us. We’ve indicated our preference for the Pfizer vaccine, which is what New Zealand has, and for ourselves we’d be able to vaccinate the entire eligible population within two weeks.”

He said that was because the Pfizer vaccine was the first available one.

New Zealand has purchased enough of the Pfizer vaccine to vaccinate the entire New Zealand population, and has purchase agreements with other suppliers as well. — RNZ

'Electronic wallet'

Digital vaccine passport likely to be essential for future international travel

AUCKLAND — The shape of post-pandemic travel could be quite different with the likelihood a digital Covid-19 vaccine passport will be required before travellers even set foot on an international flight.

Last week the International Air Transport Association or IATA began a two-week trial of its digital Travel Pass on flights between Singapore and London.

With a trans-Tasman bubble expected to be in place by the end of April, Air New Zealand has already confirmed it will trial the IATA Travel Pass on its Auckland to Sydney route next month.

Auckland University of Technology computer science professor Dave Parry said the information will be contained on your smartphone in an "electronic wallet" which links identification with vaccination information.

"When you get your vaccination it'll be loaded up into some sort of national system for vaccine recording and then you'll get a record of it yourself, you'll put this in your phone, it will link to your ID and then when you go to the airport the system will read this data and confirm that you are who you say you are because you've got your passport as well."

He said the airline will then check that the information is valid before allowing you to board the plane.

That would include checking that the vaccinator and the vaccine are valid and flagging any potential problems which may require further information or prevent the person from flying, he said.

"Effectively what it's doing is confirming for the airline that your vaccine has been done and that you're the person who got it and also that they can check against the list of valid people who offer the vaccine to show that that's acceptable for the destination you're headed for."

The Ministry of Health is looking to set up a separate vaccine database specifically for Covid-19 which is separate from the existing vaccine database.

Parry said the system will rely on New Zealand having a reliable vaccine register available.

A potential drawback is that other countries are likely to have their own system for vaccine passports so you may end up needing multiple vaccine passports, he said.

Parry said both Apple and Android have ways of storing information securely on smartphones.

But he said it will not work for everyone, including those without those phones, or without the latest phones or where the operating system is not up-to-date.

"It's going to be quite difficult to ensure that everybody has got this effectively for very fast movement, I think the first few people will put a lot of effort in and then of course you get into families, groups travelling together, do we know that everybody's done this or not in our group?"

He said the back-up will be the QR code which can be generated from the file and it's likely that will be able to be generated through a normal computer system.

Parry said it's reasonably secure in terms of fraud because it is only linking your identification to your vaccine record.

"The vaccine record gives a link to the vaccine provider and so if there's any suspicion about whether you were given that vaccine then the airport can contact the vaccine provider."

How standardised would an IATA travel pass be?

IATA already runs systems where it checks people's visa status so it has gained a level of trust associated with that, Parry said.

"So airlines get fined if they put someone on a plane who can't go into the country of destination, so airlines are very keen to understand what visas and what access you've got."

Parry believes that the IATA Covid passport will become a baseline standard that most international flights will accept.

"You might get internal flights in different countries where you don't have to have the local version as well, but I think for most international travel this will be the version that's used."

Parry said the airlines and IATA are aware of a potential problem with people being excluded from other areas such as schools or cafes on the basis of their vaccine information.

He said IATA and the airlines would be reluctant if Covid passports were used for anything other than travel.

"So you won't be getting a version of the IATA software for cafes or whatever, it will just be for the airlines." — RNZ



GET YOUR TRAVEL PASSPORT READY: Air New Zealand will trial an IATA Travel Pass on its Auckland to Sydney route next month.

Picture supplied by Air NZ

Police investigate after person dies in East Tamaki Road

PAPATOETOE — The Papatotote Z service station has been cordoned off after a person died outside the East Tamaki Rd address this morning.

A police spokesperson said officers were called to the

scene just after 5am.

The service station has been cordoned off while police work to establish the circumstances surrounding the death. An employee at the service station confirmed it was closed as at 7am. — NZ Herald

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Unused vaccines offered to nearby businesses in Chch

CHRISTCHURCH — Some people are jumping the vaccine queue in Christchurch, with leftover jabs being given to people working near vaccination clinics.

Canterbury District Health Board (CDHB) has said it is to avoid wastage but, with frontline health workers being prioritised for spares in other regions, it has left local doctors fuming.

Canterbury doctors said they felt disappointed for not being prioritised and “in the dark” about how the vaccine roll-out works.

Christchurch GP Dr Angus Chambers, who runs a medical clinic in Riccarton, said it was “disappointing” and he still had no idea when he would be getting his vaccine.

“I think it’s a terrible failing of the system that we haven’t managed to do this. It is not a good example of partnership in the health system and seems to trivialise or minimise the risks our workforce faces.”

Christchurch started its vaccine roll-out with about seven clinics based at Managed Isolation and Quarantine (MIQ) facilities and at the airport.

In a statement, CDHB executive lead for Covid-19 response Ralph La Salle confirmed unused doses were offered to nearby businesses.

“On one occasion, on March 7, at the end of the day we had three vaccine doses left due to the fact three people didn’t attend their pre-booked vaccination appointment. Due to the remote location of the clinic and it being late on a Sunday afternoon, and the fact that the vaccine couldn’t be moved, the three doses were offered to a local company close to the vaccination clinic.”

He said there is a “contingency plan in place to prevent wastage of any vaccine supply which is soon to expire”.

Dr Vanessa Weenink said that appeared to be just an excuse for bad planning.

“If they had to grab random people nearby they didn’t have a list at short-notice. We have clinics working 24/7. Workers could be contacted any time and the Riccarton Clinic is 10-15 minutes

away from the airport where the vaccination clinic is, so I think that’s a little bit of a red herring actually.”

She wanted the DHB to collect healthcare workers’ contact details and availability in the event of spare doses. “I hope they will soon have a detailed list of names and numbers. That’s the kind of thing I thought would have been happening anyway.”

Director-General of Health Ashley Bloomfield said spare vaccines had been given to people outside of the vaccine priority plan since the beginning of the programme, to avoid wastage. On the first weekend of vaccinating border workers, some healthcare workers were vaccinated with spares.

Dr Chambers said there were plenty of healthcare staff who were not working seven days a week and could easily be called up at short notice to drive out to get a dose.

“I would like to see some certainty. I would

like to know what’s expected of me as a general practitioner in terms of delivering the programme. As a person who is facing the risk of catching the disease, I would like to be vaccinated as soon as possible.”

Under the Government’s roll-out plan, a total of two million people are expected to have their first vaccination within four months. The Government plans to have 50 vaccination centres up and running by early next week. Some 50,000 people have already received their first shot.

MIQ border workers and their families are expected to have largely been vaccinated by the end of March.

Immunising the second group, New Zealand’s frontline healthcare workers, and people living in “high-risk settings” like rest homes has already begun.

Other priority populations are expected to start getting vaccinated from May, and the remainder of the New Zealand population — about two million people, can expect to start vaccinations from July. — RNZ

Dr Vanessa Weenink said it appeared to be just an excuse for bad planning.

‘JUST CHAOS’

Too many patients, overworked staff an eye-opener for ED visitor

BAY OF PLENTY — A Bay of Plenty woman who waited 16 hours with her elderly father to get treatment at Waikato Hospital says she was shocked to learn how overwhelmed the emergency department was.

The woman, who does not want to be identified, sought treatment for her father in January and waited in triage for hours to get help for what turned out to be a brain bleed.

She said he was fortunate enough to

get a bed — many others were waiting on chairs for similar lengths of time.

“The one staff member on was doing their best to try to find space — the whanau room was full of patients, the corridors were full, it was absolutely phenomenal.”

She said it was an eye-opening experience, revealing an overwhelmed hospital with staff doing their best under trying conditions.

“It was just chaos really because the ambulances just didn’t stop coming in so there were people coming in through the night. The ambulance crew were fantastic, they stayed beside each of the patients with the trolleys they had and it was just piled up with patients,” she said.

While her father eventually got the treatment he needed, and she said his story had a positive outcome, the woman feared what effects the delays were having on others.

“There was a woman, an elderly woman beside me. There was no ward for her to go to and she was physically ill — I had to help look after her because there was nobody to look after her.

“I had found a cupboard that had facecloths in it and was able to wipe her down but there was no towels — there was no resources — and it felt like they were just running on a shoestring.”

Referrals being declined — GP

A Wellington GP, who also did not



TRYING CONDITIONS: A woman is worried about the impact of long delays for treatment some patients face at the ED at Waikato Hospital.

Picture supplied by Waikato DHB / Facebook

want to be identified, said the emergency department struggles were symptomatic of the struggles the whole health system is facing.

“There’s no beds, referrals that we’re sending through are being declined. Even when patients are in the system and they’ve been seen by a specialist they’re not followed up with it. Referrals for imaging aren’t getting done on time. If they do get listed for surgery they wait months and months.”

But she said the situation hadn’t come out of the blue — and had been building for months.

“At least the past year, but particularly the past six months, it’s getting worse and worse.”

Quick fix unlikely — senior doctor

Australasian College for Emergency Medicine president Dr John Bonning said some ED shifts were functioning with

only two-thirds of their normal nursing staff.

Yesterday he met with Health Minister Andrew Little to lay out the issues.

While he said the minister didn’t make any promises, Little was engaged and wanted to fix the system.

Dr Bonning said there were discussions around possible quick gains to be made with improved processes, but any quick fix was unlikely.

“We are coming up to winter. There’s unprecedented levels of burnout and staff illness in the sector. There is potential for this winter to be not very pleasant with seasonal illness and a bit of Covid thrown in. It does have the potential to get worse before it gets better.”

Little has confirmed there will be a delay in the rollout of the flu vaccine as the provider was unable to supply it for 1 April — the typical start date.

He said the programme will now begin on April 14. — RNZ

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CubaDupa festival tipped to take over Wellington CBD



IT'S THE TIME TO PARTY: The country's biggest street festival is set to turn Wellington into one big party-zone.

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WELLINGTON — After being cancelled two years in a row — due to Covid-19 and the Christchurch mosque shootings — the country's biggest street festival is set to turn Wellington into one big party-zone this weekend.

CubaDupa, based in the Cuba Street precinct, features 500 performances by more than 1750 artists across 49 stages, 20 parades and food stalls. It is expected to attract crowds of about 100,000.

Festival director Gerry Paul said it was an opportunity for the community to come together to celebrate after some tough times.

"I think the fact we're the only country in the world where this is even possible makes it even more special, we realise how lucky we are. It's just what we need

right now.

"A lot of these creatives who haven't been able to do what they do for over a year are itching to get on those stages and celebrate the arts and creativity."

Artists and performers still stuck in lockdown limbo around the world would be with Wellingtonians "in spirit", he said.

"I got a message from the director of the New Orleans Jazz Festival saying 'We're really there with you guys in spirit and enjoy and make the most of it', so that means a lot. We fully appreciate how fortunate we are."

A centrepiece of this year's event will be the premiere of CubaSonic, a new composition by John Psathas, which will feature more than 300 musicians performing live, including from Te

Herenga Waka-Victoria University of Wellington School of Music — Te Kōki and many leading musical groups, together with a pre-recorded soundtrack and a Tesla coil.

The university's Vice-Chancellor, Professor Grant Guilford, said Victoria University was delighted to support the festival.

"Wellington is New Zealand's creative capital, and many of our current and former staff, students, and alumni will be contributing to the energy and excitement the event brings to the city streets.

"It has been fantastic to see the festival continue to grow and have such a positive impact on the vibe of the city."

— RNZ

'TSUNAMI' OF DIABETES

Number of type 2 sufferers in New Zealand likely to double by 2040

ROTORUA — A "tsunami" of diabetes cases is set to hit Rotorua as new data highlights the state of the disease in the Lakes region.

Lakes District Health Board estimates the number of people with type 2 diabetes in the Lakes area will double in two decades.

It comes after the release of a PwC report commissioned by Diabetes New Zealand, the University of Otago's Edgar Diabetes and Obesity Research Centre and Healthier Lives National Science Challenge, which predicts a bleak outlook.

The \$2.1 billion spent treating those with diabetes is projected to increase by 63 percent to \$3.5bn in 20 years due to the number of Kiwis with type 2 diabetes rising by as much as 90 percent by 2041.

A shift towards younger people developing the disease and worse health outcomes for minorities would happen if "no action is taken now", the report states.

However, there were four interventions that could save hundreds of millions of dollars each, increase life expectancy and improve quality of life for a huge number of New Zealanders.

Lakes District Health Board lifestyle consultant Dr Hayden McRobbie said 5.3 percent of the health board population had diabetes, according to the most recent data.

"This equates to 5943 people. This rate is similar to the prevalence of diabetes in the New

Zealand population."

The number is made up of people predominantly with type 2 diabetes — it is estimated 10 percent of all people with diabetes have type 1, the Ministry of Health said. The data includes both type 1 and 2 diabetes.

Type 1 is an auto-immune disease while type 2 will develop most commonly in people's late 30s, but both affect the body due to the lack of insulin produced to keep glucose levels low.

"If we apply the estimated projected increase in type 2 diabetes, then we could expect that the number of people living in the Lakes DHB region with diabetes to almost double by 2040."

McRobbie said the projected number was "concerning".

"There is a range of different factors that will contribute to this projected increase in type 2 diabetes."

The Lakes District Health Board could not confirm the cost of treating the disease but said it was associated with significant costs.

McRobbie said there were lifestyle factors that made developing type 2 diabetes less likely, but it wasn't a "personal health problem".

"The environment in which we live also influences our health. Societal changes are also needed." This thought was shared by Korowai Aroha chief executive Hariata Vercoe, who described

the state of diabetes in Rotorua as a "tsunami of disease that is coming down on us".

Her team predicted a yearly 10 percent increase in diabetes diagnoses at Korowai Aroha.

"While we can make, or try to encourage people to make, better dietary decisions or better lifestyle decisions, we're also aware of the poverty level and the social problems that people are facing."

The \$2.1 billion spent treating those with diabetes is projected to increase by 63 percent to \$3.5bn in 20 years.

This resulted in many holding their own health at the bottom of their priority list, she said.

"So we can actually understand the reasons why there is this increase in the diabetes numbers coming through. Most people aren't focusing on their own health needs, they're focusing on the other problems that are quite prevalent."

People needing to "eat better" or become "more active" was a simplistic way of looking at the problem, Vercoe believed.

"We know there is a burden on people's financial situation and access to fresh fruit is usually a dearer option where you can get noodles, which seems more

affordable."

Three Lakes Clinic general practitioner Cate Mills believed people lacked time, which contributed to unhealthy or convenient choices.

However, the predicted rate greatly concerned Mills and she said something needed to change.

"I find that alarming on two levels really. One, the level of what it's going to mean for all those people that are going to suffer from diabetes, but also what that's going to mean for our health system, and in all the diabetic complications that are going to arise from this."

Diabetes New Zealand Lakes district manager Karen Reed said health services were already struggling to provide adequate care and support for people with diabetes.

Diagnosis rates doubling in two decades was more than concerning, it was alarming, Reed said.

"These projections suggest we are failing our communities when it comes to health messaging."

As numbers continued to rise, the greater investment would help to counter the "devastating effect" the disease would have on communities, she said.

"The report looked at four potential interventions in detail — I'd like to see support to help us put these and more into action — we need more funding, more resources and we need to be creative in using these resources, we need to work collaboratively

and we need a New Zealand-wide approach."

Reed worked on the report published last week and said it wasn't about helping people to live healthier lifestyles but taking steps to break down the barriers.

"The food industry has a large part to play in this, schools and workplaces, we need to address social and economic barriers.

"It's not just what we eat or how much we exercise, it's much bigger than that, it's about how we live."

University of Otago's Edgar Diabetes and Obesity Research Centre director, Professor Rachael Taylor, said something needed to change to stem the growing "epidemic".

"Type 2 diabetes is not tracked as a national health target for a start, and yet the figures are growing at an alarming rate.

"All eyes remain on Covid as a major current global health issue, but New Zealand is facing a staggering increase in numbers of people with type 2 diabetes and astronomical costs associated with this disease."

Healthier Lives National Science Challenge director Professor Jim Mann said the industry had known type 2 diabetes was a worrying issue for a long time. "But we now know that its impact on New Zealand can be measured as a fraction of GDP with the \$2.1bn annual equivalent to 0.67 percent of GDP. — NZ Herald

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CHICKEN WITH A TURKEY MUM: A turkey is raising a chicken (pictured left) at the Staglands Wildlife Reserve in Upper Hutt in the Akatarawa Valley. Staglands offers visitors an interactive experience amongst the many friendly animals of the Akatarawa Valley that call it home. Staglands ranger Chris Martin said the turkey is very sociable to people but also somewhat protective of what it considers to be its offspring. He said three months ago one of their Plymouth Barred Rock chickens was laying in a nesting box at the same time as a Bronze turkey was also laying some eggs in the hay. "Now the chicken laid an egg which didn't quite pop into her nest, it actually fell out and ended up in the turkey's nest. "The only egg that that turkey successfully hatched out was that chicken egg." He said the turkey has been mother to that chicken which is now about seven weeks old since day one. "The turkey follows it around everywhere, the peacocks have come to say hi and the turkey won't have a bar of it." Martin said the other day he noticed the chicken "riding shotgun" on the turkey's back.

Picture supplied by Staglands Wildlife Reserve

'Deeply sorry'

Catholic Church apologises to sufferers of abuse

WELLINGTON — The Catholic Church has apologised to survivors of abuse in its care, in New Zealand, for the first time.

Faith-based institutions have been giving evidence at the second part of the Abuse in Care inquiry's redress hearings. Friday was one of the busiest days in the inquiry's public gallery, where Archbishop of Wellington John Dew is on the stand.

Dew said the Church "offers no excuses" for actions that have caused harm.

"We acknowledge all victims and survivors who have not yet been able to speak or may never be able to.

"We hear you in the silence and through those who speak for you," Dew said. "We thank you all for your bravery and courage.

Dew said people should have been able to trust the Church and those who abused them. He acknowledged that instead "we caused you pain, hurt and trauma and this continues to impact you".

"Any kind of abuse is unacceptable and

indefensible. We are deeply sorry."

Dew spoke of being "committed to a church that spares no effort to create a culture that prevents abuse and any possibility of cover ups. "To a church that listens and learns from you and then acts."

He apologised "on behalf of the bishops and congregational leaders of the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand".

Dew said systems and culture within the church had allowed abuses to happen. "These systems failed you and must change."

It comes a little over a week after the Anglican Church also apologised to survivors, with Bishop of Auckland Ross Bay saying he apologised on behalf of the diocese.

"I hope this process (the inquiry) gives you the strength to share your suffering so that the Anglican church has the opportunity to not only make it right but also to learn from these instances of abuse and neglect." — NZ Herald

EARTHQUAKE AFTERMATH:

Landslides can be seen on the crater rim of Blue Lake on Raoul Island in the Kermadec Islands.

Picture supplied by GNS Science



Quakes triggered hundreds of landslides on Raoul Island

KERMADEC ISLANDS — They were the earthquakes that resulted in tsunami warnings and mass evacuations for those living on coastal areas around the country.

But it seems the quakes that struck in the early hours three weeks ago — on Friday, March 5 — also resulted in a different kind of natural phenomena.

More than 300 landslides have been found on Raoul Island, in the Kermadec Islands, near where an 8.1 magnitude quake struck that morning. That big shake came after a 7.1 magnitude quake off the North Island about 2.30 that morning, followed by a 7.4 magnitude quake just over four hours later.

GeoNet, a collaboration between the Earthquake Commission and GNS Science, has revealed stunning images showing just how much the island had changed after staff visited the area after the quakes.

"Our team of experts discovered that the island was scattered with more than 300 new

landslides."

With the help of the NZ Defence Force, staff members were able to map out the various landslides using satellite imagery, oblique photographs and pre-earthquake imagery.

"The coastal slopes generally have a high stimulated landslide portability and most of the mapped landslides occurred on these slopes," a statement said.

Staff also found that larger landslides had happened on the volcanic crater rim; which corresponded to areas of "high simulated landslide probability".

GNS Science geologists Chris Massey, Brenda Rosser and Biljana Lukovic said the "most spectacular" landslides happened around Blue Lake and along the rugged coastline on the island. Some of the larger ones identified were up to about 20,000 m³.

The other relatively smaller landslides were about 100m³ to 200m³ and most were made up of rock and soil avalanches and falls. — NZ Herald

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In 2019 and 2020, whānau and communities contributed to a review of funded mental health and addiction services in Te Tairāwhiti. Thank you.

This helped us develop WHĀRIKI - a new way of working together with whānau needing mental health and addiction support. It is a framework places whānau wellbeing at the very centre of all our activities. Whāriki outlines a proposal to organise services so that everyone can confidently get help when and where they need it no matter where, or who, they are.

Before we adopt Whāriki, we want to hear from you to further refine our proposal for mental health and addictions in Te Tairāwhiti.

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TACKLING A CRISIS: Latest government figures show there are more than 22,000 people on the housing waitlist. That is 7000 more than before the pandemic. RNZ picture



Ending homelessness 'a significant priority'

by Eva Corlett, RNZ

WELLINGTON — One year ago, social services kicked into high gear to rapidly get homeless people off the streets for Covid-19 Alert Level 4 lockdown.

The fast and almost universally successful effort led to people asking if there really was a possible solution to rough sleeping in Aotearoa.

But one year on, what progress has been made?

With a country-wide lockdown looming back then, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern's words were clear — stay home.

But that left the homeless community scratching its head. What if you didn't have one? Organisations working with the homeless quickly stepped into overdrive.

Wellington City Missioner Murray Edridge remembers it well and described it as "the best of times and the worst of times".

For the tale of our cities, the worst of times saw food demand up by 500 percent and not enough housing, and the best of times, a community coming together.

"Between ourselves and some other agencies, we effectively housed the entire street-living population of Wellington," Edridge said.

"That was something nobody every imagined would be possible. We thought of it as some sort of pipe-dream, some sort of aspirational vision for years to come."

But the response to the need was great, he said, including a "courageous and creative" approach from central and local government.

"The bureaucracy and barriers were demolished overnight."

The infrastructure that allowed

people to live on the streets such as libraries and public loos also disappeared, which compelled some people, who had been sleeping rough for 10 years, to seek out emergency housing.

"For many of them, it was an absolutely formative period."

In the six months leading up to lockdown, 46-year-old Jodi and his partner had been living in a car on Auckland's streets.

"It was really hard to find a place. They would look at your past or how you look . . . Even if you have a good credit, they say 'this place is not for you'."

Housing First, a programme that helps rough sleepers into long-term supported housing, now has them living in a new two-bedroom unit in Manurewa.

The approach by authorities had made a huge difference, Jodi said.

"They will talk to you by name, not last name, and first and foremost, it's face-to-face. Like my mother always said: 'te kanohi te kanohi'."

Having that care, community support, and somewhere permanent to live offers Jodi a more hopeful future.

"We have more of a stable life, living day to day, and looking around for jobs now, so it's good. It's given us a sense of direction."

Housing First, which is supported by funding from the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development and Auckland



Murray Edridge

Council, has housed 590 people from lockdown to now — 30 percent more than the year prior.

Auckland programme manager Tracey Moore said different agencies were co-ordinating well.

"It really feels like ending homelessness is still a significant priority. There is fantastic collaboration with Auckland Council, some of the government departments, the not-for-profit sector and housing providers working together to try to find solutions."

But she warned there was a constant stream of need for shelter.

"The need isn't diminishing. We have those complex needs but we are also experiencing huge demand from people with severe housing need, because they cannot access a property in the private rental sector or their tenancies are being terminated."

Latest government figures show there are more than 22,000 people on the housing waitlist. That is 7000 more than before the pandemic.

More than 5000 people are getting emergency housing grants for motels, 2000 more than January last year.

Edridge said despite the good work, keeping pace with the demand was tough.

"If you ask the people who are doing it really, really hard, 'is government doing enough?', the answer is generally no."

"But you have to mitigate that to some extent, and I think there is the will to do the right thing, and we have seen some credible decisions from government to solve what are some highly complex social issues."

Edridge said he would like to see emergency motel use scrapped because it did not offer wrap-around support.

Man questioned over gull killing spree

DUNEDIN — A man is being questioned by Dunedin police in relation to the killing of 30 protected red-billed gulls at the Royal Albatross Centre car park last month.

CCTV footage showed the gulls were killed as two cars and a quad bike hooned around the carpark for about three hours on February 6.

Senior Sergeant Craig Dinnissen said a person of interest had now been identified and was being spoken to.

However, no charges had been laid yet.

At this stage in the gulls' breeding season, in the evenings up to 1000 chicks congregated in the carpark and it was only a matter of luck that

more birds were not killed.

The gull colony at Taiaroa Head had grown significantly over the past 10 years — increasing by 1000 pairs — and was the only red-billed gull colony in New Zealand that was not declining.

Whether the drivers were intentionally targeting the protected species or not, the entire headland was a seabird colony, he said.

Years of conservation work supported not only Dunedin's northern royal albatross and the red-billed gulls, but more than 20 species of seabirds, he said.

Otago Peninsula Trust ecotourism manager Hoani Langsbury and Department

of Conservation staff were pleased the police investigations were progressing.

Langsbury said staff at the centre were distressed when they arrived at work to find the dead birds, empty beer bottles, and extensive tyre marks throughout the parking lot.

Department of Conservation ranger Colin Facer called driving over and killing adult birds and chicks both "clueless" and "gutless".

Red-billed gulls were more threatened than the northern royal albatrosses that breed on the peninsula, he said.

Those responsible could be prosecuted under the wildlife act, he said. — Otago Daily Times

Fears after parasite found in wild oysters

BLUFF — An oyster parasite has been found in the wild population in the Foveaux Strait, and one long-time oysterer worries it could mean the end of the industry.

On Thursday, three wild oysters were found to be infected with *Bonamia ostreae* in a small area near Stewart Island.

Bluff oysterer John Edminstin said if it was true, it could be more than serious.

The outlook had been relatively optimistic of late, with larger sized oysters being seen.

"We were all quite buoyant about the future of the industry, but now this happens."

He believed it was the first time it had been found in the wild and was concerned it would be hard to contain.

Sharing his concerns was Fowlers Oysters manager Terina Stockwell.

She said she had been spiralling since hearing the news.

"It's pretty devastating but the scientists are coming down tomorrow. Hopefully it hasn't spread further because that would be horrible for us."

However, the knowledge no one had fished in the area the infected oysters were found was good. "That's something to cling on to while we can."

Biosecurity New Zealand will begin further testing of the oysters, although no infection was found in five other sample sites.

There would likely be a small temporary and voluntary "no take" zone declared around the area where the oysters were found until longer-term options were explored.

The parasite was first found in New Zealand in 2015 in oysters from the Marlborough Sounds and then in 2017 in oysters in Big Glory Bay in Stewart Island.

Consequently, a programme was funded to protect wild populations, which included removing several flat oyster farms in Big Glory Bay, and running a surveillance programme to look for early signs of the parasite in the wild.

Biosecurity manager Dr Cath Duthie said it was, however, always considered possible that a find in wild oysters could occur.

"Foveaux Strait is a dynamic waterway with strong currents and the parasite can remain dormant."

"For this reason, we commissioned Niwa to do six-monthly surveillance sampling and testing of wild oysters from six different locations in the Strait to find any infections at the earliest possible time."

"We received a confirmed positive laboratory result for *Bonamia ostreae* from the three oysters (on Thursday)."

Commercial Bluff oyster fishers had not reported any sign of the disease and it was not detected in five years of six-monthly surveillance sampling in the area.

"The fishery has been affected for many years by a different type of *Bonamia*, *Bonamia exitiosa*."

"The oyster fishing industry has worked through that situation to maintain a sustainable fishery. We will work to support them to explore ways through this new challenge."

It will work with Bluff oyster fishers, iwi, other marine users and the wider public on the most appropriate and effective response to the situation.

Bluff oyster quota holders will be able to continue to fish.

Bonamia ostreae is not a food safety issue and fresh Bluff oysters remain safe to eat. — Otago Daily Times

'Defence' follies ... Legitimacy in retrospect? No thanks

by Gwynne Dyer



In the early decades of the Cold War, this was the season when Nato defence chiefs would announce their spending plans for the next year, and they would almost always "discover" some new threat from the Soviet Union to justify the money. In the United States, for example, the intelligence services traditionally found a Soviet armoured brigade hiding in Cuba every February or March.

After a prolonged absence, the tradition is back, though now it's a Chinese threat in the Pacific, not a Russian threat in the Caribbean. Last week Admiral Philip Davidson of the US Navy told the Senate Armed Services Committee that the Chinese are getting ready to invade Taiwan within the next six years: "I worry that they're accelerating their ambitions to supplant the US and our leadership role in the rules-based international order ... by 2050," said the admiral. "Taiwan is one of their ambitions before that, and I think the threat is manifest during this decade — in fact, in the next six years."

War with China by 2027, then. And since the US Navy could not stop a Chinese invasion of Taiwan by conventional weapons alone — it's too far from the United States, too close to China, and China has lots of ship-killing missiles — it would necessarily be a nuclear war, or else the US would just have to abandon its not-quite-ally.

Admiral Davidson didn't go into those awkward details, of course. He was just trying to frighten the senators into giving the Navy more ships. And he couldn't hold a candle to General Lord Richards, former head of the British armed forces, who went to bat at the weekend to argue against cuts to the British army (down 10,000 soldiers to only 72,000): "I don't necessarily buy that (Russia and China) are about to start World War 3 with us, but they still possess large numbers," said General Richards. "If all we've got is hi-tech stuff, and they've got half a million troops that can come across the border at you, then hi-tech capabilities aren't going to be much good."

But what border is that? Russia's western border is almost 2000km away, and Britain is an island. The nearest Chinese territory is 3500km away. But then Prime Minister Boris Johnson shuf Richards down by explaining that soldiers won't matter so much because the United Kingdom is getting more nuclear weapons.

Johnson is cancelling Britain's pledge to possess no more than 180 nuclear weapons (enough for every city of over a million people in both Russia and China), and raising its declared limit to 260 warheads. The UK will also "reserve the right" to use nuclear weapons against unspecified "emerging technologies" that are not necessarily nuclear, including "cyber-threats".

Davidson and Richards are just reviving a traditional spring ritual and treating the public like fools. We're sliding into a new Cold War, and this is what is expected of them by the institutions they have devoted their lives to.

The British prime minister is both foolish and careless, but he is not planning to drop nuclear bombs on several hundred million human beings. Johnson just doesn't understand that declaring his willingness to use nukes first against a non-nuclear threat — or sounding like that's what he means — is a profound breach with the doctrine of nuclear deterrence that has kept great-power war at bay for three-quarters of a century.

By the final stage of the Cold War the political and military establishments on both sides were very careful in their choice of words. They didn't make idle threats, they stopped fabricating "spring surprises", and they did not assume that the other side would know when they were just chest-thumping for domestic political purposes.

That generation, who eventually managed to turn the monstrous Doomsday machine off, is gone now. In their place is a generation of senior politicians and military officers who don't truly fear major war. It hasn't happened within living memory, and they do not really believe it still could. Their counterparts in China and Russia are less vocal, but almost certainly the same.

Moreover, they are talking like this in the opening phase of a huge climate and environmental crisis that will require a high level of global cooperation to survive. There is a cycle of learning and forgetting again in both military and political affairs, and we are hitting the "forgetting" phase at just the wrong time.

by Clive Bibby

GISBORNE District Council's submission to the Government select committee considering a bill to outlaw citizens' rights to force a poll over the introduction of Maori wards is a disturbing document and one that should have every ratepayer concerned by the misrepresentation that is included on our behalf.

Let me highlight some of the deliberately inaccurate statements presented as fact. Unfortunately, column space limits my ability to quote directly from the published document, so I will have to rely on readers following my references to the original text.

Item (paragraph) 8 refers to the council being aware of a "petition (initiated from outside the Tairāwhiti) seeking to force a poll ... despite community support in favour of establishing Maori wards". Clearly, the intention of this statement is to smear the activities of those involved with exercising their democratic rights and by so doing, question the legitimacy of any subsequent poll.

It might not have been so bad had the council



come clean with the number of wards they had in mind if the matter came to a vote. Instead, they offered a range of options between one and five. This alone may have been a serious influential factor in deciding whether individuals supported or opposed the introduction of Maori wards.

Personally, I believe the vote to support may well have triumphed if it had been for only one or possibly no more than two wards. I also believe that the voters would have overwhelmingly rejected a proposal that ensured Maori would have no trouble gaining a majority on just about every issue you care to name — which will be the case now that it appears the final outcome will probably include five guaranteed Maori wards in a council of 13 councillors (same as present). Do the sums!

I note that many other councils throughout the country, following the passing of this legislation, are recognising the level of ratepayer disapproval — where a vote had occurred — by playing safe and limiting the introduction to only a couple of wards. We could have and should have done the same here.

The council should also have been more honest about its use of the words "unanimous support" in clause 10. The claim that it had unanimous support wasn't even true using its

own figures based on the submissions received — at best 70 percent, hardly unanimous. And the other claim that the decision in council had unanimous support is also debated by subsequent revelations as to how the vote was taken; more than one councillor who attended that meeting has voiced concerns to me that it was far from being so.

In the end, democracy is the loser — which means the ability of you and I ordinary citizens who religiously pay our rates, yet will in future have virtually no say in how we are governed ... except perhaps to exercise those legitimate rights casting our ballots at the very next time we have the opportunity to do so.

I'm normally not in to making predictions because on most issues, my guess is only as good as the next person. But in this instance I am reasonably confident that the next election (whether local body or a general election) will be another single issue one — like the Covid one last time.

Next time, it will be a report card on politicians' handling of the "Maori wards issue".

At least in this region, it is likely that the public will be keen to reassess their authority.

That means a nervous wait for those who have abused the power we have entrusted in them.

The trouble with Hate: a reassessment?

by Tim Wilson



TWO years after the Christchurch mosque shootings and with racism rising (according to the Human Rights Commission) because of Covid-19, the Government appears to be in a bind over long-promised hate speech laws.

So far, no legislation has appeared. That "robust public discussion from all quarters" promised by then Justice Minister Andrew Little by the end of 2019 hasn't materialised. And there is a drum beat from some commentators that the Government's demonstrable timidity in other matters (like Capital Gains Tax) will blunt any hate speech laws.

While no news may be bad news for targets of hate, a more charitable explanation for the radio silence might be that the Government understands it's grappling with a very sticky issue.

Definition is difficult. While the Prime Minister has said of hate speech, "... when you see it you know it," the United Kingdom's Article 19 says that there is no universally-accepted definition of the term "hate speech" in international law.

And while violence is often

accompanied by hateful words; it's not clear that hate speech invariably provokes identifiable harm.

The Royal Commission Report on the Christchurch mosque massacre cites a 2020 UK study finding "a consistent positive association" between hate speech (notably on local Twitter) online and hate crime offline. However, correlation isn't causation.

"The term 'hate speech' is both imprecise and misleading," asserts David Bromell, Senior Associate with the Institute for Governance and Policy Studies. Bromell contends that harm rather than hate should be the measure.

By that he means violence, hostility and discrimination. Let's agree that no one should be subjected to the kind of vile taunts that a Maori family recently endured on an Auckland waterfront. Often the defenders of free speech don't always sound or act like they know how it feels to be on the receiving end of hate speech.

Yet hate doesn't always hinder. Academic Robert Post observes that while hatred is extreme and troublesome, it has also served constructive social purposes.

Indeed, without free (sometimes polarising) utterances, it's unlikely civil rights would have been extended to

African Americans in the 1960s.

Hateful speech, when people give voice to the darkness under the surface of society, can galvanise public debate — and pushback. When Alabama Governor George Wallace demanded "segregation now, segregation tomorrow, segregation forever!" in 1963, he was inadvertently promoting the very real need for the Civil Rights legislation that would pass soon after.

This explains why Jay Stanley of the American Civil Liberties Union writes, "If we don't stand up ... when racist speech is censored, it is the weak, the powerless, minorities, and those who seek change who will be hurt most in the end."

The Government may be recognising all this.

The danger is that by stalling, stakes will be raised, and the desire to do something may produce hasty legislation. Hasty legislation is often wretched.

Yes, the Government needs to tell us what it intends on the issue of hate speech. But before speaking, it needs to keep listening, and thinking.

■ Tim Wilson is the executive director of Maxim Institute, an independent research and public policy think-tank whose work is oriented towards a conservative perspective.

Totalitarian risks rising in the West

by Patrick Cooper



MR Madden (March 20 column) is a little disingenuous to suggest that we could never have a totalitarian state here in New Zealand. Remember that our Prime Minister is a socialist and that she has the Greens hovering in the background. Don't forget, also, that inside every Progressive there is a totalitarian screaming to get out.

A propos the above, why did Grant Robertson refuse to answer questions about the Global Reset put to him by Peter Williams recently on Magic Talk?

Joe Biden's administration is working towards the establishment of a one-party state. The protestors at the Capitol are public enemies No.1. Four of them died, three from strokes and heart attacks and one woman being shot by the police; a fifth casualty, a policeman, expired later. Mysteriously, the authorities won't release the report on the cause of his death. Only one lethal weapon was discovered amongst the thousands of MAGA supporters who attended that day and the owner was nowhere near the Capitol. Biden is determined to push the myth of right-wing "domestic extremism" and "white supremacy".

Obama's Countering Violent Extremism Act in 2015 prepared the ground well, creating a cottage

industry of government-funded, progressive-leaning CVE consultants and think-tanks dedicated to propagating this falsehood. The complete overkill of 25,000 National Guardsmen in Washington DC, still there today, and the fencing round the Capitol complex are designed to fuel the myth.

Warrantless mass surveillance of all Americans' communications, activities, and business transactions are permitted by the 2015 USA Freedom Act and various FISA Amendment Acts.

Of 79,700 federal defendants in 2018 fewer than 1 percent went to trial and were acquitted. Most were coerced into plea bargains by prosecutors stacking charges, pleading guilty to a lesser charge, even when sometimes innocent, in order to avoid decades in prison.

Max Morton, retired Marine lieutenant-colonel, reminds us that it is the custom in totalitarian states to charge the grieving parents of an executed dissident for the bullet that the internal security services used to kill him. It is called "the bullet fee". Currently, 75 million-plus (the election result is disputed as are the voting figures) American citizens who voted for Trump in the November election are wondering how they can, figuratively, avoid the "bullet fee". The normal democratic process does not seem to work in their favour.

How to fight back? Morton suggests

nullification. During President Trump's administration the so-called "Resistance" by the Progressive Left employed this tactic by setting up "sanctuary cities" and by having progressive judges nullify his immigration policies. So, nullification is when a state chooses not to comply with federal diktats, edicts and laws.

For example, Republicans could choose not to cooperate with the Joint Terrorism Task Forces (JTTFs) set up in each state during the early years of the Global War on Terror by the Department of Justice with the FBI directing their actions. Primarily staffed by state and local law enforcement officers, the states are reimbursed by the federal government for the use of these resources. By withdrawing this manpower and refusing to cooperate with the federal authorities, the states can make their attitude known.

After all, attorney-general nominee Merrick Garland, in his February 22 testimony, identified the new bogeyman of "white supremacy" as the nation's greatest national security threat — greater than Islamic jihadists, greater than Iranian proxy Hezbollah, greater than the Mexican cartels and greater than CCP manipulation of American national elections.

Why should Red states subordinate themselves to the federal bureaucracy when it is intent on using the JTTFs to infringe on their citizens' rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness?

EDITORIAL

Vaccine safe and highly effective

Surveys over the past nine months have shown consistently that about a quarter of New Zealand adults say they are unlikely to have a “well-tested and approved” Covid-19 vaccine if offered. Of that about 10 percent say they are a definite “no”.

The surveys also show that Maori and Pasifika are less likely to be willing to take a vaccine against Covid-19; and, not surprisingly, that uptake is likely to be highest among people aged over 65 (who are most at risk of dying from Covid-19).

Confirmation during this surveying timeline that the best of the vaccines produced are safe and highly effective at preventing serious illness or death from Covid-19, and growing evidence that they also provide a strong protective benefit against infection — a key factor in breaking onward transmission — has not shifted opinions much. It is clear that this key information needs to be communicated well and targeted appropriately to communities and people who are expressing reservations.

The stated goal of our health authorities is 70 percent of the entire population being vaccinated but this could be at the lower end of what is required to achieve “herd immunity” to this coronavirus, in light of the more transmittable variants that are now dominant in many parts of the world.

So a major component of a successful vaccination rollout for New Zealand will be convincing the 15 percent who are hesitant about getting vaccinated against Covid-19 that it will not only protect them, but also their family, friends and at-risk groups.

The BioNTech-Pfizer vaccine being used in New Zealand is a leader for effectiveness, at about 94 percent.

Clinical trials last year showed it to be 95 percent effective two weeks after the second dose.

A study of nearly 600,000 vaccinated people in Israel — compared to an almost equal number who did not receive the shot (and with no participants having contracted the virus in the past) — conducted from December 20 to February 1, at a time the British variant was spreading in the country, revealed the BioNTech-Pfizer vaccine to be 94 percent effective, with indications it also provides strong protection against infection.

The researchers said they were surprised the real-world study, where the population was older and sicker on average and the “cold chain is not maintained perfectly”, was so comparable to the trial result.

For New Zealand’s official Covid-19 vaccination advice see: www.tinyurl.com/kak8axbh

Missile targeting is nuclear device control

Re: The risks of Rocket Lab’s military links, March 23 letter and responses. Rocket Lab, MBIE and Cabinet must be also in the business of farming red herrings. No one has suggested Rocket Lab is sending nuclear weapons into space. What concerned citizens are saying is that the New Zealand government policy of allowing foreign military launches, risks breaching our nuclear-free legislation and commitment under the Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty that was only just signed.

Nuclear weapons are a central pillar of the United States national security strategy. Like other nuclear armed states, the US is increasingly deploying “dual-capable” space-based assets to manage nuclear weapons. Dual-capable assets

contribute to the command and control of both nuclear and non-nuclear weapons systems and related missile defence systems. The US Army Space Missile Defense Command has publicly stated the payload deployed this week is to be used in for enhancing missile targeting systems.

This leads to a significant concern that without introducing better regulatory controls, the current regulatory regime for space-launch activities may undermine the integrity of the Nuclear Free Zone Act 1987. Section 5(1)(b) of the Act states:

“No person, who is a New Zealand citizen or a person ordinarily resident in New Zealand, shall, within the New Zealand Nuclear Free Zone . . . aid, abet,

or procure any person to manufacture, acquire, possess, or have control over any nuclear explosive device.”

Missile targeting systems are all about control over such devices.

To clarify further — concerned citizens are not saying nuclear missiles are being launched by Rocket Lab, but missile targeting systems are essential parts of weapons used for both conventional and nuclear missiles. Similarly a sniper rifle without a scope is a pretty ineffective weapon; a scope is an essential component of the weapon, in the same way a satellite targeting system for missiles is an essential component of both nuclear and non-nuclear missiles.

MANU CADDIE

Culpable too, in line for \$1m

Re: A ‘wholly avoidable’ death, March 25.

Wow, the family gets \$130,000 while the government gets over a million dollars because they didn’t make sure my nephew was safe.

ERIKA CAROLINE PICKFORD, Whakatane

You were a great person Nate,

one of my son’s best friends. He was broken when he found out. He always reminds me of the good times you guys had before he moved abroad. Kia Kaha Whanau — justice will be served but no amount of money will ever take away the pain that Karen will continue to carry, and nor will it ever replace Nate’s life. Kia Kaha Whanau

TINA WHAITIRI

Appeal to mean appetites

Re: A white collar crime in every episode . . . March 23 letter and responses.

“Reality” shows are broadcast to entertain and necessarily they rarely portray anything other than a highly-choreographed version of reality. I’m guessing, for the police show, the content is carefully presented for maximum shock and impact — with the goal of informing a long way behind in the producer’s thinking. I doubt that company fraud case could be split easily into bite-sized pieces to appeal to the mean appetites of viewers; producers can get what they need by visiting Manukau City or Auckland City streets at 1am.

The bias is clear; only a few types of offending, selected for production value, are generally shown. The net effect, whether intentional or not is, as Lara said, “to feed into the stereotypes plaguing Maori and Pasifika communities”. Well said, Lara.

TONY LEE

Tony, sometimes I imagine, as I read the responses to my letters and those written by others, the Muppet Show. In particular, I am reminded of the three old men

puppets who sat in that box seat in a theatre each episode viewing proceedings, congratulating each other for being negative and contrary and criticising everything. I call them Chuck, Chuck and Bob.

The image of those muppets makes me smile every time I read some of the responses to my letters.

LARA MEYER

Just watch Highway Cops instead. The newer episodes seem to show mostly young Pakeha and foreign tourists in the South Island and lower North Island being pulled over and arrested for drink driving, driving while disqualified, just plain bad driving and doing really dumb things etc.

As for PT7, I’m guessing the reason they show more young Maori and Pacific Islanders doing runners is because the fat, middle-aged white collar criminals just can’t get a good runner going.

It would also be quite boring, whereas hot pursuits and dog chases aren’t. Ratings mean everything on TV as we all know.

Where would we be without PT7’s “Always blow on the pie. Safer communities together.”

MURRAY JONES, Gold Coast

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, ONLINE COMMENTS

Fruit should have priority

“Freighter Diverted! Forced to truck export kiwifruit to another port!” (TGH, March 18.) The exclamation marks are mine. This news item in my opinion is nothing more than an anti-rail beat up.

The story indicates the freighter Kakariki was due to berth on March 12. The ship’s movements, freely available online, show she arrived at Port of Tauranga from Busan, Korea on March 13. Did she steam past Tauranga down to us and have to turn back when Port Eastland, up to the gunwales with log ship bookings, telegraphed the unwelcome news?

As I say, this “news” is an anti-rail beat up in the context of the port’s anti-competitive

ambition to stop a relatively small rail repair. The Eastland Group chief operating officer is quoted saying, “It was extremely disappointing for everyone that the Kakariki couldn’t berth.”

I agree, and I feel for Mr Thorpe and other hard-working produce growers.

Any logger loading that day could have been sent back out for a short time, surely, while the kiwifruit — already on the wharf — got loaded.

Here’s a final question. What guarantee is there, even if the unnecessary double-berth was built, that fruit freighters will be given right of way over log carriers?

WINSTON MORETON

If you really like trees . . .

Re: Protection in our hands, March 26 letter.

The birds and insects that lived there don’t care if they were planted by man or not. What a weird way of justifying it.

Just because he checked if they were protected before killing them doesn’t make it somehow OK.

It’s happening all over the place and it’s awful.

TANYA

If God didn’t want us to cut down trees, He shouldn’t have made them out of timber.

KELVIN

Welcome to your opinion, Tanya and others; If you really like trees, you

have the right to buy a patch of soil, pay the rates forever, and plant as many trees as you want . . . as long as they don’t stop the sunshine getting to your neighbour’s place. Part of the cost of land is the right to the sunshine that drops there.

As for me; we grow walnuts. The grandchildren might benefit from the fabulous timber. Meantime we eat a bit of possum pie, the occasional stuffed pheasant, and feed the windfall branches to the home fireplace. All very expensive, but the trees are expected to have at least a thousand years to their future useful rotation.

Ciao.

WILL DOBBIE

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Biden invites Russia, China to climate talks

President looks for more unity on climate change as US rejoins global effort

WASHINGTON, DC — US President Joe Biden is including rivals Vladimir Putin of Russia and Xi Jinping of China among the invitees to the first big climate talks of his administration, an event the US hopes will help shape, speed up and deepen global efforts to cut climate-wrecking fossil fuel pollution, administration officials told The Associated Press.

The president is seeking to revive a US-convened forum of the world's major economies on climate that George W. Bush and Barack Obama both used and Donald Trump let languish.

Leaders of some of the world's top climate-change sufferers, do-gooders and backsliders rounded out the rest of the 40 invitations that were being delivered on Friday (Washington, DC time).

The summit would be held virtually April 22 and 23.

Hosting the summit would fulfil a campaign pledge and executive order by Biden, and the administration was timing the event with its own upcoming announcement of what was a much tougher US target for revamping the

US economy to sharply cut emissions from coal, natural gas and oil.

The session — and whether it would be viewed as all talk or provide some progress — would test Biden's pledge to make climate change a priority among competing political, economic, policy and pandemic problems.

It would also pose a very public — and potentially embarrassing or empowering — test of whether US leaders, and Biden in particular, can still drive global decision-making after the Trump administration withdrew globally and shook up longstanding alliances.

The Biden administration intentionally looked beyond its international partners for the talks, an administration official said.

"It's a list of the key players and it's about having some of the tough conversations and the important conversations," the official said.

"Given how important this issue is to the entire world, we have to be willing to talk about it and we have to be willing to talk about it at the high levels."

Trump had mocked the



LEADING THE WAY: US President Joe Biden speaks during a news conference in the East Room of the White House.

AP picture

science underlying urgent warnings on global warming and the worsening of droughts, floods, hurricanes and other natural disasters. He pulled the US out of the 2015 UN Paris climate accords.

Next month's summit would

therefore be the first major international climate meeting attended by a US leader in more than four years, although leaders in Europe and elsewhere had kept up the climate talks in America's absence. — AP

PANDEMIC BRIEFS

India to make domestic inoculations its priority

NEW DELHI — India, the world's biggest vaccine maker, said on Friday (local time) that it would make domestic Covid-19 inoculations a priority as infections surge in that nation.

India has told international buyers of its decision.

Reports that India would delay deliveries of AstraZeneca's vaccine to a global programme to inoculate poorer countries triggered alarm on Thursday, with the head of Africa's disease control agency describing their continent as "helpless".

"In the coming weeks and months . . . there will be a demand spike and obviously people are preparing for it," Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, the minister of external affairs, told the Times Network's India Economic Enclave.

"In many cases, we have told our international partners that Covid rates are going up in India, so we are expanding our own vaccination ambit, and we are sure you will understand that . . ."

— Reuters/Newshub.

Daily infections rise in Italy

ROME — Italy reported 457 coronavirus-related deaths on Friday (local time), the health ministry said, as the daily tally of new infections rose to 23,987 from 23,696 the day before.

Italy's southern Campania region has signed an agreement to buy Russia's Sputnik V Covid vaccine, the regional governor said on Friday, adding that the deal will become effective once the shot's use in Europe becomes authorised.

The Italian government will let many school classes reopen next month, even if they are in coronavirus hotspots. — Reuters/Newshub.

Big jump in Philippine cases

MANILA — The Philippines reported 9838 coronavirus cases on Friday (local time), the biggest daily jump since the pandemic began, as the World Bank called for vaccinations to be a priority to limit further deaths and support the country's health system. — Reuters/Newshub.

Record case levels in Kenya

NAIROBI — Kenya's President Uhuru Kenyatta restricted travel in the capital Nairobi and four surrounding counties on Friday (local time) as Covid-19 infections hit record levels in East Africa's richest economy.

In a televised address, Kenyatta said a wave of new curbs including a stricter curfew and the closure of bars would hurt but were essential to fight the pandemic.

The new restrictions come a week before the Easter holiday, when many Nairobi residents traditionally travel to visit family in other parts of the country. — Reuters/Newshub.

UK strain in Aussie community

BRISBANE — A new case of community transmission in Queensland is the infectious UK strain, genomic testing has showed.

— Reuters/Newshub.

Sweden's virus cases soar

STOCKHOLM — Sweden, which has shunned lockdowns throughout the pandemic, registered 6328 new coronavirus cases on Friday (local time), health agency statistics showed. The country of 10 million inhabitants registered 29 new deaths, taking the total to 13,402.

— Reuters/Newshub.

Nth Korea 'top foreign-policy issue' for the US

WASHINGTON, DC — North Korea's claim to have launched a new type of tactical short-range ballistic missile has highlighted military advances by the nuclear-armed state and propelled it to the top of new US President Joe Biden's foreign policy agenda.

The United States condemned Thursday's launches, which came just hours before Biden held his first White House press conference since taking office in January.

When asked if he agreed that North Korea was the top foreign-policy issue he faced, Biden replied: "Yes."

Biden had previously left North Korea entirely out of his maiden foreign policy speech in February,

and in outlining eight diplomatic priorities in March his secretary of state did not focus on North Korea except to list it as one of several countries that posed a challenge.

The launches, which were North Korea's first ballistic missile tests in nearly a year, underscored steady progress in its weapons programme since denuclearisation talks with the US floundered under former President Donald Trump.

Biden said the US remained open to diplomacy with North Korea despite its missile tests, but warned there would be responses if Pyongyang escalated matters.

South Korea's President Moon Jae-in called the missile test "concerning", saying Seoul,

Pyongyang and Washington should not create hurdles for talks.

"Now is the time for South Korea, North Korea and the US to make efforts to continue dialogue.

"It is never desirable to create difficulties for dialogue," he said. North Korea had been widely expected to conduct some kind of weapons test in the early months of Biden's term as a way of signalling its resolve, gaining practical military capabilities, and boosting its leverage should talks resume.

While North Korea's intentions were not yet entirely clear, the tests were relatively restrained, said John Delury, a professor at South Korea's Yonsei University.

"These tests come some time after Biden's inauguration, and they are still at a low-enough level that it gives the administration breathing room," he said.

"Regardless of its intentions, the effect is to elevate its significance and move North Korea up the new US administration's agenda."

Analysts noted leader Kim Jong-un did not appear to attend the missile tests, with state media instead showing undated photos of him inspecting new passenger buses in Pyongyang.

The UN Security Council North Korea sanctions committee was due to meet on Friday (local time) to discuss the missile tests, at the request of the US. — Reuters/RNZ

China outlines Covid-origin findings ahead of WHO report

BEIJING — Chinese officials briefed diplomats on Friday (local time) on the ongoing research into the origin of Covid-19, ahead of the expected release of a long-awaited report from the World Health Organisation (WHO).

The briefing appeared to be an attempt by China to get its views out to the public about the report, which has become enmeshed in a diplomatic spat.

The US and others have raised questions about Chinese influence and the independence of the findings.

China, meanwhile, has accused critics of politicising a scientific study.

"Our purpose is to show our openness and transparency," said Yang Tao, a Foreign Ministry official.

"China fought the epidemic in a transparent manner and it has nothing to hide."

The report, which has been delayed repeatedly, is based on a visit earlier this year by a WHO team of international experts to Wuhan — the city in central China where infections from the new coronavirus were first reported in late 2019.

The experts worked with Chinese counterparts, and both sides have to agree on the final report. It was unclear when the report would come out.

Feng Zijian, a Chinese team member and the deputy director of China's Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, said the experts examined four possible ways the virus got into Wuhan.

They were: a bat carrying the virus then infected a human; a bat infected an intermediate mammal that spread it to a human; shipments of cold or frozen food; and a leak from a laboratory that

researches viruses in Wuhan.

The experts voted on the hypotheses after in-depth discussion and concluded one of the two animal routes or the cold chain was most likely how it was transmitted. A lab leak was viewed as extremely unlikely, Feng said.

His remarks were reported by state broadcaster CCTV, which said envoys from 50 countries and the League of Arab States and the African Union attended the briefing at the Foreign Ministry.

"China firmly opposes certain countries' attempts to politicise the origin-tracing issue and make groundless accusations and hold China accountable," the ministry said in an online post about the briefing.

Separately, Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying said, "I would like to stress that virus tracing is

a scientific issue that should be studied by scientists through cooperation."

She told reporters that the experts were still discussing the contents and translation of the report, and she did not know when it would be released.

At a press briefing later on Friday in Geneva, the WHO expert who led the organisation's China mission said the nearly 400-page report had been finalised and was in the process of being fact-checked and translated.

"I expect that in the next few days, that whole process will be completed and we will be able to release it publicly," WHO expert, Peter Ben Embarek, said.

At a Biden administration health briefing on Friday, US CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky said the agency was looking forward to the release of the WHO report. — AP

Super-spreader events give life to coronavirus variants: study

SEATTLE — Super-spreader events, in which an infected person transmits the coronavirus to many other people, are critical to the survival and predominance of new variants, researchers have found.

If coronavirus transmission only occurs one person at a time, a new variant is unlikely to gain a foothold and will usually die out in the population by chance, said Daniel Reeves of Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Centre in Seattle.

“Even very strong variants can die out if they are ‘unlucky’ and don’t happen by chance to be transmitted in a super-spreader event,” he added.

His team’s new mathematical models, posted on medRxiv ahead of peer review, show that early super-spreader events infecting more than five people are critical to a variant’s survival, while super-spreader events infecting more than 20 people are critical to its eventual predominance.

Even a very infectious new variant usually needs a super-spreader event to help it overtake a current variant, Reeves explained.

The findings provide yet another reason to focus on preventing large super-spreader events by prohibiting large indoor gatherings, focusing on adequate ventilation indoors, and mandating the highest-quality masks (K95 or N95) when group exposures are unavoidable, the researchers concluded.

— Reuters story via Newshub.

Deadly train collision in Egypt: 32 dead, 165 hurt

CAIRO — Two trains collided on Friday (local time) in southern Egypt, killing at least 32 people and injuring 165, authorities said in what was the latest in a series of deadly accidents on the country’s troubled railways.

Someone apparently activated the emergency brakes on the passenger train, and it was rear-ended by another train, causing two cars to derail and flip on their sides, Egypt’s Railway Authorities said, although Prime Minister Mustafa Madbouly later added that no cause had yet been determined.

The passenger train was headed to the Mediterranean port of Alexandria, north of Cairo, rail officials said.

Video showed twisted piles of metal with passengers covered with dust trapped inside — some bleeding and others unconscious.

Bystanders removed the dead and laid them on the ground nearby.

One passenger was heard shouting on the video, “Help us! People are dying!”

A female passenger appeared to be upside down, squeezed under the seats, and was crying, “Get me out, boy!”

More than 100 ambulances were sent to the scene in the province of Sohag, about 440km south of Cairo, Health Minister Hala Zayed said, and the injured were taken to four hospitals.

Injuries included broken bones, cuts and bruises.

Two planes carrying 52 doctors, mostly surgeons, were sent to Sohag, she added at a news conference in the province, accompanied by Madbouly, who added that a



DERAILED: Egyptians look for remains of victims around the mangled train carriages at the scene of a train collision in Sohag, Egypt, on Friday (local time). AP picture

military plane would bring those needing special surgery to Cairo.

Chief Prosecutor Hamada el-Sawy was on the scene to investigate the crash, he said.

“The (railway) service has been neglected for decades to such an extent that it has made it quite outdated and extremely dangerous,” Madbouly told reporters. “We have spent billions upgrading the railway, but we still have a long way to go in order to complete all the required work.”

The government will pay the equivalent of US\$6400 in compensation to each family

that has had a relative killed, Madbouly said, while the injured would get between US\$1280 and US\$2560, depending on how badly they had been hurt.

President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi said he was monitoring the situation and that those responsible would receive “a deterrent punishment”.

“The pain that tears at our hearts today cannot but make us more determined to end these types of disasters,” he posted on his Facebook page.

Egypt’s rail system has a history of badly-maintained equipment and mismanagement, and official

figures show there were 1793 train accidents in 2017.

In 2018, a passenger train derailed near the southern city of Aswan, injuring at least six people and prompting authorities to fire the chief of the country’s railways.

The same year, el-Sissi said the government needed about 250 billion Egyptian pounds (US\$14.1 billion) to overhaul the rail system. Those remarks came a day after a passenger train collided with a cargo train, killing at least 12 people.

A year earlier, two passenger trains collided just outside Alexandria, killing 43. — AP

Trump defends Capitol rioters

PALM BEACH, FL — Former United States President Donald Trump has defended some of his supporters who rioted at the US Capitol on January 6, saying they posed “zero threat” to the lawmakers who had assembled there to certify Joe Biden’s election victory.

Trump complained to Fox News Channel’s Laura Ingraham that law enforcement was “persecuting” the Capitol rioters, while “nothing happens” to left-wing protesters.

Trump did acknowledge that those who stormed the Capitol “went in and they shouldn’t have done it”.

However, he added: “Some of them went in and they were hugging and kissing the police and the guards. You know — they had great relationships! A lot of the people were waved in and then they walked in and they walked out.”

More than 300 people have been charged in connection to the riot. Authorities have said they believe at least 100 more could face charges.

The January 6 riot followed a fiery Trump rally outside the White House, in which he urged a mob of his supporters to “fight like hell” for him at the Capitol. A week later, the House impeached Trump for the second time, but the Senate eventually acquitted him on the charge of inciting the attack. — AP

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Suez Canal traffic jam

Refloat attempt of stranded ship blocking path of over 200 vessels fails

SUEZ, Egypt — A maritime traffic jam grew to more than 200 vessels on Friday (local time) outside the Suez Canal and some vessels began changing course as dredgers worked frantically to free a giant container ship that is stuck sideways in the waterway and disrupting global shipping.

One salvage expert said freeing the cargo ship, the Ever Given, could take up to a week in the best-case scenario and warned of possible structural problems on the vessel as it remains wedged.

The Ever Given, owned by the Japanese firm Shoei Kisen KK, got wedged on Tuesday in a single-lane stretch of the canal, about 6 kilometres north of the southern entrance, near the city of Suez.

A team from Boskalis, a Dutch firm specialising in salvaging, is working with the canal authority, using tugboats and a specialised suction dredger that is trying to remove sand and mud from around the port side of the bow.

Egyptian authorities have prohibited media access to the site.

An attempt on Friday to free it failed, said the firm Bernhard Schulte Shipmanagement (BSM) — the technical manager of the Ever Given.

Plans were in the works



STUCK: This satellite image from Maxar Technologies shows the cargo ship MV Ever Given still stuck in the Suez Canal near Suez, Egypt. AP picture

to pump water from interior spaces of the vessel, and two more tugs should arrive by Sunday, the company said.

The Suez Canal Authority said it welcomed international assistance.

The White House said it had offered to help Egypt reopen the canal. “We are consulting with our Egyptian partners about how we can best support their efforts,” press secretary Jen Psaki said.

The canal authority released

a video showing Lt Gen Osama Rabei inspecting efforts to free the Ever Given and telling workers: “Good luck, God willing.”

An initial investigation showed the vessel ran aground due to strong winds and ruled out mechanical or engine failure as a cause, the company said.

GAC, a global shipping and logistics company, had previously said the ship had experienced a power blackout,

but it did not elaborate.

BSM said two canal pilots had been aboard the ship when it got stuck.

Such an arrangement was customary, but the ship’s captain retained ultimate authority over the vessel, according to shipping experts.

In addition to the over 200 vessels waiting near the canal, more than 100 ships were en route to the waterway, according to the data firm Refinitiv. — AP

Johnson’s ‘no jab, no pint’ idea falls flat

LONDON — A “no jab, no pint” plan has fallen flat with some publicans in the UK.

PM Boris Johnson has floated the possibility of banning people from pubs, unless they can produce a Covid-19 vaccination certificate, once the nationwide roll-out was complete.

Some publicans, however, are not too keen to become the “Covid-19 pub police”.

“You never really know, from one minute to the next, with this guy (the PM),” Brixton publican Jimmy Duke-Evans told Checkpoint.

“It seems like he’s thinking of saying to people: ‘you better get your vaccine because otherwise you might not be allowed into pubs’.

“I think part of what (the government) is trying to do here is get younger people to do this because the oldies are kind of already on board with it . . . My folks for example) have had both of their jabs now, which is good because my dad is 89 and my mum’s 79. But younger people don’t seem to really be into (getting vaccinated) quite so much.

“So it seems like Boris is now thinking: ‘how are we going to get these guys to do it? Let’s tell them they can’t go to the pub unless they can prove’ they have had a jab’.

“If they’re putting the responsibility for all of the awkwardness and all of the arguments that will come from it, from loads of stupid, dumb-arse Covid deniers . . . it’s just foisting something on to publicans.”

It should be the government’s responsibility, he added. — RNZ

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Tornadoes pummel Alabama

At least five people dead, homes demolished, power knocked out to thousands

BIRMINGHAM, AL — Tornadoes and severe storms have torn through the Deep South, killing at least five people as strong winds splintered trees, demolished homes and downed power lines.

Multiple twisters sprang from a “super cell” of storms that rolled over western Georgia early on Friday (local time), after spawning as many as eight tornadoes in Alabama on Thursday, said John De Block — a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Birmingham.

One large, dangerous tornado moved through Newnan, destroying homes there and damaging others in surrounding communities west of Atlanta, meteorologists said.

A day earlier (Thursday local time), a tornado formed in southwest Alabama and carved up the ground for more than an hour, travelling roughly 160km and causing heavy damage in the city of Centreville, south of Tuscaloosa.

De Block said it dissipated in Shelby County, where another twister had already heavily-damaged homes and businesses and devastated the landscape. The county is home to suburban Birmingham cities, such as Pelham and Helena and the unincorporated subdivision of Eagle Point, all of which suffered heavy damage.

Still another of the eight suspected tornadoes that hit

the state killed five people in Calhoun County.

“Five people have lost their lives and, for their families, things will never be the same,” Calhoun County Sheriff Matthew Wade said at a briefing on Thursday evening.

Coroner Pat Brown identified them on Friday as Joe Wayne Harris, 74, Barbara Harris, 69, Ebonique Harris, 28; Emily Myra Wilborn, 72, and James William Geno, 72.

One of the victims in the hard-hit town of Ohatchee, which is a small community of about 1170 people in eastern Alabama, was Dwight Jennings’s neighbour, Geno. Geno went by the name ‘JW’ and had been a rodeo bull rider in his youth. JW could make anything out of wood, and loved to catfish, Jennings said.

They had planned to go fishing this very weekend; instead, Jennings had spent hours searching for JW’s dog before the animal was found alive.

Unfortunately, the dog’s owner did not make it.

Reports of tornado damage in the Newnan area began coming in shortly after midnight. One-hundred-year-old trees were toppled and power lines downed.

Stephen Brown, fire chief in the city of Newnan said during a televised news conference that rescue teams were methodically checking every structure and assessing the destruction. They found heavy damage in parts of



REMAINS OF A HOME: Residents survey the damage after a tornado touched down south of Birmingham, Alabama, in the Eagle Point community, damaging multiple homes.

AP picture

the city’s historic district, he said. “It’ll never look the same.”

But Brown also complimented the community’s resilience in the aftermath of the horror they had

just experienced. Many had now ventured outside to start doing their own clean-up of the area.

As for the bad weather, it has continued on its relentless

march across the southern US, raising fresh concerns of more thunderstorms and flooding in parts of Tennessee, Kentucky and the Carolinas. — AP

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GOOD FUN: About 40 people attended the open day at Pihitia Station at Whangara on Sunday, and despite a torrential downpour, the day was a load of fun. "The rain turned a few people back but those who stayed enjoyed seeing our pet cattle, goats and sheep," station manager Toby Williams said. "The highlight for many were the four-day-old piglets that our pet pig, Ginger Rogers, had given birth to. The nature walk up to our special piece of virgin native bush was also a highlight, with the children able to hide under the 100-year-old puriri tree." Mr Williams said he and his family would like to thank all those who braved the elements to attend the day. "We will definitely be doing it again next year." Pictures supplied



Triallists benefit from tips

by Trevor Brown

A SUCCESSFUL field day on training young sheep dogs took place at Waerenga-a-Hika on Wednesday, with prominent dog triallist Murray Child from Whangarei the expert tutor.

Around 35 dog triallists turned up, many of them young people, including one young man on work experience release from secondary school.

Young shepherds with heading dogs and huntaways gave demonstrations in a yard, working 10 sheep.

Mr Child then gave helpful tuition about developing the working skills of each dog.

Much of his training technique involves using a rope tethered to the dog.

The dogs quickly progressed with help from the expert.

The day was sponsored by Purina Pro Plan and run with the assistance of local



TRAINING: There were about 35 sheep dog triallists at the training day at Waerenga-a-Hika on Wednesday, with plenty of helpful tips on how to work a dog with stock. Toni Blundell from Matawai was pictured with her dog Kaz and tutor Murray Child. Picture by Ross Buscke

Farmlands staff and the Whatatutu Sheep Dog Trial Club.

A complimentary barbecue lunch was cooked on the

Property Brokers barbecue trailer, and thanks to John and Mandy Mcpherson for providing a very suitable venue for the event.

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Lambs bring in buyers

by Trevor Brown

THERE was another very strong sheep sale at Matawhero yesterday as the lamb feed on the Poverty Bay flats is coming away nicely, along with good meat schedules being forecast.

A total of 2660 sheep were sold, almost all being lambs.

L.C and C.A Mason received \$167 for two prime ewes, while Haupapa Station sold 15 prime ram lambs for \$181.

Kerley Agriculture Ltd were paid \$124 for the first pen of 170 store male lambs.

The best price of \$110.50 for store ewe lambs went to C.N.A and J.M Marr for a pen of 72.

The sole pen of nine store ewes sold for \$115.

Best prices —

Prime lambs: Haupapa Station, 15, \$181; W and K.J Waite, 4, \$178, 4, \$154; Hira Hari, 15, \$144; V.N Penn, 5, \$131.

Store male lambs: L.C and C.A Mason, 7, \$128; Bill Fisher, 7, \$126, 14, \$122, 10, \$101; Kerley Agriculture Ltd, 170, \$124, 103, \$112; C.H and J.M Family Trust, 39, \$121; Linburn P/S, 115, \$117.50; C.N.A and J.M Marr, 598, \$114, 103, \$100.

Store ewe lambs: C.N.A and J.M Marr, 72, \$110, 431, \$100.50, 202, \$85; C.P Healey, 209, \$106, 220, \$96.50, 80, \$96, 47, \$76; Linburn P/S, 56, \$96.50, 6, \$78; L.C and C.A Mason, 6, \$99; Bill Fisher, 13, \$82.

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The property value formula

How far do prices need to fall to make housing affordable?

by Liam Dann and Anne Gibson, NZ Herald

AUCKLAND — New Zealanders don't like to talk about falling house prices.

Politicians — in both our major parties at least — refuse to publicly acknowledge the possibility.

But to talk about making housing more affordable without admitting that prices will have to fall is increasingly unrealistic, economists say.

"If New Zealand wants to talk about affordable housing, it has to confront whether or not we actually want house prices to come down," says Infometrics economist Brad Olsen.

"That's not a political view, it's purely mathematical."

Under the political "Goldilocks scenario" in which prices just track sideways, reaching a reasonable level of affordability would require the median wage to rise by at least 34 per cent and would take at least a decade, he says.

That kind of long term market stagnation might also be more damaging to the New Zealand economy than a short, sharp correction. So will the new housing policies announced this week cause a significant correction?

Changes to the tax treatment of interest payments for investors, an extension of the bright-line test for treating capital gains as income (from five to 10 years) and another multibillion-dollar boost to encourage new building have already caused some very real ripples in financial markets.

The kiwi dollar and yields on New Zealand Treasury bonds fell as investors assumed the policies would put less pressure on the Reserve Bank to lift interest rates.

On the sharemarket, property-related stocks — such as retirement village owners Ryman and Summerset — also took an immediate hit.

But economists are divided on whether house prices will actually fall — or just rise more slowly.

Westpac acting chief economist Michael Gordon says the new policies mean "house prices could settle around 10 percent lower over the long term".

He warns that there could be much greater effects in the short term as some investors get out of the market.

ANZ chief economist Sharon Zollner says the moves, particularly axing interest cost deductibility, "should take the wind out of the sails of the housing market".

BNZ's Stephen Toplis warns that engineering a sustained period of very low house price growth would be very tricky and that a correction is the more likely result.

And ASB economists Nick Tuffley and Mark Smith argue that the policies will slowly grow but not lead to an

outright fall.

That would be more in line with what the Government says it is aiming for. But if it does play out that way, it won't be enough to seriously address affordability, says Olsen.

So how far would home prices need to fall to be truly affordable?

Olsen has crunched the numbers using a simple measure of affordability — how many times the national median household income does it take to buy a house at the current national median price.

There are a lot of other equally important metrics, like mortgage serviceability or the time it takes to save a deposit, he says.

"But at least median multiples give you an idea of how things are trending."

He uses household income rather than individual income because that is typically how purchases are funded.

Currently — based on the REINZ national median house price and Infometrics' internal estimate of median household income (to December 2020) — that multiple is 6.7.

Internationally the "Goldilocks view" on truly affordable housing is that you need a multiple of three, he says.

Real Estate Institute chief executive Wendy Alexander cites the same benchmark.

On that basis Auckland median prices would need to drop drastically, by as much as \$750,000, she says.

"This would mean median prices in Auckland would need to be around the \$350,000 mark which they haven't been for more than 10 years now," Alexander says.

"Which is why Auckland, and New Zealand, regularly feature in the top 10 list on the annual Demographia International Housing Affordability Report."

Latest REINZ data out this month showed Auckland's median house price increased by 24.3 percent, from \$885,000 at the same time last year to \$1.1 million.

Nationally, prices rose 22.8 percent from \$635,000 to \$780,000 in February this year.

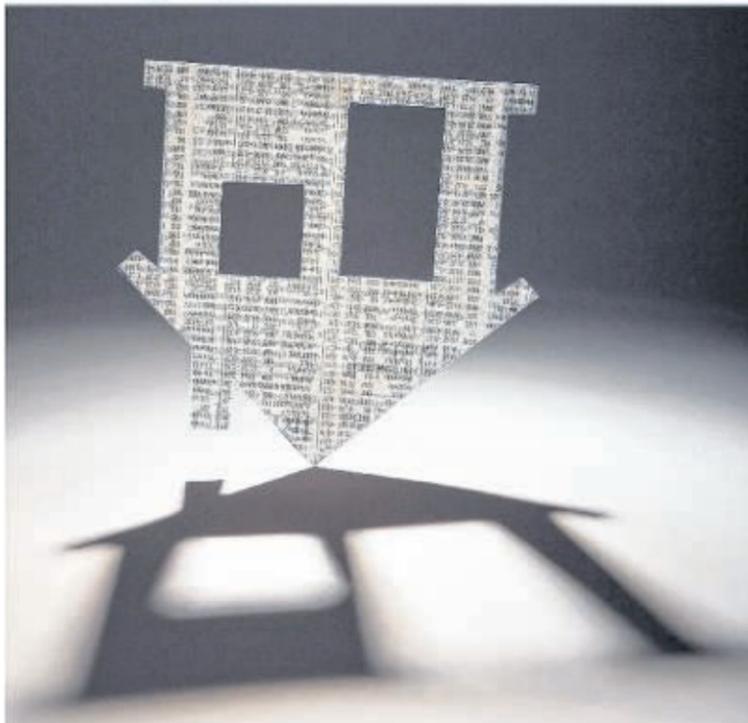
To get a sense of how affordable we think house prices should be, it helps to look back at the long term trend, says Olsen. House prices basically bumped around at about two or three times household income from the 1970s on, he says.

"We had a multiple of below four up until 2001," says Olsen. "After that it starts to go up quite rapidly." In the year to June 2008 it peaked at 5.7. "It

took a bit of a pause after the GFC but then it's only gone up from there," he says.

"People make the case that there might not be one magic number, but to my mind the current levels are patently

Bringing down the house



Action and reaction

1 Government action From Oct 1 Interest deductibility on investor rental income from properties acquired after March 27 to be phased out in 25% increments by 2025. Loans against business secured on residential property exempt.

The impacts Reduces after-tax incomes by investors. Assuming full deductibility at 33% this could be in the \$500m1bn range per annum. For a new investor, the changes are potentially \$100 per week.

2 Government action Extend bright-line (BL) test from five to 10 years for non-owner-occupier properties acquired after March 27, 2021. Family home/inherited property exempt. Five-year BL for new builds and for properties purchased before March 27, 2021.

The impacts Reduces after-tax returns from investment property sales if property owned five-10 years. Reduces investor demand.

3 Government action \$3.8 billion Housing Acceleration Fund. Actions to increase dwelling supply via combination of loans/funding for infrastructure. Increased grants for first-home buyers.

The impacts Aim to increase the provision of infrastructure and affordable dwellings. Boost buying power of first-home buyers.

Source: ASB / Photo: Getty Images / Herald Network graphic

unsustainable," Olsen says.

You'd need a 25 percent fall in house prices just to get them back to a more affordable multiple like five times household income, he says.

"To get them back to that Goldilocks number of three you'd need 55 percent

reduction in house prices."

Or we can look at it the other way.

That is to assume prices stabilise and just stop rising for an extended period. If you want to get back to a median multiple of five you'd need a 34 percent increase in the median

household income, Olsen says.

To get back to the multiple of three you'd need household incomes to go up by 120 percent.

Sadly, based on those numbers, the prospect of getting back to a multiple of three looks highly unrealistic for now, he says.

We should probably focus on a return to a multiple of about five — something we last saw after the post-GFC low around a decade ago.

So it's either a 25 percent fall in prices or a 34 percent rise in incomes, or a mix of the two, spread over some time.

From a political point of view that last option is probably more palatable, Olsen says.

"You could try to engineer it so wage growth rose ahead of house price growth for a sustained period but I'm yet to see any great idea about how we lift wages to that extent," he says.

Lifting real wages has been a persistent problem for many years in this country.

On that basis it seems more likely that any changes in affordability will have to be led by price falls, Olsen says.

On current wage growth trends, achieving a significant lift in affordability will take roughly a decade — and that is assuming house prices don't move at all in that time, he says.

In report titled "Government on Housing Market War Footing", BNZ economist Toplis warns that this kind of finely-tuned soft landing is almost impossible to engineer politically.

In fact, he argues it's never been done. "The Government will not be happy unless house price growth falls below income growth so it is reasonable to assume house price inflation will fall to near zero, at best in the not too distant future," he writes.

"The risk is that no government, or central bank for that matter, has ever been able to fine tune an asset market, so the balance of risk is that a decent correction in prices occurs."

But we shouldn't necessarily fear a correction, he says.

"For all but new purchasers this matters little as it will simply reverse some of the exceptional capital gain we have seen over the recent past."

And at the most disadvantaged end of the social spectrum, whether or not these policies "succeed" is largely irrelevant, he writes.

People who require social housing "are simply so far away from being able to purchase a house that even a major correction in house prices would not save their excess demand".

"The solutions for this market are for local and central government to decide how much housing they are able to provide to those who might never be able to purchase a house, and how much housing might be available for those with the potential to eventually own property," he says.

Ultimately there are "no magic wand solutions" to unaffordability, says REINZ's Alexander.

SHAREMARKET YESTERDAY

WILLINGTON — The New Zealand sharemarket finished the week on a soft note, and even another solid retail result failed to move investors.

The S&P/NZX 50 Index fell 39.22 points or 0.32 percent to 12,348.83. There were 71 gainers and 63 decliners over the whole market on heavy volume of 53.69 million share transactions worth \$225.37m.

Dan Stratful, investment adviser with Forsyth Barr, said the market was struggling through a soft patch — even though Wall Street and

Australia's ASX were up.

The Dow Jones increased 0.62 percent to 32,619.48 overnight, and the S&P/ASX 200 Index was up 0.54 percent to 6827.30 at 5.45 pm (NZ time).

Hallenstein Glasson Holdings followed fellow retailers Briscoe Group, Kathmandu and The Warehouse Group by posting a strong half-year result but its share price slipped 12c to \$7.38.

Hallenstein's revenue increased 13.6 percent to \$181.97m and net profit climbed 28.6 percent

to \$19.84m for the six months ending February 1. The clothing retailer is paying a 23c a share interim dividend on April 16.

Briscoe, which has gone ex-dividend, was up 14c or 2.52 percent to \$5.69; Kathmandu gained 2c to \$1.37 and The Warehouse fell 14c or 3.7 percent to \$3.64. Fast food operator Restaurant Brands rose 26c or 2.07 percent to \$12.85.

The travel stocks, however, had a tough day. Auckland International Airport fell 23c or 3.06 percent to \$7.29, and Air New Zealand was down 2.5c to \$1.765.

Market leader Fisher and Paykel Healthcare continued its strong run, rising 20c to \$32.50 on trade worth \$27.42m; Ebos Group increased

\$1 or 3.51 percent to \$29.50; and Skellerup Holdings was up 13c or 3.2 percent to \$4.19.

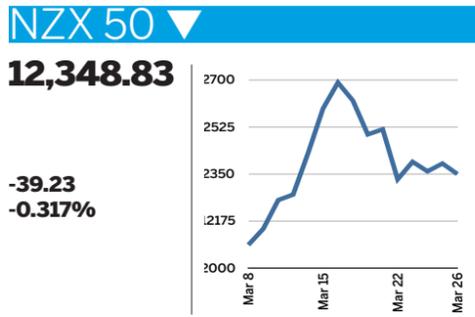
Other gainers were Seeka, up 8c to \$4.98; Synlait Milk increasing 10c or 2.9 percent to \$3.55; and Scales Corporation gaining 12c or 2.68 percent to \$4.60. New listing My Food Bag turned a corner, rising 5c or 3.29 percent to \$1.57.

There was heavy trading in energy stocks, with Mercury down 25c or 3.88 percent to \$6.20 on trade worth \$25.36m; Contact fell 6c to \$6.76 with \$16.62m worth of shares traded; and Meridian decreased 5.5c to \$5.105 on trade worth \$20.83m. Trustpower fell 9c to \$7.96 and Vector was down 5c to \$4.15. — NZ Herald

SHAREMARKET

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

MONDAY-TO-FRIDAY OFFICIAL MARKET STATISTICS



| TOP 10 TURNOVER | |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Share name | Shares |
| PushpayHld | 187,634,700 |
| Meridian Energy | 21,247,500 |
| Spark NZ | 18,785,400 |
| Contact Energy | 15,643,300 |
| Kathmandu | 13,234,400 |
| BLIS Tech | 11,661,300 |
| Sky Network | 10,049,000 |
| New Talisman | 10,040,300 |
| Meridian Energy | 9,155,200 |

| TOP 10 VALUE | |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Share name | Dollars (000) |
| PushpayHld | 348,299,100 |
| Meridian Energy | 98,991,500 |
| Fishr&Paykl Health | 98,867,300 |
| Contact Energy | 88,277,500 |
| Spark NZ | 69,484,200 |
| Mercury NZ | 50,595,800 |
| a2 Milk | 40,054,900 |
| AuckAirprt | 37,991,300 |
| EBOS Group | 27,058,800 |
| Fletcher Building | 25,459,200 |

| BIGGEST 10 RISES | |
|------------------------|------------|
| Share name | Percentage |
| MHM Automation Limited | 21.6667 |
| Serko Ltd | 11.3487 |
| Kathmandu | 10.4839 |
| PushpayHld | 8.2873 |
| EROAD Ltd | 7.868 |
| Telstra | 6.9364 |
| Smartpay | 6.5934 |
| Scales Corp | 5.7471 |
| Fishr&Paykl Health | 5.3826 |
| Warehouse Group | 5.2023 |

| BIGGEST 10 FALLS | |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Share name | Percentage |
| Synlait Milk Ltd (NS) | 11.9107 |
| Summrst Grp HldLtd | 10.00 |
| Meridian Energy | 8.8393 |
| GFNZ Grp Ltd Ord | 6.25 |
| Bankers Inv | 6.1135 |
| Chorus | 5.9278 |
| EvolveEduc | 5.9259 |
| Asset Plus Ltd | 5.7971 |
| Mercury NZ | 5.3435 |
| OceaniaHlth | 4.9645 |

NZX 10
12,137.44
 -52.71 -0.432%

MIDCAP
34,795.56
 -68.03 -0.195%

SMALLCAP
86,384.69
 -245.58 -0.283%

NZX All
13,458.82
 -45.48 -0.337%

New Zealand

| | Last Price | Weekly Move | 52-week High | 52-week Low | NTA | Dividend CPS | Yld% | P/E Ratio |
|----------------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------|--------------|------|-----------|
| A-C | | | | | | | | |
| Accordant Group Ltd | 1.28 | -0.02 | 1.60 | 1.17 | -0.36 | .14 | - | 8.65 |
| AFT Pharm | 4.61 | +0.07 | 5.65 | 3.50 | -0.01 | .03 | - | 115.43 |
| Air NZ | 1.76 | -0.07 | 1.96 | .83 | .97 | -.55 | - | - |
| AlliedFarmers | .53 | - | .82 | .45 | .37 | .05 | 3.14 | 10.1 |
| AMP | 1.47 | -0.05 | 2.10 | 1.21 | 1.13 | .05 | 7.34 | 26.77 |
| ANZ | 30.84 | +0.30 | 31.70 | 15.92 | 21.67 | 1.36 | 2.33 | 22.6 |
| ArborGen | .16 | -0.00 | .19 | .12 | .13 | .01 | - | 12.63 |
| Argosy | 1.45 | -0.00 | 1.60 | .83 | 1.41 | .05 | 4.67 | 28.47 |
| Arvida | 1.67 | -0.06 | 1.86 | 1.20 | 1.32 | .07 | 3.17 | 22.94 |
| Asset Plus Ltd | .32 | -0.02 | .42 | .29 | .51 | -0.03 | 5.37 | - |
| AuckAirprt | 7.29 | -0.28 | 8.25 | 4.99 | 4.53 | .05 | - | 136.29 |
| Auckland Real Estate Trust | .79 | - | - | - | 1.26 | - | - | - |
| Aus Found | 8.05 | +0.07 | 8.27 | 5.57 | 7.04 | .15 | 3.21 | 51.44 |
| Bankers Inv | 2.15 | -0.14 | 2.30 | 1.66 | 2.13 | .09 | 1.96 | 23.49 |
| Barramundi | .97 | -0.01 | 1.00 | .47 | .80 | .15 | 5.92 | 6.41 |
| BLIS Tech | .07 | +0.01 | .09 | .05 | .00 | .00 | - | 40.59 |
| Briscoe Grp | 5.69 | -0.12 | 5.91 | 2.57 | 1.14 | .32 | 6.96 | 17.28 |
| Burger Fuel | .38 | -0.01 | .61 | .26 | .16 | .00 | - | 64.48 |
| Cannasouth | .53 | +0.02 | 1.48 | .39 | .11 | -0.03 | - | - |
| Carbon Fund | 1.32 | -0.02 | 1.56 | .92 | 1.31 | -.15 | - | - |
| Cavalier Corp | .34 | +0.01 | .44 | .17 | .40 | -0.23 | - | - |
| CDL Inv | 1.07 | -0.01 | 1.10 | .69 | .92 | .10 | 4.54 | 9.95 |
| Chatham Rock | .14 | -0.00 | .25 | .08 | .16 | -0.01 | - | - |
| Chorus | 7.30 | -0.46 | 9.39 | 6.34 | 1.41 | .10 | 4.66 | 71.18 |
| City of Lond Inv | 7.43 | +0.13 | 8.05 | 6.02 | 7.26 | -1.07 | 5.03 | - |
| Colonial Motor | 9.00 | -0.10 | 9.21 | 4.98 | 6.96 | .81 | 7.25 | 11.1 |
| Comvita | 3.15 | - | 4.63 | 2.01 | 2.43 | .10 | - | 29.34 |
| Contact Energy | 6.76 | -0.31 | 11.16 | 5.29 | 2.89 | .20 | 6.85 | 33.75 |
| Cooks Glob Fds | .03 | - | .06 | .03 | -0.00 | -0.00 | - | - |
| D-F | | | | | | | | |
| Delegat Group | 14.60 | -0.39 | 15.82 | 7.25 | 4.14 | .72 | 1.62 | 20.09 |
| EBOS Group | 29.50 | +0.20 | 30.00 | 21.30 | -0.79 | 1.13 | 3.07 | 25.96 |
| Enprise Group | 1.13 | +0.03 | 1.20 | .61 | .17 | .11 | 3.54 | 10.22 |
| EROAD Ltd | 4.25 | +0.31 | 5.47 | 1.93 | .62 | .03 | - | 135.5 |
| EvolveEduc | 1.27 | -0.08 | 1.50 | .44 | -0.06 | .05 | - | - |
| Fishr&Paykl Health | 32.50 | +1.66 | 37.89 | 26.68 | 1.87 | .68 | 1.35 | 47.69 |
| Fletcher Building | 6.95 | +0.14 | 7.12 | 3.05 | 3.00 | -.19 | 1.73 | - |
| Foley Wines | 1.83 | +0.02 | 2.13 | 1.35 | 1.38 | .10 | 2.28 | 17.78 |
| Fonterra | 4.94 | -0.11 | 5.15 | 3.41 | 3.07 | .33 | 2.02 | 14.83 |
| Fonterra Shrlhds Unts | 4.94 | -0.11 | 5.15 | 3.41 | 4.54 | 2.02 | - | - |
| Foreign & Colonial | 15.41 | +0.26 | 15.68 | 11.40 | 16.75 | 1.77 | 1.48 | 8.68 |
| Freightways | 11.00 | +0.22 | 11.46 | 5.37 | -0.88 | .24 | 1.96 | 44.64 |
| G-L | | | | | | | | |
| General Capital Ltd | .06 | +0.00 | .12 | .05 | .03 | .00 | - | 66.08 |
| GenesisEgy | 3.47 | +0.02 | 4.00 | 2.32 | 1.45 | .08 | 6.53 | 40.19 |
| Gentrack Grp | 1.52 | +0.02 | 2.00 | .98 | -0.01 | -.32 | - | - |
| GE0 | .10 | +0.00 | .11 | .03 | -0.00 | -0.01 | - | - |
| GFNZ Grp Ltd Ord | .60 | -0.04 | .65 | .37 | .34 | .06 | 4.58 | 8.78 |
| Goodman Prop Tst | 2.24 | -0.02 | 2.52 | 2.00 | 1.82 | .15 | 2.95 | 14.52 |
| Green Cross Health | 1.07 | -0.01 | 1.16 | .99 | -0.03 | .10 | - | 9.99 |
| Hallenstein Glasson | 7.38 | -0.02 | 7.85 | 2.50 | 1.38 | .54 | 7.34 | 13.5 |
| Heartoney Corp Limited | 2.34 | -0.04 | 3.75 | 2.25 | .76 | - | - | - |
| Heartland Grp Holding | 1.78 | -0.08 | 1.96 | .90 | 1.12 | .13 | 5.07 | 13.57 |
| Hendrsn Far East | 6.59 | -0.04 | 7.29 | 6.04 | 6.14 | -0.70 | 6.90 | - |
| ikeGPS Grp | .99 | +0.01 | 1.23 | .59 | .16 | -0.06 | - | 22.25 |
| Infratil | 6.97 | +0.02 | 7.90 | 3.82 | 3.27 | .31 | 3.08 | 22.25 |
| Investore | 2.07 | - | 2.29 | 1.51 | 1.93 | .33 | 4.27 | 6.16 |
| JPMorg GlobGrth | 8.30 | +0.29 | 8.75 | 5.70 | 7.77 | 1.06 | 3.06 | 7.77 |
| Just Life Group | .83 | - | 1.11 | .36 | .03 | .03 | 3.68 | 23.55 |
| Kathmandu | 1.37 | +0.13 | 1.48 | .60 | .14 | .00 | - | 483.91 |
| Kingfish | 1.86 | -0.02 | 2.13 | 1.23 | 1.72 | .28 | 7.56 | 6.5 |
| Kiwi Prop | 1.25 | - | 1.33 | .82 | 1.29 | -0.10 | 2.44 | - |
| M-O | | | | | | | | |
| Mainfreight | 66.20 | -0.55 | 70.00 | 31.80 | 70.2 | 1.71 | 1.34 | 38.54 |
| Marlin Global | 1.26 | - | 1.32 | .78 | 1.16 | .23 | 6.67 | 5.45 |
| Marsden Mari | 6.14 | +0.04 | 6.65 | 5.34 | 3.36 | .15 | 3.62 | 38.81 |
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| Me Today | .07 | -0.00 | .16 | .06 | .01 | - | - | - |
| Mercury NZ | 6.20 | -0.35 | 7.60 | 4.02 | 2.65 | .18 | 3.63 | 33.25 |
| Meridian Energy | 5.10 | -0.49 | 9.94 | 3.87 | 1.87 | .08 | 4.90 | 61.71 |
| Metro Perf Glass | .36 | -0.01 | .46 | .15 | .13 | -.42 | - | - |
| MHM Automation Limited | .73 | +0.13 | .76 | .16 | -0.01 | .01 | - | 55.64 |
| Michael Hill | .69 | -0.01 | .82 | .23 | .45 | .04 | 3.26 | 14.66 |
| Millennm&Coptm | 2.32 | +0.06 | 2.47 | 1.72 | 4.70 | .43 | 4.49 | 5.32 |
| My Food Bag | 1.57 | -0.05 | 1.76 | 1.45 | - | - | - | - |
| Napier Port | 3.47 | +0.04 | 3.90 | 2.70 | 1.73 | .11 | 2.00 | 31.51 |
| New Talisman | .00 | - | .00 | .00 | .00 | -0.00 | - | - |
| NZ Automotive | 1.15 | -0.03 | 1.30 | 1.15 | - | - | - | - |
| NZ King Salmn | 1.51 | -0.03 | 2.04 | 1.43 | 1.04 | -0.05 | - | - |
| NZ Oil & Gas | .45 | -0.00 | .75 | .44 | .60 | -0.20 | - | - |
| NZ Refining Co | .45 | +0.02 | 1.11 | .40 | 1.74 | -.63 | - | - |
| NZ Rural Land Company | 1.15 | -0.05 | 1.31 | 1.08 | 1.20 | - | - | - |
| NZME Ltd | .85 | +0.04 | .93 | .17 | -0.09 | .07 | - | 11.49 |
| NZX Limited | 2.03 | +0.01 | 2.19 | 1.00 | -0.01 | .06 | 4.17 | 32 |
| OceaniaHlth | 1.34 | -0.07 | 1.60 | .58 | 1.02 | -0.00 | 1.87 | - |
| P-S | | | | | | | | |
| Pacific Edge | .99 | -0.03 | 1.26 | .08 | .04 | -0.02 | - | - |
| PaySauce | .28 | -0.00 | .64 | .26 | .01 | -0.01 | - | - |
| PGG Wrightson | 3.35 | -0.11 | 3.65 | 1.69 | 2.03 | .17 | 4.98 | 19.27 |
| Plexure | .86 | -0.04 | 1.59 | .48 | .04 | -0.03 | - | - |
| PLP Fund | 1.09 | +0.02 | 1.15 | 1.03 | 1.05 | .08 | 4.17 | 13.21 |
| Port of Tauranga | 7.40 | -0.07 | 8.14 | 5.81 | 1.71 | .13 | 2.33 | 55.23 |
| Precinct Prop | 1.65 | -0.02 | 1.83 | 1.45 | 1.53 | .11 | 4.09 | 14.51 |
| Promisia Healthcare Ltd | .00 | - | .00 | .00 | .00 | - | - | - |

| | Last Price | Weekly Move | 52-week High | 52-week Low | NTA | Dividend CPS | Yld% | P/E Ratio |
|--------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------|--------------|------|-----------|
| Prop For Ind | 2.81 | +0.02 | 3.01 | 1.98 | 2.20 | .22 | 3.46 | 12.4 |
| PushpayHld | 1.96 | +0.15 | 2.42 | .80 | -0.03 | .03 | - | 62.1 |
| QEX | .28 | - | .87 | .19 | .13 | -0.09 | - | - |
| Radius | 1.01 | -0.03 | 1.82 | .99 | - | - | .57 | - |
| Rakon | .91 | -0.03 | .97 | .15 | .40 | .03 | - | 28.64 |
| RestaurantBrands | 12.85 | -0.48 | 13.60 | 7.61 | -0.26 | .24 | - | 51.82 |
| Rua Bio | .42 | -0.00 | .75 | .42 | .18 | - | - | - |
| Ryman Health | 14.87 | -0.71 | 16.02 | 9.90 | 4.81 | .57 | 1.45 | 25.74 |
| Sanford | 4.63 | +0.12 | 7.38 | 4.30 | 1.24 | .23 | 1.50 | 19.3 |
| Savor Ltd | .19 | -0.02 | .24 | .11 | .15 | -0.02 | - | - |
| Scales Corp | 4.60 | +0.25 | 5.35 | 4.15 | 2.33 | .14 | 5.74 | 31.04 |
| Scott Tech | 2.04 | +0.01 | 2.41 | 1.08 | .20 | -0.22 | - | - |
| Seeka Kiwifruit | 4.98 | +0.15 | 5.06 | 3.40 | 5.20 | .47 | 9.48 | 10.56 |
| Serko Ltd | 6.77 | +0.69 | 6.77 | 1.75 | .34 | -0.20 | - | - |
| Skellerup | 4.19 | -0.09 | 4.65 | 1.59 | .65 | .18 | 3.99 | 22.4 |
| Sky Network | .17 | +0.00 | .25 | .12 | .05 | -0.09 | - | - |
| SKYCITYEnt | 3.45 | +0.06 | 3.51 | 1.68 | 1.20 | .01 | - | - |
| Smartpay | .97 | +0.06 | 1.11 | .30 | -0.07 | -0.06 | - | - |
| Smartshr APAC | 2.35 | +0.03 | 2.36 | 1.81 | 2.32 | -0.06 | 1.01 | - |
| Smartshr ASX Units | 2.96 | +0.08 | 2.96 | 2.49 | 2.93 | - | 1.01 | - |
| Smartshr AU 20 | 4.19 | +0.10 | 4.22 | 2.89 | 4.17 | -0.51 | 3.02 | - |
| Smartshr AU Div | 1.64 | +0.04 | 1.69 | 1.14 | 1.62 | -0.37 | 5.18 | - |
| Smartshr AU Fin | 7.42 | +0.04 | 7.50 | 4.60 | 7.42 | -0.67 | 1.94 | - |
| Smartshr AU Mid | 8.68 | +0.17 | 8.74 | 4.83 | 8.65 | -1.38 | 1.18 | - |
| Smartshr AU Prp | 1.48 | +0.04 | 1.53 | 1.00 | 1.48 | -0.47 | 2.95 | - |
| Smartshr AU Res | 5.70 | +0.10 | 6.02 | 3.49 | 5.62 | -1.23 | 3.56 | - |
| Smartshr Auto | 4.12 | -0.01 | 4.49 | 2.61 | 4.11 | -0.33 | - | - |
| Smartshr Emr | 1.47 | -0.00 | 1.58 | 1.08 | 1.45 | -0.08 | .83 | - |
| Smartshr Emr Equ | 2.45 | +0.00 | 2.65 | 1.77 | 2.46 | -0.27 | - | - |
| Smartshr EU | 1.81 | +0.05 | 1.82 | 1.39 | 1.79 | -0.07 | .32 | - |
| Smartshr EU Equ | 2.56 | +0.06 | 2.56 | 2.04 | 2.55 | -0.30 | - | - |
| Smartshr Glo Agr | 1.30 | +0.00 | 1.40 | 1.29 | 1.31 | .00 | 2.05 | 208.88 |
| Smartshr Glo Bond | 3.33 | +0.00 | 3.38 | 3.05 | 3.33 | .06 | 1.64 | 50.91 |
| Smartshr Glo Equ | 2.47 | +0.06 | 2.47 | 1.85 | 2.46 | -0.20 | - | - |
| Smartshr Health | 3.33 | -0.03 | 3.84 | 2.35 | 3.35 | .13 | - | 24.55 |
| Smartshr JP Equ | 2.20 | +0.02 | 2.24 | 1.76 | 2.19 | -0.01 | - | - |
| Smartshr NZ Bond | 3.10 | +0.01 | 3.18 | 3.05 | 3.09 | | | |

Masterton races at Tauherenikau Sunday

Selections
 Race 1: WICKET MAIDEN, FLYING ZACK, MISS SWEET PEE
 Race 2: FLICKERING SHADOW, INMYSHADOW, DAY LIGHT
 Race 3: PANDEMIC, KUASA KUDA, SOVEREIGN EXPRESS
 Race 4: MIDNIGHT SWEY, TITLED, WIND IN MY WINGS
 Race 5: ROCKONEVE, MISS LABASA, TONADILLAS
 Race 6: SHOWBOURNE, SEMPER MAGICO, DALMATIA
 Race 7: NO COMPROMISE, SAVANAH BELLE, YOLO
 Race 8: YOLO, RED JAKKAL, TOWN CRYER

2 Pete's Joinery 12.45
 \$10,000, maiden, 1600m
 1 322s0 Five Fortune (1) 58.5 53 D Hirini
 2 3 Inmyshadow (4) 58.5 51 R Elliot
 3 0s58 Siglo (10) 58.5 46 C Johnson
 4 96423 Just Ben (11) 58 53 J Parkes
 5 76590 Renault (3) 58 45 J Riddell
 6 53222 Flickering Shadow (8) 56.5 59 S Collett
 7 5022s Day Light (7) 56.5 54 H Schofer (a2)
 8 s8654 Jane O' (5) 56.5 50 Ashvin Mudhoo (a3)
 9 995 Champers (6) 56.5 47 S J Macnab
 10 s7068 Almeraki (2) 56.5 45 L Allpress
 11 27s06 Florence O'Reilly (9) 56.5 45 M Singh

3 Fagan Ford 1.20
 \$10,000, maiden, 1600m
 1 8242 Pandemic (8) 58.5 54 L Allpress
 2 — Sir Caleb SCRATCHED
 3 9 Jokerman (6) 58.5 46 J Riddell
 4 09s90 Red Sunday (2) 58.5 45
 5 65455 Kuasa Kuda (4) 58 50 J Parkes
 6 0 Dothraki (5) 58 45 S O'Malley (a3)
 7 Kentucky Boy (3) 58 45 C Dell
 8 Whiskey Tango (10) 58 45 H Schofer (a2)
 9 2s738 Sovereign Express (1) 56.5 53 C Johnson
 10 5s798 Exotic Pearl (7) 56.5 45 T Taiaroa (a3)
 11 8 See Whata Princess (9) 56.5 45 L Hemi

1 Fasttrack Insurance 12.10
 \$10,000, rating 65 benchmark*, 1000m
 1 s7746 Wicket Maiden (2) 59 65 L Hemi
 2 8100s After You (3) 59 60 T Taiaroa (a3)
 3 6079s Flying Zack (5) 58.5 60 S J Macnab
 4 4s353 Miss Sweet Pee (1) 57.5 61 M Singh
 5 15006 Gurtlyn (4) 57 61 Ashvin Mudhoo (a3)
 6 s878s Xplosion (6) 56.5 59 L Allpress
 7 79087 She's A Goddess (7) 55 56 D Hirini

Jetbet 4 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

4 Lj Hooker & McHattie Realty 1.55
 \$10,000, maiden 2yo&up, 1300m
 1 8958s Hesacitiboy (11) 58.5 46 H Schofer (a2)
 2 4955 Wind In My Wings (1) 58 49
 3 Crackerjack (4) 58 45 L Hemi
 4 Kew Player (7) 58 45 J Parkes
 5 90 Sorted (12) 58 45 D Hirini
 6 395Fs Behind Blue Eyes (9) 56.5 50 Ashvin Mudhoo (a3)
 7 780s0 Little Texas Sky (8) 56.5 45 F Lazet (a4)
 8 5s706 Spirit O'Phee (13) 56.5 45 S Collett
 9 25 Midnight Swey (3) 56 52 D Bradley
 10 7 Hydro Darci (5) 56 46
 11 — Cherokee Angel SCRATCHED
 12 Highly Elusive (10) 56 45 M Singh
 13 Oceanides (6) 56 45 S J Macnab
 14 244 Titled (2) 55 55 L Allpress
EMERGENCIES:
 15 — Renault SCRATCHED

5 Southey Sayer Chartered Acc. 2.30
 \$11,000, rating 74 benchmark, 1300m
 1 8402s Bully Boy (3) 64 82 S O'Malley (a3)
 2 810s1 Tonadillas (5) 60 74 D Hirini
 3 s009s Atlanta Peach (7) 59.5 77 H Schofer (a2)
 4 58846 What A Smasher (8) 59.5 77 Ashvin Mudhoo (a3)
 5 14708 Miss Labasa (4) 59 76 T Taiaroa (a3)

6 — Dawn-Jessie SCRATCHED
 7 12357 Rockoneve (6) 57.5 73 S Collett
 8 2058s Yossarian (2) 57 68 L Hemi
 9 34508 Awatane (1) 56.5 67 M Singh
 10 20351 Hot Spring Project (9) 56.5 67 R Elliot

6 Norwood Masterton 3.05
 \$10,000, rating 65 benchmark*, 1400m
 1 4190s Dalmatia (9) 59 63 J Riddell
 2 5s422 Showbourne (10) 58 65 L Allpress
 3 25308 Dedoje (7) 58 61 H Schofer (a2)
 4 28089 Powerball (5) 58 61 C Johnson
 5 22s98 Semper Magico (8) 58 61 L Hemi
 6 41040 Lincoln Hanover (2) 57.5 60 R Elliot
 7 2341s Manhatan Affair (4) 56.5 62 Ashvin Mudhoo (a3)
 8 89049 Swish Az (6) 56.5 62 D Hirini
 9 s0640 He's Done A Runner (3) 56.5 58 S Collett
 10 66193 Glide Queen (11) 56 61 T Taiaroa (a3)
 11 73008 Sanibel (1) 54.5 58

7 Masterton Cup 3.45
 \$25,000, rating 74 benchmark, 2050m
 1 06s32 Leaderboard (5) 59.5 73 J Parkes
 2 92804 Platinum Rapper (2) 59 76 S Collett
 3 77851 Mondorani (7) 58 70 Ashvin Mudhoo (a3)
 4 06086 Awesome Al (10) 57 72 C Johnson
 5 21411 Rose Of Delgatie (1) 57 72 L Allpress

6 21186 No Compromise (12) 57 68 S J Macnab
 7 75362 Miss Sher Nan (3) 56 70 D Bradley
 8 12551 Rapid Falls (9) 55.5 69 R Elliot
 9 72134 Savanah Belle (6) 55.5 69 L Hemi
 10 14794 Yolo (4) 54.5 68
 11 — Zeoluminous SCRATCHED
 12 38397 Flying Meg (11) 54 63 T Taiaroa (a3)
 13 78503 Maninthesky (8) 54 61
 14 — Zeroed SCRATCHED

8 Lvn Wool Handlers 4.19
 \$10,000, rating 65 benchmark*, 2050m
 1 14794 Yolo (14) 59 68 R Elliot
 2 9728s Class Above (6) 59 63 S J Macnab
 3 1s745 Jackaroo (1) 58.5 62 S O'Malley (a3)
 4 65417 Take That (10) 58.5 62 L Allpress
 5 78503 Maninthesky (11) 58 61 S Collett
 6 — Jessie's Rock SCRATCHED
 7 54465 Red Jakkal (4) 57 59 C Johnson
 8 06717 Town Crier (5) 56.5 63 J Parkes
 9 62321 Ask Pa (2) 56.5 62 L Hemi
 10 22140 Colyton Sky (9) 56 61 T Taiaroa (a3)
 11 5s0s0 Red Red Robin (12) 54.5 58 D Bradley
 12 s0097 Hypatia (8) 54 55 F Lazet (a4)
 13 04797 She's A Ripper (13) 54 55 Ashvin Mudhoo (a3)
 14 0s86 Katchit (3) 54 45
EMERGENCIES:
 15 08190 Zeroed (7) 58 61 H Schofer (a2)

Waimate harness at Oamaru Sunday

Selections
 Race 1: SENSE OF OCCASION, SENORITA MARGARITA, CAESAR'S QUEST
 Race 2: GO MARG, MAJESTIC UPSTART, JAY BEE AND LOU
 Race 3: ADHARA, GEORGIA AVEROSS, GYPSY
 Race 4: MARK DUNNETT, CHARLIE'S ACE, MOTOR MOUTH
 Race 5: LYDIA, PETE'S DASH, LINCOLN SKIPPER
 Race 6: LINE A LOVE, PRINCE RANIER, MAUI
 Race 7: SHE'S TOUGH, BURLINGTON, GILLIGANS ISLAND
 Race 8: VIN SCULLY, WOLFENSTEIN, KUSANOVA
 Race 9: PUNT AWAY, HOT STARRF, HIGH FLYING HARRY
 Race 10: FRANCO JOSIAH, MILLIONDOLLARMONKEY, BJ LINDENNY
 Race 11: VINCENT VAN GONE, AM I DREAMING, PERFECT CUT

6 90876 Goose Healy (Fr) 6 N Burton
 7 Myshout (Fr) 7
 8 060PO Mainland Pat (Fr) 8 E Barron (J)
 9 9s87s Jay Bee And Lou (Fr) 9 R May
 10 — Top Hat And Tails SCRATCHED
 11 Majestic Upstart (Fr) U1 S McNally

3 Cunningham Plumbing 12.55
 \$8000, non-winners 3yo+ mobile, 2000m
 1 53009 Evidently (Em2) (Fr) 1 R May
 2 88250 Maximilian (Fr) 2 K Newman (J)
 3 4 Georgia Aveross (Fr) 3 J Cox
 4 08892 Southern Starr (Fr) 4 R McIlwrick
 5 57220 The Artful Dodger (Fr) 5 J Kennett (J)
 6 07s Spirit Of Arden (Fr) 6 R Close
 7 — Luminite SCRATCHED
 8 35402 Adhara (Fr) 7 J Morrison (J)
 9 77780 Ideal Grace (Fr) 8
 10 32834 Gypsy (Fr) 21 M Williamson
 11 42348 Maldito (Fr) 22 J Dunn
 12 06560 You Can Fly Arden (Fr) 23 S O'ttley
 13 90464 Shadow Aveross (Fr) 24 A Mugford (J)
 14 0s90 Rose Marsh (Fr) 25 J Patterson
 15 9 Flying Heathers One (Fr) 26 B Orange
 16 53465 Honour Before Glory (Fr) 27 M Hurrell (J)

1 Kirk Irrigation Amateur Drivers 12.02
 \$8000, 4yo+ r40-r53. mobile, 2000m
 1 06880 Rafa Novak (Fr) 1
 2 — Wee Ring The Changes SCRATCHED
 3 09875 Paul's Verdict (Fr) 2 S Murtha
 4 70267 Alexy (Fr) 3 M McIntyre
 5 00996 Aveross Rustler (Fr) 4 G Sinnamon
 6 22123 Sense Of Occasion (Fr) 5 A Fitzgerald
 7 29429 To Ri Caitlin (Fr) 6 N Chalmers
 8 70545 Dreaminsover (Fr) 7 R Sissons
 9 42713 Caesar's Quest (Fr) 8 G Anderson
 10 81060 Edge Sheeran (Fr) 21 A Edge
 11 83462 Senorita Margarita (Fr) 22 C Negus

4 Waimate Flooring Pace 1.25
 \$8000, non-winners 3yo+ stand, 2000m
 1 50708 Franco Hatton (Fr) 1 T McMillan
 2 78955 Luminite (Fr) 2 B Orange
 3 85732 Mark Dunnett (Fr) 3
 4 Jonty's Brother (Fr) 4 J Cox
 5 — Evidently SCRATCHED
 6 00s Prodigal Trouble (Fr) 5 M Heenan
 7 40325 Charlie's Ace (Fr) 6
 8 96500 Motor Mouth (Fr) 7 J Dunn
 9 24706 Iron Woman (Fr) 8 K Tomlinson (J)
 10 60354 Forty Wives (Fr) 9 M Williamson
 11 07654 Adhika (Fr) 10 R May
 12 00098 Sheezagoldengirl (Fr) 11
 13 000s0 Lay On Macduff (Fr) 12 S Iremonger (J)
 14 30005 Dancemyster (Fr) 13 C Thornley

2 Waimate Town & Cntry Club Trot 12.30
 \$8000, non-winners 3yo+ stand, 2000m
 1 600 Royal Stuart (Fr) 1 T McMillan
 2 07387 Random Spur (Fr) 2 J Morrison (J)
 3 Tahir Trouble (Fr) 3 M Heenan
 4 Toobusy Being Famous (Fr) 4 C Thornley
 5 62322 Go Marg (Fr) 5 S Tomlinson (J)

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

5 Farmlands Waimate Pace 1.50
 \$9000, r40-r46. mobile, 2000m
 1 40009 Essence Of Easton (Fr) 1 G O'Reilly
 2 32308 Lilac Change (Fr) 2 S O'Reilly (J)
 3 78658 Spicy Girl Becqui (Fr) 3 M Williamson
 4 64400 Ideal Asset (Fr) 4 B Orange
 5 31s09 Magical Matty (Fr) 5 S Tomlinson (J)
 6 09760 President Pat (Fr) 6 N Burton
 7 08079 Honour Scroll (Fr) 7 J Dunn
 8 72763 Pete's Dash (Fr) 8
 9 00007 Changeover Jo (Fr) 9
 10 s6065 Kansas City Jim (Fr) 21 R Close
 11 49537 Lydia (Fr) 22
 12 575P3 Lincoln Skipper (Fr) 23 K Newman (J)
 13 05360 Precious Sara (Em1) (Fr) 24 T Williams
 14 68034 Malinka (Fr) 25 T Walsh
 15 P008P Fun In The Dark (Fr) U1 R May

6 The Veterinary Centre Trot 2.15
 \$9000, up-r45 w/c stand, 2000m
 1 707sP South Park (Fr) 1 G O'Reilly
 2 00009 Deborahs Gem (Fr) 2 M Williamson
 3 50403 Prince Ranier (Fr) 3 J Dunn
 4 45431 Summars (Fr) 4 R Close
 5 70434 Line A Love (Fr) 5 J Patterson
 6 29097 Royal Del (Fr) 6
 7 00320 Majestic Rollon (Fr) 7 A Lethaby
 8 05740 Take After Me (Fr) 8 B Orange
 9 08619 Superfast Gorsey (Fr) 9
 10 71805 Silverlinings (Fr) 10 B Hope (J)
 11 50659 Danangus Fella (Fr) U1 S O'ttley
 12 04907 Maui (Fr) U2 R May
 13 78100 Listen Easy (Fr) U3 J Morrison (J)

7 Whitestone Livestock Waimate Cup 2.40
 \$13,000, r55+ discretionary handicap stand, 3000m
 1 80s99 Taxman (Fr) 1 W Low
 2 49343 Homebush Lad (Fr) 2 B Hope (J)
 3 01251 Makasar Boy (Fr) 3 S O'ttley
 4 57045 Mucho Macho Man (Fr) 4 S Tomlinson (J)

5 29P97 No Nukes Skipper (Fr) 5 J Dunn
 6 11967 Quarterback (10) 1
 7 42011 She's Tough (10) 2 M Williamson
 8 87614 Buckskin (10) 3 S O'Reilly (J)
 9 85161 Dodgethebullet (10) 4 J Cox
 10 55415 Champagneandwine (10) 5 J Morrison (J)
 11 36185 Gilligans Island (20) 1 B Orange
 12 76534 Burlington (20) U1 S McNally

8 Royal Tavern Pace 3.09
 \$9000, 3yo+ r40-r54 stand, 2000m
 1 422P0 Ultimate Sassenach (Fr) 1 M Hurrell (J)
 2 93573 Classy Kid (Fr) 2 A Lethaby
 3 45545 Kusanova (Fr) 3 R May
 4 97701 Vin Scully (Fr) 4 E Barron (J)
 5 88106 Mayhem In Malibu (Fr) 5 S O'ttley
 6 46815 Mongolian Conqueror (Fr) 6 S Tomlinson (J)
 7 36075 Jeremy Wells (Fr) 7 J Harrington
 8 50753 Wolfenstein (Fr) 8 M Williamson
 9 05360 Precious Sara (Em2) (Fr) 9 T Williams
 10 28108 Starkers (Fr) 10 J Cox
 11 10033 Ashes To Ashes (Fr) 11 J Dunn
 12 00007 Changeover Jo (Em1) (Fr) 12
 13 18565 Kingsdown Atom (Fr) 13 J Morrison (J)
 14 1300s Lovesomewhere (Fr) 14 B Orange
 15 44678 Holy Havoc (Fr) 15
 16 48204 Khaki Nui (Fr) 16 R Jenkins
 17 80s94 Delightful Gloria (Fr) 17 K Tomlinson (J)

9 Les Fowler Memorial Pace 3.40
 \$10,000, 3yo+ r52-r54,r55-r59 w/c. mobile, 2000m
 1 15285 Martin John (Fr) 1 R Close
 2 2105 Punt Away (Fr) 2 S McNally
 3 21622 High Flying Harry (Fr) 3
 4 60110 Archman (Fr) 4 J Dunn
 5 14744 Johnny Eyre (Fr) 5 B Hope (J)
 6 14866 Stick Man (Fr) 6 T Chmiel
 7 12291 Mickey Fitz (Fr) 7 J Campbell (J)
 8 734s1 Hot Starrf (Fr) 8 R May
 9 44119 Sport Mental (Fr) 9

10 13286 Calypso Rock (Fr) 21 B Orange
 11 s6149 The Falcon (Fr) 22 G O'Reilly
 12 83924 Four Starzz Shiraz (Fr) 23
 13 93011 Aveross Spiffire (Fr) 24 J Cox
 14 17673 Hurricane Banner (Fr) 25 E Barron (J)

10 Heather Williams Mem. Trot 4.05
 \$10,000, 3yo+ r48-r61 discretionary handicap stand, 2000m
 1 00074 Ideal Invasion (Fr) 1 S O'Reilly (J)
 2 20463 Franco Josiah (Fr) 2 J Morrison (J)
 3 06190 Top Pocket Chance (Fr) 3 R McIlwrick
 4 80481 Amabede (Fr) 4 S Tomlinson (J)
 5 67540 Royal Pride (Fr) 5 B Orange
 6 00422 Milliondollarmonkey (Fr) 6 J Dunn
 7 09683 Sundons Flyer (Fr) U1
 8 56301 Bj Lindenny (10) 1 R Close
 9 00813 Girls Let Loose (10) 2 R May
 10 23901 Boyz Invasion (10) 3 M Heenan
 11 00090 Navara (10) 4 J Ford
 12 20017 Steel Dust (10) U1 T McMillan
 13 531P0 Majestic Action (10) U2 M Williamson

11 GM Accounting & Consulting 4.39
 \$10,000, 3yo+ r47-r51,r52 w/c. mobile, 2000m
 1 98314 Play By Ear (Fr) 1 S O'Reilly (J)
 2 s5682 Bettor Beontoit (Fr) 2 S O'ttley
 3 20395 Vincent Van Gone (Fr) 3 G O'Reilly
 4 05360 Precious Sara (Em1) (Fr) 4 T Williams
 5 93592 Beaudiene Hustler (Fr) 5 E Barron (J)
 6 65436 Reflectionsofmylife (Fr) 6 T Chmiel
 7 77880 Matthew Eyre (Fr) 7 B Hope (J)
 8 68221 Arizona Doll (Fr) 8 M Williamson
 9 21003 Dennis Denuto (Fr) 9 R Close
 10 1752 Am I Dreaming (Fr) 21 J Cox
 11 33260 Glen Elgin Tomson (Fr) 22 B Orange
 12 43534 Perfect Cut (Fr) 23
 13 01648 Better Fly (Fr) 24 J Dunn
 14 s0482 Lincoln Moment (Fr) 25 S Tomlinson (J)
 15 28010 Iksaka (Fr) 26 J Morrison (J)

Auckland greys at Manukau Sunday

Selections
 Race 1: PORTLAND TOY, ALLEGRO RORY, PORTLAND ART
 Race 2: BIG TIME JEWEL, MADE THE CUT, EDGE OF REASON
 Race 3: FAIRLY ABLE, BIG TIME KAYLEE, THRILLING NEVE
 Race 4: PORTLAND BERRY, MEDUSA WHO, KELLY'S GIRL
 Race 5: BEST BALL, ZIPPING HEWITT, JILLIBY LITSA
 Race 6: SHAYNEE, THRILLING AMELIA, BAD BRO BAD
 Race 7: BEAU FEDERAL, BIG TIME MAC, JILLIBY JAC
 Race 8: FEDERAL MORGAN, LA ROCHELLE, DRINK SHOYEYS
 Race 9: THRILLING WATSON, CALF KING, BIGTIME ALFIE
 Race 10: TROJAN HOARSE, BIG TIME FAIRY, BIG TIME JONIE
 Race 11: ISN'T SHE SLEEK, JUST AS MUCH, THRILLING PEGGY
 Race 12: WILD KIWI, BIG TIME MILO, BIG TIME FUZZ

2 Hewlett Electrical Sprint 2.00
 \$5950, C4, 318m
 1 21117 Made The Cut n/wtd Daniel Lane
 2 13227 Big Time Jewel n/wtd Lisa Cole
 3 13832 Thrilling Hudson 18.51 Thayne Green
 4 27125 Edge Of Reason n/wtd Jason Dunn
 5 13128 It's A Laugh 18.34 Sam Lozell
 6 41526 Prerogative 18.65 Udy & Cottam
 7 12213 Big Time Rebel n/wtd Lisa Cole
 8 43217 Athenais n/wtd Shirley Ross
EMERGENCIES:
 9 33277 Express Emporium 18.46 W & T Steele
 10 28866 Big Time Izzy n/wtd Lisa Cole

3 Misty Anna Trophy 2.25
 \$7500, INV, 527m
 1 62218 Big Time Kaylee n/wtd Lisa Cole
 2 73767 Big Time Elsa n/wtd Lisa Cole
 3 42613 Fairly Able n/wtd J & D Fahey
 4 34526 Big Time Lantao n/wtd Lisa Cole
 5 45441 Thrilling Neve 30.38 Karen Walsh
 6 23556 Big Time Brie n/wtd Lisa Cole
 7 76217 Big Time Maple n/wtd Lisa Cole
 8 51243 Zipping Barty 30.55 Glennis Farrell
EMERGENCIES:
 9 13713 Portland Dream 30.34 T & L Craik
 10 11522 Romantic Dancer 30.62 I S O'Neill

4 Sports Bowl Func. Centre Srs Final 2.50
 \$5595, C3, final, 318m
 1 33678 Noise Maker 18.70 Phil Green
 2 27422 Portland Berry 18.40 T & L Craik
 3 45631 Medusa Who 18.58 M Prangley
 4 73378 Belmonts 18.54 R & N O'Regan
 5 71s63 Kelly's Girl 18.44 M & J Smith
 6 21142 Pridelful 18.60 T & L Craik

1 Jo's Wholesale Taipa Tavern Srs 1.35
 \$5245, C2, final, 318m
 1 21817 Allegro Rory 18.36 Robert Roper
 2 41533 Nana Molly 18.50 Udy & Cottam
 3 54713 Baseline 18.64 T & L Craik
 4 24624 Just Nia 18.67 Marsha Black
 5 43137 Mitcham Greg 18.55 S O'Neill
 6 77611 Portland Art 18.47 T & L Craik
 7 818s1 Portland Toy 18.60 T & L Craik
 8 63526 Always Dreaming 18.55 Glennis Farrell
EMERGENCIES:
 9 31448 Railing Raccoon 18.83 Sean Codlin
 10 75848 Get Me Home 18.86 Udy & Cottam

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

7 26675 Fernando Charm 18.49 Thayne Green
 8 26435 Rod's Girl 18.70 Udy & Cottam

5 Invitation Stakes 3.18
 \$8500, INV, 527m
 1 31724 Bronski Beat n/wtd Lisa Cole
 2 31644 Thrilling Bruce 30.49 Emma Potts
 3 11816 Holy Grail n/wtd J & D Fahey
 4 24116 Best Ball n/wtd Daniel Lane
 5 52323 Zipping Hewitt 30.97 Glennis Farrell
 6 31443 Big Time Pluto n/wtd Lisa Cole
 7 63345 Uthor Bale 30.45 Craig Roberts
 8 16135 Jilliby Litisa 30.44 Lisa Cole
EMERGENCIES:
 9 34526 Big Time Lantao n/wtd Lisa Cole
 10 62218 Big Time Kaylee n/wtd Lisa Cole

6 Auckland Stayers Cup 3.35
 \$8500, INV, distance, final, 779m
 1 34673 Bad Bro Bad n/wtd Sean Codlin
 2 42463 Thrilling Amelia n/wtd Karen Walsh
 3 Vacant Box Three - n & a
 4 64864 Little Teegs n/wtd Arch Lawrence
 5 32111 Shaynee n/wtd Sam Lozell
 6 Vacant Box Six - n & a
 7 73217 Gem n/wtd J & D Fahey
 8 21467 Student Loan n/wtd J & D Fahey

7 Carol's Tab Taipa Tavern Stks 3.52
 \$6885, C3, 527m
 1 24271 All Unite 30.81 Phil Green
 2 7212F Big Time Eden n/wtd Lisa Cole
 3 57116 Jilliby Jac n/wtd Lisa Cole
 4 15155 Opawa Rainbow n/wtd J & D Fahey
 5 88422 Isn't She Bliss 30.74 Peter Henley
 6 33716 Know Grizzles n/wtd Garry Cleeve
 7 11418 Opawa Lucy n/wtd J & D Fahey

8 74221 Beau Beau n/wtd Sam Lozell
EMERGENCIES:
 9 22352 Big Time Mac n/wtd Lisa Cole
 10 32354 Kea Viking 30.95 W & T Steele

8 Auckland Cup Final (G1) 4.15
 \$80,000, C5, group 1 final, 527m
 1 11121 Drink Shoeyes 29.88 Peter Ferguson
 2 31111 La Rochelle 30.25 Jason Dunn
 3 51312 Opawa Travis 30.26 Phil Green
 4 31252 Rivalries 30.48 Phil Green
 5 62132 Zipping Sheldon n/wtd Craig Roberts
 6 12111 Leonard Bale 30.22 Craig Roberts
 7 11322 Know Keeper n/wtd Garry Cleeve
 8 11111 Federal Morgan 29.98 Lisa Cole
EMERGENCIES:
 9 51243 Zipping Barty 30.55 Glennis Farrell
 10 52323 Zipping Hewitt 30.97 Glennis Farrell

9 Mt Wellington Tab Series Final 4.32
 \$6065, C1, final, 527m
 1 76173 Overtaking n/wtd W & T Steele
 2 52235 Federer n/wtd T & L Craik
 3 111 Thrilling Watson 30.52 Karen Walsh
 4 41325 Mirko 30.98 T & L Craik
 5 65644 Bobbie 30.93 W & T Steele
 6 46565 Queena Bale n/wtd Craig Roberts
 7 11214 Calf King 31.00 Phil Green
 8 52322 Bigtime Alfie n/wtd R & N O'Regan
EMERGENCIES:
 9 44456 Hurry Flurry n/wtd Udy & Cottam
 10 63676 Master Brady 31.05 Sean Codlin

10 Qual. Pet Serv. Railway Sprint Final 4.49
 \$30,000, C5, group 1 final, 318m
 1 12142 Oakmont n/wtd Daniel Lane
 2 31121 Big Time Fairy 18.38 Lisa Cole

3 32712 Sports Mode 18.37 Peter Ferguson
 4 21331 Big Time Jonie 18.25 Lisa Cole
 5 22822 Buddy Boom 18.20 Udy & Cottam
 6 12632 Nangar Hurricane 18.39 Peter Ferguson
 7 F1121 Trojan Hoarse 18.22 Lisa Cole
 8 15141 Archie John Hill 18.27 J & D Fahey
EMERGENCIES:
 9 53553 Wild Kiwi 18.24 Udy & Cottam
 10 34631 Thrilling Peggy n/wtd Emma Potts

11 Silver

NOTICE BOARD

Entertainment

ODEON 5
Phone 867 3339

GODZILLA VS KONG (M) SAT 1pm, 3.30pm, 6pm, 8.30pm
SUN 10.30am, 1.20pm, 3.45pm, 6pm
MON 1pm, 3.30pm, 6pm
MICK FLEETWOOD & FRIENDS (M) SAT 5.30pm, SUN 3pm
ZAPPA (R16) LIMITED TIME ONLY! SAT 8.10pm, SUN 5.50pm
TUE 8.10pm
FRENCH EXIT (M) SUN 3.15pm
MON 1.10pm, 5.50pm
CRISIS (R16) SAT 8.20pm
SUN, MON 5.50pm
THE PINKIES ARE BACK (PG) SAT, SUN 10.45am
JUDAS AND THE BLACK MESSIAH (R13) SAT 8.10pm
MON 5.50pm
BLACKBIRD (M) SAT 1pm, 5.50pm
SUN, MON 1pm
THE DISSIDENT (M) SAT, MON 3.15pm
COUSINS (PG) SAT 1.30pm, 3.25pm, 6.10pm, 8.20pm, SUN 11am, 3.40pm, 6.10pm, MON 1.30pm, 3.40pm, 6.10pm
CHAOS WALKING (M) SAT 3.30pm, 8.10pm
SUN 10.45am, 3.30pm
MON 3.30pm
RAYA & THE LAST DRAGON (PG) SAT, MON 1.10pm, 3.40pm
SUN 11am, 1.10pm
ADVANCED SHOWINGS
THE FATHER (M) SAT, SUN 1.10pm, 6pm
PETER RABBIT 2: THE RUNAWAY (M) SUN 12.50pm
BOOK ONLINE NOW!
WWW.ODEONGISBORNE.CO.NZ
Times may vary subject to late changes

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

Entertainment

QUEEN BEE DUO
MUSIC FOR ALL OCCASIONS
Affordable rates
Ph 863 0955

Entertainment

GISBORNE CHORAL SOCIETY
Combined choirs of Gisborne and Hastings present
Mozart Requiem in D Minor and other works
Sunday March 28 - 1pm
St Andrew's Church - Door Sales
\$20 Adult \$10 Student - Children free

Meetings

TOMAIRANGI KOHANGA REO HUI A TAU
A te toru tekau ma tahi o Maehē
Ka tu te hui a tau ki te Kohanga Reo o Tomairangi a te haurua mai i te rima karaka.
Te Kaupapa Take
AGENDA
Karakia/Mihimihi Present/Apologies
Minutes from last AGM
Chairpersons Report
Kaiako Report
Audit Budget Remits
Election of Officers
Date for next AGM Hui
Whanau hui to follow
Karakia Whakamutunga

Meetings

Tairawhiti REAP
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
4.30pm, Wednesday 31st March 2021
at the Tairawhiti REAP Gisborne Office, cnr Grey & Kahutia Streets.
AGENDA
• Confirmation of 2020 AGM Meeting minutes, Wednesday 17th June, 2020
• Matters Arising
• Three remits from 2020 to be readdressed
• Adoption of Annual Report
• Presentation of Audited Accounts
• Election of Representatives
Wairoa - Community Gisborne - General Gisborne - Rural
• Changes to Trust Deed/Constitution
• Two remits to be addressed

A ZOOM link will be provided for those members who would like to attend the Annual General Meeting but are unable to attend kanohi te kanohi.

For the zoom link and any other queries please contact the Board Secretary on (06)868 4186 or email your query to gisborne@tairawhitireap.org.nz

Public Notices

WHAREONGAONGA 5 BLOCK TRUST SCHOLARSHIP

Financial assistance is available to undertake tertiary education at a NZQA University or Tertiary Institute.
To be eligible for the scholarship the applicant must be a shareholder of the Trust, a child or grandchild of a shareholder of the Trust.
Please direct all enquiries for application forms to:

THE SECRETARY Whareongaonga 5 Block Trust
C/- BDO Gisborne Ltd
PO Box 169 or
1 Peel Street
Gisborne
Phone (06) 869 1400
Fax (06) 867 8533

Applications must be in no later than Wednesday 31st March 2021.

THE BELOW TWO VEHICLES

Will be sold to cover costs at Phill Law Panelbeating and Engineering. If anyone has interest in either of the vehicles, please contact Phil on 0211 854 166.

2004 Mitsubishi Grandis #HUF844
2007 Mitsubishi Galant #LWU83

Classifieds Phone 869 0601
The Gisborne Herald

Meetings

THE PAOKAHU TRUST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Owners will be held at the **Waikanāe Surf Lifesaving Club, 280E Grey Street, GISBORNE, on Friday 23rd of April 2021** commencing at approximately 10am.

Nominations are now open for the election of **ONE** person to fill the membership of Trust, Ian Ruru retires by rotation and being eligible offers himself for re-election.

Nominations must be made in writing on the prescribed form and signed by the shareholder nominator and the nominee. A short one-page CV outlining qualifications and experience must accompany the nomination form and will be distributed to all shareholders with known addresses with their meeting notices. Nomination forms are available from the office of the Secretary of the Trust.

Coates Associates
300 Childers Road
GISBORNE
Ph 06 867 0015
Email: dianne@coates.co.nz

Nominations must be lodged at the Trust office no later than 10am, Tuesday 20th April 2021.

Pene Brown
Chairman

Work Wanted

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

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

WANT a fence built, altered or changed. Ph Graeme 021 659 672.

Stand Out
Give your advertisement a boost with a **HIGHLIGHTER**

Thankyou

DEAR VALUED CUSTOMERS OF WAYNE'S WASTE

Both Wayne and I would like to thank you for the support of Wayne's Waste over the 17 Years, where we have enjoyed working with you all.

We are happy to announce that as of the 1st of April, Wayne's Waste will be under new management by a local couple named Jason Bagnall and Ana Marriott who will continue to offer the same reliable and friendly service, we have built our business on.

It is business as usual with Wayne and Brian staying on to help guide the new owners.

We hope you will all continue to support them as you have us.

Thanks to you all,
Helen and Wayne Baty

Situations Vacant

FULL-TIME PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

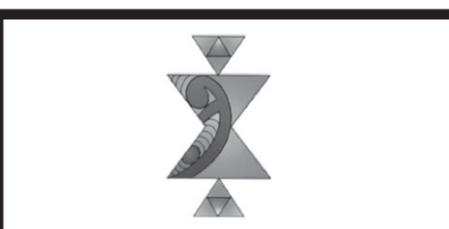
We are looking for the newest member of the Gordons Pharmacy team. This role will consist of a variety of tasks within the dispensary and customer service.

- Full-time, Monday-Friday with rostered Saturdays.
- Experience is preferred, but training will be provided for the right person.
- Excellent communication and customer service
- Ability to build a strong rapport with customers and team members
- Friendly, approachable and willing to learn

Please send CV to Nicole at: nicole@gordonspharmacy.co.nz

Applications close 1st April

Situations Vacant



INTERMEDIATE LAWYER FOR KAUPAPA MAORI PILOT PROJECT 2021/22

Part-time Position (20 Hours/Week)

Tairawhiti Community Law Centre requires an experienced lawyer for .5 Full Time Equivalent 1 Year Fixed Term contract for an exciting new role, the Kaupapa Maori Pilot Project.

The Ideal Person:

- You are passionate about ensuring Maori get access to justice.
- You have a minimum of 3 years legal practice experience in Maori Land, Family, Employment, Enduring Power Attorney, Wills and Trusts or are interested in them.
- You have reasonable competency in Te Reo Maori and has knowledge of local tikanga.

The Position:

- A fixed term 1 year part-time (20 hours per week) contract based in our Gisborne office. Flexible working arrangements along with other staff benefits available.

Remuneration:

- Based on experience and qualifications.

Work:

- You will provide free legal services to residents in the Tairawhiti Rohe.
- Travelling between Hicks Bay and Wairoa is part of the job hence a current driver licence and a registered and warranted motor vehicle are required. (Travel allowance is available by kilometers)

Please send your written application and CV by Friday 16th April to:

Gillian Creach
General Manager
Tairawhiti Community Law Centre
P. O. Box 1053
Gisborne 4040
Email: gillian@tairawhitilc.co.nz
Ph: 0800 452 956
Mobile: 0221033779

(*Application Forms are available at 85 Lowe Street, Gisborne from Monday 22nd March or by email request)

Situations Vacant

Beetham HealthCare
BEETHAM HEALTHCARE LTD
HEALTH CARE ASSISTANT

Beetham Healthcare have availability in the following roles as a Health Care Assistant:

- Experienced Health Care Assistant, permanent position, afternoon shifts including weekends, hours from 3pm - 11pm.
- Casual Health Care Assistant for various shifts.

We pride ourselves on being an employer of choice. We are looking for caring team players with good personal skills and an empathy for the elderly, in return we offer a warm and friendly company culture where you can achieve your full potential.

In step with the Ministry of Health's pay equity settlement, as of the 21st of July 2021, the hourly rate for the Health Care Assistant role ranges between \$21.50 and \$27.00 dependant on the applicant's qualifications and relevant experience.

Please send your CV and cover letter to: margaret@beetham.co.nz

Situations Vacant

A.F. THOMPSON Contracting LTD
GISBORNE • WAIROA

AF Thompson Contracting Ltd are currently looking to fill the following positions -

ENTRY LEVEL LOGGING TRUCK DRIVER

We are looking for an entry level logging truck driver, either a young person we can train or someone looking for a change in career. You must have class 5 license or class 4 able to get class 5, be drug free & willing to learn.

EXPERIENCED LOGGING TRUCK DRIVER

Must -

- Have 6 months or more experience carting from forestry sites to Port
- Be drug free
- Good attitude
- Look after your truck

EXPERIENCED LOADER OPERATOR

Must -

- Experience fleetling and loading logging trucks
- Ticketed for task
- Drug free

HEAVY DIESEL MECHANIC

Must -

- Relevant experience or qualifications
- Full driver's license
- Be drug free

Top wages to top workers.

If any of these positions sound like you, contact Gus 0274 900 559 gus@afthompson.co.nz

Situations Vacant

IWS Psychologist

- IWS Psychologist role - permanent, full-time
- Based in the Bay of Plenty - Waiariki or Gisborne - Tairāwhiti to service both regions. Office location to be confirmed with successful candidate

Ministry of Education Te Kahu Tōi, The Intensive Wraparound Service is a service that provides comprehensive, evidence based interventions to support children/young people with challenging behaviour, socio-emotional difficulties and complex learning needs across a range of contexts.

For information about the Intensive Wraparound Service please refer to <http://www.education.govt.nz/school/student-support/special-education/intensive-wraparound-service-iws/>

To be successful you will need:

- to be a New Zealand Registered Psychologist under the Health Practitioners Competency Assurance Act and hold a current practicing certificate.

For further information and a confidential conversation, please contact Carol McKinnon, Service Manager at 027 838 6780, carol.mckinnon@education.govt.nz

To see the full position description and to make an application please visit our careers site.

Are you ready to make a difference?

Applications close: Wednesday, 7 April 2021



Situations Vacant

CLASS 2 DRIVER

GISBORNE

The EnviroNZ Gisborne team are looking for a Class 2 Driver. As a Driver for EnviroNZ, you are integral to our daily operations and supporting the community. You will be responsible for operating a wide range of vehicles to carry out the safe collections for customers. This role would suit a self-motivated candidate who enjoys working as a team and interacting with customers on a daily basis. Full training and development on our fleet of vehicles will be provided.

What you'll bring:

- Will hold a clean Class 2 licence (or above) and professional truck driving experience.
- Dangerous Goods (DG) Endorsement an advantage however we will provide full training.
- Has a sound understanding of Health & Safety and NZTA's Work-time and Logbook requirements.
- Possesses good level of physical fitness.
- Confidently knows geographical area around Gisborne area.

For more information, please contact us on 0800 755 575.



Situations Vacant



We're hiring

Eastland Group specialises in regional infrastructure. We run Tairāwhiti's port, airport and electricity lines company, as well as generation assets including geothermal power plants in Kawerau.

We are currently looking for multiple people to join our team:

Project Accountant

This role involves providing financial information for performance management, project planning, decision support and analysis to optimise objectives.

Project Hand / Civil Labourer

This role involves project, operational and maintenance duties, procurement and production of seawall armouring units and other repairs and maintenance.

We offer excellent conditions of employment and competitive remuneration.

Come and work for an organisation that really values its people.

For more information and to apply, please visit eastland.nz/careers

Situations Vacant

Advertising Salesperson

We are on the look out for an Advertising Salesperson to take over an established client base. At The Gisborne Herald it isn't all about sales, it's about building trusted relationships with our clients and helping them to build their business. This is a full time Sales position available within our fun, creative team.

Key Responsibilities

- Offer current and prospective clients advertising options within The Gisborne Herald, online, and in our special features
- Establish and maintain trusted relationships with our customers
- Be organised and confident with an ability to meet deadlines
- Have a great personality and enjoy dealing with people

Who are you?

- You have previous sales or customer services experience or are willing to learn
- Great communication skills, both written and verbal
- You enjoy working in a team of independent people
- You are a 'People Person'
- You enjoy meeting and exceeding targets

If this is you,

please send your CV and cover letter to **Jane Smith**, Advertising Manager
64 Gladstone Road Gisborne email jane.smith@gisborneherald.co.nz

Applications close on Friday April 16, 2021



Applicants for this position should have NZ residency or a valid NZ work visa and a current New Zealand drivers licence.



Situations Vacant



CIVIL PROJECT SOLUTIONS LTD

EXPERIENCED LAND SURVEYOR OR LICENSED CADASTRAL SURVEYOR

ABOUT US - Civil Project Solutions Ltd (CPS) is a civil construction project management firm with capabilities spanning procurement & contract management, detailed engineering design, environmental management, planning, drafting, as well as a strong Survey Division that provides an integral service to our projects and clientele. With the head office in Gisborne and a new office in Queenstown, CPS is engaged in a number of exciting and diverse projects across the Poverty Bay, Hawke's Bay, Bay of Plenty and Central Otago regions.

Over the years CPS has invested in top-of-the-line surveying equipment from Trimble, including a SX10 Laser Scanner, multiple GPS sets, Robotic Total Station and Phantom 4 RTK Drone. The Survey Division is involved in a wide range of projects including topographic surveys, cadastral surveys, engineering design, modelling and machine control, set-out, volume calculations and more.

We have a young and dynamic team and are looking for a like-minded Land Surveyor to join our Survey Division in sunny Gisborne.

The ideal candidate would have:

- 5+ years' experience, however less experienced applicants will certainly be considered.
- Diploma in Surveying or a Bachelor of Surveying degree.
- Licensed Cadastral survey qualification an advantage.
- Advanced knowledge in AutoCAD Civil 3D or 12D preferred.
- A desire to work on high profile and complex projects.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Be a team player.
- Willingness to learn and support our team in their projects.

BENEFITS:

- A competitive salary.
- Company vehicle.
- Career progression and expansion of skills.
- Opportunity to work on a broad range of projects.

This is a great opportunity to join a growing company with a strong forward workload. For more information contact Lennon Wiltshire on 027 849 5931 or email your CV to lennon@civilprojects.co.nz

Situations Vacant



PATUTAHU GOLF CLUB INC

GREENKEEPER - Part-time position
10 to 20 Hours per week

Hours are flexible to suit the successful applicant but between 10 and 20 hours per week and the remuneration is negotiable.

Patutahi Golf Club is a 9-hole golf course situated 12kms from Gisborne City and set in a parklands style reserve with an attractive array of evergreen and deciduous trees.

The greenkeeper is primarily responsible for the day-to-day maintenance and upkeep of the greens. Applicants should preferably have some green keeping knowledge and experience. Other staff and volunteers assist the greenkeeper with the mowing and maintenance of the course.

You will be required to be a self-motivated person with excellent people skills to foster good relationships with other staff, volunteers, contractors and the Course Convenor. A good knowledge on maintaining machinery is also required.

Applications close 5 April 2021.

Please apply in writing to Patutahi Golf Club Inc, PO Box 50, Patutahi 4045, or by e-mail to the secretary, David Quinn at david@grahamdobson.co.nz

Alternatively, please contact Chris Parker, Course Convenor on 027 204 0433 or chris@parklands.co.nz if you require any additional information.

Frequency Discount

Repeat your line advertisement on consecutive days to take advantage of our frequency discounts

ph 869 0601



Situations Vacant



The club has an opening for part-time bar staff, approximately 20 to 25 hours a week. Bar Manager's licence would be an advantage but not essential. Please drop CV's off to the Club's office.

Situations Vacant



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Waikura Valley Manager
For more information please contact admin@waikura.co.nz or refer to: trademe.co.nz for further details.

Situations Vacant

NANNY needed ASAP, lovely farm 30min from Gisborne, 10min from TK, \$29/hr fulltime, 7am-5pm 5 days p/w, for toddler & eventually 3mth old. Preferably with early child experience and previous nanny experience only. Please email vaynergy@gmail.com or call 021 0894 7649.

Situations Vacant

WANTED: Excavator Operator, forestry roading experience, unit standards a bonus. Enjoy working as part of a small team, but able to work alone. Pre-employment and random drug testing done. Sound awareness of health & safety practices. Contact Paul White 0274 508804 a/h.

Situations Vacant

JOINER
We require a qualified/experienced joiner/cabinetmaker to join our small but busy team, manufacturing and installing kitchens.

Problem-solving skills with a high level of accuracy and good attention to detail.

Strong work ethic, honest and reliable, tidy and punctual.

Phone 868 4236
email: mastercraft@summerfieldjoinery.co.nz

HOME & LEISURE

Dogs, Cats, Pets

RELUCTANTLY for sale 4yr old 1/2 Persian beautiful female ginger cat with lovely white markings, Rosie Twinkle Toes, to good caring home. Used to living quietly with elderly present owner and her dog. Owner now in Ryman's Rest Home and unable to take care of Rosie. She is speyed, has just had worm/flea treatment. Rosie's basket sheepskin rug, litter container and carry cage goes with her. Price \$300. Ph 021 752904.

Firewood

BUY now, 2m3 Pine \$150, 4m3 \$280, 6m3 \$420, 8m3 \$550. Manuka, 2m3 \$300, 4m3 \$580. 862 8876. www.macsfirewood.co.nz

MANUKA GOLD WOODSTOCK 2yrs dry. 027 455 3722.

Wanted to Buy

MODERN treadmill, lightweight, excell cond. Please ph 867 1330 evenings.

ORCHARD bin trailer, any cond. Ph Jack, 027 348 6961.

Fruit and Produce

NASHI

SEVERAL Varieties (and other fruit). Bruce Estate Orchard www.nashigisborne.com for directions and info. Closing for the season Sunday 28 March.

TEESDALE ORCHARD

APPLES, Royal Gala, Red & Golden Delicious & Ballarat Cookers, Packham pears, tomatoes, sweet-corn, Buttercup squash, pumpkin & much more. Back Ormond Rd, open 7 days, Eftpos available.

KUMARA, PYO, \$1.50-\$2.50kg, Sat & Sun, 8am-2pm, on Salesyard Rd, just past the Jolly Stockman, Bring your own containers. No Eftpos available. Ph 0274 980 447.

Situations Vacant

AFFCO WAIROA SITE SECURITY OFFICER

AFFCO Wairoa is seeking a well presented, professional person for the role of Site Security Officer. You will monitor refrigeration systems, communication systems and site security. Trustworthiness and discretion are critical. While previous experience in this role would be an advantage, we are willing to offer training to a successful applicant with suitable experience and the right temperament.

If you believe that you are the right person for this role, then please apply today.

To find out more and get an application form: e-mail wairoajobs@affco.co.nz, call 0800 354 796 or come to the plant office on Hunter Brown Street, Wairoa, between 8am and 4pm.



AFFCO.CO.NZ | 0800 354 796



Gisborne Central School
FIXED TERM TEACHING POSITION

Commencing term 2, 2021.

We're looking for a positive and cooperative team player to join us at Central School.

Confidence with formative assessment practices, te reo, and using ICT effectively in teaching practice is desirable.

Applications close Thursday 1st April, 4pm. Electronic applications only. Please email your letter of application outlining your suitability to join our team, teaching experience, current CV, and the contact details of 2 referees to:

Andy Hayward
principal@gisbornecentral.school.nz

Situations Vacant



LOADER OPERATOR/ YARD WORKER

We have a vacancy for an energetic person to work in our bark, compost and green waste yard.

This a varied position, with the main responsibility being the operation of our bark process plant.

The successful applicant would also have some involvement in our compost and greenwaste operations.

You would need to have experience operating a loader. A pre-employment drug test will be required.

Please apply via email to:
DB Judd Holdings Limited
164 McDonald Road, RD 1 Gisborne
email: lloyd@dbjudd.co.nz

Readers Bargains

2 plastic small boat oars, 46cm x 15cm x 5cm paddle \$10. Guitar, good cond \$65. Girls cycle, suit 12-14yrs, excell cond \$120. Plastic bath tub, slight damage, 164cm l x 72cm w x 39cm d \$50. Aluminium Holden Rodeo nudge bar, top 50cm, bottom 96cm, \$50. Ph 863 0010.

2 wheel sets Marvil \$100 ono, Zipps 202s \$500 ono, cycle tops 3 lg \$40 each, 1med \$40. Ph 027 367 1746.

JIGSAWS, 1000 & 500 pieces, complete, good cond, \$5ea. Ph 867 9750.

open homes

Sunday, March 28, 2021

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|-----------|------------------------|--|-----------------|--------------------|
| \$525,000 | 4 Wi Pere Street | Need more space – here it is! | 12.30 – 1.00pm | Property Brokers |
| \$980,000 | 15 Murphy Road | Wainui Living – with Income!! | 2.15 – 2.45pm | Bronwyn Kay Agency |
| Auction | 276 Stout Street | Style and grace and plenty of space | 2.00 – 2.30pm | Tall Poppy |
| Auction | 2 Coldstream Road | Not for the faint-hearted | 12.15 – 12.45pm | Ray White |
| Auction | 18 Elsdon Best Street | Packs a punch | 12.30 – 1.00pm | Ray White |
| Auction | 2133A Wharekopae Road | A slice of Ngatapa | 1.00 – 2.00pm | Ray White |
| Auction | 134 Wainui Road | Prepare to say WOW! | 1.15 – 1.45pm | Ray White |
| Auction | 2 Desmond Road | Families with teens or tweens, this is it! | 1.30 – 2.00pm | Ray White |
| Auction | 14 Endcliffe Road | Move in, unpack, relax | 2.15 – 2.45pm | Ray White |
| Auction | 44 Wairere Road | Wainui's golden mile | 3.15 – 3.45pm | Ray White |
| Auction | 126 Wairere Road | Sea, sand, and sunshine | 11.00 – 11.30am | Bayleys |
| Auction | 9 Moana Drive | Live the dream in Mahia | 12.00 – 12.30pm | Bayleys |
| Auction | 12 De Lautour Road | Investment opportunity | 12.00 – 12.30pm | Bayleys |
| Auction | 12a De Lautour Road | New section, new opportunity | 12.00 – 12.30pm | Bayleys |
| Auction | 128 Tauwhareparae Road | The river is your closest neighbour | 12.00 – 1.00pm | Bayleys |
| Auction | 753 Childers Road | Investors! A great tenant in place | 12.00 – 12.30pm | Bayleys |
| Auction | 167 Stout Street | Refurbished and ready to go | 12.00 – 12.30pm | Bayleys |

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| Auction | 12 Endcliffe Road | Much more than meets the eye | 12.45 – 1.15pm | Bayleys |
| Auction | 11 Matthews Road | Vendors are out of here! | 1.00 – 1.30pm | Bayleys |
| Auction | 82 Stout Street | Escape to your riverbank retreat | 3.00 – 3.30pm | Bayleys |
| Auction | 297 Ormond Road | Cute cottage – large section | 12.00 – 12.30pm | Property Brokers |
| Auction | 4 Elm Street | Bigger than it looks in Mangapapa | 12.00 – 12.30pm | Property Brokers |
| Auction | 390 Ormond Road | Seriously for sale | 1.00 – 2.00pm | Property Brokers |
| Auction | 57 Moana Road | The beach is yours! | 1.00 – 1.30pm | Property Brokers |
| Auction | 14 Wellington Street | A beaut bungalow | 1.00 – 1.30pm | Property Brokers |
| Auction | 2 Kara Street | Character on Kara | 1.30 – 2.00pm | Property Brokers |
| Auction | 53 Massey Road | Definite seller, family moving | 2.00 – 2.30pm | Property Brokers |
| Auction | 35 Dalton Street | Perched by the park | 2.00 – 2.30pm | Property Brokers |
| Auction | 2/2 Cobham Place | Income Potential | 12.30 – 1.00pm | Bronwyn Kay Agency |
| Auction | 153B Rutene Road | Living the Good Life | 1.00 – 1.30pm | Bronwyn Kay Agency |
| BEO | 18 Desmond Road | Do the mahi... | 1.00 – 1.30pm | Tall Poppy |
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Mixed results at national tourney

BOWLS By Crackerjack

BOWLS Gisborne-East Coast was represented by two teams — one men's and one women's — at the national intercentre championships in Wellington last weekend.

Neither team made the semifinals, but both teams had some outstanding performances.

The men's team comprised: Jamey Ferris, Boon McIlroy, Charlie Ure, Steve Goldsbury and Paul Harrison (Gisborne Bowling Club); Leighton Shanks (Kahutia); and Mick Maunder and Ben Elkington (Tolaga Bay Bowling Club). Selector/manager was Ben Brown.

Ferris played the singles, Harrison and Shanks played the pairs, and Bob McIlroy (skip), Charlie Ure (director), Mick Maunder (two) and Steve Goldsbury (lead) played the fours.

Gisborne-East Coast men played all their games at Naenae Bowling Club.

In Round 1, against Marlborough, Ferris won his game 25-11, Harrison and Shanks lost 24-10, and the four won 27-10.

Against Central Otago, Ferris had a 25-13 loss, the pair had a 22-13 win, and the fours had a 15-12 loss.

Gisborne-East Coast had three losses against Wellington — 25-22 in the singles, 18-16 in the pairs and 19-9 in the fours.

Against Thames Valley, they had three more losses — 25-21 in the singles, 22-6 in the pairs and 18-7 in the fours.

Against Manawatu, Ferris won his game 25-23. The pair lost 22-17 and the four lost 15-10.

Overall, Gisborne-East Coast men finished seventh, with two match points, four game points and -43 net total of



WOMEN'S REPS: The Gisborne-East Coast women's team finished fifth in the national intercentre championships in Wellington last weekend. They are, back (from left): Paige Richter, Tanya Harrison, Anita Vaotuuu, Lucy Shanks, Jasmine Merrick and Dayvinia Mills. Front: Carol Hawes, Bobbie Beattie and Lyn Trueman. Picture supplied

shots. They did not play the last round as the top two teams in their section qualified for post-section play.

The Gisborne East-Coast women's team comprised: Tanya Harrison, Dayvinia Mills, Carol Hawes and Lyn Trueman (Gisborne); Paige Richter and Lucy Shanks (Kahutia); Anita Vaotuuu (Poverty Bay); and Jasmine Merrick (Te

Karaka). Selector/manager was Bobbie Beattie.

Harrison played the singles, Shanks and Mills played the pairs, and Hawes (skip), Merrick (director), Vaotuuu (two) and Richter (lead) played the fours.

The women's team played at Johnsonville Bowling Club.

In Round 1, against West Coast,

Harrison won her game 25-24, Shanks and Mills won 20-13 and the fours lost 13-11.

Against Waikato, Harrison had a 25-17 loss, the pair had a 20-16 loss, and the fours had a 12-10 win.

Against Far North, Harrison had a 23-22 win, the pair had a 14-11 win, and the four had a 17-13 loss.

After a bye, the women's team faced Dunedin and had a 25-10 loss in the singles, an 18-12 loss in the pairs and a 14-11 draw in the fours.

Gisborne-East Coast had three losses against Auckland — 25-5 in the singles, 19-11 in the pairs and 14-13 in the fours.

A rearranged line-up met South Canterbury. Mills played the singles, Hawes (skip) and Merrick played the pairs, and Shanks (skip), Harrison (director), Vaotuuu (two) and Richter (lead) played the fours.

Mills won her game 25-24, the pair won 18-15 and the four won 11-9. All three games were won on the last end.

Overall, Gisborne-East Coast women finished fifth with six match points, 8.5 game points and -48 net total of shots.

Beattie said the two unsuccessful rounds were their downfall. One or two wins in either round would have kept them in with a chance of qualifying for post-section play.

Having a bye in the middle round did not help, especially when the team had to sit around for three hours, unable to have a practice or a trial end, Beattie said.

Bowls New Zealand laws said teams were allowed a practice or trial end after a bye but the umpires would not allow it.

Beattie said she was not happy about it as the inactivity affected the team. She said she would address the issue with Bowls New Zealand.

Carnage for Roosters in loss to Rabbitohs

RUGBY LEAGUE by Pamela Whaley, AAP

SYDNEY — Sydney Roosters' season has been plunged into disarray with star half Luke Keary suffering a suspected season-ending ACL injury in last night's 26-16 NRL loss to a rampant South Sydney.

Keary went down without contact and clutched his left knee before being taken from the field shortly after halves partner Lachlan Lam suffered a suspected MCL injury.

The duo suffered the injuries in the second half at Stadium Australia, adding further woe to the depleted Roosters who already have co-captains Jake Friend and Boyd Cordner on the sideline for concussion precautions.

It was a second-half massacre for the Roosters with prop Lindsay Collins taken from the field in a medicab after he was knocked out cold by friendly fire from teammate Jared Waerea-Hargreaves.

Coach Trent Robinson was devastated after the game, but said the halves injury crisis will open the door for replacements — most likely young gun half Sam Walker — to

move into the NRL side.

"That's the wonderful part of our sport. It's really tough but let's go," he said.

"Let's find a way . . . it's what you do.

"You get disappointed for five minutes and then you get excited for what's next.

"This is the acceleration of some other guys in our team to go and take opportunities and it's up to us to find a way . . . it's round three."

The injuries capped off a rotten night for the Tricolours after they were blown off the paddock in the first half by the Rabbitohs who led 24-0 early into the second half.

In the first two games of the season Brett Morris and James Tedesco had scored 11 tries between them but they were held to just one each on Friday night.

A try on the buzzer for Josh Morris made the scoreline respectable.

The ruthless energy that had dominated Manly and Wests Tigers arrived too late and the Rabbitohs had them rattled from the outset.

Former Roosters fullback Latrell Mitchell reminded them what they're missing with a trick play to put Cody Walker over for the first try after eight minutes, with Dane

Gagai crossing soon after to go ahead 12-0.

The Roosters were barely holding on at 14-0 when Daniel Suluka-Fifita's baffling brain explosion cost him 10 minutes in the bin, but he was lucky it wasn't a send off.

With tensions already bubbling, the 21-year-old prop let rip with a punch to the back of Jai Arrow's head while the Souths forward was held in a three-man tackle.

Josh Mansour scored soon after to hammer home the lesson and give Souths an 18-0 lead at the break, extended by Walker's second try early in the second half.

"We certainly owned the first half. The second half was a bit of a mess because of the situation with all the injuries, we just couldn't get momentum and everyone was standing around for too long," said Souths coach Wayne Bennett.

Poor execution cost the Roosters dearly, while Waerea-Hargreaves also gave away his fair share of penalties, copping Cameron Murray around the ears in the first half, and Mitchell on the nose in the 55th minute.

It all compounded for the Roosters in their first loss of the season, while the Rabbitohs are now two from three to start the year.

Norman piles on further Manly pain

RUGBY LEAGUE

WOLLONGONG — Off-contract St George Illawarra half Corey Norman has produced his best game in recent memory to pile further pain on Manly with a 38-12 win in Wollongong.

Norman had a role in three of the Dragons' four tries as they moved into the NRL's top eight for the first time since April 2019 — having started the season as early wooden-spoon favourites.

Manly meanwhile could well be in the running for the race to avoid bottom spot, with their 0-3 record their worst start to a season in 12 years.

But while the Sea Eagles struggled, Norman starred. He kicked once for Zac Lomax to score and twice provided nice balls in the lead-up to Matt Dufty tries. The 30-year-old also took

more control over the Dragons' attack in the second half, when they completed at 95 percent with Ben Hunt battling a cork.

His star turn came after Norman this week spoke about playing for a contract for the first time in his career, with talks yet to begin on a new deal and knowing he needs to impress.

"Corey was brilliant," coach Anthony Griffin said. "Obviously he hasn't been happy with . . . the last period of his career and needs to play well."

Hunt also set up two tries before he was eventually put on ice, as his old combination with Norman and Andrew McCullough under Griffin continues to grow. The trio helped Lomax bag a double in the big win, as the centre also equalled a club record with 22 points on his own. — AAP

Turanganui a Kiwa Darts Association results

INDIVIDUAL HIGHLIGHTS

180s: Ihaka Kaio-Wynyard 2, Te Kotahi Kaio (Kidz n Himz); John White (Whanau Magic); Riria Awatere-Kohunui (Ruahine Tahiti); Willy Te Kira (Ruahine Rua); Tahuna Irwin (Falcons); J Reedy (Waihape Whanau).

Highest start (140): Tahuna Irwin 5, Pete Tom, Sam Kirikino (Falcons); Johnny Smith 2, Willy Te Kira, Wayne Huerea (Ruahine Rua); Tristan Reeves, Te Kotahi Kaio (Kidz n Himz); Kino White (Whanau Magic).

Highest finish, men (107): Willy Te Kira (Ruahine Rua).

Highest finish, women (104): Chiarn Waikawa (Waihape Whanau).

Most tons, men (31): Tahuna Irwin (Falcons).

Most tons, women (12): Chiarn Waikawa (Waihape Whanau).

TEAM RESULTS

Whanau Magic 3 Kidz n Himz 14: J White 180, 140 (2), 132, 125, 110, 100 (12); J Waikawa 100 (4); K White 140, 124, 120 (2), 100 (5); K Waikawa 125, 120, 110, 100 (3); T Kaio 180, 140 (6), 137, 135, 134, 133, 125, 121, 120 (2), 100 (13); T Reeves 140 (2), 125; I Kaio-Wynyard 180 (2), 140, 133, 125, 100

(6); C Kaio 140 (5), 135, 125, 105, 100 (4).

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Awatere 140, 121, 118, 100 (4); W Te Kira 180, 140 (3), 125 (3), 120, 07, 100 (5).

Ruahine Tahiti 13 Hummingbirds 4: M Awatere 140, 139, 138, 125, 100 (3); R Te Kira 123, 120, 116, 100 (2); R Awatere-Kohunui 120, 109, 100 (6); T Heurea 140 (2), 100 (3); E Kirikino 111, 100 (3); C Woods 120, 115, 100 (2); M Kaio 105, 101, 100 (4); S Tom 139, 124, 121, 100 (2).

Draw for April 8, 7pm: Whanau Magic v Knights, Ruahine Toru v Hummingbirds, Waihape Whanau v Kidz n Himz, Ruahine Rua v Tigers, Ruahine Tahiti v Falcons.

Barrett spoils Smith's night

RUGBY by Liam Napier, NZME

FRIDAY night under the Dunedin roof was supposed to be Aaron Smith's celebratory match. Only, someone forgot to tell Jordie Barrett, as the Hurricanes beat the Highlanders 30-19.

Playing in his favoured fullback role, Barrett scored 30 points — the most in Super Rugby Aotearoa's short history — that included three tries, two sweetlystruck penalties from over 50 metres and three conversions.

For good measure Barrett pulled off a try-saving tackle on rookie Highlanders wing Freedom Vahaakolo in the first half and further asserted his influence with regular booming clearing kicks and spiral bombs.

Barrett wasn't the only reason the Hurricanes snapped a three-game losing run to bank their first win of the season — desperate defence played a key role, too — but he sure was a major factor.

Unlike last week, when they capitulated to blow a 19-point halftime lead against the Chiefs in Wellington, there was no second-half collapse from the Hurricanes. Barrett's first two tries established a 17-7 halftime advantage, and the visitors held on from there.

Two of Barrett's three tries came from brilliantly executed inside switch moves.

Smith's record-breaking match — the All Blacks halfback surpassed Ben Smith as the most capped Highlander of all time in his 154th appearance — did not go to plan. He ran out with son Luka and during a 63-minute shift had one sniping run. Smith sparked a brief second-half comeback with a quick tap for Connor Garden-Bachop's try, but the Highlanders will be disappointed they could not honour their co-captain with victory, instead slumping to 1-3 after coming off the bye week and a one-sided loss to the Blues.

Once on top the Hurricanes employed a smart kicking game by taking pressure off first five-eighth Orbyn Leger with Barrett, Salesi Rayasi and Ngani Laumape all used to drive the



POINTS MACHINE: Jordie Barrett gets over for a try during the All Blacks-Wallabies rugby match at Eden Park last year. Barrett scored all of the Hurricanes' points in their 30-19 victory over the Highlanders last night. NZ Herald picture

Highlanders back.

Ardie Savea led a strong defensive display that involved the Hurricanes making 85 more tackles and his speed from the ruck often got his side on the front foot. An upset victory will be a sense of relief for the Hurricanes, knowing they aren't as bad as previous results suggest, though trekking to Eden Park next week is no jaunt.

This was a disjointed display from the Highlanders. Nine times they ventured into the Hurricanes 22 and only three times they came away with points. Such poor execution is, in part due to the Hurricanes defence, but the Highlanders only had themselves to blame at times too.

It doesn't get any easier for Tony Brown's men next week, either, with a trip to Christchurch to face the undefeated Crusaders on the agenda.

By halftime, Brown must have been throwing his favoured cheese cutter hat against the wall after his men

squandered chance after chance to crack the Hurricanes line.

In sustained attacking raids the Highlanders managed to blow at least four try-scoring opportunities. All Blacks flanker Shannon Frizell dropped the ball over the line while attempting to slam it down after beating four defenders; Marino Mikaele-Tu'u was called for obstruction after charging off the back of the scrum five metres out.

Dane Coles, in his first match back from another calf issue, earned a crucial turnover penalty on his own line. And in one example of desperate, scrambling defence that defied the attitude of a winless side Barrett dragged Vahaakolo down inches short on the edge.

The Hurricanes had to survive a yellow card to prop Tyrel Lomax for coming in the side of a maul but they finally caved after referee Brendon Pickerill absurdly reversed a penalty — deeming Hurricanes flanker Du'Plessis Kirifi pushed Highlanders prop Ethan De Groot. The

poor decision was made even worse when veteran lock Bryn Evans flopped over for the Highlanders' opening try.

Despite dominating possession, territory and running metres (452 to 173) the Highlanders were chasing the game from the outset.

Boosted by adding five kilograms to his frame, Highlanders lock Pari Parkinson, in his first match of the season, impressed with strong ball carries and solid lineout work while Josh Ioane initially thrived in space after shifting from first five-eighth to fullback. Japanese loose forward Kazuki Himeno, on debut for the Highlanders, also left an impression off the bench.

Yet those individual performances will be of little consolation.

HURRICANES 30 (Jordie Barrett 3 tries; 3 con, 3 pen)

HIGHLANDERS 19 (Bryn Evans, Connor Garden-Bachop, Thomas Umaga-Jensen tries; Josh Ioane 2 con)
HT: 17-7 (Hurricanes).

Odd-couple batsmen do the job

CRICKET by Dylan Cleaver, NZ Herald

TRENT Boult took the catch of the summer, Matt Henry had the ball on a string and Jimmy Neesham bounced back nicely, but they were mere sidebars to the main story: the stunning rise of two batsmen the vast majority of New Zealanders had barely seen play 18 months ago.

The Black Caps swept their three-match series against Bangladesh, winning the third match at the Basin Reserve by 164 runs after a woeful, peculiarly passive attempt at chasing 319 to win.

Serious questions need to be asked in the Bangla camp about their preparation and approach to this match, with the fielding and batting glaringly inadequate.

To be fair, New Zealand's top order didn't cover itself in glory either.

Didn't matter.

Two players with six ODIs between them combined for a 159-run partnership, scored their maiden one-day centuries and dragged their side through to a target that was too rich for Bangladesh.

That Devon Conway was one of them almost goes without saying. Wellington fans have been clamouring for his introduction from the day the Jo'burger signalled his intention to qualify for New Zealand.

For them it has been a case of instant gratification. For others less familiar with his work, it's been a revelation. His 126 (110 balls) oozed class. His elevation to the test team for the Lord's test in June now looks a formality.

That the other player was Daryl

Mitchell should also not come as a surprise. While Conway's ascension has been spectacular, Mitchell's has barely been any less subdued. The major difference has been opportunity, given he bats in the middle order.

It would be a stretch to say Mitchell's innings oozed class, but it was a heady knock — muscular, well-paced and occasionally lucky.

It was the right innings for the right time, coming after the inglorious dismissals of the experienced batsmen — Henry Nicholls (18), Martin Guptill (26), Ross Taylor (7) and Tom Latham (18).

When the latter skewed to point, the hosts were 120-4 and had used nearly half their allotted overs — at that point 300-plus seemed a ridiculous idea.

Then again, Conway is a ridiculous talent with an ability to accelerate smoothly without putting the foot down. Granted, he's probably spent more time in the middle of the Basin Reserve than anybody else over the past few years, but his ability to adjust to different conditions is, say it quietly, Kane Williamson-like.

Mitchell, on the other hand, had to punch his way to 100. There were some deft reverse laps and flicks but his go-to, break-the-shackles shot was to hit hard to midwicket.

He should never have reached 100 but it won't bother him. It's not Mitchell's job to catch balls he hits in the air, or to gather throws cleanly from the outfield when you're short of your ground, which is what happened on the 300th and final legal delivery of the innings. On 98 he skewed one to midwicket and should



MORE STRINGS TO HIS BOW: Daryl Mitchell, here bowling for Northern Districts against Otago in Plunket Shield cricket, showed he can wield a bat with the best of them when he scored a century for the Black Caps against Bangladesh yesterday.

Northern Advocate picture

have been run out by a couple of metres returning for his second but Mushfiqur Rahim, who has hands like feet on this tour, spilled the throw.

If Bangladesh was to have any chance skipper Tamim Iqbal needed a big one,

not a big 1. He nicked the excellent Matt Henry behind for a single, the same score under-fire number three Soumya Sarkar managed before top-edging the same bowler to Boult.

That catch was regulation, the next one wasn't. Liton Das (21) went to hit expansively to the leg side but caught a leading edge that sent it well to Boult's left at third man. He picked up the flight early, raced around took a one-handed stunner inches above the turf.

If there was any doubt before, this ended it. Game over.

For reasons known only to them, the Bangladeshis treated the rest of the innings like an open-wicket practice for a test match not on the schedule.

Mahmudullah's late innings flurry (76* off 73) gave the innings a veneer of respectability it never deserved.

Henry (4-27) and Neesham (5-27) were the primary beneficiaries, with the latter getting through a pleasing seven-plus overs of work after a difficult day at Hagley Oval three days ago.

Bangladesh have now played 29 international cricket matches against New Zealand in New Zealand and lost them all, including 16 ODIs.

Ahead of the T20I series against a Black Caps team resting their best players, they might want to look to the late tennis legend Vitas Gerulaitis for inspiration. He was on a terrible losing streak against world number one Jimmy Connors before finally beating him on his 17th attempt.

"And let that be a lesson to you all," he said. "No one beats Vitas Gerulaitis 17 times in a row."

Dream a step closer

BMX by Jack Malcolm

GISBORNE BMX rider Jett Larby's dream of one day becoming a professional rider came one step closer to reality last weekend.

Larby dominated the amateur field of the first annual New Zealand BMX Park Nationals in his first competition.

He said he found it nerve-racking and challenging to put together a full run in a competition format.

Larby is at the skatepark every day the weather is good, and has an airbag he uses as a landing at weekends with his friends.

The airbag practice with his friends has paid off. Larby is able to consistently land backflips and 720 spins, which are both high-risk/high-reward manoeuvres.

His passion for biking grew from watching BMX Youtubers such as Nitro Circus athlete Ryan Williams and former professional rider Scotty Cranmer.

Local rider and event organiser Haimona

Ngata said Larby's ability to do the big tricks regularly and with consistency was key to his success.

The next step for Larby would be to take the big tricks to something like a "spine" or a "box jump", he said.

The event was the first of its kind in the country, and the intention was to grow ties with Cycling New Zealand.

BMX made its Olympic debut in 2008, with racing. A freestyle category would also be included at the postponed 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

Ngata said the sport's inclusion in the Olympics had legitimised another pathway for up-and-coming BMX riders to become professionals.

Despite New Zealand's strong BMX scene, Kiwi riders struggled to compete internationally due to a lack of suitable training facilities, he said.

"The skatepark riding is up there. We're just let down by the size of the skateparks, which are quite small."



YOUNG MASTER: Jett Larby, above right (centre) with his prize for winning the amateur class at the freestyle BMX park nationals. Pictured with him are runner-up Alfie Crocker (left) and third-placed Oscar Pluck. Right, Larby performs a bar spin and, left, he does a flip.

Pictures by Haimona Ngata



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WEATHER FOR TOMORROW 27 Mar, 2021

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| TOMORROW | MONDAY | TUESDAY |
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| Partly cloudy. Northerlies. min 10 max 23 | Partly cloudy. Northerlies. min 12 max 24 | Mostly cloudy. Rain developing later in the day. Northerlies. min 15 max 26 |

GISBORNE REGION

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| Partly cloudy. Northerlies. | Partly cloudy. Northerlies. | Mostly cloudy. Rain developing later in the day. Northerlies. |
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NZ SITUATION

A northerly flow covers New Zealand on Sunday, ahead of a frontal system that is expected to move onto the country. A broad trough moves onto the South Island on Monday and affects much of the country on Tuesday.

GISBORNE SUN PROTECTION ALERT

10:15 AM - 4:05 PM PROTECTION REQUIRED

Slip. Stop. Slap and Wrap. Data provided by NIWA.

WEDNESDAY

Periods of rain. Northerlies.

NOON TODAY

MIDNIGHT TONIGHT

GISBORNE TIDE MOVEMENT

| Sunday Mar 28 | | Monday Mar 29 | |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| Hicks Bay | H 6:54am 7:21pm L 12:37am 1:10pm | Hicks Bay | H 7:45am 8:13pm L 1:30am 2:01pm |
| Waipiro Bay | H 6:41am 7:08pm L 12:12am 12:45pm | Waipiro Bay | H 7:32am 8:00pm L 1:05am 1:36pm |
| Tolaga Bay | H 6:29am 6:56pm L 12:00am 12:33pm | Tolaga Bay | H 7:20am 7:48pm L 12:53am 1:24pm |
| Gisborne | H 6:02am 6:31pm L 12:17pm | Gisborne | H 6:55am 7:25pm L 12:42am 1:11pm |
| Wairoa | H 5:41am 6:10pm L 11:59am | Wairoa | H 6:35am 7:04pm L 12:23am 12:53pm |

SUN-MOON-MAORI FISHING GUIDE

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Rise 7:18 am Set 7:07 pm | Rise 7:19 am Set 7:06 pm |
| Set 6:01 am Rise 7:08 pm | Set 7:15 am Rise 7:38 pm |
| Best at 12:14 am 12:40 pm | Best at 1:06 am 1:31 pm |

NZ TOMORROW

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|------------------|---------|----|
| Auckland | cloudy | 23 |
| Hamilton | cloudy | 24 |
| Tauranga | cloudy | 22 |
| Rotorua | cloudy | 19 |
| Taupo | cloudy | 20 |
| Napier | fine | 24 |
| New Plymouth | cloudy | 22 |
| Palmerston North | cloudy | 24 |
| Wellington | cloudy | 20 |
| Christchurch | cloudy | 27 |
| Queenstown | showers | 22 |
| Dunedin | cloudy | 23 |

GISBORNE READINGS

Taken at the Airport, for the 17 hours to 5pm, Friday 26 Mar 2021

SUNSHINE hours

On Thursday, 25 Mar -

To date for March -

Average for March 179.0

To date this year -

To date last year 699.9

WIND km/h

Max gust to 5pm, Fri 26 Mar E 30

RAINFALL mm

24 hours to 9am, Fri 26 Mar -

To date for March -

Average for March 102.0

To date this year -

To date last year 108.0

EVAPOTRANSPIRATION mm

Daily average for past week 2.1

TEMPERATURE °C

Maximum to 5pm 20.9

Minimum 10.3

Grass minimum -

BAROMETRIC PRESSURE

At 5pm 26 Mar (hPa) 1024.8

At 5pm 26 Mar (inches) 30.26

TODAY IN HISTORY

1995 - Cold air behind a front met warm air just north of Gisborne - the result was strong low level convergence and the formation of thunderstorms. Heavy convective rainfalls of 100mm in 12 hours were common. At Hick's Bay, 52.8mm of rain fell in just one hour. Surprisingly, little damage was reported.

For the latest weather info including Weather Warnings visit metSERVICE.com

WORLD TOMORROW

| | | |
|--------------|---------|-------|
| Adelaide | fine | 13 23 |
| Amsterdam | drizzle | 3 13 |
| Bangkok | fine | 27 35 |
| Beijing | fine | 10 19 |
| Berlin | cloudy | 2 12 |
| Brisbane | fine | 19 30 |
| Buenos Aires | drizzle | 17 22 |
| Cairo | fine | 9 22 |
| Canberra | fine | 8 21 |
| Cape Town | fine | 15 25 |
| Delhi | fine | 19 37 |
| Frankfurt | cloudy | 1 15 |
| Geneva | fine | 1 16 |
| Hong Kong | fog | 22 29 |
| London | cloudy | 8 12 |
| Los Angeles | fine | 12 28 |
| Melbourne | fine | 12 20 |
| Moscow | fine | -1 8 |
| New York | showers | 9 15 |
| Paris | fine | 5 16 |
| Perth | fine | 15 31 |
| Singapore | thunder | 24 33 |
| Stockholm | showers | 2 10 |
| Suva | showers | 24 30 |
| Sydney | fine | 17 26 |
| Tokyo | drizzle | 14 19 |
| Toronto | showers | 6 10 |



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Fast track, top racing

SPEEDWAY by Murray Robertson

THE final meeting of Gisborne Speedway Club's season opened in sensational style last night with some of the best superstock racing the track has seen as Ethan Rees took out the champion of champions crown.

The meeting continues tonight with the superstock best pairs, the Mangapapa Garage streetstock best pairs, the Phil Walsh Memorial for production saloons, and the fourth round of the TQ Masters series.

The club's final race night of the year will culminate in a \$10,000 fireworks show, sponsored by Jukes Carriers.

"What a night we had last night . . . it was fantastic racing," club president Clyde McGrory said.

"The Rees boys were on fire in the superstocks. Ethan (127G), his brother Asher (1NZ) and their father Peter (10G) were unbelievable.

"They were breaking lap records on a very fast track."

Ethan Rees lowered the superstock track record from 16 seconds-plus to 15.4 seconds.

"To take a second off the previous mark on a quarter-mile track takes a hell of a lot," McGrory said.

"I spoke to some of the visiting superstock drivers who had not been here before, and they could not believe how fast the track was. They were amped by it."

Ethan Rees won the champion of champions title with a win and a second placing across the three heats.

Josh Prentice (5G), another member of the Gisborne Giants, was runner-up and the Mt Maunganui driver Mark Costello (96M) was third.

"We had a good crowd last night," McGrory said.

"Almost nobody left early, such was the quality of the racing."

Two or three rollovers occurred in the third round of the TQs. The drivers were all OK.

Duane Todd (6B) from Hawke's Bay was the standout in that class, with two firsts and a third in the series, and a win in the feature race.

Gisborne's Dylan MacGregor (17G) picked up a couple of seconds.

"The TQs were on fire last night, too,"



CHAMP OF CHAMPS: Ethan Rees (127G) won the Gisborne Speedway Club's superstock Champion of Champions title last night and set a lap record for that class. He, his brother and his father were on fire in a night of outstanding racing. Rees is pictured with the chequered flag after he won the first heat.

Picture by Graham Hughes (SportsWeb Photography)

McGrory said.

Clive Ireland and his swinger Callum Innes (56G) won two of the three sidecar races. Toby and Dylan Lardelli on 99G won the other race, and also had a second and a third.

Seth McKay (48G) was in commanding form in the production saloons, with three wins from three starts.

Results — Superstocks — Race 1: Ethan Rees (127G) 1, Peter Rees (10G) 2, Jamie Hamilton (9G) 3. **Race 2:** Josh Prentice (5G) 1, Asher Rees (1NZ) 2, Jamie Hamilton (9G) 3. **Race 3:** Mark Costello (98M) 1, Ethan Rees (127G) 2, Peter Rees (10G) 3.

McCafferty Metal Cartage Superstock Champ of Champs: Ethan Rees (127G) 1, Josh Prentice

(5G) 2, Mark Costello (98M) 3.

TQ Masters — Round 3, Race 1: Duane Todd (6B) 1, Dylan MacGregor (17G) 2, Ryan MacGregor (74G) 3. **Race 2:** Aaron Humble (46A) 1, Dylan MacGregor (17G) 2, Duane Todd (6B) 3. **Race 3:** Duane Todd (6B) 1, Kris Gillies (32B) 2, Ryan MacGregor (74G) 3. **Feature race:** Duane Todd (6B) 1, Aaron Humble (46A) 2, Kris Gillies (32B) 3.

Stockcars — Race 1: Trevor McArthur (128G) 1, David Kingsbeer (38G) 2, Ben McArthur (217G) 3. **Race 2:** Royden Hynd (65B) 1, Mike Herbert (52R) 2, Clinton Cheatham (361H) 3. **Race 3:** Mike Herbert (52R) 1, Jemma Palmer (14B) 2, James Marshall (16H) 3.

Ministocks — Race 1: Keegan Bunce (81B) 1, Riley McLachlan (48B) 2, Hayley Durston (277G)

3. **Race 2:** Keegan Bunce (81B) 1, Ari Robertson (9G) 2, Hayley Durston (277G) 3. **Race 3:** Riley McLachlan (48B) 1, Keegan Bunce (81B) 2, Ari Robertson (9G) 3.

Sidecars — Race 1: Clive Ireland and Callum Innes (56G) 1, Toby and Dylan Lardelli (99G) 2. **Race 2:** Toby and Dylan Lardelli (99G) 1, Clive Ireland and Callum Innes (56G) 2, Stu Priest and Kerwin Arnaboldi (52G) 3. **Race 3:** Clive Ireland and Callum Innes (56G) 1, Stu Priest and Kerwin Arnaboldi (52G) 2, Dylan and Toby Lardelli (99G) 3.

Production saloons — Race 1: Seth McKay (48G) 1, Tanga Walsh (96B) 2, Blake Dear (37G) 3. **Race 2:** Seth McKay (48G) 1, Damian Stokes (727B) 2, Blake Dear (37G) 3. **Race 3:** Seth McKay (48G) 1, Blake Dear (37G) 2, Tanga Walsh (96B) 3.

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